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# History & Heritage

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August - September  
2023

## Exhibitions

*Taispeántais*

### The John Mullen Collection

On display until mid-September | Castletymon Library

A new local history exhibition.

Hosted by Castletymon Library, and perfect for anyone with an interest in the history of the area, The John Mullen Collection will take you on a journey through the exciting history and heritage of Tallaght (and the surrounding areas), through items, including an extensive range of postal history, pictures, maps, postcards, letters, newspaper articles and ephemera.

Some of the most momentous events in local history are explored here, including the 95th Anniversary of the First East/West Transatlantic flight, from Baldonnel (1928 – 2023).

### Launch of 'Threading the Tower' - Recreating Clondalkin's Round Tower in Crochet Lace

Wednesday 16th August 6:00pm | Clondalkin Library

The Irish Crochet Lace Revival group, along with local lacemakers from the Clondalkin area and artist Fiona Harrington have been working on a project that aims to celebrate the rich history of crochet lace in the area and reconnect to this important local history.

The lacemakers are creating a replica of the Clondalkin Round Tower using traditional Crochet Lace techniques in a variety of cotton thread (supported with copper wire) that will go on permanent display at the Round Tower Visitor Centre in Clondalkin. This event will launch the finished artwork.

Fiona Harrington, Irish Crochet Lace Revival and the local lacemakers who attended a recent workshop will be present to talk about the process of making the copper and thread tower, as well as display other samples of Irish Crochet Lace. Light refreshments will be served.

Booking essential at [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Slí Chrónáin Mochua Walk

Sunday 6th August 12:00pm | Tobar Machua, Celbridge

St Crónán Mochua medieval pilgrimage re-enactment.

Clondalkin Living History invite you to join a group of medieval pilgrims as they walk the 15 km (approx.) along the Grand Canal, re-enacting a traditional annual pilgrimage of yore connecting the site of Tobar Mochua in Celbridge with the site of St Crónán Mochua's monastery at the Round Tower in Clondalkin. Suitable footwear advised.



Start at Tobar Mochua (outside The Mill) in Celbridge at 12:00 noon or, if travelling by Arrow, meet at McEvoy's pub at 12.45pm.

Hosted by: Rally Round the Tower, St John's Church of Ireland church and Clondalkin Living History.

**No Booking Required.**

### St Maelruain's Cemetery Heritage Walk

Tuesday 8th August 6:30pm | St. Maelruain's Cemetery

Join Tomás Maher for an exploration of St. Maelruain's cemetery, which is on the site of the monastery founded by St. Maelruain in the 8th Century.

Meet at the cemetery entrance at 6:30pm

**No Booking Required**



## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Newcastle Village Heritage Walk

**Wednesday 9th August 7:00pm | St. Finian's Church of Ireland**

Learn about the history of the village that was once Dublin's gateway to the West!

Led by Tomás Maher.

Meet at St. Finian's Church of Ireland at 7pm.

**No Booking Required**

### Templeogue Heritage Walk

**Saturday 12th August 11:00am | The Morgue**

Take a walk around historic Templeogue village, see the ruins of the medieval church and much more with heritage expert, Tomás Maher. Meet at The Morgue, Templeogue Village at 11am.

**No Booking Required**

### Walking Tour along Monastery Road

**Saturday 12th August 2:00pm | Monastery Road, Clondalkin**

This walking tour along the public footpath will highlight some of the history and heritage of the area from pre-Christian to more modern times.

Location - starting point: Meet at the roundabout at the junction of Monastery Road and Woodford Hill, Clondalkin. The talk will end at the junction of Main Street and Tower Road, Clondalkin. Presented by the Joe Williams Archive.

Please wear suitable footwear (flat shoes) and weather-appropriate clothing.

**No Booking Required**

## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Clondalkin's Education History with Monica McGill

**Sunday 13th August 2:30, 3:00 & 3:30pm | Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery**

These talks will highlight some of Clondalkin's educational history and the people connected with it.

Location: Mount St Joseph cemetery is at the entrance to Monastery Heath housing estate, Monastery Road, Clondalkin.

Please wear suitable footwear (flat shoes) and weather-appropriate clothing.

Wheel-chair accessible, along the public footpath.

Presented by the Joe Williams Archive

**No Booking Required**

### Tallaght Village Heritage Walk

**Monday 14th August 1:00pm | Tallaght Library**

Explore historic Tallaght Village with local historian, Tomás Maher. Meet at Tallaght Library at 1pm.

**No Booking Required**

### Clondalkin Village Heritage Walk

**Tuesday 15th August 7:30pm | Civic Plaza, Clondalkin**

Meet at 7.30pm at the Civic Plaza at the junction of 9th Lock Road and Orchard Lane. This walk will explore the layers of history of the village of Clondalkin from its monastic beginnings to modern times. (Approx 1hr 30 mins)

Hosted by: Clondalkin History Society

**No Booking Required**

## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Saggart Village Heritage Walk

with Mervyn Ennis

**Wednesday 16th August 3:00pm | Saggart Church**

A guided tour of historic Saggart Village and Swiftbrook Mill with local historian Mervyn Ennis. Meet at Saggart Church, Church Road, Saggart Village.

**No Booking Required**



### Whitechurch Heritage Walk

**Wednesday 16th August 6:30pm**

Join us for this guided walk of historic Whitechurch with local historian Tomás Maher, taking in the TJ Byrne cottages, Moravian graveyard and more. Meet at St. Enda's Taylors Lane Car Park at 6.30pm.

**No Booking Required**

### Guided Tours of Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre and Garden

**Thursday 17th August 5pm & 6pm**

Tours at 5pm and 6pm with a choice of indoor exhibition tours and outdoor monastic garden tours. Indoors, learn about Clondalkin's early 7th century monastic site, the later Viking period when Clondalkin was a stronghold of the Norse Kings of Dublin and about the variety of mills near the site from the late 18th and early 19th century. Outdoors, enjoy some of the plants and crops common to monasteries in early medieval Ireland. Hosted by: Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guides

**No Booking Required**

## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Massy's Wood Walk

**Friday 18th August 10:45am**

Walk around Massy's Wood and learn the story of a vanished mansion and a lost family fortune. Led by Historian Frank Tracy.

Meet at the Hellfire Club car park (R115) at 10:45am.

Note: There is a break from 1-2pm and the Hellfire Club walk will follow in the afternoon. Participants are welcome to attend for both walks.

**No Booking Required**



### Hell Fire Club Walk

**Friday 18th August 2:00pm**

Following on from the Massy's Wood walk, we explore Montpelier Hill and the eerie ruin of the Hell Fire Club, originally a hunting lodge built in the early 1700s. Led by Historian Frank Tracy. Meet at the Hellfire Club car park (R115) at 1:45pm.

**No Booking Required**





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### Slade Valley Heritage Walk

**with Mervyn Ennis**

**Saturday 19th August 3:00pm**

A guided tour of the Slade Valley with local historian Mervyn Ennis. Meet at Saggart Church, Church Road, Saggart Village

**No Booking Required**



### Guided Tours of Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre and Garden

**Sunday 20th August from 10:00am to 12:00pm**

Tours from 10am to 12pm with a choice of indoor exhibition tours and outdoor monastic garden tours. Indoors, learn about Clondalkin's early 7th century monastic site, the later Viking period when Clondalkin was a stronghold of the Norse Kings of Dublin and about the variety of mills near the site from the late 18th and early 19th century. Outdoors, enjoy some plants and crops common to monasteries in early medieval Ireland.

Hosted by: Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guides

**No Booking Required**



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### Watercourse Walk

**Saturday 19th August 11:00am | Castletymon Library**

Join us for a wonderful and varied 5km loop, taking in historic Tymon Castle, City Weir and Dodder Valley Park. Meet at Castletymon Library at 11am.

**No Booking Required**

### Patrick Gogarty, Clondalkin's Shoe-Maker

**with Monica McGill**

**Saturday 19th August 11:00am | Boss Hog's Cafe, Clondalkin**

Learn about Patrick Gogarty's writings, and political activism at a time when it would have been easier to remain simply a shoe-maker.

Location: Outside Boss Hog's Café, Main Street, Clondalkin

**No Booking Required**

### Fairview Oil Mills, Clondalkin

**with Monica McGill**

**Sunday 20th August 11:00am | St. John's Wood, Clondalkin**

Monica McGill, voluntary Curator of The Joe Williams Archive tells us about the Fairview Oil Mills, an important part of Clondalkin's industrial and agricultural heritage and history. Presented by the Joe Williams Archive.

Meet at St John's Wood Carpark entrance, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin

**No Booking Required**

## Walks, Tours and Outdoor Events

*Siúlóidí, Turais agus Imeachtaí Faoin Aer*

### Bohernabreena Reservoir Walk

**Saturday 26th August**

**10:00am**

Explore Bohernabreena in the Glensmole Valley with Tomás Maher. As the walk will be longer than three hours it is not suitable for young children. Meet at the reservoir car park at 10am.

**No Booking Required**



### Hugh O'Connor Memorial Walk - Siúlóid Cuimhneacháin Hugh O'Connor

**Saturday 2nd September**

**2:00pm | Palmerstown**

Starting at St Philomena's Church, Old Lucan Road in Palmerstown at 2pm. Join us for a bilingual heritage walk around Palmerstown Village and Mill Lane, led by Tomás Maher.

**No Booking Required**



## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### Meet the Medieval Pilgrims

**Sunday 6th August 4:00pm | Clondalkin**

Clondalkin Living History invites you to join a group of pilgrims fresh off their medieval pilgrimage re-enactment (celebrating the Feast of St Crónán Mochua) for an informal talk on their experiences. Hear tales of medieval pilgrim practice and see "relics" brought back from their travels as you partake in light refreshments. Suggested donation €5 to St. John's Restoration Fund. See also Slí Chrónain Mochua Walk.

4pm at St John's Parish Hall, Tower Road, Clondalkin.

Hosted by: Rally Round the Tower, St John's Church of Ireland church and Clondalkin Living History.

**No Booking Required**

### Chariot Racing and the Games of Ancient Rome with Michael Wallace

**Thursday 10th August 7:00pm | North Clondalkin Library**

The games of ancient Rome have long been depicted by Hollywood in films from Ben Hur to Gladiator. But what were they really like?

**Booking essential at (01) 4149269 or email [ncl@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ncl@sdblincoco.ie)**

## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### Meet the Vikings at the Round Tower

**Saturday 12th August 12:00pm | Round Tower Visitor Centre**

A small group of peaceful Vikings have pitched their tent at the foot of the Round Tower. Come and meet them and discover what everyday life was like in Clondalkin during the Viking Age. Hosted by: Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group

**No Booking Required**



### Kieran Swords Memorial Lecture: The Military Archives of Ireland Oral History Programme

**Monday 14th August 7:00pm | Tallaght Library**

A talk by Michael Whelan, who has been the lead collector on the Military Archives Oral History Programme since 2015.

**Booking essential at [talib.eventbrite.ie](http://talib.eventbrite.ie)**



## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### Ciorcal Cainte

**Tuesday 15th August 6:30pm | Ballyroan Library**

Tomás Maher will facilitate at this informal Irish conversation class, where people of all abilities are welcome to converse with each other.

**Booking essential at [ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

### Irish Heritage Craft Workshop

**Wednesday 6th & 13th September 10:00am | Palmerstown Library Digital Hub**

Learn a traditional Irish craft skill and make a sample over two days.

**Booking via [www.palmerstownlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.palmerstownlibrary.eventbrite.ie) or contact Palmerstown Library at 01-4678909 or email [ptowndigihub@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:ptowndigihub@sdublincoco.ie).**

### 'Lost Lucan and Medieval Renders' a talk by Jon Cully from The Society for Old Lucan

**Tuesday 15th August 7:00pm | Lucan Library**

Jon will discuss a series of rendered images that show how many of Lucan's lost architectural buildings may once have looked. For the most part these rendered images focus on Lucan's ruined medieval buildings; Aderrig Church, St. Finian's Church, The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lucan Castle, Grange Castle, Ballyowen Castle, and Adams Town Castle, and includes lost bridges and other buildings which are later than medieval, such as Lucan Barracks, Lucan House, St Mary's Church, and Woodville House (The latter two of which are works in progress).

**Booking essential at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)**





## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### ‘Civil War and the Inner City’

a talk by Liz Gillis

Wednesday 16th August 7:00pm | Lucan Library

Join our Historian in Residence, Liz Gillis as she discusses the War of Independence, what exactly happened in the Inner City, and the impact it had. The many iconic events that occurred in this period shaped both Dublin and indeed Ireland's future to a large extent. The period has generated intrigue, excitement, inspiration and anger among generations of people and interest in the period shows no sign of waning.



Booking essential at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

### From Clondalkin to Flanders and Beyond

Monday 14th August 6:45pm | Clondalkin Library

Join us for an evening talk and demonstration of WW1 artefacts. This talk will have two parts: firstly we will look at real military artefacts from WW1 including the armoury and uniforms used at the time with Michael Moylan of Irish history live. Pat O Sullivan will then give a talk on the Clondalkin Men who died in the Great War

Booking essential at [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

### Genealogy and Family History Group

Thursday 17th August 6:30pm | Clondalkin Library

Informal genealogy and family history group which meets monthly.

Booking essential at [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### Irish Defence Forces:

### A Brief History with Michael Dillon

Thursday 17th August 6:30pm | North Clondalkin Library

Michael Dillon, Ronnie Daly and Frank O'Connor from the Irish United Nations Veterans Association will give a brief history of the Defence Forces in Ireland – their service here and abroad. The veterans will bring along a display of uniforms and other paraphernalia.

This event is a must for all those with an interest in Irish history and particularly military history.

Booking essential at (01) 4149269 or email [ncl@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ncl@sdblincoco.ie)

### ‘Weaving in the Liberties’

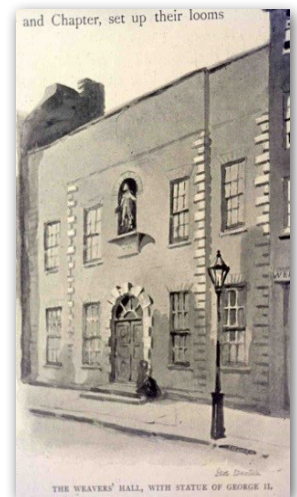
A Talk by Cathy Scuffl

Thursday 17th August 7:00pm |  
Lucan Library

The Liberties of Dublin has historically been home to an industrial working class. Much of this history related to brewing and distilling, and the associated businesses and trades that came with these industries. However, another industry, which has all but disappeared has left a lasting legacy in terms of placenames and also in the social consciousness. Weaving and the textile industry in general has had a long association with the area.

Join Cathy as she explores the many links between The Liberties and weaving, whilst making the case to revive this craft in its historic core.

Booking essential at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)





## Talks and Workshops

*Leachtaí agus Ceardlanna*

### Wild Waters: Richard Nairn in Conversation with Éanna Ní Lamhna

**Thursday 17th August 7:00pm | Clondalkin Round Tower Visitors Centre**

Ireland's waterways, rivers and lakes form a vital part of the landscape and ecology of Ireland.

Join ecologist and author Richard Nairn on a summer evening, as he talks to author and presenter Éanna Ní Lamhna about the importance of Ireland's Wild Waters and about his life and career.

**Booking essential at [redlinefestival.ie](https://redlinefestival.ie)**

### Traditional Music and Songs

**Saturday 19th August 2:00pm | Ballyroan Library**

Come along and join us for an afternoon of traditional music and song with musicians Stephen Fagan and Eamon Galldubh. They'll be playing a great variety of instruments including the guitar, bodhran, uilleann pipes, whistle and flute.

**Booking essential at [ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

### "Palette, Stave, Spire and Verse

**The Art of Tallaght in Broad Strokes" by Albert Perris**

**Friday 22nd September 6:30pm | Castletymon Library**

Join Albert Perris (author of "A Ramble About Tallaght- History, People, Places" due for release November 2023, published by the O'Brien Press) on Culture Night, when we open the library's doors on a Friday evening for a special local history talk. Albert will guide us through the life and work of artists connected with Tallaght, exploring the contributions made by writers, poets, painters, stained-glass window makers, sculptors and more.

**Booking from Monday 4th September at [castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Children's Events

*Ócáidí Leanaí*

### Irish History Live and the War of Independence

**Tuesday 8th August 3:00pm | Lucan Library**

A show for kids, Mike Moylan will regale kids with a brilliant re-enactment of moments from modern Irish History and the violent fight for eventual independence. This event for 8-12 year olds.



**Booking essential at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)**

### Heritage Storytime, Arts and Crafts

**Tuesday 15th August 3:30pm | Tallaght Library**

Join us for a selection of stories that will take us on a trip around Ireland, followed by colouring and craft which celebrate Irish history and heritage.

Suitable for ages 4+.

**No Booking Required**

### Irish Folktales, Myths & Legends

**Wednesday 16th August 3:30pm | Ballyroan Library**

Join us for an enchanting afternoon of Irish Folktales, Myths & Legends with storyteller, Roisin Murphy. Be entertained and inspired by some of your favourite tales.

**Booking essential at [ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Children's Events

*Ócáidí Leanaí*

### Heritage Week Lego Workshop

Wednesday 16th August 2:30pm | Tallaght Library

Recreate your favourite heritage sites at our special Heritage Week LEGO workshop.

Booking essential at [talib.eventbrite.ie](https://talib.eventbrite.ie) from 9th August

### Viking Coin Striking

Wednesday 16th August 11:00am | Tymon Park

Join our Mobile Library at the Family Fun Day in Tymon Park where you can have a go at making your own Viking coin with the School of Irish Archaeology

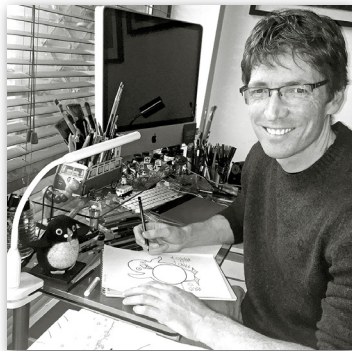
No Booking Required

### Heritage Week Stories and Drawing with Gerry Daly

Thursday 17th August 11:00am | Tallaght Library

Join us for a special Heritage Week event for children with author and illustrator, Gerry Daly. Gerry will introduce some of his books in an interactive storytelling session, followed by step-by-step drawings from the books.

Booking essential at [talib.eventbrite.ie](https://talib.eventbrite.ie)



## Children's Events

*Ócáidí Leanaí*

### Heritage Day at NCL - The Big Dig

Thursday 17th August 11:00am | North Clondalkin Library

Become an archaeologist for a day by learning how to excavate the remains of a Viking house. Dig for Viking treasures and artefacts, learn about the lifestyles of your Viking ancestors, guided by our team of professional working archaeologists.



Booking essential at [northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie) or by phone at (01) 414 9269

### Introduction to Crochet for Children with Scheider Gwei

Saturday 19th & 26th August 1:00pm | Lucan Library

The lovely Scheider Gwei returns to Lucan Library to share her love of Crochet. In these workshops the children will learn the basics needed to get started in the wonderful handcraft of Crochet. Participants must attend BOTH workshops.

Age: 9 – 12 years

Booking essential at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

### Children's Art History Workshop

Tuesday 22nd August 3:30pm | Clondalkin Library

Join Kim for this art workshop focusing on the Clondalkin Round Tower.

Booking essential at [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)



## BOOKING INFORMATION

All events are free of charge unless otherwise stated.

Please note, booking is online only where stated, for booking at event venues please contact:

### **Ballyroan Library**

Orchardstown Avenue,  
Rathfarnham, Dublin 14  
T: 01 494 1900  
E: [ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Castletymon Library**

Castletymon Road, Dublin 24  
T: 01 414 9203  
E: [castletymon@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:castletymon@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Clondalkin Library**

Monastery Road,  
Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
T: 01 459 3315  
E: [clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie)

### **County Library**

Library Square,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24  
T: 01 462 0073  
E: [talib@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:talib@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Lucan Library**

Supervalu Shopping Centre,  
Newcastle Road, Lucan,  
Co. Dublin  
T: 01 621 6422  
E: [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie)

### **North Clondalkin Library**

Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin 22  
T: 01 414 9269  
E: [ncl@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ncl@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Palmerstown Library Digital Hub**

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