

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 Edgworthstown (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.
- 1753 Arrived at Leydon, in Holland, to continue his studies of medicine.
- 1754 Left Leydon and took Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Louvain. Travelled on foot in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
- 1756 Landed at Dover
- 1764 "The Traveller" published.
- 1766 "The Vicar of Wakefield" published.
- 1767 "The Good Natured Man" published.
- 1770 "The Deserted Village" published.
- 1773 "She Stoops to Conquer" published.
- 1774 Died April 4th and buried in the Temple.
- 1999 Memorial erected in Ballymahon

Accommodation:

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Country



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Goldsmith Summer School



*"... 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)

Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June
2000

*Theme: "Goldsmith, The Aisling
Tradition, and 18th Century Literature
in Ireland"*

We gratefully acknowledge the support
of Foras Eireann.



Aims

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

Organising Committee:

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Programme

Friday 2nd June, Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule

8:30pm Official opening by Cllr. PJ Coghill, Chairman, Westmeath County Council
 Keynote Address by **Brendán Ó'Buachalla**, Professor Emeritus of modern Irish, U.C.D. (Author of "Aisling Ghear", 1996) speaks on "The Politics of the Aisling")

Chair: **Seamus McCormack**

Saturday 3rd June, The Three Jolly Pigeons

3:00pm Representatives of writers' groups in Goldsmith Country read from their work.

Chair: **Fergus Kennedy**,
 Longford Arts Officer

8:00pm **Michael Davitt** reads from his poems in Irish and in translation. (Publication "The Oomph of Quicksilver", a selection of his work with English translations)
 Music and song.

Sunday 4th June

Pallas

3:30pm Children from schools in Goldsmith Country read from their writings.

4:15pm **Edward Denniston** (Publication "The Point of Singing" 1999) reads from his poems.

M.C.: **Chrissy Connolly**

The Bog Lane Theatre

8:00pm **Michael Griffin** speaks on Oliver Goldsmith – "Where is Auburn?"
Gerard Rodgers (Radio Eireann poetry and short stories reader), reads a selection from the works of Oliver Goldsmith
 Close of Summer School.

Chair: **Fergus O'Farrell**

Admission: All-in: £25, or pro rata for individual Events

