

Join us in an
Irish Celebration
9 days of
community events
with an
Irish flavour



IRISH FESTIVAL

Friday 11th March -
Saturday 19th March '94

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CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE

*A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES

 **Lewisham**

Welcome to the 1994 Lewisham Irish Festival, 9 days of community-based events around St. Patrick's day in celebration of Irish culture, music and song and the ancient tradition of story-telling.

Lewisham Council has got together with Irish Community groups to bring you a programme of events which we hope will give you a true taste of Irish tradition and culture.

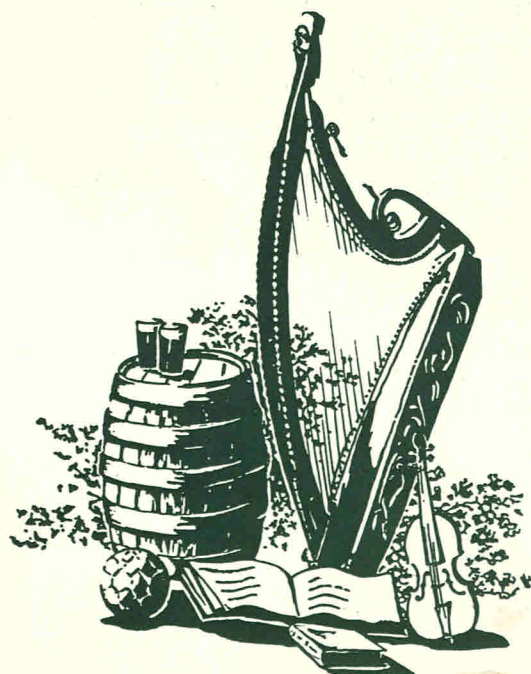
Just take a look at this programme to find out what's going on throughout the festival and come along and enjoy the events and activities on offer.

A warm, Irish welcome awaits you.

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FRIDAY 11th MARCH

IRISH WOMEN'S PARTY

Celebrate International Women's Week at the Irish Women's Party and enjoy live music, refreshments, information, videos and good company! A chance for all women to share and enjoy Irish culture. Organised by the Lewisham Irish Community Centre. ADMISSION FREE
1.30pm - 4.45pm

LEWISHAM IRISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
2a Davenport Road, Catford SE6

IRISH FESTIVAL LAUNCH

A launch celebration for members of the Irish community and their invited guests.
7.00pm

CIVIC SUITE, LEWISHAM TOWN HALL
Catford Road, Catford SE6

IRISH PERFORMANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

A full programme of Irish Music featuring the Jacket Potatoes, Holvedel, Mary McLoughlin and an Irish poet. Plus live traditional Irish music and dance, food and drink. Contact the venue for ticket details.
This event has been organised by S.Y.L.V.I.A. (Support your local venues and Independent Artists.)
7.30pm - 11.30pm

ALBANY CENTRE
Douglas Way, Deptford SE8. Tel: 081 692 0231

SATURDAY 12th MARCH

IRISH LEGENDS AND FOLK TALES

Storytelling for 5 - 11 year-olds with a related exhibition of children's paintings and stories. (For details of how to enter the exhibition, ask at your local library - prizes will be given for the best entries.)
10.30am - 11.30am

FOREST HILL LIBRARY
Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill SE23

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY FUN DAY

1994 International Year of the Family celebration at the St. Patrick's Family Fun Festival. Irish dance display, Irish arts presentation, puppets, face painting, story-telling and at 3.00pm a childrens comedy play by W.B. Yeats (Gagile Theatre Company). Children's feeding and changing area. ADMISSION FREE. Organised by the Lewisham Irish Community Centre.
12 noon - 5.00pm

12th March continued....

JERRY'S IRISH SHOP

During the St. Patrick's Family Fun day visit Jerry's Irish Shop the place to come for everything Irish - Shamrock available.

IRISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
2a Davenport Road, Catford SE6

SUNDAY 13th MARCH

CAMOGIE DEMONSTRATION MATCH

Watch Greenwich Gales and Green Isles teams play the exciting game of Camogie. And who knows, maybe you'll want to try it yourself!

A HURLING DEMONSTRATION WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE.

11.00am - 12.45pm

GAELIC FOOTBALL DEMONSTRATION MATCH

If you still have the energy after your exciting morning of Irish sport, watch St. Annes and Cuchullians play traditional Gaelic football

2.00pm - 2.30pm

LADYWELL FIELDS, SE6

(Over pedestrian footbridge, by the Athletics track on Doggett Road)

MONDAY 14th MARCH

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC AND SHOPPING

Come along to Wavelengths and see some live traditional Irish Music presented by S.Y.L.V.I.A. (Support your local venues and Independent Artists.) Whilst you're there why not shop at Jerry's Irish Shop - the place to go for everything Irish - making a guest appearance at Wavelengths. Shamrock available.

4.00pm - 8.00pm

WAVELENGTHS LEISURE POOL & LIBRARY
Giffin Street, Deptford SE8

TUESDAY 15th MARCH

GUINNESS PROMOTION

Join us at the Leisure Centre bar for Guinness at £1.50 a pint. Whilst you're here take a look around at our wide range of facilities

12 noon - 11.00 pm

LEWISHAM LEISURE CENTRE
Riverdale Shopping Centre, Lewisham SE13

WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH

LIVE MUSIC WITH TOIN LE GAOITH.

Enjoy the stirring Irish rhythms of local band Toin le Gaoith.

2.00pm - 3.00pm

WAVELENGTHS LIBRARY
Wavelengths, Giffin Street, Deptford SE8

THURSDAY 17th MARCH

LEWISHAM IRISH PENSIONERS PARTY

Music, refreshments and fun at the Lewisham Irish Community Centre.
12 noon - 5.00pm

A ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Enjoy traditional Irish music from Trim the Velvet. Dance to Mick and the Moonshiners. Late licensed bar. ADMISSION £3.50 (MEMBERS) £4 (GUESTS). Organised by the Lewisham Irish Community Centre
7.00pm - Midnight

LEWISHAM IRISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
2a Davenport Road, Catford SE6

FRIDAY 18th MARCH

PETER BERESFORD ELLIS - WRITER AND HISTORIAN

Award-winning Irish author and historian, Peter Beresford Ellis will talk on "The founding of the Irish Community in England". Contributions from Diarmuid Breatnach (IBRG) and Sean Reddin (Connolly Association) Organised by the Lewisham Irish Community Centre.
7.30pm

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2a Davenport Road, Catford SE6

"NOW WE'RE TALKING"

Storytelling in the Irish tradition with Kevin Graal. All ages welcome.
7.30pm - 9.00pm

DEPTFORD BOOKSHOP. 55 Deptford High Street, SE8

SATURDAY 19th MARCH

STORYTIME WITH AN IRISH FLAVOUR

Judith French tells stories to children of all ages.
11.00am - 11.30am

LEWISHAM LIBRARY. High Street, Lewisham SE13

IRISH MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Storytelling for 5 - 11 year-olds with a related exhibition of children's paintings and stories. (For details of how to enter the exhibition, ask at your local library - prizes will be given for the best entries.)

2.30pm - 3.00pm

SYDENHAM LIBRARY. Sydenham Road, SE26

CEILÍ MÓR

Enjoy the magic of a traditional Irish Ceilí with St. Brendan's Ceilí Band. Late licensed bar.

ADMISSION £3.50 (MEMBERS) £4 (GUESTS)

Organised by the Lewisham Irish Community Centre.

7.00pm - Midnight

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Throughout the festival...

Lewisham schools will be holding events and activities with an Irish flavour as part of their studies. Pupils and teachers will explore the Irish culture across the curriculum and especially in the fields of art, music and literature.

Teachers will be getting a taste of Irish culture and heritage at their Professional Development Centre in Kilmorie Road, SE23 where they will be participating in a music festival culminating in a Ceili evening on 17 March. All Lewisham teachers and education staff are welcome.

Lewisham libraries will be mounting special displays of their Irish collections. Come and browse through Irish books and audio items and maybe borrow a few.

Local pubs and clubs will be holding special events for St. Patrick's day with live music and plenty of celebration. Check out your "local" for details.

AN IRISH SOLSTICE - AN EXHIBITION BY JOHN MAHER Civic Suite Foyer, Town Hall, Catford SE6 11 - 20 March

In John Maher's "Solstice" works we see a shaft of light and the swords and shields of the early Celts woven into the wide historical tableau which evokes a sensitivity for the deepening spirit of early Ireland. These works will be shown in the Royal Exhibition Hall in Beijing from June this year at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

KEEP WARM AND STAY WELL - FRIDAY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2a Davenport Road, Catford SE6 An exhibition on Hypothermia co-ordinated by Lewisham Pensioners Forum and Health First.

ON THE SITES

The Albany Centre, Douglas Way, Deptford SE8

A photographic exhibition by David Hevey presented by the Action Group for Irish Youth, The Connolly Association and the Construction Safety Campaign. The exhibition aims to illustrate the dangers faced by workers on building sites in this country.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IRISH ISSUES AND CULTURE...

CONTACT THE LEWISHAM IRISH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2a DAVENPORT ROAD, CATFORD SE6. TEL: 081 695 6264
We offer advice and social welfare. Community Education and social events for the Irish community. Individual Membership £5.
New members always welcome.