Talking Landscapes – Oral History Walks in Co. Clare Sun 24 March 2024

The second *Talking Landscapes* walk on **Sunday 24 March at 1pm** is a scenic historical walk in the **townland of Cappabane, Scariff in East Clare.** Cappabane native, Marie McMahon, is our guide. Treat yourself to spectacular views of Lough Derg, meet Marie's family and neighbours along the way and hear their stories of Cappabane's historical sites and local folklore. Visit the old school with an 87 year old past pupil, see the mass rock from penal times, hear from the host of one of the rambling houses of Cappabane. There may even be a song or two. Book your free place here.

Cuimhneamh an Chláir has been gathering oral histories of Co. Clare since 2009. Those stories are strongly linked to place and to our sense of identity as Clare people. Now we invite you to walk through those places in the company of local people who will act as your guides. Look beneath the surface, learn the deep stories, connect with landscape.

Walks will take place bi-monthly throughout the year, mostly in rural locations, but Clare towns will feature too. The walks are free but must be booked in advance. Details and bookings here.

A Celebration of Women’s Voices

An event from the Cuimhneamh an Chláir oral history archive for International Women’s Day

Friday 8 March 2024, 7pm, Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis

Cuimhneamh an Chláir is exploring the **rich tapestry of Clare women’s voices in its archive** and sharing some of their stories for International Women’s Day 2024.

Expect tales of domestic life and home crafts, but also of professional women and business owners in mid twentieth century Co. Clare. There are stories of independent women making their own matches, of childhood illnesses and mortality, of arriving as a young wife from India to 1960s Lahinch, and more. Together these stories paint a nuanced picture of the lives of women through the

late 19th and 20th centuries in Co. Clare.

Please join us in the **Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, Fri 8 March at 7pm** for this International Women's Day celebration.

The event is free and all are welcome.

Talking Landscapes – Oral History Walks with Cuimhneamh an Chláir

Cuimhneamh an Chláir has been gathering and archiving the stories of Co. Clare for the last 15 years. Those stories are strongly linked to place and landscape and to our sense of identity as Clare people.

In 2024 Cuimhneamh an Chláir invites you to walk through those landscapes and stories in the company of local people who will act as your guides. They will introduce you to others along the way who will tell you stories of their own place.

The first *Talking Landscapes* walk on Sunday 28 January will take us around the beautiful and storied area of Moher in North Clare. You all know the Cliffs, but move south beyond Hags Head and you're into an area surrounded by sea on

three sides, and with a very particular identity. The area is steeped in folklore and history, and our guide through it is Moher native Martina McCarthy. Martina is a Heritage Officer with Waterways Ireland and grew up looking out at the ocean at the spot where the Irish Atlantis, the submerged land of “Cill Stiffeen” is reputedly located.

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