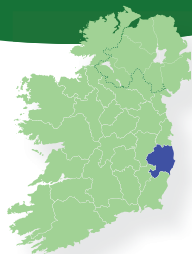




Nottingham's 19th
**St Patrick's Day
Festival & Parade**
4th - 18th March 2018



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Welcome

TO OUR 19th NOTTINGHAM ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL & PARADE

Chairman's word

Welcome to everyone to Nottingham's 19th St Patrick's day Festival and Parade. Another Festival for the people of Nottingham to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, ST PATRICK. Again this can only happen with the support from the people of Nottingham and beyond.

I moved to London last year so my contributions this year have been really limited. The committee this year have been outstanding with some new additions, as ever we are always looking for members.

County Wicklow are leading the Parade this year with Liam Fitzgerald leading the Parade as Chief Marshall. A warm welcome to all our visitors from County Wicklow and the Irish Embassy.

To our sponsors this year, a huge thank you, your contributions means that it all happens year after year.

As the 19th parade closes we look to prepare for the 20th St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival we are always looking for help and support, this just does not happen, please keep an eye out

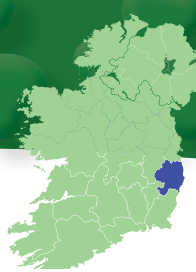
for our Facebook page for dates and times for our meetings, everyone and I mean everyone is welcome to come along to contribute.

This year I will be celebrating St Patrick's day in London, I say celebrating, I will be working in my pub. I have no doubt that this year will be a great success and will be finished off perfectly with Ireland beating England in the rugby this afternoon.

Leaving me to say, have a great St Patrick's day, drink well, eat well and laugh well!

Cheers, Tom

Tom Flynn
Proud Chairman of the
Nottingham St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade



Saturday 17th MARCH 2018 St Patrick's Day Events

9.30am - CHURCH of OUR LADY & ST PATRICK, THE MEADOWS. Mass of Celebration of St Patrick – Celebrant Fr. Joe Wheat, Sermon Fr. John Martin

PARADE ASSEMBLY

11.30am - The Parade Assembles at Thurland Street/Pelham Street led by the Chief Marshall Liam Fitzgerald as County Wicklow leads the Parade.

MARKET SQUARE ENTERTAINMENT

Our MC today is Martin Dowd – Mr Entertainer himself

11.25am – 11.45am - Stanley School of Irish Dancing

11.45 am – 12.30pm - Mick & Martin - Mick Dunn and Martin Taylor entertain

12.30pm – 12.45pm - Parade Arrival

12.45pm – 1.00pm - **Civic Greetings** - Lord Mayor Cllr Michael Edwards and Sheriff of Nottingham Glyn Jenkins welcome our County Wicklow guests Cllr Vincent Blake, Cathaoirleach (Chair) of the Baltinglass Municipal District Council, and Lorraine Gallagher Senior Executive Officer of County Wicklow Enterprise, Deirdre Curley, representative of The Irish Embassy

1.00pm – 1.10pm - Pipers set the scene – welcome our guests from New York City Police Emerald Society

1.10pm – 1.30 pm - Glendarragh Academy of Irish Dancing

1.30 pm – 1.50pm - Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (Nottingham Branch)

1.50 pm – 2.10pm - Caroline McManus School of Irish Dancing

2.10pm – 2.30pm - Erin Thompson and Band

2.30pm – 2.50pm - Nottingham Irish Set Dancers

2.50pm – 4.30pm - The Full Shabang

STATIC STREET DISPLAY

Market Stalls

On Long Row outside Nottingham Information Bureau.
Hats, scarves, shamrock, Irish Foods, Celtic Art etc.



FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2018

Council House Official Festival Opening



From 6.30 – 8.30pm
Lord Mayor's Civic Reception.

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham Cllr Michael Edwards and the Sheriff of Nottingham Cllr Glyn Jenkins will welcome all our County Wicklow Civic Guests, Irish Embassy Representative and members of the Emerald Society of the New York City Police Department.

Entertainment will be provided by the Caroline McManus School of Irish Dancing, Nottingham Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and others on the night.



Nottingham 2018
St Patrick's Day Festival



ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL EVENTS

FESTIVAL SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Each year, as part of the Festival programme, Dr Deirdre O'Byrne (storyteller) and Brian McCormack (artist) have developed a School programme for any of our City Primary Schools. The programme provides (at no cost) an opportunity for the Primary School children to participate in the story of and learn about Irish folklore stories which we told to previous generations by our parents or grandparents. We are delighted to welcome the children of the Holy Cross Hucknall Primary School, their teachers and parents to this year's educational programme. We are also grateful to Stonebridge City Farms for their involvement with other schools in the programme to obtain props for the Parade. We invite you to give them loud applause as they show the results of their artistry by walking in the Parade.

Maybe your school would like to participate next year in the 20th year celebration – feel free to contact us through our webpage or Facebook page.

NOTTINGHAM IRISH STUDIES GROUP

at Five Leaves Bookshop, 14a Long Row, NG1 2DH

Tues 6th March:

Celtic vs. Rangers 7.00 – 8.30pm with Alan Bairner

What are the origins of the less than friendly rivalry between the two major football teams in Scotland? The story is told by Alan Bairner, Prof of Sport and Social Theory – Loughborough University. £3, including refreshments.

Booking: fiveleaves.bookshopevents@gmail.com
Telephone: **0115 8373097**

NOTTINGHAM IRISH GOLF SOCIETY

Sun 11th March:

St Patrick's Day Open Golf Tournament
Ruddington Grange Golf Club

Cost £21 for visitors, £11 members which includes 1 course Carvery Buffet lunch. Pairs BetterBall Stableford – prizes for first 3 pairs plus spot prizes.
First tee time 7.24am – 1.30pm **

To book a tee time telephone: **0115 9211951**



NOTTINGHAM BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Mon 12th March:

Irish Centre Wilford Street

Comhaltas meets from 7pm at The Irish Centre, Wilford St. on Monday nights during term time. We give lessons on fiddle, whistle, button and piano accordion, concertina, bodhran and drums. Membership is £8 a year for adults, £6 for children or £14 for a family. Lessons are £6 for adults and £3.50 for children. All capabilities are welcome and we have a great session every week for all stages. Come along, the first lesson is **FREE**.

THE ALBERT HALL Nottm.

Thurs 15th March:

Nathan Carter in Concert - 7.30pm



Nathan Carter is a British born Country and Irish singer, songwriter and musician currently based in County Donegal, Ireland.

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Irish Season

Sun 4th March:

SONG OF GRANITE (CERT TBC) - 2.15pm

Director: Pat Collins

Country: Ireland/Canada

Year: 2017

Duration: 104m

Starring: Michael O'Chonfhlaola, Macdara Ó Fátharta
Enigmatic and complex, Joe Heaney was one of the greats of traditional Irish sean-nós singing. Filmmaker Pat Collins brings his dramatic life story to the screen with an audacious exploration of the man and his music, marrying traditional narrative episodes with evocative archive material. A stirring ode to the beautifully haunting music Heaney created and an unflinching portrait of Heaney, the man.

Sun 11th March:

NO STONE UNTURNED (15) - 4.30pm

Director: Alex Gibney

Country: UK/US

Year: 2017

Duration: 108m

In 1994, six men were gunned down and five wounded in a pub in the small village of Loughinisland while watching Ireland's landmark victory over Italy in the World Cup. Despite a police investigation and subsequent re-openings of the case, no one has ever been charged for the murders. Alex Gibney reopens the original files and the reports that followed, conducting an exhaustive and fascinating inquiry and uncovering a shocking case of collusion and cover-up. Queens Film Theatre

Sun 25th March:

SANCTUARY (15) - 2.00pm

Director: Len Collin

Country: Ireland

Year: 2016

Duration: 88m

Starring: Kieran Coppinger, Charlene Kelly
Two people with intellectual disabilities try to engage in a relationship against the expectations and prohibitions of the authorities. They struggle to defend and demonstrate their love for each other against the disapproval of others.

Sat 17th March:

SIX NATIONS RUGBY

ENGLAND vs IRELAND - 2.45pm
The Championship is up for grabs on St Patrick's Day.

NOTTINGHAM ARTS THEATRE

Sat 17th March: - 7.30pm

Ruff n Ready presents

AMHRÁIN Ó BHAILE

Amhráin ó bhaile (Songs from Home) Described as 'playing with passion and energy' and as being 'a lively, entertaining, colourful, charismatic group of fine musicians', Irish Fold Band, Ruff 'n' Ready, inspired by the music of the Irish Diaspora, perform their exciting new show. They will be playing both great traditional Irish popular tunes and the inspirational music from the likes of River Dance and Lord of the Dance. With the Irish Wolfpack dancers providing an added visual threat, this show promises you an exhilarating, fun, hand clapping, toe tapping night to remember.

£14 Adults, £12 Concessions, £42 Family of 4, £12 Group of 10

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Sat 17th March:

Full Irish breakfast served 9.00am 11.15am
10.30am Live music from **Brendan O' Brian** (multi-instrumentalist)
Hot Guinness beef stew served until 7.00pm
2.45pm

Watch England v Ireland

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6.00pm **The top Irish tunes** from our resident DJ

9.00pm **THE FULL SHABANG** plus display from **The Stanley School of Irish Dancing**

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RISING STARS FROM TRINITY SCHOOL

Trinity School, its staff and pupils, have been a stalwart supporter of the Nottingham St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade over the past 19 years. This year because of curriculum demands and it being a weekend event, the Trinity band is not able to play.

However, we welcome members of the schools Rising Stars and today we have Erin Thompson and Band to entertain you at 2.10pm on the Main Stage today.

All the band attend Trinity school in Aspley and are in Year 13. Getting ready to sit out final exams in June.

Vincent Nguyen (The drummer) is going off to study aerospace engineering at Manchester University.

Annie Croft (The violinist and keys player) is going to Liverpool to study Music.

Will Lomas (The bass player) is having a gap year and then going off to study either History or go into an apprenticeship.

Louis Croft (The guitarist) is going to Leeds College of music or Liverpool institute of Performing arts to study Music.

Jacob Fowler (singer) is hopefully going to study musical theatre at Trinity Laban.

Last but not least, we have Erin Thompson -Singer and

guitarist. Erin is going off to America on a soccer scholarship whilst studying engineering sport science. She also plays for Nottingham Forest Ladies First Team And has trialled for the Republic of Ireland U17's football team back in 2016.

Nottingham Forest Ladies play on a Sunday and their home ground is at Basford United. Get yourself down to watch!!

So folks give Erin and band a warm welcome to the Nottingham St Patrick's day Festival 2018.

If you are a Rising Star please contact us and maybe join us for next year's St Patrick's Day.



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ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL GROUPS

There are many ways to get involved with the Irish Community in Nottingham. The community groups listed below have many events & activities all year.

NOTTINGHAM IRISH GOLF SOCIETY - EST. 1991

It's current membership is over 60 men and women. New members are always made most welcome (a Hallmark of our society). The craic is mighty, whilst retaining the etiquette of golf. The Society is based at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. For more information see website: www.nottinghamirishgolfociety.com

THE GOLDEN SHAMROCK CLUB FOR IRISH ELDERS - EST. 2005

Group of Irish people, their partners and friends. Meetings at the Irish Centre take place every Tuesday between 11.30am - 3pm at the Irish Centre on Wilford Street. If you are over 55, come and join for a range of activities including bingo, live music and outings to other Irish Pensioner Groups from around the country. There is a modest charge of just £2 per session. The club also provides a welfare advice service for anyone who may need it.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN - NOTTM EST. 1975

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is the largest group involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music. The Nottingham Branch welcome musicians of all ages and abilities to play in Irish music sessions on a Tuesday evening with range of traditional instruments. For more information, see website: www.nottinghamcomhaltas.org

ST. BARNABAS GAC - EST.1953

St Barnabas G.A.A. Club fields teams in men's and ladies Gaelic Football and Hurling, representing the City and County. For more information, see website: www.nottinghamgaa.co.uk



THE EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK

This year it is our great pleasure to welcome some very special visitors to our 19th Nottingham St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade.

We greet members of the Emerald Society Pipe band Police Dept of City of New York, who will march in the Parade and be invited to join the Nottingham and Wicklow Civic Dept on stage.

We all know and remember the sad event of 9/11 and the courage and dedication, on that tragic day, of the Fire and Police officers together with emergency Medical and Pastoral teams in New York City to try and save the lives of all members of society and nationalities..

We salute you. I am sure the welcome from Nottingham folks will match and remind you of 5th Avenue today!

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THE NOTTINGHAM ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL & PARADE HAVE CHOSEN **STONEBRIDGE CITY FARM** AS ITS 2018 CHARITY PARTNER



At Stonebridge City Farm we celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2018. From humble beginnings, driven by the energy and vision of the residents of St. Ann's, the farm has developed into a community charity that is well known across Nottingham as a visitor centre and an education and training centre that supports people who may have a learning disability or a mental health difficulty.

We do not charge an entrance fee in order to be fully accessible to the residents of St. Ann's and Nottingham. Families can experience a 'slice of the countryside in the heart of the city' and enjoy the animals, gardens, playground, café and shop seven days a week.

We host many educational visits so that school children from around the city can learn more about the countryside and the environment and we also work with colleges to support their animal management and horticultural programmes.

Another important aspect of our work is the opportunities we provide for people who are disadvantaged socially and/or in the employment market by providing support, learning and work experience, in line with their individual needs. Over 100 people a week either volunteer with us or are on a supported programme.

We would like to thank everyone from the St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade for choosing Stonebridge City Farm as their charity partner. We would also like to thank the people of Nottingham for supporting us. We rely on your generous donations in order to be able to continue our work.

We hope to see you soon!

Peter Armitage
General Manager

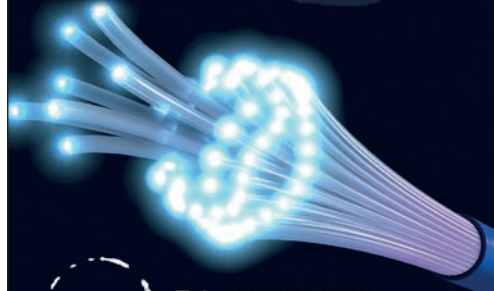
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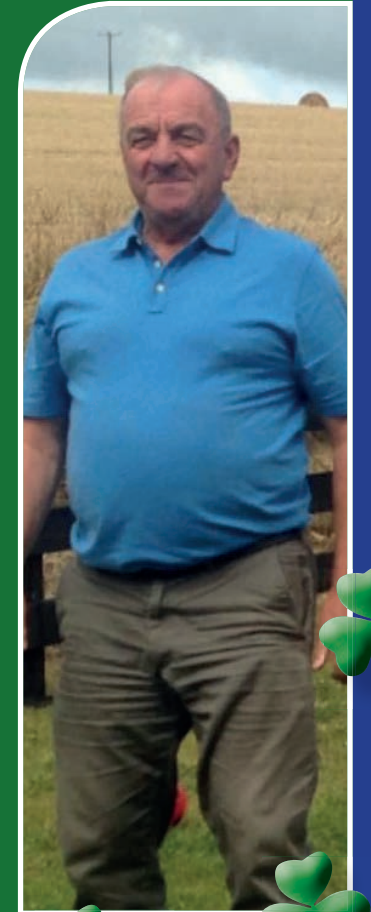


MEMORIAL

Matt Hilliard

Matt grew up alongside his 9 siblings in Ballisland, a small towns land just outside Carnew in south, Co Wicklow. Although he spent over 40 years in Nottingham, Wicklow was always home to Matt. He left Wicklow to join his two brothers Sean and Liam and sister Maureen already in the city. By the time he was leaving Wicklow at 17 years old Matt had already represented club and county as a duel player, his biggest home honour is having played in Croke Park for the Wicklow hurling team. His love for the GAA stayed strong in Nottingham spending many much loved years gathering silver wear and building friendships with St Barnabas Club. Off the GAA pitch Matt worked hard in the grounds work industry, creating a life his family.

The latter half of his working life was spent successfully building his own company which today trades across the Midlands as Hilliard's Civils run by his two children. Matt spent his last years between Wicklow and Nottingham enjoying time with his beloved grandchildren and attending as many Wicklow games as possible, the most exciting part of which was often the Guinness after the game with close friends! Throughout his life Matt spent much time in Wicklow staying close to his family and friends. The Hilliard Family sadly lost Matt to cancer in October last year when he made his last journey home to his final resting place in Wicklow. A proud Irish and Wicklow man until the end.





ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE ASSEMBLY

Wicklow leads the parade

At 11.30am on Saturday March 17th the 19th Parade will begin to assemble on Thurland Street/Pelham Street.

As per last year, all groups and individual participants will assemble at this point, where they will be signposted to their specific position in the order of the Parade.

Only walkers will be in the Parade, as because of public safety no vehicles will be permitted.

The Parade will be led by the Chief Marshall, Mr Liam Fitzgerald and family from Baltinglas Co Wicklow, who represents the Lead County of Wicklow.

Civic Guests

We welcome to the Nottingham 19th St Patrick's Day Festival Celebrations our 2 Civic Guests Councillor Vincent Blake, Chair of the Baltinglass Municipal District Council, and Lorraine Gallagher Senior Executive Officer of County Wicklow Enterprise and Corporate Services will attend to represent County Wicklow.

We welcome Liam Fitzgerald, our Chief Marshall representing County Wicklow and the Irish Embassy Representative.

County Wicklow

(Irish: Contae Chill Mhantáin, is a county in Ireland. The last of the traditional 32 counties to be formed, as late as 1606 and is located in the province of Leinster. It is named after the town of Wicklow, which derives from the Old Norse name Víkingaló, which means "Vikings' Meadow". The population of the county is 142,332 according to the 2016 census.[1]

Wicklow is colloquially known as the Garden of Ireland and is also considered the Hollywood of Ireland for its contribution to international Film making.



After the Parade Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Cllr Michael Edwards will welcome all our Civic guests and New York visitors and then address the crowd. There will be an exchange of gifts and Letters of Understanding between the Counties of Wicklow and Nottinghamshire.

We welcome everyone who has come here to Nottingham today to celebrate St Patrick's day but especially those who are here to represent their own County as well as those for County Wicklow
- It's your day !!



Nottingham's St. Patrick

- Joe Hickey

Joe Hickey played St. Patrick in Nottingham St. Patrick's Day Parade for five years between 2012 and 2016. He enjoyed being a representative of his home country's culture and meeting people from around the world, many of whom wanted their photograph taken with St. Patrick.

Joe is alive and well living in Bestwood Park. He was born the eldest of four siblings in Tullow County Carlow. Joe worked for Bord na Mona turning and stacking turf before coming to England in February 1956 intending to stay for six months. He started work as a goods porter

for British Rail and then worked for Nottingham Parks Department as a grave digger and disc jockey at Wilford Hill Crematorium. In the 1960's he worked for Wimpey Homes and then for Nottingham City Transport first as a conductor and then as a driver.

Joe married Edna, a Nottingham lass, in 1958. Together they raised six children, have seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren so far.

After retirement Joe was able to spend some time on cultural activities. He

appeared in two productions by the Triskellion Players, In The Shadow of the Glen, and Moll. Joe was briefly treasurer of Nottingham Irish Centre and chairman of Comhaltas for three years. Joe became an enthusiastic set dancer, sadly his career as the next Michael Flatley was cut short by dodgy knees. He will however be walking in this year's parade under the Carlow flag.



To ensure the ongoing legacy of the Nottingham St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade we are appealing for your help. Donations of just £1 can support the organisation of the Festival.

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

- Irish Blessing

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2. Donate at the Nottingham St. Patrick's Festival Stall in the Market Square on March 17th
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