

# 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 at Leyden, in Holland, to continue his studies of medicine.
- 1755 Left Leyden and took Degree of Bachelor of Medicine at Louvain. Travelled on foot in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
- 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.

*"Let not his frailties be remembered," said Dr Johnson, "He was a very great man."*

## ART EXHIBITION

Longford Art Group  
Thursday 29th May  
Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule  
Reception 8.30 p.m.

## GOLDSMITH COUNTRY

The "Holiday Guide to Longford Country" contains a guide to Goldsmith Country and sites of archaeological, cultural, literary, sporting and general interest.

The guide is available from Tourist Offices (Mullingar), price £1.95.

For accommodation, visitors may contact Midland East Tourism, Mullingar, (Tel: 044 48650, Fax 044-40413) or consult the leaflet "Longford for Leisure 1997" (available from Midland East Tourism, Mullingar) which contains, among other things, information on a wide range of accommodation.



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Thirteenth Annual

# Goldsmith Summer School

30th May to 1st June '97

Theme: Eighteenth Century  
Literature in Irish and  
English for an Irish  
Audience

# Goldsmith Summer School



*Shoulder'd his crutch, and show'd how fields were won.*

## Objectives:

- To develop a deeper insight into the writings of Oliver Goldsmith
- To promote Goldsmith Country as a major tourist attraction

## Organising Committee:

President:	Mr. Fred Moncrieffe
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John O'Donnell, Secretary  
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# Programme

## Friday 30 May

Rustic Inn., Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford

- 8:00pm: Registration All Events £20  
8:30pm: Official Opening by **Dr. Andrew Carpenter**,  
Dean of Arts, U.C.D.  
9:00pm: **Mr. Bruce Arnold** - Keynote Address:  
'*Oliver Goldsmith, Playwright*'.  
10:00pm: Buffet Supper  
10:30pm: Musical Entertainment  
Admission: £5.00

## Saturday 31 May

- 10:00am: **Tour of Goldsmith Country** Tickets: £5.00  
Depart Ballymahon 10:00am, Abbeyshrule  
10:20am. Pallas -Forgney Church - Lissoy  
parsonage - Busy Mill - Old School House -  
Hawthorn Bush - The Three Jolly Pigeons -  
Killkenny West - Ballymahon (Lunch) - Ardagh.  
(Bus returns to Ballymahon at 6:00pm. )

## Ardagh Heritage Centre, Co. Longford

- 2:30pm: **Professor Brian Cosgrove**, Head of English,  
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; '*James  
McPherson's Ossian Poems (1762-63) and the  
First Celtic Revival*'  
Chair: **Mr. Peter Curran**  
Admission: £3.00

## Bog Lane Theatre., Ballymahon

- 3:00pm: Poet **Mary O'Malley** conducts writers  
workshop for young writers.  
Chair: **Mr. Fergus Kennedy**, Co. Longford Arts  
Organiser

## Bog Lane Theatre, Ballymahon

- 8:00pm: **Professor Chris Wheatley**: The Catholic  
University of America; Washington: " '*Our own  
good, plain, old Irish English*'; *Charles Macklin  
(Cathal McLaughlin) and Protestant Convert  
Accommodations.*"  
Chair: **Mr. Christy Maye**

- 9:00pm: Poetry Reading by **Mary O'Malley**  
Chair: **Aidan O'Hara**, Broadcaster, Journalist,  
Writer  
9:45pm: Recital by **Ballymahon Musical Group**.  
M.C. for the evening: **Mr. Adrian Duncan**  
Admission: £5.00

## Sunday 1 June

### Pallas, Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford

- 3:00pm: Poetry Reading by pupils from local National  
Schools.  
3:45pm: Poetry Reading by **Mr. Gerry Hull**.  
4:30pm: Cheese and Wine Reception.  
M.C.: **Mrs. Chrissy Connolly**  
Admission: £3.00 Children Free

### The Three Jolly Pigeons, Athlone,

- 8:00pm: Sponsored by Tang G.A.A.  
**An tUasal Liam P. Ó Murchú**, Department of  
Modern Irish, U.C.C; *Cultivation of Gaelic  
Literature in Goldsmith's Time*.  
Chair: **Brid Uí Banáin**  
9:00pm: Poetry Reading by **Mr Luke Whittington**  
Poetry Reading by  
**An tUasal Cathal Ó Searcaigh**.  
Chair: **Rita Uí Riain**  
10:00pm: Close of Summer School  
10:20pm: Traditional Music and Ballads  
Admission: £5.00



*The sad historian of the pensive plain.*