

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Ballymote Heritage Weekend

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

Lectures at The Loftus Hall, Ballymote, Co Sligo. Admission fee €10

**Organised by Ballymote Heritage Group Ballymote, County Sligo  
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## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

8.30 p.m. **Official Opening and Lecture:**  
*'Development of Irish Drama in the late 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> century' -Irish Drama, The Hidden History'.*

**Speaker: Professor Emeritus Hubert McDermott, D. Phil., D. Litt (h.c.).**



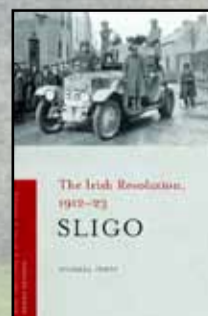
*Professor McDermott, a native of Ballymote, spent a lifetime as lecturer in English at NUI Galway. In 1992 he edited and published, with an introduction, what is now regarded as the first Irish novel "Vertue Rewarded or The Irish Princess", which first appeared in 1693 and then "disappeared" for almost 300 years.*

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

8.30 p.m. **Lecture: 'The Pity of War - History and Poetry Sligo 1912 - 1923'.**

**Speaker: Dr. Michael Farry**

*Dr Farry of Trim, Co. Meath and a native of Coolaney is the celebrated author of a number of Co. Sligo histories- "Killoran and Coolaney, a Local History", "A Chronicle of Conflict, Sligo 1914-1921" and "The Irish Revolution" - Sligo 1912 - 1923". As a poet Michael has also published a number of poetry collections e.g., "Asking for Directions" in 2012 and "Troubles" in 2021.*



*The Irish Revolution 1912-23 Sligo*



*Loftus Hall*

*No admission fee for this guided tour for members of the public.*

**Car parking spaces available in the vicinity of the Loftus Hall, in the town and in carparks on both sides of the Tubbercurry road.**

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

8.30 p.m. **Lecture: 'Co. Sligo's Potential World Heritage Site, its Passage Tomb Landscape'.**

**Speaker: Dr. Robert Hensey, University of Galway.**

*Dr. Hensey is an archaeologist and author who specialises in the investigation of the Neolithic period with particular interest in Irish passage tombs. He published "First Light - The Origins of Newgrange" in 2015.*

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

2.00 p.m. **Lecture and Tour: 'Ballymote Castle and Ballymote Franciscan Friary**

**Speaker: Dr. Yvonne McDermott, Atlantic Technological University**

*Dr. McDermott lectures on the History & Geography programme at the Mayo campus. Her PhD research investigated the Franciscan and Dominican friaries in the west of Ireland during the late medieval period (1350 - 1550). This tour will commence at 2.00 pm at the Castle.*



*Carrowmore, Co Sligo*

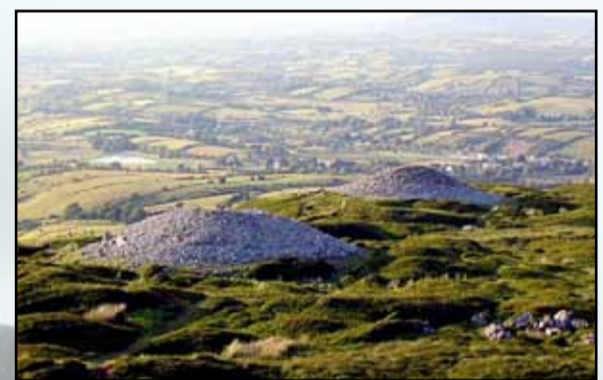
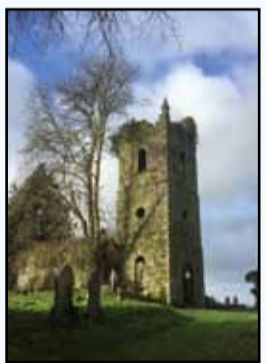
## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**National Heritage Week Event**

2.00 p.m. **A visit to Emlaghfad Church and Graveyard.**

**Speakers: Keash archaeologists, Martin and Mary Timoney.**  
*The Timoneys will discuss the importance of the Emlaghfad Ecclesiastical Complex. The box tombs, the medieval history and the star fort will be examined.*

*No admission fee for this event for members of the public.*



*Carrowkeel, Co Sligo*



*The Ruined Franciscan Friary, Ballymote*



*Ballymote Aspects Through Time by Nuala Rogers*