



## Galway

### Tribes Country

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#### From Mayo to Santiago de Compostela

FATHER and daughter, Peter and Natasha Murtagh, will speak at a public meeting in Galway tonight, Tuesday January 24 on their 900-kilometre trek along the famed pilgrim path of the 'Camino de Santiago de Compostela'. Their story inspired them to write a book, 'Buen Camino', which has received a lot of media attention and they are coming to Galway to support local Heart and Stroke Charity Croí who are currently promoting two charity treks on the Camino - one in June and the other in September of this year.

Peter and Natasha started their five-week journey by scaling Croagh Patrick and ended up in the magnificent cathedral city of Santiago de Compostela in north western Spain. This free public talk will take place in the Westwood Hotel, Galway tonight (Tuesday) at 7pm. Croí representatives will be available on the night with details of their 2012 Camino Trek Programme. Also in attendance on the night will be Roland Monsegu, Director of Camino Ways, to give some tips and advice on doing the Camino.

#### Film writing course

WITH the Galway Film Centre / RTÉ Short Script Award deadline fast approaching, where two awards of €9,500 are given to two film-makers to make their films, Galway Film Centre is running a two-day practical workshop which will help you to improve and refine your writing skills. It will be tutored by Italy-based tutor, Mark McIlrath, who has over 20 years of experience in editing scripts throughout Europe. Participants will write a variety of scenes and they can also work on their own ideas. The tools taught can be applied to short or feature films. Past participants on Mark's courses have complemented his excel-

lent teaching style and his useful tips and insights.

The workshop takes place at Galway Film Centre on Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18 from 9.30am to 5.30pm. It costs €120 and early booking is advised. Contact Mary at 091 770748 or education@galwayfilmcentre.ie or www.galwayfilmcentre.ie for more information.

#### Muintir Mhaigh Eo

THERE will be a special meeting of Muintir Mhaigh Eo on Thursday, January 26 in the Galway Bay Hotel at 9pm. The meeting will deal only with the forthcoming dinner dance on Friday, February 17. The tickets for this function are available from all committee members, as well as the secretary on 087 9306028 and the chairman on 087 6812155. All committee members should take this as official notification.

The recent Muintir Mhaigh Eo meeting finalised some events for the year. Once again the boat trip on the Corrib Princess will take place. This is always an enjoyable event and gets a full attendance. It will take place on July 13 with departure from Woodquay at 7pm. Bookings can be made at 087 2601093. The Mayo Captain's Golf Prize will take place in the Galway Bay Golf and Country Club on July 7, with Mor Oil as sponsors. This year also will see Muintir Mhaigh Eo holding a business lunch for the first time in the Galway Bay Hotel on Friday, October 26. There are many other items on the programme of events in a busy year for Muintir Mhaigh Eo.

#### Labour conference in Galway

THE Labour Party will hold its annual conference in Baily Allen Hall at NUIG from Friday, April 13 to Sunday April 15. Hotel Meyrick will be the official conference hotel during the period. There will be close to 1,000 delegates in attendance.

#### Hospital group CEO

THE new CEO of the Roscommon / Galway Hospital Group is Bill Maher. He is responsible for the management and per-

formance of University College Hospital, Galway, Merlin Park Regional Hospital, Portluncla Hospital in Ballinasloe and Roscommon County Hospital. Bill Maher comes to the west from St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin where he was acting CEO.

#### Tuam GAA Club dinner

TUAM Stars GAA Club will hold its annual dinner in the Ard Ri Hotel on Saturday, March 10. On this occasion the club will honour the club's first two All Stars selected on the football team in the first All Star selection made 40 years ago. They were the goalie PJ Smyth and right full-back Johnnie Carey from Bangor, who at that time played club football for the Stars and inter county football for Mayo. It will be a gala night in the Ard Ri Hotel.

#### Reduced parking fees

SATURDAY week last saw reduced parking fees introduced in the Galway City area. Short stay parking will reduce from €2.60 per hour to €2. In the longer stay car parks the cost of parking has been reduced to €4 per day. These reductions have been welcomed by the hard pressed motorist.

#### Relief road

THE new Joe Burke Road in Tuam seems to be a great success. The well-known Tuam businessman said he would build a relief road to help traffic congestion in the town, and he did that at his own expense and in quick time. As one Tuam businessman said "it is a pity there are not more Joe Burkes". Congratulations to Mr Burke.

#### Snooker finalists

THE Tuam Snooker team has reached the All-Ireland final stages of the Snooker Club Championships. In Letterkenny the team beat the reigning Connacht Champions, Ballina. This is the first time that Ballina has failed to reach final stages of the competition in 15 years.

The members of the winning Tuam team were Shane O', Jimmy Higgins, Ollie Mar-

tin, Hughie O'Donnell and Captain James Corbett. The finals take place in the Gleneagles Hotel, Killarney from January 27 to 29.

#### Tuam 8km run

MORE than 600 runners took part in the Tuam eight-kilometre run over a new course. The winner of the ladies race was Mary Gleeson from Claremorris. She had a very good time of 29 minutes and 30 seconds, which saw her finish well ahead of her nearest rival. Seán Hehir of Clare, who represented Rathfarnham Athletic Club in Dublin, won the men's section in a time of 24 minutes and 10 seconds.

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▲ **Karina and Mary McDonagh, Headford, pictured at comedian Jimmy Carr's show in the Royal Theatre, Castlebar.** Pic: Michael Donnelly