

Sunday 10th March

HAPPY

MOTHER'S DAY

Spoil your Mother at Horan's Restaurant!

Why not spoil your Mammy on Mother's Day on Sunday 10th March with a visit to Horan's Restaurant, who are once again this year providing a special lunch menu for the occasion.

Horan's is a landmark restaurant which is located on the Race-

course Road, Roscommon with excellent parking facilities.

Treat that special lady to an unforgettable lunch at Horan's, who are also providing complimentary chocolates for all Mothers on this very special day of the year.

For Mother's Day celebrations,

John and his team of chefs at Horan's have prepared a delicious menu for the special day – with plenty of mouth-watering options for you and your family to enjoy.

Horan's also provide a comfortable and spacious function room and are available for Christen-

ings, Communions and Confirmations, as well as catering for all other family or party events.

To make a reservation or for any further information, contact Horan's Restaurant, Racecourse Road, Roscommon, on 090-6626380 or 086-8538519.



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Mother's Day March 10th**

Special Lunch Menu available from 12.30pm

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Cuisle Family Centre – the ideal location for Mother's Day and all family celebrations

Located in the magnificent 50-acre grounds of Donamon Castle, Cuisle Holiday Centre is the ideal location at which to treat the lady in your life to something special this Mother's Day!

Cuisle Holiday Centre's restaurant and bar are suitable for any type of functions and they are now taking bookings for special events including Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter Sunday.

Their team of chefs provide the highest quality cuisine and will delight you with their wide range of menus and top class food, offering packages which can be

tailored to suit every taste and budget and also meet any special dietary requirements.

The centre has one of the finest wheelchair accessible restaurants in Ireland.

You don't need to worry about steps, narrow doors, the height of the tables, getting around or wheelchair accessible toilets as Cuisle Holiday Centre have everything catered for.

To make your special Mother's Day reservation now or to enquire about any other options for family celebrations, contact Cuisle Holiday Centre, Donamon, Roscommon, on 090-6662277.



Ideal Location for Family Celebrations



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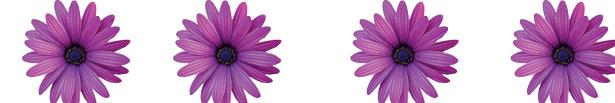
**Mothers Day
(10th March)**

**St Patricks Day
(17th March)**

**Easter Sunday
(31st March)**

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Linear Earthworks

This Earthwork, of which its beginning and end are a complete mystery, traverses many parishes of South Roscommon. It is here one sees history, archaeology and folklore shedding light on what is probably one of the most remarkable monuments in South Roscommon, and yet one that is still not fully understood.

Today it is bisected by many roads and the passing motorist is probably unaware of its whereabouts. Monuments like this have a dating period of between 600 B.C.-1400 A.D.

Linear earthworks, which appear today as a Dyke (Fosse) in the landscape (see picture), have on either side a bank of varying lengths or indeed a number of banks and Dykes (Fosse). The people who built such monuments utilised the natural landscape by incorporating high ground, loughs and eskers to form an integral part of these earthworks. In between the aforementioned are the Dykes, referred to by archaeologists as a ditch or fosse which identify them.

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to as the 'Mucklaghs' and has two short parallel banks. Others cross over many counties, with one of the best known in the country being the Black Pig's Dyke with existing sections in many counties, including Armagh, Monaghan, Leitrim and Longford. This earthwork dates to 600 B.C. and its use of the natural landscape is evident.

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suggest it reaches all the way to the parish of Athleague. One may ask who would build such a monument and why? The answer to these questions can only be speculative in the absence of any archaeological work having taken place. However, such a long earthwork, twisting and winding its way across the fertile land of South Roscommon, must have been built for an important reason, indicated by its scale and presently known to be over 16 km long, which would have taken vast resources of both time and manpower in this age long past. It may have been a territorial divide between different tribal groups, as has been suggested by pre-historians, or a route way with possibly some ceremonial meaning of which we know so little about today.

Whatever the reasons for building such an earthwork, historical sources suggest that this earthwork follows no known territorial divisions, which may indicate a monument that belonged to a greater antiquity than currently thought.

The folklore on this earthwork has been kept 'alive' by the local community and this indicates that

the lorg (track way) was important to them. Stories have been told of the Vikings having built a mill close to where the earthwork meets Lough Croan, and even that Saint Patrick reputedly walked along its route. In 1907, Mary Kate Kelly who lived in Curraghboy and whose father was the local school teacher recorded important folklore about this earthwork. She described how a cow and her seven calves ploughed the land from Lough Funshinagh to Lough Croan, a distance of six kilometres, thus

creating the dyke (fosse), with the cow then deciding to rest and take up her 'abode' on Lough Croan.

Folklore always has an element of truth to it, however much of this gets lost and changed with the passage of time. Interestingly, there are historical sources which are associated with the folklore of this monument and in particular Lough Croan. During the 1830's John O'Donovan, a noted and respected antiquarian carried out important work as part of the Ordnance Survey of

Ireland which recorded amongst other things, field monuments. As part of this work he would have visited South Roscommon, and interestingly he noted that Lough Croan (Cróine) which acts as a natural part of this earthwork translates as 'the lake of the swarthy cow'. As one man in 'our group' often said, "there's always a reason for the story and there's always a story behind the story".

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