

BLOOMSDAY, CLUAINÍN MANORHAMILTON 2014

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THE LINKS TO Joyce and Cluainín were not immediately obvious. But when I found out that James Joyce's grand nephew Jurek Delimata and his own daughter and grand sons were living in North Liatroim, I realised that this was quite an important link to one of our most celebrated writers. So a day of festivities based around a panel interview with Jurek was envisioned. Local writers and theatre practitioners all started feeding ideas into the mix. Patrick McEaney would organize the pop up readings and theatre; Órla Parkinson the relay readings, Proin Ó Duigneáin readings of the Irish translation, Declan Drohan

■ **At the Barking Angels Press Manorhamilton, Scott Coombs & Orla Parkinson produced a poster—the first Bloomsday in Leitrim, using old letter-press techniques.**

**BLOOMSDAY
2014**

CLUAINÍN 14 MEIT
HEAMH MANORHAMILTON
14 JUNE

BLOOMSDAY BREAKFAST
10-11AM SUPERVALU

PERIOD CAR EXHIBITION
10AM-12PM SUPERVALU

SONGS OF JOYCE
12-1PM MCKENNA'S

RELAY READING OF
ULYSSES

130-230PM LIBRARY

THE DOWAGER DUCHESS
OF MANORHAMILTON
3-330 MANOR FASHIONS

POPUK THEATRE AND
READINGS

ALL DAY VARIOUS PLACES
UNCLE JIM - INTERVIEW
4-6PM GLENS CENTRE

BEST DRESSED MAN
6-630PM BIDDY'S BAR

BLOOMING ULYSSES
830-10PM GLENS CENTRE

NIGHT TOWN

would interview Jurek; Deirdre O Meara would perform the 'Oh Yes' scene; local man Gerry Farrell would perform his hit play *Bloomin' Ulysses*, and Sligeach native Darina Gallagher who recorded in the Glens Centre would perform her show the songs of Joyce. It was all coming together, SuperValu offered to provide breakfast to the first 10 into the store in costume, the vintage car rally would bring three beautiful specimens down for the public to view, Western Waves local radio would establish themselves in

McKenna's for the day. Bidy's would provide the prize for the best dressed man and Manor Fashions for the best dressed woman. Then as Patrick and Declan were reading the chapter titled 'Night-town'

which they would perform, they found this bizarre reference to Manorhamilton. A woman is being described by a character in the book and at the end of a long list of descriptions he adds, "she was like the Dowager Duchess of Manorhamilton". Jurek's daughter was estatic when she heard this and suggested that we crown the best dressed woman with this title. This we did.



■ **Bloomsday Fancy Dress**



■ **Bloomsday Readings**

■ **Bloomsday Singers**

