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# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL STUDIES SERVICE Newsletter

A monthly roundup of local history events taking place across all Wicklow County Council Library Branches.

## WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY

**EXHIBITION** TUESDAY 14TH TO 29TH MAY

*LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES:  
HIDDEN STORIES OF THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS*

This exhibition is based on an ongoing citizen heritage project, Heritage Hiking Wicklow, which aims to showcase the unique history and mythology of the Wicklow Mountains. More specifically, the goal of the exhibition is to creatively present this research in-person for the first time. It will include a series of illustrated photographs, showing the heritage sites as we see them today overlaid with illustrations that bring the stories associated with these places to life. Illustrations produced in collaboration with local Wicklow artist Fionn Clissmann.



**All are invited to the opening night Tuesday 14th May@ 6 pm where light refreshments and snacks will be served.**

No booking required



**LOCAL HISTORY TALK** THURSDAY 23RD MAY@ 6PM

*'FIONN MAC CUMHAILL FOLKLORE IN THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS'* WITH ISABEL CLISSMANN

Links between geographic features and Fenian folklore are common throughout Ireland - the most famous example perhaps is the Giant's Causeway. In this talk, Isabel will draw attention to the Fenian folklore sites in Wicklow, contextualise these sites within the wider Irish folklore tradition (with an emphasis on dinnsenchas and Fenian folklore specifically), and suggest how we can learn from these older Irish traditions to have a deeper, more meaningful connection to the landscape.

**No booking required**

# BALLYWALTRIM LIBRARY

GENEALOGY TALK SATURDAY 11TH MAY @ 3PM

'USING DNA TESTING FOR FAMILY HISTORY'  
WITH CLAIRE BRADLEY

DNA testing is a rapidly growing new angle for research into your family history. This talk on autosomal DNA (the main type used for success) explains the terminology, what companies offer this service, costs and how to use this tool to progress your ancestry. It finds cousins matches for you and also provides an estimate of deep ancestral ethnicity.

Claire will also discuss the ethics of testing and considerations regarding the possibility of uncovering a family secret.

To book call **01-2723205** or email **ballywaltrimlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie**

## Using DNA Testing for Family History

With Professional Genealogist  
Claire Bradley



Ballywaltrim Library

Saturday May 11th  
at 3pm



# BRAY LIBRARY

LOCAL HISTORY TALK MONDAY 20TH MAY @ 11.30AM

'THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL REMEMBERED IN HISTORY AND SONG' WITH ROBERT BUTLER

Join Robert Butler, Wicklow Libraries staff member and local historian on a musical and visual journey through the rich history of Bray's iconic International Hotel.

**No booking required**

Bray Library presents:



## The International Hotel

*Remembered in History & Song*

A lecture by Robert Butler  
Monday 20th May at 11.30am



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