

— DIARY —

A taster of what else to look forward to over the coming weeks...

OSCAR WILDE AWARDS

On March 1, acclaimed actress Catherine O'Hara will join Mark Hamill and Barry Keoghan as a recipient of a coveted US-Ireland Alliance Oscar Wilde award. This year's event will again be held in Santa Monica, California.

HENNESSY HEAVEN

Following last year's huge success, the RHA's *Hennessy Lost Friday* returns on March 2 with a whole new line-up of colour, creativity and cocktails. Visit: Rhagallery.ie for more.

KILKENNY CALLING

Kilkenny TradFest returns to the Marble City this St. Patrick's weekend (March 16 — 19) for four memorable days of music, featuring the likes of Finbar Furey and Donal Lunny. Kilkennytradfest.com

MELLOWING IN YELLOW

Daffodil Day, on March 23, will see Boots stores across Ireland team up with the Irish Cancer Society to sell Daffodil Day materials to help with fundraising. Visit: Cancer.ie

RETURN OF THE VIKINGS

Easter weekend (March 30 — April 2) will this year see Vikings run amok at the inaugural Dublinia Viking Festival, as Long Ships take to the River Liffey. Visit: Dublinia.ie

SAY IT WITH ROSES

With Ireland having the highest incidence of cystic fibrosis per head of population in the world, Cystic Fibrosis Ireland's 65 Roses Day fundraising appeal takes place on April 13. Buy a purple rose for €2 or text "65roses" to 50300 to donate €2. Cfireland.ie

SITTING PRETTY

Luxury interiors firm Hedgeroe, which is run by Irish mother-and-daughter design duo Rhona and Rebecca Roe (right), has introduced an eclectic selection of textures to their new range of hand-embroidered cushions at their store in Carrickmines.

Visit: Hedgeroe.com



Riviera cushion, €115, Hedgeroe



Fleurville cushion, €150, Hedgeroe



VINTAGE GLAMOUR

Looking to do something special for Mother's Day (March 11)? Head for Wilde restaurant at The Westbury, to sample their exclusive tasting menu, prepared by Executive Chef Sandeep Singh, in partnership with esteemed Champagne house Krug. To book a table, call 01 646 3352. Wilde.ie

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The newly-published Fáilte Ireland *Food & Drink Strategy 2018 – 2023* aims to change overseas visitor perceptions of Irish food and drink. In 2017, revenue from overseas visitors totalled €6.5 billion, with about €2 billion spent on food and drink.



CHINA SYNDROME



On March 4, as part of the Dublin Chinese New Year Festival, the National Gallery will screen *China's Van Goghs*, which follows a peasant farmer in his efforts to produce replicas of the work of Vincent Van Gogh. The screening is free. Dublinchinesenewyear.com