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## Ballymote Heritage Group

The inaugural meeting of the Ballymote Heritage Group took place on May 30th 1984, just over 40 years ago. It meets without fail each month and devotes itself to raising awareness of all matters of heritage.

The Group has organised Ballymote Heritage Weekend each year since 1990 (Covid-19 years excluded) on the August holiday weekend and publishes *The Corran Herald* annually.

Ballymote Heritage Weekend continues to attract audiences from near and far and has been widely praised for the high quality of its lectures and outings.

The Corran Herald reflects a unique blend of styles and subjects and holds the interest of a growing readership from year to year.



*Emlaghfad Old Church of Ireland*

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ballymote Heritage Weekend

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 –  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
&  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024

*Lectures at the Teagasc Centre,  
Tubbercurry Road, Ballymote, Co Sligo.*

*(Immediately on the right over  
the railway bridge on the Tubbercurry Road)*



Organised by **Ballymote Heritage Group**  
Ballymote, County Sligo  
[www.ballymoteheritage.com](http://www.ballymoteheritage.com)

*Ballymote Castle*

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

8 pm

### Official opening and Lecture



**“From Lines in Scully’s Field to Lines in the Sand”**

**Speaker:** Lt. General James Sreenan (former Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces) will officially open the Heritage Weekend. James is a native of Ballymote and received his education in the local Ballymote schools.

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

8 pm

### **“From Ballymote to Bohemia. The Taaffe family’s contribution to Austrian History”**

**Speaker:** Dr. Declan Downey, University College Dublin.



Professor Downey lectures in History at University College Dublin. His extensive publications focus particularly on the Irish “Wild Geese” in Austria and Spain.

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

8 pm

### **“The Life of Brother Walfrid (Andrew Kerins of Cartron Phibbs, Ballymote)”**

**Speaker:** Alison Healy, journalist with the Irish Times and great grandniece of Brother Walfrid.



Brother Walfrid was the founder of the Celtic Football Club, European Cup Champions in 1967 and holders of 94 Scottish titles since their foundation in Glasgow in 1887. Alison Healy, a native of Derroon, Ballymote, has written a biography of Walfrid for children namely *The Boy who Started Celtic*.

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August

3 pm

### **Guided Tour: Boyle Abbey**

**A Cistercian monastery founded in the twelfth century by monks from Mellifont Abbey under the patronage of the local ruling family, the McDermotts.**  
Admission €4.

**Lectures Admission fee €10**

**Organised by Ballymote Heritage Group Ballymote, County Sligo.**  
**[www.ballymoteheritage.com](http://www.ballymoteheritage.com). Further Information 086 3542905**

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

### National Heritage Week Event

***Townlands Revisited: The Keash/Culfadda Townland Project***  
**“Connecting people with their Ancestral Homeplace”.**

**Speaker:** Noel Costello

***Ballymote Library***  
***11am to 12 noon***

There is no admission fee for this event, which is being hosted by Ballymote Heritage Group.



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