



Swords Saint Patrick's Day Parade 2011

This year there will be a St Patricks Day Parade in Swords – the first for many, many years. Swords le chéile has organised a very special day for families in the area. The Main Street and North Street will be closed from 11:00 am on Thursday morning until mid afternoon.

The Swords St Patricks Day Parade will start out from the Pavilions Shopping Centre car park at 12:30 and travel down Main Street and into North Street. There will be an official reviewing stand outside the Star Lounge.

Confirmed participants include an FCA Colour Party, Seamus Ennis Centre, Swords Boxing Club, Localise Swords, Swords Celtic F.C., Swords Cricket Club, Swords Cycle Club, Swords-Baldoyle Youth Service, Irish Girl Guides - Swords Branch, Kinsealy Boys F.C., Civil Defence with 8 vehicles, Sporting Fingal Powerchair Team, Swords Vintage Society, Airport Driving, Irish Military Vehicles, Fingal County Council, Street Ahead 12 hip-hop dancers, Fingal Mummers, Street Performers & Stilt walkers/ balloon modellers/ Clowns, Fossets Circus with Clown car & Clowns, Sporting Fingal Power Chair Team – Disabled Sports, Association of Cameroonians in Ireland, Dogs Trust.

Swords will be bedecked with bunting and it is anticipated that there will be a truly festive atmosphere in Swords Town Centre during St Patricks week and particularly on St Patricks Day with many pubs and restaurants providing music sessions and special offerings for families. Swords le cheile and Fingal Dublin Chamber is asking all businesses in Swords to make a special effort to create a week long festival around St Patricks Day and to get customers and staff involved in making it a memorable week for the people of Swords.

“Bringing people who live and/or work in Swords together is the main aim of Swords le Chéile and we hope to generate a renewed sense of community for the many thousands of men, women living and working in the town.

The St Patricks Day Parade is a very special day to celebrate all that is best in Ireland – the food, the dancing, the people, the fun and craic. We want to revive the tradition in Swords by giving the many sporting and community organisations in the area the opportunity to participate in the parade.

After the parade there will be a Cheile Mor on Main Street for everybody to join in the fun. So everyone is invited to come along and get involved. There will be something for everyone young and old and we look forward to seeing you there”. Said Swords le chéile Chairman, Joe Harford.

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