

The
**ROSCOMMON
LAMB FESTIVAL
2019**



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Chairman's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure on my own behalf and that of our committee to welcome you to our 12th Annual Lamb Festival.

We have down through the years received great support from Roscommon County Council under Eugene Cummins and the Local Enterprise Office under Louise Ward together with generous sponsorship from companies such as Kepak, Roscommon Mart, Murray Timber Group, FBD, P Coffey & Sons Ltd and more recently John Mee. We have many more sponsors who are listed in this booklet without whose generosity we would be unable to run the festival and I would kindly ask where possible to support them and keep jobs local.

I would also like to thank our friends in the media particularly the Roscommon Herald, the Roscommon People, Shannonside and RosFm, for the tremendous coverage they give us.

When you browse through our brochure you will see that there is an extensive and interesting list of events to choose from. We have **guided tours, historic walks, dramas, music sessions, a Wool Seminar, a shearing competition, dog trials, golf competition** etc. The Local Enterprise Marquee plays host to many **gifted crafters** over the weekend while the Festival Marquee hosts a multitude of stands including **workshops for children**.

One of the highlights on Saturday night is our **Brazilian Style BBQ** with music and dancing. This year we welcome upwards of 30 guests from Chartrettes in France who are coming to celebrate the **21st Anniversary of its twinning** with Roscommon. We truly hope they enjoy their experience over the weekend of the festival.

Sunday sees Roscommon in its splendour with the **Fun Day in Loughenane Park**, so get your picnics at the ready and bring the family along to enjoy the entertainment. If dancing is your thing, then come along to the **Céilí** in the Quad Sunday evening or finish up the night with a **Barn Dance** organised by Roscommon Macra in the Festival marquee.

Finally I wish to thank our voluntary committee who have worked so hard over the last few months in particular to make this happen, our many volunteers and also those who host many of our events. 'Míle Buíochas'.

To all our visitors from near and far we hope you have an enjoyable May Bank Holiday and stay safe.

Donal Mee, Festival Chairman



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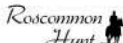
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WEDNESDAY MAY 01**11am: OFFICIAL OPENING OF ROSCOMMON LAMB FESTIVAL 2019**

Official opening at Cooperative Livestock Mart by Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council Ivan Connaughton
Presentation of The Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy for best commercial ewe with twin lambs.

8pm: THANKSGIVING FOR THE FLOCKS OF THE FIELDS St. Coman's Church of Ireland

THURSDAY MAY 02

10.30am: "THE SPIRIT OF TREES" LECTURE: A day exploring the many facets of the role trees and woods play in our lives: an introductory talk in the morning followed by a visit to St John's Wood, one of the jewels in the crown of Roscommon's natural heritage. Lecture by Prof. John Feehan in Seminar Room, Roscommon Co. Library

12pm: LUNCH FOLLOWED BY FIELD TRIP TO ST JOHNS WOOD, Lecarrow. Limited numbers.

Booking essential. Cost €30 including lunch. Further information: 087 2808225

11am: GUIDED TOUR OF DONAMON CASTLE. Suggested donation €10 inc. tea/coffee/scones. Proceeds to Donamon Castle Maintenance Fund. Limited numbers. Booking 086 8125211

2pm: SHEEP FARM WALK in association with Teagasc. John Curley's farm, Four Roads. KT (Knowledge Transfer) Event held in conjunction with Teagasc, Kepak and Coffey's of Lecarrow. Further information 086 3276061.

7pm: WOOL SEMINAR Áras an Chontae, Roscommon. Darren Carty of Irish Farmers Journal will chair discussion.

8pm: 'A LONE FURROW': full length play telling the story of Aleen Cust, Athleague and Ballygar's famous veterinary surgeon, Roscommon Arts Centre with Roscommon Drama Group. Tel: 090 66 25824

9pm: SOUTH ROSCOMMON SINGERS CIRCLE Murray's Pub Knockcroghery

FRIDAY MAY 03

10am: FARMERS' MARKET: A Taste of Roscommon Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square

Hand craft demonstrations, workshops for children and exhibitions including:

- Bridget Banham wool spinner and knitter, based in Fearbreague, Knockcroghery.
- Castle Quilters, exhibition and sale of hand quilted products.
- Co. Roscommon ICA guild demos on knitting, crochet, millinery & decoupage, plus boxty making. Workshops for children.

10am-6pm: LOCAL ENTERPRISE CRAFT MARQUEE Craft Marquee, Market Square

10am-4pm: A DAY WITH 'The Feral Spinner' DEBBIE ZAWINSKI Sunflower Garden, Antogher Rd.

A foraging workshop - gathering materials for spinning and natural dyeing and then learning stick-spinning. Cost €10. Numbers limited. Booking essential at 0872808225

11am: GUIDED TOUR OF DONAMON CASTLE. Suggested donation €10 inc. tea/coffee/scones. Proceeds to Donamon Castle Maintenance Fund. Limited numbers. Booking 086 8125211

5pm: TOWN TWINNING EVENT "Allée de Chartrettes" - naming of new walkway off square to new carpark.



FRIDAY MAY 03 *(cont'd)*

7pm: ROS YOUTH TALENT SHOW FINAL Lamb Festival Marquee. In association with Ros FM
Further information 087 6446019.

8pm: 'A LONE FURROW': full length play telling the story of Aleen Cust, Athleague and Ballygar's famous veterinary surgeon, Roscommon Arts Centre with Roscommon Drama Group. Tel: 090 66 25824

9.30pm: UKEPHORIC MUSIC SESSION Murray's Pub Knockcroghery

SATURDAY MAY 04

10am: WOOL & CRAFT DEMOS & WORKSHOPS Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square

10am-6pm: LOCAL ENTERPRISE CRAFT MARQUEE Craft Marquee, Market Square

10.30am: KILTEEVAN WALK Cloonlarge Loop meet at Community Centre, Kiltewan

11am: PALLET UPCYCLING COMPETITION Drop off competition entries at Lamb Festival Marquee

2pm: RIVER JIGGY MINI ORCHARD & BIODIVERSITY PROJECT Roscommon Tidy Towns event

3pm: HISTORICAL TOUR OF THE TOWN with Gerry Shannon Roscommon County Museum

8pm: 'A LONE FURROW': full length play telling the story of Aleen Cust, Athleague and Ballygar's famous veterinary surgeon, Roscommon Arts Centre with Roscommon Drama Group. Tel: 090 66 25824

9pm: ROSCOMMON LAMB BBQ Brazilian style. Music by Dusty Bloom. Tickets €15. BYOB event.

SUNDAY MAY 05

9am-8pm: INTERNATIONAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS Walsh's Field, Racecourse Road, Roscommon

10am-6pm: WOOL & OTHER HAND CRAFTS Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square

10am-6pm: LOCAL ENTERPRISE CRAFT MARQUEE Craft Marquee, Market Square

10am: WOOL MERCHANTS CUP & 9 HOLE LADIES COMPETITIONS Golf Club. Tel 09066 26382

1pm: GAA INTERCLUB SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITION Prize fund of €1,500

1pm: FAMILY FUN DAY Loughnaneane Park. Admission €5 / €10 for family
Climbing Wall, Pet Lamb, Bo peep & Boy blue competitions for children. Alpacas and rare sheep breeds display, Sheep Racing, Welly Throwing Competition, Craft Tent, Will Fogarty (Fear na Coillte) chainsaw wood carving, The Táin Walk information stand, Castle tour, FAI Soccer Skills, Biodiversity display, Capoeira, Face Painting, Workshops and much much more! Food and ice cream stands. **Bring your own picnic**

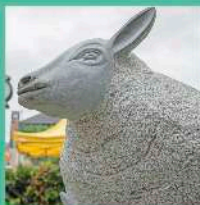
7pm: CÉILÍ WITH GLENSIDE CÉILÍ BAND The Quad Centre, Roscommon. Entry: €10. Tel 086 889 3897

9pm: "THE BIG HELLO" ROSCOMMON MACRA 75TH ANNIVERSARY Reunion, Barn Dance & Jiving Competition. Music by Shane Moore. Tickets €10. Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square. Tel 087 790 8036

MONDAY MAY 06

12pm: CARERS MINI-MARATHON Hannon's Hotel. Entry fee €10. Further information: 086 8099494.

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OFFICIAL OPENING ROSCOMMON LAMB FESTIVAL 2019

11am Roscommon Livestock Mart

Official opening at Roscommon Cooperative Livestock Mart by Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council Ivan Connaughton.

Trade stands. Spit roasted lamb food stand.

Presentation of The Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy for best commercial ewe with twin lambs.



THANKSGIVING FOR THE FLOCKS OF THE FIELD

8pm St Comán's Church of Ireland

An ecumenical 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 (about 1 hour).**

THE SPIRIT OF TREES

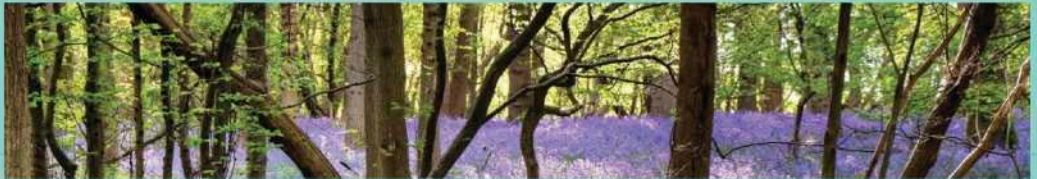
10.30am Seminar Room, Roscommon County Library

A day exploring the many facets of the role trees and woods play in our lives: an introductory talk in the morning followed by a visit to St John's Wood, one of the jewels in the crown of Roscommon's natural heritage.

Lecture by Prof. John Feehan, followed by a question and answer session.

12pm: Lunch. After lunch there will be a field trip to St John's Wood, Lecarrow.

Limited numbers. Booking essential. Cost €30 includes lunch. Further info: 087 2808225.



DONAMON CASTLE

11am Donamon

Guided tour of the oldest inhabited castle in Ireland. Limited numbers. Suggested donation €10 including tea/coffee and scones. Proceeds to Donamon Castle Maintenance Fund. Booking 086 8125211.



SHEEP FARM WALK

2pm Carntleva, Four Roads

On the farm of John Curley, in association with Teagasc, this will be a knowledge transfer [KT] event.

Representatives of Kepak Athleague and Coffeys of Lecarrow to speak on the subjects of sheep meat and wool. Contact 086 3276061. *Signposted from Four Roads.*



WOOL SEMINAR

7pm Áras an Chontae, Roscommon

Darren Carty of the Irish Farmers Journal will chair the discussion.

Speakers include;

John Brooks; sheep farmer and former ICSA Sheep Committee Chairman from Taughmaconnell.

Kevin Dooley; Wool merchant Roscrea,

Saoirse Mc Hugh; Green party candidate in the European elections representing the North West. Saoirse is an environmental activist from Achill.

Suzanne Crampton; Novelist/ Wool blogger/sheep farmer from Kilkenny.

Information on the Roscommon Sheep Breed and the history of the wool industry in Ireland.

Also featuring displays of wool products by local artists and exhibitors.



A LONE FURROW

8pm Roscommon Arts Centre

A full length play telling the story of Aleen Cust – Athleague and Ballygar's famous veterinary surgeon, the first female veterinary surgeon in Ireland and Britain. This is a dramatized account of her life and times and her fight for recognition by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The play was written by Tommy Murray and produced by Tom Costello and Brigeen Fitzmaurice with Roscommon Drama Group.

Early booking advisable. Tel: Roscommon Arts Centre: 090 66 25824.



SOUTH ROSCOMMON SINGERS CIRCLE

9pm Murray's Pub, Knockcroghery

OPENING OF SPECIAL FARMERS' MARKET

10am Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square

Hand craft demonstrations and exhibitions including; Bridget Banham, wool spinner and knitter, based in Fearbreagues, Knockcroghery.

Castle Quilters, exhibition and sale of hand quilted products.

Co. Roscommon ICA guild demonstrations on knitting, crochet, millinery, decoupage and boxty making.

Workshops for children.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE CRAFT MARQUEE

10am-6pm Craft Marquee, Market Square

Craft tent situated at the front of the Bank of Ireland is reserved for crafters from Co. Roscommon who are in business producing high quality craftwork of different kinds.



A DAY WITH 'THE FERAL SPINNER' - DEBBIE ZAWINSKI

10am - 4pm Sunflower Farm, Antogher Rd, Roscommon

Debbie Zawinski from Scotland, back by popular demand. Debbie is the author of "In the Footsteps of Sheep" and is an expert on wool and its associated handcrafts of spinning, dyeing, knitting, felting etc. A foraging workshop at Sunflower Garden gathering materials for spinning and natural dyeing and then learning stick-spinning, making one's own twiggy spindle, plying on a nostepinne and skeining using a niddy noddy, plus experimenting with the natural dyes we have gathered. Numbers limited. Cost €10. Booking essential: 087 2808225



Friday | 03 May

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11am Donamon

Guided tour of the oldest inhabited castle in Ireland. Suggested donation €10 including tea/coffee and scones. Proceeds to Donamon Castle Maintenance Fund. Limited numbers. Booking 086 8125211.



TOWN TWINNING EVENT

5pm Off Market Square, Roscommon

Naming of the walkway - "Allée de Chartrettes" - to the new carpark off the Market Square, to mark the 21st anniversary of the twinning of Roscommon Town with Chartrettes in France. The French Ambassador, H.E. Stéphane Crouzat will attend.



ROS YOUTH TALENT SHOW FINAL

7pm Lamb Festival Marquee

Come along to enjoy the wonderful talent of Roscommon's young people and maybe discover the next big star. Organised in association with Ros FM. For further details contact 087 6446019.



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UKEPHORIC MUSIC SESSION

9.30pm Murray's Pub, Knockcroghery

Join Knockcroghery's new ukulele collective for strumming fun at Murray's.



WOOL & OTHER HAND CRAFT DEMOS & WORKSHOPS

10am Lamb Festival Marquee, Market Square

'Learn to Spin' with Debbie Zawinski and Bridget Banham Teaching/demonstrating stick spinning

'Darn that Sock!' Bring your holey socks and tackle the thrifty task of darning
County Roscommon ICA guild demonstrations on knitting, crochet, millinery and decoupage as well as boxty making. *Workshops for children*

Mark Wilson, Heritage expert, Copper craft, pottery

Patricia O Flaherty, Basket maker, rushwork. Based in Co Roscommon

Joe Gowran Woodland crafts, hurdle weaving, coppice craft

Niall Millar, Woodland crafts, pole lathe turning, wooden toys and games



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CLOONLARGE LOOP NATURE WALK

10.30am Kiltveean Community Centre

Kiltveean Tidy Towns invites you to a relaxing, informative, wildlife experience through the boglands of Kiltveean with Ecologist David Fallon. The walk is 5km on the award winning Cloonlarge Loop. The terrain is flat and easy - wear comfy walking shoes and dress for weather.



Saturday

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PALLET UPCYCLING

11am Drop off of entries in Market Square (by 11am)

Sponsored by Murray Timber Products, Ballygar, this competition has a prize fund of €500, so get out those old pallets and put your tools to work! Judging will take place at 3pm. Prizes presented by a well-known representative of Connaught Rugby.



ROSCOMMON TIDY TOWNS EVENT

2pm Golf Links Rd

The launch of the River Jiggy mini orchard project. Unveiling of a sign adjacent to the River Jiggy.



HISTORICAL TOUR ROSCOMMON TOWN

3pm Meet at County Museum, Market Square

Historical tour of Roscommon Town with tour guide Gerry Shannon.



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ROSCOMMON LAMB BARBEQUE

9pm Festival Marquee, Market Square

Massive BBQ of delicious spring lamb cooked Brazilian style. BYOB event. Music by Dusty Bloom. Tickets €15 available from Gleasons' Townhouse, Tourist Office and Molloy's Bakery, Abbeytown. Special guests: our visitors from Chartrettes. The Festival committee wishes to acknowledge the sponsorship and assistance from Madden Meats, Rogue and Co, Gleeson's Restaurant and Rooms, Molloy's Bakery, Harrison Café and Sisters Kitchen.



INTERNATIONAL SHEEPDOG TRIALS

9am-8pm Walsh's Field, Racecourse Rd

Watch the unique bond between farmer and sheepdog in this display of skill and mastery.



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WOOL MERCHANTS' CUP GOLF COMPETITION

10am Roscommon Golf Club

Wool Merchants' Cup and 9-hole Ladies' Golf Competitions. This competition for the cup has been run at Roscommon Golf Club since 1943.

Contact: 090 66 26382



GAA INTERCLUB SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITION

1pm Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon Town

Shear Fun In The Park! Roscommon GAA Inter-Club Shearing Competition. Don your club colours and cheer on your club. With prize money of €1500 and bragging rights up for grabs there's sure to be lots of excitement!



Sunday

05 May

FAMILY FUN DAY

1pm Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon Town

Pet Lamb, Bo peep and Boy blue competitions for children. Alpacas and rare sheep breeds display. Welly Throwing Competition with Roscommon Macra. Sheep Racing with Roscommon Macra, Craft Tent with hand craft displays and demonstrations and workshops for children. Traditional Hay Rope Crafts with The Dysart Mens' Group. Patrick Straghan, Traditional blacksmith. Will Fogarty (Fear na Coillte) chainsaw wood carving. Sheepdog herding ducks and geese with Donie Anderson. Castle tour with local heritage guide. FAI Soccer Skills Workshops. Biodiversity display with local Inland Fishery Team. Climbing Wall. Capoeira in the Castle - Afro Brazilian martial art. Face Painting in the "Big Blue Bus" Corvenieos Circus entertainers. Roscommon Tidy Towns Information Stand for The Tain Walk. Food and ice cream stands. Bring your own picnic. Admission €5 / €10 for family



CÉILÍ

7pm The Quad Centre, Circular Rd

With the Glenside Céilí band. Refreshments sponsored by The Peppermill Restaurant. Admission €10.
Contact: 086 8893897



THE BIG HELLO

9pm Festival Marquee, Market Square

Roscommon Macra 75th reunion and Barn Dance/Jiving Competition with music by Shane Moore in Festival Marquee. BYOB event. Tickets €10. Contact 087 7908036.



Macra na Feirme

06 | Monday
May

CARERS MINI-MARATHON

12pm Hannon's Hotel

Family Carers Ireland Care to Run 10km and 5km.

Admission: €10. Contact: 086 809 9494.

***Please note earlier starting time**



Gig Guide 3rd-5th May

Out & About in Roscommon

JJ HARLOWS

Fri 3rd: Open Mic from 9pm

Sat 4th: Lady Betty

Sun 5th: Castle Street

JJ CATTIGANS

Sun 5th: DJ Seamus Duke

HOLLOYWOOD BAR

Sat 4th: DJ

Sun 5th: DJ

Red Parrot

Sun 5th: DJ Paul Clabby

MURRAY'S PUB KNOCKCROGHERY

Thurs 2nd: South Roscommon Singers Circle

Fri 3rd: Ukephoric Music Session

ROSCOMMON LAMB BBQ

Sat 5th: Dusty Bloom

ROSCOMMON MACRA 'THE BIG HELLO'

Sun 5th: Shane Moore





'Oliver Burke Memorial Trophy'

Carved from limestone from
Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon
by Mark Feeley

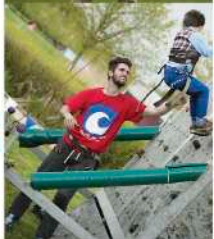




*Wishing our special guests from Chartrettes
and the French Ambassador H.E. Stéphane Cruzat
an enjoyable time with us at Roscommon Lamb Festival*



*On souhaite à nos invités spéciaux de Chartrettes
ainsi que l'Ambassadeur de France S.E. Stéphane Cruzat
de passer un agréable moment avec nous à la
Fête de l'Agneau de Roscommon*



For more information visit
www.roscommonlambfestival.com

