



CYCLE GARDEN TRAIL

A FUN bicycle event is taking place with the Clew Bay Garden Trail as part of the Westportif weekend.

A leisurely cycle exploring three beautiful Westport gardens will take place on Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m. The meeting point is the Lidl car park on the Newport Road.

Cyclists will visit Woodlawn in the middle of Westport and from there pedal to the greenway and on to the Quay to The Clog Factory, a suburban garden. From there it's on through the grounds of Westport House to Solas.

Enjoy three very different garden experiences. The event is open to all. Booking is necessary via Westport Smarter Travel.

FAREWELL TO FR. KARL

On Sunday, July 10, Westport parish will have a special 'cuppa' after 10 a.m. Mass at Carrowbeg House for Fr. Karl as he leaves to return to his native Galway.

We wish Fr. Karl well as he takes up his new appointment in Mountbellew on Friday, July 15. He will be sorely missed.

LANKILL COMMEMORATION

Lankill National School has hosted a 1916 commemoration, with Fr. Micheál Mac Gréil on hand to unveil a plaque to honour six past pupils of the school interned in British jails after the 1916 Rising.

SENTINEL'S SUCCESS

Westport has been celebrating the recent announcement that the Sentinel sculpture and its associated public realm space has won the **Royal Institute of Architects** of Ireland (RIAI) People's Choice Award.

Chief executive of Mayo County Council, Peter Hynes, welcomed the news, stating: "This is a fantastic achievement for all involved and marks the culmination of 20 years of careful architectural management of the built fabric of Westport.

"The Sentinel and its surrounding public realm space was up against significant competition from outstanding architectural projects across the entire country and I would like to commend the work of Ronan Halpin, Simon Wall, all

the Mayo County Council team and the many community representatives who were involved in bringing this complex project to such a successful conclusion."

The cathaoirleach of the West Mayo Municipal District, Councillor Brendan Mulroy, said once again, this was a great success story for Westport and he congratulated his colleagues on the council and the management team who backed the project from day one.

CROAGH PATRICK ON MAP

A new map and information leaflet and signage for Croagh Patrick has been launched by the Croagh Patrick Stakeholders Group.

Minister of State Michael Ring was on hand on Friday evening to perform the launch in Murrisk Community Centre.

LATE MICK CONWAY

The death has occurred unexpectedly of Michael (Mick) Conway, Cois Abhainn, Louisburgh, and Kilsallagh, Westport.

He was loving son of Nora (nee O'Malley) and the late Tim and is also deeply mourned by his brothers PJ, Brendan and Gerry, sisters Mary and Ann, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, uncle, nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends, to whom sympathy is extended.

Following Mass of the Resurrection in St. Patrick's Church, Lecanvey, he was laid to rest in Murrisk Abbey Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

QUILTERS EXHIBITION

Silver Threads, an exhibition celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Octagon Quilters in Westport, is on show at the Custom House Studios.

Initially meeting in the town hall for many years, the group, which has grown to 25 members, meet in the Quay Community Centre every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from September to June.

This is their third exhibition in the Custom House Studios. It continues every day until July 24 so do drop by.

STUDIO SPACE SUBMISSIONS

The Custom House Studios at Westport Quay are inviting submissions for use of studios starting this August. The closing date is July 8.

Submissions can be made by email - include letters of interest, CVs and documentation of work (maximum 10 images in one attached file only in PDF format, no JPGS or other image formats accepted) to customhouse@eircom.net. For work on video, please provide links for online viewing.

Send postal submissions to The manager, Custom House Studios, The Quay, Westport.

Selection is by a peer panel of artists. The Custom House Studios are funded by Pobal, Mayo County Council and The Arts Council of Ireland.

GRÁINNE MHAOL SHOW

The ever popular Gráinne Mhaol Show enjoyed a successful opening night at Westport Town Hall Theatre on June 15.

The show plays every Wednesday and Thursday from June to September at Westport Town Hall Theatre.



Jo-Ellen Nourie, California, and Seth Nourie, New York, at the Legend of Gráinne Mhaol at Westport Town Hall Theatre. PHOTO: ALISON LAREDO



Aine Salmon and Helen Heraghty, both from Westport, at the Legend of Gráinne Mhaol at Westport Town Hall Theatre. PHOTO: ALISON LAREDO



Paddy Joe Foy, chairperson, Westport Horse and Pony Show, pictured with Elisha, Padraig and Sean Foy at the recent show. PHOTO: JOHN MOYLETTE