

Tulla Courthouse

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Historic Graves



The Historic Graves project is a community focused grassroots heritage project. Local community groups are trained in low-cost high-tech field survey of historic graveyards and recording of their own oral histories. They build a multi-media online record of the historic graves in their own areas and unite to form a national resource. The project outlines a system and sequence which helps to coordinate and standardise an historic graveyard survey.

The original design was by John Tierney, archaeologist, and Maurizio Toscano, Eachtra's GIS manager, who built and developed the system. Since the early design stage various people have had an input into the development of the project and the associated website, including Finn Delaney and Robin Turk, both of Eachtra. Bernie Goldbach, Senior Lecturer in Creative Multimedia, at the Tipperary Institute, and Caimin O'Bri-

en, Department of Environment archaeologist, have also had inputs into its development.

On Friday the 23rd and Saturday 24th of November training took place at the graveyard on how to map, photograph and transcribe a graveyard. It was cold and blustery but great work was done and photos from both graveyards in Tulla are now available on the historic graveyards website. John Tierney of the Historic Graves project was a fantastic trainer and



we were also extremely fortunate to have Franc Myles, archaeologist, along to give us his expertise and knowledge. On Friday we were joined by students from both 1st year and transition year from St Joseph's.

We hope they enjoyed the experience. There still is much work to be done to transcribe the graves and also in the future to photograph the newer sections. So if you would like to get involved in this project please contact us via the Courthouse Office.

You can see the first stage of tulla's historic graves now online @ :

<http://historicgraves.com/tulla>

Tulla Courthouse

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Tulla Courthouse, Friday 23rd
November 2012, 8 o'clock p.m.

The Parish of Tulla
an unexplored archaeological landscape
a talk by Franc Myles, archaeologist

Remembering People, Places & Events

The Tulla Reaching Out (XO) committee organized the above event recently inviting people to bring in any old photographs, memorabilia or items of particular local interest to be photographed and/or scanned at the Courthouse office for a parish archive. We received some very

nice photos of local historic events and local people and we wish to thank all who contributed.

We will be holding further days in 2013 with the intention of creating a parish archive for all to enjoy.

**REMEMBERING PEOPLE,
PLACES & EVENTS**

Bring photographs from the past and accompanying items like letters, annuals for sale-holding

and share with those generations
They have been apart

Family photos,
wedding programs,
schooling, or personal
letters, birthday
card photos...

Tulla Courthouse
Fri 21st & Sat 22nd of September
10am-3pm

This is being organised as part of the Ireland 100 project. This has national and
local interest and is a great opportunity to share our stories and
contribute to a living history of Ireland. We will be seeking to come out
For more details see
WWW.TULLA.XO

Or www.tulla.xo

Tulla Courthouse

Ireland
Reaching Out



Ireland Reaching Out (XO)

One of the bigger projects that the Courthouse has become involved with in the past year is the Ireland Reaching Out project. This project originated in County Galway almost 3 years ago and it takes the idea of reaching out to those who have emigrated from the local parish and inviting them back to their locality where either they or their ancestors came from to partake in parish life. We have had a very successful year with the project with a number of connections having

been made from as far away as Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. As a result, we will be holding our Week of Welcomes during Heritage Week on 17 August - 25 August 2013 and we look forward to welcoming anyone with Tulla roots to please join us during this time. However, please note that if the dates do not suit your planned dates of travel, we would still love to meet you and take you around the locality and please phone the Courthouse office or contact us by e-mail to

make alternative arrangements at (065) 6831648 or tullacooffice@eircom.net

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Reaching out

Tulla Arts Trail

The Tulla Arts Trail was created for Heritage Week this past August and took place from 16 - 24 August. Local artists decorated over 15 shop windows in the village and there was a corresponding brochure inviting one and all to wander through the village and view the various displays. The event was well-received with a number of artists requesting notice for

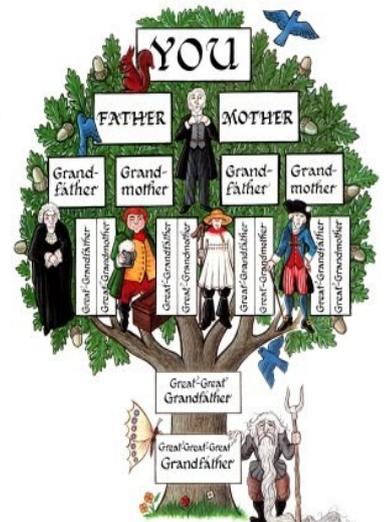
next year's Heritage Week dates.



Genealogy Workshop

Lorna Moloney, Consultant with Irish ARC, at University of Limerick gave a very informative and well-presented workshop at the Courthouse during Heritage Week in August. There were over 20 people in attendance who heard about getting started on family history research, free online resources within

Ireland and making use of the local library. Lorna also covered collection care to include storing and cataloguing old family photos and papers.





Courthouse Music Events



During the summer we had some great music events in the courthouse– This included the following highlight events

THRILLOGY AND THE BURN SISTERS

This was a great event on Saturday 20th of August.

Thrillology, well known to local audiences with Kate Purcell on Vocals, Yuki Nishioka on Classical Violin and Denise Glass on Traditional Fiddle blending together to form a unique and thrill-

ing sounds.

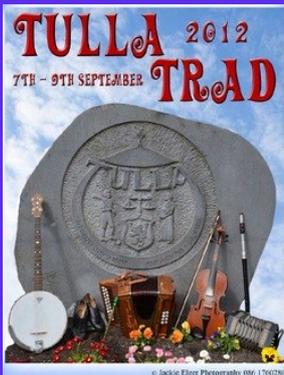
Sharing the double bill were **The Burn Sisters** - American folk/roots singers from up state New York with an intricate harmony vocal style that is truly beautiful and amazing.

Kate Purcell also gave us great nights as a solo performer and we also had many events organized by CCE and Mary McNamara.

Of particular note during Summer 2012 was the great night of the **Shetlands Concert**, featuring both local and visiting musicians from the Shetlands. We are looking forward to the next concert already.

The Courthouse is available for hire as an music event and we will assist in local promotion of any event. Please contact the office for further details.

Tulla Trad Festival & Pipefest



Tulla Courthouse is proud to have been used by both Tulla CCE and also the Tulla Pipe Band in their 2012 Festivals.

TULLA TRAD FESTIVAL CELEBRITY CONCERT

This great concert took place on Saturday the 8th of September, as part of the Tulla Trad 2012, The Celebrity Concert featured Sibeal Davitt, Darren Breslin, The Kane Sisters (Liz & Yvonne), Mike, Michelle and Louise Mulcahy,

Angelina Carberry, Vincent Griffin, Brian O'Rourke, Mary Corry & Michael Landers. M.C. on the night was Mary MacNamara. Tulla Courthouse were proud to be associated with this great event and wish Tulla CCE every success with future events. The Tulla Trad festival has certainly established itself as a premier event in the traditional music calendar.

TULLA PIPEBAND 'PIPEFEST 2012'

The inaugural Tulla Pipefest was on the first weekend in November. The Tulla Pipe Band hosted a concert in Tulla Courthouse which was a great night of music, including guests from The Tullamore, Loughrea and Limerick Pipe Bands.

We are looking forward to the 2013 event already!



Culture Night

2012 marked the first year of Tulla's involvement in the national 'Culture Night' event.

This is a nationwide event that takes place each September.

This year events in Tulla were hosted in the Library, Courthouse and the Stables.

The events in the courthouse

were a mixture of events including performances by the 'Clare Youth Theatre' and presentation on community film-making by Mick O Loughlin featuring 'Chocolate Wars' and other film projects made by students in Ennis and Ruan.

Also there were poetry readings by 'The Scarriff Poets'.

It is hoped that the Courthouse will again be involved in Culture Night 2013 and that we can build upon the foundation built this past September.



Thank You

The committee are delighted with the support of the community and the many organisations that use the Courthouse on a regular basis.

CLDC

During 2012 we have been very lucky with the great support we have gotten from the Clare Leader Development Company (CLDC) via the TUS scheme. In the initial 2011/2012 scheme we were absolutely delighted with the level of support we got from **Helena Byrnes** as an administrator and **Nigel Maloney** as Caretaker. Having this support has helped to bring the Courthouse to a new level and certainly the Courthouse seems busier than ever these days. Sadly the scheme is only for 12 months and it was with great sadness we saw the departure of both Helena and Nigel. We are delighted that they both still provide us with helping hands.

For 2012/2013 the numbers of participants in the scheme has increased to 3. **John Ryan** has taken over the caretaker role and **Ray O'Loughlin** and **Maria Murphy** are working on office duties and on the many projects as mentioned in this newsletter. We are indebted to CLDC for this continued support.

ST FRANCIS CREDIT UNION

We are proud to host the local branch office of the credit union within the Courthouse. This is a fantastic service for the whole community and we encourage everyone to become actively involved as members.

TULLA COUNTRY MARKET

Tulla Country Market have been in existence for over 2 years now and in that time have established themselves as the place to go on Saturday's morning in Tulla for fresh home produce. The coffee shop is the meeting place in Tulla for a Saturday morning and is a great place to sit and watch the world go by.

CLUBS and ORGANISATIONS

Nearly every evening you will see lights on in the Courthouse. We are very thankful for the support of the local groups that help keep the building active and alive. The following organisations have used the building during 2012

Tulla Drama Group, Tulla CCE, Tulla Pipeband, Weight-watchers, Tulla Camogie Club, Tulla Historic Society, Tulla Scouts, Clare Youth Club Services, East Clare Drama Society, Heritage Council, Neighbourhood Watch, Tulla Actively retired and many others

In addition, the Courthouse has held a number of concerts such as Triuir with Martin Hayes, Thrillology with Kate Purcell and the Byrnes Sisters, and local history talks by Franc Myles, Archaeologist.

I hope you will see from this newsletter that the Courthouse is an active part of the community. We are here as a service to the community and during 2013 we hope to expand this through involve-

ment in the many projects mentioned.

I would specifically like to mention here the Ireland Reaching Out (XO) project.

This project will culminate in 2013 in our inaugural '**Week of the Welcomes 2013.**'

This is planned for **Heritage Week 2013** - the 17th to 25th of August. It will build upon the very successful Arts Trail during Heritage Week 2012. We plan a host of events exploring our local Heritage and Arts. We are especially reaching out to the Tulla Diaspora to visit us during this special year of 'The Gathering'. Please check back via our website www.tulla.ie as we will update more details as they become available.

We would also ask anyone that has families and friends abroad that would be interested in visiting Tulla in 2013 to please forward us contact details so that we can formally invite them and keep them up to date with all activities in the Courthouse, including the 'Week of Welcomes 2013'

So to conclude I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Courthouse in 2013

Regards

Bernard Mulcahy

Chairperson

On behalf of Tulla Courthouse.



Merry Christmas
from tulla courthouse



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New Office Hours:
Monday To Friday
9.30am - 3.00pm

Tulla Courthouse Coffee Morning

The Courthouse actively supported the Daffodil Day Coffee Shop which was held on March and organised by Jessie Moloney, Courthouse committee member. Tea, coffee and homemade pastries were available together with a Daffodil for a donation. The Courthouse turned over all proceeds to the local Cancer Care committee. We hope to run similar events in 2013 and if you have suggestions please contact us at the Courthouse Office

The Tulla Country Market also run a coffee morning every Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm. It is a great place to met friends and neighbours.



About The Courthouse

The Tulla Courthouse and Community Development Co. Ltd. was set up in 2005 in order to maintain and develop the Courthouse facility for the benefit of the greater Tulla community. This was necessary to obtain grant aid from the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism. The structure is private company limited by guarantee with 4 Directors: Michael O'Rourke, Bernard Mulcahy, Morna Toibin and Jane Halloran Ryan. The company is also a registered charity (CHY16521). A steering committee is elected each year at the AGM to oversee the running of the Courthouse.

The Courthouse was built in 1838 and has a long history associated with the history of the village. It is a listed historical building on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and was in use as a Courthouse until 2008. It now is used a performance venue for the arts, events and local community club meetings.



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