

# History Lectures

**Seanchaí – Kerry Writers' Museum,  
The Square, Listowel**

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **The Great Famine in Listowel & North Kerry**

**By Bryan MacMahon**

Based on his recently published book, Bryan's lecture will focus on human stories rather than statistics as he depicts the unprecedented events, upheavals and challenges of the famine years through the eyes of those who were there and reveals information which has lain hidden and untapped for 170 years.

**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **Tim Enright: Forgotten Man of Listowel Letters**

**With Gabriel Fitzmaurice, Michael DeMordha,  
Vincent Carmody & Martin Moore**

We remember Listowel born Tim Enright, socialist and translator of the Great Blasket Island writers including Tomás Ó Crohan & Michael O Guiheen. The story of the Drumboe Massacre in which four anti-treaty IRA volunteers, including Enright's uncle Daniel were shot dead in 1923, will also be recounted.

**Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Ireland's Antarctic Explorers**

**By Michael Smith**

From the early 19<sup>th</sup> century discovery of Antarctica to the Heroic Age of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Irishmen played a major role in almost every noteworthy episode of Antarctic exploration. These included the enigmatic Edward Bransfield from Cork who was the first person to sight the continent and pioneering Francis Crozier from Banbridge, who first mapped Antarctica. The 20<sup>th</sup> heroes like Crean and Shackleton are now well known, but lesser known Irishman like Keohane, Forde and the McCarthy brothers have incredible stories to tell. Michael Smith, the only writer to recount Ireland's pivotal role in early Antarctic exploration, tells the fascinating and many unfamiliar stories about an overlooked chapter in Irish history.

**All Lectures commence at 8 pm**

**Admission - €5.00**

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