

**"Connamara conjures up images of mountains, a wild coast and equally wild weather along with wonderful hospitality and music. A natural wonderland on the edge of western Europe that still retains its wildness. Sea week somehow manages to capture all this and share it amongst travellers who journey to join in the celebration of the amazing natural and cultural heritage of the region. It is a unique festival with its powerful combination of music, art and nature that is willingly shared with all who come to visit. In fact it is hard to see how else it could be bettered for those who want to learn and savour the unique atmosphere of this stunning area of the world.**

**The After The light parade was one of the highlights of the 2013 Sea week and brought together both the locals and visitors to Letterfrack in Connamara. Strange pagan masks were worn and people dressed up in all manner of ways as darkness fell on the village. It felt at one point as if we had stumbled upon an ancient ceremony that might have been performed by the Celtic tribes of the region or perhaps a strange Viking celebration. As the drummers led the march of adults and children around the village a sense of excitement and eeriness descended. This all culminated in an impressive display of fire art on the village green with a mysterious white hooded figure - the keeper of the light.**

**To round the evening off we all retired to Mollys bar for a pint of guinness and a dose of local irish music. What a way to round off our first night in Connemara and Sea Week 2013."**