

Contributors

Gerard Shannon has history research interests in the political movements of the revolutionary decade and has published several articles. In July 2017, Gerard was the main organiser for the Muriel MacDonagh Commemorative Weekend in Skerries, which featured talks and a commemorative parade in the locality that marked the centenary of the tragic death of Muriel off the coast of Skerries in 1917. He is the early stages of a thesis on Liam Lynch, the IRA Chief-of Staff during the Civil War, for the MA History programme in Dublin City University (DCU).

Dr. Máirtín Mac Siúrtáin is a recently retired Emeritus Associate Professor of Forestry from University College Dublin. He has been a Professional Forester more than four decades. He has also been a long-standing member of the Roundwood and District Historical Society in Co. Wicklow. He and his wife have lived in Roundwood for close on four decades.

Catherine Morris: As Cultural Coordinator for Trinity College Dublin and the National Library of Ireland Catherine Morris curated a major exhibition about the Irish Revival. She has been awarded fellowships at Queen's University Belfast and University College Dublin. She was curatorial advisor on the Irish Museum of Modern Art exhibition El Lissitzky: the Artists and the State; is co-founder of the Artist Centre for Human Rights and co-editor of The Cassandra Echo. In 2015 she was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Centre for Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool. She is a Fellow at the O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance at NUI Galway.

John Walsh, National University of Ireland, Galway: Tá Dr. John Walsh ina Léachtóir Sínearach le Gaeilge i Scoil na dTeangacha, na Litríochtaí agus na gCultúr. John teaches sociolinguistics at undergraduate and postgraduate level. In 2012, he was appointed Vice-Dean for Research in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. His current research focuses on the ideologies and motivations of 'new speakers' of minority languages, people who were not raised speaking those languages but who speak them fluently and regularly.

Sean Hogan, native of Puckane in North Tipperary, is a graduate in Civil Engineering from UCD. As a senior Civil Servant in the Department of the Environment he has developed the State's major national emergency framework. Sean is chairman of the National Emergency Response Committee. Sean has researched extensively and lectured on the 1913-1922 period of Irish history. He has written a widely acclaimed book on the Black and Tans in North Tipperary.

From Cloughjordan to Canada

In a special event on Saturday afternoon the bi-centenary of the 'Talbot Expedition to Canada' will be commemorated.

In 1818 almost 200 people from the surrounding areas of North Tipperary gathered in Cloughjordan to begin their journey of emigration to the Talbot lands in Upper Canada. This led to further emigration of relatives and neighbours who followed in subsequent years. They looked towards a future free of poverty, strife and famine.

Several families have maintained connections to this area through their descendants and many have returned to their roots in Tipperary. In the words of Judith Colbert, on her first visit to Burntwood, Cloughjordan;

"I had found the real thing. I was standing on the fields that generations before me had called home. I, too, was home."

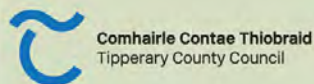
Thomas MacDonagh Summer School

BOOKINGS

Summer School Fee: €10
Advance booking is required.
€5 - members of Cloughjordan Heritage Group and volunteers at the Centre

For bookings:
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See programme on:
www.macdonaghheritage.ie



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Foras na Gaeilge



*Cloughjordan
Honours
Thomas MacDonagh*

**Organised by
Cloughjordan Heritage Group**

**Thomas MacDonagh
Weekend**

Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary

**4th - 7th May 2018
10th Annual Weekend**

Cloughjordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh 2018

This year Joseph (18 May 1883 - 25 December 1922), the youngest child in the MacDonagh family is commemorated. Thomas, in his last letter, entrusted him with the care of his family.

In following the ideology of his brother, Joseph spoke out against the restrictive laws of the authorities. He was elected unopposed, as a Sinn Féin MP for the Tipperary North constituency, at the 1918 general election and became a member of the first Dáil Éireann. He was Director of the "Belfast Boycott", an attempt in 1920-21 to boycott goods from Ulster that were being imported into the south of Ireland. He opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty and voted against it. He was re-elected for the same constituency at the 1922 general election, this time as an anti-Treaty Sinn Féin TD, but he did not take his seat in the Dáil. He took part in three hunger strikes during his political career. He died on Christmas Day 1922.

Bliain na Gaeilge

Ag ceiliúra bliain na Gaeilge i 2018 tá áit fé leith don teanga Gaelach ar an gclár. 'Sé 125 bliain ó cuireadh tús le hAthbeochan na Gaeilge. Chuaigh an Gaeilge go mór ina luí ar Tomás MacDonnchadha ón lá a bhuaill sé isteach chuig léacht á thabhairt ag Dubhghlas de hÍde a bhunaigh an Gaelic League

Friday 4th May

8pm Opening and Launch of Project *Cloughjordan to Canada* in the Thomas MacDonagh Museum. Cloughjordan No.1 and St Michael's National Schools come together to present an exhibition on their project on the *Talbot Expedition to Canada*

Saturday 5th May

10.00am **Thomas MacDonagh Summer School**

The morning session will be chaired by Mary McCarthy, History Dept. University of Limerick, with the following presentations:

Fr. James Sherwin's relationship with Thomas MacDonagh and Joseph Mary Plunkett. presented by Máirtín Ó Siúrtáin

Fr. Sherwin was a diocesan priest and appointed parish priest of Harrington Street parish in Dublin. He officiated at the marriage of Thomas and Muriel MacDonagh. In preparation for an Easter wedding to Joseph Plunkett, Muriel's sister, Grace, began to convert to Catholicism with the spiritual direction of Fr Sherwin.

'One of the most brilliant young Irishmen of our day': Joseph MacDonagh T.D. (1883-1922) presented by Gerard Shannon

Alice Milligan - energising force within the Gaelic Revival presented by Catherine Morris

Alice Milligan was a prolific writer and theatre practitioner who founded multiple organizations that put Irish arts, language and culture at the centre of the movement for national independence. An Ulster Methodist, she was an energising force within the Irish Revival. Thomas MacDonagh suggested that that she was the most significant poet in his generation.

1.30pm LUNCH BREAK

3pm Local Emigration to Canada

A public event to commemorate the bi-centenary of the Talbot Expedition to Canada, recalling the occasion when 51 families from this area left Cloughjordan to settle in Canada.

There will be a short ecumenical Prayer Service of Remembrance and an overview of the Richard Talbot Group and their voyage to Canada followed by profiles of several families who settled in the Ontario area.

A related project, carried out by local Primary Schools, will be on display.

8pm **Rambling House in the Parochial Hall** All are welcome to an evening in good company with a host of talented guests.

Sunday 6th May

1.30 *Cloughjordan Writers Meet* in Sheelagh Na Gig bookshop. An open invitation to those, of all ages, interested in modern literature. All welcome.

3pm **A guided tour of Cloughjordan's Eco village.** Meet at Sheelagh na Gig bookshop.

4pm **National language or minority concern? The Irish language and contemporary Irish identity in Bliain na Gaeilge** This talk will focus on data gathered as part of an ongoing project on 'new speakers' of Irish, fluent and regular speakers who were not raised in the Gaeltacht with Irish as their primary language and from whose ranks many language activists are drawn.

8pm **Changing the Political Guard - Tipperary MPs and TDs in the 1918 Election** a talk presented by historian Sean Hogan

10pm **Oíche Ghaelach** i dTeach Táirne 'Graces' B'í linn don ceol agus an craic. Fáilte fé leith romhat má tá amhrán le casadh agat nó gléas ceoil i do lámh.

Monday 7th May

2pm **A guided walk along the extended boardwalk in Scohaboy Bog.**

Scohaboy Bog is a national award-winning conservation project and one of the most successful community supported conservation efforts of its kind in Ireland today.

J.P. Hogan, Coillte Forest Manager, will guide people through the workings of the EU LIFE raised bog restoration project and Gearóid Ó'Foighil will speak about the community supported conservation process.

Meet at the Thomas MacDonagh Museum where, after Gearóid's presentation, a bus will be available for those going on the walk.