

New Line Studios – Abstract Painting Workshops

The workshops are structured and designed for those who want to learn more about abstract painting and the process of making paintings without relying on objects, photographs or drawings. The inspiration for the work arrives from different sources; they could be reflections on observations of natural phenomena found in the beautiful Burren landscape, personal experiences and memories, or simply being overwhelmed by a particular colour or colour combination. Colour, form, line, plane, composition and surface texture are the main components for the making of the work. Engaging with a collage technique will help to solve questions within the painting process. The outcome of each painting can be quite surprising; the possibilities are endless and unique. During the workshop we also look at the work of different artists of the 20th century, including Wassily Kandinsky, Tony O'Malley, Patrick Heron, Gillian Ayres, Mark Rothko, Sean Scully, etc. Discussions in a small group help participants to find direction for their own work. It also gives them a better understanding of painting in general. Sharing ideas over coffee and lunch is very stimulating and enjoyable. New Line Studios are situated approx.10 minutes from Kinvara on the edge of the Burren mountain, across from the Burren Yoga Centre. Two studio spaces are open to participants during workshop time. Tea breaks/lunches and other facilities, such as a small library are accessible in the main house. The workshops start at 10am and finish at 5pm. There are a variety of dates available from now until Christmas. Information, please contact: Rita Wobbe, New Line Studios, Norman Grove, Kinvara, Co. Galway ritawobbe@eircom.net Phone: 091-637558

Kinvara Community Children's Centre

The new Children's Centre opens on the **1st July** and is taking bookings for places in all sections of the Centre at present. To book a place in the Crèche, Playgroup, Montessori and After school please contact Josephine Byrne on josephinebyrne@eircom.net

The Kinvara Newsletter will come out every two months and there is an e.mail address for you to use if you have an article you think may be of interest to the community, or drop it in to me. Please try and keep your article short. (Next Newsletter will be out end July email kinvaranews@gmail.com Pam

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CEAD MILE FAILTE - Kinvara welcomes visit by Locoal Mendon
On **Thursday 30th April** over 40 members of the community of our twin town in Brittany, Locoal Mendon, will arrive in Kinvara. So if you bump into our Breton visitors over the weekend give them a big welcome and help them out in any way you can. The group include dancers and musicians as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of their town. They will perform music and dance outdoors, weather permitting, on **Friday 1st May** at the Official Opening of Feile na gCuach at **7pm at Murphys Store** on the Quay. Their main performance will be a joint concert with many of our Kinvara musicians in the **Community Centre at 8.30pm. on Sunday** night. This Concert is a great opportunity to hear the best of Breton music and dance as well as informally getting to know our visitors. Our local musicians will enjoy exchanging tunes and melodies. You will also have a chance to get involved in the Breton dances. On **Monday at 5pm** we will host a formal dinner in the Merriman Hotel and all members of the Community are invited to attend. Thanks to Paul Bennett, Manager of the Merriman, an excellent menu is being provided at the reduced price of 20 euros payable on the day.

Kinvara Farmers' Market

After two years of frustration trying to get a licence to trade in Market Sq., Kinvara, and getting news this Spring that we would still not be getting a licence this year, the Kinvara Farmers' Market is delighted to announce that they have been offered a temporary home for the year 2009. Thanks to the kind generosity of Maeve O'Toole the market will be in Johnston's Garden, at the back of the Hostel. There will be a **GRAND OPENING on Friday 1st May at 10.00 a.m.** and 'The King of the Markets' himself, Michael Staunton will be doing the honours. There will be the delicious meat of the Burren Beef and Lamb Co-Op, St. Tola cheeses, Goleen fish from Ballyvaughan, vegetables, plants, preserves, pickles, flavoured oils, honey, delicious home baking, live music from Johnny Moynihan and friends, locally handcrafted goods, great value for money and a fun morning for all. The market will be held every Friday thereafter from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and needs the support of local people if it is to be a success. So come and have a look on Friday and if

you like it come back and bring your friends.

Feile Cuchulainn

Kinvara Road Hurling Festival 12th – 14th June

Kinvara GAA are delighted to announce the 2nd annual Kinvara Road Hurling Festival this June. Following the success of last years road hurling event, Feile Cuchulainn is back due to popular demand. The event will take place from the **12th-14th June** and will showcase some of Galway's finest hurlers in competitions throughout the weekend. The official launch will take place on **Friday, 24th May in the Pier Head**, Kinvara from 7.30 pm. The fundraising dinner will be an opportunity for GAA members and hurling enthusiasts to meet local legends and other special guests. The opening of the festival will see the start held on the Friday morning at The Michael Cusack Centre in Carron, Co. Clare. A sliotar will then be pucked along the road the 12 mile distance to Faiche Padraig in Kinvara. The road hurling stretch from Carron to Kinvara is set to be great entertainment for onlookers and we encourage everyone to join in on the fun. The Road Hurling Championship will see over 50 clubs from all over Galway, Ireland and hopefully further a field, all competing for the title "Kings of the Road". There will also be a camogie competition. Camogie Clubs are encouraged to enter a team of three players with the winners on the day being the team with the least amount of pucs needed to get the sliotar to the finish line, over a course circa 3.5 miles long. The weekend promises to be a celebration of Irish traditions with a re-enactment of the legend of Setanta with target shooting at the Quay on **Sunday 14th June**. Feile Cuchulainn offers people a great opportunity to celebrate Ireland's native game and a chance to introduce those who are unfamiliar with the sport of hurling. The weekend will be jam-packed with traditional hurling activities suitable for all ages, from beginner to hurling expert. Along with that, there will be plenty of music, with Kinvara having long been a Mecca for musicians, and also keep a look out for some unusual characters. Further details will be posted on **www.kinvara.galway.gaa.ie** in due course.

Kinvara Scouts

The 28th Galway Kinvara Scout Group has a number of vacancies for boys and girls aged between 11 and 16yrs. Contact Eoin Brown 637544, Gabrielle Fennessy 637071 or Daragh Brogan 637610 for details or go along to the Community Centre any Thursday between 7.30 and 9 p.m.

Cuckoo Fun Run

On **Sunday 3rd May** the Annual Fun Run takes place over the traditional 10km route starting from the Pier Head Restaurant/Bar at 1pm. Please support this event as it is one of only two annual events that raise funds for the ongoing improvements to the Community Centre. Sponsorship cards will be given out in the schools of the parish.

Irish Whale and Dolphin Group

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group will hold their next committee meeting in Kinvara. They have offered to give a talk and hold a general information evening on **Friday 22 May, 9 p.m. in Johnston's Hall, Kinvara**. Dr. Simon Berrow, IWDG Coordinator, will give a talk on 'Whales and Dolphins off the Western Seaboard of Ireland'. ALL WELCOME. The IWDG is an all-Ireland group dedicated to the conservation and better understanding of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoise) in Irish waters. It was founded in 1990 primarily to establish a cetacean stranding and sighting scheme to support the proper conservation of cetaceans. In June 1991 the Irish Government declared all Irish waters to be a whale and dolphin sanctuary... the first of its kind in Europe, following a proposal from the newly formed IWDG. Enquiries: Sabine 091 637 621, or email: sabine.springer@iwdg.ie For general enquiries about the IWDG please email enquiries@iwdg.ie or visit <http://www.iwdg.ie>

Kinvara on line

For plenty of up to date information about your community log on to www.kinvara.com

KinvaraLive.com is a new community based website dedicated to broadcasting live events, as they happen from anywhere in the village!

In 2009 **KinvaraLive.com** will be covering both Festivals and a lot of interesting concerts and events throughout the year. www.kinvaralive.com

