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The Leeds Gathering
12th-20th October
2018

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The fourteenth Leeds Gathering festival is a celebration of Irish music and arts, between the 12th to the 20th October.

Our aim is to bring you the finest examples of traditional and contemporary Irish arts, we're sure you'll enjoy it...

Leeds Irish Arts Foundation
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Sat 13th Oct
Blás



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The Leeds Gathering Festival 2018 Educational Tour

Throughout the festival and during the academic year a team of tutors from the Irish Arts Foundation will visit a number of primary schools in Leeds.

We deliver workshops on Irish music, dance and arts as well as background on Ireland and the Irish in Britain.

If your school would be interested in hosting a workshop, please contact

info@irisharts.org.uk.

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0113 278 7442

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irisharts.
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Charities Evaluation Services

Friday 12th

9.15^{PM}

Traditional Irish Music Session

Hosted by **Michael Tennyson** (piano accordion) and **Patrick Flannery** (banjo)

FREE EVENT

The Old Kings Arms

**The Green, Town Street, Horsforth
Leeds LS18 5JB**

Saturday 13th

4.00^{PM}

IN COLLABORATION WITH **LEEDS CCE**
(IRISH MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION)

Instrumental Workshops

FIDDLE: **DAVID DOOCEY / DES HURLEY**

FLUTE: **STEPHEN DOHERTY**

Suitable for junior and adult musicians at an intermediate to more advanced level.

REGISTRATION ON THE DAY

£ ALL WORKSHOPS ARE FREE

The Claremont Rooms

**Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre
Bennett Road, Leeds LS6 3HN**

Saturday 13th

8.45^{PM}

Blás in Concert Celebrating the Leeds – Mayo Connection

We are delighted to welcome this year from Foxford, in North County Mayo, **Blás**, a dynamic young band who hail from a part of Ireland with strong links to Leeds.

The Leeds Irish community represents members from all over Ireland but there exists a particularly strong connection with County Mayo. Many of those who emigrated to Leeds post 1950 were from the towns and villages of the north of Mayo in particular.

With their sound being described as innovative and highly energetic it is not hard to see why **Blás** are being described as one of the must-see bands to come out of Ireland in recent times. The band consists of **Stephen Doherty** on flutes, accordion and percussion, **David Doocey** on fiddle, **Anne Brennan** on vocals and **Pat Coyne** on guitar.

£PWYF (PAY WHAT YOU FEEL)

New Headingley Club

56 St Michael's Road, Leeds LS6 3BG



**Sat 13th Oct
Blás**

Sunday 14th

2.30^{PM}

Traditional Irish Music Afternoon

An afternoon of traditional Irish Music with special guests flute player **Dee Tasker** (née **Havlin**) from Ballymoney in County Antrim, fiddle player **Niamh Gallagher** originally from County Armagh now living in Cambridge and **The Leeds CCE Junior Ceili Band**.

FREE EVENT

**The Grove Inn
Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village
Leeds LS11 5PL**



Monday 15th

8.00^{PM}

The Leeds Gathering Film Event **The Wind That Shakes the Barley**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH **SCREEN SEVEN**

Set during the Irish War of Independence in the early 1920s. Damien, an Irish medical student, is about to leave Ireland to complete his training in London, but before doing so witnesses atrocious brutalities carried out by the Black and Tans which leads him to join his brother Teddy in the Irish Republican Army. Soon however, the peace treaty is signed, and the brothers are pitted against each other.

DIRECTOR: KEN LOACH

£PWYF - SUGGESTED DONATION: £6

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**Seven Arts
31a Harrogate Road
Leeds LS7 3PD**



**Mon 15th Oct
The Wind that Shakes the Barley**

Tuesday 16th

12.15^{PM}

Tuesday Irish Elders Club

Includes bingo and refreshments. This Tuesday features music from Irish Arts Foundation musicians **Gerry Brownridge** and **Kevin Mallowney**.

Contact Leeds Irish Centre for details on how to join on 0113 2480887
www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk

Leeds Irish Centre
York Road, Leeds LS9 9NT

7.30^{PM}

Tuesday Night Live

An evening of traditional Irish Music with special guests, flute player **Paul Daly** (originally from Ballaghaderreen in County Roscommon) and **Grace Kelly**, an outstanding tin whistle player from the vibrant Manchester Irish music scene.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS OF £3-£5
but no one turned away for lack of funds

Assembly Bar & Kitchen
Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre
Bennett Road Leeds LS6 3HN



Sun 14th Oct
In the Grove

Wednesday 17th

10.30^{AM}

Irish Elders Coffee Morning

A regular event, this week featuring live Irish music.

For information contact Leeds Irish Health & Homes on 0113 2625614
www.lihh.org

St Anthony's Parish Hall
Old Lane, Beeston, Leeds LS11 7AA

8.00^{PM}

LADIES WHO PUNCH IN ASSOCIATION WITH
MEND & MAKEDO THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS

Corner Boys

The time is 1963. The place is a small village in Ireland. For the two young women working in the local drapery shop, the visit



Wed 17th Oct
Corner Boys

Friday 19th

12.15^{PM} Over 55's Day Club

New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the Montague Burton Resource Centre. Lunch is provided and to celebrate the Leeds Gathering Festival.

This week musicians from the **Irish Arts Foundation** will deliver a showcase of Irish music.

For information contact **Leeds Irish Health & Homes** on 0113 2625614
www.lihh.org

**Montague Burton Resource Centre
Banstead Street West, Roundhay Road
Leeds LS8 5RU**

7.00^{PM} Traditional Irish Music Session

Hosted by **Ian Pearson** (fiddle),
Kevin Hurley (flute), **Sean Gavaghan** (piano
accordion) and **Chris O'Malley** (guitar)

FREE EVENT

**The Carriageworks
Millennium Square, Leeds LS2 3AD**

of American President John F Kennedy to the country is all important. But for the corner boys, who spend their days on the village Square, the concerns are different – women, money, devilment and darker doings fill their empty lives.

John McKenna's play met with rave reviews when first staged in 2008, and again in 2016.

And now the Corner Boys are back to tour the UK. This powerful play exposes the light and dark sides of rural Irish life in the sixties – the carnivals; the sodalities; the shenanigans, the humour and the desperation. This is a play filled with laughter and tragedy – a story of life and love in another time and yet a time that's still alive in Irish memory.

WRITTEN BY: **JOHN MCKENNA**

DIRECTOR: **MARIAN BROPHY**

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**Hilariously funny, heartbreakingly sad,
but above all, true to life**

RTE RADIO 1

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**A stark look at small-town Ireland in
the sixties**

SUNDAY TIMES

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THE PLAY IS INTENDED FOR AN
OVER-16 AUDIENCE.

£10 (ADV), £12 (ON THE DOOR), £9 (CONC).

Seven Arts

31a Harrogate Road, Leeds LS7 3PD

The
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Saturday 20th

7.30PM

Buttons and Bows in Concert



First formed in 1983, this influential foursome - made up of **Jackie Daly**, **Séamus** and **Manus McGuire** and **Garry O'Briain** – began its days with sessions in Kinvara, Co Galway, fuelled by a shared taste for musical adventure. Born in County Sligo, Manus and Séamus McGuire grew up in a rich musical environment in the North West of Ireland.

With their roots firmly planted in their beloved Irish traditional music, **Buttons & Bows** was ready to experiment with graceful Quebecois waltzes, lively Danish quadrilles and aching beautiful Shetland airs. Barriers were broken, energy and humour abounded, jigs and reels were given a new dusting of magic.

Because of the band's connection with the folk music of Canada, they were invited to perform as the opening act at the 1983 world premiere of **The Brendan Voyage** (composed by **Shaun Davey** and performed by **Liam O'Flynn** and the **RTE Symphony orchestra**) at the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

Four albums later and with tours of the US and Canada, they were received enthusiastically by critics and audiences. Their music was featured in the Disney/ Touchstone film, **The Good Mother** (1988) starring **Liam Neeson** and **Diane Keaton**.

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Polished and exuberant
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
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Music archivist **Jackie Small** spoke of the band's "happy juxtaposition of many different moods, from relaxed and mellifluous to biting and humorous".

£PWYF (PAY WHAT YOU FEEL)

The Inkwell
Potternewton Lane
Leeds LS7 3LW

Untold Stories: The Leeds Irish Community

Untold Stories is a community archive project undertaken by the Irish Arts Foundation. Initially funded through the **Heritage Lottery Fund**, the project looks at the experiences of the emigrant Irish community in Leeds in the second half of the twentieth century, particularly their settlement patterns and cultural traditions such as music, dance, song and sport.

www.untoldstories.co.uk

Gaelic Language Group An bhfiul aon Gailge agat?

The Irish Arts Foundation are delighted to announce the continuation of the Irish language conversation group in collaboration with Swarthmore Education Centre. This is open to beginners as well as those who are a little more advanced. The group meets at **Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD**. For further information please contact

info@irisharts.org.uk



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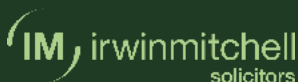
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