



### **What's on in March**

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Celebrity Sean Nós 2014**

This charity event takes place in Clifden annually and provides laughs for all involved - all in a good cause. Local “celebrities” are schooled in the old style of Irish dancing before facing a dance off for the coveted trophy. Good clean Irish fun.

For more details see

[www.clifdenchamber.ie/index.php?option=com\\_redevent&view=details&id=394%3Acelebrity-sean-nos-2013&xref=402](http://www.clifdenchamber.ie/index.php?option=com_redevent&view=details&id=394%3Acelebrity-sean-nos-2013&xref=402)

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Head of the River Rowing Regatta (Galway)**

The exciting Head of the River starts at the mouth of Lough Corrib and the first race starts at 10.30. Every year hundreds of keen rowing teams converge to take part – with more besides who'd rather watch the spectacle.

For more details see [www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie](http://www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie)

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Connemara Spring Walking Festival**

Explore Connemara with guides Michael Gibbons and Gerry McCluskey who provide an insight into the unique cultural/ archaeological / historic heritage of the area. The walks are suitable for beginners through to advanced ...all you need is a good pair of walking boots!

See: <http://www.walkingfestivalsuk.com/eventbooking/Connemara-Spring-Walking-Festival/Event-Details.html>

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day**

If you’re visiting us around this date you won’t have far to travel in any direction to experience the most Irish of all feasts and festivals. There’ll be a parade in almost every town in the locality – with Clifden, Louisburgh and Westport all putting their best floats forward.

Closest to the Lodge will be St’ Patricks Spring festival in Louisburgh only a 20 minute drive from the Lodge.

Settle for one parade or take part in the challenge to visit as many parades as possible on the day – not for the faint-hearted.

There's also of course the Galway St. Patrick’s Festival from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> celebrating Galway’s diverse culture and talent. See [www.stpatricksfestivalgalway.com](http://www.stpatricksfestivalgalway.com)

Westport are also hosting a St. Patrick’s Festival from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> with a packed programme of events. See <http://destinationwestport.com/event/gathering-patrick/>

## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Croagh Patrick Heritage Trail Walking Festival**

A wonderful opportunity to experience three days of guided walks on this famous heritage trail (from low to high intensity) – not only are there a selection of gentle local loop walks and heritage site visits but you will be regaled with local myths and legends by the experienced guides.

For more details see [www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com](http://www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com)

## **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - The 2014 Connemara Pony Spring Festival**

This annual festival takes place in Clifden – a must for pony lovers who also want to take in a bit of Irish heritage.

For more details see [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie)

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Challenge the Greenway**

Your challenge (should you choose to accept it...) is to cycle the 26 mile/42km world famous Great Western Greenway - a picturesque off-road trail which traverses Ireland’s idyllic Atlantic coast, following the route of the renowned Westport to Achill railway, or so-called “Balfour Lines”...

See <http://destinationwestport.com/event/challenge-greenway/>