

Wednesday 16th September 2015

11 am Charity Coffee Morning in aid of
Pieta House, New York
(A National Suicide Awareness Week event)
Foyles Hotel, Main St.

1.30 pm - 6.30 pm 'Omev Feichín, Sacred Island' a walking
tour with Michael Gibbons, local
historian and archaeologist. Our journey
will take us to the sacred tidal island of
Omev Feichín, buried deep beneath the
sands but now eroding rapidly due to the
wild winter storms, are vast Midden
Sites, burial and the remains a small but
beautiful church. We will also travel to
see Cleggan Farm Court Tomb,
Ballynakill Graveyard and 3,000 year old
white quarts Standing Stone.
Meeting Point: Claddaghduff Church @
11am: Cars to be parked here. Return
4pm. Cost €15pp: Booking to Michael
Gibbons 095-21379

Please note: All walkers must have
walking boots or shoes with good ankle
support, outdoor gear and we should
provide for a coffee/toilet break along
the route.

7.00 pm The Tuke Families
Talk by Dr Regina Donlon
Station House Theatre
Cost per person €5 payable on the day.

Exhibitions on display at Library
Traditional Music in pubs throughout the town each
evening

Biographies

Dr Gerard Moran

Gerard Moran is coordinator of History at the
European School, Lacken, Brussels and has been a
lecturer in the Dept. of History at NUI Galway and
NUI Maynooth. He is the author of *Sending out
Ireland's Poor: Assisted emigration from Ireland in the
nineteenth century* (2004) and joint editor of *Mayo:
History and society* (2014)

Dr Regina Donlon

Dr Regina Donlon graduated with a PhD from
Maynooth University in 2014. She is currently working
as an Irish Research Council Post-doctoral Research
Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway,
where her work examines assisted emigration from the
west of Ireland to the American Midwest during the
period 1880 to 1930. Her research interests include
Irish and European diasporas, American history in the
Reconstruction era and transnationalism.

Further information

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Connemara Descendants *Gathering*

September 11th – 16th 2015

Friday 11th September 2015

- 7.00 pm** Official Opening by Cllr. Peter Roche, Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council Station House Hotel Theatre
- 8.00 pm** Dinner at Station House Hotel (Optional) Reservations through Station House Hotel at 095 21699 or email

Saturday 12th September 2015

- 10 am - 12 noon** Free, expert genealogical advice and assistance with David Collins, Antoinette Lydon and Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council. Station House Hotel

- 10.30 am - 5.30 pm** 'Exploring 5000 Years of Renvyle Settlement & Settlers' a coach trip of the Renvyle Peninsula with Michael Gibbons, local historian and archaeologist. You be given the opportunity to explore the lands of the O'Flaherty's, the Blake's and the Quakers. We will see 5000 year old Megalithic Tombs, the graves of our first settlers, Bronze Age forests now emerging from the bogs along with other buried artefacts. We will see the remains of the O'Flaherty Castle, visit the Blake estate and the Connemara National Park. We will also explore 19th Century Renvyle when we see the Tuke Harbour and the Quaker Meeting House in Letterfrack.

Starting at Station House Hotel
Cost per person €25 payable on the day

- 2pm - 3pm** Heritage guided walk around Clifden with Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill, writer and historian

Starting at Station House Hotel
Cost per person €5 payable on the day

- 4 pm - 6pm** San Patricio Festival
The annual San Patricio Festival to honour John Reilly and the San Patricio Battalion and celebrating the close ties between Connemara and Mexico. Market Square, Clifden where The Mexican Ambassador and Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council will attend.

Sunday 13th September 2015

- 12 noon** Traditional Boats' Display
Clifden Beach, weather permitting
Admission Free
- 1.30 pm - 6.30 pm** 'Raiders & Traders on the South-West Coast' a coach trip with Michael Gibbons, local historian and archaeologist.
We will view the Ballynahinch Castle, home of Richard Martin (Humanity Dick) en-route to Inis Ní where we will see a long abandoned but beautifully located Monastic Site and continue to Bunowen Castle, home of Grace O'Malley, Granuaile, a Connemara pirate. We will continue to the Errismore Peninsula to see ancient Midden Sites and explore the Errislannan Peninsula to view the Alcock & Brown memorial site, also famous for the Marconi Telegraph Station.

Starting at Station House Hotel
Cost per person €20 payable on the day

- 3 pm - 4pm** Heritage guided walk around Clifden with Breandan O'Scanaill, local historian
Starting at Station House Hotel
Cost per person €5 payable on the day

Monday 14th September 2015

- 10 am - 12 noon** Free, expert genealogical advice and assistance with David Collins, Antoinette Lydon and Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council. Clifden Station House

- 1.30 pm - 2.30pm** Heritage guided walk around Clifden with Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill, writer and historian
Starting at Station House Hotel
Cost per person €5 payable on the day

- 3 pm - 4.15pm** 'From Poverty to Prosperity: The Tuke Assisted Emigration Scheme from Connemara to North America in the 1880s' Talk by Dr Gerard Moran
Station House Theatre
Cost per person €5 payable on the day



Tuesday 15th September 2015

- 12 noon - 5.30 pm** Heritage guided walk of Inishbofin with Tommy Burke, local historian.
Starting at Inishbofin Pier.
Cost per person €10 payable on the day

Note: Book and pay own ferry costs.
Inishbofin Ferry Details:
<http://inishbofinislanddiscovery.com/>