

33rd Annual Ballymote Heritage Weekend

Friday 2nd August 2024 – Monday 5th August 2024
and Saturday 17th August 2024.

Lectures at the Teagasc Centre, Tubbercurry Road, Ballymote, Co Sligo. Admission fee €10
(Immediately on the right over the railway bridge on the Tubbercurry Road) (Cash Only)

Friday 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th 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 5th 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.



Saturday 17th 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.

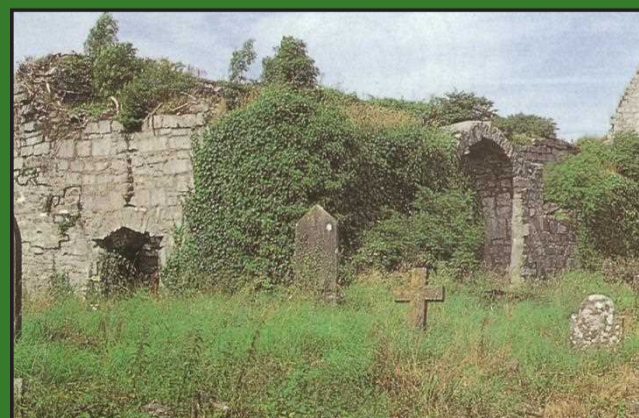
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Ballymote Castle



Emlaghfad Church



The Ruined Franciscan Friary, Ballymote



Brother Walfrid Memorial

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