Did you know that throughout the month of March every year, Irish History Month takes place? An initiative brought about by the Irish Arts Foundation, it is now in its seventh year. Irish History Month, a pioneering venture in Britain, exists to promote knowledge of Irish History and experiences in Britain and beyond. Its purpose is to disseminate information on the many positive contributions that Irish people have made to British society and also to introduce new audiences to the vibrancy of Irish arts, heritage, culture and history. See www.irishhistorymonth.com for further details or email info@irisharts.org.uk

Please note all details and times are correct at the time of going to print.

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH
SHARON SHANNON
8:00PM TICKET EVENT £18.10
BOXES (TO SEAT 2) £42.20
Sharon Shannon has music at her fingertips...literally! The accordionist from Ireland has achieved legendary status throughout the world and has made the much-maligned accordion ‘cool’ in her home country. Renowned for her collaborations, not just in Irish traditional music, but through all musical genres, Hip-Hop, Cajun, Country, Classical and Rap.
Sharon has recorded and toured with a who’s who of the Irish and Global Music Industry, including Bono, Adam Clayton, Sinéad O’Connor, Jackson Browne, John Prine, Steve Earle, Mark Knopfler, The RTE Concert Orchestra, The Chieftains, The Waterboys, Willie Nelson, Nigel Kennedy, Alison Krauss and Shane MacGowan – a list that is testament to Sharon’s versatility as well as talent.
www.sharonshannon.com
Box office 0113 243 0606
www.cityvarieties.co.uk
Leeds City Varieties, Swan Street
LEEDS LS1 6LW

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

In partnership with HeadingleyLitFest 2013
Lecture from Dr. Sean Campbell
Dwellers on the Threshold: Second-Generation Irish Musicians in England
8:00PM FREE EVENT

His talk covers how second-generation Irish musicians have played a major role in popular music in Britain. This lecture explores the role of Irish ethnicity in the lives and work of these musicians, focusing on three high-profile acts: Kevin Rowland and Dexys Midnight Runners, Shane MacGowan and The Pogues, and Morrissey/Marr and The Smiths.

It explores the different ways that they engaged with Irish issues and how they negotiated questions of Irish-English identity. The lecture draws on extensive archival research of audio-visual material as well as original interviews with the key figures, including Rowland, MacGowan and Marr.
The lecture will be followed by a traditional Irish music session in the café area in HEART.
www.headingleylitfest.org.uk
HEART, Bennett Road
LEEDS LS6 9HN

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
	
TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION

2:00PM FREE EVENT
In the first of this year’s Irish History sessions we feature guest musicians Paul Daly (flute) and Manchester’s finest Danny Cameron on the button accordion.
The Grove is the spiritual home of folk music in Leeds and has been for many years. Bring your instrument or just come down to enjoy the atmosphere.
The Grove, Back Row
Holbeck Urban Village
LEEDS LS11 5PL

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH
ST PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

11:00AM FREE EVENT
The Leeds St Patrick’s Day Parade is in its fourteenth year and is a celebration of all things Irish.
This year’s Parade will be followed by celebrations in Millennium Square and Leeds Irish Centre, including live traditional Irish music and dancing, stalls, food, displays and much more. This is a fantastic event for families and friends of all ages, and all are welcome to join in the fun.
The parade will leave from Cookridge Street at 11am. This year’s parade will be bigger and better with a stream of colourful floats, followed by an afternoon of events in Millennium Square, showcasing different aspects of Irish Culture.
Leeds City Centre
www.leedsgoinirish.com

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TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

TUESDAY IRISH DOLLERS CLUB 12:15PM FREE EVENT

Including bingo and refreshments. This week features music from Irish Arts Foundation Musicians, Gerry Brownridge and Kevin Mullowney. Contact the Leeds Irish Centre for details on how to join.

Tel. 0113 248 0887
The Leeds Irish Centre, York Road
LEEDS LS19 1RG
www.leeds.gov.uk

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

SEVEN SUNDAY QUIZ 7:30PM FREE EVENT

The weekly quiz takes on an Irish theme.

www.sevenleeds.co.uk
LEEDS LS7 3PD
Harrogate Road

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

MARTIN HAYES & DENNIS CAHILL 7:30PM TICKET EVENT £13.50

County Clare’s Martin Hayes is widely regarded as the absolute elite amongst Irish fiddle players – the finest of a generation and the envy of the whole of Irish fiddlers (his professional contemporaries included). His playing defies ordinary description, reaching an elevated, almost cathartic level – as the New York times put it, in a class of its own. Martin’s live shows with musical partner, guitarist extraordinare Dennis Cahill, are a thing of renown, exquisitely running the gauntlet of genres & styles with mesmerising intensity, able to hold an audience of thousands as if they were listening up close in a small backroom.

As one or other has always been based in the US, their appearances are very rarely (usually less than half a dozen every couple of years) and they come to Saltaire for one of just 3 UK performances ever to come back from across the States. So catch them while you can for something special, very definitely not “more of the same” – playing that is the very cream of its crop.

www.martinhayes.com

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION IN MR FOLEY’S CASK ALE HOUSE 1:45PM FREE EVENT

Mr. Foley’s Cask Ale House
159 The Headrow
LEEDS LS1 3RG
Tel. 0113 242 9674
www.york-brewery.co.uk

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

RICH MCAHON THE IMAGINED NATION 7.45PM FOR AN 8.00PM START TICKET EVENT £7.00

Rich McMahon presents an Irish-themed show that explores ideas about national identity, myth and prejudice in a way that is both entertaining and thought-provoking. The Imagned Nation combines spoken word, film, collage and live music, including Rich’s original songs and interpretations of classics from The Dubliners to The Divine Comedy.

www.martinhayes.com

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION 2:00PM FREE EVENT

In the second of this year’s Irish History sessions we feature two guest musicians from Glasgow, Danny Boyle (fiddle) and Paddy Callaghan (button accordion). Danny is Project Manager with the Glasgow based registered charity The Irish Heritage Foundation. He is also a member of the Irish Minstrels branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and has taught and performed with the Irish Minstrels branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann for the last decade. Danny is the current Chairman of the Glasgow St. Patrick’s Week Festival. Paddy is a fine exponent of the button-accordion and is a development officer for Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, a not-for-profit cultural movement involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music. Paddy is BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year.

The Clarence, Back Row, Holbeck
LEEDS LS11 5PU

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