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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL STUDIES SERVICE Newsletter

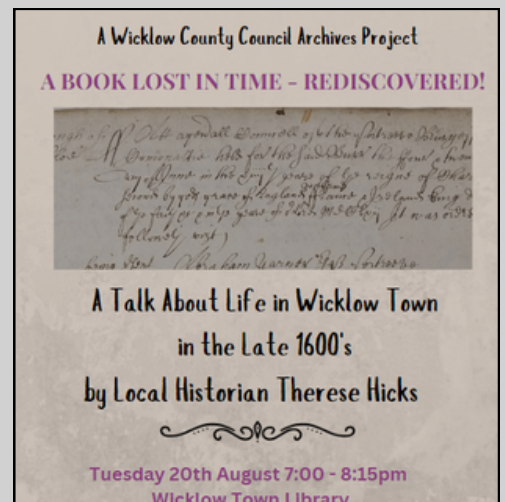
A monthly roundup of local history events taking place across all Wicklow County Council Library Branches.

## WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY

LOCAL HISTORY TALK TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST @ 7PM

*'A BOOK LOST IN TIME - REDISCOVERED! A TALK ABOUT LIFE IN WICKLOW TOWN IN THE LATE 1600S'* BY THERESE HICKS

For the first time, a book which gives us a direct look into life in Wicklow town 350 years ago has been transcribed into modern readable script. Come and hear about who was living in the town, what they did and how the town grew. Will your family's surname be in this book? What kind of jobs were being done then? Where was the hurling field? Would you take these oaths?



To book call **0404 67025** or email **wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie**

LOCAL HISTORY TALK THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST @ 7PM



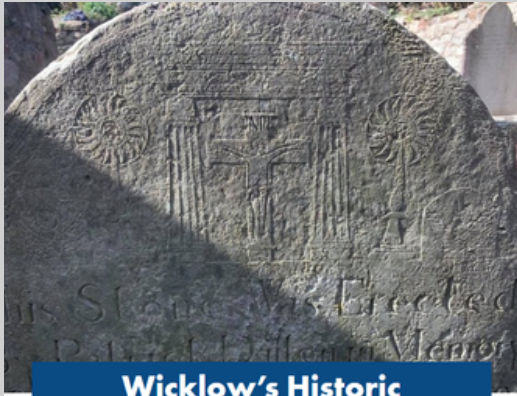
*'IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST' TALES FROM WICKLOW'S HISTORIC JAIL* BY FRANK HOPKINS

Join historian and author Frank Hopkins for a fascinating romp through the lesser-known facts of Wicklow Gaol's history. Based on extensive research, and delivered with Hopkins' unique wit and humour, this talk will look at the newspaper headlines of the day to reveal many of the less publicised aspects of Wicklow Jail's history

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**WORKSHOP**

**FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 11 AM TO 1PM**



**Wicklow's Historic  
Graveyards: Connecting our  
Communities**

**'WICKLOW'S HISTORIC GRAVEYARDS: CONNECTING  
OUR COMMUNITIES**

Historic graveyards are rich repositories of our heritage and are widely dispersed throughout the county.

At this workshop Wicklow County Council Community Archaeology Service and Local Studies librarian will present on the significance of our historic graveyards in county Wicklow, highlight some recent community heritage recording projects and provide advice and guidance in how groups in Wicklow can research and share the stories of their own graveyard.

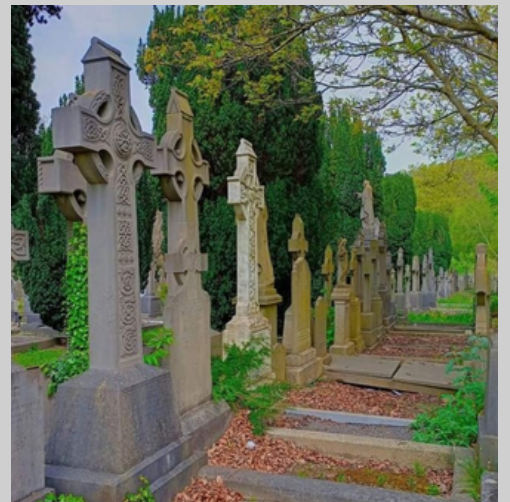
**All are Welcome. No Booking Required.**

**GREYSTONES LIBRARY**

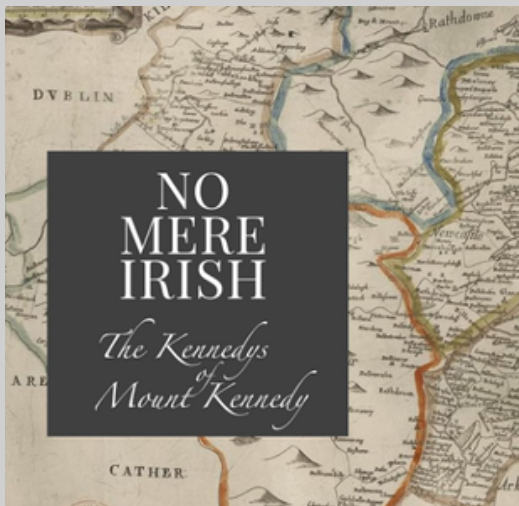
**LOCAL HISTORY TALK TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST @ 7.30PM**

**'OUT THERE SOMEWHERE: THE GRAVES OF THE  
NATIONAL ARMY, 1922-24' WITH  
KIERAN GILLEN**

A talk by Kieran Gillen of The National Collins 22 Society on the ongoing research in locating and recording the final resting places of some of the estimated 800 fatalities of the Irish National Army who died in combat/illness or accidental shooting between January 1922 up to the creation of the Defence Forces in 1924 including the more than 600 soldiers who died as a direct result of the Irish Civil War.



To book call **01 2873548** or email [greylib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:greylib@wicklowcoco.ie)



**LOCAL HISTORY TALK WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST @ 3PM**

**'WHO WERE THE KENNEDYS OF MOUNT  
KENNEDY? WITH HISTORIAN THERESE HICKS**

This talk will share the newly discovered story of the Kennedy family who gave their name to Newtownmountkennedy. Originally from Dublin, and not owning property, Robert Kennedy rose to the highest clerical post in the Exchequer and gained an estate of 13,000 acres in Co Wicklow. But what became of them? All to be revealed!

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# ARKLOW LIBRARY

## GENEALOGY CLINIC THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 4PM TO 7PM

As part of Heritage Week in Arklow Library, genealogist Ita O'Boyle will be facilitating a one-to-one family history advisory clinic on Thursday, August 22nd. Each session will last 30 minutes.

Ita will guide you in how to begin your family history research, or if you have already started, will help you progress. She will go through some of the resources and databases available for public use at the library and advise you where and how to focus your search.

Places are limited so booking is essential.

To book call **0402 39977** or email **Arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie**

### Family History Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Arklow Library](#)

Thursday, 22nd August

4-7 pm, 30 minute slots

[Booking Essential](#)



# DUNLAVIN LIBRARY

## HERITAGE TALK WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2.30 PM

*'NATIVE IRISH TREES TALK + OGHAM ART - WITH LIZ TIERNAN*

### Irish Trees & Ogham Art

with **Liz Tiernan**



Wed, **21st** August  
from **2.30 pm**



**Dunlavin**  
Library

Join Liz Tiernan from 'Sweet Wild Soul' for a lovely talk about trees and how wonderful they are with some history on our native Irish trees and create ogham art using the Irish tree alphabet

This is a family friendly talk, enjoyable for adults and children, with the ogham art something attendees can do if they want to at the end to take away with them.

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# TINAHELY LIBRARY

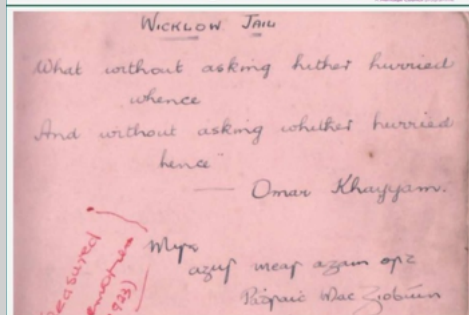
## EXHIBITION SATURDAY 17TH TO 25TH AUGUST

### WICKLOW GAOL COMRADES EXHIBITION

Discover the untold stories of the Wicklow Gaol Comrades at Tinahely Library's special exhibition for Heritage Week. Immerse yourself in the history of those who were incarcerated during the War of Independence. This exhibition features poignant personal writings or the prisoners, offering a unique glimpse into their lives and struggles. Reflect on the resilience and solidarity that marked this turbulent time in Irish history.

**\*\*Exhibition on display during library hours.**

### Wicklow Gaol Comrades Exhibition for Heritage Week



**17 - 25 August**  
**2024**



**Tinahely**  
Library

**All are Welcome. No Booking Required.**

# CARNEW LIBRARY

**EXHIBITION SAT 17TH TO 25TH AUGUST**

*COUNTY WICKLOW & THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE*

Explore a pivotal period in Irish history at the "Wicklow War of Independence" exhibition. Delve into the stories, images, and artifacts that highlight Wicklow's role in the struggle for independence.

This exhibition offers a unique opportunity to understand the local impact of the national movement, featuring rare photographs and personal accounts.

**\*\*Exhibition on display during library hours.**

Wicklow War of Independence

Exhibition for **Heritage Week**



**17 - 25 August  
2024**



**Carnew  
Library**

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# BLESSINGTON LIBRARY

**GENEALOGY CLINIC FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 1.30 TO 4.30 PM**

As part of Heritage Week in Blessington Library, genealogist Ita O'Boyle will be facilitating a one-to-one family history advisory clinic on Friday, August 23rd. Each session will last 30 minutes.

Ita will guide you in how to begin your family history research, or if you have already started, will help you progress. She will go through some of the resources and databases available for public use at the library and advise you where and how to focus your search.

Places are limited so booking is essential.

To book call **045 891740** or email **Blessingtonlib@wicklowcoco.ie**

## Family History Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Blessington Library](#)

Friday, August 23rd

1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Booking Essential

Ask at the desk

Call 045 891740

Email: [blessingtonlib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:blessingtonlib@wicklowcoco.ie)



**HERITAGE TALK**

**MONDAY 19TH AUGUST@ 2:30 PM**

*'NATIVE IRISH TREES TALK + OGHAM ART - WITH  
LIZ TIERNAN*

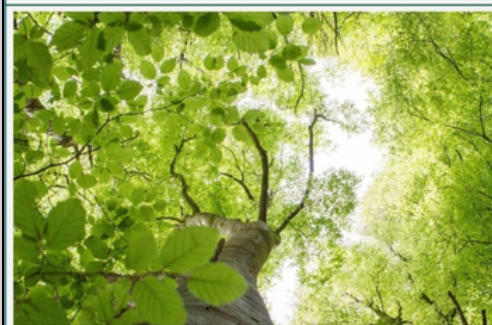
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Irish Trees & Ogham Art

with **Liz Tiernan**



Mon, 19th August  
from 2.30 pm



**Blessington  
Library**

# RATHDRUM LIBRARY

## Family History Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Rathdrum Library](#)

Tuesday, August 20th

1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Booking Essential

Ask at the desk

Call 0404 43232

Email: [Rathdrumlib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Rathdrumlib@wicklowcoco.ie)

## GENEALOGY CLINIC TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 1.30 TO 4.30 PM

As part of Heritage Week in Rathdrum Library, genealogist Ita O'Boyle will be facilitating a one-to-one family history advisory clinic on Tuesday, August 20th. Each session will last 30 minutes.

Ita will guide you in how to begin your family history research, or if you have already started, will help you progress. She will go through some of the resources and databases available for public use at the library and advise you where and how to focus your search.

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# BALTINGLASS LIBRARY

## LOCAL HISTORY TALK TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST @ 7PM

*'THE BATTLE OF BALTINGLASS - WITH PAUL GORRY*

Helen 'Nellie' Cooke was a third generation of her family to work at the post office in Mill Street, Baltinglass. However, her life was to take a major U-turn on the morning of November 23, 1950 when a letter arrived from the Minister for Post & Telegraphs - Wicklow TD James Everett - telling her that she was to be replaced by local man, 27-year-old Mick Farrell.

The ensuing conflict brought the village of Baltinglass and local politics to international attention, generating headlines around the world, creating intense local strife and helping to bring down a Government.

## The Battle of Baltinglass

with Paul Gorry



Tues, Aug 20th  
@ 7 pm



Baltinglass  
Library

## Irish Trees & Ogham Art

with **Liz Tiernan**



Wed, 21st August  
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Baltinglass  
Library

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