

FIVE THINGS to do this week...

1 SEE Will Young at the Olympia Theatre on Monday. The British singer is one of the few reality show success stories after emerging as the 2002 winner of Pop Idol. Almost 10 years on, the likable singer is still in the charts and touring. There are still a limited number of tickets left for this intimate date in the Olympia.



2 GET up bright and early on Saturday and watch Chelsea take on Arsenal at Stamford Bridge. This is always a hotly-contested affair but after Arsenal's less-than-impressive start to the season, will they be able to cope with the pace of Torres, Sturridge and Co? Kick off is 12.45pm and the game is live on Sky Sports.

3 HOST a Halloween Party. Whether it is a children's party, or a fancy dress for the adults, Halloween parties are always hugely popular with everyone. Grab some spooky decorations, put on some chilling sounds and play dress up for the day – there are plenty of scary, funny and imaginative costume ideas online to keep adults and kids entertained.

4 DON'T forget to vote for the new President of Ireland on Thursday October 27. The future of the country is in your hands. All of the canvassing and one-upmanship is done and it is time to select someone. So get along to your polling booth and make a decision you can be proud of.

5 GO and see the movie *We Need To Talk About Kevin*. It is based on the exceptional book by Lionel Shriver, and is set to be one of the cinematic events of the year. Starring Tilda Swinton (pictured above), the movie is only showing, for a limited time, in certain cinemas so get yourself along as soon as possible to check it out.

WITH Halloween just days away now is the time to get your hands on some scary movie entertainment in preparation for the spookiest night of the year, writes Lynda O'Donoghue.

There are plenty of old and new movies to keep children, and adults, of all ages occupied or scared stiff throughout the Bank Holiday weekend.

We take a look at some great Halloween classics that are available now to rent.

1. Twilight There is a reason that millions of teenage girls spend their days and nights debating the Edward versus Jacob dilemma. *Twilight*, starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart (pictured below) is a

about this movie is excellent. Though it is definitely not suitable for the little ones.

4. Beetlejuice This movie may not be suitable for young children but older kids will enjoy the colourful, funny and sometimes scary title character, played by Michael Keaton. Each of the supporting characters are also very likable and funny. A great family movie.

5. Red Riding Hood In this twist on the original children's fairytale Amanda Seyfried plays Valerie, a beautiful woman torn between two men. There is a sinister secret in the town in which she lives and one which could change everything. One for teenagers and adults who like their fairytales dark.

Spooky films with ghosts, vampires and serial killers

very good vampire movie for all the family to enjoy. Fans of the saga will also be keen to check out *New Moon* and *Eclipse* before *Breaking Dawn Part 1* hits cinemas in November.

2. Nightmare on Elm Street Definitely not for the faint-hearted, this movie, with Johnny Depp and Heather Langenkamp, will make you rethink going to bed early. A group of teenagers are all haunted by the same nightmare of a badly burned man with razors for fingers trying to kill them. When her friends starting dying, one by one, Nancy Thompson figures out that she must stay awake to stay alive. Classic.

3. Silence of the Lambs One of the best horror films of all time with Anthony Hopkins in outstanding form as serial killer Hannibal Lecter and Jodie Foster in even better form as rookie FBI agent Clarice Starling. She must confide in brilliant psychiatrist and cannibalistic serial killer, Lecter, to receive his help on catching another serial killer who skins his victims. Everything



IN HER OWN WRITE: Poet Susan Condon

The Poet's Corner

Susan Condon, a native Dubliner, began writing poetry and short stories in 2008. She has attended creative writing courses, run by Eileen Casey (Hennessy Literary Award Winner 2010) in Old Bawn Community College and Valerie Sirr (Hennessy Literary Award Winner 2007) in Crumlin College.

Her short story, 'Cinderella's Smile', was published in *Senior Times*, Issue 51, 2011 and 'The Celtic Cat' appeared in the anthology 'South of the County: New Myths and Tales', published in November 2010.

Awards include first prize for her short story 'The Visit' and third prize for her poem, 'Darkness', in the City of Dublin VEC, Sports and Cultural Council Writing Awards 2010.

A member of Platform One Writers' group, Rua Red, Susan is currently working on her first novel – a psychological thriller.

Susan will be reading from her work at the Tallaght Library readings, County Library, Tallaght at 7pm on Monday 7th November along with fellow writers: Tom Hanrahan, Mervyn Ennis and Eithne Cavanagh.

This series has been developed by, and will be facilitated by, local poet and writer Eileen Casey. Advance booking is not necessary and readings are free to attend.

You can follow Susan on Twitter – <https://twitter.com/#!/SusanCondon>

Kindred Spirit

How our Irish landscape has changed since those Celtic Tiger years of riches, where only worldly goods defined; its loss brings poverty and pain.

But love and compassion return. Worth, measured with the heart instead of material gains: for Ireland; land of one hundred, thousand welcomes, encompasses all people to her land.

Travellers from near, from far, like coloured rainbows on a spectrum, as eyes unfold, peacock plumage offers dark, light, divergence, to our world.

Maybe now, we can bloom again; like the phoenix, rise from the ashes, an Ireland of renewed kindred spirit: to live and love and hope.

Calling all young people!

It's time for you to nominate someone for the Tallaght Person of the Year in any category you like.

Someone your own age involved in sport, youth work or music. Or maybe someone with a heart of gold that you know deserves recognition.

Go now to page 24 and fill in the nomination form. It's that easy. All the details are there on where to send forms etc.

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