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Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17

U.S.A Remembers Davitt

The New York Shields Pipe Band will visit Mayo and give two performances to commemorate Michael Davitt and remember his ties with America.

Tuesday 15

7.00pm Commemorative Performance at
Michael Davitt Museum, Straide

Thursday 17

12.30pm Performance in Castlebar at Market Square

1.30pm Performance on The Mall (Imperial Hotel)

Contact: Declan Turnbull - 094 90 47545

Thursday 17 - Saturday 20

Humbert-Davitt Summer School

Annual Summer School, with events/lectures in Ballina, Killala,

Carrowmore-Lacken and Castlebar

Contact: Fiona - 086 22 62 812

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Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar **A Life in Relief**

An exhibition of prints illustrating the life of Davitt by

Brendon Deacy

Contact: Marie Farrell, 094 - 90 237 33

Thursday 14

Commemorative Stamp

An Post will issue a commemorative stamp of Michael Davitt.

Exhibition on Davitt

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE, TURLOUGH, CASTLEBAR

Contact: 094 90 31773

october

Wednesday 4

8 p.m Ballina Library
Laurence Marley

"Michael Davitt and the Labour Movement"

Laurence Marley. NUI Galway was holder of the Michael Davitt Fellowship, and a recipient of a Government of Ireland Scholarship during his research on Davitt. His doctoral thesis on Davitt's later political career is currently being prepared for publication.

Wednesday 11

8.00pm. Claremorris Library

The Life and Work of Michael Davitt

An illustrated musical performance by Donal Maguire

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Wednesday 8

8.00pm. Castlebar Library

CARLA KING "Davitt in the eyes of his contemporaries"

Carla King is a lecturer in Modern History at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra (Dublin City University). She has published a work on Davitt in the Irish Historical Association's Life and Times series. She also edited "Michael Davitt: Collected Writings" and a previously unpublished manuscript, Davitt's "Jottings in Solitary". At present she is working on a study of Davitt's later years and a collection of writings about Davitt by his contemporaries. Other publications she has edited include - 'Famine, Land and Culture in Ireland', and George Moore's 'Parnell and his Island'. Her talk will include visual material.

Wednesday 22

8.00pm Charlestown Library

Bernard O'Hara "The life and times of Michael Davitt".

Bernard O'Hara is acting registrar at the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. He edited and contributed to 'Mayo: Aspects of its Heritage' and 'Killasser: a history'.

He is author of 'The Archaeological Heritage of Killasser' and 'Michael Davitt Remembered'. His new biography of Davitt will be published this year.

other events

Commencing March 15th a series of 20 articles on the life and times of Michael Davitt compiled by Michael Mullen has been published by the Connaught Telegraph.

The background research was obtained from the files of the Connaught Telegraph and the Mayo County Library.

James Daly, the then Editor of the Connaught Telegraph who met Davitt in Dublin after his release and invited him to Castlebar, was a singular force in the formation of the Land League. It is only now that his historic importance, during these stirring days, is being acknowledged by historians.

These articles will be made available on the Internet for schools and educational establishments.

It is also proposed that each article published will be featured on a radio programme which will be broadcast by CRC. This too will be available on the internet.

Community Arts Project with Mayo Arts Squad and Mayo Artists

The aim of the project is to gather a collective response to Michael Davitt by looking at his political, social and economic principles and to produce finished artwork in bookform.

Project to be completed by Autumn 2006.

Contact: Mick Smyth, 087 - 258 2131

Western People

The Western People will launch a schools competition on Michael Davitt in September and will publish and distribute a special commemorative supplement in August.

Contact: James Laffey, Editor. 096 - 60999

Note: All events listed are as submitted by the organisers and Mayo County Council is not responsible for any errors or omissions.

Michael Davitt 1906 - 2006

Calendar of Events



Mayo County Council

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Friday 19 - Saturday 20

Famine Walk Weekend

The theme of this year's annual commemorative walk from Doolough to Louisburgh is 'Land, Resources and Conflict' and will explore the link with the legacy of Michael Davitt.

Contact:

Louisburgh Community Development Project 098 66218

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28

Football Tournament

Moy Davitts GAA Club - Davitt Football Tournament involving 4 teams: - Moy Davitts GAA Club Mayo, Ballyheagan Davitts GAA Club, Armagh, Davitts GAA Club Mayo, Swatragh Davitts GAA Club, Derry.

SATURDAY 27

1.30pm Arrival of the two Ulster teams followed by a reception in the Mayfly Hotel, Foxford
First semi-final of Michael Davitt Cup
Followed by the second semi-final of Michael Davitt Cup

9.00pm Function and presentation for competing teams, their friends and guests.

SUNDAY 28

11.00am Straide Church - Special Commemorative Mass

12.30pm Ladies Gaelic football match between Moy Davitts and Ballyheagan Davitts, followed by Final of the Michael Davitt Cup.
Presentation of Cup to the winning team.

Contact:

Michael Ruane, Moy Davitts GAA - 087 - 626 8114

Friday 26 - Sunday 28

Michael Davitt Centenary Conference, Dublin

A three day Conference on Michael Davitt takes place in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Contact:

Maura Sheehan, (01) 884 2239.

Email: Maura.Sheehan@spd.dcu.ie

Monday 29

Book Launch

7.30pm Castlebar Library
A book, written by Bernard O'Hara, and exhibition on the life of Michael Davitt will be launched by the Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council, Cllr. Henry Kenny, and by Fr. Tom Davitt, C.M., a grandson of the patriot

Tuesday 30

100th Anniversary of Death of Michael Davitt

3.30pm Wreath Laying Ceremony - Straide
Eamon O'Cuiv, TD, Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, will lay a wreath at the grave of Davitt followed by a Recital by the Army Band of the 4th Western Brigade.

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Friday 2- Sunday 4

Michael Davitt Conference - Straide & Pontoon

Organised by The Michael Davitt Memorial Committee, Straide.

Friday 2

Davitt Museum, Straide,

7.30pm Registration and Reception
Fáilte Nancy Smyth, Chair, Davitt Memorial Assoc.
OFFICIAL OPENING
Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach Mayo Co. Co.
Keynote speakers
Senator Martin Manseragh -
"MI Davitt on National Contemporary Reflections"

Chair Noel Dorr,
Former Ambassador to the United Nations and to Britain.

Saturday 3

Pontoon Bridge Hotel, Pontoon, Foxford

10.30am Education, Politics and Sectarianism
Donncha O'Connell NUIG
Dr. Laurence Marley NUIG
Professor Brian M. Walker QUB
Fionnuala O'Connor - Irish Times

Open discussion
Chair: Judge Hugh O'Flaherty

Afternoon

2.15pm "Now & Then" The significance of Davitt
Dr. Carla King, DCU
Dr. Trevor West, TCD
Dr. Mary Harris NUIG
James Laffey, Editor, Western People

Open Discussion
Chair Patsy McGarry, Irish Times

5.00p.m Trip - Hennigans Heritage Cottage,
Killasser and Davitt Museum, Straide

9.30pm Outdoor Commemorative Mass and Pageant, Irishtown
Contact:
Billy Freeley, Irishtown Community Council - 087 245 2565

Sunday 4

11.00am Political Panel Discussion - Future Prospects
Minister for Environment, Dick Roche, T.D.
Michael D. Higgins, T.D.
Joe Higgins, T.D.
Jim Higgins, MEP

Afternoon

4.00pm Dalys Hotel, Castlebar
Talk by Nancy Smyth on Land Leaguer James Daly
Contact:
Michael Davitt Museum - 094 90 31022

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Saturday 8 July

Davitt Pageant, Ballina

A commemorative pageant will take place during the Ballina Street & Arts Festival to commemorate Michael Davitt

Contact:

Clair Cooke, Director, Ballina Festival - 096 79814

Saturday 15- Sunday 16

Dublin to Mayo Steam Train

In conjunction with the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, a local committee is organising a steam train from Dublin to Foxford (and Ballina) to commemorate the Davitt funeral train of 1906.

Contact/Bookings:

Joseph Yeomans - email: yeomansjoseph@yahoo.ie
Rail Preservation Society of Ireland, Dublin - Tel: 01 - 280 9147