

The Irish Palatine Association will host an Irish Palatine Weekend as part of Heritage Week this August. The event will run between the dates 25 – 28 August and is open to IPA members and friends.

Following is a preliminary program:

Friday, 25 August

The museum will be open from 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to view and hear the stories behind the artifacts and examine some of the books in the library.

Registration from 5 p.m.

Dinner at Rathkeale House Hotel at 7 p.m.

Talk at 8.30 p.m. - Speaker TBA.

Saturday, 26 August

Morning – Rathkeale House Hotel will be the venue for talks Associated with the Palatines by Padraig O'Concubhair and Rev. Patrick Comerford.

PADRAIG O'CONCUBHAIR, a native of Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, is a retired principal National schoolteacher and author of several books on various aspects of local history, including *A Remote Outpost - The story of the Methodist Society in Tarbert, County Kerry* and *St. Brendan's Church of Ireland Tarbert 1814 – 2014 – 200 years of change*.

REV. PATRICK COMERFORD Anglican priest and journalist is a noted lecturer and historian. He is widely published and amongst his many roles he has recently been appointed Priest in Charge of Rathkeale Group of Anglican Parishes. He is a native of Dublin.

Lunch at Rathkeale House Hotel

Afternoon tour to east Limerick where a secondary colony of Palatines from Rathkeale were settled on the Castle Oliver estate. Highlights associated with the Irish Palatine story will be Margaret Alton's cottage and Kilflynn Church of Ireland. We will also visit the stone circle at Lough Gur. Lough Gur is one of Ireland's most important archaeological sites.

Dinner at the Old Bake House in Bruff.

Sunday, 27 August

Museum will be open in the morning. A second opportunity to learn about some of the artifacts or check out some of the books in the library.

Service at Holy Trinity, Church of Ireland at 11.30 a.m.

Tea and sandwiches in the schoolhouse after the service.

The Church of Ireland Community in Rathkeale have had an association with the Irish Palatine settlements since their arrival in 1709.

Bus tour of the parent Palatine colonies of Courtmatrix, Killeheen and Ballingrane.

Dinner at Rathkeale House Hotel followed by entertainment.

Monday, 28 August

Visit to Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum - Foynes was the centre of the aviation world during the flying boat era of the 1930s and 1940s.

Price including accommodation. Sharing: €411 Single: €462

For those interested please contact Lorna Shier at lornashier@gmail.com



Irish Palatine Event

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In 1709 several hundred families of German origin settled in Ireland. Known as the Palatines, they established roots mainly in Counties Limerick, Kerry, Tipperary and Wexford. From there they emigrated to many parts of the English-speaking world including Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand and the United States of America.

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