

Cllr Kieran McCarthy's Community Events, 2022:

– Journeys to a Free State, 1922, Kieran's *Our City, Our Town* column in the *Cork Independent*:

Welcome to year 23 for my column *Our City, Our Town* in the *Cork Independent*. The column for 2022 highlights everyday events and local history nuggets from this period of centenary commemorations, and are weekly posted on this blog website.

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- Discover Cork: Schools' Heritage Project 2021/22 Concludes:

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- Kieran's April 2022 Historical Walking Tours:

Saturday 9 April 2022, Cork South Docklands; Discover the history of the city's docks, from quayside stories to the City Park Race Course and Albert Road; meet at Kennedy Park, Victoria Road, 2pm, as part of the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival (free, duration: two hours, no booking required).

Sunday 10 April 2022, Fitzgerald's Park: The People's Park, meet at band stand, 2pm, in association with Rebound Arts Festival and as part of the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival (free, duration: 90 minutes, no booking required).

Saturday 16 April 2022, The Marina; Discover the history of the city's promenade, from forgotten artefacts to ruinous follies; meet at western end adjacent Shandon Boat Club, The Marina, 2pm (free, duration: two hours, no booking required).

- Kieran's May Tours 2022:

Saturday 14 May 2022, *The Northern Ridge – St Patrick's Hill to MacCurtain Street*; Historical walking tour with Kieran of the area around St Patrick's Hill – Old Youghal Road to McCurtain Street; meet on the Green at Audley Place, top of St Patrick's Hill, 2pm (free, duration: two hours, no booking required).

Sunday 22 May 2022, *Views from a Park - Tramore Valley Park*, historical walking tour with Kieran in association with the KinShip Project; discover the site's local history and about the historical sites surrounding the Park; meet at Halfmoon Lane gate, 2pm (free, duration: 90 minutes no booking required).

Saturday 28 May 2022, *The Friar's Walk*; historical walking tour with Kieran; Discover Red Abbey, Elizabeth Fort, Barrack Street, Callanan's Tower & Greenmount area; Meet at Red Abbey tower, off Douglas Street, 2pm (free, duration: two hours, no booking required).

- Cllr. Kieran McCarthy's Make a Model Boat Project 2022:

Create your own model boat from recycled materials and bring it along for judging at the Lough.

The entrant(s) will be placed in categories or levels, of which there are three, 4-6 years olds, 7-11 years olds and 12-15 year olds.

All model boats must be brought to the Lough at 18:30 on Thursday 9 June for display, launching and adjudication. There will be prizes for the best boats and all prize-winning boats will be exhibited during this year's Cork Harbour Festival 3-13 June, at Cork City Library.

This event is being run in association with Meitheal Mara and The Old Cork Waterworks.

- Kieran's June Tours 2022:

Saturday 11 June 2022, *Cork and the River Lee, An Introduction to the Historical Development of Cork City*; meet at the National Monument, Grand Parade, 2pm, in association with Cork Harbour Festival (free, 2 hours, no booking required for all tours).

Sunday 12 June 2022, *Stories from Blackrock and Mahon*, Historical Walking Tour; meet in the courtyard of outside Blackrock Castle, 2pm, in association with Cork Harbour Festival (free, 2 hours, finishes at old railway line walk).

Saturday 18 June 2022, *The Workhouse and St Finbarr's Hospital*; meet at entrance to St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, 2pm (free, 2 hours).

- Kieran's July 2022 Tours:

Saturday 2 July 2022, *Shandon Historical Walking Tour*; explore Cork's most historic quarter; meet at North Main Street/ Adelaide Street Square, opp Cork Volunteer Centre, 2pm (free, duration: two hours, no booking required).

Friday evening, 8 July 2022, *The Lough and its Curiosities*; historical walking tour; meet at green area at northern green of The Lough, entrance of Lough Road to The Lough, Lough Church end; 6.45pm (free, duration: two hours)

Saturday 16 July 2022, *The Battle of Douglas, An Irish Civil War Story*, historical walking tour with Kieran, from carpark and entrance to Old Railway Line, Harty's Quay, Rochestown; 2pm, (free, 2 hours, finishes near Rochestown Road).

- Cllr McCarthy Launches Walking Tour Programme for National Heritage Week, 13 August -21 August 2022:

Tours of Douglas and Rochestown respectively and across to Shandon and St Patrick's Hill are part of Douglas Road Independent Cllr Kieran McCarthy's upcoming National Heritage Week programme. The Week takes place from Saturday 13 August to Sunday 21 August.

Cllr McCarthy noted; "It's great to be back to physical tours after a hiatus of two years with Covid. So far this summer, my tours across the city's suburbs for locals, in particular, have been very busy. Certainly, the Covid period and this post Covid era has brought a renewed interest in people's local areas and their development and sense of place. The tours I have chosen for Heritage Week this year are all important areas in the city's development plus all have a unique sense of place and identity. I will host seven tours and all are free. There is no booking required bar the one for Cork City Hall for Cork Heritage Open Day".

- **Kieran's National Heritage Week:**

All tours are free.

Saturday 13 August 2022, *A Tour of Cork City Hall as part of Cork Heritage Open Day*, 10am, meet at entrance at Anglesea Street entrance (90 minutes, booking required from 3 August at Cork Heritage Open Day website with Cork City Council).

Sunday 14 August 2022, *Cork Through the Ages, An Introduction to the Historical Development of Cork City*; meet at the National Monument, Grand Parade, 6.30pm (2 hours, no booking required).

Monday 15 August 2022, *Shandon Historical Walking Tour*; explore Cork's most historic quarter; meet at North Main Street/ Adelaide Street Square, opp. Cork Volunteer Centre, 6.30pm (2 hours, no booking required).

Tuesday 16 August 2022, *The Northern Ridge – St Patrick's Hill to MacCurtain Street*; Historical walking tour of the area around St Patrick's Hill – Old Youghal Road to McCurtain Street; meet on the Green at Audley Place, top of St Patrick's Hill, 6.30pm (2 hours, no booking required; finishes on MacCurtain Street).

Thursday 18 August 2022, *Views from a Park – The Black Ash and Tramore Valley Park*, historical walking tour in association with the KinShip Project; meet at Halfmoon Lane gate, 6.30pm (90 minutes; no booking required).

Saturday 20 August 2022, *Douglas and its History*, historical walking tour in association with Douglas Tidy Towns; Discover the history of industry and the development of this historic village, meet in the carpark of Douglas Community Centre, 2pm (no booking required, circuit of village, finishes nearby).

Sunday 21 August 2022, *The Battle of Douglas, An Irish Civil War Story*, historical walking tour, meet at carpark and entrance to Old Railway Line, Harty's Quay, Rochestown; 2pm, (free, 2 hours, no booking required, finishes near Rochestown Road).

- **Kieran's September 2022 Tours:**

Saturday 3 September 2022, *Blackpool: Its History and Heritage*, historical walking tour with Kieran; meet at square on St Mary's Road, opp North Cathedral, 2pm, (free, two hours)

Sunday 4 September 2022, Ballinlough - *Knights, Quarries and Suburban Growth*; historical walking tour with Kieran; meet at Ballintemple Graveyard, Temple Hill, 2pm (free, two hours)

Saturday 17 September 2022, The City Workhouse, historical walking tour with Kieran; meet just inside the gates of St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, 2pm (free, 90 minutes, on site tour)

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