



ANNUAL OFFALY HERITAGE SEMINAR 2022

Friday 18 November, 5pm
Birr Library | Wilmer Road, Birr

Saturday 19 November
Birr Theatre | Oxmantown Hall, Birr

The aim of the seminar is to:

- Report on progress delivering the 4th Offaly Heritage Plan, 2017-22
- To provide an opportunity for people interested in heritage to meet



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FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

5.00pm **Launch of *The Complete Poems of Jean De Jean Frazer, The workman poet from Birr*** edited by Pádraig Turley, Terry Moylan and Laurel Grube, published by Offaly History, in Birr Library.

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

All tours must be booked with heritage@offalycoco.ie or by phoning leaving your phone number for your place to be confirmed to **057 9346839**. Your place is not booked until you have received confirmation.

Meet at 9.45am for 10am departure (from Wilmer Road car park)
BUS TOUR to Kilcomin medieval church & Emmel Castle, both beneficiaries of the Community Monuments Fund 2022. Returning via the **Birr Barracks Mural** in Crinkill. Led by Rachel McKenna, County Architect.

OR

Meet at 10.15am for 10.30am departure (from Wilmer Road car park)
BIRR TOWN WALK – visiting John's Hall, Birr Courthouse, Castle Street, The Green with guest speakers on route.

1 to 2pm **Light lunch** of soup and sandwiches in Kelly's on the Green.

BIRR THEATRE AND ARTS CENTRE

2.00pm **Welcome from Cathaoirleach and launch of 5th Offaly Heritage Plan, 2023–27**

2.10pm **Publications Profile**
Derrinlough Briquette Factory by Jimmy Shortt & *St Manchan's Shrine* by Kevin O'Dwyer

2.40pm **The People and Buildings of Castle Street**, a Heritage Council project by Michael Byrne

3.20pm Tea and coffee

Heritage and Art Projects supported by Creative Ireland

3.50pm Maebh O'Regan and **the Bronte project**

4.15pm **Birr Workhouse and The Meadow** by the Offaly Drama Project

4.30pm **The Mary Lowndes Window** by St Mary's Church of Ireland, Shinrone

5.00pm Close

There is no charge for the seminar. Please email the Heritage Office on heritage@offalycoco.ie or call **057 9346839** to say which sessions you would like to attend for bus hire, seating and catering. If you are telephoning it is essential to **leave your phone number** so we can confirm which field trip you are going on.