

Sunday 25th July

Pallas (Goldsmith's birthplace)

2.00 p.m.: Readings by children from local schools

2.45 p.m.: Poetry Reading by Paul Perry

3.30 p.m.: Close of Summer School - Refreshments

MC: Chrissy Connolly

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES

1728 November 10th - Born at Pallas, Co. Longford

1730 Family moved to Lissoy, Co. Westmeath

1744 Entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a sizar.

1752 Went to Edinburgh University to study medicine.

1754 Arrived at Leyden, in Holland, to continue his studies of medicine.

1755 Travelled on foot in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

1756 Landed at Dover.

1764-1773 Published "The Traveller", "The Deserted Village", "The Vicar of Wakefield", "The Good Natured Man", "She Stoops to Conquer".

1774 Died April 4th and buried in the Temple.

1999 Memorial erected in Ballymahon.

## ART EXHIBITION BALLYMAHON ARTISTS

Tuesday 20th July  
Rustic Inn, Abbeysrule  
Reception 9.00 p.m.

### Accommodation

For accommodation, visitors may contact  
Midland East Tourism, Mullingar.  
(Tel: 044 - 48650, Fax: 044 - 40413)

### Information

John O'Donnell (Secretary),  
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### Goldsmith Country



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# Goldsmith Summer School

Wed. 21st to Sun. 25th July '99



"... he wrote to exalt virtue and expose vice; and he accomplished his task in a manner which raises him to the highest rank among British authors"

- Sir Walter Scott (1827)

Wednesday 21st July at 3.30 p.m.: Opening.  
**US Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Mr. Michael J. Sullivan**, unveils monument to Oliver Goldsmith in Ballymahon.

Registration £25 (or events £5)

# Goldsmith Summer School



*"E'en now, where Alpine solitudes ascend,  
I sit me down, a pensive hour to spend."  
from "The Traveller"*

## Aims:

- 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  
*Chairman:* Mr. Seamus McCormack  
*Secretary:* John O'Donnell  
*Treasurer:* Mr. Ted McGoey

## Committee:

Sean Ryan, Mr. William Dowler, Marion Canavan, Cecil English (Old Athlone Society), Dr. Patrick Kelly, Niall Nally, Joe Farrell, Martin Murray, Chrissy Connolly, Chris Wheatley (Cath. Uni. of America, Washington D.C.), Maria Losada Friend (Uni. of Huelva, Spain).

# Programme

## Wednesday 21st July

**Ballymahon** ..... £5

- 3.30 p.m.: Opening. US Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Mr. Michael J. Sullivan, unveils monument to Oliver Goldsmith in Ballymahon.
- 4.30 p.m.: **The Goldsmith, Ballymahon** – Refreshments.  
Kim Fleming – Harp
- 6.30 p.m.: Desmond Egan  
"Oliver Goldsmith - Midlander"

## Thursday 22nd July

- 7.00 p.m.: **Lissoy** – Readings from Goldsmith
- 8.00 p.m.: **The Three Jolly Pigeons** – Readings by Ciaran Folan and Noel Monahan
- 9.30 p.m.: Traditional music and Ballad Séisiún

## Friday 23rd July

**The Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford** ..... £5

- 8.30 p.m.: Dr Eileen Reilly (New York Uni.)  
"Regionalism in Irish Literature – Longford Authors"
- 9.30 p.m.: Dr Helen Burke (Florida State Uni.)  
"Politics of the Ballad Opera on the 18th Century Dublin Stage"  
Chair: Fergus O'Farrell
- 10.30 p.m.: The Mulligan Sisters – Irish/English ballads.  
Tom Moore, Balfe, Percy French  
Padraic Colum – Harp, piano, guitar

## Saturday 24th July

- 10.00 a.m.: Tour leaves **Rustic Inn**, Abbeyshrule and ends in **Ballymahon** 7.00 p.m.  
Will include the following events
- 2.00 p.m.: **Three Jolly Pigeons:** Poetry reading by Allison Eir Jenks
- 4.00 p.m.: **Ardagh, Co. Longford:** Maria Losada Friend (Uni. of Huelva, Spain) "Goldsmith and Hogarth as satiric witness of the 18th Century"  
Chair: Marian Keaney, former Librarian Longford/Westmeath

**The Goldsmith, Ballymahon** ..... £5

- 9.00 p.m.: A Norman Jeffares (Scotland) – Keynote  
Address "Goldsmith – The Good-natured Man and his Times". Chair: Chris Wheatley, Catholic Uni. of America, Washington D.C.
- 10.30 p.m.: Music and song:  
Catherine Skelly (Mezzo Soprano),  
Emer Barry (Soprano),  
Traditional Longford Singers: Shiela Walsh, Vera Corrigan, Fiona Brannigan (Ballads)  
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MC: Adrian Duncan



*"Remote, unfriended, melancholy, slow..."  
from "The Traveller"*