

Goldsmith Country



How to get there

The Goldsmith country is best approached from Ballymahon. Road L.121 (to Mullingar) leads to Forgney and Pallas (3½ miles).

Route T.31 (to Athlone) leads through Auburn and Lissoy (5½ miles).

The sites of interest are well sign-posted.

Approximate miles: Dublin (80), Cork (150), Galway (60), Belfast (120).



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LAKE ISLAND



Goldsmith Summer School

31st MAY to 2nd JUNE, 1985
(Whit Weekend)

REGISTRATION AND BOOKING FORM FIRST GOLDSMITH SUMMER SCHOOL (in conjunction with The Goldsmith Society) MAY 31st - JUNE 2nd, 1985

Name

Address

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Registration Fee: £10

Please enclose cheque/order to:
Goldsmith Summer School, 1985,
Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford.



The Organising Committee (in conjunction with the Goldsmith Society) invites you to attend the First Goldsmith Summer School on Whit Weekend, Friday, 31st May to 2nd June, 1985.

THEME:

The Rural Economy of Ireland in the 18th and 20th centuries.

Those attending should make their own accommodation arrangements. For the convenience of those attending a list of hotels and guest houses in the vicinity is enclosed.

As poet, playwright and novelist, Oliver Goldsmith is world renowned for his "Deserted Village", "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Vicar of Wakefield". His interest in Irish culture and traditional music in particular can be seen from his Essay on Carolan, the blind harpist. In view of this connection nationally known musicians will provide a suitable backdrop to the proceedings.

The Goldsmith Summer School has three objectives:

- 1) To restore Oliver Goldsmith to his rightful place in Irish literature.
- 2) To develop a deeper insight into the writings of Goldsmith.
- 3) To promote the Goldsmith country as a major tourist attraction.

Registration fee: £10. Postal bookings only.

Payment by cheque/order to:
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 Co. Longford.

General enquiries, etc.:

Ireland Tourism, Dublin Road, Mullingar. (044) 48650.
 Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule. (044) 57424/57469.
 The Three Jolly Pigeons. (0902) 85162.

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 Whit Weekend, 31st May - 2nd June 1985

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 31st May, 1985

Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford

- 7.30 p.m.: Registrations
- 8.30 p.m.: Official Opening
- 8.45 p.m.: Opening Session of the School - Canon J. Corkery.
- 9.30 p.m.: Sherry Reception, Buffet and Musical Evening.

Saturday, 1st June, 1985

Assembly Hall, Vocational School, Ballymahon, Co. Longford.

- 9.45 a.m.: "The Rural Economy of the 18th Century".
 Speaker: Mr. Jeremiah Sheehan, M.Ag.Sc.
 Chairperson: Mr. Colm Murray R.T.E.
- 11.45 a.m. "Goldsmith and the Modern Reader - The problem of Tone".
 Speaker: Dr. Andrew Carpenter U.C.D.
 Chairperson: M/s Marian Finnucane, R.T.E.
- 2.00 p.m.: Town Tour
- 2.30 p.m.: Bus Tour to Goldsmith Country conducted by Local Author, Patrick Whelan

The Three Jolly Pigeons, Athlone

- 3.00 p.m.: The Three Jolly Pigeons, Lissoy Parsonage,
 "The Busy Mill", "The Hawthorn Bush",
 "The Decent Church-Kilkenny West".
- 5.30 p.m.: The Three Jolly Pigeons.

Murrays, Tashinny, Co. Longford

- 8.30 p.m.: "A walk Through Goldsmith Country".
 Speaker: Mr. Donnacha O'Dulaing, R.T.E.
 Chairperson: Mr. S. McCormack.
- 9.30 p.m.: Musical Evening - Buffet Supper.



Sunday, 2nd June, 1985
 Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule

- 12.00 a.m.: "Goldsmiths Political Attitudes".
 Speaker: Dr. F. O'Ferrall, Department of Labour.
 Chairperson: Canon J. Corkery.
- 2.30 p.m.: Visit to Birthplace at Pallas. Poetry reading - Mr. Desmond Egan.
- 4.00 p.m.: Visit to Forgney Church.
- 4.15 p.m.: "Goldsmith and the Pastoral - Reality and Invention in the Landscape of the Deserted Village".
 Speaker: Dr. Sean Lucey, U.C.C.
 Chairperson: Mr. C. McGoey.

Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule

- 9.30 p.m.: Grand Finale - Local Musicians, Singers and Storytellers.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- President: Mr. Fred Moncrief.
- Chairman: Mr. Seamus McCormack.
- Secretary: Mr. Sean Ryan.
- Treasurer: Mr. Teddy McGoey.
- P.R.O.: Mr. Michael Mallon.

Committee: Cecil English, (Old Athlone Society), Marion Canavan, Canon John Corkery, (Longford Historical Society).

*Not arguing too, the parson learned his skill
 And e'en though vanquished he could argue still,
 The words of learned strength and thundering
 sound,
 Gazed the gazing rustics 'ranged around
 And still they gazed and still the wonder grew
 At one small head could carry all he knew".*
 Extract from Goldsmiths 'Deserted Village'.