

South Central Area Committee

18th April 2018

Catherine Scuffil

Historian in Residence

Dublin City Council, South Central Area

Historians in Residence Dublin City Council



Historians in Residence



@dubhistorians



Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations

Overview

- History Talks & Walks
 - Dublin City Public Libraries
 - Dublin City Community & Social Development
- MISA & Nursing Homes
- Heritage & community groups
- Visits/tours/outings
 - Historic interest
 - Dublin City Library and Archive
- MC/co-ordinator 'Tuesdays at the Outhouse'
 - 5 talks series external speakers
 - Kilmainham/Inchicore
 - DCC/OPW collaboration Kilmainham Gaol
- Participation
 - Festival of History
 - Heritage Week
 - Explore your Archive
 - Family History Day - Richmond Barracks
 - Abbey of St. Thomas Pageant/Symposium
- Advice & Assistance 'in house' & others
- Decade of Commemorations
 - 3 -talk series
 - tailored to include local events
 - Blog Posts, Articles
- **And coming soon.....**



Learbharianna Poiblí Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Public Libraries



Inchicore Library

Dublin in 1917

A lecture by
Cathy Scuffil

Historian-in-Residence, DCC South Central Area

Monday 19 June at 6.30pm

The lecture is free. Booking recommended.



Inchicore Library
T. 01-4533793
E. inchicorelibrary@dublincity.ie

The Libraries



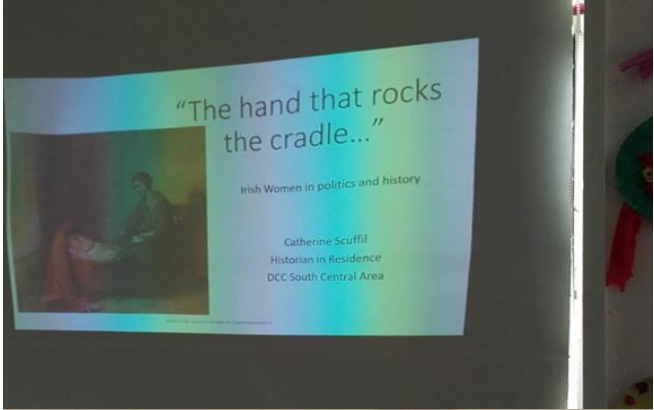
Richmond Barracks



Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations



Talks





Liberties Cultural Association

History, Culture, Heritage.

**A walk around the Blackpitts with Cathy Scuffil on Sunday
25 of March 2018. We will meet at the corner of New Row
and Blackpitts at 11.50 am and the walk will start at 12.00
and will last around 1 hour**

Donations to St.Vincent de Paul

Community Groups



Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations



**BEST OF LUCK TO
FLANAGANS FIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN
WORKING TOGETHER...
IN THE IPB PRIDE OF PLACE 2017 AWARDS**

**BACK OF THE PIPES
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:
0851 120287**

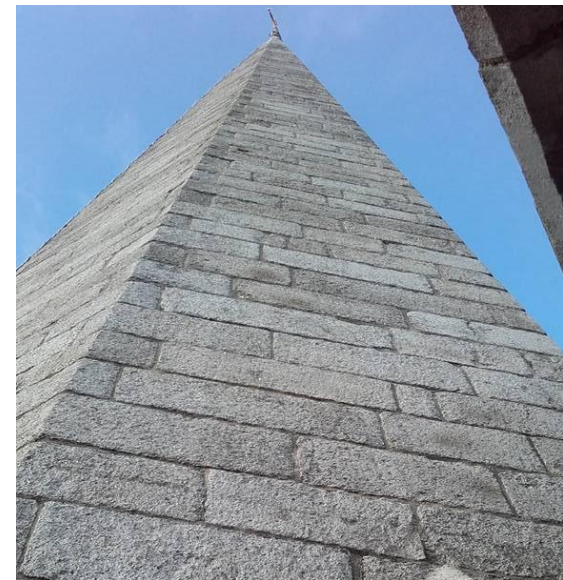
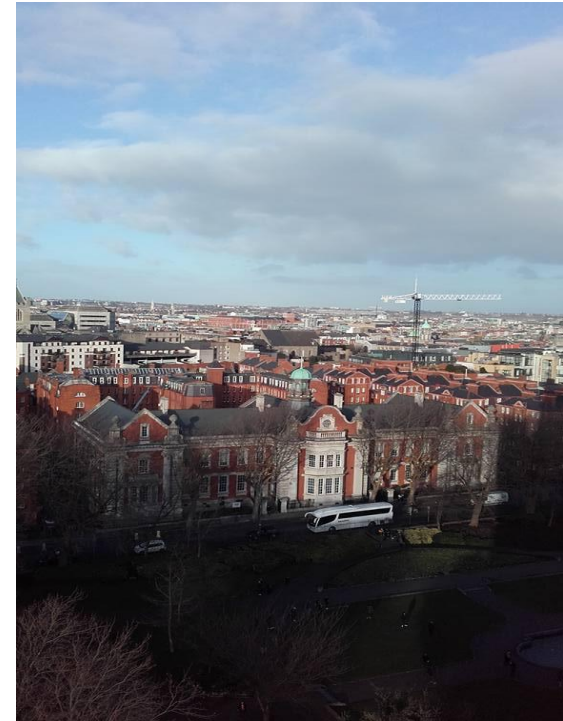
**COMMUNITIES OF
RIALTO & DOLPHINS BARN**

OR

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AT
BOTP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**



Outings & Visits





Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations

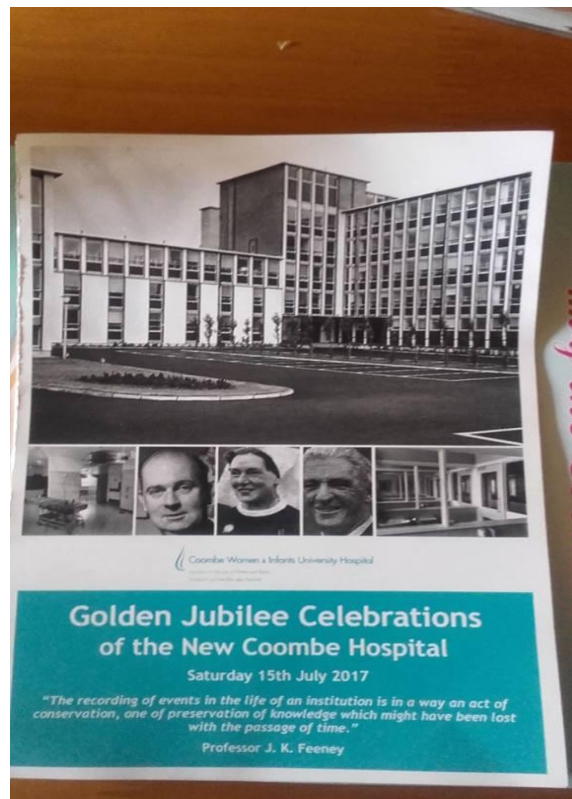


Walkinstown LinkAge and Men's Shed

Donore Credit Union 60th



Golden Jubilee, The Coombe at Dolphin's Barn



Marrowbone Lane

Local History, National Story



INCENDIARIES IN COUNTY DUBLIN.

WELL-KNOWN INN DESTROYED.

"The Half-Way House," a well-known inn, situate at Crumlin, Co. Dublin, was raided yesterday morning about two o'clock by a party of armed men, with blackened faces, and set on fire. The premises at the time were occupied by Mrs. Kathleen Conway, the owner; her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Yeates; her two sons, Richard and Michael Yeates; and Mary Kennedy, the maid. An entrance was forced through the door of the business premises, and, after the occupants had been ordered to leave, the shop was fired, the incendiaries leaving soon afterwards. Though rain was falling heavily at the time the flames spread quickly, and soon involved the entire premises. The fire had been in progress more than two hours before the Dublin Fire Brigade was summoned, and when it arrived, in charge of Captain Myers, soon after five o'clock a.m., considerable destruction had been wrought. The firemen's operations were much handicapped owing to an inadequate supply of water, and it was not until near nine o'clock that, with the aid of buckets and hand pumps, they succeeded in extinguishing the fire. On several occasions recently shots have been fired at Crown forces in the vicinity of the publichouse, and on Wednesday night a party of military was ambushed when passing.

Only the walls of the premises now remain standing. The damage is stated to be over £5,000. The work of the Brigade prevented the flames extending to adjoining outhouses.

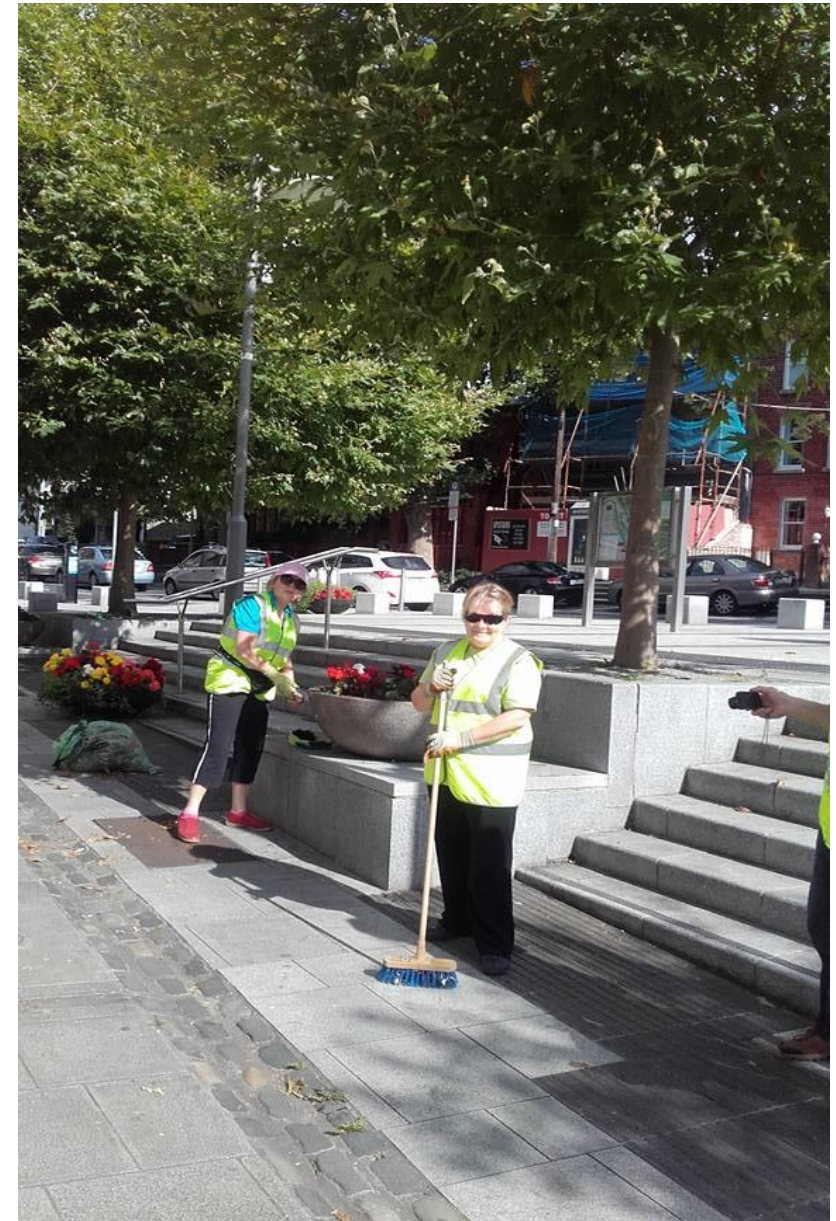


Members of the Dublin Corporation Housing Committee and officials, photographed yesterday at Stonehouse, Inchicore, on their visit to possible housing sites:—(L. to R.)—Messrs. W. T. Burke (Allocation of Houses Department, Corporation), James Larkin, senior, J. Smith (Housing Department), C. Byrne, (architect) — McNamara (architect), ex-Senator D. Healy, Ml. Byrne, T.C., the Lord Mayor, J. J. Keane, City Manager, P. S. Doyle, T.D., and W. T. Byrne. (I.P. Photo (S.H.))



Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations

Chapelizod, Tidy Towns and 'Afternoon Tea with Nostalgia'





ood' by Damian Corless, 2011).

Pack them in your pocket!

These wonderful new fruity sweets make every day taste like a holiday!

PALS LOVE SPANGLES...
(each sweet lasts long like a beautiful friendship)
GALS LOVE

Chapelizod Heritage Society Chapelizod in the 1950s MOTORCYCLE SPEEDWAY

Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council



For a brief period of four years in the early 1950s, Chapelizod stadium rivalled Shelbourne and Harold's Cross in offering excitement and glamour to the masses – the sport was MOTORCYCLE SPEEDWAY, and its star was FREDDY WILLIAMS.

Imported from Australia in the late 1920s, speedway offered an exciting spectacle of stripped-down motorbikes skidding round cinder tracks. It attracted a huge, mostly working-class, following that came to rival greyhound racing. Six million people followed the action in 1946, making it the country's most popular spectator sport after football.

In the summer of 1950, speedway came to Dublin. The showman and promoter Ronnie Green brought members of his 'Wimbledon Dons' team to race each Sunday at Shelbourne Park as 'The Shelbourne Tigers'.

Not yet outdone, the newly-built greyhound stadium in Chapelizod laid down a cinder track in 1950, installed lighting and from 1951 to 1954 offered racing seasons of a planned 30 events a year. The stadium had a capacity of 20,000 and good gates were expected.



Aerial view of the old Chapelizod stadium as it was in the 1950s. This is now the industrial estate.



The first Chapelizod team was called the 'Dublin Eagles' and was made up of riders from the UK, most famously the world champion, Freddy Williams and his brother Eric. Irish riders were to be trained and brought into the team as the season progressed.

1951 proved to be the best year for speedway at Chapelizod. Special race night buses were organised from Astons Quay to ferry the fans in, with tickets ranging from 1 shilling (Juniors), to 3 shillings (Adults).

The first all Ireland team based at the Chapelizod stadium was the 'Dublin Falcons', and was launched at the beginning of the 1952 season. However, continual problems with the track surface and the typical wet Chapelizod weather put paid to speedway and by 1954 the sport had all but disappeared from the village stadium.

Freddie Williams, who died in 2013 at the age of 86, was the first British speedway rider to win the World Championship twice and ranked as one of the sport's finest exponents.

Chapelizod Heritage Society Chapelizod in the 1950s SWEETS and TREATS

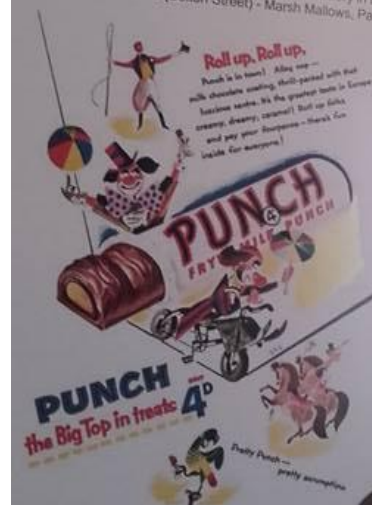
Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

While sweets were still on ration across the water in the UK, children here could spend their pocket money in the 1950s on a large selection of boiled sweets, toffees and toffee bars, all of them produced in Ireland. Besides Cadburys (Chocolate bars and assorted chocolates), Caffreys (Snowball, Chocolate Mallovs, Tea Cakes and Mint Crisp bars), Rowntrees (Fruit Gums, Fruit Pastilles, assorted chocolates and toffees) and Jacobs Biscuits (Tucan and Klondyke bars), other sweet companies in Dublin were:-

- Bland and Grant (near Hardwicke Street) – Milk Whipped Cream Walnuts, Chocolate Dates, Milk Chocolate Macaroons
- Celtic Confections (Hardwicke Street) – Dublin Souvenir Rock
- Royal Candy (Montague Court) – Fruit Lolly Pops, Milk Chocolate Toasties, Crisp Crunch Bars
- Dublin Toffee Company (Summerhill) – 1d and 2d toffees, Lucky Balls
- Lemons Pure Sweets (O'Connell Street with a factory in Drumcondra) – assorted confectionary
- Williams and Woods (Bolton Street) – Marsh Mallovs, Pascals



Don't forget the FRUIT GUMS Mum!



Top 5 'Treats' in 1950s

1. TAYTO CRISPS – Tayto company was founded in Dublin in 1954 and produced the world's first flavoured potato crisp – cheese and onion.
2. GOLLY BAR – The first Golly bars rolled off the HB production line in 1957. They were ice cream bars on a stick.
3. LUCKY BALLS – Large, hard balls like toffee gobstoppers, also known as LUCKY LUMPS, these red globules produced by the Dublin Toffee Company offered the kids the chance of chewing their way down to a coin in the middle.
4. SPANGLES – Mars launched Spangles in 1950 as Hopalong Cassidy's favourite sweet. They were hard, individually wrapped fruit sweets sold in a tube. These were later sold in Ireland as GEMS.
5. MACAROON BARS – First manufactured in 1937 in Kildare by the Wilton Candy company, production stopped during the war in the 1940's as coconut was no longer available. Production resumed in the early 1950s.

(Adapted from 'You'll Ruin Your Dinner: Sweet Memories from Irish Childhood' by Damian Corless, 2011).

What you could buy for a penny

Here's a list of sweets you could buy for one old penny in the 1950s. Remember, there were 240 old pennies to the pound!

- 10 HONEY BEES
- 10 CLEEVES TOFFEE (very hard, unwrapped toffee)
- 10 VANCY BALLS (aniseed balls, very small hard sweets with a seed in the middle)
- 10 BSTOPPER (another ball only big and very hard)
- 10 HUGH NO MORE (black toffee bar)
- 10 TEE toffee bar
- 10 REAL toffee bar with nuts

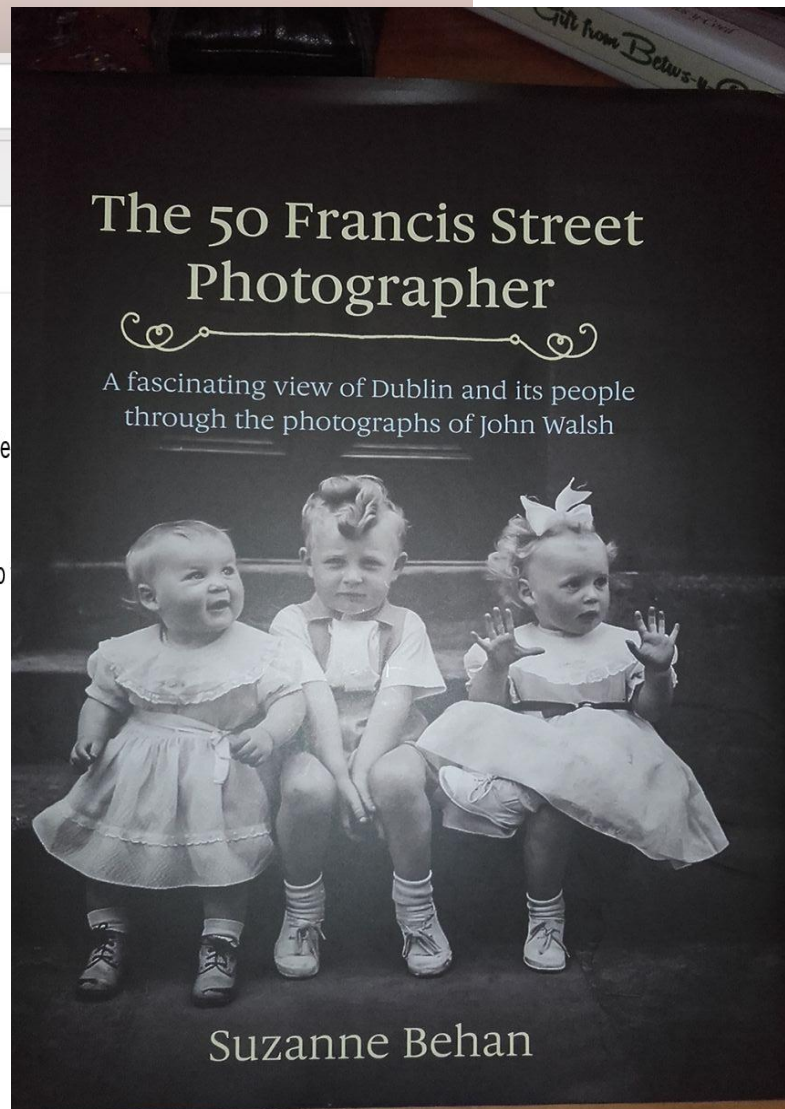


Book Launches & MC



A BOOK launch was held at the Walkinstown Social Service Centre, for their self-published collection of short stories, written by Lee Eustace.

The collection, named Bread & Jam, is comprised of 12 short, non-fiction stories, separated into sections—Friendship, Love and Charity.



- Inchicore industries
 - 'Lambs made jam,
 - Lyons made tea
 - Birds made custard'

'Tuesday's @ the Outhouse'

Festival of History, October, 2017

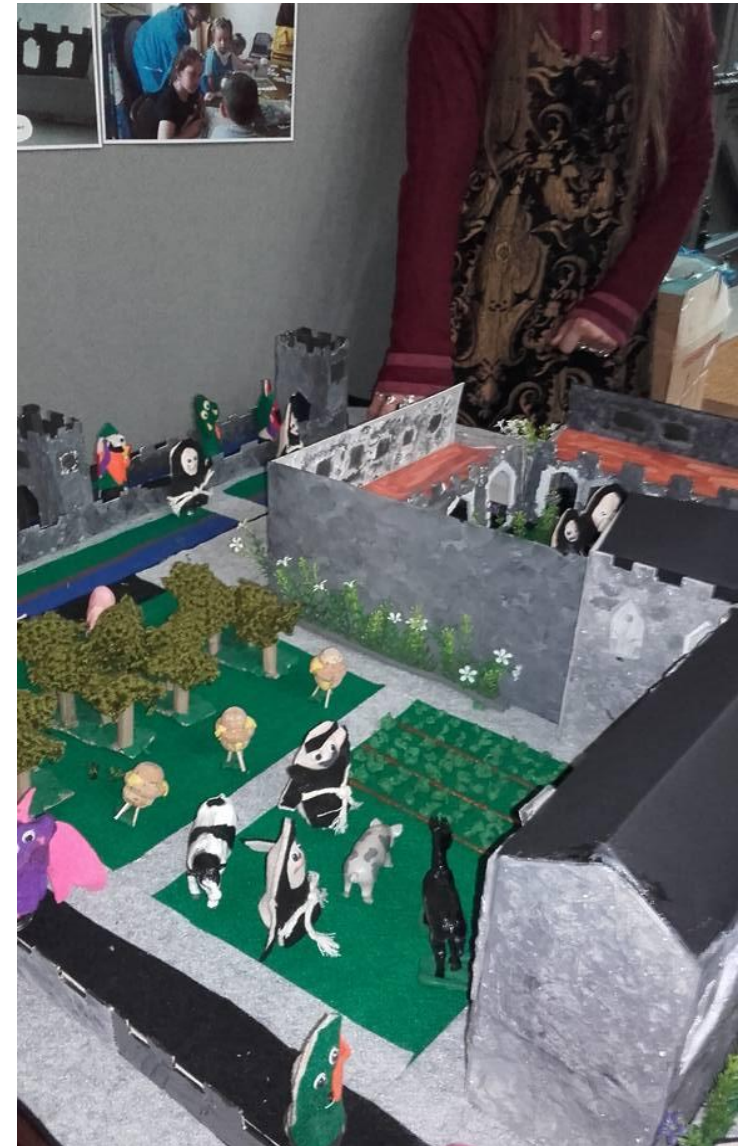




Lunch at the Mess – Family History Day Richmond Barracks



Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr Community Pageant



Abbey of St Thomas the Martyr Symposium

Banner Design

This Banner was designed by artist Marja Almqvist.

The image was taken from a line - drawing of a thirteenth - century lead pilgrim badge or ampulla from John's Lane.

It would have been worn by a pilgrim who made the journey to Canterbury.

The image depicts the murder of Thomas Becket.

The smaller colorful shields were also designed by the same artist.

Red – represents the blood of the Martyr

Blue – represents the River Poddle

Yellow – represents "Wheat" and the agricultural holdings of the Abbey.



Ballyfermot 70 Years



The Ballyfermot Heritage Group will launch their video 'Ballyfermot in the Beginning' at Ballyfermot Library on January 31.

All events that take place throughout 2018 will be notified through local media and social networks.

Tea and coffee will be served from 5pm and the video will be shown at 6pm sharp.

The group thanked Dublin City Council, and Ballyfermot Bank of Ireland who have come on board to



THE **Echo**

You **Tube** ^{IE}

CONNECT US



RANDOM POPULAR LATEST



Businesses encouraged to support Heart of Autism Ball

March 23 2017



Podcasts

Or just listen.



Women's Voices 1914-1918

SOUNDCLOUD

Download Share

13:15

89

Cookie policy

Part of a new exhibition by Dublin City Archives entitled [“Doing their bit” Irish Women and the First World War](#). This exhibition draws on the collections of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association Archive and other material held at Dublin City Library and Archive and considers the legacy of World War 1 on the role of women in Irish Society. The exhibition is display at Dublin City Library and Archive until the end of April 2018.

The exhibition is developed by Dublin City Archives and Dublin City Council Historian-in Residence Scheme and is funded by Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations.

Recommended:

[archives local studies](#)



Add new comment

- [blogs \(64\)](#)
- [book awards \(143\)](#)
- [book clubs \(10\)](#)
- [books & reading \(284\)](#)
- [business information \(43\)](#)
- [children \(142\)](#)
- [children's books \(88\)](#)
- [Citizens in Conflict \(series\) \(11\)](#)
- [creative writing \(30\)](#)
- [Culture Night \(podcasts\) \(3\)](#)
- [Dublin Remembers 1916 \(37\)](#)
- [DVDs \(41\)](#)
- [eResources \(23\)](#)
- [events \(108\)](#)
- [family history \(12\)](#)
- [gilbert lecture \(podcasts\) \(13\)](#)
- [graphic novels \(4\)](#)
- [history \(podcasts\) \(43\)](#)
- [Irish fiction \(42\)](#)
- [learning \(33\)](#)
- [libraries & archive news \(127\)](#)
- [local studies \(208\)](#)
- [music \(50\)](#)
- [non-fiction \(52\)](#)
- [photographic collections \(61\)](#)



Blogs ... and guest blogs

Rialto Bridge

Submitted by Historians in R... on Fri, 16/02/2018 - 09:19



Every day, thousands of people travel on the Red Line Luas from Tallaght or City West

on their journeys to the city centre. What many may not realise is that the Luas follows the former Main Line of the Grand Canal – now filled in as a Linear Park from Davitt Road to the Basin Lane end of St. James's Hospital. Enroute, the Luas passes under the former canal bridge at Rialto, the only remaining on the former Main Line from Griffith bridge to the old harbour at James' Street. Known today as Rialto Bridge, the proper name is Harcourt Bridge, called after the Chairman of the Grand Canal Company, the First Earl of Harcourt.

Drimnagh Castle, Dublin

Submitted by Historians in R... on Mon, 05/03/2018 - 16:38



Hidden from view by the more recent school buildings that share the name, Drimnagh Castle is a Norman Castle Keep

located on the now named Long Mile Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. The Castle was once home to the great Anglo-Norman Barnewall – also called deBarnwall or deBerneval - family all of whom were descended from Hugh de Barnewall, who came to Ireland in 1212. The influence of this family lasted over 400 years, and by 1395, when Reginald Barnewall held lands in Ballyfermot, Terenure, parts of Finglas as well as Drimnagh.

It's the little things

- Residents
- Local History/Heritage Groups
- Authors
- Genealogy
- Planning and Development
- What's this?



And coming soon.....



The Liberties Cultural Association



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

cordially invite you to attend

The Lost Céilí of 1916

Date: Friday 20th April

Venue: St Catherine's Sports & Leisure Complex
Marrowbone Lane

Time: 11.30am sharp

Light refreshments will be served

For Information Contact Helen 086 8150968 / Fran 087 6975679

Míle Buíochas

- Dublin City Library & Archives
 - Brendan Teeling
 - Tara Doyle
 - Enda Leany
 - Ellen Murphy
- Staff of
 - Ballyfermot Library
 - Walkinstown Library
 - Dolphin's Barn Library
 - Inchicore Library
 - Richmond Barracks
- DCC Community Development
 - Bruce Phillips
 - Mary Noonan
 - Helen Burke
 - Fran O'Shea
 - Lois Salmon
 - Miriam Flynn
 - Scott Watson
 - David Windrum
 - Carmel McCartney
 - Stephen Coyne (The Liberties)
 - Aoife Hannon (Kilmainham/Inchicore)

The Residents of DCC South Central