

Waterford set for St Patrick's Day



This year's St Patrick's Day Parade will begin in Waterford City at 1pm on Tuesday next.

Waterford City is set for a great day of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations on Tuesday next starting with a performance of Irish dancing from the McGrath School of Irish Dance on The Mall before the annual parade.

The parade will start at 1pm with over 50 colourful entries including Spraoi and the ever popular Children's Groupink who are busy preparing a float featuring landmarks from all across the city and county of Waterford.

Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr James Tobin is delighted to have Waterford legend Tony Browne as Parade Grand Marshall.

Pre and post parade, a Festival Fun Day in John Roberts Square will be held, featuring a music stage with acts such as The Beachcombers and the High Hopes Choirs, and a Community Showcase area with community groups showing their skills such as martial arts and Irish dancing.

A big highlight of the Festival Fun Day will be the Pop Up Reptile Zoo where you can meet and maybe even handle some snakes and reptiles! Other activities in the square include a grass play area and the Civic Trust Treasure Hunt.

Registration booth for the treasure hunt will be in John Roberts Square after the Parade between 3 to 4pm. This is a fun and novel way to explore the city and the winning team will take home an iPad!

Meanwhile, the Jules Rieffel School from Waterford's twin city of St Herblain will visit the city once more for this year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

They are visiting the Presentation School in what is a return visit; the Presentation visited France last week.

The students from the school will walk in the parade once more, having won a prize last year.

Among their activities are a visit to Waterford's Medieval Museum, the Dunbrody at New Ross and Hook Head's famed lighthouse.

They will also visit the Belmont Park Farm in Ferrybank given Jules Rieffel's status as a horticultural school.

To keep up-to-date on events, check out the St Patrick's Day Facebook page ' [WaterfordStPatricksDayParade](#).