

Listowel & District Historical Society

1916 Lectures

Saturday April 23rd

**On Lonely Banna Strand:
Roger Casement, Kerry and the 1916 Rising**

by Dr. Richard McElligott

In the popular imagination, Kerry and the 1916 Rising will forever be associated with one man – Roger Casement. Casement was an unlikely Irish rebel and martyr and even one hundred on, his precise role in gaining German support for an IRB lead insurrection and his reasons for returning home to try to prevent its outbreak remain enigmatic.

This lecture will consider why Casement became a committed Irish revolutionary. It will explore his IRB sanctioned mission to Germany, the planning of a German arms landing in Kerry and why Casement felt compelled to return to Ireland in the days before the Rising's outbreak. It will also explore the role of the Volunteers in Kerry during the fateful Easter weekend of 1916.

Dr Richard McElligott lectures in modern Irish history in UCD. He has been one of the main contributors to the Irish Independent's 1916 series of special supplements. He is also the author of Forging a Kingdom: The GAA in Kerry, 1884-1934.

Tuesday April 26th

The Man Who Shot Michael Collins
John Flannery, President, Ormond Historical Society

Wednesday April 27th

Ardfert Witnesses at the Trial of Roger Casement
Helen O'Carroll, Curator, Kerry County Museum

Admission to each lecture - €5.00

Lectures commence at 8 pm and take place at
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