

December, 2023

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL STUDIES SERVICE Newsletter

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

Junkers 52 plane crash in the Wicklow Mountains

A talk by Bill Nelson



Wicklow Town Library

Talk: Saturday 2nd of December
at 2pm



WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER @ 2PM

In 1946, a plane of French Girl Guides crashed into Djouce Mountain just off the Wicklow Way. In the aftermath of WWII, the Girl Guides were on their way to Ireland to enjoy a holiday camp in Rathfarnham. Miraculously, all the members of the flight survived."

Join Bill Nelson, retired aviation engineer, to relive this story of courage and resilience.

No Booking Necessary

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER @11.30 AM

Join historian James Scannell who will be delving through the newspaper archive once more to explore, through news events and advertisements of the festive season, how the people of Wicklow celebrated Christmas 1957

Mince pies, tea and coffee will be served and a selection of historical newspapers will be on display.

To book call 0404 67025 or email
Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

OLD PAPERS ON DISPLAY

CHRISTMAS IN WICKLOW 1957

WITH JIM SCANNELL

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 1130AM
WICKLOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Go. Wicklow in 1957
REVIEW OF EVENTS AND CONDITIONS

ANNUAL DANCE
WILL BE HELD IN THE MALL BALLROOM, WICKLOW.
SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1957
(OLD CHRISTMAS NIGHT)
VICED BY CHRIS O'TOOLE & NUMBERS DANCE

TO BOOK CALL 040467025
OR EMAIL
WICKLOW_LOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

FREE MINCE PIES & TEA

Family History Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Blessington Library](#), Friday, December 8th

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Booking
Essential

BLESSINGTON LIBRARY

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER FROM 10.00 AM - 1.00 PM.

Ita O'Boyle, a local expert genealogist, will facilitate a Family History Clinic/Genealogy Advisory evening in Blessington Library on Friday, December 8th, from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm.

**Booking is essential by calling 045 891 740
Spaces are limited!**

Those attending should bring as much information with them on the evening to ensure that they get as much from the event as possible



ENNISKERRY LIBRARY

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 11.00 A.M.

Historian Michael Fewer's talk 'Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room' is the story of a tiny cottage and tea room in Glenree in the Wicklow Mountains run by the McGuirk family. The tea room gained a remarkable reputation between the 1880s and 1960s, becoming a meeting place for some of early-twentieth-century Ireland's most influential people.

The talk takes place on the 5th of December and the exhibition runs from the 5th to 18th of December

To book, email: enniskerrylib@wicklowcoco.ie

Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room 1880-1960
at Enniskerry Library



A talk and exhibition on McGuirk's Tea Room
by Michael Fewer

Talk: 11am, Tuesday 5th of December
Exhibition: 5th-18th December



Family History

Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Rathdrum Library](#) Wednesday, December 6th

6.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Booking
Essential

RATHDRUM LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 6.00 PM - 8.30 PM.

Ita O'Boyle, a local expert genealogist, will facilitate a Family History Clinic/Genealogy Advisory evening in Rathdrum Library on Wednesday, December 6th, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

**Booking is essential by calling 0404 43232
Spaces are limited!**

Those attending should bring as much information with them on the evening to ensure that they get as much from the event as possible

ARKLOW LIBRARY

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER FROM 5.00 PM - 8.00 PM.

Ita O'Boyle, a local expert genealogist, will facilitate a Family History Clinic/Genealogy Advisory evening in Arklow Library on Tuesday, December 5th, from 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

**Booking is essential by calling 0402 39977
Spaces are limited!**

Those attending should bring as much information with them on the evening to ensure that they get as much from the event as possible

Family History Clinic

with Ita O'Boyle

[Arklow Library](#) Tuesday, December 5th

5.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Booking
Essential