



## St. Patrick's Day Festivities 2017

*Your preview of the celebrations ahead*

It is that time of year again! Put on your green and come into the heart of the Bruff community to partake in the **St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Kicking off celebrations, the Bruff Heritage Group is putting on a night of traditional Irish music and song starring Paddy McAuliffe and local artists. Be sure to stop by to enjoy some great talent and light refreshments. A donation of €5 per person is requested to aid in the upkeep of the Thomas Fitzgerald Centre.

On St. Patrick's Day, come into the centre of the town where the **BGM Community Council** is putting on their annual **Bruff St. Patrick's Day Parade**, filled with exciting floats put together by local sport and social organisations. It is sure to be great fun for people of all ages. Then after the parade, head to the park to watch the Duck

### 16th MARCH

- **IRISH NIGHT**  
7:30 p.m.  
*Thomas Fitzgerald Centre*

### 17th MARCH

- **BRUFF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
2:30 pm
- **DUCK RACE**  
3:30 pm  
*Between the Bridges, Bruff*
- **GORTA/SELF-HELP AFRICA FUNDRAISER**  
11:00 pm – 5.00 pm  
*Thomas Fitzgerald Centre*

Race. If you are feeling adventurous, try your luck and buy a duck for €2 at any local business; first place gets €100, second gets €50, and third and fourth get €25 each. Good luck to those who enter!

Two of Bruff's minor camogie players, Maeve Barry and Eva Butler, are traveling to Zambia to volunteer for Gorta/Self-Help Africa and to fund this trip, they will be hosting a fundraiser selling, cakes, crepes, arts and crafts, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Did you know?

*Bruff Community Café:  
A place for friendship,  
tea and the chats!*

Since the **Bruff Community Cafe** opened its doors in April of 2009, it has provided the community with affordable food and valuable social space. The café operates as a non-profit business and is run by dedicated volunteers who provide light snacks, hot tea, and coffee. The space can be used for many special occasions and events—from birthday parties to organisation meetings to the weekly Bingo game on Wednesday afternoons! The café is open to the all members of the community from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday**. If you are interested in booking the café for your next event or meeting, please call Joan on 087) 9923889.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE CAFE;

- Bingo** every Wed from 2.30pm
- Knitting** group every Wed from 7.30pm
- Computer classes** with Mobile IT Thurs from 9.30am
- GROW** Mon nights from 8.00pm



## Calendar of Events

### 16TH MARCH

Irish Night with Paddy McAuliffe, 7.30pm

### 17TH MARCH

- St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2.30pm, Bruff
- Duck Race 2017, 3.30pm Between the Bridges, Bruff
- Fundraising Fair for Gorta/Self-Help Africa, 11.00am—5.00pm, Thomas Fitzgerald Centre

### 19TH MARCH

County 4 mile run hosted by An Bru Ac, Bruff GAA Grounds, Ladies 11am, Gents 11.45am

### 24-31ST MARCH

Parish Mission, St. Peter and Paul

### WEEKLY

- Meanus Community and Social Club Sunday Evening Cards  
Sundays @ 8.30pm, Community Centre, Meanus
- AA meetings  
8,30pm, The Band Room, Bruff
- Bingo, Thursdays @ 8.30pm, GAA Hall, Bruff

### 8TH APRIL

Easter Market, Thomas Fitzgerald Centre

### 11TH APRIL

BGM District Community Alert meeting, 7:30 pm, Grange School

### 14TH APRIL

Team Limerick Cleanup with Bruff Tidy Towns from Community Cafe

### 16TH JUNE

Bloomsday Bruff

### 30TH JUNE

Ballyhoura series 5 mile road race hosted by An Bru AC  
Bruff GAA Grounds from 8pm

### 30TH OCTOBER

James Keating underage Rugby tournament hosted by Bruff RFC Kilballyowen

## Useful contact Numbers

**An Bru AC:**  
086) 77077092

**Bruff GAA:**  
087) 9051755

**Bruff Garda Station:**  
(061) 382940

**BGM Community Council**  
087) 2848083

**BGM Parish Contact Details**  
(061) 382555 / (061) 382290

**Bruff Tidy Towns**  
086 3375207

**Grange ICA**  
086) 3317779

**Old Bank B&B**  
061) 389969

**Old Irish Ways Museum**  
086) 1541078

**Mens Shed**  
086) 3375207

**O'Connors Pharmacy**  
061) 382220

**Sean Wall Committee**  
087) 2517855

**Shannodoc**  
1850 21999

**Thomas Fitzgerald Centre/  
Bruff Heritage Group**  
061) 382029

We apologise for any event we might have missed. Please e-mail [bgmcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bgmcouncil@gmail.com) if you would like your organisation to be featured in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Why the Newsletter?



We would like to give a warm hello to the BGM Community! As students involved in the University of Limerick's "UL Engage" program, we are collaborating with the BGM Community Council to create a newsletter to keep the town up to date on all of the amazing organisations and events that are happening in your very own backyard! We hope you enjoy learning more about your community, and we cannot wait to meet you at the Bruff St. Patrick's Day Parade!

**Natalie Ames and Nicole Murphy**