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2019

30 Meán Fómhair –
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FINGAL FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

2019

30 September –
7 October



Stair ag an gCaisleán: Ag Ceiliúradh an Oidhreachta Gaelach History at the Castle: Celebrating Irish Heritage

Swords
Cultural
Quarter

Saturday 5th October 10.00am – 4.30pm

Booking Essential, please contact library.events@fingal.ie

Hurling in 19th Century Ireland & Australia – Dr. Pat Bracken

This talk will focus on hurling in the 19th Century in Ireland, pre-1884 and the foundation of the GAA.

Dr. Pat Bracken is an Executive Librarian with Tipperary County Council Library Service, based in Clonmel. He is the author of *The Growth and Development of Sport in Co. Tipperary, 1840-1880* (Cork University press, 2018). He also wrote *Foreign and Fantastic Field Sports: Cricket in Co. Tipperary* (Thurles, 2004). His principal area of study is Victorian sport.

10.00am – 10.45am (Talk) • 10.45am – 11.00am (Questions)

Every Tune has a Story to Tell – Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

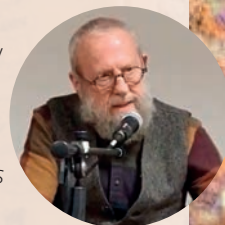
Join the Craobh Séan Treacy branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann for a narrated journey using music, song and stories to illustrate how Irish music and history have moved together through the ages. The major instruments of Irish music will be featured including the Harp, Uilleann Pipes, Flute, Bodhran, and Concertina etc. Behind every tune and song there is a story to tell, a historic event or a musician who composed a beautiful piece of music that has been passed on to us. Learn some of the stories behind the music and the instruments and be swept away by the beautiful melodies of Irish music tradition.

11.15am – 1.00pm

Sheanchaí in the Castle – Anthony Nugent

Anthony Nugent will serve up a treat of tales from Irish Mythology to include the Ulster Cycle, the Fianna Cycle, the Fairy-Lore, Banshee-Lore, the Gobán Saor, Daniel O'Connell and finishing with some modern stories about music and musicians

Anthony Nugent is a well renowned story-teller of Irish mythology. His works include *"Legends of the Dispossessed"* and *"Were you at the Rock"*. He is a member of the Dublin Yarnspinners storytelling group.



2.00pm – 3.00pm

“*Mise an Fear Ceoil*” Séamus Ennis – As part of #Séamus100: Séamus Ennis Centenary Celebrations

Séamus Ennis was one of the most important figures in Irish traditional music in the 20th century. One very valuable aspect of Séamus’ life was his work collecting traditional music and song in all parts of Ireland. *Mise an Fear Ceoil* shines an interesting and entertaining light on this part of Séamus’ work. **Ríonach uí Ógáin** tells us about the daily life of the folklore collector at that time – the 1940s. **Róisín Elsafty**, a celebrated sean-nós singer from the Conamara Gaeltacht will perform songs which come to us from the Ó Caodháin collection and uilleann piper **Peter Browne** will play tunes from both Ó Caodháin and Ennis. In this, the centenary year of Ennis’ birth, *Mise an Fear Ceoil* is a uniquely entertaining session of speech, song and music.



3.00pm – 4.00pm (Talk and Music)

Swords Castle <https://swordscastle.events/>

Swords Castle was built by Archbishop of Dublin, John Comyn as his manorial residence around 1200. Excavation of the chapel in the 1970s unearthed a 14th century tile pavement, part of which is on display in the National Museum of Ireland. The recent excavations uncovered burials that appear to predate the building of the gatehouse. The chapel, Archbishop’s private chambers and Constable’s Tower are open to the public for viewing and a member of Fingal Tourist Board will assist with any questions you may have.



April – September

Tuesday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm
(closed Monday)

October – March

Tuesday – Saturday 9.30am – 4.00pm
Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm
(closed Monday)

For Tours Contact T: +353 1 840 0891

Fingal Tourism: E: info@fingaltourism.ie

Getting to:

By Bus: Nos. 33, 41, 41C Swords Express
www.dublinbus.ie/www.swordsexpress.com

By Car: M1, R132, R122

Lodgers and Landladies: the forgotten world of life in 'digs', c. 1890-1920 –

Dr Ruth McManus

This talk considers the lodging phenomenon in the city and county at the turn of the twentieth century, exploring the types of people who became lodgers, boarders and 'paying guests', and the popular perception of lodgers and landladies as reflected in contemporary literature and newspapers.

Dr Ruth McManus is Associate Professor in Geography at Dublin City University's School of History and Geography.



Monday 30 September • 6.30pm • Rush Library
Booking Required: rushlibrary@fingal.ie or 01 870 8414

Irish Nationalism in London during the War of Independence, 1919 – 1921: propaganda, gun-running and diplomacy –

Dr Mary MacDiarmada

This talk will explore the work of the Irish Self-Determination League of Great Britain, the role of Art O'Brien, Dáil Éireann's first envoy to London and the activities of the London IRA and IRB.

Dr Mary MacDiarmada is a Research Associate at Dublin City University's School of History and Geography.



Monday 30 September • 6.30pm • Blanchardstown Library
Booking Required: blanchlib@fingal.ie or 01 890 5563

The rise and fall of John Spicer's 'Model Bakery' Balbriggan (1904 – c.1999) Part 1, 1904 to c.1942 –

Frank Whearity

This talk follows the establishment of John Spicer's Balbriggan bakery and the subsequent battle for the lucrative contract to supply the Balrothery Poor Law Union at Ballymore, with bread and meal. Frank has many tales to tell about business rivalries and the characters who worked in the baking trade.

Frank Whearity holds a BA (hons) in Local Studies and an MA in Local History from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and lectures widely as a member of several historical societies.



Tuesday 1 October • 6.30pm • Balbriggan Library
Booking Required: balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie or 01 870 4401

Impressions of a Visitor to Dublin in 1806-07 – Dr Angela Byrne

On 31 July 1806, John Lee (né Fiott, 1783–1866) embarked on a seven-month walking tour of England, Wales and Ireland. Lee's diaries contain fascinating details of everyday life in Ireland in the aftermath of the 1798 and 1803 rebellions.

Dr Angela Byrne is Research Associate at Ulster University and has held research and lecturing positions at the University of Greenwich, University of Toronto, NUI Maynooth, and the Royal Irish Academy.



Thursday 3 October • 6.30pm • Baldoyle Library

Booking Required: baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie or 01 890 6793



Voters and politicians - elections and local government in North County Dublin during the lifetime of the Rural District Council, 1898-1925 – Declan Brady

This talk examines the progressive changes in voter franchise and local government representation from the Local Government Act in 1898, through the Irish Revolution, to the abolition of Rural District Council's in 1925. The independence movement used these elections to harness support but also used the local bodies as an integral part of the challenging of British rule in Ireland.

Declan Brady is a historian and genealogist based in Swords, Co Dublin, with a Masters in Irish History from Maynooth University and a Diploma in Family History from Independent Colleges, Dublin.



Thursday 3 October • 6.30pm • Fingal Local Studies & Archives (46 North Street, Swords) Booking Required: Local.Studies@fingal.ie or 01 870 4486

Dauntless and Daring – Women of the Gael with Glynis Casson and Claire Roche

This show tells the stories of six incredibly brave and feisty Irish women. They had fiery tempers, determination, some loved, some lost, some lied, some fought, but above all they were survivors in a man's world.

All these stories are interspersed with songs related to their lives and accompanied with Claire Roche's beautiful harp music.

Glynis Casson comes from the well-known Casson theatrical family and **Claire Roche** studied harp and voice with Mairin Feirtear in Sion Hill School Dublin who encouraged her to compose her own songs.



Thursday 3 October • 6.15pm • Malahide Library
Booking Required: malahidelibrary@fingal.ie or 01 870 4430

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS Where is my nearest library?

Balbriggan 01 870 4401 / 02
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