

**Newtownmountkennedy Heart of History Lecture Series.
1798 225th Remembrance Festival 2023
Newtownmountkennedy and district Tidy Towns
27th May 2023**

Schedule 2pm-5pm.

Please be seated by 1.45pm.

Introduction by Minister for Justice Simon Harris TD. 2pm.

Huw O'Toole MC. 2.10pm.

1798 in context. Milestone Events from 1603 to Grattan's Parliament.

10 min

Speaker 1 2.20pm

Dominic Byrne, Land ownership and power in the NMK/ Newcastle District. 10 min

Music 2.30 /2.40.

**Harpist Aoife plays a selection of O'Carolan's tunes. Comhaltas Bray.*

Speaker 2. 2.40pm

Rory Delany of St. Stephen's Green Unitarian Church.

Title 'Hidden Origins of The United Irishmen'

30 min

*Option if time permits: *Poetry from Poetry of the dispossessed or extract from Richard Murphy's The Battle of Aughrim and the Gods who eat Corn.*

Extracts read by Huw O'Toole.

10 mins

Speaker 3 Therese Hicks. 3.30pm

30 Mins

This talk will look at the effects of trauma on brutalised Irish society, as well as the sense of individuality that was developing in Western Europe at this time.

Music/ song

Blathin Hogan, Croppy Boy/Wind that shakes the barley singers choice

Keynote Speaker 4.15pm

Ruan O' Donnell

'The Wicklow United Irishmen and the Battle of Newtownmountkennedy in context'.

Interruption/ theatre

3 mins

Q and A.

Close.

Tea Chat etc available.

60 mins