

Dungiven news



From Derrylane to Dresden

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COUNTY Derry's only linen weaving mill is set to represent Ireland at a prestigious linen market and fashion show in Germany later this month.

Flax Mill Textiles, located at Derrylane near Dungiven, have been chosen to showcase their product at the "Linen Days" event held near Dresden during the last weekend in August.

The beautiful baroque estate Castle Rammenau in the Oberlausitz area will be the setting for the event, which is now in its 16th year.

Marion Baur, chief-weaver and owner of the Flax Mill said she is delighted to be representing Ireland.

She said: "It's a great honour and indeed a boost to all textile-makers on these shores to be able to show our local products at Rammenau. We are taking both cloth and finished products made in the Roe Valley and will try our best to show that Irish linen is as vibrant and beautiful as ever."

Also attending the event will

be young model Alex Barry from Newtownards.

The 16-year-old, who has modelled some of Flax Mill's creations at their annual fashion show is now set to take to the catwalk in Germany.

Marion added: "Alex Barry, though just 16 years of age, did an amazing job, modelling at our fashion show this year. I think she'll do as well amongst the cream of linen makers from all over the world. Alex will be on the catwalk at the official opening of the show and during the whole weekend at the fashion show. People like her are living proof of what the young generation can do, if they get a chance."

Along with Flax Mill's extensive range of exclusive linen clothes and table-ware, Marion is taking another big surprise from County Derry to Germany.

Just in time for the event, a new documentary film produced by Richard Jolly will be ready.

The programme features the two remaining linen mills in the North West - Flax Mill Textiles and Clarks of Upperlands.

Marion continued: "The film



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is going to be a lot more than just a piece about linen-making. It shows in a very artistic way the unique fusion of old tradition and today's textile

making which we are fortunate to have kept here. We benefit from the oldest linen mill in the world with their great expertise and hope-

fully they benefit from our work - the film shows that and will explain to the visitors of "Linen Days" why we have such a unique product here."

Overgrown trees a concern

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CONCERNS have been raised about the safety of overhanging branches at one of north Derry's most picturesque beauty spots.

Locals say the road that leads to Banagher Glen is becoming overgrown with trees and bushes.

One woman who regularly visits the area, which is home to one of the oldest ancient

oak woodlands in Ireland as well as Altnaheglish Reservoir and Banagher Dam, says some trees are ready to fall down.

The woman, who did not want to be named, says something should be done about the situation immediately.

She said: "This area is grown over with trees and shrubbery from the Glen gate right on up. Some of the trees are hanging down and are ready to fall. A terrible lot of tourists and local people visit this area regularly and these low

hanging trees are so dangerous. They're almost touching your head."

A spokesperson for Northern Ireland Water, said: "At this stage, the land in question is not considered to be NI Water's responsibility. However, staff will investigate this through its lands department and confirm that this is correct. Should it be proved that the land is our responsibility, NI Water will address the maintenance of the trees."



Winners of the Best Window Display at the recently held Ulster Fleadh were Roe Pharmacy, Dungiven. Staff members Brenda O'Kane, Louise McMacken, Rose Ellen Bond and Shantelle Burke proudly show their award.

News in brief

Fencing damaged

Limavady Rural Neighbourhood Team is appealing for information after damage was caused to approximately 150m of sheep fencing at the Foreglen Road/Kilunaught Road junction in Dungiven at the end of July. Anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area is asked to contact Constable Brian Logue on 07825 374385. Alternatively, if someone would prefer to provide information without giving their details, they can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers and speak to them anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Sign language

Hands That Talk will hold Sign Language and Deaf Awareness classes starting in September 2011 in their premises at Main Street, Dungiven. If interested email denise@handsthattalk.co.uk or telephone 028 777 42776 for further information.

Benedy events

Benbradagh Club will take place in Benedy Community Centre on Wednesday, August 17 at 8pm. Music by Pat & Glenshane Country. Everyone welcome. GCSE Maths & English classes are due to start in September 2011. Each course lasts 32 weeks with 2.5 hours per week. Also Computer Class - Internet & Email and First Aid Awareness are scheduled to take place. To book a place in any of these classes contact the Centre on 02877742423 as soon as possible.

Business support

Sinn Féin Councillor Brenda Chivers has proposed on a multi party approach to provide support for local businesses. Councillor Chivers stated: "There has