



Luton Irish Forum

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12th Annual St Patrick's Festival Friday 11th to Thursday 17th March

Luton Irish Forum will be inviting all of Luton to celebrate Irish culture with them as part of their 12th Annual St Patrick's Festival from 11th to 17th March. The week long celebration has become a stalwart of the Luton Cultural Calendar and brings Irish music, dance and drama to the whole community.

The week begins with the Launch Night Gaelic Mass at St Joseph's Church followed by a Dance in the Parish Centre with music by 6 piece County Wexford band The Davitts. The festival will be opened by the Mayor of Luton who is supporting LIF as one of his chosen charities for the year.

For 2011 the annual parade, market and main stage events move to Saturday in the programme. The parade will leave Manor Road and head for the town centre at 11am and as well as regulars like the World Champion University of Bedfordshire Pipeband, the parade will also feature the Luton based Dance Starz and pageants from local County Associations.

Members of St Dymnynas Gaelic Club from all age groups will be taking part in the parade along with their visitors, from Breifne College, County Cavan. The Luton club are hosting the 36 young people for the whole weekend and following the parade the teams will make their way to Sundon Park Pitches for two games of Gaelic Football.

The parade will finish at Market Hill where the traditional Presentation of Shamrock will take place to tunes from Luton Irish Forum's Emerald Pipeband. The afternoon's entertainment will then get underway with another chance to see The Davitts Showband.

Not content with just entertaining you outside the Forum will again be filling The Mall with the sound of Irish music and dance on both Saturday and St Patrick's Day from 11am.

After last years sell-out comedy drama from Mayo, Luton Irish Forum are hosting the Tydavnet Drama Group from County Monaghan who will be performing 'Don't Tell the Wife' on Saturday and Sunday night at Luton Library Theatre. This comedy drama is set in Belfast in the 1960's in the Willis household, where Edna Willis becomes convinced that her plumber husband is becoming interested in another woman. He isn't but he does have some secrets of his own. Her attempts to stop him lead to hilarious misunderstandings in this classic comedy theatre described as 'Sam Cree's funniest script'.

For tickets or more information on any of the events contact Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720 447, email info@lutonirishforum.org visit their website www.lutonirishforum.org or find them on Facebook or Twitter. Tickets for 'Don't Tell the Wife' are also available from the Library Theatre Box Office 01582 547 474.

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