

ANNUAL OFFALY HERITAGE SEMINAR 2019

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

7pm **Ferbane launch of 'Sketches with the Microscope'** written by Mary Ward of Ballylin (1857) and republished by Offaly History (2019). Printed in Ferbane by Brosna Press. Michael Byrne, will outline Mary's life in Ballylin and her work. Hosted by Ferbane Tidy Towns in the Mary Ward Community Centre, Ferbane.

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

CHOICE OF 3 SITE VISITS **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (SELECT ONE)

1. MEET AT BURY QUAY, TULLAMORE

9.45am **Vernacular Architecture Tour** to a number of thatched properties led by architect
for 10am
departure Rachel McKenna, Offaly County Council.

2. MEET AT BURY QUAY, TULLAMORE

10.15am **Visit Geashill for a talk on the Battle of Geashill**
for 10.30am by author Clemens von Ow followed by a presentation by sculptor Holger Lönze on the creation of the Battle of Geashill sculpture.
departure

3. MEET AT AXIS BUSINESS PARK, CLARA ROAD, TULLAMORE

12 noon **Tour of Offaly Archives** Meet at Unit 1F, Axis Business Park (opposite Glenn Wood). An exciting new county facility developed by Offaly History.

1-2pm Light Lunch of Soup & Sandwiches in Tullamore DEW
2.00pm **Offaly Heritage Plan 2017 – 2021 & Creative Offaly Projects**
Update on 2019 projects by Amanda Pedlow, Heritage Officer.
2.30pm **Saving Offaly's Unique Memorial Cross to Captain Studholme** by Stephen Callaghan.
3pm **Pollagh Brick, its story, the research and forthcoming publication** Caitriona Devery on behalf of the Pollagh Heritage Group.
3.30pm Tea / Coffee.
4pm **Why an Offaly Archive?** by Michael Byrne, Offaly History.
4.30pm **The Conservation of the Folly at Ballycumber** by Rachel McKenna architect, Offaly County Council with Constance Hanniffy, owner of Ballycumber House.
5pm 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.**

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Offaly History Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore

The aim of the seminar is to:

- Report on progress delivering the 4th Offaly Heritage Plan, 2017-21
- To provide an opportunity for people interested in heritage to meet



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