



Country vibes A few of our favourite things...

Poetry Corner

Global Warming

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I sit by my window
observing the rain
A torrent beats down on my
window pane
Global warming is what the
experts say
Extremes of weather
are here to stay

Our friends in Europe
face a burning sizzle
While here in Ireland
there's a constant drizzle
Bush fires in Greece
over hill and plain
How they would welcome
a spill of rain

Our way of life has caused
the trouble
Over heating has burst
the bubble
Our over use of fossil fuel
Has overpowered our natural
renewal

Arctic ice has begun to melt
Its effects on nature
now being felt
A temperature increase
of two degrees
Deprives the Arctic of
its power to freeze

Global warming is increasing
year by year
Which the stronger powers
don't want to hear
Rainforest removal
continues on
They won't stop clearing
till it's gone

Our energy must come
from sun and wind
Diesel and petrol we must
leave behind
Farmers too must change
their ways
No longer farm like the
olden days

We can no longer live as
in the past
For future generations
the die is cast
The powers that be must
now take heed
And do just what the experts
have decreed.



Picture of the week
James Mulrooney (4) from Kilkenny feeding calves during a visit to Knock in Co Tipperary. ©Claire Mulrooney

Munster's largest agricultural summer show

The **Cork Summer Show** is now open for entries, with more than 800 competition classes announced for this year's event. Running on 20-21 June at Curraheen Showgrounds, it remains Munster's largest and longest-running agricultural showcase, celebrating farming, food and family life since 1810. More than 200 events and attractions are planned. See corksummershow.com

Pictured below: Gerard Murphy, president of the Munster Agricultural Society, (centre), with Daniel Desmond, Damien O'Callaghan and Hayleigh Naughton. ©Michael O'Sullivan/OSMPhoto



Men's Shed plough on

On 25 April, Knock Men's Shed gathered at Brennan's farm in Co Laois to plough for oats, with plans to cut the corn in late August using binders. Their annual threshing festival takes place on 12-13 September, with mills powered by petrol, diesel, TVO tractors and a steam engine. The weekend begins with the Ger Bowe Memorial Tractor Run, with funds supporting Knock National School and community workshop plans. See Knock Vintage Club and Men's Shed group on Facebook.

Pictured above: Knock Men's Shed ploughing in late April on Brennan's farm in Co Laois. ©Knockmensshed