

Oliver Goldsmith's Life

- 1728 Born at Pallas, near Ballymahon, Co. Longford on Nov 10th.
- 1730 Family moved to Lissoy, Co. Westmeath.
- 1734 Attended Village School under Thomas Byrne.
- 1741 Sent to 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 Leiden, in Holland to continue studies of medicine.
- 1755 Left Leiden 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.
- 1985 Goldsmith Summer School Founded
- 1999 Memorial erected in Ballymahon.
- 2004 Goldsmith's Grave Rededicated

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OBJECTIVES

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

GOLDSMITH LITERARY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Seamus McCormack
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Art Exhibition

Rustic Inn

Thursday June 2nd

Official Opening at 8.30 pm

Featuring work by many Local Artists

All work displayed is on sale over the entire weekend.

Recital by the Innyside Singers at 9.00 pm

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Twenty-Second Annual

Goldsmith International Literary Festival

June 2nd - June 4th 2006



Theme:

***"where wealth accumulates
and men decay"***

The Deserted Village 1770

An assessment of the 21st century
"Celtic Tiger" Economy

PROGRAMME

Admission to all events €10.00 - Sundays Events Free

Friday June 2nd

11.00am-1.00pm: Glasson Golf Club
Goldsmith Golf Outing

Enquiries/Booking: Seamus McCormack 087-6189506

8.30pm: The Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule

Chair: **Paul McGrath T.D.**

First elected to the Dáil in 1989, Paul was Fine Gael's Junior Spokesperson on Social, Community and Family Affairs from June 2000 to February 2001. He was re-elected to the Dáil in May 2002 and was appointed Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, June 2002. He has also been Chairman, Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Family 1995-1997. He served on Westmeath County Council between 1991-02

Official Opening by **Fr. Peter McVerry**

Born in Belfast in 1944, but living in Ballyman, Fr McVerry is renowned as a champion of young homeless people. "His ministry focuses on taking care of those whom society would often rather forget. He is a vocal conscience that challenges Government, public agencies and an increasingly affluent Irish population to question our views on homelessness and social exclusion and to see shelter, security and somewhere to sleep as fundamental rights, not as privileges dispensed by charity."

"Where wealth accumulates and men decay"

Keynote Addresses by

Brian Cowen TD, Minister for Finance

A native of Clara, Co. Offaly and a former solicitor, Brian Cowen was appointed Minister for Finance in September 2004. He has served as Minister for Foreign Affairs from January 2000 to September 2004; Minister for Health and Children from June 1997 to January 2000; Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications from January 1993 to December 1994; Minister for Labour from February 1992 to January 1993. He was first elected to the Dáil in a by-election in June 1984 caused by the death of his father, Bernard Cowen. That was the first time he had contested an election for public office. Party front bench spokesperson on Agriculture, Food and Forestry December 1994 to March 1997 and on Health from March 1997 to June 1997.

Willie Penrose TD, Labour Party Spokesperson for Social and Family Affairs

Born in Mullingar in 1956, a graduate of UCD with a Masters in Agricultural Science he is also a Barrister. He first entered local politics when he was elected a Labour Party member of Westmeath County Council in 1985. First elected to Dáil Éireann in 1992 for the constituency of Westmeath as part of the 'Spring Tide' of that year. He held his seat at each subsequent election topping the poll at the last two elections and was one of a few Labour TDs to increase their votes on 1992. He is a former chairman of the Labour parliamentary party and spokesperson on Agriculture and was a member of Westmeath County Council for the Mullingar area until 2002.

10.00pm: Panel Discussion

Panel to include above and Kieran Allen, Constantin Gurdgiev, Dr. Patrick Murray and John F. Deane

10.30pm: Music & Refreshments

Saturday June 3rd

11.00am: The Bog Lane Theatre, Ballymahon

Chair: **Michael Conlon**

Michael Conlon is a well-known actor with, and current chairman of, the Bog Lane Theatre Company

"Passing rich on forty pound a year"

The Deserted Village 1770

An economic and sociological perspective

Kieran Allen

Kieran Allen is head of the Department of Sociology in UCD. He has lectured on Weber for the past ten years and is the author of a number of books on Irish society and politics. He is the editor of the Socialist Worker (Ireland) and on the Steering Committee of the Irish Anti-War Movement. He is the author of "The Celtic Tiger: The Myth of Social Partnership"

Constantin Gurdgiev

A native of Russia, Dr. Constantin Gurdgiev is currently a lecturer in economics at Trinity College Dublin and a Research Fellow at the Policy Institute (TCD). He holds a PhD in Economics from Trinity College, Dublin and an MA in economics from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA. Dr. Gurdgiev's academic research focuses on theoretical macroeconomics, international finance and financial macroeconomics. He has also been recently appointed as editor of Business and Finance magazine and regularly contributes to the Investor Magazine and the Sunday Business Post. He also regularly appears on television and radio to discuss economic and social issues.

12.00am-1.00pm: "Goldsmith the Radical"

Dr. Patrick Murray

Dr Patrick Murray was born in Athlone and has doctorates in English from the NUI and in Modern History from Trinity College Dublin. He was lecturer in English at St Patrick's College Maynooth, and among subjects of his many works are Milton, Shakespeare, Beckett and Synge. For many years synonymous with St Aloysius College in Athlone, he is an acknowledged authority on history, both local and national.

2.30pm: Goldsmith Literary Tour

Tour of Goldsmith Sites including readings from his works and from local writers

Begins at Goldsmith's Statue in Ballymahon. Sites to be visited include Pallas, Forgney, the Busy Mill, the Parsonage, Kilkenny West, the Hawthorn Bush, the Schoolhouse and ending at the Three Jolly Pigeons

4.30pm: The Three Jolly Pigeons, Tang

Ceol agus Craic

Sunday June 4th

3.30pm: Pallas, Abbeyshrule

Chair: **Anne Collins**

Poetry Reading by children from schools in Goldsmith Country.

Goldsmith Children's Poetry Competition
sponsored by Bank of Ireland

Prizes presented by **Pauline Devine**

Pauline Devine is a noted children's author. A former journalist she now conducts writing workshops and is children's fiction reviewer for the Irish Times.

Readings of winning entries

Musical Interlude - Joe's Cheese and Wine

Goldsmith International Poetry Competition
sponsored by Eason's Longford

Prizes presented by **Noel Monahan**

Readings of winning entries

Poetry Reading by **Noel Monahan**

Noel Monahan has won several awards for his work. In 2001 he won the prestigious SeaCat National Poetry Award, organised by Poetry Ireland and the RTE, P.J. O'Connor Award, for his play, Broken Cups. Other awards include The Allingham Poetry Award and The Kilkenny Prize for Poetry. The Funeral Game is Noel Monahan's fourth collection of poetry. Opposite Walls was published in 1991, Snowfire in 1995, and Curse of The Birds in 2001, all published by Salmon Publishing.

Poetry Reading by **John F. Deane**

Who will read from his new collection, "The Instruments of Art". He was born on Achill Island, Co Mayo, in 1943. He taught for ten years at a secondary school in Dublin, and resigned in 1979 to concentrate on writing poetry and developing Poetry Ireland, which he founded along with its magazine, Poetry Ireland Review. John F. Deane has given many poetry readings in Europe and the U.S.A., and his work has been broadcast world-wide and translated into many languages. His many awards include two Bursaries in Literature from the Arts Council, Dublin, and the Hennessy and Francis MacManus awards. His poetry collections in English include *High Sacrifice* (Dolmen Press, 1981), *Road with Cypress and Star* (The Dedalus Press, 1988), *The Stylized City* (The Dedalus Press, 1991), *Christ, with Urban Fox* (The Dedalus Press, 1997), and *Toccata and Fugue* (Carcant UK, 2000). His published fiction includes the novel *Flightlines* (Poolbeg, 1996), *In the Name of the Wolf*, (Blackstaff, 1999), a collection of short stories, *Free Range* (Wolfhound Press, 1994) and *One Man's Place*, (Poolbeg)