

Irish Kennedy Heritage Group



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The mission of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is to research, preserve and disseminate the history of the Irish Kennedys.



Chief Rody Kennedy

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Fáilte / Welcome.

Welcome to our latest newsletter hoping that all our Kennedy members are well and happy wherever they live on our planet. Here in Tipperary all our focus is on our annual Clan Gathering happy in the knowledge that we will welcome visitors from Australia, U.S.A and many places in between. Summary of planned events underneath.

Clan Gathering 2019..

Sunday 14th July .

- Congregate in Chief Rody's Angelsey lounge in Rearcross from 1.00pm
- Car trip to Brian Ború's fort in Killaloe, original base of King Kennedy –brief history delivered by Brian Patrick Kennedy
- Return to Rearcross for launch of Brian Kennedy's latest Kennedy book 'The Irish Kennedys who moved eastwards – to baronies adjacent to Ormond'.
- Night of music, chat, refreshments and conviviality.

Tuesday 16th July

- 08.30. Coach trip to Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry, home to 246 Kennedy families according to Griffith's Valuation circa 1850. One small change to itinerary published in previous newsletter. Our first meeting with our Dingle Kennedys will still be in Annascaul, but in Joan's cafe rather than South Pole Inn which has unfortunately been reserved by another coachload of tourists. A busy and hugely interesting and enjoyable rota of talks and events have been planned by our Kerry cousins. If you are interested in the trip to Dingle get in touch with any Committee member to help us with our coach hire arrangements. Return to Rearcross approx 9.00pm.

Thursday 18th July.

- 4.00pm. Visit by car to Rock of Cashel, ancestral seat of power of Kings of Munster
- Walking tour of Cashel facilitated by our Chairperson Donnchadh O Cinnéide
- Optional attendance at Brú Ború – a pageant of Irish music and dance.
- 9.00 am. Meet at Chief Rody's for optional car trip to Dunganstown, Co. Wexford, ancestral home of President John F Kennedy. The plan is that those who travel to Wexford will join up with the rest of the group in Cashel.

Saturday 20th July.

- 11.00 am. Meet at Chief Rody's at Rearcross for short trip to Foilycleara of the many Kennedys who can trace their ancestry back to Foilycleara. Return to Rearcross.

- For Kennedys who through the years have been connected to the Ryans you might wish to go to Pa's Bar in Upperchurch on Saturday night around 8.00 pm where Brian will launch another book "The Ryans of Tipperary and Kilkenny".

For the rest of the week visitors will be able to seek out other places of Kennedy interest in North Tipperary whether they be homesteads, castles, churches, graveyards or Phyllis Kennedy's lovely Irish Kennedy Display in the Heritage Centre in Nenagh. Your Tipperary cousins will be very happy to guide and help you.

Any queries or for further info contact me or any committee member at the contact points listed at bottom of this newsletter



Memories of Kennedy Clan 2018 Gathering on display in Heritage Centre

Here is the slightly revised itinerary prepared by Micheál Ó Cinnéide for the trip to Dingle. As you will see it is a full but beautifully varied list of events which should prove to be educational, informative and highly entertaining, not to mention the magnificent scenery of the Dingle Peninsula. There will be a fee for the coach trip, €25 maximum, depending on numbers.

Please book for this trip by contacting me at the address at the end of this newsletter.

Kennedy Heritage Trip to the Dingle Peninsula, 16th July, 2019

TurasnagCinnéideach go CorcaDhuibhne, DéMáirt, 16ú Iúil, 2019

08.30 Bus Departs from Kennedys of Rear Cross, Co. Tipperary

(Drive via **M20, N21** Limerick-Adare- Castleisland and **N86** west of Tralee, **160 kms**).

11.00 am Stop at Joan's Café Nua, Main St, Annascaul, for coffee, scone & a briefing

(Meet Fr. Jerry Keane, PP and Tom Kennedy, farmer from Coole, Annascaul)

11.30 Visit Ballinacourty graveyard, near Annascaul (ref p. 284/5 of Brian Kennedy's book)

(Many Kennedy tombs & the resting place of Tom Crean, explorer.)

12.15 Visit Garfinny graveyard, near Lispole (Meet Tom Lynch.)

(Gravestone of Maurice Kennedy, 1816, as cited in "*The Dispersal Of Irish Kennedys*", p.291)

1.00pm Drive west, via Dingle & around scenic Sleah Head

Pause at **Dingle Workhouse** - C19 story of the Kennedys from CillMhica' Domhnaigh, Ventry.

1.40pm Visit Ionad AnBhlascaoid / Blasket Centre, Dún Chaoin, [www. blascaod@opw.ie](http://www.blascaod@opw.ie)

Light lunch & two short talks/discussion

- **Dara Ó Cinnéide**, Journalist/Footballer, on the story of the Kennedy brothers
- **Lorcán Ó Cinnéide**, on the life of Fr. John Kennedy of West Kerry, Australia & USA.

3.30 Drive to Dingle- Clan Gathering in John Benny Moriartys, www.johnbennyspub.com

- Fear & Bean a'Tí: **John Benny & Éilis Kennedy**
- Refreshments & music; Meet local historians & some of the West Kerry Kennedys.

6.00pm Return bus trip from Dingle - Rear Cross (2 hours, 40 Mins, 180 kms)

8.40/9pm Estimated return to Rear Cross, Co Tipperary

*The rugged Dingle Peninsula area (from Annascaul west) has some of the highest densities of Kennedy descendants, outside of the North Tipperary "heartland". The Griffith Valuation, c.1850 recorded **246** Kennedy occupier families on the Peninsula ("*Dispersal Of Irish Kennedys*", p.292.) This trip will visit some of the places linked with "Kerry Kennedys".*

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Internationally all books can be obtained via "The Irish Kennedys" web page at <https://theirkennedys.weebly.com>

The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop. Rearcross. Tipperary. Ph. 062 79104

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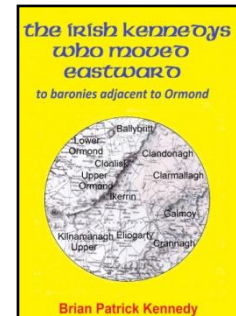
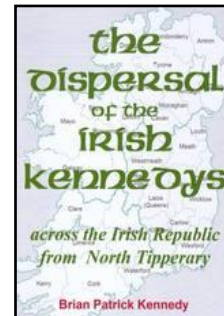
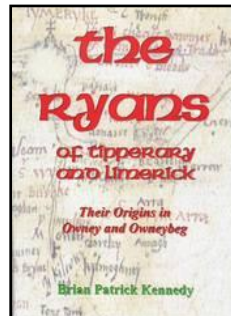
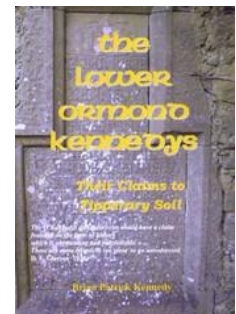
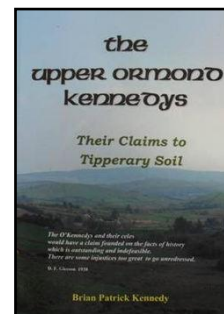
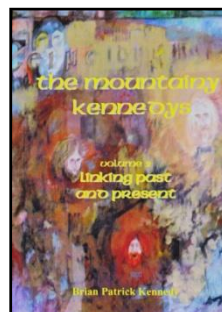
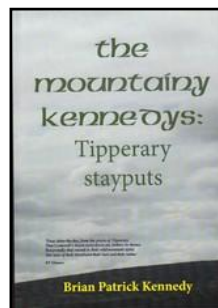
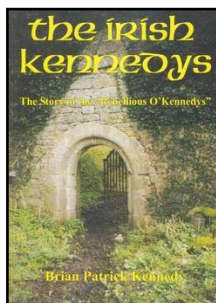
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Alan Hanna's Bookshop, 270 Rathmines Road Lower, DUBLIN 6

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