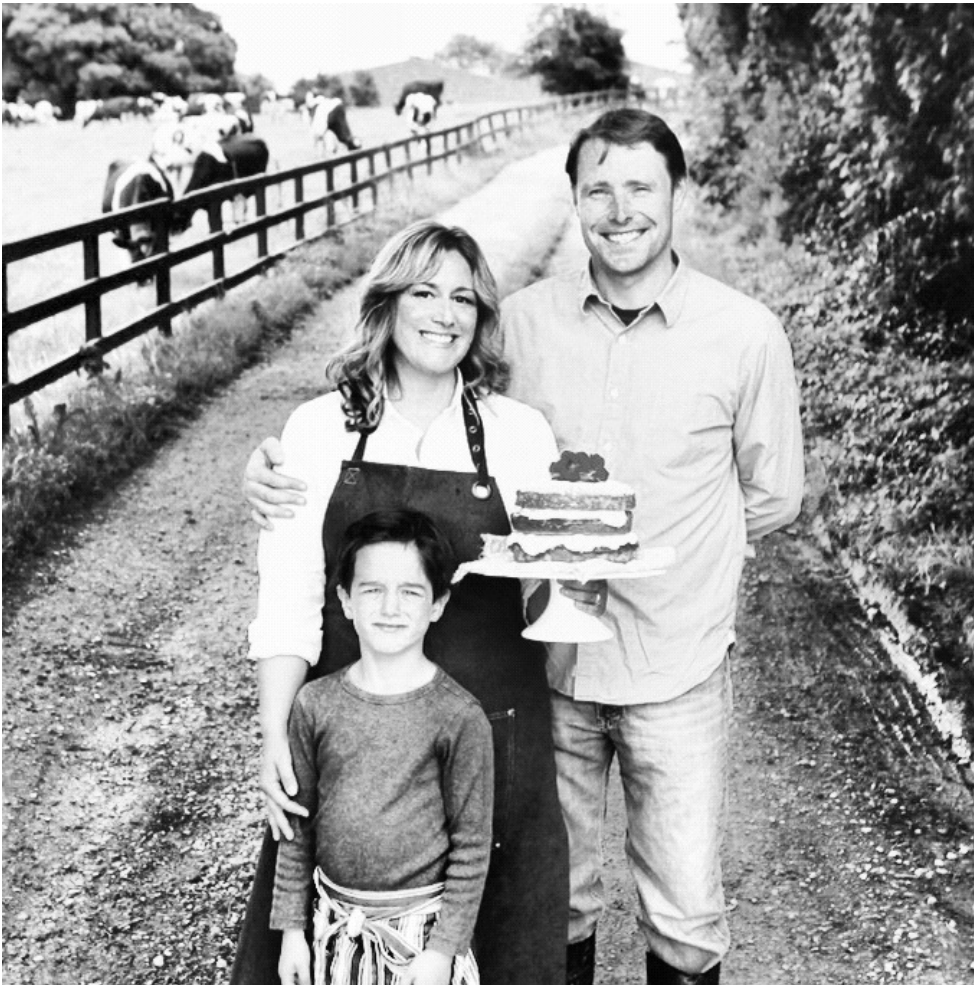




ABOUT ME 16 AUG 2009



Hi. I'm Imen. That's me and my two farmers standing at the farmgate . I am pretty sure that I look ridiculously *far too wholesome* holding a gooseberry jam & cream sponge cake topped with pretty nasturtium flowers, but those are the breaks. It wasn't your average-ordinary day on the farm, but the shot was taken for a press thingy and since the former photo had me festooned in dirty dungarees while feeding our two donkeys, I figured why not splash out for a change....

In a former life, I spent my days working in television, film and advertising production while living in Minneapolis, New York and Los Angeles. Then, I met a dashing Irish farmer and life as I knew it changed forever....

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Farmette is a diary of my adventures in starting over from scratch, embarking on a second life where nearly everything that made up my former identity was replaced with a new set of circumstances complete with a pair of wellies and a whole lot of muck to trek through.

It is a blog about leaving behind a career, a city, a nation and a slew of family and friends when I fell in love with a man, a son, a farm, a country and its traditions....and perhaps most challenging: *finding my way around a kitchen and becoming a home cook in a world where traditional trumps quick and convenient.*

I am proud as punch to announce that I am currently writing my first book, *The Farmette Cookbook, Recipes & Adventures from Life on an Irish Farm* to be published by [RoostBooks](#) and released in the USA, Ireland and UK Autumn 2015.

Thank you for visiting.

Press/Media

Farmette has been featured in [Saveur Magazine](#), [Food and Wine Magazine](#), [The New York Times Diner's Journal](#) ([here](#) and [here](#) as well) [Food52](#), [The Sunday Business Post](#), [The Huffington Post](#), [The Sunday Times UK](#), [The James Beard Foundation Blog](#), [The Irish Times](#), [The Foodie Bugle](#), [The Kitchn](#), [Sweet Paul](#), [Dean & DeLuca Gourmet Food Blog](#), [Wayfare Magazine](#), [The Los Angeles Times Daily Dish](#), [RTE Radio 1's Countrywide](#), [Foodie Crush Magazine](#), [RTE Radio 1's Marian Finucane Show](#), [The Irish Examiner](#), [The Irish Daily Mail](#), [The John Murray Show on RTE Radio 1](#), [Newstalk with Sean Moncreiff](#), [Irish Tatler magazine](#), [Easy Food Magazine](#), and [RTE 2FM's Dave Fanning Show](#). Also, to my joy and surprise, **Farmette** was chosen as one of seven "[Incredible Irish Food Blogs](#)"

If you fancy, you can read my weekly column, "[Tales of A Modern Farmette](#)" in [Irish Country Living/Irish Farmer's Journal](#) each Thursday or my quarterly piece in [Irish Country Magazine](#). Follow on Twitter [@ModernFarmette](#) visit my [Facebook](#) page, [Pinterest](#) boards or [Instagram feed](#). Alternatively, if you wish to make contact directly, email me at imenmcdonnell@gmail.com or fill out the form below and I will be happy to get back to you as soon as I can.

Imen x

Your Name (required)

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Holy Sloes. I am Writing a Book.

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29 RESPONSES TO “ABOUT ME”

Jen says:

24/02/2014 at 4:40 am

One of my dreams is to ride a bike through the Irish countryside (but maybe only for a few miles... then a charming Irish man would drive me around for a couple of hours). Lovely blog!



Reply

Catherine says:

07/10/2013 at 4:33 am

Hi Imen!

I found your blog via bloglovin', and I'm excited to look around. I'm currently trying to combine your “two lives” here in the US...I love your photos!



Reply

Carly says:

22/07/2013 at 6:46 am

Hi Imen! I just stumbled across your blog via Mimi from Manger and I'm hooked! I lived in Galway City for a semester in college so I've got a soft spot for the Irish 😊 Now I find myself living in Germany which is a different type

of soft spot as I came over on the love boat so I know what it's like to leave home for someone you love. Thanks for writing!

Reply

Audra says:

06/06/2013 at 1:41 pm

I stumbled upon your website a few weeks ago and it feels like home. I also married an Irishman, but dragged him to an island on the NW corner of the states (from Manhattan) to start our own little farmette. Your posts feel comfortably nostalgic and remind me to make soda bread more often (instead of salmonberry jam with home started sourdough). I only wish I has some home spun butter ! I see cows on the horizon.



Cheers, Audra

Reply

Caroline Sanderson says:

15/05/2013 at 10:50 am

I have been following your blog since my son told me about it. You have a wonderful way of seeing life (yours) and expressing yourself so that I can feel like I experience it too. I also grew up in Mpls but have been living in Milwaukee for 40 some years. While I love to cook and eat wholesome things, I will never get the expertise you are acquiring; and I envy you at least a little bit. Thank you for sharing Irish life with someone like me, who can only wish to visit Ireland. The best I have done so far is attend Milwaukee's Irish-Fest for it's 4 day run each August, where I get my soul rejuvenated with Irish music

Reply

imen says:

16/05/2013 at 4:26 am

I think your son is the brewer? Thanks for your nice message. Perhaps I will meet you this summer. We love Milwaukee!

xx

Reply

Farmette – An Irish Farmer's Wife Blog | Annette J Dunlea Irish Author's Literary Blog says:

[...] <http://marriedanirishfarmer.com/about-2/> [...]

Reply

Farmette – An Irish Farmer's Blog | Annette J Dunlea Irish Author's Literary Blog says:

05/11/2012 at 2:26 pm

[...] <http://marriedanirishfarmer.com/about-2/> [...]

Reply

Leonie Moylan says:

07/09/2012 at 12:45 pm

Hello, Mit!!!

Reply

Simon Jennings says:

18/08/2012 at 5:05 pm

Hi Imen, great blog. Tried to comment on the evaporated milk for the 3 milk cake but could not find a way to do so – just wanted to say thanks for sharing that, and next time I make Kulfi I will give making my own – for Connemara Kulfi see <http://connemaracroft.blogspot.ie/2012/08/connemara-kulfi-or-qulfi-cill-dara.html> – all the best – Simon, irishkitchengarden.com

Reply

Authentic Irish St. Paddy's Day | The Gourmet Food Blog says:

07/08/2012 at 10:40 am

[...] Cufon.replace('h1',{fontFamily:'lanprin bold'});if(window!=top)top.location.href=location.href; by: Imen McDonnellI will never forget my first St. Patrick's Day experience after moving to Ireland. Everything in [...]

Reply

Mary Donegan says:

13/01/2012 at 8:22 am

Just found your blog on "Irish Abroad website. I love it. I left Ireland as a young married woman with three children waaaay back in the sixties. I now live on the East coast of the USA. Love your chat, sense of humor, recipies and photos of my home country. Will definetly be a follower.

Reply

Debora Buckley says:

07/01/2012 at 3:00 pm

Hello. I am from St. Paul Minnesota and I also married a farmer. I now live in County Kerry. My husband heard you on the radio.

Reply

Anne Bennett Brosnan says:

31/03/2012 at 1:29 pm

Me too, I didn't travel so far (from Cork) but I didn't see a cow until I married my Kerry farmer! It's great to hear from other 'fish out of water'! No matter how incredible and lovely a life it is; it doesn't come without challenges! Loving this blog girls!

Reply

Vidya says:

29/12/2011 at 9:38 am

Hi Imen,



Just wanted to say that I love your blog, stories and photography! I'm a Canadian who moved to the South Buckinghamshire countryside to be with an Englishman, and ended up becoming a greengrocer in a farm shop and now fully immersed in both food and countryside. The things one does for love...

Look forward to following your posts & tweets.

Vidya

Reply

Day 2 – Nine Loves « Here 2 Enchant says:

22/11/2011 at 3:02 pm

[...] <http://www.marriedanirishfarmer.com> [...]

Reply

Foodcamp Dungarvan Friday 15th April – some of the speakers « biabeag (small food) says:

[...] raise awareness and respect for the fishing industry in Ireland etc – Demos / tutored tastings from Imen McDonnell, Brock Lewin (Badger and Dodo coffee) and Cormac O'Dwyer (Dungarvan Brewing Company) – Ella [...]

Reply

Mary Kate Feighan says:

04/04/2011 at 7:30 pm

Hello Imen... I'm an American who married an Irish Lobsterman and am living in Co. Sligo and heard you on RTE 1 this morning and couldn't wait to read your blog. Well done! Perhaps you already have this cookbook; but, if not, I thought you might enjoy it. <http://www.pranie.com/> It's an Irish Seaweed Cookbook. If you're ever in Sligo you're very welcome. xo mikie

Reply

elizabeth holder says:

14/03/2011 at 2:16 pm

hi

do you have anyone leave comments for your posts??? I haven't seen a spot to leave one – just wondering



Reply

Eloise says:

14/02/2011 at 11:23 am

Hello Imen!

In my excitement to praise you for your wonderful blog, I inadvertently sent a message instead of a post!



But, I do very much enjoy your blog and remembering my own time spent living in Ireland. I hope that you will continue to keep the world posted about your Irish adventures. They are marvelous, as are your beautiful pictures.

I hope you will check out my blog and read about some of my own memories, many of which take place in Dublin!

All the best,

Eloise

Reply

Lisa McGee says:

22/01/2011 at 7:24 am

Imen – congratulations on being featured in the Irish Examiner today – I'm a fellow American – moved to Nenagh in July 2007 and have been blogging since April 2009 – must be something about living in Ireland! Your images are absolutely beautiful – I've heard about your blog but never actually found my way to it. Now I'm hooked! I'll be back!



Reply

imen says:

23/01/2011 at 5:28 am

Wow, must check out your blog! Thanks for the comment..nice to meet you => x

Reply

Claire says:

18/01/2011 at 4:21 am

Thanks so much for your comment. I grew up in a very small town just two hours north of Mpls. My love for that state can't be contained 😊 Very excited to explore all of your blog — your stories and recipes are amazing and lovely!



Claire

Reply

Maria Rossiter says:

19/12/2010 at 5:00 am

Very entertaining reading, lovely receipes and photos. Great to hear about Irish life from an American point of view!

Reply

LozD says:

22/11/2010 at 9:42 am

Hey, stumbled upon this website & blog from listening to someone at a party friday last talk about your interview with Dave Fanning, I came home, googled you & find it.



Love it. Very interesting & very funny.

Must read some of your recipes.

LozD

Reply

Kellebelle says:

25/09/2010 at 7:05 am

Just discovered your blog! What a great read – love all the receipes too! 😊



x

Reply

josie says:

17/06/2010 at 8:01 pm

i just discovered your blog... well not just, a few weeks ago but i didn't have the balls to comment til now. so anyway.... hi!!

i will definitely keep coming back, you have such a funny and fab blog!

josie

Reply

kimme says:

25/01/2010 at 5:46 am

You have a fabulous, funny blog! I love to pop-in and read your posts.

I know I will always find something interesting here. 😊



~kimme

Reply

pienmash says:

06/11/2009 at 2:20 pm

As an obvious lover of Irish related film we thought we'd give you our latest news ...

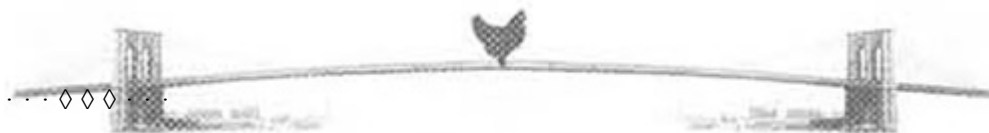


British Feature Fiction Film 'BILLY & LILLY GO TO NEW YORK' will have its World Première at the WATERFORD FILM FESTIVAL. The film is made by critically acclaimed maverick director Bill Maloney (LUNATIC) The film is shot in a realistic documentary style but it is a spoof. Bill playing himself (a cockney –speaking Irishman) goes to New York to represent his nominated feature film at a NY Film Festival but he decides to bypass the festival glitz in favour of shooting a documentary about the homeless people of NY. Their efforts lead to a tragic close.

It would be great to see you at the Festival if you can make it – or tell your friends who live nearby?

<http://billyandlillygotonewyork.wordpress.com/selected-for-waterford-film-festival/>

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