

St Patrick's 2008 - Detailed Programme

FRIDAY March 14th

Council House

- Forty Shades of Green art exhibition of original paintings by Irish Artists Brian & Mary McIntyre Evans, and other artists.
- Official opening on Friday March 14th (7.30pm) by Kate Carty (Chief Crown Prosecution Officer, Nottinghamshire).
- Parallel exhibition at the Nottingham Society of Artists Gallery, Friar Lane (14th March - 24th March). SATURDAY March 15th

St. Patrick's Mass

- 10.30am: The Civic Celebratory Mass for the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady and St Patrick in the Meadows - Launder Street Nottingham NG2 1JQ. The chief celebrant will be Monsignor Canon David Forde. In Attendance Cllr. Jeannie Parker Sheriff of Nottingham and Tony McCullagh of the Irish Embassy.

Council House, Committee Room

- 10.00 - 11.00am 'Irish Writers in Britain'; Readings and discussion on extracts by Donall MacAmhlaigh, Maude Casey and Ultan Cowley and others. All welcome. Free.

Central Library, Angel Row, Nottingham

- 11.30am - 12.00noon Activities for Younger People
'The King with Horse's Ears'; Come along to hear this and other Irish traditional tales. Pictures and cards to colour too! All welcome. Free.

Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9

- 2pm Irish Folktales for children and adults.
Pictures to colour. Free. All Welcome

Six Nations Rugby

- 3.00pm England vs Ireland in the Six Nations Rugby Cup.
The Irish Centre and the Greyfriars Club will be open for everyone to enjoy the game.

Old Market Square

- 10.00am - 16.00pm Irish Market - 'More than just Shamrock'! in Smithy Row. SUNDAY March 16th 2008

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- 10.00am - 16.00pm Irish Market 'More than just Shamrock'! in Smithy Row.

Nottingham Irish Centre

- Evening Dance Philomena Begley and her son Aidy Quinn & his Band.
Display of Irish Dancing from Glendarragh Dancers and Nottingham Set Dancers.
Doors open 7pm ~ Tickets: £7
Box Office: 0115 947 3424
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MONDAY March 17th 2007

'It's a great day for the Irish'... to which we reply 'It's a great day for Nottingham'. There is an open invitation to come and take part, to watch, to dance as our parade moves into the Old Market Square.
This is a community event led by a committee of volunteers. We are indebted to people in the Irish Community who help to plan this day, to our stewards, our stall sellers, and our entertainers etc who showcase the best of Irish culture. We especially welcome entertainers from other communities who are helping us to build up this celebration of our national Saint's day into an inclusive cultural event.

Cead Mile Fáilte Romhat Go Leir = One hundred thousand welcomes to you all.

Old Market Square

- Co. Armagh leads the parade starting from Forest Recreation Ground led by the Grand Marshal 2008: Mr. Mike McKeever, Headmaster Trinity School, Aspley, Nottingham.
Assemble 11.00am: parade sets off at 12.00pm to arrive in Old Market Square at 12.45pm approx to be welcomed by

Lord Mayor Cllr. Munir and Anna McGillicuddy of the Irish Embassy.

- 11.30am - 16.30pm Performances commencing & ending with Philomena Begley , Aidy Quinn and his Band. One of Michael Hannon's daughters is going to read his poem ' Little Box of Shamrock' from the main stage. The programme also includes Nottingham Set Dancers / Glendarragh Academy of Irish Dance / Traditional Irish Music (Comhaltas) / Selection of marching bands / MC Gerry Molumby.

- 10.00am - 16.00pm Irish Market & More than just Shamrock! in Smithy Row.

Council House Foyer

- 12.00 - 16.00pm Art Exhibition of original paintings by Irish Artists Brian & Mary McIntyre Evans.

Council House Dining Room

- 13.00 -16.00pm Licensed Bar & Irish Stew

Council House Ballroom

- 14.00 - 16.00pm Afternoon Concert including Irish stew

£5 Tickets: 07811199910. (Because of licensing regulations this is ticket only event)

Nottingham Set Dancers / Traditional Irish Music (Comhaltas) / Trinity Harpists / Caroline Mcmanus Irish Dancers / Schoil Rince Mikulski Dancers / Guest appearance by Philomena Begley / MC Paul Curtis.

Irish Centre, Wilford St

- 1.30 - 4.00pm Activities for children. Cards, puzzles and Pictures to take home.

- 2.00pm Storytelling come along to hear about the Irish Cinderella!

- Evening Dance music by Chris and the Moonshiners (Members Bar)

- Sláinte Disco in the Night Club.

Greyfriars Catholic Club

- Evening Dance with The 2 Johns Band.

Carlton Catholic Club

- Evening Dance with Con Mc Hugh & Steve Devine.