

## Support the Fleadh

### Sponsorship & Programme Adverts

Our fundraising team, Mick and Francesca, are working hard to secure sponsorships for the All-Britain Fleadh. If you know a business that may be interested in supporting the event, please get in touch with them for a sponsorship booklet.

We're also looking for sponsors for full or half-page adverts in the Souvenir Programme:

- ◆ Full Page: £100 (Branches/Regions) | £150 (Commercial)
- ◆ Half Page: £80 (Branches/Regions) | £100 (Commercial)

Send adverts to [erin@comhaltas.co.uk](mailto:erin@comhaltas.co.uk) by 1st June 2025.

### Sponsor a Competition or Venue

Branches can support the Fleadh by sponsoring a competition or venue, either personally or in memory of someone. Contact Mick and Francesca for more details.

### Volunteers Needed!

The Fleadh relies on volunteers to run smoothly, with roles including competition clerks, registration, car park duties, driving, and venue management. If you'd like to get involved, sign up today using the QR code or reach out to our volunteer coordinators, Fiona and Moya.



**Sign Up to Volunteer Here!**

### Practice Rooms

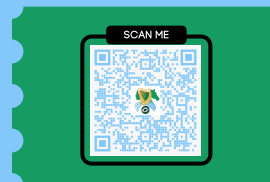
A limited number of classrooms will be open as practice rooms during the weekend. These are costed at £100.00 for the full weekend and are allocated on a first come first served basis. If your branch is interested in renting one for instrument storage or rehearsals. Contact Mick and Francesca for more details.

# Book Now!



**FLEADH TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!**

Item	Early Bird	Door
Adult Weekend Ticket	£20	£25
Student Weekend Ticket	£15	N/A
Child Weekend Ticket	£10	£15
Adult Day Ticket	£15	£20
Student Day Ticket	£10	N/A
Child Day Ticket	£7	£10



All-Britain Fleadh 2025  
Early Bird Tickets  
28-29 June  
**ADMIT ONE**

Student tickets not sold at venue.  
Child tickets are valid up to age 18.  
Attendees must follow event code of conduct available on [website](#).

**Friday 20:00** Welcome  
Session, Village Hotel

**Saturday 13:00-18:00**  
Competitions, School

**Saturday 18:15**  
Fleadh Mass, School Hall B

**Saturday 20:00**  
Fleadh Session, School Hall A

**Friday 19:00** Wristband  
Collection, Village Hotel

**Saturday 11:00** Wristband  
Collection, School

**Saturday 18:00**  
Bar Open, School Hall A

**Saturday 19:30** Opening &  
Awards Ceremony

**Sunday 10:00 - 18:00**  
Competitions, School

This is a provisional timetable.  
Timings subject to change.

**Venue address: Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School  
Leasowes Ave, Coventry CV3 6BH**

**What 3 words: comb.slave.cure**

**Main Hotel: Village Hotel, Dolomite Ave, Coventry CV4 9GZ**

**What 3 words: solar.hangs.crop**

**This is the venue for the Friday 27th June session at 8pm.**

**It's a 10-minute drive from the school.**

# FLEADH CHEOIL NA BREATAINE



## Coventry 2025

28TH-29TH JUNE 2025

BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL

COVENTRY

INFORMATION LEAFLET



 **COMHALTAS**  
in Britain

## Fleadh Welcome message

I am looking forward to welcoming you to my home city of Coventry for Fleadh Cheoil na Breataine in June this year. Our city has a strong and vibrant Irish community which settled in the area from the 1940's onwards, with Coventry once being home to the largest concentration of Irish people in Britain. Today, there are still several very active GAA clubs, Irish dance schools, The Coventry Irish Society, and of course, The Coventry branch of Comhaltas which has been in existence since 1971. Our branch is very active, hosting weekly music lessons, a weekly session, and at least two branch ceili's per year. We organise and take part in many city-wide events, such as music festivals and theatre engagements and have strong links with our sister branch in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Comhaltas in Coventry is a cornerstone of the Irish community.


Coventry is the most central city in England and is known as the City of Peace and Reconciliation. It has a heritage in the motor vehicle industry and it was the City of Culture in 2021. There is a UK saying of "being sent to Coventry". This saying comes from the English civil war, when Parliamentarianism supporters would take their prisoners of war to Coventry. Once there, they were shunned by the City residents. Nobody will be shunned at our fleadh. A great deal of work has already been put into action to make your visit to Coventry, a wholesome experience.


The All Britain Fleadh will take place from 27th-29th June 2025. The competitions will take place at Bishop Ullathorne RC school, Leasowes Avenue, CV3 6BH. Several of the present fleadh committee are past pupils of the school. I have no doubt that at this time they will see the school in a very different way. We are all endeavouring to give visitors to the fleadh, a positive fleadh experience.


I would like to thank the school authorities for the use of the school and their help along the way. Thanks to the Provincial Council for their very valued contribution. Finally, to our hard working fleadh committee and everyone in the Coventry Branch, a big thank you.


Michael Fitzgerald  
Vice-Chair  
Fleadh Cheoil na Breataine 2025


## Travel to All-Britain Fleadh

 **Train:** Coventry is the nearest mainline station with direct connections to Birmingham, London Euston, Oxford, and more. It's a 10-minute taxi ride to the venue.

 **Coach:** Pool Meadow Bus Station in Coventry has direct routes from Birmingham, London, and other cities. Local buses 9, 12X, and X17 take around 30 minutes to the venue, or it's 10 minutes by taxi.

 **Plane:** Birmingham Airport (BHX) has a direct train to Coventry, or it's a 20-minute taxi ride. Coventry Airport (CVT) is just 7 minutes away by car.

 **Driving Directions:**

 No right turn from A45 (Kenpas Highway) eastbound towards the venue.

- From NW: M6/M42 → A45 eastbound → Left on A429 (Kenilworth Rd) → Right onto Coat of Arms Bridge Rd → Right onto Wainbody Ave North → Cross A45 at Burnt Post Pub onto Wainbody Ave South.
- From NE: M1-J21 → M69 → A46 → A45 westbound → Left at Burnt Post Pub onto Wainbody Ave South.
- From SW: M40-J15 → A46 northbound → A45 westbound → Follow NE directions.
- From SE: M1-J17 → M45 → A45 westbound → Follow NE directions.

## Fleadh Committee

Position	Name	Contact
Cathaoirleach (Chair)	Vince Jordan	vince_irishmusic@hotmail.com
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Cisteoir (Treasurer)	Shiv Carlin	shivlaar@gmail.com
Fundraising and PROs	Francesca Tighe & Mick Nixon	francescatighe@hotmail.com micknixon02@gmail.com

### Additional committee members and staff

John Burke, Neal Pointon, Sarah Brommer, Jarlath Mulhern, Jerry Barnes, Michelle Hart  
Operations Manager: Paddy Callaghan  
Community Project Officer: Elske Simpson  
Outreach & Development Officer: Erin Brown

## Accommodation

**The Village**, Coventry Business Park, Dolomite Ave, CV4 9GZ  
024 07771 0860 [village-hotels.co.uk/coventry](http://village-hotels.co.uk/coventry)

**The Old Mill**, Mill Hill, Baginton, Coventry CV8 3AH  
024 7630 2241 [chefandbrewer.com](http://chefandbrewer.com)

**The Jacobean Hotel**, Holyhead Rd, Coventry CV5 8HX  
024 7660 1601 [thejacobean.co.uk](http://thejacobean.co.uk)

**Premier Inn Cov South** Kenpas Highway, Coventry CV3 6PB  
0333 777 4628 [premierinn.com](http://premierinn.com)

**Holiday Inn Kenilworth** 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1ED  
01926 855957 [holidayinn.co.uk](http://holidayinn.co.uk)

**Premier Inn Earlsdon Park**, 53-55 Butts Rd, Coventry CV1 3BH  
0333 321 9244 [premierinn.com](http://premierinn.com)

**Premier Inn Belgrade Plaza**, Bond St, Coventry CV1 4AH  
0333 777 4629 [premierinn.com](http://premierinn.com)

**Ramada Hotel & Suites** Butts, Earlsdon, Coventry CV1 3GG  
024 7623 8110 [wyndhamhotels.com](http://wyndhamhotels.com)

**Hotel Indigo**, Friargate, Coventry CV1 2GN  
024 7510 2350 [coventry.hotelindigo.com](http://coventry.hotelindigo.com)

**Please be aware that some of these hotels do not offer on-site car parking, so it's advisable to verify this information when making your reservation.**

## Catering

There will be a variety of food outlets available at the Fleadh venue, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner options, as well as tea, coffee, and soft drinks for purchase. On Saturday evening, a licensed bar will be open from 6 PM in the School Hall A.

## Stall Holders

Throughout the weekend, there will be a variety of music shops, instrument makers, and stalls to explore. Conveniently located near the canteen, it's the perfect place to browse and hang out. If you're interested in having a stall at the Fleadh, or know someone who might be, please contact Mick and Francesca for more details.