

Contributors

Dr Jane O'Brien holds a PhD in History from the University of Galway on the Sister of Mercy run Irish Industrial School System from the 1860s to 1930s. She has worked as a historical tour guide for over 20 years, running her own business Ennis Walking Tours.

Dr Liam Irwin is the former Head of History at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. His works include *The Diocese of Limerick: an illustrated history* and he co-edited *Limerick, History and Society*. He is Honorary Editor of the North Munster Antiquarian Journal as a member of the Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society.

Dr Kieran Hickey lectures in the Geography Department of University College Cork. His main research focus is on historical and current climate change. He is author of *Wolves in Ireland: A Natural and Cultural History*.

Dr Susan Arthure has a PhD in archaeology from Flinders University. Her research focuses on the material lives of those Irish who migrated across the globe post Famine. Her research into the community of Baker's Flat in Australia identified the first complete exemplar of a clachán (traditional Irish settlement system) to be recognised outside of Ireland to date.

Dr Peter Connell completed a PhD in Trinity College Dublin in 2017 on the history of public housing in Irish towns in the years 1890-1945. He is the author of *The land and people of County Meath, 1750-1850* (Four Courts Press, 2004) and is active in local history groups in his native Meath.

Lucille Ellis holds a degree in History and English and has a longstanding interest in local and family history. Lucille's books include *Women of Clare*, *Erasmus Smith House*, *Ennis at Work in the 19th century* and *Bindon Street and Bank Place*. She is a member of Clare Roots Society. Lucille also worked on the *RMS Leinster* project researching and writing the biographies of those on board the ill-fated boat.

Dr Terry Dunne was appointed Historian in Residence with Clare Libraries for 2024. Terry has a Doctorate in Sociology from Maynooth University which examined so-called threatening letters created in agrarian social conflict in pre-Famine Ireland. He has recently edited, with John Cunningham of Galway University, *Spirit of Revolution: Ireland from below 1917-1923* (Four Courts Press, 2024).

Dr Joe Power is a Clare historian whose works include *Clare and the War of Independence* and *Clare and the Civil War*.

Aidan Gilsenan is a PhD student in Maynooth University and a recipient of the Irish Research Council doctoral scholarship. He recently contributed a chapter to Sarah-Anne Buckley, Oliver Coquelin and Francis Devine (eds) *'Retreat from revolution': Irish working class politics in the 1920s* (Umiskin, 2024).

Dr. Jane Halloran is a professional genealogist and researcher. She attained her M.A. in Local History from the University of Limerick in 2017 and recently completed her PhD entitled *Networks of Necessity: The Clunes, Clare and Connecticut Connections*. Jane tutors the Certificate in Local History programme at the Irish Workhouse Centre and she also tutors at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick.

Michael Talty is Executive Librarian in the Local Studies Centre of Clare Libraries.

Ciara Fahy is Archivist with Clare Libraries.

John Rattigan is Curator of Clare Museum

Ciara Carew works in DeValera Library, Ennis. She is a storyteller with an MA in History.



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History Week Seachtain na Staire

14 - 18 OCTOBER 2024

ALL EVENTS
FREE

Clare Libraries History Week Seachtain na Staire 14 - 18 October 2024

The History Week programme
has been curated by
Historian-in-Residence Terry Dunne.

Contributors include:

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Kieran Hickey	Jane O'Halloran
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With exhibitions on Cumann na mBan in Co Clare
and Memories of De Valera Library 1975-2024.



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Monday 14 October

11am Online Lecture by Michael Talty, Clare Local Studies Centre
Clare and the Ordnance Survey

1pm Online Lecture by Terry Dunne
Clare's Changing Landscape Mapped: 1840s-1920s

6.30pm Online Documentary film with Terry Dunne
Surviving the Revolution: Clare landed estates in 1923 (supported by the Royal Irish Academy).



Tuesday 15 October

11am Online Lecture by Lucille Ellis
Getting under the skin of an Ennis street – Bindon Street

1pm Online Talk by Michael Talty and Ciara Fahy
Some Collections in Clare Local Studies and Archives

6.30pm DeValera Library Lecture by Liam Irwin
Thomas J. Westropp 1860-1922



Wednesday 16 October

11am Online Lecture by Kieran Hickey
Slobland Reclamation on the Shannon Estuary

1pm Clare Museum 'A meet the Community Archaeologist Event' with Tori McMorrán
Community Archaeology – The Role of the Community Archaeologist

6.30pm Kilrush Library Lecture by Terry Dunne
Dora Brew's farm in Seafield and the Irish Revolution

6.30pm DeValera Library An evening chat about ...
Memories of DeValera Library 1975-2024

Thursday 17 October

11am Online Lecture by Susan Arthure
A Clare Community in Australia: exporting the clachán?

1pm Online Curator's Talk by John Rattigan
Recent Acquisitions at Clare Museum

6.30pm DeValera Library Lecture by Jane O'Brien
Exploring the Experience of the Industrial School Child in Ennis 1880 – 1911

Friday 18 October

11am Online Lecture by Peter Connell
The Government wants a terrible lot of light: clearing the 'slums' in Kilrush 1922-1939

1pm Online Lecture by Joe Power
Paddy Hogan TD, a remarkable Clareman

2pm Online Clare Youth Theatre present:
Róisín's Robe, a rehearsed reading of a forgotten play by Patrick Hogan

6.30pm Scariff Library Panel with Aidan Gilsean, Jane Halloran and Terry Dunne
Land Conflict in East Clare 1852-1923

Exhibitions

(on display from 14-25 October)

Shannon Library: Cumann na mBan in Co Clare

Ennistymon Library: Picking up the Pieces: Committees, Claims, Relief and Rebuilding after the War

Local Studies Centre 200 years of the Ordnance Survey in Clare

Scariff Library Land and Revolution in Clare

DeValera Library Memories of DeValera Library 1975-2024



Exhibitions are available to view during library opening hours. All physical events are **free** of charge.

All online content is available on the Clare Libraries website at <https://clarelibraries.ie/projects/history-week-2024/> or by scanning the QR Code.

Further information from: decadeofcentenaries@clarecoco.ie



CHILDREN'S EVENT

Wednesday 16 October

10.30am DeValera Library

Folklore and Tradition: Preserving a Magical History and Heritage with Ciara Carew

This event can be pre-booked by schools.