

Be creatively inspired in the Burren

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A FILM and multimedia workshop aimed at inspiring creativity will take place in the Burren Storehouse in Lisdoonvarna this Saturday.

The event has been organised by the Burren Tolkien Society and will feature talks by one of Ireland's top independent film directors, Kevin Liddy, as well

as a creative writing workshop by award-winning poet Adam Wyeth.

It is primarily aimed at secondary school students but it is open to everyone, as organiser Peter Curtin explains. "This event is all about stimulating creativity in our local communities. This event is open to everyone; we want to encourage young and old to write and create, whether this be in poetry, prose or film

production." He explained that the workshop is a great opportunity for those interested in writing, especially the younger generation, to meet top industry professionals and gain insight into careers in the creative world.

"Even if only one person becomes influenced by this event, we will have succeeded," he said.

The Burren was chosen as an ideal location, as it has inspired

many writers in the past, including JRR Tolkien who wrote about the unique landscape in his *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Irish screenwriter and director Kevin Liddy will talk about his experience in the film industry and give an introduction to film making, as well as outlining his journey from short films to feature length productions.

Many of Kevin's films have used the backdrop of rural Ire-

land to explore complex family relationships and his credits include *Horse, A Soldier's Song* and *Country*, which won the Best European film in Verona.

The English-born writer Adam Wyeth will host The Mythic Imagination Creative Writing workshop, which will teach the many ways in which we can interleave writing with Celtic references.

"Expect to come out of the workshop with some great new

work and a deepened appreciation and awareness of modern literature, myth, tradition and writing craft. These workshops are designed for writers of all levels of experience and no knowledge of mythology is required. All you need is paper, pen and your imagination," he said.

The event takes place from 12 noon to 5pm and is funded by Creative Ireland, which is supported by Clare County Council.

Widmann conducts the ICO at UCH

THE Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) welcomes back Jörg Widmann as the principal conductor and artistic partner for a concert at the University Concert Hall in Limerick on November 15.

Mostly Mendelssohn, Widmann re-introduces his sister, violinist Carolin Widmann. Carolin's activities span the great classical concerti, new commissions, solo recitals and a wide variety of chamber music. With the ICO, she will perform Mendelssohn's much-loved *Violin Concerto Op. 64*. The evening culminates

with a performance of Schubert's large-scale masterpiece, his dramatic *Symphony No. 9* (The Great), one of Mendelssohn's favourite works.

More information is available from the venue.

Meanwhile, University Concert Hall will also present *Harpy Magic*, a concert for schools, on November 10, with performances at 10.15am and 12 noon. The Cork Pops Orchestra will be performing and the featured soloists are Jean (harp) and Fiona (flute) Kelly.

Their mother, Evelyn Grant, will be conducting.



(Right) Comedian and broadcaster Neil Delamere will be bringing his new show, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Pensioner*, to Glór in January.

Delamere goes on the run with his father's words

BUTCH Cassidy and the Sundance Pensioner represents a somewhat new approach by Of-faly funnyman Neil Delamere.

The show is framed around a single narrative – a day, earlier this year, when Delamere helped his 82-year-old father deliver the local Meals On Wheels to the elderly, a job they had to finish in time for a horse race.

Describing the experience and the various characters they meet on their outing, Delamere deviates with some side-stories, before bringing everything together in a finale.

While not an official tribute to his father, the show is underpinned by the close father-and-

son relationship.

There's even some recorded comments from Delamere Senior, who, interestingly, has yet to see the show.

"He'll see it when I play Tullamore," commented the Edenderry native.

Separate to comedy, Delamere is currently honing his acting talents for a three-part drama series for BBC Northern Ireland, details of which will be announced early next year.

He also makes a return to TV screens in the ever-popular topical news and current affairs panel show, *The Blame Game*, on BBC Northern Ireland.

In this show, Delamere stars

alongside Colin Murphy, Jake O'Kane and host Tim McGarry.

"I wouldn't like people to think that I slag off one side more than the other. It's important to me that I go to both sides. If you get it right, you've probably offended everyone," commented Delamere.

An accomplished broadcaster as well as comic, he is the host of his own two-hour weekend show on Today FM, *Neil Delamere's Sunday Best*.

"I'm just trying to make compelling radio. When I listen to radio, I don't necessarily want someone to be funny all the time, as long as they are interesting," he added.

works, photography and two art films featuring contemporary piano recordings.

Mark Wilson started blacksmithing at the age of 12 and trained in wood, metal and ceramics in the early 1980s. He moved to Ireland in 1992 and is presently based in the old forge in Mountshannon, where he works with communities and schools, teaching traditional craft skills.

Mark has created community-based commissions, such as the Scariff Town Clock and community garden archway. Taking scrap and turning it into treasure has been his lifelong passion.

Collaborating on the exhibition is classical musician Yonit Kosovski, who moved to Ireland in 2011.

hort that were coming but they all went off to college. Once you get a group in, you can see if there are other things they'd like to do."

Simple art in Ennis

ENNIS-based visual artist Larisa K Bevilard is holding a solo exhibition, *Simple*, at the Clare Museum until November 4.

Larisa has been drawing and painting since childhood and in 2009 she founded Arts in Ennis, which recently relocated to the parish office. The school aims to teach appreciation of fine art and make art instruction accessible to the community and, in particular, to the youth of Ennis.

Larisa is also a member of Inis Artists and Embrace.

Teenage events in Scariff

SCARIFF Library hosts a regular film club for teenagers and this week it held a screening of *Pitch Perfect*.

Acting senior library assistant Samantha Morrissey said, "It's been going for maybe three or four years now. We started off with a teen book club. We started watching films in the book club as well and we progressed to showing them on the big screen in the library itself. We serve popcorn and drinks as well, it's good."

She feels it can offer another outlet to young people in the area. "The cinema is kind of hard to reach from here and it's nice to have something for them to do in the evenings."

Samantha said the library has hosted other events specifically aimed at young people. "We've had other teen events, and video game evenings too. We've run things like an open mic night."

The book club is due a revival, she added. "I'm hoping to revive the book club soon. We had a co-

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Meehan and his Redneck Friends

CHRIS Meehan and his Redneck Friends will be taking to the stage in Glór next month.

The 10-piece country band, who were founded in 1982, will take to the stage on November 4. They made their debut at the Ballisodare Folk Festival. Later that year, the band performed a series of concerts at the Project Arts Centre in Dublin, with special guest Mary Black.

Throughout the 1980s, they appeared at many festivals, including Galway Arts Festival and Cork Folk Festival.

Having vanished from the scene for over a decade, the band made a welcome return in 2009, with the release of *Dancing in the Kitchen*. The album has been described as "an Irish album which, with some flourish, nails the essence of Americana".

Blacksmith artist forges new exhibition

A NEW exhibition of works by Mark Wilson, with photography and film by Yonit Kosovski, opens at the Scariff Library Gallery from Tuesday next.

Hammer and Tongs, From the Real to the Surreal runs until November 11 and includes sculptural

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