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# History & Heritage

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August -  
September 2024

# Exhibitions

*Taispeántais*

## Postal & Ephemera collection covering the Northern Ireland Peace Process

17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August | Tallaght Library

Philatelist and Collector John Mullen has assembled a fascinating collection of historic original documents that record the Peace Process from its instigation to the 1994 IRA ceasefire, to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent political developments.

## Mná8 Exhibition

25th August - 22nd September | Brú  
Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre,  
Clondalkin

MNÁ8, an exhibition by Eva Kelly celebrates the important contributions of eight women from South Dublin County to Irish cultural and political life in the 1913-1923 period. MNÁ8 is a South Dublin County Council Decade of Centenaries project supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



# Local History Fair

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August | Tallaght Library**

Join us for a day of talks and workshops, local history stands, genealogy information, an exhibition and displays of old newspapers.

**11am - 3:30pm Viking Dagger Making Workshops by The School of Irish Archaeology**

**10am - 4pm Family History One-To-One Clinics**

If you are interested in your family tree or want to get advice on how to start, here is your chance to book a one-to-one session with a genealogist. Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Call 01 462 0073 to book

**10.30am Saoirse? (Film)**

George Morrison's sequel to his iconic film 'Mise Éire'. *Saoirse?* is his account of Irish history focusing on the lead up to the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence. *Saoirse?* deals with the events of that war and its aftermath using original newsreel footage of the time

**11am Arthur Griffith & Michael Collins**

A talk with historians Liz Gillis and Cathy Scuffil

**12pm A Ramble Around Tallaght**

A talk with author Albert Perris

**1pm Three Dublin family stories from the Great War**

This presentation from David Power tells the stories of three soldiers killed in World War 1, two from Tallaght and one from Dublin City. It describes the effect of their deaths on their families, drawing on contemporary documents and records

**2pm How to make a 3D image using Photogrammetry**

with Paul Butler from the Society for Old Lucan

**3pm Medieval Buildings of Lucan Recreated**

with Jonathan Cully from the Society for Old Lucan

# Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

## Ecumenical Service in St John's Church of Ireland

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 8:00pm | St John's Church, Tower Road**

This year we celebrate the 20th annual ecumenical service commemorating the Feast of St Crónán Mochua which this year is being held in St. John's Church, Tower Road, Clondalkin. Join the members of Clondalkin, Celbridge, Rathcoffey and Timahoe History Societies (the four towns founded on the site of monasteries established by St Crónán Mochua, d.630 A.D.) for refreshments in St. John's Parish Hall, Tower Road, at 8.45pm.



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**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Rally Round the Tower, Clondalkin History Society and St. John's Church of Ireland**

## The 10th Annual Slí Chrónáin Mochua Walk

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 12:00pm | Tobar Machua, Celbridge**

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 from the site of Tobar Mochua in Celbridge to the site of St Crónán Mochua's monastery at the Round Tower in Clondalkin. Refreshments afterwards in St John's Parish Hall, Tower Road. Suitable footwear advised. See also **Meet the Pilgrims** at 4pm.

**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Clondalkin Living History, Rally Round the Tower, St. John's Church of Ireland Church and Clann Chrónáin Volunteers**

# Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

## The Finds Table : Display of Collections & bring old garden finds for ID

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am | Lucan Library**

Join Society for Old Lucan (SOL) in Lucan Library...bring along any old items you've found or picked up and are curious about. Have an old piece of pottery you dug up when gardening? Bring it along and we'll ID it!

Have you got a collection of old things? (postcards, photos, pottery, tickets, letters? ) - we'd love to see them and others would too. We'll have tables for you to put your collection on - but email us at [lucanlibrary@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucanlibrary@sdblincoco.ie) if you want a free table!

**Booking essential**

## Medieval Esker & Lucan : Hiding in Plain Sight!

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 12:00am | Lucan Library**

Historical talk on medieval Esker, with 3 notable monuments still standing. Join Helen Farrell from SOL to find out about our local past. Learn about the history of the sites of the Royal Manor of Esker, the medieval King John's Bridge, and St. Finian's medieval church. Find out what people lived in the area in times past. Learn about a medieval sculpture that survived in Esker; the only one of its kind in Ireland. What could possibly survive in suburban Esker to this day?

**Booking essential**

## Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

# Lucan Steam and Electric Trams 1881 - 1940

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2:00pm | Lucan Library**

A fascinating glimpse into the early days of steam and electric transport from one of Lucan's foremost local historian's, Joe Byrne, this talk is definitely for anyone interested in the history of rail travel and Lucan's social history. Joe has gathered over 100 images to illustrate this talk.



**Booking Essential**

# A History of the Irish Defence Forces within the United Nations Peacekeeping

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2:00pm | North Clondalkin Library**

Join Mick Dillon for this talk exploring the history of the Irish Defence Forces within the United Nations peacekeeping.

**Booking Essential**



# Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 12pm  
and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 6pm and  
7pm | Brú Chrónáin Round Tower  
Visitor Centre and Garden**

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.



**No Booking Required**  
**Hosted by Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guide**

## Tour of St. Maelruain's Churchyard, Tallaght

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am**

Come along to this tour of St Maelruain's Churchyard in Tallaght. This event is suitable for adults and accompanied children. Meet at the entrance to the churchyard.

**Booking Essential**



## Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

# ‘Is This What They Fought For?’ Women and Independent Ireland’ with Liz Gillis

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm |**  
**Clondalkin Library**

The 1916 Proclamation guaranteed equality for men and women in a new, independent Ireland. However, when Ireland did gain a level of independence the reality proved to be very different from the ideal. Historian Liz Gillis will discuss what life was like for women in Ireland after independence.

Join us in Clondalkin Library for a fascinating journey into the lives of women in post-revolutionary Ireland. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the untold stories of these remarkable women. See you there!



**Booking Essential**

# Autumn Gardening with Aoife Munn

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm | Castletymon Library**

Learn how to get your garden Autumn ready in this practical and informative talk.

**Booking Essential**



# Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

## Windows on the Past: Finding Clues to the History of Rathfarnham

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm | Ballyroan Library**

Join writer, historian and naturalist Michael Fewer for a discovery of some of the lesser known buildings in Rathfarnham, exploring clues in the landscape and examining evidence of the village and the surrounding area as they were in former times.

**Booking Essential**



## Watercourse Walk

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10:30am | Castletymon Library**

Join us for this walk of the Watercourse taking in Tymon Castle and City Weir. Meet at Castletymon Library at 10:25am. This event is suitable for adults and accompanied children.

**No Booking Required**

## Down by the River Poddle

**With Cathy Scuffil**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 6:30pm |  
Castletymon Library**

Join Historian Catherine Scuffil for a journey along the Poddle river as she highlights the elements of the river's history hiding in plain sight.



**No Booking Required**

## Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

# From the Pale to the Palace : King Charles' Irish Ancestors

## A Talk by Seamus Cullen

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 7:00pm | Lucan Library**

Join Seamus Cullen as he discusses a fascinating shared history between England and Ireland,

The last Irish royal Richard Wellesley 1st Marquess Wellesley, a descendant of the Colley family of Carberry castle was the greatgreatgrandfather of the queen mother who died in 2022. Seamus will look and dissect this family connection through the centuries.

**Booking Essential**

# Knocklyon History Walk

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10:30am**

Come along to this walk exploring this history of Knocklyon. Meet at St. Colmcilles Church at 10:25am. This event is suitable for adults and accompanied children.

**No Booking Required**

**Presented by South Dublin Libraries**

# Medieval Combat Display

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 11am | Aon Scéal Café**

Join the Fragrach Armoured Combat Group in the Aon Scéal Café for this medieval combat display

**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Tallaght Historical Society and Gaelphobal Thamhlachta**



## Adult Events

*Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta*

# Walk and Talk along the Camac River

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2:00pm**

Come along and enjoy an interactive walk and talk along the Camac river. Listen and share stories of its rich heritage and biodiversity. Learn about its colourful history and the flora and fauna of this river. Discover what we are doing to restore the river and learn about its importance in the past and in the present. Children are welcome - please bring an adult with you

**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Friends of the Camac**

# Women of the Easter Rising, a Heritage Week talk with Liz Gillis

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm | Lucan Library**

Join Liz as she discusses the fascinating story of the role that women played both directly and indirectly in the Irish revolution. These women were vital to the revolutionary movement and the independence movement could not have succeeded without their contribution, which saw them put themselves in great danger in order to help free their country

**Booking Essential**

# The White Quakers of Newlands House

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7:00pm | Clondalkin Library**

Newlands House, once home to Lord Kilwarden, was later occupied for a number of years in the mid-19th century by Joshua Jacob, the eccentric founder of the White Quakers, and his community of religious followers. Albert Perris is a writer, blogger and regular columnist with The Echo newspaper. He is the author of two books relating to Tallaght: *A Ramble About Tallaght - History People, Places* (2023) and *Since Adam was a body - An Oral Folk History of Tallaght* (1999).

**Booking essential**

# Family Events

## *Imeachtaí Teaghlaigh*

## Meet the Pilgrims

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 4:00pm | St John's Parish Hall, Tower Road**

Lively informative talk by Eimear Ging on 'Medieval pilgrimage in Ireland with a focus on St Brigid's in Kildare' and medieval pilgrim reenactors share tales and show you "relics" of their travels. Enjoy delicious tea/coffee and cakes. Suggested donation €5 towards St. John's Restoration Fund.



**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Clondalkin Living History in collaboration with Rally Round the Tower and St. John's Church of Ireland Church**

## Create your own Brat Bhríde

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 11:00am | Clondalkin Library**

The Brat Bhríde (St Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish tradition of decorating scarfs which bring blessings and protection to the wearer. Find out more about this wonderful tradition which is being revived by Rita O'Loughlin. Rita will demonstrate how to make a Brat Bríde and you will also have the chance to make your own. Please bring one of your own scarfs which you will decorate yourself.



**Booking Essential**

# Family Events

*Imeachtaí Teaghlaigh*

## From the Rally to Right Now

**A celebration of 20 years of heritage networking in Clondalkin**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1:00pm | Round Tower Visitor Centre and Áras Chrónáin**

In summer 2004, Rally Round the Tower was established to galvanize community and public support for the idea of a heritage centre celebrating Clondalkin's ancient Round Tower. Over 1,400 people came out on the street in support of the vision! 20 years later, and in-keeping with this year's National Heritage Week theme of Connections, Routes and Networks, we invite you to celebrate the amazing heritage journey taken by the community in conjunction with South Dublin County Council. Today, Clondalkin boasts over 15 organisations which specialise in different aspects of Clondalkin's environmental, built and



intangible heritage; with organisations frequently collaborating and networking in support of one another's aims. Come dressed as monks, Vikings or from any historical period, resurrect your campaign t-shirt or choose any style of dress you want to celebrate Clondalkin's heritage and meet members of your community organisations at their stalls and stands across both the Round Tower Visitor Centre and Áras Chrónáin. Enjoy the fun celebration with FREE music, face-painting, memorabilia stalls and surprise special guests as well as prizes (in different categories) for best fancy-dress.

**No Booking Required**

**Hosted by Rally Round the Tower in conjunction with South Dublin County Council, Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir, Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group and Clann Chrónáin**

# Children's Events

*Ócáidí Leanaí*

## Knights for Hire presents: A Knights Tale at Lucan Library

Wednesday 14th August 2:30pm | [Lucan Library](#)



Lucan Library are delighted to present this fun educational show for kids, as part of Lucan Library's Heritage Week events.. Dylan will demonstrate through interaction, medieval life, food, dress and daily life, how weapons and armour were used from Roman times all the way to the demise of the knight.

[Booking essential](#)

## Heritage Week Battle Crafts

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3:00pm | [Ballyroan Library](#)

Prepare yourself for battle at Ballyroan library by designing your very own Sword and Shield! Choose between becoming a raiding Viking or a gallant Knight and get creative designing your armour.

For ages 8+

[Booking essential](#)





# Children's Events

*Ócáidí Leanaí*

## Viking Dagger Making Workshop at Airlie Park

Wednesday 21st August 10:30am and 11:15am | Mobile Library  
@ Airlie Park, Adamstown



Make your own Viking dagger and scabbard. 2 workshops to take place outside The Tram coffee shop in Airlie Park

[Booking essential](#)

## Coin Striking Workshop

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August from  
1:00pm | North Clondalkin  
Library

Make your own Viking coins!  
Event suitable for children aged 6 to 12.

[Booking essential](#)



## Introduction to Crochet for Children

Saturday 24th August at 10:30am and  
Saturday 31st August at 12:30pm | Lucan  
Library



Introduction to Crochet for Children (9-12 years)  
with Scheider Gwei. Participants must attend both  
sessions.

[Booking Essential](#)



## BOOKING INFORMATION

All events are free of charge unless otherwise stated.

For any events that require booking, please go to  
[www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie)

### **Ballyroan Library**

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

### **County Library**

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

### **Lucan Library**

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

### **Mobile Libraries**

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### **North Clondalkin Library**

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