

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.
- 1739 *SCHOOL ATHLONE*
1741 Sent to Mr. Hughes's School at Edgeworthstown
- 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 Leydon, in Holland, to continue his studies of medicine.
- 1755 Left Leydon and took Degree of Bachelor of Medicine at Louvain. Travelled on foot in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
- 1756 Landed at Dover and settled in London.
- 1764 "The Traveller" published.
- 1766 "The Vicar of Wakefield" published.
- 1768 "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.

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Goldsmith Country



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Eighteenth Annual Goldsmith Summer School

Theme: "Oliver Goldsmith, and Eighteenth Century Perspectives on 'The Good Life'"



May 31st to June 2nd
2002

"...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

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Friday 31st May,

Rustic Inn, Abbeysrule

Admission €5

- 8:30 pm: **Official Opening**
Chair: **Professor Bill McCormack**
- 9:00 pm: Keynote address: **Fintan O'Toole**
"Goldsmith and the Good Life"
MC: **Seamus Mc Cormack**

Saturday 1st June,

Bog Lane Theatre, Ballymahon

- 10:30 pm: Writers' Workshop (poetry and prose) with **John Montague** and **Elizabeth Wassell**. Information: Phone: 043 71448 / 087 9236983
- 2:30 pm: Readings by authors of collaborative novel, "**Goldsmith's Ghost**".
Chair: **Fergus Kennedy**.
- 3:30 pm: Speaker: **Eamonn O Ciardha**, University of Notre Dame, Illinois
"Jacobitism in 18C Ireland"
Chair: **Fergus O'Ferral** Adm €5



- 8:30 pm: **Michael Davitt and Tony Mc Mahon**
Bilingual poetry, music & repartee.
Tickets at Nally's Corner House.
(No phone booking) Admission €10

Sun 2nd June

Ballymahon; Goldsmith Tour

Cheese and Wine, Readings

- 1:30 pm: Tour (€5) departs from Goldsmith Monument, Ballymahon. Guide: Cecil English. Visiting Kilkenny West, Hawthorn Bush, Busy Mill, Lissoy.
- 2:30 pm: Lissoy Parsonage
Poetry Reading by **Hugh Maxton**.



- Tour continues to Ardagh and Pallas.
- 3:00 pm: **Pallas**:Admission €5 (adults)
Children from schools in Goldsmith Country read their poems.
Refreshments, Cheese and Wine
Sponsored by Joe Farrell
- 4:00 pm: **Eiléan Ni Chuilleanáin**



Poetry Reading

MC: **Chrissy Connolly**and... tour continues to Three Jolly Pigeons

- 5:00 pm: Three Jolly Pigeons, and
- 6:30 pm: Tour ends at Goldsmith Monument, Ballymahon.

Bog Lane Theatre, Ballymahon

Admission €5.00

- 9:00 pm: **Longford and Westmeath County Libraries Reading**
Readings by



John Montague

and
Elizabeth Wassell



Chair: **Paul Perry**
Writer in Residence, Longford County Council

Close of Goldsmith Summer School 2002

Registration: All events €30.00 or individual events as shown.

Watermark: "Sweet Aurburn! Loveliest village of the plain."