

10ú Seimineár Míleata na hÉireann

Leabharlann agus Ionad Cultúrtha an Náis, 6ú - 9ú Bealtaine 2026

The 10th Irish Military Seminar

Naas Library & Cultural Centre 6 - 9 May 2026

Wednesday 6 May 6.30pm - 8pm

Pike Hill: The Rath Massacre.

Book launch with author Martin Malone, followed by a discussion of his new work of historical fiction set amid the highly charged atmosphere of the 1798 Rebellion in Kildare.

Thursday 7 May 6.30pm - 8pm

From Crown to Harp: How the Anglo-Irish Treaty was undone 1922-1949.

David McCullagh will recount the remarkable story of the peaceful revolution that took Ireland from part of the Commonwealth to a Republic.

Saturday 9 May

9.15am Registration

Saturday 9 May 9.45am - 10.30am

Roundtable Discussion with Brian McCabe, Michael Dempsey, Karel Kiely and Celine Rourke, chaired by Mario Corrigan.

'Has History got a future?' - The challenges facing Local Historians today.

10.30am - 11.00am Tea/Coffee Break

11.00am - 12.00pm: Siege in Ireland 1641-1653.

Dr. Pádraig Lenihan will provide a fascinating insight into the brutal Irish Wars of Religion (1641-1653), in which the art of siege warfare played a crucial role. The presentation will reference aspects of these wars in Kildare.

Scan code to open events on kildare.spydus.ie



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Cover Picture: The stopping of the Mail Coach and the killing of Lt. Gifford (George Cruikshank)

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Imeachtaí ar fad saor in aisce - Ní mór áirithint a dhéanamh roimh ré
All events are free - Booking Essential



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Wednesday 6 May
6.30pm - 8pm
Pike Hill: The Rath Massacre

Martin Malone is an Irish novelist and short story writer. His novel *The Broken Cedar* was nominated for the 2003 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and *Us* won the John B. Keane/Sunday Independent Award. During his time working as a military policeman, Martin served five tours of duty in Lebanon and one in Iraq. He lives in Kildare.



Saturday 9 May 9:45am - 10:30am
Roundtable discussion:
'Has History got a Future?'
The challenges facing Local
Historians today

Chaired by Mario Corrigan (Senior Executive Librarian), with, Michael Dempsey (President of the Co. Kildare Archaeological Society), Brian McCabe (Chairperson of the Co. Kildare Federation of Local History Groups), Karel Kiely (County Archivist) and Celine Rourke (Secretary of Celbridge Historical Society).



Thursday 7 May
6.30pm - 8pm
From Crown to Harp:
How the Anglo-Irish Treaty
was undone 1922-1949

David McCullagh is a journalist, author and presenter with RTÉ. He hosts *Today with David McCullagh* on RTÉ Radio 1. He previously presented the *Six One News* and *Prime Time*. He is the author of a biography of John A. Costello and a two-volume biography of Éamon de Valera.



Saturday 9 May
11.00am - 12.00pm
Siege in Ireland 1641 - 1653

Pádraig Lenihan served as an army captain in Kildare Barracks and has lectured at the University of Galway. He is a leading authority on Irish warfare in the seventeenth century. In his most recent publication, *Siege in Ireland, 1641-53*, he uses eyewitness accounts to portray life inside blockaded strongholds during the tumultuous first winter of the war.