

Awesome COFFEE



ALL IN GOOD TASTE:
Coffee king Brian Birdy and (inset, from top) gin expert Kevin Redmond and Aprilanna Barker from Dinkin's Bakery

Farney bounty

CO Monaghan's food businesses and producers take centre stage this summer in a first-of-its-kind showcase.

The Monaghan Summer of Food Series will highlight 20 of the county's leading food businesses, with a particular emphasis on what's new, innovative and unique about each.

From the 'world's best duck' in Emyvale to one of Ireland's top experts on gin to a micro-brewery set on a working dairy farm, the series will focus on the fascinating stories behind the county's stand-out 'food heroes'.

Fresh photography and video will be used to tell the story of

MONAGHAN'S SUMMER OF FOOD

each producer, with individual producer profiles released periodically on the Monaghan Tourism social media channels throughout the summer.

Recipe

Monaghan Tourism will also be sharing travel and recipe ideas and themed blog content during the campaign.

There will be some mouth-watering food and drink prizes up for grabs in addition.

Among the businesses taking part are:

Brian Birdy, Awesome Coffee

Beans (Carrickmacross)

A former Irish Cup Tasters Champion and proprietor of buzzing café Awesome Coffee Beans, Brian is an alumnus of Antwerp's Cafenation and 3FE.

It is little wonder he is now roasting some of the finest coffee in the country.

Kevin Redmond, Gin Expert (Monaghan Town)

Kevin honed his craft at The Savoy in London, and his mixology skills can now be savoured at Andy's Restaurant & Bar in Monaghan town.

One of Ireland's leading ex-

perts on gin, Kevin hosts fascinating and highly entertaining tasting masterclasses here.

Aprilanna Barker, Dinkin's Bakery (various locations)

Celebrating 50 years in business, this family-run bakery chain is part of the fabric of the Monaghan food scene.

Dinkin's has won a Great Taste Gold Award for its wheaten bread and also boasts a Tiptree World Bread Award-winning sourdough.

For further details and to view a full list of participants, visit monaghantourism.com.