



Licensed Guest Inn
Strangford



Events
2016



Welcome

2016 brings along a wonderful year of celebration for The Cuan marking twenty-five exciting years in business. We have compiled a diverse and enticing Booklet of Events to help us mark this fantastic milestone.

Twenty-five years of memories for guests and staff alike; signature dishes, celebration meals, family gatherings, wonderful events and the changing faces of The Cuan. The comparison of these two photos tell their own story! Our journey has been exciting, challenging and very rewarding. We have been touched by many wonderful people and shared in many very special occasions in The Cuan. We hope you have created as many precious memories as we have over the years.

Select your events and join us in this special Silver Jubilee Year.

Peter, Caroline and Team



Please Note

Additional details on the events will be on our website approximately three months before each event.

Due to limited numbers, pre-booking is essential for many events.

* These events require payment in full at the time of booking.
Refunds can only be given if your place is resold.

Normal menus will run in conjunction with the special dining events.



Enjoy the year with us!

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January

Friday 1st January

New Year's Day Swim at 2.30pm

Will you swim or cheer this year?

The Cuan welcomes you with delicious warm and wholesome food available all day, 'hot toddies' and live music all combined to kick start a wonderful New Year.

Music from 4:00-7:00pm.



Saturday 23rd January

Burns Supper

A passionate, inspiring, forward thinking pioneer of his generation, Robbie Burns is regarded as the national poet of Scotland. The Cuan will celebrate this Scottish legend with a four course meal featuring the traditional haggis, 'neeps' and 'tatties' (alternative menu choices are available). The haggis will be piped in by Michael Magee and formalities of the evening delivered by a visiting Scottish friend.

Traditional Scottish dress encouraged.

Dinner: £18.95

Dinner, B&B: £58.00pps



February

Friday 12th & Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th February

Valentine's Weekend

Delicious food, wonderful wines, an open fire and lots of precious time to relax and enjoy the company of the one you love.

Enjoy a special celebration meal for two plus a bottle of Jim Nicholson's Las Condes wine.

Dinner: £47.00 per couple

Dinner, B&B: £63.00pps

Special Weekend Offer:

Two nights B&B plus the Valentines meal: £99.00pps

Saturday 20th

Last 1 Standing

The Cuan is the official food and and beverage location for this endurance running event.

The Ultra event is a 4.2 mile loop that must be run every hour until there is only one man standing! It takes place in Castle Ward only one mile from The Cuan.

Supporters' Offer

**Two Course Special
£13.95**



Thursday 17th March

St Patrick's Day The Cuan's 25th Birthday

Live music by The McMullans until 7:00pm... the group who provided the music on our opening day in 1991!

**Join us in celebrating
the 25th Birthday of the
opening of The Cuan**

March

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th March

Quilt in a Day

Betty McQuaid returns to guide you with skill and humour through the creation of your own masterpiece. Arrive on Friday evening around 7.00pm and enjoy your evening meal, then Betty will take you through the set-up for the next day. On Saturday from 10.00am-4.00pm your talents will transform strips of fabric into a delightful quilt.

You are required to bring along your own sewing machine, a jelly roll of fabric (2.5 x 40 inch strips, most rolls have 48 strips), one metre of plain matching fabric, thread, pins and scissors.

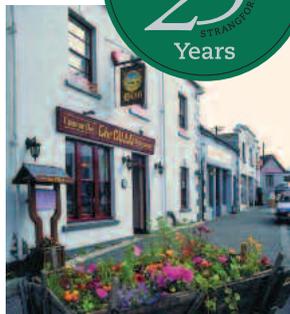
Event includes: tuition, dinner, B&B on Friday night plus lunch on Saturday.

£115.00pps & £135.00 single

Wednesday 16th March

Food Tour * Down to Dine

www.thecuan.com/dining/down-to-dine-food-tour/ is the address needed for all the information to entice you on this exciting and diverse taste of our local culinary delights – Downpatrick, Strangford and Ardglass. Tickets £49.50, transport between the venues is provided.



Saturday 16th April

GAME OF THRONES Murder Mystery Night *

Ramsay Bolton, the ruler of Winterfell, is surrounded by intrigue and menace. With rumours of a rebellion by the Lords of the North and plots from King's Landing threatening his position of power, Ramsay is desperate to regain some sense of control. But all is not well, who can he trust, Rickon surely? Not Littlefinger? His wife to be Sansa Lannister? Or a mysterious stranger? Murder and mayhem is in the air and you must help solve our latest mystery.



The restaurant will be set up to resemble the banquet hall at Winterfell and the Game of Thrones Banquet Menu will be served. Come dressed as your favourite character in Game of Thrones.

Dinner: £39.95

Dinner, B&B: £79.50pps

This event can be rescheduled for private groups, please ask (minimum 50 people).



Saturday 23rd April

Wine & Dine

Kevin Devlin from Jim Nicholson Wine Merchant in Crossgar will be joined by one of their long established sommeliers, guiding you in the appreciation of an exciting portfolio of wines. Our menu will be created around their wines and you will have the opportunity to use some of your newfound knowledge to match your wine to your menu choice.

Dinner plus the Wine Course: £32.95

B&B, Dinner plus the Wine Course: £72.00pps



2016 is a year devoted to celebrating the wonderful food and drink products that we have in Northern Ireland.

To that end The Cuan has looked no further than their shores to develop a range of dishes that showcases the amazing flavours, colours and health properties of our seaweeds. Gus Heath has farmed these shores for many years and is stimulating with his knowledge of incorporating various seaweeds in to our everyday dining.

Look out for the following dishes in the course of the year plus many more:

- Seaweed butter
- Dulse dough bread
- Seaweed batter
- Sea grass
- Sea lettuce



Saturday 4th June

DeLorean Day

In the 30th Anniversary year of the iconic movie 'Back to the Future' The Cuan is the chosen location for this year's annual DeLorean rally. Make time to come to Strangford and you will be rewarded with the incredible spectacle of ten or more of these unique and rare vehicles plus an opportunity to chat with some of the owners to get a greater insight to this iconic gull-winged car.



Our new summer menu will be available with many tempting dishes for you to choose from.

Saturday 11th June

Coffee Morning for Charity

Our designated charity this year is the Alzheimer's Society.

The Alzheimer's Society believe passionately that life doesn't end when dementia begins. They are there for anyone affected by dementia, and do everything they can to keep people with dementia connected to their lives and the people who matter most.

Please support this charity by bringing along your friends and family between 10:00am and 12:00pm to enjoy some of Peter's delicious scones, homemade jam and fresh cream plus tea and coffee.

Leading the fight
against dementia

Alzheimer's
Society

July

2016

August

September

Monday 25th to Sunday 31st July

World Skiff Rowing Event

Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership are hosting the international coastal rowing event, 'Skiffeworlds 2016'.



800 competitors, some from as far away as the United States and Tasmania, and up to 60 boats, are expected to participate in these World Championships for the St Ayles' Skiff class of coastal rowing boat. Come and watch communities from around the world participate in this colourful and friendly celebration of coastal rowing from Monday 25th – Saturday 30th July. Social events will take place throughout the week culminating in Strangford Village Square on Saturday 30th with music provided by The Cuan.



We look forward to being a focal point throughout the week for the crews, supporters and spectators.

 **Strangford Lough & Lecale Partnership**



Our 1991 menu and prices will be available on a number of random days during July and August

Notice of these days will be posted on Facebook and our website 24 hours before the event

Sunday 28th August

Strangford Festival

The rebirth of Strangford Festival encapsulates all that is uniquely special to a vibrant village community. The festival will run from Friday 26th to bank holiday Monday 29th.



On Sunday 28th The Cuan are making a bid to set a World Record in the number of people involved in the ceili dance – The Waves of Tory. We have arranged for the amazing Cross Keys Ceili Band to guide us through this attempt.



Make your plans now to ensure that you are part of this Guinness World Recording Breaking attempt!



Saturday 17th

& Saturday 24th September

Fruits of the Lough Fish and Flora

This years our very popular Fish Nights will focus on the diversity of seaweeds in Strangford Lough and how they compliment our very popular fish dishes. What a list of attributes this flora has: exceptional nutritional values, explosive flavours, varied textures and zero carbon footprint – literally from the shore to the door!

'Here, taste this,' Gus Heath says, tearing off a small strip from a glistening mass of dark-red leaves. Crunchy and fresh, with a delicate saline flavour, it is surprisingly good. 'That's dulse. It's a traditional snack. We dry it and eat it like crisps'. Now, we at The Cuan, have developed an amazing range of dishes featuring the unsung delights of Strangford Lough.



The chef's selection of Marty Johnston's finest fish will be on offer with the most natural of accompaniments – sea vegetables.

Dinner: £29.95

Dinner, B&B: £69.00pps

Irish seaweeds

A Wonderful Present



October

Saturday 8th October

Cuanton Abbey*

For all of those suffering with withdrawal symptoms with the end of the iconic series Downton Abbey, fear not, now you have the opportunity to immerse yourself not simply watch. We have engaged the professional services of a butler that could challenge Carson's position! Robin has worked in many distinguished households including Royalty in the Middle East.



Robin will be your butler for the evening, meeting, greeting and seating, then directing service for the entire evening. Enjoy this insight to the 19th century aristocratic dining of Lord Grantham's stately home.

Dress to impress – come as your favourite Downton Abbey character.

Dinner: £34.95

Dinner, B&B: £75.00pps

Saturday 22nd October

Fawly Towers*

This event just gets better and better. The Australian interactive troupe will meet, greet and seat you. They will serve the classic 1970's meal created by The Cuan while acting out various scenes from the hilarious TV series. Basil, Sybille and Manuel thrive on the interaction from the audience creating a night of back to back explosions of laughter.

Dinner: £54.95

Dinner, B&B: £99.00pps



November

Saturday 5th November

Wild Game Night

To mark the opening of the Game Season, we invite you to come and enjoy these very popular full flavoured organic meats from protected sources.



These locally sourced meats are highly nutritious containing a third less fat than conventional meats and significantly higher levels of omega 3. Introduce your taste buds to the fashionable food of the decade.

Dinner: £32.95

Dinner, B&B: £72.00pps

Saturday 19th November

Murder Mystery Night*

Absorb your self in the mystery of this murder; watch as various scenes are acted out, pick up on the cryptic clues and cross-examine the characters as they mingle during your meal. Challenge your intellect while enjoying a delightful four-course set meal created specially for this event.

Dress to impress and come along to solve our latest mystery.

Dinner: £29.95

Dinner, B&B: £67.00pps



December

Friday 9th

& Saturday 10th December

Carol Ships

Visit Strangford Village to enjoy the unique festive celebration of the Carol Ships with Christmas markets, Christmas music, storytelling, decorated boats, streets and monuments. The decorated Strangford ferry will cross the Lough every fifteen minutes with music performed onboard by groups and choirs from a 30 mile radius ringing out across Strangford Lough.



Peter, from The Cuan, will be serving festive pulled pork baps with spiced apple sauce and festive stuffing down by the ferry terminal.

Saturday 10th

& Saturday 17th December

Georgian Christmas

Lady Dunleath, local food historian, has helped us research the popular dishes of the Georgian Christmas in providing three wonderful cookery books from 1830 from her estate library. The Cuan will recreate this spirit of opulence and festive food. Peruse this period menu created by our talented team in the kitchen enjoying the best local ingredients prepared with age old traditional methods.

Round off your meal with a complimentary glass of our own Sloe Gin laid down in September.

Georgian Christmas: £32.95

Dinner, B&B: £72.00pps

Visit the Game of Thrones page
on our website www.thecuan.com

GAME OF THRONES

Winterfell Dinner, B&B: £63.00pps

Dinner & B&B

The Cuan boasts an exceptionally strong connection to this world renowned medieval drama being their choice for accommodation and food while filming in nearby Winterfell Castle. Cast members including Ned Stark (Sean Bean), King Robert, Queen Cersei, Joffrey, Jon Snow, Catlyn, Arya and Bran Stark stayed in The Cuan. Choose the star's room that you would like to sleep in, enjoy a menu inspired by the popular foods of Winterfell and waken up to a unique Winterfell breakfast.

Drive or walk the short journey to Winterfell Castle. Book an archery session with 'Jon Snow', walk in the footsteps of Tyrion Lannister and Ned Stark, visiting the various filming sites taking in Rob's Camp, Ned's picnic, Baelor Battlefield, the Lannister Camp and many more filming locations.

The King's Banquet at Winterfell

Banquet: £39.95 – Banquet, B&B: £84.95

Step in to the world of Game of Thrones and Winterfell, join us for the banquet that welcomed King Robert, Queen Cersei, Joffrey and their entourage when he made the visit North to ask Ned Stark to become his 'King's Hand'.

Enter the creative make-over in our restaurant, become absorbed in the robust atmosphere that will have elements of the scenes from the show sporadically acted out in the course of the evening.

Banquet is staged for parties of 50 or more. Please ask about a date that suits you.

Note: These experiences are independently operated by The Cuan, they are not sponsored, endorsed, or affiliated with HBO or anyone associated with 'Game of Thrones'.

**Looking
Ahead
to 2017**

Charolais
by Noni Stapleton

A stage play followed by a fork supper.

Winner at the Edinburgh Fringe 2015



The changing face of The Cuan

