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Official Newsletter of the Clonmel Applefest



Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have been busy planning all kinds of projects and one big event as well as updating our website. Read on for a short update on all our current and ongoing projects.

Elders of Clonmel' writing project

Clonmel Applefest is excited to launch the 'Elders of Clonmel' project for 2023, which will highlight the life stories of some of the key older citizens of Clonmel. This project follows on from last year's writing project: a collaboration with Cashel Arts Festival in which 16 writers met and wrote about local artisans. The articles were published in a book, complemented by beautiful photographs by John D. Kelly.

Elders of Clonmel' will retell landmark events from the youth of our older citizens, focusing on their outlooks on our surroundings as well as local ways and lifestyles. Their stories will reflect on the significant recent changes in Irish society. A high-quality book of completed stories will be published in time for the Festival launch on Thursday 21st September, leaving a compelling oral history record for future generations.

If you would like to participate as a writer or nominate an older person, please find more details and form on our webpage [here](#).



TarantaCeltica musical collaboration

27th April 2023, 8pm at Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel

Clonmel Applefest is proud to partner with Ten42 Productions to present the launch of new European ensemble, TarantaCeltica, who will perform three dates in Ireland from 27th – 29th April 2023. This ground-breaking collaboration between Irish Trad and the traditional music of Southern Italy, known as Tarantella, delivers a unique concert experience that entwines and unwinds these two vibrant cultures. Master percussionists Andrea Piccioni and Dave Boyd have gathered a world-class ensemble of multi-instrumentalists with the goal of bridging cultural borders and bringing a thrilling contemporary insight into deep and ancient music. This promises an unforgettable night of world-class musicianship. **Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite [here](#).**



Feast of Flags project

Colourful flags are a great way to give a sense of occasion to an event and add joy to the streetscape and public realm. At Applefest, we are planning to make large bright colourful bespoke flags that will be displayed on the streets of Clonmel to celebrate the Harvest season. Sessions will include sewing tuition by qualified teacher & run in 2 blocks of 6 weeks from early May to mid June and from July to late August.

We are looking for expression of interest from stitchers, designers and makers; if you'd like to register and if you have any questions, please contact us on registerapplefest@gmail.com





Artisans of Clonmel stories serialised in the Nationalist

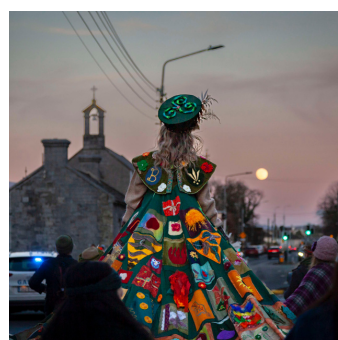
The brilliant stories from last year's brilliant writing project, Artisans of Clonmel, will be appearing each week as features in the Nationalist newspaper. This week, Clonmel's shoe repair man, Martin Coen, appears on the cover of the paper! Alternatively, if you'd like to read the whole collection together, you can still get a copy of the book, which features 13 local craftspeople, complete with beautiful photographs by John D. Kelly, at Chou's Cottage and the Bookmarket for €12 a copy.



Sliabh na mbhan Brigid's Cloak

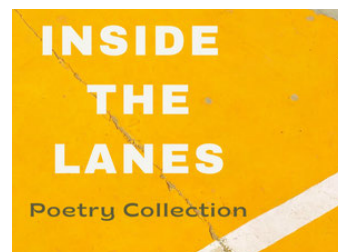
As part of an independent textile project, Applefest Director Theresia Guschlbauer devised a collaborative textile project in honour of Brighid/ St-Brigid. Women from the South Tipperary/ Sliabh na mhan area were invited to contribute 'fieldpatches' towards a large ceremonial cloak which was unveiled at a formal procession on the 5th February in Clonmel. The event included a Spoken Word and musical finale on the New Civic plaza, performed by writer Catherine McVicker and songwriter Breege Phelan.

View a short video of the event [here](#)



Inside the Lanes Poetry Book

Eileen Acheson and Jenny Cox, the two partners behind Write Minds, have edited this lovely book of the 38 shortlisted poems from last year's 'Inside the Lanes' project. There are still a few copies of the book left for sale for €10 at Chou's Cottage.



Apple Orchards Update

As part of National Tree Week, we held a tree care morning and planted a small Pocket Forest on the Greenane Blueway. Twice a year, in the Spring and in the Autumn, a group of volunteers checks all the trees to ensure that they are healthy and thriving. This includes occasional pruning and the removal of ties may have got too tight. We are currently looking to create a dedicated tree care group which would help monitor the trees.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact us at clonmelapplefest@gmail.com



Any News?

We look forward to seeing you again in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions, ideas, resources, or good news that may be of interest to the Clonmel Applefest community, please get in touch!

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