

# OLIVER GOLDSMITH

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- 1728 November 10th – Born at Pallas, Co. Longford.
- 1730 Family moved to Lissoy, Co. Westmeath.
- 1734 Attended village school under Thomas Byrne.
- 1741 Sent to school at Edgeworthstown (Mr Hughes's).
- 1744 Entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a sizar.
- 1749 Took Bachelor of Arts Degree.
- 1751 Rejected for Orders by the Bishop of Elphin.
- 1752 Went to Edinburgh University to study medicine.
- 1754 Arrived in Leyden, in Holland, to continue his studies of medicine. Travelled on foot in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
- 1755 Left Leyden and took Degree of Bachelor of Medicine at Louvaine.
- 1756 Landed at Dover.
- 1764 "The Traveller" published.
- 1766 "Vicar of Wakefield" published.
- 1768 "The Good Natured Man" published.
- 1770 "Deserted Village" published.
- 1773 "She Stoops to Conquer" published.
- 1774 Died April 4th and buried in the Temple.

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

*President:* Mr. Fred Moncrieffe;

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## GOLDSMITH SUMMER SCHOOL

3rd June to 5th June, 1994



THE BIRTHPLACE OF OLIVER GOLDSMITH



THE PARSONAGE

The Organising Committee (in conjunction with the Goldsmith Society) invites you to attend the Tenth Summer School on Whit Weekend, Friday, 3rd June to Sunday, 5th June, 1994.

**THEME:** *The Social and Cultural Legacy of Goldsmith*

Those attending should make their own accommodation arrangements. As poet, playwright and novelist, Oliver Goldsmith is world renowned for his "Deserted Village", "The Traveller", "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 main 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.

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# TENTH GOLDSMITH SUMMER SCHOOL

*Whit Weekend - 3rd June - 5th June, 1994*

**THEME:** *The Social and Cultural Legacy of Goldsmith*

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1994

RUSTIC INN, ABBEYSHRULE, CO. LONGFORD

- 7.30 p.m. Registration.  
8.30 p.m. Official Opening by Mr. Charlie McCreevy, T.D., Minister for Tourism and Trade.  
9.00 p.m. "Self dependent power can time defy"  
*Speaker:* Mr. Desmond Fennell, Writer and Lecturer  
*Chairperson:* Ms. Ann Lavan, Lecturer in Social Policy, UCD.  
9.45 p.m. Reception and Buffet  
Musical Entertainment.

SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1994.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, BALLYMAHON,  
CO. LONGFORD.

- 11.30 a.m. "Dress in the Age of Goldsmith: an illustrated lecture"  
*Speaker:* Mairéad Dunleavy, Director of The Hunt Museum, University of Limerick.  
*Chairperson:* Maev Conway-Piskorski, Education Consultant  
12.15 p.m. Protestants and the Irish Language in Goldsmith's time.  
*Speaker:* Dr. Alan Harrison, Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish, U.C.D.  
*Chairperson:* Mr. Niall McKnight, Pharmacist, Ballymahon, Co. Longford.  
1.00 p.m. Cheese & Wine Reception.

THE THREE JOJLY PIGEONS, ATHLONE

- 4.00 p.m. Traditional Irish Music and Song.

SUNDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1994.

BOG LANE THEATRE, BALLYMAHON,  
CO. LONGFORD.

12.00 noon "Sweet Poetry .... in these degenerate times of shame" - Goldsmith's legacy to a scientific social culture"

*Speaker:* Mary E. O' Donnell, poet, novelist, critic and broadcaster

*Chairperson:* Dr. Fergus D'Arcy, Dean Faculty of Arts, U.C.D.

PALLAS, ABBEYSHRULE, CO. LONGFORD.

4.00 p.m. Poetry reading by Mr. Gerry Hull, Ph.D., writer, educationalist followed by poetry reading by students from local National Schools.

RUSTIC INN, ABBEYSHRULE, CO. LONGFORD

9.30 p.m. Musical Entertainment

## ART EXHIBITION

*Lakeland and Longford Art Groups*

*Thursday, 2nd June, 1994*

*at 8.30 p.m.*

*Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule*

WINE RECEPTION