

Flax-Mill - Textiles - The Irish Linen Weavers

David Mc Clean • Dearbhla McTaggart • Willie Drennan

Diane Wilson • Bernard Davis • Aileen McIntyre

Liam Burke • Isabel Neuenfeldt

+ *special guests* +*special guests*

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On stage at the 25th Yard Fest

On **Saturday September 8th 2018**

Silver Anniversary - as good as Gold!

Last year we said: "... the concert during the 24th is set to top anything that ever happened ..."

A boiling atmosphere, a capacity crowd, standing applause proved us right.

This time we say: **"We are going to put a shuffle on top!"**

Look at this:

Spectacular news first:

Isa's back!

After last year's unbelievable performance with the audience "over the moon" we bent backwards to feature Berlin's no. 1 singer, accordionist and performer again. Not an easy task, given the fact that the musical powerhouse hits around 4 stages per week - every week! But she is doing it one more time: 2000 kilometres (one way) for just one gig on the small stage under the oak trees!

Needless to say **Isabel Neuenfeldt** is coming with a new programme - we don't know what she will sing and play on stage, we know for sure though: She will set the place on fire, take the audience with her! During her gig she'll meet a new - found musical friend:

Dearbhla's back!



16 years old and as cool as you like, Dungiven's rising star on the Irish Harp will fusion with Isa but beyond doubt put her own stamp-mark on the performance as well. Her traditional style of playing was described (in Germany) as "the music of angles". Neither she nor Isabel might be angles - their music will make "gold drip from the heavens" - that's one of the great facts the Yard-Fest creates!

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Remaining with the “coming backs”:

Willie’s back!

The “bard of the North” has been one of the busiest artists on these shores during the last year. His ingenious fusions of different musical styles and traditions make for a guarantee that no two gigs of his are the same. An Australian Folk band taking the stage with him is as little of a surprise as is a 75 year old master - jazz - musician or a woman who plays the saw.

The what??? Yes you are reading right - the tool most people would use to cut wood!



We have (obviously) arrived at “newcomers”:

Diane Wilson!

Based in Ballymena / County Antrim, she has often been described as the best player of the “musical saw” on this island. She will take the stage and let us tell you: The energy she releases will take you in storm! It has been a long time coming - great to have her at the 25th!

Aileen McIntyre and Liam Burke were born, bred (and still live) in the neighbouring townland of Gortnahey (where Willie Drennan once saw a head sticking out of the pavement on the road ...).

The fact that the highly talented pair never appeared at a Yard-Fest is not logic or explainable - it just never happened. You will love them, we know!

They tell us they will only perform “two or three songs” - the audience at our gathering knows well how that can be changed!

Another new kid on the block (or on the stage) is the incredible **David McClean!**

The price-winning photographer, recording engineer and film-maker is the same person as the powerful rock-guitarist with a strong blues - leaning. After filming **Willie Drennan** for a particular project, David went obsessed with the idea of accompanying “the big lady from Lambeg” with his blues guitar. Can you imagine: **Willie Drennan** in “dervish - dance - mode” with the Lambeg drum - the instrument playing the melody is not a flute but an electric guitar!

You can't???

Come to the 25th Yard-Fest and experience this World Premiere!

When we say **“no borders – no limits”** we mean that!

- + POETRY with a performance - edge by **Bernard Davis** (Birmingham).
- + Comperes: **Hermann Glaser-Baur** + one surprise – guest.
- + Straight after the gig: IRELAND'S BEST SESSION in the gas-lit barn!

The Order (whatever that may be)

Starting @ 8pm SHARP!

- **The Opener:**

Liam and Aileen (vocals, acoustic guitars) will have no problem *“warming up”* the best and warmest audience in the world!

- **The Highlight beyond Doubt:**

Isabel Neuenfeldt (accordion, vocals) straight from Berlin with a new programme especially for the 25th Yard-Fest.

She will meet **Dearbhla McTaggart** (Irish harp) in a unique fusion.

This set alone certainly makes the concert worth any music-lover's while!

- **Rocking the Oak - Trees - Set:**

Willie Drennan (vocals, tin whistle, fiddle, flute, + herself the big drum)

Meets live on stage **Diane Wilson** (musical saw), **David McClean** (vocals, guitars) and who else the master of fusion might magic out of his cap!

World premiere on stage: The Lambeg Boogie!

Prepare yourself for the hottest set ever in 25 years.

- **Ireland's best session** starts directly after the concert in the gas-lit barn. If you miss the session you have missed the Yard-Fest!

Before the order

- **From 6 pm onwards:**

- **13 metre long Buffet** (no comparison anywhere)

GLORIOUS DINNER, *cooked under the eyes of our visitors by the Berlin - catering - brigade!* Vegetables from our own gardens, Vegan and Vegetarian options available!

- **German “drop of the pure”** (hops, barley and water only, by law!),
LOCALLY ROASTED COFFEE, BELFAST - TEA, TREATS *galore*

Before, during and after any order:

The BEST PEOPLE from beyond many borders - FRIENDS only,
no STRANGERS here.

YOU NEVER CELEBRATE ALONE!

Notes:

As the Open Day, the Yard-Fest is a private event,
from 6 pm by invitation only.

The owner reserves the right to refuse admission at any time.

To book your place, **ring us: (0044)28777 42655**

Or send us a mail: **flaxmill@gmx.net**

This programme as well as the full Open-Day one
and our flyer for the Fashion Show are available in hard-copy version,
just give us a ring and we will send you ones.

NO WHISKEY IN THE JAR

A take-off of the classic Irish drinking ballad.

These revised lyrics reflect the fact that some folk can't afford to buy whiskey any more.

As I was going over, life's great big scary
mountain
I met the fat-cat bankers all their money
they were countin
With their friends the government agents
and corporate advisors
I sez, stand and deliver for yeese are the
boul deceivers

*With my ring dumdedo dumdeda
Whack for my daddie o
Whack for my daddie-o
No whiskey in the jar.*

Well with my trusty laptop, I just took all
their money
And stuck it in my pocket for it looked a
pretty penny
But I knew it was all wrong as soon as I
got to thinkin
Their money it was boggin, their money it
was stinkin.

Went home to my chamber for to take my
slumber
And dreamed a crazy dream for sure it
was no wonder
But my friends they did betray me and
rung their politician
And toul him that my dream could start
some revolution.

It was early in the mornin afore I riz to
journey
Up comes the government with their own
wee private army
They looks in my computer and sez I was
not clever
They'd evidence enough to lock me up
forever.

Well if anyone can save me, it's my sisters
and my brothers
If we'd all get thegither and stand by one
and other
We could tell them where to stuff it, where
they would not think it funny
We could tell them where to go with all
their stinkin money.

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