

# MONAGHAN COUNTY MUSEUM EVENTS 2017

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# FEBRUARY

## Friends of Monaghan County Museum

### Lecture Series

The theme of this year's programme organised by the Friends of Monaghan County Museum is *Estates of Monaghan*. Members of the Friends will be on hand to speak about the organisation and welcome any new members who wish to join!



### "The Lucas Estate of Castlelane"

by Liam O'Connor - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**



### "The Hope Estate of Castleblayney"

by Michael Burns - **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

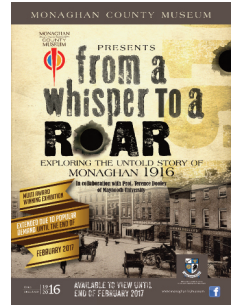
### "The Letter" – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm



A Play by Monaghan Arts Network based on a letter written by Magheraclone woman Katie McGrane, who was working in the GPO the day the volunteers burst in and began the 1916 Rising. In it she describes what she saw and heard during that fateful week. The original letter has

been on display in the museum as part of the award winning exhibition *From a Whisper to a Roar*.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Monaghan County Museum's multi-award winning exhibition **From a Whisper to a Roar** – *Exploring the Untold Story of Monaghan 1916* officially closes.



# MARCH

## "Women and the Death Penalty"

by Dr Lynsey Black

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Market House**

To celebrate International Women's day and in conjunction with our upcoming exhibition "The Watchmen - Policing, Crime and Punishment in Monaghan". Dr Lynsey Black

will talk about the women condemned to face the ultimate penalty in Ireland, the crimes for which they were condemned and the process by which twenty-one of twenty-two women were reprieved from the death sentence. She will also focus on two women from County Monaghan who were sentenced to death.



## Exhibition launch

### "The Watchmen – Policing, Crime and Punishment in Monaghan"

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

This gripping new display by the museum investigates the history of policing in the county as well as exposing the shocking stories behind some of the most infamous criminal cases in Monaghan's history. This exhibition is based on a display by the National Museum of Ireland



Country Life entitled *Preserving the Peace – Policing on the Island of Ireland 1814 - 2014*

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## APRIL



### Easter Arts & Crafts – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

These fun workshops will give everyone the chance to make their own Easter artwork.

**Booking Essential**

### Easter Treasure Hunt

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 3pm

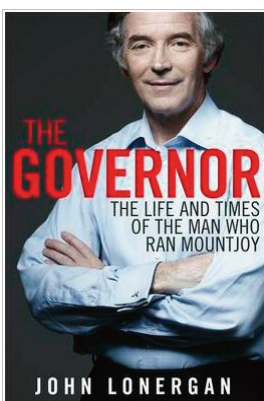
Bring the family along the family to enjoy this fun treasure hunt. **Booking Essential**

### “How Prisons support Policing in Ireland”

by Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, John Loneragan

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison and published author, John Loneragan will explore the history of the prison service in Ireland through his own unique 42 years experience in the Irish prison system.



## MAY

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#### Class Painting Workshop

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am – 1pm

Over four weeks participants will learn the basics of glass painting. Topics covered will include the history of glass painting, common techniques and materials used. This knowledge will then be used to design and create their own painted glass piece to take home. **Booking Essential**



### “The people must be saved’: The rise and fall of Garda Commissioner Eoin O’Duffy”

by Prof Fearghal McGarry

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

This illustrated talk will explore the controversial career of the Irish Free State's first Garda Commissioner, Eoin O’Duffy, one of Monaghan’s most famous historical figures.



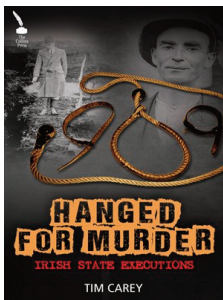


## “Hanged for Murder”

by Tim Carey

**Thursday 18th at 8pm**

Stories from Mountjoy Prison’s unmarked graves 1923-1954, by Tim Carey, best-selling author and historian.



**National Drawing Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30pm – 2pm & 2.45pm 4.15pm**

Participants will have the opportunity to release their innovative and unusual art activities on the day..... **Booking Essential**

## JUNE



Monaghan County Museum will once again be involved in the annual Monaghan Social Inclusion Week programme of events. Details will be confirmed closer to the date, check local press and watch our website and Facebook for updates.

## Summer Fab Labs

(5 - 12 year olds)

**Comic Strip Creation – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**12.30pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 4pm**

One for all the comic book and cartoon lovers. Participants will create their very own comic strip complete with monsters and heroes.

**Booking Essential**

## Lantern Making

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm**

Design and make your own lantern using a variety of materials and decorations.

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**Sock Bunny Making – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 4pm**

Create your very own sock bunny to take home. Participants will make their own stuffed bunny using socks, ribbons, googly eyes and other bits and bobs. **Booking Essential**

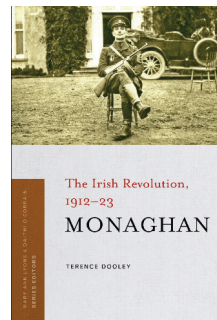
**Paper Quilling – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – 12.30pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 4pm**

Learn the art of paper quilling. Customize and decorate your own frame which could be used to frame a photo, a drawing or whatever you like.

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**“The Irish Revolution 1912 – 1923, Monaghan” – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

This new book by renowned Monaghan author Prof Terence Dooley of Maynooth University, is the first to examine the impact of the revolutionary period 1912-23 on politics and society in County Monaghan from both Catholic nationalist and Protestant unionist perspective.



## JULY

## Summer Fab Labs

(5 - 12 year olds)

**Weaving Workshop**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 1pm – 3.30pm**

Have a go at weaving in an easy and portable form experiment with colours, shapes and textures. Learn the basic techniques of this traditional and heritage craft and add your own artistic style and flair to create a little tapestry that you can take home. **Booking Essential**

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## Art Attack – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm

Design and make a personal piece of art using a variety of materials and decorations.

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## The Museum Goes Country

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> (Times TBC)



The museum celebrates its third year working in collaboration with one of the most popular country music festival in the country. Once again the gallery will be transformed into a live music venue for up and coming female country music stars.

## Building the Past Archaeology Summer Camp

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

This summer camp is suitable for children from 6 – 12 year olds. All budding archaeologists will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty while having fun learning about the archaeology of County Monaghan.



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## AUGUST



## Heritage Week

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

The museum's displays will be open to the public throughout the week with tours of our new exhibition *The Watchmen – Policing, Crime and Punishment in Monaghan*.

## The Museum at Tydavnet Show

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

As part of our developing programme of outreach throughout the community, the museum will be taking part in this year's Tydavnet Show. Staff will be on hand to talk about some of the incredible stories told through the artefacts on display in the museum.



## SEPTEMBER

## The Museum Gets the Blues

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Times TBC)



Once again the museum gallery will be transformed into a Blues club where some of the world's most renowned blues musicians will play and talk about the history of the Blues.



## Culture Night – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm

To mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Japan the museum presents demonstrations of the Japanese Martial Art Kendo, traditional Japanese dress and the world famous Japanese Drumming.







### History Mystery Trail

**Tuesday 31st 11am – 12pm, 12.15pm – 1.15pm,  
1.45pm – 2.45pm & 3pm – 4pm**

Join us in for a history mystery trail with a Halloween twist, led by a detective and their trusty sidekick around the museum displays. Solve the clues to get to the next stage; are you up for the challenge?

**Booking Essential - Fancy Dress optional**

## NOVEMBER



### Puppet Making Workshop

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm**

Design and create your very own puppet using a variety of materials. **Booking Essential**

### Puppet Shows

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am – 11.45am, 12.15pm – 1pm,**

**1.30pm – 2.15pm & 2.45pm – 3.30pm**

Watch Mr Punch do everything he shouldn't and nothing he should. Causing general mayhem while the poor baby needs looking after. Are the children up to the task of babysitting? Suitable for children from 3 – 7 year olds

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### Science Fest

This festival has grown into a major annual programme of events across Monaghan and Cavan. This year the museum will host a number of events around the theme of science in history. Details will be confirmed closer to the time.

### Patrick Kavanagh's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**



In partnership with the Patrick Kavanagh Centre, the museum will host a special night of poems and remembrance marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of this famous Monaghan son.

## DECEMBER

### Christmas Event – Dates to be confirmed

Celebrate Christmas with Monaghan County Museum. Details will be confirmed closer to the date, check local press and watch our website and Facebook for updates.





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**Opening Hours**

Monday - Friday ....11am - 5pm

Saturday.....12pm - 5pm

**FREE ADMISSION AND EVERYONE WELCOME**