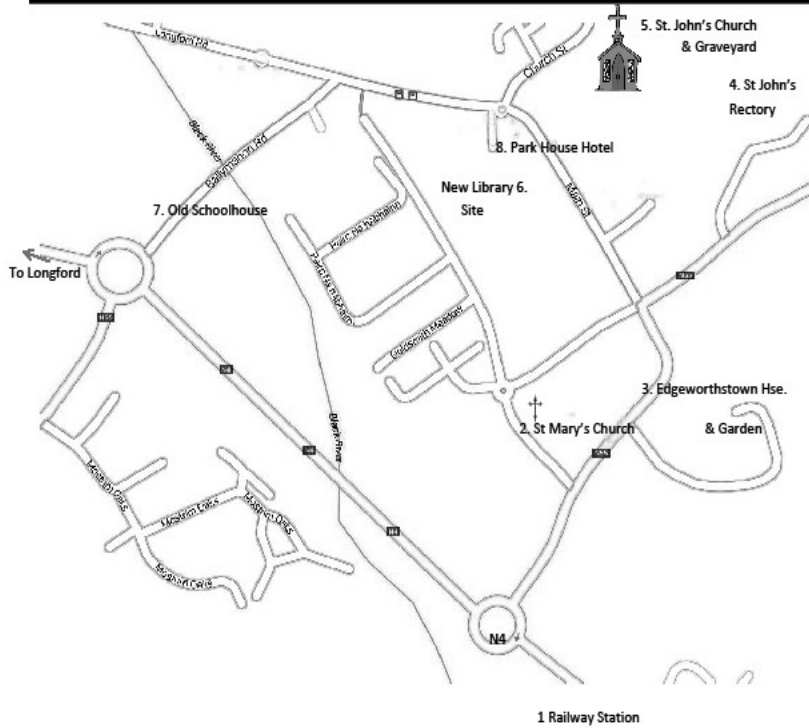


Edgeworthstown Literary Trail



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PROGRAMME



THE LEGACY
 OF THE
 EDGEWORTHS

5th-7th May 2017

FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017



8.00 p.m. Venue: **The Green, Edgeworthstown**

Unveiling of Portrait of Maria Edgeworth by Artist Orla Kelleher

John Beddoes - A talk on Anna Edgeworth and the Lunar Society, with slides and two audio recordings of plays that feature Anna's letters and poems.

Music: Comhaltas Ceoltoir Eireann performance.

Refreshments will be served.



STORY TELLER



Eamonn Brennan:

Eamonn Brennan is a primary teacher. He has taught in Stonepark N.S for many years where he was Principal from 1996 to 2009. Since his retirement he has worked for the Heritage Council and Longford County Library, visiting schools and talking to adult groups about the history and heritage of Co. Longford. He is a member of the Longford 1916 Centenary Committee.



THE EDGEWORTH FAMILY

LECTURER



Susan Manly: is a Reader in English at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and the Author of *Language, custom and Nation in the 1790s: Locke, Tooke, Wordsworth, Edgeworth* (2007). She has published scholarly editions of a wide range of Maria Edgeworth's writings including her novel about anti-Semitism, *Harrington* (1817); her manual of progressive education *Practical Education*; her final novel, *Helen* (1834), which looks at female friendship and male power; and her witty epistolary novel dealing with infidelity and divorce, *Leonora* (1806).

All of these were in the twelve volume *Novels and Selected Works of Maria Edgeworth*, published by Pickering and Chatto in 1999-2003. More recently, Susan produced a critical edition of Edgeworth's writings for children and adolescents, published as *Maria Edgeworth: Selected tales for children and Young People* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) She is currently writing a book on late eighteenth-and early nineteenth-century radical and reformist writing for children, including sections on Maria Edgeworth's fiction for young readers; and is completing a political life of Edgeworth, to be published by Routledge/Pickering & Chatto in 2018.



MARIA EDGEWORTH

10.00 a.m. Venue: The Green

Presentation of the Deirdre Purcell Perpetual Cup and prizes for the children's poetry competition.

Adjudicator comments by Professor Iggy McGovern and prize winners' readings

Children's Story Telling with Eamonn Brennan.

Music: Harpist. Shannon Browne

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Venue: The Old School House

Poetry Workshop with Professor Iggy McGovern

2.00 p.m. Venue: St. Mary's Church

“St Mary's to St. John's”

Historical walk with Tour Guide Matt Farrell, commencing at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Afternoon in the Edgeworth Garden with Horticulturist Octavia Tulloch.

Talk on hedgerow medicine & plants followed by afternoon tea in the Rectory.

8.00 p.m. Venue: St. John's Church

Historical and Literary Programme St. John's Church

The Edgeworth Lecture with Dr. Susan Manly

Music: Soprano Corrinne McCormack-Bushell

Adjudicators comments, presentation of prizes and a Reading by Iggy McGovern.

Musical Interlude

Music Finale with the O'Reilly family.

Full Day Ticket: €20.00

Single Event: €10.00

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2017

3.00pm Today we head to Tullynally Castle which is located approx 10 miles from Edgeworthstown, Tullynally is closely associated with the Edgeworth Family, Richard Edgeworth, Maria's grandfather was brought up at the Castle. The 2nd Earl of Longford was the first to install a central heating system in a private house in Ireland. It was designed for him by Richard Lovell Edgeworth from Edgeworthstown, a gifted inventor. Edgeworth's daughter, Maria, reported excitedly in 1813 that "The house is now so well warmed that you never have any fear in going from one room to another and the children play in the hall from morning to night." A later letter of Maria Edgeworth's gives an account of the gardens in the 1830s made by the 2nd Earl's English wife, Georgiana. "Lady L may want feeling " (Maria had found her rather hard and unfriendly)" but taste she has - I never saw in England and Ireland such beautiful gardens and shrubbery walks as she has made - In a place where there was only a swamp and an osiery, she has made the most beautiful American garden my eyes ever beheld - took advantage of a group of superb old chestnut trees, oak and ash for a background - trees that had never been noticed before in that terra incognita and now it is a fairy land."

The Edgeworths made this journey on many occasions by carriage so why not follow in their footsteps and hear their wonderful stories relayed by Thomas and Valarie Pakenham.



TULLYNALLY CASTLE

WRITERS



Iggy McGovern: Published collections of poetry with Dedalus Press in 2005 and 2010. Awards include the Hennessy Award for Poetry, The Ireland Chair of Poetry Bursary and the Glen Dimplex Writers Award for Poetry. His most recent publication in 2013 is a poetic biography of the 19th century Irish mathematician & poet, William Rowan Hamilton.



John Beddoes: is a social worker in Derbyshire, England, and has been a collector of Beddoes family history for 30 years. He was a founder member and chair of The Thomas Lovell Beddoes Society (poet and nephew of Maria Edgeworth) and co-edited many of their publications. He is in the process of compiling a history of Maria's sister Anna Beddoes. He is married and has three grown up children and takes a keen interest in real ale.