

# **Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> Yard Fest**

**On Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Alive and kicking**

**A year after the “return” of the Yard Fest, we have amalgamated “Ireland’s most spectacular private gathering” (Dutch journalist Rob Stevens) and our “Open Day” into one event.**

**We may as well, saying the later has been attracting the country’s finest crafters the past few years and those who come the long way to enjoy the best of music, dance and poetry deserve to see and experience what people are producing in this part of the world.**

**The Open Day has been extremely popular with people from this area here, many of them buying almost their entire Christmas presents during it – for good reason; our crafters (“hand-selected” and personally invited) are genuine makers of their products. There are no dealers here and certainly no products for sale which have had child-labour involved in the making.**

**For 2008 our effort on the crafts-end of the day will be even bigger. More top crafters will display (see further on in the programme) and demonstrate.**

**Myself and my fellow colleague weaver SARAH MORRISON will demonstrate weaving on the fly-shuttle loom, we have invited one of the country’s finest hand-spinners, CECILIA MANSON from County Tyrone to show spinning on her wheel.**

**German horse-shoe-smith MARIUS EITELWEIN and COLLIN DAWSON, ingenious spade maker at Patterson’s of Templepatrick, will produce some red hot stuff....**

**Please treat this as your personal invitation to what I am sure is going to be one of the best days and enjoyable nights this year. Looking forward to seeing you at the FLAX MILL OPEN DAY 2008 and the 15<sup>th</sup> YARD FEST**

**On SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Hoping to hear from you soon, the demand is huge.**

**Yours in friendship**

**MARION BAUR**

**Owner of Flax Mill**