

ROSCOMMON 2015 LAMB FESTIVAL

May Bank Holiday Weekend
Apr 29 - May 4, 2015



★ Celebrating Food, Farming, Heritage and Fun! ★

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

2015 sees Roscommon Lamb Festival once again celebrating life in our county of Ros Comáin. Our dedicated committee has been at work since last September putting the programme together and we hope that people of all ages will find something to interest them, be it from a farming, food, craft, heritage or entertainment interest. We will also join with members of the Roscommon Chinese community in celebrating the Chinese Year of the Sheep.

A highlight of our heritage section is the celebration of the bicentennial of Dr John Harrison, a Roscommon man who served his community selflessly during the darkest days and years of the Great Famine in Roscommon. I wish to thank his great grand nephew Julian Harrison from Australia, for his input into making this commemoration happen. Details of this event and all other events on the festival programme are available on our brochure and website.

Last year we were all greatly saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr Oliver Burke CAO Teagasc on the Sunday of the festival. Oliver was a valued member of our committee whose easy and professional relationship with farmers ensured the smooth running of our farm walk, an event which he organised every year. He had a high regard for the skills and ability of the sheep farmers of Roscommon whom he regarded as among the best in the world. They in turn recognised Oliver as an expert in his field and as a reliable source of sound advice. On behalf of our committee, I want to extend our sympathy to Oliver's widow Anne and to his sons Oliver and Liam. We are greatly honoured that Oliver Burke Junior, who is also an agriculturist, has agreed to open our festival at the Special Sheep Sale on Wed 29th April at Roscommon Livestock Mart and also to make the inaugural presentation of 'The Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy' to the owner of the best ewe with twin lambs at this year's sale.

Special thanks to our main funders, Roscommon Co. Co. and the Local Enterprise Office, and to all our other sponsors, without whose support the festival could not be held. Full list of supporters on our website www.roscommonlambfestival.com.

Gerry Browne Festival Chairman



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WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

10.30am Official Opening at Special Sheep Sale

Roscommon Mart. Opening performed by Mr Oliver Burke Jnr, M.Ag.Sc.

11.00am - 3.00pm Elphin Windmill (inc. guided tours)

8.00pm Thanksgiving for the Flocks of the Fields -

St. Coman's Church of Ireland

THURSDAY APRIL 30

10.30am Farm Walk on farm of Mr Padraic Corcoran, Mount Plunket Nature Reserve, Lecarrow

11.00am Open Day at Sunflower Social Farm - Antogher Rd, Roscommon

11.00am – 3.00pm Elphin Windmill (inc. guided tours)

2.00pm Storytelling for 2 to 6 yr olds, Co. Library (Free event but booking essential)

8.00pm € An evening of traditional music and song

Roscommon Arts Centre. Featuring 'GateHouse': John Wynne, John McEvoy, Rachel Garvey, Jacinta McEvoy, plus guests Noel Sweeney, Donna McCann and Martin O'Muirí

FRIDAY MAY 1

9.00am Local Enterprise Craft Marquee Town Square

10.00am € Dr. John Harrison Conference - Co. Library, Roscommon Town

10.00am Wool Craft Demos & Workshops - Town Square

10.00am Special Farmer's Market with Artisan Food stalls from around the county - Town Square

FRIDAY MAY 1...cont'd

11.00am – 3.00pm Elphin Windmill (inc. guided tours)

4.00pm Visit the Claypipe Centre in Knockcroghery, and see the traditional way to make clay pipes. Adm. Free

6.00pm Heritage Walk Rindoon, Lecarrow

8.00pm € Dr John Harrison Memorial Banquet - Carrowroe House

8.00pm Join Our Boys Fundraiser Irish /Maltese Supper with guests Chef Can Kurtcu of Diar il-Bniet, Malta & Brewer Richard Siberry Black Donkey Brewing Roscommon - Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon

SATURDAY MAY 2

9.00am – 6.00pm Local Enterprise Craft Marquee - Town Square

10.00am/12.00pm/3.00pm Visit the Claypipe Centre in Knockcroghery, and see the traditional way to make clay pipes

10.00am 2-day Coarse Angling Competition - Donamon

10.00am Wool Craft Demos & Workshops -Town Square

10.30am € Heritage Tours - Carrowroe House, Roscommon. Tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm & 3.00pm

11.00am Heritage Walk, 'Dr John Harrison Commemoration Walking Tour'

12.00pm – 3.00pm Elphin Windmill Tours 12pm/1pm/2pm/3pm

8.00pm € Roscommon Lamb BBQ Brazilian Style - Hannon's Hotel

9.00pm South Roscommon Singer's Circle - Murray's Knockcroghery

SUNDAY MAY 3

9.00am International Sheepdog Trials - Walsh's Field

9.00am Local Enterprise Craft Marquee - Town Square

10.00am 2-day Coarse Angling Competition - Donamon

10.30am Commemoration Mass Dr John Harrison Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon

11.00am € Novice Kayaking Event - Portrun

11.00am Lamb Choppers Family Cycle - Assemble at The Square, Roscommon

11.30am € Heritage Tours - Carrowroe House, Roscommon Tours at 11.30am & 1.30pm

12.00pm Wool Craft Demos & Workshops -Town Square

12.00pm – 3.00pm Elphin Windmill Tours 12pm/1pm/2pm/3pm

2.00pm Heritage Walk 'Remembering St. Coman' - Roscommon Town

2.00pm Family Fun Day, Loughnaneane Park including children's amusements, Climbing Wall, FAI soccer skills competition, Pet Lambs, Bo Peep, Boy Blue, Food stalls, Global Kitchen, Sheep Racing, Live Music with Billy Garvin, Pony Rides, Archery, Tullyboy Barrel Train, Craft Demos, Biodiversity Displays, etc.

9.30pm € Céilí Annaly Céilí Band - Hannon's Hotel

MONDAY MAY 4

10.00am Open Golf Competition for The Wool Merchant's Cup - Roscommon Golf Club

3.00pm Carer's Mini Marathon - Assemble at Hannon's Hotel

Wednesday | 29
Apr



OFFICIAL OPENING 2015 ROSCOMMON LAMB FESTIVAL 10.30am



Roscommon Livestock Mart

Official opening ceremony and Special Sheep Sale in Roscommon Livestock Mart. Festival will be opened by Mr. Oliver Burke Jnr, M.Ag.Sc. Presentation of 'Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy' to owner of Best Commercial Ewe with Twin Lambs. Food and trade stands from 11am - Lamb on a Spit.

ELPHIN WINDMILL 11.00am - 3.00pm

An early 18th Century, fully restored working windmill and is the only one of its type in the West of Ireland. It is also reputedly, the oldest working windmill in Ireland. It was built in the 1730's to grind a variety of arable crops grown in the Elphin area at the time to turn oats, wheat and barley into flour and meal for the local population. DETAILS: 083 4062113



THANKSGIVING FOR THE FLOCKS OF THE FIELDS 8.00pm

St. Coman's Church of Ireland, Church St, Roscommon

A service of thanksgiving for, and blessing on, the flocks of sheep of the county. On this first night of our Lamb Festival we will be acknowledging God as the creator and sustainer of all life and give thanks for all creatures - great and small.

Everyone welcome to this ecumenical celebration which will last about an hour

The majority of events are *free*
so bring the whole family!

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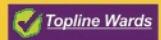
Thursday | 30
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SHEEP FARM WALK 10.30am

Mr Padraic Corcoran, Mount Plunket Nature Reserve, Lecarrow

A mixed sheep, suckler and beef farm. Weather dependent, please dress appropriately. (Farm signposted from Coffeys Bar, Lecarrow). DETAILS: 087 6430710



OPEN DAY AT SUNFLOWER SOCIAL FARM 11.00am - 4.00pm

Antogher Rd, Roscommon

A social farm run under the auspices of the Bros. of Charity Services, Roscommon. DETAILS: 087 2808225



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STORYTELLING FOR 2 TO 6 YR OLDS 2.00pm

Roscommon Co. Library, Abbey St, Roscommon

Free event - Booking essential. BOOKING: 090 6637277



TRADITIONAL CONCERT WITH 'GATEHOUSE' - JOHN WYNNE & FRIENDS 8.00pm

Roscommon Arts Centre - €15

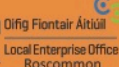
An evening of traditional music and song, featuring John Wynne, John McEvoy, Rachel Garvey, Jacinta McEvoy, plus guests Noel Sweeney, Donna McCann and Martin O Muiri.

BOOKING: 090 6625824



Friday | **01**
May



LOCAL ENTERPRISE CRAFT MARQUEE 9.00am - 6.00pm Town Square, Roscommon 
Buy unique crafts and gifts made by crafts people and businesses in Co. Roscommon

DR JOHN HARRISON CONFERENCE 10.00am Co. Library, Roscommon
This landmark event at this years Lamb Festival will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. John Harrison and his contribution to Roscommon. Tickets €10. DETAILS: 090 6637277



WOOL & TRADITIONAL CRAFT MARQUEE 10.00am Town Square, Roscommon
Woolcraft demos and workshops.

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SPECIAL FARMER'S MARKET 10.00am Town Square, Roscommon

ELPHIN WINDMILL 11.00am - 3.00pm (Guided Tours 12.00pm/1.00pm/2.00pm/3.00pm)
An early 18th Century, fully restored working windmill. DETAILS: 083 4062113 (Office hours only)

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CLAY PIPE CENTRE, KNOCKCROGHERY 4.00pm
See the traditional way of making clay pipes /'dudeens'. DETAILS: 090 6661923

HERITAGE WALK, RINDOON, LECARROW 6.00pm Assemble 'The Green Gate', Johnsport, Lecarrow
A walk with a difference, with guides covering the flora, fauna, history and conservation of this ancient fortified peninsula in Lough Ree. DETAILS: 090 6661748

PAT HUGHES
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DR JOHN HARRISON MEMORIAL BANQUET 8.00pm Carrowroe House
Banquet in the beautiful surroundings of Carrowroe House with chef, restaurateur and author JP McMahon of EatGalway Restaurant Group: Aniar, Cava Boedga, and Eat Gastropub. Tickets €75. BOOKING: 087 2808225

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
JOIN OUR BOYS FUNDRAISING SUPPER 8.00pm Glesson's Townhouse, Roscommon
Irish/Maltese Supper with guests Chef Can Kurtcu of Diar il-Bniet, Malta & Brewer Richard Siberry of Black Donkey Brewing Roscommon. DETAILS: 090 6626954



Saturday | 02
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Buy unique crafts and gifts made by crafts people and businesses in Co. Roscommon.


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Local Enterprise Office
Roscommon

CLAY PIPE CENTRE, KNOCKCROGHERY 10.00am/12.00pm/3.00pm
Lecture at 3pm by William Gacquin: 'Tobacco, clay and pipes, a rural industry.' DETAILS: 090 6661923

WOOL & TRADITIONAL CRAFT MARQUEE 10.00am Town Square, Roscommon
Wool and Traditional Handcraft demos and workshops.

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& Sons Ltd**

2 DAY COARSE ANGLING COMPETITION 10.00am Donamon
Show off your fishing skills! €40 for 2 days. TO ENTER: 086 3356759

JJ HARLOWS
Market Square, Roscommon

HERITAGE TOUR CARROWROE HOUSE, ROSCOMMON Tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm & 3.00pm
Opportunity to view this fine late-Georgian house following major refurbishment.
Tickets €10. BOOKING: 087 6546512. All proceeds from ticket sales go to Lamb Festival Fund

DR JOHN HARRISON COMMEMORATION WALKING TOUR 11.00am **Bank of Ireland** 
Assemble at Courthouse, Abbey St, Roscommon
Walking Tour of Sites associated with Dr John Harrison in Roscommon Town. DETAILS: 087 6546512

ELPHIN WINDMILL 11.00am - 3.00pm (Guided Tours 12.00pm/1.00pm/2.00pm/3.00pm) *M.J. Farrell*
An early 18th Century, fully restored working windmill and is the only one of its type **JEWELLER**
in the West of Ireland. DETAILS: 083 4062113 (Office hours only)

BBQ BRAZILIAN STYLE 8.00pm Hannon's Hotel €15 Adult/€5 Child (under 12) **KEPAK** 
Music: Vinegar Bill. Tickets: Hannon's Hotel, Eight Til Late, Gleeson's Townhouse & Molloy's Bakery
Roscommon Sheep Farmers

SOUTH ROSCOMMON SINGERS CIRCLE 9.00pm Murray's Knockcroghery
Special guests Cooraclare Singers Circle, West Clare.

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Sunday | **03**
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INTERNATIONAL SHEEPDOG TRIALS 9.00am Walsh's Field, Castlerear Rd, Roscommon
Watch the unique bond between farmer and sheepdog in this display of skill and mastery.

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COMMEMORATION MASS - DR JOHN HARRISON 10:30am Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon

NOVICE KAYAKING 11.00am Portrun

Klassic Cleaners

Fun on the water! Dress appropriately for watersports. Weather permitting.
€3 / €5 per family. DETAILS: 086 8613848

LAMB CHOPPERS FAMILY CYCLE 11.00am Assemble at Town Square, Roscommon
Funds in aid of Disability Sports Roscommon. Approx. 20km.
€10 per family. DETAILS: 087 2265114


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HERITAGE WALK 'REMEMBERING ST COMAN' 2.00pm, Roscommon Town
Assemble at Church of Ireland, Church St, Roscommon
St. Coman's Heritage Trail with local historian Noel Hoare. **DETAILS: 086 8139255**



FAMILY FUN DAY 2.00pm - Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon Town
€2 (€5 for family)

Children's amusements, Climbing Wall, FAI soccer skills competition, Pet Lambs, Bo Peep, Boy Blue, Food stalls, Global Kitchen, Sheep Racing, Live Music with Billy Garvin, Pony Rides, Archery, Tullyboy Barrel Train, Craft Demos, Biodiversity Displays, Traditional Skills Displays etc.



Note timed events:

2.00pm: Sheep Racing



2.30pm: Pet Lamb Competition **Cllr. Laurence Fallon**

3.00pm: Bo Peep & Boy Blue Competition



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Biodiversity Displays

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



GLOBAL KITCHEN FOOD VILLAGE 2.00pm Loughnaneane Park
Sample ethnic lamb dishes from all around the world.

*The Pepper Mill
Restaurant*



CÉILÍ WITH ANNALY CÉILÍ BAND 9.30pm Hannon's Hotel

Get your dancing shoes on with our big céilí. Tea and coffee will be served.
Tickets €10 (on door). **DETAILS: 086 8893877**



Monday | **04**
May



OPEN GOLF COMPETITION FOR WOOL MERCHANT'S CUP 10.00am Roscommon Golf Club

Fun on the Fairways! Roscommon Golf Club is hosting the 'Wool Merchants' Cup' - an open competition first played in 1943. (Men only) DETAILS: 090 6626382

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"Come on Roscommon Divot-Tees, and polish up your sticks,
To celebrate those famous days when wool fetched 3/6,
There's only one condition, when entering for this match,
That certain well known Wool Gatherers, will have to play from scratch."

CARER'S MINI MARATHON 3.00pm Hannon's Hotel

Ready, set, go for this 5km/10km mini marathon. In Association with Roscommon Carer's Association. €15. REGISTER: 086 8099494



'Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy'
Carved by Mark Feeley

Tickets

TRADITIONAL CONCERT : Thurs April 30, 8pm

Featuring trad band 'GATEHOUSE': John Wynne & Friends.
Arts Centre, Roscommon. €15. Booking: 090 6625824

DR. JOHN HARRISON CONFERENCE : Fri 01 May, 10.00am

Roscommon Library, Abbey St, Roscommon. Tickets: €10. Booking: 090 6637277

DR. JOHN HARRISON MEMORIAL BANQUET : Fri 01 May, 8pm

Dine in the beautiful surroundings of Carrowroe House - Chef JP McMahon.
Carrowroe House, Roscommon. Tickets: €75. Booking: 087 2808225

HERITAGE TOURS, CARROWROE HOUSE : Sat May 02 & Sun May 03

Tickets €10. Booking: 087 6546512

ROSCOMMON LAMB BBQ BRAZILIAN STYLE : Sat 02 May, 8pm

Sample the best of Roscommon Lamb with great music and dance.
Hannon's Hotel. €15 Adult. €5 Children (U12). Tickets: Hannon's Hotel: 090 6637644
Also available from Eight Til Late, Gleeson's Townhouse & Molloy's Bakery.

CÉILÍ WITH ANNALY CÉILÍ BAND: Sun 03 May, 9.30pm

Hannon's Hotel. €10 Adult. DETAILS: 086 8893877

