

## Are you Irish? Don't forget to tick the box

The Irish community is kick-starting a campaign to celebrate Irishness in the build up to the Census next year. Spearheaded by the Federation of Irish Societies (FIS), the campaign is designed to combat under-representation of the Irish in official figures and make the case for fair allocation and effective targeting of limited resources.

Groups within the community see the Census as an opportunity to celebrate 'Irishness' and highlight the historical and present day Irish contribution to modern Britain. The FIS believes the best way to celebrate Irishness, is to tick the Irish ethnicity box in the Census.

The next National Census will be held on 27 March, 2011. It will capture an accurate snapshot of information about every household in England and Wales.

The Census is the only official count of the entire population and has been held every ten years since 1841, making it a unique source for historians. Census questionnaires provide information about the changing make up of the population, recording details of family life, occupation, religious belief, nationality and ethnicity that enable local authorities and service providers plan for the future.

If you want to support the campaign and find out more about ticking the Irish box, then sign up to the campaign online from the 11<sup>th</sup> October onwards.

Look out for more info in future bulletins.



## Tasters & Talks

October & November

On Mondays throughout October and November we will be having a number of demonstrations, taster sessions and talks. Each session costs £1.50. Places are limited so booking is advised. You can book your place by calling 01582 720 447 or speaking to a member of staff.

4<sup>th</sup> Oct **Wii Sports 1.30 – 3.30pm**

11<sup>th</sup> Oct **Holistic Therapy Demo 1.30 - 2.30pm.**

*Learn about alternative therapies such as massage and reflexology.*

18<sup>th</sup> Oct **Vegetable and Fruit Carving Demo 1.30 – 2.30pm**

*As seen in restaurants*

25<sup>th</sup> Oct **Fire Safety Centre at Luton Fire Station 1.15 - 3.15pm.**

*Learn about fire safety in the home and how to keep your home safe.*

1<sup>st</sup> Nov **Sewing Machine Intro 1.30 – 3.30pm**

*Learn how to use a sewing machine for those who have never used a machine before and make a draw string bag to take away.*

8<sup>th</sup> Nov **Wii Sports 1.30 – 3.30pm**

15<sup>th</sup> Nov **Bell Ringing 1.30 – 2.30pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov **Crochet 1.30 – 3.30pm**

*Learn the basic stitches*

29<sup>th</sup> Nov **Christmas card making using publisher 1.30 – 3.30pm**

*Use desktop publishing to make your own unique personalised Christmas card.*

“Have you a skill you could share?”

We are looking for people who will donate 2 hours of their time on a Monday afternoon to share their skill with a small group. If you have something you would like to share then speak to a member of staff or call us on 01582 720 447.

# Luton Irish Forum

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## Children's Christmas Party Saturday 27 November 2010 2pm to 4pm

On Saturday 27 November at 2pm, Santa will once again be making a visit to us at Kathleen Connolly House. Children can visit Santa, receive a gift and have their photograph taken for £4; brothers and sisters from the same family will be £3.

Children can have fun at the Christmas Disco and play party games, whilst the adults will be able to relax and enjoy a complimentary glass of 'mulled wine' and a mince pie.

If you would like to beat the queues for Santa, why not book your place?

Please let us know the names and ages of children attending by Friday 19th November. For more information or to book call us on 01582 720 447.



## FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

In partnership with UK Online Centres and Shaw Trust, Luton Irish Forum is offering free Computer and Internet Training.

**ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME**

Participants will receive a certificate for completing the following modules:

- Starting with the keyboard •
- Starting with the mouse •
- Using online searches •
- Using email •
- Understand shopping online •
- Understanding job hunting online •
- Understanding jobs & interviews •

**Free Lunch**

There is a choice of three dates:

8th & 15th October or

29th October & 5th November or

12th & 19th November

All sessions take place on

Fridays from 10am to 3pm

at Luton Irish Forum, 102 Hitchin Rd,  
Luton, LU2 0ES.

To book a place please contact  
Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720447



## Yoga Classes Saturdays

9.30 to 10.45am

Starts Saturday 23rd October.

at Kathleen Connolly House,  
102 Hitchin Road, Luton.

This is a 6 week beginners course suitable for those who have never done yoga before.

These classes are being offered at half price just £20 per person for the 6 classes.



For more information or to book a place call Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org or gary@garyyoga.co.uk

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Christmas Close

Our advice service will shut down for drop in and telephone advice on **Friday 17th December at 3pm**. All other services will finish on **Wednesday 22nd December at 1.30pm** and full services will resume from **Tuesday 4th January at 10.30am**. For further enquires about our opening times and services call LIF on 01582 720 447 or email info@lutonirishforum.org.



## Irish Ceilí & Set Dancing Classes

Since September we have been hosting Irish Ceilí and Set Dancing Classes for adults.

The classes cost £1.50 per person per session and take place on Saturdays at Kathleen Connolly House from 2-3pm



For more info please call Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720 447 or email [info@lutonirishforum.org](mailto:info@lutonirishforum.org).

## Luton Irish Live

Tune into Diverse FM 102.8 for the Irish show on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Listen to all your favourites with DJ and Radio Presenter Jim Carway!

## Ever wanted to play the Bagpipes or Drums?

Want to join a Pipeband? Here's your chance!!

The Emerald Pipeband are looking for new members to join our enthusiastic group to play the bagpipes or the drums.

No experience is required and all lessons are free.

We are looking for all ages and all are welcome. If you would like further info please contact the Forum on 01582 720 447.

## Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Bedford Branch

### Cotton End Ceilí

LIF will once again be running the minibus to Cotton End Ceilí on Saturday 16th October the Ceilí starts at 8pm. The evening will feature music by Malachi Cairns.

Tickets cost £6, plus there is a donation required towards transport for those who would like to go on the minibus from Kathleen Connolly House.

For more info call Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720 447.



## General Meeting

General Meetings are open to all members of the Luton Irish Forum and we encourage you to come along and take part.

The next members meeting is after the bingo on Tuesday 16th November from 1.30pm at Kathleen Connolly House.



## Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

### Leagrave (Luton) Branch

### Upcoming Events

#### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th October at 8pm

at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, LU3 2NS.

New members welcome.

#### Free Traditional Irish Music Session

Friday 22nd October from 8pm

at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, LU3 2NS.

#### Ceilí & Old Time

In conjunction with the Midland Regional Board

Saturday 27th November from 8pm

at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, LU3 2NS.

Admission £5. Accompanied children are free.

For more info or tickets please call

John Hutcheson 07919162006

## St Patrick's Festival 2011

- Friday • Launch Mass at St Joseph's Church followed by our Launch Dance with The Davitt's Showband in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.
- Saturday • Pre Parade Mass  
• Parade from Manor Road to Market Hill  
• Irish Market  
• Live music with The Davitt's Showband  
• Comedy drama in Library Theatre TBC
- Sunday • Comedy drama in Library Theatre TBC
- Thursday • St Patrick's Day Mass  
• Arndale Stage - Live music, song & dance

**GET INVOLVED** - We are looking for people interested in being in our pageant, people interested in volunteering as stewards, choir members and lots more - for further details call us on 01582 720 447 or email [nicola@lutonirishforum.org](mailto:nicola@lutonirishforum.org).

## Luton & District Community

### 'Irish Person of the Year' Award

2009 — 10



Present



A Presentation Evening  
at St. Joseph's Parish Centre  
Friday 5th November 2010

Sponsored by Gerry Taylor,  
Butcher, Grocer & Irish Goods,  
Limbury, Luton

Music by - Eamons Country Sounds  
7.30pm until late Tickets £2.50

Right of admission reserved

## Our next .....

**Literary Society** meetings are Wednesday 6th October, Wednesday 3rd November and Wednesday 1st December at 1.30pm. Come along to listen to readings of poetry by published writers and work of other members of the group. There is also an opportunity to share your own work if you wish.

**Irish Language Sessions** are 13th October at 6.30pm, 27th Oct at 1.30pm, 10th Nov at 6.30pm, 24th Nov at 1.30pm and 8th Dec at 6.30pm. The sessions are twice monthly with a 6.30pm meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and a 1.30pm meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Both activities are free and take place at Kathleen Connolly House.



## Luton Irish Forum

Presents

### 12th Annual St Patrick's Festival Fundraising Dance

Music by  
**Dave Moore**

At The Holy Ghost Parish Centre  
On Saturday 23rd October 2010

8pm until Late Admission £2.50

Right of Admission Reserved

## Help to Switch to Digital TV

The traditional TV signal is being switched off in the Anglia region area by area from March 2011. The BBC is running a help scheme with the government to offer practical help at switchover to older and disabled people who may face problems to switching to digital TV.



A speaker from the scheme will be coming to give a short talk to the Wednesday Club on 6th October at 12 noon. For more information call LIF on 01582 720 447.

## To celebrate International Older Persons Day 2010

### Luton Irish Forum are holding a

## QUIZ AFTERNOON

on Friday 22nd October  
from 12noon to 3pm

Kathleen Connolly House  
102 Hitchin Road, Luton

Tickets £3

Includes sandwich lunch and tea and coffee.  
For tickets call LIF on 01582 720 447.



## St Patrick's Festival Choir

Preparations for this years St Patrick's Festival are well underway. As always there will be the Sean O'Riada sung Mass on the launch evening and on the morning of the St Patrick's Festival Parade, lead by our very own choir.



Anyone who is interested in joining the choir should leave their name and phone number with a member of staff or a member of the St Patrick's Festival Committee.

## Do you read The Luton News or The Dunstable Gazette?

We are still collecting the community cash points which you can find in The Luton News and The Dunstable Gazette at the bottom of page 2. Please help us by collecting these points and handing them in to a member of staff at Kathleen Connolly House.