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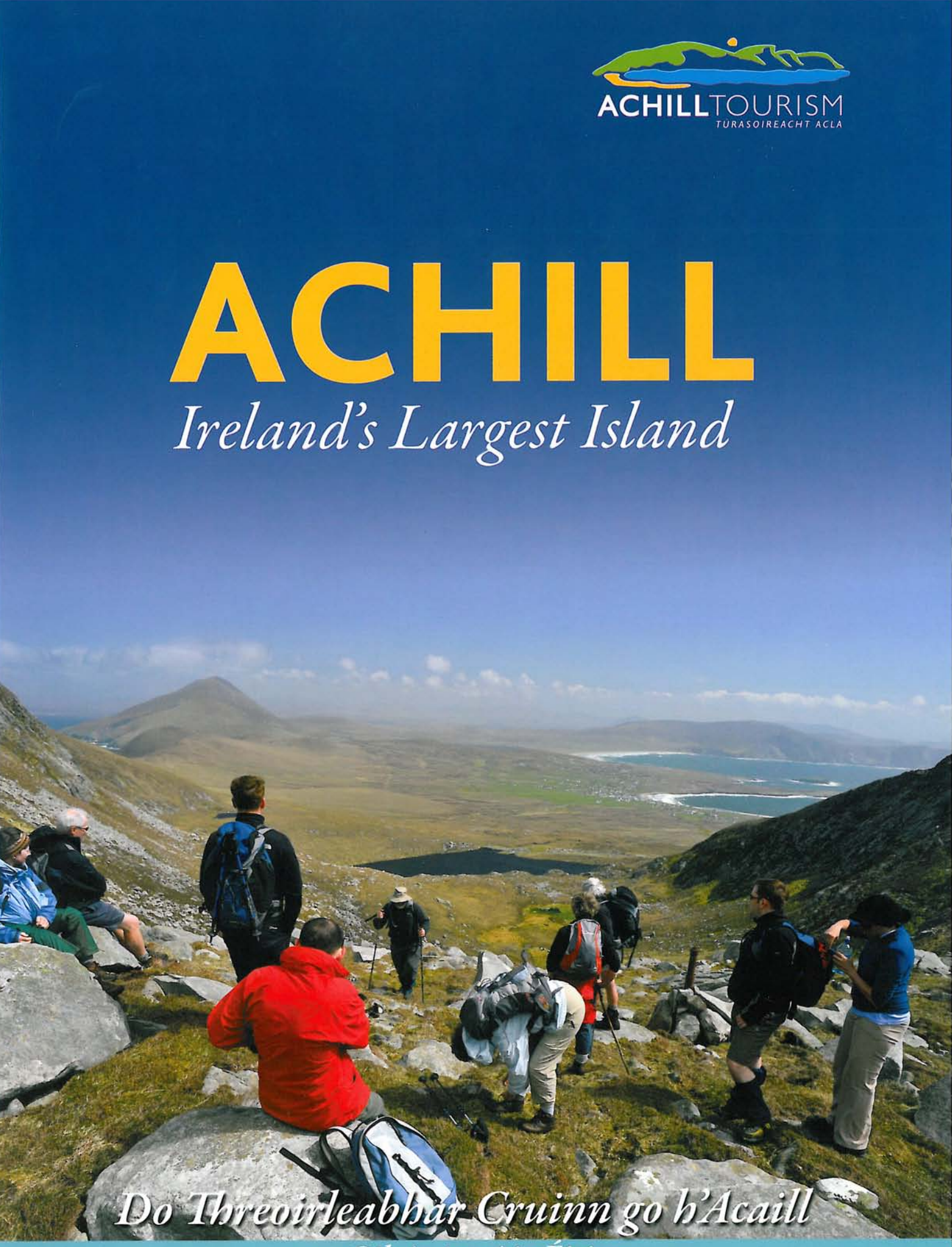

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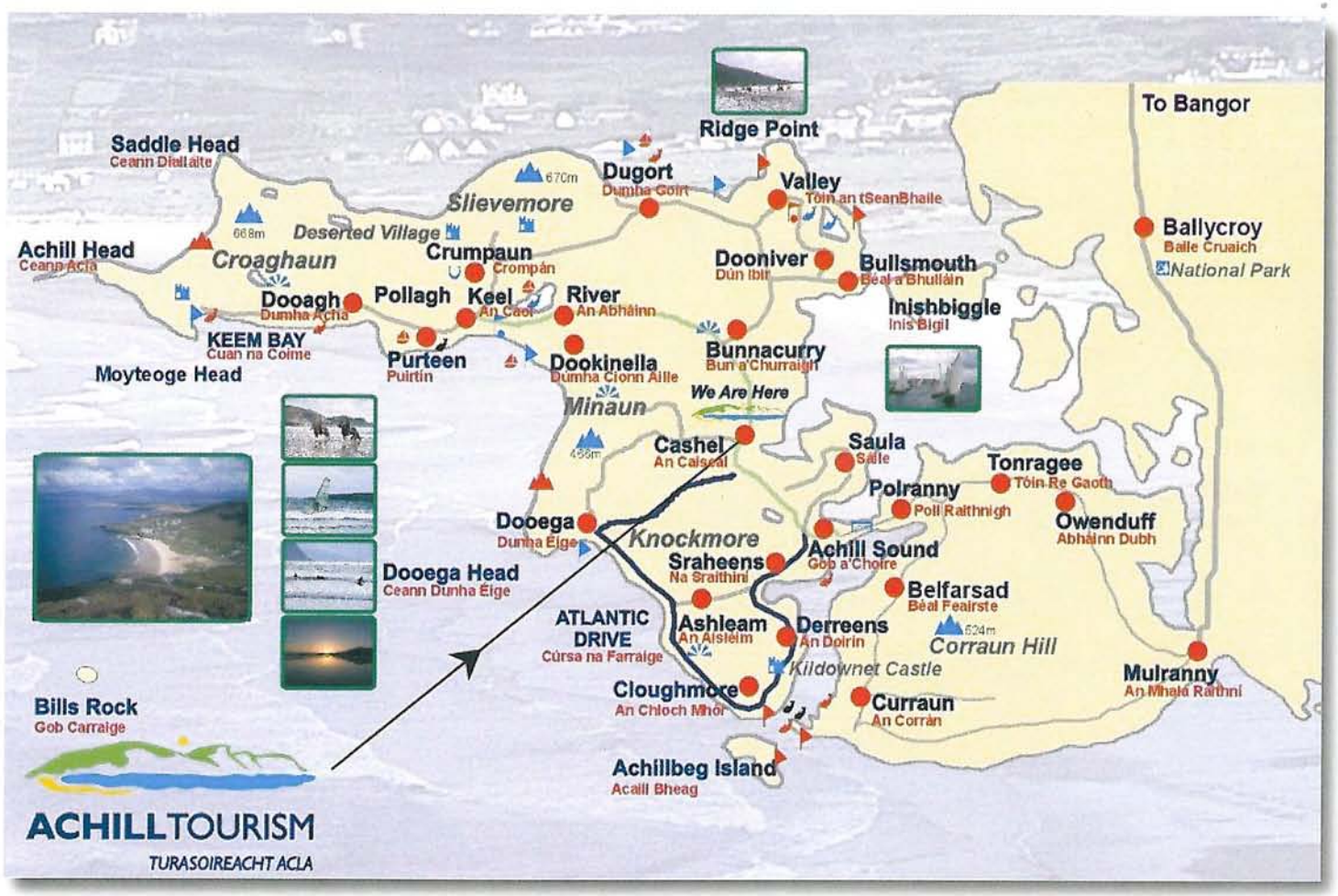

Our bi-lingual map helps you navigate your way around the parish of Achill

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Chairman's Note

To our Guest

Welcome to the Achill Island Experience – make ready for a welcome assault on your senses. Explore and enjoy the beautiful unspoilt landscape and scenery, and the five Blue Flag beaches (page 9) dotted around the island. Experience the ever changing vistas that provided the inspiration for the artist Paul Henry (page 19) and the musings of Heinrich Böll.

Feel free to roam the many galleries on the island. Feel the beat and passion of traditional Irish music – experience the lively atmosphere in many of the island hostelries and the centenary celebrations that Scoil Acla (pages 14-15) will deliver in 2010. Listen and absorb the sounds of the sea, the wind rushing over the top of the Minaun cliffs, the pounding feet of 2000 runners in the annual Achill Half Marathon (page 29), or the sound of solitude to be found on the many walks over the undulating Achill countryside.

Breathe deeply and inhale the fresh sea air whether on the side of our mountains or whilst walking the many golden beaches dotted around the island. Inhale the air laden with the aroma of peat fires burning in the grate on the cool autumnal evenings (page28). Taste the varied and delicious menus that are available throughout the island. Whether you seek local fare of a simple bar meal, the more exotic and tantalising tastes of an evening's dining or feel drawn to sample the vast array of sea-foods on offer at the annual Féile Bia na Mara (page 32).

Get in touch with Nature whether strolling or cycling the vast network of paths or embarking on the many walks available over the annual Walks festival (page 27). Achill will put you as close as possible to achieving near one-ness with the environment.....

And that's just the half of it. Achill is one of the best kept secrets in Ireland – a secret full of tantalising promise and sensual delight. As you turn these pages your next adventure will reveal itself. So feel free to create an individual experience for you and yours – be creative, be active, be still – the choice is yours. Raid the Calendar of events (page 4) for inspiration for your next Achill experience.....

So, take a seat.....Breathe Deeply and relax in total peace.....and Enjoy.

Nóta an Chathaoirligh

Dár gCuairteoir,

Tá fáilte romhat go hOileán Acla – bí réidh don dea-thionchar a bheidh ag an taithí seo ar do chéadfaí. Cuir eolas ar agus bain sult as an tírdhreach, as radharcanna áille neamhthruaillithe agus as na cúig thrá a bhfuil Bratach Gorm (lth 9) acu, atá scaipthe ar fud an oileáin. Cuir aithne ar na radharcanna síorathraitheacha a thug ionsparáid do smaointeoireacht Heinrich Bölla agus don ealantóir Paul Henry (lth.19).

Téigh ag spaisteoireacht tríd an réimse mór dánlanna ar an oileán. Mothaigh buille agus paisean sa gceol traidisiúnta - súigh isteach an t-atmaisféar beo i go leor óstaí san oileán agus an ceiliúradh céad bliain a bheidh ag Scoil Acla (Lth 14-15) i 2010. Éist agus súigh isteach fuaim na farraige, an ghaoth ag fuadach thar aillte Minaun, torann cos 2000 coisí ag glacadh páirt i Leathmharatón bliantúil Acla (lth 29) nó ciúnas na siúlóidí ar fud thaobhtíre chnocach Acla.

Tóg isteach aer úr na farraige bíodh gur ar thaobh na sléibhe nó ag siúl ceann dár dtránna órga atá scaipthe ar fud an oileáin atá tú. Ar d'aistear, tabhair suntas do bholadh na móna sa ngríosach ar thráthnóna fionnuar fómhair (lth. 28). Blais biachláir éagsúla an oileáin, bia áitiúil simplí na mbeár, bia níos neamhghnáithí agus níos tarraingtí an bhéile tráthnóna nó an meascán mór bia farraige a bhíonn ar fáil ag Féile Bia na Mara (lth. 32) chuile bhliain.

Déan ceangal leis an Nadúr trí spaisteoireacht nó rothaíocht tríd an líonra mór cosán nó ar cheann de na siúlóidí le linn féile bliantúil Siúlóidí Acla (lth 27). In Acaill beidh tú in ann dul chomh gar don nadúr agus is féidir.

Níl ansin ach a leath. Is áit faoi rún é Acaill, lán le haoibhneas iontach agus le gealltanais mhealltacha. Feicfidh tú amach romhat do chéad eachtra eile de réir mar a iompaíonn tú na leathnaigh seo. Mar sin, ná bíodh drogall ar bith ort an rud a fheileann tú féin agus do chompánaígh a leagan amach – bí cruthaíoch, bí gníomhach, bí socair – de réir mar a thograíonn tú. Scrúdaigh Féilire na ngníomhachtaí, (lth. 4) áit a bhfaighidh tú ionsparáid do do chéad aistear eile in Acaill.

Mar sin, suigh fút..... Glac anáil mhór agus lig do scíth ar do shuaimhneas .....agus Bain sásamh as.

Noel Stenson
Chairman

FESTIVAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Jan-Feb	New Years Day Swim at Dugort	1st January
	Art Exhibition at The Western Light Gallery, Keel	Open all Year
	Scoil Acla 2010 Revival	February
March-May	Scoil Acla 2010 Rambling House	March
	St Patrick's Day - Pipe Band Festival	17th March
	Féile Siúlóidi Lá le Phádraig	17-21 March
	Scoil Acla - Battle Of The Trad. Bands	April
	Weekend Photography Course	16-18 April
	Achill's Secret Garden Guided Tours	April – September
	Féile Siúlóidí Acla - Walks Festival	30th April-3rd May
	Heinrich Böll Festival	30th April-3rd May
	Weekend Photography Course	14-16 May
	Scoil Acla Achill Concert	May
June-August	Scoil Acla Set Dancing Weekend	June
	Achill Sporting Club Fishing Competitions. Keel Lake / Lough Gall	June – August
	Painting Workshops	June - Sept
	Historical Exhibition of Scoil Acla / Taispeántas Stairiúl Scoil Acla	July - August
	Cinemobile visiting Achill Sound, Cashel and Keel	July date TBC
	Pony Buggy Treking at The Strand Hotel, Dugort	July T.B.C.
	Mayo County Council Free Music Series	July T.B.C.
	Achill Half Marathon	3rd July
	Bernie Varley Memorial Croí Walk	10th July
	Féile Bia Na Mara / Achill Seafood Festival	15th July - 18th July
	Yawls Sailing Festival - All weekends	July - August.
	Archaeological Open Days at Deserted Village	July - August
	Lectures in Folklife Centre	July – August
	St Colmans Garden Fete	25th July
	Scoil Acla Traditional Summer School	26th July-1st August
	Achill Golf Club Open Competitions	31st July-15th August
August-October	St Colmans Sea Angling Senior and Junior Competition	Early August T.B.C.
	Recital in St.Thomas's Church	August T.B.C.
	Currane Sea Angling 36th Annual Children's International Festival	6th August
	Currane Sea Angling – Open Boat Competition	7th August
	Currane Sea Angling – Pat O'Hara Competition	8th August
	Inishbiggle Festival	7th – 8th August
	Scoil Acla Rambling House	September
	Kite Surfing Competition	September T.B.C.
	Windsurfing and Wavesailing Competition	September T.B.C.
	Achill Roar	11th September
	Currane Sea Angling – Shark Safari Achill Head to Bills Rock	18th September
	Scoil Acla Historical Conference	October
	Currane Sea Angling Competition – Shore Angling Competition	17th October
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Ballycroy National Park

Ballycroy National Park was established in November 1998, with the Visitors Centre being opened in 2009. It is Ireland's sixth National Park and is located on the Western seaboard in northwest Mayo and only 20 minutes drive from Achill Island. It comprises 11,000 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and mountainous terrain, covering a vast uninhabited and unspoilt wilderness dominated by the Nephin Beg mountain range. To the west of the mountains is the Owenduff bog. This is one of the last intact active blanket bog systems in Ireland and Western Europe and is an important scientific and scenic feature of the National Park. The Park also protects a variety of other important habitats and species. These include alpine heath, upland grassland, heath and lakes and river catchments. Greenland White-fronted geese, Golden plover, Red Grouse and Otters are just some of the important fauna found within the Park.

Prior to purchase by the State, the National Park lands were used for turbary, agriculture and recreational uses including fishing, shooting, and hillwalking. There is evidence of previous human habitation along the Bangor Trail, near the Owenduff and Tarsaghaun rivers, where the remains of stone buildings and traditional cultivation ridges can be seen. People have fished and hunted game in the area for a long period. The Bangor Trail itself has a long history and may date back to the 16th century. Landlords were responsible for the maintenance of the sections of the trail that passed through their land. The trail was used as the main route for people and livestock before the introduction of modern roads between the Bangor Erris region and Newport.

DIRECTIONS:
Take the R319 as far as Mulranny Crossroads, then turn left onto the N59 from Mulranny. It is approx 23 miles from Achill Sound.

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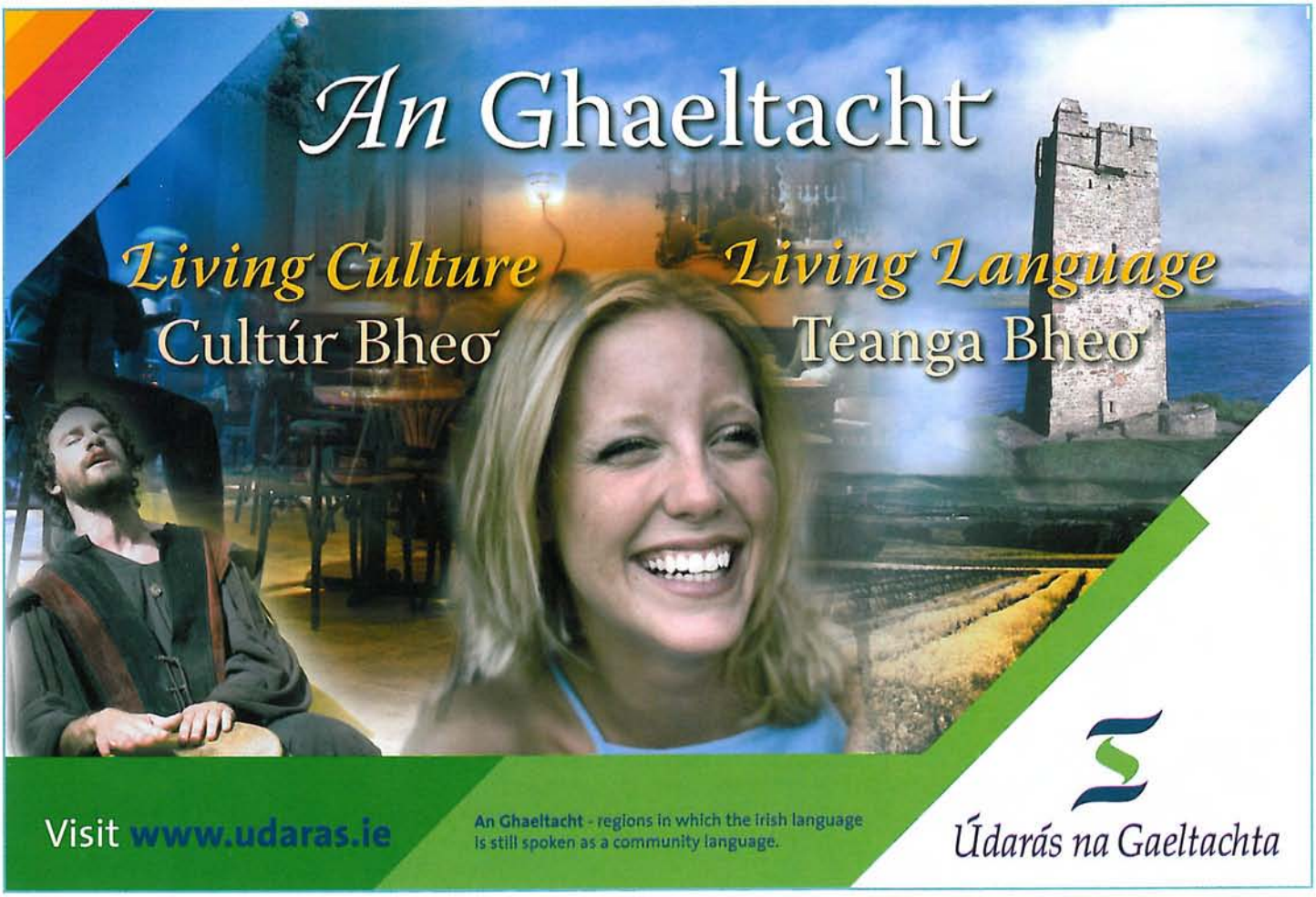
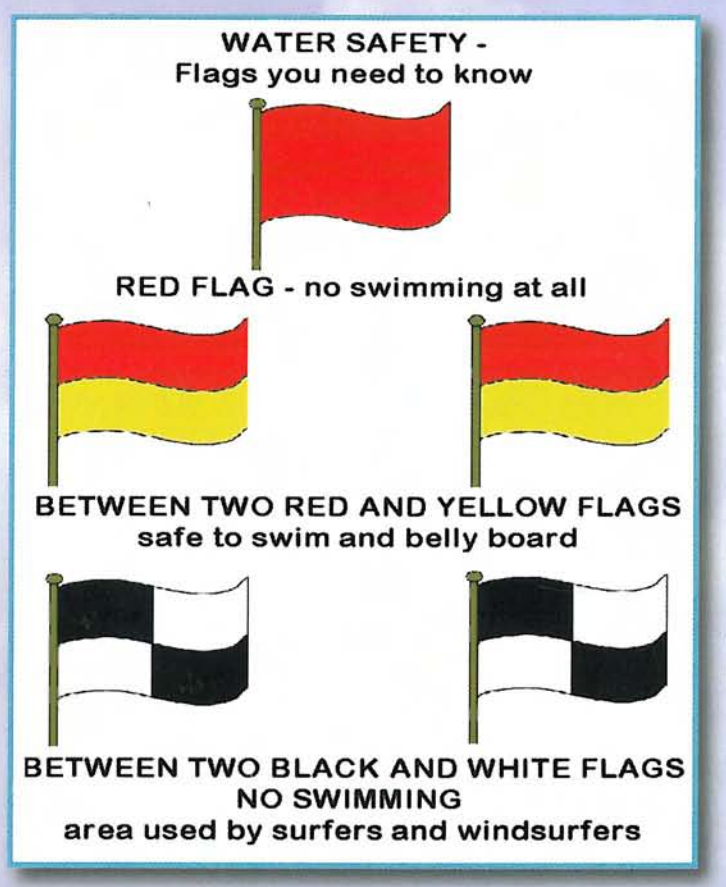
The Achill Yawl Festival (Cruinniú Bádórí Acla) is an annual series of races involving traditional Achill yawl sailing boats. See www.achillyawl.com for further information.



Staying Safe at the Beach

To stay safe at the beach, always remember F.L.A.G.S.



F - Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them.
Always swim where there is a lifeguard on patrol, and stay inside the area marked by the red and yellow flags. Never swim where a sign says not to, or when the red flag is flying.

L - Look at the safety signs.
Always read and obey the safety signs - they will help you to avoid potential dangers on the beach, and to identify the safest areas for swimming.

A - Ask a lifeguard for advice.
If in doubt, it's always best to play it safe and ask the experts.

G - Get a friend to swim with you.
Make sure there are other people around, because you never know when help might be needed.

S - Stick your hand in the air and shout for help if you get into difficulty.

If you see someone else in difficulty:

- **ALWAYS tell a LIFEGUARD**
- **Or if you can't see one**

CALL 999 / 112

LEAVE NO TRACE

Principles of Outdoor Ethics

Please adhere to this code in any trips to the outdoors

1. **PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**
   - Be sure you are able for the level of walk you propose to take and that you have the correct equipment for the terrain.
   - Check the weather forecast and always be prepared for changing weather conditions.
2. **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**
   - 'Pack It In, Pack It Out'. Bring home all litter and left over food including biodegradable waste.
3. **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**
   - Respect property. For example, farming machinery, fences, stone walls etc. Leave gates as you find them (open or closed).
   - Preserve the past. Leave natural objects as you find them.
4. **RESPECT WILDLIFE AND FARM STOCK**
   - Dogs (where allowed) should be kept under control at all times.
5. **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS**
6. **TRAVEL ON DURABLE SURFACES**
   - Durable surfaces include established trails and forest roads.
7. **MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF FIRE**
   - Fires can cause lasting impacts and are dangerous, especially in dry spells.
   - Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, barbecues or create a mound fire.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Achill is a unique destination for the New Year. Follow one of the village pipe bands that play in the New Year at midnight...music to stir the soul!

Tá Bannaí Píob Acla ar Fheabhas!

Our New Year's Day event takes place at Dugort Strand at 1.00 pm. The number of swimmers and supporters grows year on year, regardless of the occasionally challenging weather, making this an exhilarating opportunity to jolt body and spirit into the New Year!

The Dugort ladies will be on hand with hot soup and the Strand Hotel will supply hot toddies and live music afterwards to warm everyone's spirits. ***Don't miss it!***

Our 5 Blue Flag Beaches from top to bottom, Dooega, Keel, Keem, Silver Strand and Golden Strand Dugort

The Blue Flag is a voluntary eco-label awarded to over 3200 beaches and marinas in 37 countries across Europe, South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, New Zealand, Canada and the Caribbean.

The Blue Flag Programme is owned and run by the independent non-profit organisation Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). The programme works towards sustainable development at beaches/marinas through strict criteria dealing with water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, and safety and other services. The Blue Flag Programme includes environmental education and information for the public, decision makers and tourism operators.

At the end of 2009 there were 74 Blue Flag beaches in Ireland, 13 in Mayo of which 5 are here in Achill. This is an achievement of which the island is immensely proud and with the assistance of Mayo County Council and co-operation from local community groups; such as the RSS and FÁS schemes, IFA and Tidy Towns groups, we look after not just the beaches but the countryside too.

The beaches provide hours of fun for families, with clean sand perfect for making sandcastles and paddling. Why not try shore fishing this visit or explore the rockpools looking for the sea-life the tide left behind? We are also able to offer fun for windsurfers and surfers alike, the surf at Keel beach, being one of the most popular surfing destinations in Europe. You can also try your hand learning something new with our coaches like kayaking, kite-surfing and watch the experts at the wave-sailing competitions.

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Achill Pipe Band

Tradition is a strong feature of Achill life and this is reflected in the promotion and development of pipe band music in the area over the last 60 years. There are currently five village bands in Achill: Tonragee, Dookinella, Keel, Pollagh and Dooagh, each band displaying its own colours and loyalty to the village it represents. A friendly rivalry exists between the bands that is enjoyed by all.

Achill Pipe Band celebrating success in 2009.

In September 2007, members of the respective village bands founded the 'Achill Pipe Band'. In 2008, their first competitive season, Achill Pipe Band achieved success in the All Ireland Championships in Ennis, Co Clare, winning 1st place in the Grade 4B category and an All Ireland Title. This run of success continued to 2009, when in only their second year they came 4th in their Grade in The World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. A return trip to Glasgow in 2010 is planned to attempt to better that result!

As part of this unique musical tradition, the Pipe Bands in Achill ring in the New Year and participate in parades and musical recitals on St Patricks Day, each year without fail. Certainly two dates for your calendar!

Turasóireacht Acla wishes good luck and every success to the Pipe Bands of Achill throughout this coming year in continuing a unique musical heritage that must be experienced!

Ó bunaíodh Scoil Acla i 1910 bhí sé an-tábhachtach ó thaobh na túrasóireachta de sa cheantar. Faoi láthair bíonn daoine ag freastail ar Scoil Acla ó gach áird an domhain.

'Scoil Acla'

Scoil Acla is a music school where pupils of all abilities gather to be taught by master musicians and to learn something new about the instrument they have chosen. There are also creative writing, dance and singing workshops, not to mention numerous lectures, recitals and concerts.

Throughout 2010 Scoil Acla is celebrating 100 years since the original school was founded, but the history of Scoil Acla, and the reasons why it exists are much deeper than just musical education.

The foundation of this cultural movement grew from a dissatisfaction that the Irish way of life was being lost, and that the language, culture and traditions were being left behind or unused. The Irish population had increased steadily until the Famine in the 1840's, when the deaths of over one million Irish and the emigration of a further one million decimated the population of Ireland. By 1900, for the first time in over 2000 years, Irish was no longer the majority language spoken in Ireland. The West of Ireland appeared to be the only place where it was common to hear Irish being spoken. It was through these circumstances that the founders of Scoil Acla began to form an association that would unite the traditions of the local people with an emphasis on the Irish language. At that time there were Feisenna, bringing people together to listen to singing, recitation, whistling, and observe the traditions with an exhibition of the finest produce, lace, well-kept homesteads, etc.

THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF SCOIL ACLA WERE:

Mrs. Weddall, widow of a Sea Captain, who before her marriage had lived in Dugort with her father who was a priest in the Nangle Colony. Mrs Weddall built the Scoil Acla Hall in Dooagh.

Francis Hugh Power –" An Paorach" – a travelling teacher, who also taught at the school in Achill Beg

Claude Chevasse – an Englishman from Oxford, he was once the president of the Gaelic League in Oxford and in later life was arrested for speaking Irish to a police constable in Cork.

Tomas O' Raghallaigh – a teacher at the National School in Saile

Darrell Figgis – Journalist, Policitian, Tea Merchant, Poet, Novelist, and Playwright

Miss Eva O'Flaherty – businesswoman who ran the knitting factory in Dooagh

Colm O'Lochlainn – Song Collector, publisher "Three Candles Press"

Donal O'Riordain – a musician who played the pipes

Charlie Barrett – a native of Achill, he was a teacher at the Dooagh National School.

Anita McMahon - Nurse and member of Cumann na mBan

Paul Henry had also arrived in Achill at that time and through Mrs Weddall's introduction to Achill life was to later become involved with the movement.

This picture shows the founder members of Scoil Acla in Celtic National Dress. **Mrs Weddall** is fourth from the left, next right is **Richard Power** with his pipes, behind him is **Claude Chevasse** and **Donal O'Riordain** is the second from the right.

The Scoil Acla movement valued tradition and created a event that would honour the preservation of the Irish Language, local traditions and music and the art of storytelling. Many tales were set to music and told through songs. The school gradually went into decline and all that remained was the very comprehensive programme for 1914 and fond memories of those times in the hearts and minds of the older generation.

Revival of Scoil Acla

In 1985, some 71 years later, local Achill teachers, part-time historians and musicians began to plan the revival of this much remembered event. After all, a long period of time had now elapsed and yet from the stories that had been passed from father to son, there still remained a memory of Scoil Acla. The founder members this time were: Rev. J Cosgrave, Tomas Mac Conmara, Mary T McNamara N.T. Sister Fabian, Sister Margaret, Mrs Mary McNamra N.T., and John McNamara BA.

This new committee began to research and talk to the older generations to see what could be salvaged to recreate the traditions so fondly talked about. The revived school set out to ensure that the aims of the original school were continued and expanded upon by focusing on Irish culture and traditions and improving the standards in traditional music.

In today's terms, Scoil Acla is a success story. The 1985 founder members have kept the movement going forward, even more than their co-founders in 1910. The calibre of musicians, artists, poets and writers that Scoil Acla has attracted over the years is a testament to its success.

The Scoil Acla committee is hosting a range of events during 2010, a sample of which is shown overleaf. A detailed programme will be available on their website, www.scoilacla.com and in celebration of the 100 years since its inception a souvenir booklet detailing the success and history of Scoil Acla will be available in 2010. Contact info@scoilacla.com for details or alternatively contact Achill Tourism for further information.

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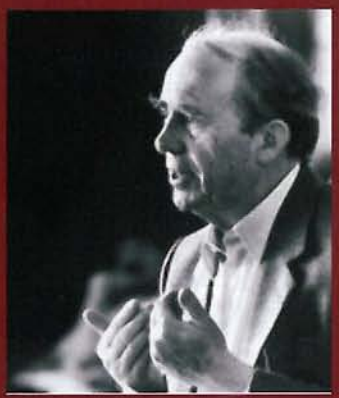

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Bullsmouth School Centenary

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However the situation at Bullsmouth continued until 1910 when a new school was built in the village of Dooniver at a place known locally as Árd Mhóir. Over the years many changes and reconstructions have taken place at the school.

It is still called Bullsmouth School and that is because in 1910 when the pupils from Bullsmouth old school moved to the new school so did all the records and roll books. For that reason the name Bullsmouth was carried forward to Dooniver village school. The Principal Teacher who moved from the old school to the new school was Philip McCabe and the assistant teacher was Mary McNulty.

On that first day in 1910, 90 pupils moved into the new two roomed school. The breakdown of the classes and the numbers in each class are as follows:

Infant: 31 made up of 16 boys and 15 girls;
First Class: 21 made up of 13 boys and 8 girls;
Second Class: 13 made up of 7 boys and 6 girls;
Third Class: 12 made up of 7 boys and 5 girls;
Fourth Class: 6 made up of 3 boys and 3 girls;
Fifth Class: 4 made up of 1 boy and 3 girls;
Sixth Class: 3 made up of 1 boy and 2 girls.

It is clear that the big numbers were in the lower classes. As the pupils got older they were wanted at home for work, so very few went to school after third class. Of course, there were no second level schools in the parish at that time, so almost all the pupils would finish their education at the age of 12 to 13 years.

Sáile School Celebrations

The original school in 1910

The school as it looks today

Sáile School first opened its doors on the 1st May 1910. The children of the school came from the surrounding area. It was common in the past for children to take two sods of turf every day to school to help heat the building.

The land on which Sáile school is built was bought from Mary E Todd Pike, Glendarary, Achill Sound on 1 May 1908. One of the teachers in the school, Tomas O' Raghallaigh was a founder member of Scoil Acla which also celebrates its centenary in 2010.

The sum required for building and erecting the schoolhouse and finishing and furnishing amounted to Five Hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds, Nine Shillings and One Penny Sterling.

Bullsmouth and Sáile School will be marking their centenary years throughout 2010.

Check the Achill Tourism website www.achilltourism.com for details.

Paul Henry and his wife Scottish born painter **Grace Henry**, (née Mitchell) arrived in Achill in the summer of 1910 for two weeks holidays on the advice of their friends, writers Robert Lynd and Sylvia Dryhurst. They were so enthralled by the people and landscape that they decided to stay on – and remained on and off until 1919.

Paul Henry was inspired by the landscape of Achill Island, finding source material which informed his distinctive robust western landscape imagery and style, which was to become the iconic imagery associated with the new Irish free state.

"Achill spoke to me, it called to me as no other place had ever done…….. The landscape was vast and seemed to demand a huge canvas, a sort of panorama…… The intimacy of these huge masses of rock around me was rather terrifying, for however far I walked there were other, farther mountains. I loved looking at them, but how was I to paint these formidable things?"

Henry felt Achill provided everything he required for his work. His training in Paris had exposed him to the painting tradition of working out of doors in remote rustic rural communities. Life in Achill reminded him of Breton farming and fishing communities which he had visited.

His early work in Achill focused on the figure located and working in the landscape and also in interiors, capturing people going about the daily routines of subsistence village life. These works show the influence of the late / post impressionist period of the French painting school, in particular Van Gogh and Millet. Indeed his later works of Achill evolved to the more stylistic, and characteristic vast empty landscape – with mountains, lakes and typically a vast dramatic clouded sky.

A major exhibition displaying the work of both Paul and Grace Henry was held at the Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin in 1991. The National Gallery of Ireland hosted a large exhibition of Paul Henry's work in 2003, and throughout 2010, there will be a comprehensive exhibition of Grace Henry's work at the Ib Jorgenson Gallery, Dublin.
On arrival in Achill, Paul Henry met John and Eliza Barrett who ran the post office in Keel. Paul Henry also became friends with Michael Mangan, an impoverished cobbler in Keel village who shared many stories of the island. As mentioned in his book, An Irish Portrait, he was very impressed by a young Anthony MacNamara of Dooagh village, in whom he recognised a talent for painting. He became involved with the Gaelic revivalists active on the island, and directed the Douglas Hyde play 'Casadh an t Súgáin' in the Scoil Acla Hall in Dooagh village in 1914.

This play will be performed in 2010 as part of celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of Scoil Acla.

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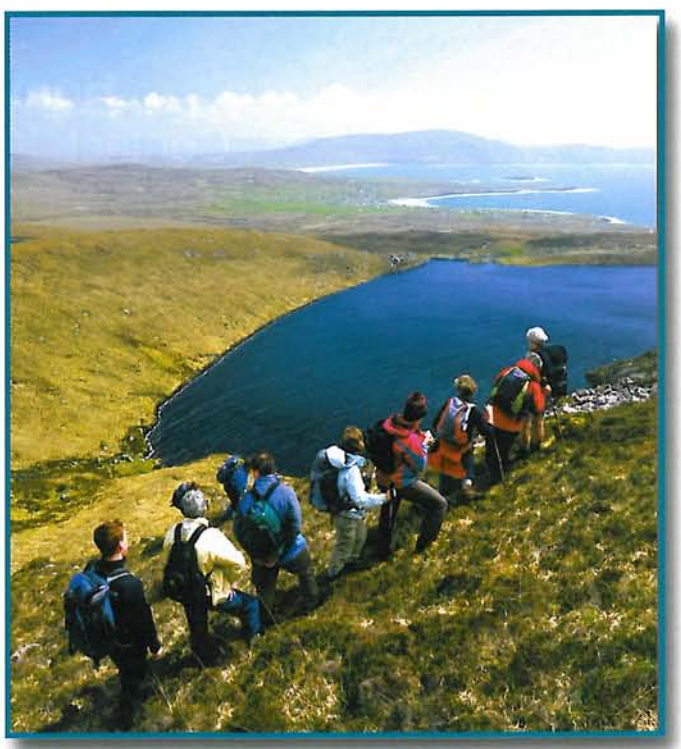

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Aithníonn ciaróg ciaróg eile	One cockroach recognizes another
Is minic a bhíonn ciúin cíontach	The quiet one is often guilty
An té a dteann cáil na mochéirí amach dó ní miste dó codladh go méanlae	He who gets a name for early rising can stay in bed until midday
Is glas na conic i bhfad uainn	Distance hills look green
Bíonn gach tosach lag	Every beginning is weak
Obair ó chrich obair bean tí	Work without end is housewife's work
Is cuma leis an óige cá leagann sí a cos	Youth does not mind where it sets its foot
Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí	Praise the young and they will blossom
Bionn ceann caol ar an óige	You cannot put an old head on the young
Nil aon leigheas ar an ngrá ach pósadh	The only cure for love is marriage
De réir a cheile a thógtar na caisleáin	It takes time to build a castle
An áit a bhfuil do chroí is ann a thabharfas do chosa thú	Your feet will bring you to where your heart is
Cuir sioda ar ghabhar agus is gabhar i gcónai é	Put silk on a goat and it is still a goat
Is fada an bóthar nach mbíonn casadh ann	It is a long road that has no turning
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Following a further week to ten days, again depending on the weather, the turf was "lumped"; putting the dry sods in the middle and any remaining wet sods on the outside.

The turf was then left to season for 2-3 weeks before being brought home and built into "clamps" or turf stacks. Quite often a donkey or Achill pony was kept to help bring home this harvest. Great care was taken when building these clamps, which were a distinctive feature on the Achill landscape, even the artist Paul Henry included this subject matter for many of his famous Achill paintings. The neatly built cladding of long sods known as "gríomh" on the outside protected the turf from the rain and elements.

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A clamp of turf in Achill

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Whilst attending the Achill Country Market and accompanying Fish Market, customers were given cooking tips and food advice from stall holders such as the Organic Salmon Company and Elly Bay Fisheries.
Féile cookery demonstrations were held in Masterson's and Gieltys and conducted by Clodagh McKenna and local chef Michael McNamara (Boley). Lucky raffle winners got to taste the finished dishes. Tindall Wines suggested wines to go with the recipes, so the audience could try them and be inspired for their next dinner party.

The Strand Hotel continued the theme with a BBQ and live music on Saturday night and local restaurants put on many seafood delights to get into the festival spirit. Dugort's Golden Strand was the place to be on Sunday afternoon with the Sandcastle Competition, each family trying to outdo the next and build something bigger and grander than the next.

Masterson's hosted the Cailinn Óg, another revived favourite and girls aged between 3 and 14 got up to entertain us all. Hannah McHugh was the eventual winner with a beautiful display of Irish Dancing.

Seaweed Collecting with Annette O'Leary was something new for the programme and it was a great success. Annette gave an informative and lively talk and demonstrated first hand along the beach to show us what to look for and what to avoid, when harvesting on the beach.

The Achill's Got Talent competition rounded off the Féile with a very high standard of competitors. Judges - James Kilbane and Maureen Daly gave advice and critiqued all the performances before the audience got involved in an X factor-type vote off. Hannah Thomas and Gareth McNamara were the deserving winners and we look forward to hearing them sing again next year to retake the crown. No doubt judging by the standard this year, it will be a hard act to follow.

The 2010 Féile Bia Na Mara will take place between 15 – 18 July 2010.
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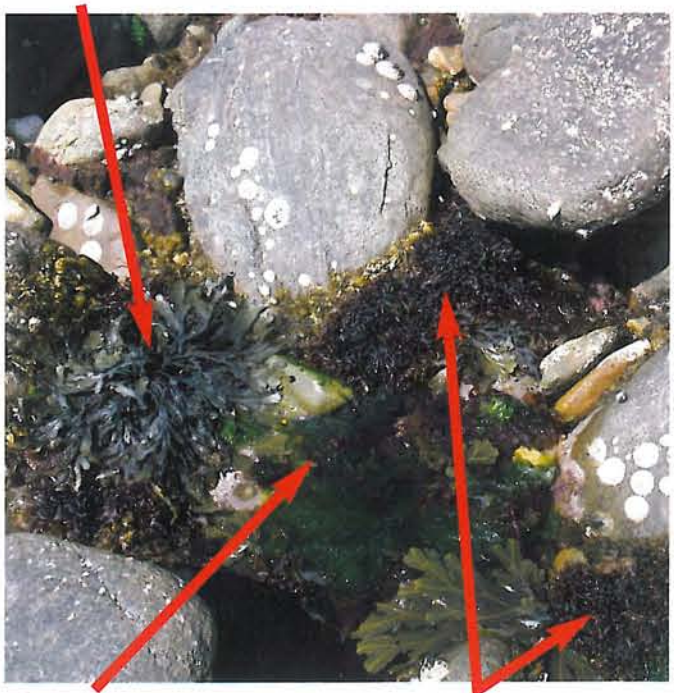

Sea Lettuce **Carrageen**

For a successful harvest, take a sharp knife for cutting, a plastic bag for carrying and only take what you need and save the rest for another day.

Foraging is fun but you must remember the key rules, **ALWAYS HARVEST SEA VEG THAT IS GROWING - never if it's washed up. If you harvest from the rocks leave the holdfast on the rocks and it will regrow,**

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If you would like to hear more of Annette's knowledge of the sea you can join her during the Féile Bia Na Mara which is held during July 2010.
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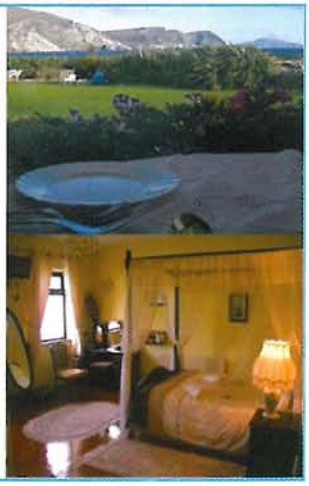

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A further excavation in 2008, conducted as part of the Field School summer programme, uncovered a substantial stone structure thought to be of the Bronze Age period. A charcoal sample was obtained and has provided a date of 1400 BC. Exterior dry stone walls in excess of 2 metres in width and 1.7 metres in height were uncovered, making this probably the best preserved structure of this period to be found in Ireland.

Following on from the 2008 excavations a second site, in close proximity to the first, was excavated during the summer of 2009. The discovery of a second stone structure with internal postholes and hearth indicates habitation on Slievemore during the Bronze Age period. The excavation programme will continue during 2010 and combined with sample testing the Achill Archaeological Field School aims to provide an insight into the human habitation of Slievemore during this early period of Irish history.

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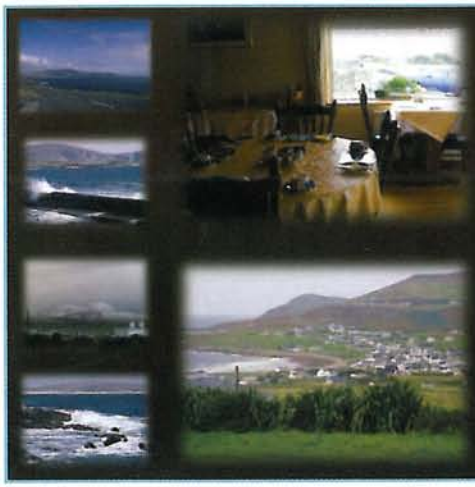

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ANVIL HOUSE Achill Sound **Katherine McGinty**	Tel: 098 20908 Mob 086 6022501	katherine@anvilhouse.ie www.anvilhouse.ie		Y	Basic Irish
ATLANTIC BREEZE Pollagh **Mary Sweeney**	Tel: 098 43189 Mob: 086 3583205	atlanticbreeze01@hotmail.com www.atlantic-breeze.com	8	S	Basic Irish
THE BERVIE Keel **Elizabeth and John Barrett**	Tel: 098 43114 Fax: 098 43407	Bervie@esatclear.ie www.bervieachill.com		S	
BLEANASKILL LODGE Bleanaskill **Doutsje Nauta**	Tel: 098 45103 Mob: 087 4149895	doutsje.nauta@gmail.com www.achill-art-garden.com	2	Y	
FERNDALE Keel **Jon Fratschoel, Heidi Stoeckli and Susan Irniger**	Tel: 098 43908 Fax: 098 43909	info@achill-fine-dining.com www.achill-fine-dining.com		Y	
FUCHSIA LODGE Keel **Martin and Margaret Lavelle**	Tel: 098 43350	fuchsialodge@eircom.net www.fuchsiacottage.org	7	Y	Basic Irish
GRAY'S GUESTHOUSE Dugort **Dorrie Darlington / Margaret McLoughlin**	Tel: 098 43244		5	S	Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
GREYSTONE HOUSE B & B Achill Sound **Fiona Lyons**	Tel: 098 45717 Mob. 087 7862512	www.members.achilltourism.com/greystonehouse	10-11	S	Basic Irish
HIGH VIEW B & B Dugort **Rose Keane**	Tel: 098 47247 Mob: 086 1646290	highview@live.ie	10	S	
INNIS AOIBHINN B & B Dooagh **Catherine Scanlon**	Tel: 098 43352 Mob: 087 6372890	catherinepattenscanlon@eircom.net	12	S	
JOYCE'S GUEST HOUSE Keel **Anne Joyce**	Tel: 098 43134 Fax 09843018	info@joycesachill.com www.joycesachill.com		S	Basic Irish
MONASTERY VIEW Bunnacurry **Ann and Noel Gallagher**	Tel: 098 47317 Mob. 086 0640236 Mob. 086 2387761	noelgallagher@iolfree.ie	9	Y	Basic Irish
MORAN'S WOODVIEW HOUSE Achill Sound **Bridgie Moran**	Tel: 098 45261 Mob: 087 9710697		11	Y	
MURRAYVILLE B & B Springvale, Achill Sound **Eileen Murray**	Tel: 098 45123 Mob. 086 3555907	murrayville@hotmail.com www.murrayvilleachill.com		S	
NEVIN'S NEWFIELD INN Mulranny **John Nevin**	Tel: 098 36959 Fax: 098 36972	jfnevin@eircom.net		Y	Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
ROCKMOUNT Achill Sound **Frances Masterson**	Tel: 098 45272 Mob: 086 0779401		4	S	Basic Irish

ROSKEEL HOUSE Keel **Brendan Joyce**	Tel: 098 43537 Fax: 098 43018 Mob: 087 9340429		40	S	Fluent Irish
SCANLONS ROSE COTTAGE B & B Springvale, Achill Sound **Attracta Scanlon**	Tel: 098 45167 Mob. 087 2924702	scanlonsrosecottage@hotmail.com	6	Y	Basic Irish
SLIEVEMORE VIEW B & B Dooniver **Margaret Fitzpatrick**	Tel: 098 47987 Mob: 087 6906278			Y	
STELLA MARIS Keel **Mary Toolis**	Tel: 098 43297 Mob: 087 7921712	stellamarisachill@gmail.com www.stellamarisachill.com		S	
TEACH CRUACHÁN Dooagh **Roisin Lavelle**	Tel: 098 43301 Mob: 086 1723087	teachcruachan@eircom.net www.teachcruachan.com	8	S	Basic Irish
WEST COAST HOUSE Dooagh **Teresa McNamara**	Tel: / Fax: 098 43317	achillwestcoasthouse@eircom.net www.achillcliff.com /westcoasthouse.hmt	10	Y	Fluent Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
WEST END HOUSE Dooagh **May McNeill**	Tel: 098 43204 Mob: 086 3618605	maymcneill@eircom.net www.westend.webs.com	8	S	

Self Catering

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ACHILL BLISS Dooega **Ken Murray**	Mob. 087 6411404	www.achillbliss.com	8	Y	
ACHILL COTTAGES Achill Sound **Stephen Corrigan**	Tel/Fax: 098 45200 Mob: 087 2357721	info@achillcottages.com www.achillcottages.com	7	Y	Basic Irish
NO. 8 ACHILL SOUND HOLIDAY VILLAGE Achill Sound **Ethna Cornally**	Tel: 044 9341955 Mob: 087 9550067	ethnacornally@hotmail.com	4–5	Y	
ÁIT AOIBHINN Dugort **Phyllis McAnulty**	Tel: 048 41738794 (ROI) Tel: 0044 (0)28 41738794 (UK)	brianmcanulty@hotmail.com	6 (+ cot)	Y	
AMHARC MHIONNÁIN Keel **Carmel Henehan / Dolores Tiernan**	Tel: 071 9130590 Mob: 086 6065998 Mob: 087 6786751	sdtiern64@eircom.net	12-13	Y	
ANAM SÁMH Dooega **Marian Byron**	Tel: 087 679 7673	Marian.byron@gmail.com	6	Y	
ATLANTIC VIEW HOUSE Keel **Mary Payton**	Tel: 091 555204 Mob: 087 9119097	Mpayton-tmpl@yahoo.co.uk		Y	
BARR NA TRÁ Dooagh **Gerard Lavelle**	Tel: 085 7158971		4	Y	Basic Irish
NOS. 1 AND 2 BEACH COTTAGES Keel **Sean and Margaret Cannon**	Tel: 098 43325	beachcottages@achill-island-mayo.com www.achill-island-mayo.com	6	Y	
NOS. 3 AND 5 BEACH COTTAGES Keel **John Kelly**	Tel: 074 954 1120 Mob. 087 6828117 Fax: 074 954 1165	jokelly@indigo.ie www.achillhomes.net		Y	Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
NO. 4 BEACH COTTAGE Keel **Rory O'Donnell**	Tel: 074 9532255 Fax: 074 9532171 Mob: 087 2475979	rodmpsi@eircom.net	6	Y	
NO. 7 BEACH COTTAGES Keel **Maggie Moran**	Tel: 01 8788536 Fax: 01 8788473 Mob: 087 9905044	dmt@indigo.ie	6	Y	Fáilte Ireland Approved

BEACH VIEW HEIGHTS Dugort **Maureen O'Hara**	Mob: 087 6164708 Mob: 087 9489197	maureenohara2002@hotmail.com	6	Y	Basic Irish
BESSIE'S COTTAGE Dugort **Patricia O'Sullivan**	Tel: 052 6180200/052 6124098 Fax: 052 6122591 Mob: 086 853 9866	posullivan@osullivaninsurances.ie	7	Y	
BILLSROCK VIEW Dooagh **Ita McNulty**	Tel: 098 43130 Mob: 086 3095857		10	Y	Fluent Irish
BLEANASKILL LODGE Bleanaskill **Doutsje Nauta**	Tel: 098 45103 Mob: 087 4149895	doutsje.nauta@gmail.com www.achill-art-garden.com	2	Y	
CANTHURLIN HOUSE Dugort **Nick Sheridan**	Tel: 00 44 1462 712223 (home) Tel: 00 44 1462 814087 (business) Mob: 00 44 7721 673777	nick@sheridans-estates.com	6	Y	
CARRAHOLLY COTTAGE Keel **John McShane**	Tel: 071 91 77507 Mob: 087 2706140	caraholly_achill@hotmail.com	6	Y	Basic Irish
CLUB ACHILL HOLIDAY Purteen, Keel	Tel: 098 43452 Mob. 086 857 8362	achill.holidays@02.ie www.clubachill.net	5-6 house 4-5 apartment	Y	
CNÓCAN HOUSE Dooagh **Catherine Scanlon**	Tel: 098 43352 Mob: 087 6372890	catherinepattenscanlon@eircom.net	6	Y	
NO. 3 CORRYMORE VILLAGE Dooagh **Ned O'Hanlon**	Tel: 01 671 4529 Mob:086 2577318	ned@solotoo.com www.solotoo.com	8	Y	
NOS. 5 AND 6 CORRYMORE VILLAGE Dooagh **Colette Lavelle**	Tel: 086 3517525	lavelle5@eircom.net	8	Y	Basic Irish (with owner's permission) Fáilte Ireland Approved
DOOEGA COTTAGE Dooega **Penny Ware**	Tel / Fax: 0044 1494722486	dooegacottage@googlemail.com www.members.achilltourism.com/dooegacottage	4/5	Y	
ENGLMER COTTAGE Bunnacurry **Robert English/Karen Palmer**	Tel: 098 47202 Mob. 086 1611721 Mob. 00 44 7886 710813	postmaster@englmercottage.com www.englmercottage.com	8	Y	Basic Irish
FINGAL COTTAGE 4 Haws Lane, Dugort **Monika and Wolfgang Zimmer**	Tel: 0049 67168633 Mob: 0049 15229591659	forsterzimmer@yahoo.de www.achillcottage.de	8	Y	
FUCHSIA COTTAGE Keel **Martin and Margaret Lavelle**	Tel: 098 43350	fuchsiacottage.org www.fuchsiacottage.org info@fuchsiacottage.org	6-7	Y	Basic Irish
GRAY'S GUESTHOUSE Dugort **Dorrie Darlington / Margaret McLoughlin**	Tel: 098 43244		5	S	Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
KEEL HOLIDAY COTTAGES Keel **Seán Nestor**	Tel: 094 9032054 Fax: 094 9032351 Mob: 087 2385743	post@mayoholidays.com www.mayoholidays.com		Y	Fluent Irish
NO. 2 B KEELWEST Dooagh **Marie Gannon**	Mobile: 087 3169476	marie.kelly.gannon@gmail.com	8	Y	
NO. 3 B KEELWEST Dooagh **Marie Gannon**	Tel: 087 3169476	marie.kelly.gannon@gmail.com	8	Y	
KEELWEST APARTMENTS Dooagh **Kay Kelly**	Tel: 098 43405 Mob: 087 7921730	kaykel@eircom.net	4	Y	

NOS. 3 & 4 THE LINKS Keel **Michael Kelly**	Tel: 094 9255177 Fax: 094 9255092 Mob: 087 2562734	info@burleighaccountancy.com	7	Y	Basic Irish
NO. 6 THE LINKS Keel **Rossa Martin and Paschal Naylor**	Tel: 01 4961034 Fax: 01 4555446 Mob: 086 2606089 / 086 8030168	rossamartin@eircom.net	6	Y	Fáilte Ireland Approved
NO. 11 THE LINKS Keel **Colette Lavelle**	Tel: 086 3517525	lavelle5@eircom.net	6	Y	Basic Irish (with prior permission) Fáilte Ireland Approved Wheelchair friendly
NO. 12 THE LINKS Keel **Colette Lavelle**	Tel: 086 3517525	lavelle5@eircom.net	5	Y	Basic Irish (with prior permission) Wheelchair friendly
MARTIN CHAMBERS Dugort **Martin Chambers**	Tel: 0044 (0)28 40626686 Fax: 0044 (0)28 406 26806 Mob: 0044 (0)777 2086595	chamberspharm@hotmail.co.uk	8	Y	Small
MARY CHAMBERS Dugort **Mary Chambers**	Tel: 098 36186 Mob: 087 9309773		4	Y	Fluent Irish
McGREAL'S COTTAGE Currane **Noel McGreal**	Tel: 098 36154 Mob: 086 6030685			Y	
MICKEY'S COTTAGE Saula **Kitty Cleary**	Tel: 09845873 Mob: 087 9654262		4	Y	
MINAUN CLIFF COTTAGES Dookinella **Teresa Toolis**	Tel: 098 43341 Mob: 087 8315575	info@minauncliffcottages.com www.minauncliffcottages.com	4	Y	
THE MULLAGH Dooagh **Edward King**	Tel: 086 2228710 Fax 098 43890	edwardpk@eircom.net	7	Y	Basic Irish spoken Small
MURRINS WAY COTTAGE Dookinella **Sharon Moffett**	Tel: 0016104088775 / 047 86095 Tel: 0016106365935 Fax: 0016104089351	sales@pipersway.com www.pipersway.com		Y	
NA GLEANTA Keelwest, Dooagh **Aiden Masterson**	Mob. 087 4192500	aidenmasterson@eircom.net		Y	
PANACEA Valley **Gordon & Mary Gregg**	Tel: 001 314 993 5355 Mob: 001 314 853 1092	gordongregg@earthlink.net www.panacea-on-achill.com	9	Y	No Irish
RADHARC NA OILEÁN Curraun **Joan Murphy**	Tel: 094 9541229 Mob: 087 25392030 Mob: 087 6111512	joanamurphy@eircom.net www.members.achilltourism.com/radharcnanoileán	8	Y	Basic Irish
SAND DUNES COTTAGE Keel **Marion McNamara**	Tel: 098 43164 Mob 087 2185693		8	Y	Basic Irish
NO. 3 SEAVIEW Crumpaun, Keel **Dick Harnett**	Tel: 086 8110610	dick.harnett@osg.ie		Y	
SEAVIEW COTTAGE Dooega West **Anthony Gorman**	Tel: 0044 1189679138 Mob: 0044 7747534012	www.gorman.anthony@sky.com	4	S	
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NO. 1 SLIEVEMORE HOLIDAY VILLAGE Dugort **Niall O'Neill**	Tel: 01 2365973 / 01 8535122 Fax: 01 8535177 Mob: 087 2490567	niall.oneill@mie.ie www.slievemorecottage.com	6	Y	
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NO. 7 SLIEVEMORE HOLIDAY VILLAGE Dugort **Catherine Conboy-Fischer**	Mob: 087 2836107	fischer@indigo.ie www.members.achilltourism.com/slievemore7	5	Y	
NOS. 10, 11, 12 AND 21 SLIEVEMORE HOLIDAY VILLAGE Keel **Linda Newman**	Tel: 098-50212 Fax: 098-50867	info@holidayswestireland.com www.irishholidayrentals.com/westernholidays	5	Y	
NO. 19 SLIEVEMORE HOLIDAY VILLAGE Dugort **Maurice Twomey**	Tel: 01 4944098 Mob. 087 7639528	scholar16@gmail.com	6	Y	Fáilte Ireland Approved
TATTON'S HOUSE Valley **David Tatton**	Tel: 0044 774838 5590	davidtatton@vwbarchitects.co.uk www.irishholidaycottage.net	8	Y	
TEACH CUL NA BIN / TEACH NELLIE Saula **Grainne Masterson**	Tel: 094 9024789 Mob. 087 6439685	grainne43@eircom.net	9 2 (Nellie)	S	Basic Irish Small

Caravan & Camping Parks

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ACHILL MOBILE PARK Dooniver **Carina Chambers**	Mob: 087 8175312	info@achillmobilepark.com www.achillmobilepark.com		Y	Fluent Irish
KEEL SANDYBANKS CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK Keel **Nodlaig and John Nestor**	Tel: 098 43211	info@achillcamping.com www.achillcamping.com		S	Basic Irish in campsite not in Mobile

Hostels

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LAVELLE'S RAILWAY HOSTEL Achill Sound **Michael & Marlene Lavelle**	Tel: 098 45187			Y	
RICHVIEW HOSTEL Keel **Shay Kennedy**	Tel: 098 43462 Mob. 086 2315546	richviewhostel@hotmail.com	17	Y	Fluent Irish
THE VALLEY HOUSE HOSTEL The Valley **Alice and Pat Gallagher**	Tel: 098 47204	info@valley-house.com www.valley-house.com		Y	

Dining Out (R = Restaurants, C = Coffee Shops, B = Bar Food, T = Take Away)

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ACHILL CLIFF HOUSE HOTEL (R B) Keel **Teresa McNamara / Kate O'Malley**	Tel: 098 43400 Fax: 098 43007	info@achillcliff.com www.achillcliff.com		Y	Basic Irish Awards: Georgina Campbell, RAC Dining
THE ACHILL HEAD HOTEL (R B) Pollagh **Gillian Patten**	Tel: 098 43108 Fax: 098 43388	achillheadhotel@eircom.net www.achillheadhotel.ie		S	Fluent Irish
THE BEEHIVE (C R) Keel **Patricia Joyce**	Tel: 098 43134 Mob: 086 8542009 Fax: 098 43018	joycesbeehive@msn.com		S	Coffee Shop Licenced
THE BERVIE (R) Keel **Elizabeth and John Barrett**	Tel: 098 43114 Fax: 098 43407	Bervie@esatclear.ie www.bervieachill.com		S	Booking Advisable

BLACKFIELD (C) Closhreid / Dookinella **Gerry Brannigan/Sabine Wandel**	Tel: 098 43590 Fax: 098 43591 Mob. 087 2495175	info@blackfield.com www.blackfield.com		S	Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
BON APPETIT (T) Take Away Beside The ESSO Station, Cashel				Every weekend	Take Away Menu
CALVEY'S RESTAURANT (R) Keel **Maeve Kilbane**	Tel/Fax: 098 43158	restaurant@calveysofachill.com www.calveys.com		S	Awards: Bridgestone 2007 Leading Restaurants in Ireland Organic Lamb
CHALET SEAFOOD RESTAURANT (R) Keel **Julie Hassett**	Tel: 098 43157 Mob: 087 2307893	keembay@gmail.com		S	
THE COTTAGE (C) Dugort **Karan McNamara**	Tel: 098 43966 Mob: 086 1728903	karanmcnamara@eircom.net		S	Basic Irish Award: Georgina Campbell new recommendation
FERNDALE (R) Keel **Jon Fratschoel, Heidi Stoeckli and Susan Irniger**	Tel: 098 43908 Fax: 098 43909	info@achill-fine-dining.com www.achill-fine-dining.com		Y	Award: Georgina Campbell since 2005
GIELTYS CLEW BAY (R, B & C) Dooagh **Alan Gielty**	Tel: 098 43119 Mob: 087 2683512 Fax: 098 43945	info@gieltys.com www.gieltys.com		Y	Basic Irish
GRAY'S GUESTHOUSE (R) Dugort **Dorrie Darlington / Margaret McLoughlin**	Tel: 098 43244		5	S	Awards: AA Georgina Campbell Michelin, Host of Year 09
MASTERSONS GOLDEN STRAND BAR AND RESTAURANT (R & B) Dugort **Dermott Lavelle**	Tel: 098 47216	mastersonsgoldenstrand@live.ie		Y	Basic Irish
MULRANNY PARK HOTEL (R, B & C) Mulranny **Dermot Madigan**	Tel: 098 36000 Fax: 098 36899	info@mulrannyparkhotel.ie www.mulrannyparkhotel.ie	120-140	Y	Awards: AA, Bridgestone, Georgina Campbell Basic Irish
NEVIN'S NEWFIELD INN (R) Mulranny **John Nevin**	Tel: 098 36959 Fax: 098 36972	jfnevin@eircom.net		Y	Basic Irish
OSTAN GHOB A CHOIRE/ACHILL SOUND HOTEL (R & B) Achill Sound **Peter & Loretta Connaghton**	Tel: 098 45245 Fax: 098 45621	achillsoundhotel@eircom.net www.achillsoundhotel.com		Y	
OSTÁN OILEÁN ACLA (R & B) Achill Sound **Una McLoughlin**	Tel: 098 45138 Fax: 098 45198	reservations@achillislandhotel.com www.achillislandhotel.com		Y	Fluent Irish
SLIEVEMORE VIEW COFFEE SHOP (C) Dooniver **Margaret Fitzpatrick**	Tel: 098 47987 Mob: 087 6906278			S	All home baking
THE STRAND HOTEL (R B) Dugort **Billy Scott**	Tel/Fax: 098 43241	info@strandhotel.ie www.strandhotel.ie		Y	
SWEENEYS' SUPERVALU (R C) Achill Sound	Tel: 098 45211 Tel: 098 45313			Y	
TED LAVELLE'S BAR (B & T) Cashel **Eamon Cafferkey**	Tel: 098 47234			Y	Basic Irish
THE VALLEY HOUSE (B) The Valley **Alice and Pat Gallagher**	Tel: 098 47204	info@valley-house.com www.valley-house.com		S	

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THE ACHILL HEAD HOTEL Pollagh **Gillian Patten**	Tel: 098 43108 Fax: 098 43388	achillheadhotel@eircom.net www.achillheadhotel.ie		S	Fluent Irish
THE ANNEXE INN Keel **Martin McNamara**	Mob. 086 2776264			Y	Basic Irish
GIELTYS CLEW BAY Dooagh **Alan Gielty**	Tel: 098 43119 Mob: 087 2683512 Fax: 098 43945	info@gieltys.com www.gieltys.com		Y	Basic Irish
LAVELLE'S BAR Achill Sound **Michael & Marlene Lavelle**	Tel: 098 45187			Y	
LAVELLE'S SEASIDE HOUSE Dooega **Declan Lavelle**	Tel: 098 45116 Tel: 098 45614 Mob. 087 6784751	info@lavellesseasidehouse.com www.lavellesseasidehouse.com	42	S	Basic Irish
LYNOTT'S THATCHED PUB Cashel **Tom Cafferkey**	No Phone			Y	No Radio No TV No Food
McLOUGHLIN'S TRADITIONAL BAR Achill Sound **Josie McLoughin**	Tel. 098 45127 Mob: 087 2445999	mcloughlinsbar@eircom.net www.mcloughlinsbar.com		Y	Basic Irish spoken
MASTERSON'S GOLDEN STRAND BAR & RESTAURANT Dugort **Dermott Lavelle**	Tel: 098 47216	mastersonsgoldenstrand@live.ie		Y	Basic Irish
MULRANNY PARK HOTEL Mulranny **Dermot Madigan**	Tel: 098 36000 Fax: 098 36899	info@mulrannyparkhotel.ie www.mulrannyparkhotel.ie	120-140	Y	Basic Irish
NEVIN'S NEWFIELD INN Mulranny **John Nevin**	Tel: 098 36959 Fax: 098 36972	jfnevin@eircom.net		Y	Basic Irish Awards: Black & White Pub of the Year
OSTÁN GHOB A CHOIRE / ACHILL SOUND HOTEL Achill Sound **Peter & Loretta Connaghton**	Tel: 098 45245 Fax: 098 45621	achillsoundhotel@eircom.net www.achillsoundhotel.com		Y	
OSTÁN OILEÁN ACLA Achill Sound **Una McLoughlin**	Tel: 098 45138 Fax: 098 45198	reservations@achillislandhotel.com www.achillislandhotel.com		Y	Fluent Irish
PATTEN'S BAR Derreens **Michael & Kathleen Patten**	Tel: 098 45172 Fax: 098 45141 Mob: 087 6826015	pattens@oceanfree.net		Y	Basic Irish
TED LAVELLE'S BAR Cashel **Eamon Cafferkey**	Tel: 098 47234			Y	
THE STRAND HOTEL Dugort **Billy Scott**	Tel:/Fax: 098 43241	info@strandhotel.ie www.strandhotel.ie		Y	
THE VALLEY HOUSE HOSTEL The Valley **Alice and Pat Gallagher**	Tel: 098 47204	info@valley-house.com www.valley-house.com		Y	

Activity Providers

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ACHILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL Dooagh **Theresa McDonald**	Tel: 098 43564 Fax: 098 43595	info@achill-fieldschool.com www.achill-fieldschool.com	Y	Accredited to NUI Galway Exhibitions
ACHILL GOLF CLUB Keel **Michael McGinty**	Tel: 098 43456 Club Secretary 085 1743571	achillgolfclub@eircom.net www.achillgolfclub.com	Y	9 hole Golf Club Club Hire
ACHILL ISLAND SCUBA DIVE CENTRE Purteen Harbour, Keel **Joe Carey**	Mob. 087 2349884	joseph@achilldivecentre.com www.achilldivecentre.com	Y	Basic Irish Qualified PADI Instructor Diving Lessons and Trips
ACHILL OUTDOOR CENTRE International Education & Activity Centre for all ages **Tim Daly**	Tel: 098-47253 Tel: 098-47304 Fax: 098-47304	Email: info@achilloutdoor.com Web site: www.achilloutdoor.com	Y	Kayaking Hillwalking Group Activities
ACHILL SEA ANGLING Purteen Harbour, Keel **Tony Burke**	Tel: 098 47257 Mob: 086 3211560	tmburke@eircom.net	S	Basic Irish Boat Trips Deep Sea Angling Fáilte Ireland Approved
ACHILL SECRET GARDEN Bleanaskill **Doutsje Nauta**	Tel: 098 45103 Mob: 087 4149895	doutsje.nauta@gmail.com www.achillsecretgarden.com	S or by appointment	Garden Tours Allowed on the lead
ACHILL SPORTING SCHOOL Valley, Achill **Dave Gumley**	Tel: 086 3044 273		Y	Fishing Clay Shooting
BLACKFIELD Closhreid / Dookinella **Gerry Brannigan/Sabine Wandel**	Tel: 098 43590 Fax: 098 43591 Mob 087 2495175	info@blackfield.com www.blackfield.com	S	Surf School Surfing Lessons Basic Irish Fáilte Ireland Approved
CALVEY'S EQUESTRIAN & PONY TREKKING CENTRE Keel **Orla Calvey**	Mob: 087 9881093	ponytrek@calveysofachill.com	S	Pony Trekking
COLÁISTE ACLA Dooega **Máirtín Ó Mongáin**	Mob. 086 2310377 Tel: 1850 200483	colaisteacla@eircom.net	Y	Fluent Irish Irish School
COLM CIARA Tonragee **David Campbell**	Tel: 098 45991 Mob: 086 3603057	davidcampbell74@eircom.net www.achillfishing.com	Y	Boat Trips/Diving
CURSAÍ AMUIGH FAOIN SPEIR Ghob a Choire **Tomás MacLoughláinn**	Tel: 098 45085	siul@eircom.net	Y	Hillwalking Kayaking
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If you need help planning your next trip to Achill please contact the team at Achill Tourism.
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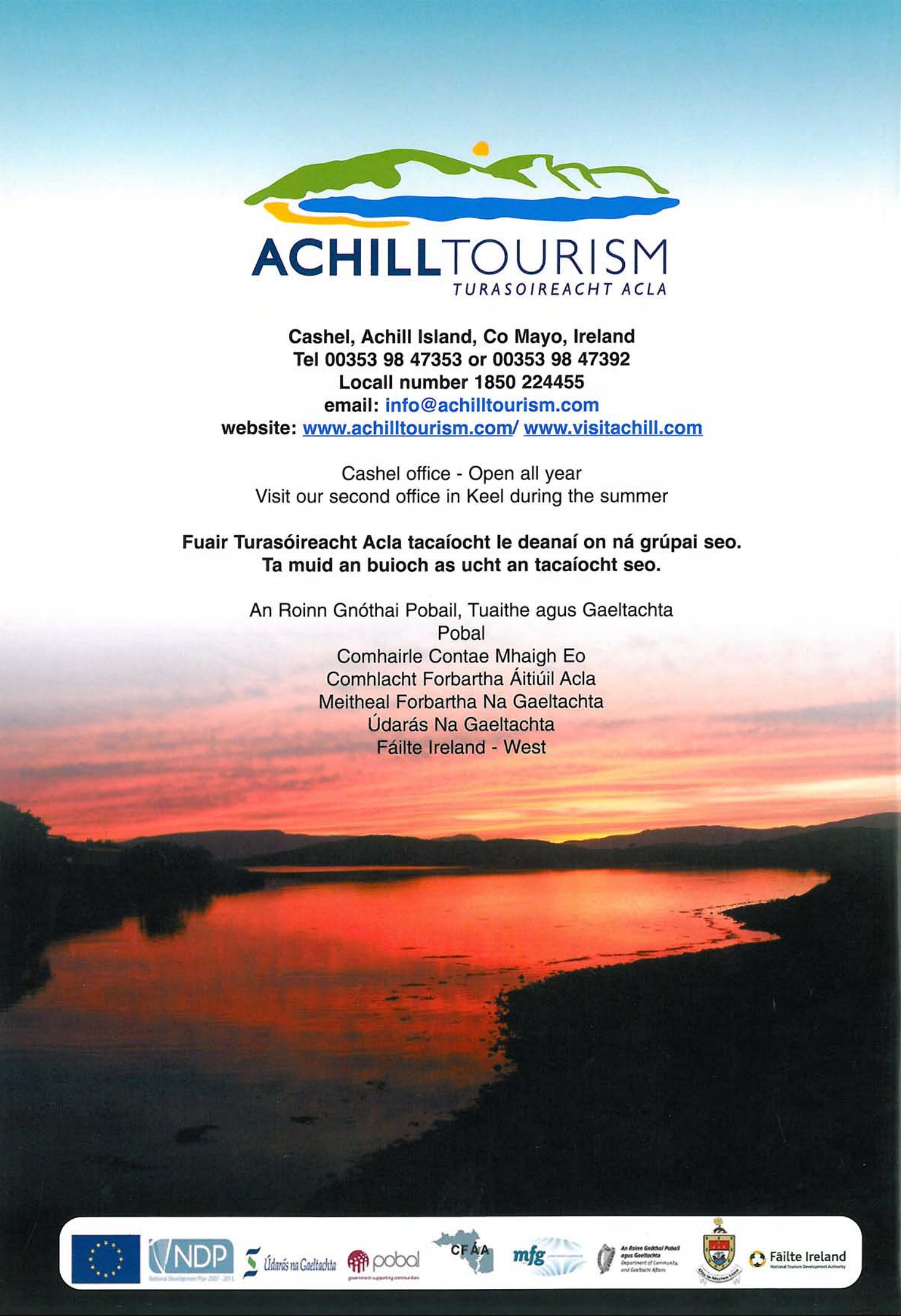
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