



## KCT Summer Schedule for 2017

*Kilkee Civic Trust is a non-profit organisation working to enhance the quality of life in Kilkee, and its hinterland, by preserving and promoting its cultural heritage, and so making it a more attractive place to live, work and invest.*

### KCT Talks 2017 - All Talks will be hosted at Cultúrlann Sweeney, O'Connell St., Kilkee.

Entry to all KCT Talks is Free of Charge.

All of our speakers give of their time and energy on a pro-bono basis.

The appreciation of the audience & KCT is expressed by way of presenting each speaker with a Book Token at the end of each Talk.

A Donations Box is provided at all Talks to assist us in defraying necessary expenses.

	Talk Dates:	Speaker:	Talk Title:	Talk Description:
No. 1	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July Time: 8pm	Peadar King  *** Not suitable for children. Mature audience only.	"Nobody Asks Poor People If They Want War" ~ Viet Thanh Nguyen	Drawing on over a decade of reporting from across the world for the <b>RTÉ series What in the World?</b> Peadar King explores the devastating impact of war on the poor of the world in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Timor Leste, Laos and Western Sahara. He will also feature rarely seen footage of three Clare people's experience of war.

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No. 2	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Time: 8pm	<b>Double Act!</b>  Eileen Mulcahy          Thomas Galvin	<b>Two Topics &amp; Speakers</b>  Seaweed Baths in Kilkee; Past & Present       A Hidden Culture – The journey of Moyasta Oysters	An insight into the tradition of seaweed use and the continued benefits for our modern day lives. Over the last eighteen years; since Whit Weekend 1999; Eileen has kept one of Kilkee’s oldest heritage amenities alive and she is the proprietor of “Kilkee Thalassotherapy Centre” where seaweed baths continue to be enjoyed.       Oysters are the family business; started by his Dad Michael in 1994; at Poulnasherry Bay, Moyasta. An entrepreneur and local businessman whose passion for the sea and West Clare is a key driver in the success of this home grown maritime industry.
No. 3	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July Time: 8pm	Tom Hanly	Shannon International Airport – origins, growth and aircraft crashes 1940s to 1970s	In a career spanning over four decades; Tom Hanly, retired Chief Officer Airport Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Shannon International Airport, will regale the audience with factual accounts of major incidents supported by audio visual, photographic and historical reports.

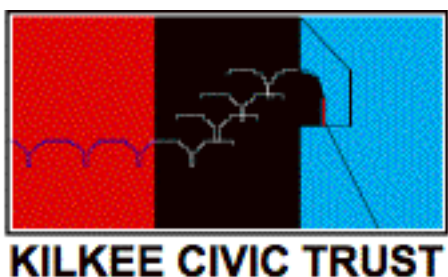
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No. 4	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Time: 8pm	Sharon Slater	Who was Margaretta Eager? – Nanny to the last Tsar of Russia	<p>A lady with an outstanding passion for Limerick and its history; combined with unbounded enthusiasm and a tireless capacity for interacting with others; always generously sharing her knowledge.</p> <p>Sharon Slater is an Historical and Genealogical Researcher with a Masters in History from University of Limerick; as well as owner and operator of Limerick's Life website. Sharon will reveal the links between Kilkee and the Court of the last Russian Tsar; namely Nicholas II Emperor of Russia who reigned from 1<sup>st</sup> November 1894 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 1917.</p>
No. 5	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August Time: 8pm	Joe Donnellan	Three International Musicians from Limerick	<p>Three Limerick performers who were successful internationally but, with the passage of time, their achievements have fallen from public awareness.</p> <p>Catherine Hayes an internationally renowned Soprano; who was born in Patrick St. Limerick.</p> <p>George Alexander Osborne Pianist and Composer; who was friends with Chopin. He enjoyed a very impressive career, not only in London, but also</p>

				<p>throughout mainland Europe.</p> <p>Joseph O'Mara who was a Tenor of international renown; of the O'Mara Bacon Factory family and fame; and whose family had a notable political involvement.</p>
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No. 6	<p>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August Time: 8pm</p>	<p>Dr. Mary Bourke</p>	<p>Geography: Oh, The Places You'll Go!</p>	<p>This Talk will take you on an adventurous trail of discovery and magical geographical possibilities. Bring your Hiking Boots!</p> <p>Dr. Mary Bourke currently lectures and undertakes research in the Geography Department of Trinity College, Dublin and has recently been awarded Fellowship.</p> <p>An Earth and Planetary Geomorphologist with expertise in extreme environments on Earth and Mars. She has published over 60 manuscripts on landscapes in Antarctica, Australia, Namibia, Mars and Ireland. Her research has been highlighted in the Wall Street Journal, the Guardian, The Irish Times and Independent, on NBC Nightly News and on the BBC and RTE.</p>

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NO. 7	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August Time: 8pm	Kilkee History Group  J. J. Hickie & Tommy McGrath	One Topic & Two Speakers  The Edmond; Hopes Lost & Human Impact of Kilkee's Famine Time Shipwreck	Representing Kilkee History Group; J. J. Hickie & Tommy McGrath; two well-known Local Historians; who have an encyclopaedic knowledge of Kilkee's life and times over recent centuries; will tell some of the personal stories of dashed hopes and dreams for those on board the "Edmond" which foundered on the rocks below Sykes House on Tuesday night 19 <sup>th</sup> November 1850.
No. 8	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August Time: 8pm	Dr. Ciarán Ó Murchadha	Marcus Keane and Fr. Michael Meehan: Two Figures from Clare's Famine Landscape	Dr. Ciarán Ó Murchadha is an independent scholar and a leading historian on Ireland's Great Famine. Author of three major works on the Great Famine; including the internationally acclaimed book titled; The Great Famine: Ireland's Agony 1845-1852 (2011). He was also one of the principal organisers of the National Famine Commemoration held in Kilrush in 2013.
No. 9	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August Time: 8pm	Dr. Paul O'Brien	Millers, Merchants, Mayors, Lane-Joynt Families Limerick	Dr Paul O'Brien is a lecturer in the Academic Learning Centre in Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick. Paul's doctoral thesis, based on a hitherto undiscovered, Glynn family and business archive, examined north Munster

				<p>regional history and the history of the entrepreneurial Catholic bourgeoisie under the Union and into the emergence of the New State, c.1790-1940. The Lane Joynt family of Limerick were of Huguenot extraction and active in Limerick business and politics from the early decades of the nineteenth century.</p> <p>In 1859, the Lane Joynt family married into the Glynn family of Kilrush after being introduced at the Kilkee Races.</p> <p>The lecture is based on substantial primary material including many fascinating photographs which are held in the Glynn archive &amp; it tells the story of the rise of a Limerick merchant family in the nineteenth century.</p>
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**There are more KCT Events are on the next three pages!**



## Our Annual KCT - Arts in Focus 2017

### Venue

Cultúrlann Sweeney, O'Connell St., Kilkee.

<p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Time: 8pm</p> <p><b>Exhibition open from 7.15pm</b></p> <p>Venue: <b>Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee</b></p> <p><b>Entry is Free of Charge</b></p>	<p>Arts in Focus</p> <p>Fionnuala Murnane KCT Coordinator &amp; MC for Arts in Focus</p>	<p>An evening of music, song, dance, poetry and film; together with a “Sea-Themed” exhibition of Arts &amp; Crafts by local Artists.</p> <p>All performers provide their services on a pro-bono basis.</p>
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**There are more KCT Music Events are on the next two pages!**

# KCT Music 2017

<p>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Time: 8pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMER SERENADE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEATURING</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLARE QUINN - MEZZO SOPRANO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ireland's Rising Classical Star</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner of "The Golden Voice of America 2017" All Ireland Winner Carnegie Hall Debutant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An amazing Classical Singer who performs across a spectrum of Operatic Arias, popular songs, musical Theatre and Hymns</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accompanied by superb local guest performers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keeva Corry</b> 4 Time World Champion Irish Dancer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cathal Keane</b> All Ireland Winner – Irish Harp Slow Airs – Sligo Fleadh 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Éimhear Greene</b> Wonderful Traditional Musician</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An evening of song, music and dance by amazing young talent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOT TO BE MISSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Showcasing a wonderful array of up and coming young talent</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> <b>Cultúrlann Sweeney</b> O'Connell St., Kilkee</p> <p>Tickets: Adults - €10 Strictly Children (under 18) - €5</p> <p>Book your tickets at:  Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee</p> <p>Telephone: (065) 906 0769</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.culturlannsweeney.ie">www.culturlannsweeney.ie</a></p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cst@clarelibrary.ie">cst@clarelibrary.ie</a></p> <p>Our performers provide their services on a pro-bono basis and we will express the appreciation of you "the audience" &amp; KCT by presenting each performing artist with a Book Token.</p>
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<p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</p> <p>Time: 8pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Martin Bourke</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The “Richard Tauber” profile</i></b> Singer, Composer, Conductor &amp; Film Maker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fundraising Cause undertaken by Martin Bourke on a pro-bono basis for Kilkee Civic Trust’s Preservation &amp; Restoration of Historical Structures Fund</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> <b>Cultúrlann Sweeney</b> O’Connell St., Kilkee</p> <p>Tickets: Adults - €10 Strictly Children (under 18) - €5</p> <p>Book your tickets at:</p> <p>Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee</p> <p>Telephone: (065) 906 0769</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.culturlannsweeney.ie">www.culturlannsweeney.ie</a></p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:cst@clarelibrary.ie">cst@clarelibrary.ie</a></p>
<p>Sunday In July or August (Date TBC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ennis Brass Band</b></p> <p>(Subject to availability and booking confirmation)</p> <p>This event is jointly sponsored by Kilkee Chamber of Commerce &amp; Kilkee Civic Trust and the essential and necessary costs are shared equally.</p> <p>As always; KCT wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of our Parish Priest Fr. Kenny and the Church Choir with this annual event.</p>	<p>From Kilkee Church, (after 11am Mass), playing &amp; marching via O’Curry St., to the Bandstand; where the music will continue.</p>