

Treinfhir Gathering 2022 Schedule

- Timings may vary depending on numbers and logistics (and coach drivers!)
- Unless otherwise stated under 16s are half-price for events
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- There is a schedule and map on the last two pages

Gathering-22 Registration

Registration and membership are required.

This covers two years membership and registration for the Gathering and facilitates attendance at the talks, discussions and information workshops in Monaghan town on all four days. It also covers attendance and participation at our welcome event on the evening of Thursday 9th June in the Westenra Hotel with a finger buffet and music included.

Please indicate the main contact and all members in your group. For individual events, please indicate if an attendee is under 16 years of age.

The main attendee will be asked for his or her name, email, and physical address. Additional attendees will be asked for name, email, and whether under 16 years of age.

Gathering Registration	€80.00 (EUR)
Gathering Registration U16	€10.00 (EUR)

Thursday afternoon June 9, 2022 12.00pm - 6:00 pm

Venue; St Joseph's Pastoral centre, Monaghan Town

Photography Tour

An opportunity for those avid photographers among the clan to be guided to alternative locations in Monaghan to capture the types of views, buildings and landscapes that are particular to the county.

You will have a chance to indicate the type of thing that you wish to photograph, and the tour should accommodate this.

Both Orla Brady and Gary McEnaney are experienced photographers who will be able to advise in respect of the technical side of capturing images



Thursday Morning	June 9, 2022	9:00am - 12:00pm	€10.00 (EUR)
Friday Morning	June 10, 2022	9:00am - 12:00pm	€10.00 (EUR)

A minibus can pick up from the Westenra, Hillgrove and Four Seasons foyers as needed.

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Monaghan Walking Tour

A guided walking tour of the town of Monaghan, including history of places and characters of interest. Suitable for most of fitness. Duration 2 hours. Lunch not included.

Thursday Morning June 9, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm €5.00 (EUR)

Friday Morning June 10, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm €5.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Victorian Fountain, The Diamond, Monaghan Town](#)

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Golf Tournament

The tri annual Treinfhir tournament for golfers will be held on the Thursday morning at the Concra Wood golf club, near Castleblaney. It is a beautiful setting overlooking Lough Muckno.

This is prior to registration and check-in for the Gathering. Make sure to register so that teams may be formed. **Green fees are to be paid at the course €45** and there is a limit of twenty places. €30 for a golf kart (€15 for each person).

Concra Wood do not rent golf clubs but recommend that people book their clubs through clubs4hire.com this is an Irish company and they will deliver your clubs to the golf course the day before you arrive to play. Otherwise people can book their rental clubs through other companies and collect same at the airport.

If you sign up, we will put you in touch with the organiser, Fergus, brother of Dublin Noel

Thursday afternoon June 9, 2022 1:00pm - 4:00pm Costs via organiser

Venue: [Concra Wood, Castleblaney](#)

Venue Website: <https://www.concrawood.ie/>

Introduction to the Irish Language

Local Irish language teacher, Nollaig Mac Giolla Thuile, will offer an introduction to the Irish language (Gaelic) for absolute beginners; surprise the Monaghan locals by learning how to say hello and goodbye and how to order a drink. And he might let you in on the secret of how to pronounce Treinfhir correctly. When he does, tell us.

Thursday morning June 9, 2022 10:00am – 12.00pm Cost Included in registration

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Drumdart

Step back in time to an Irish cottage from the middle of the last century. John 'Yankee' Treanor and his wife Margaret will give you an old-fashioned welcome. They will tell you about the significant memorabilia of ordinary lives they have saved that are all the more interesting for that. Refreshments will include home-made soda bread. You may recognise the cottage from the on-line Ceilidh we've been having over the last two years or so.



Drumdart is a typical townland in north Monaghan, approx. 150 acres. It is a drumlin with its fair share of historic sites and folklore. In the 1700s it was a Treinfhir stronghold with 21 of its 22 families being Treinfhir. These tours can be combined with the Bessmount tours – they don't clash.

Thursday Afternoon	June 9, 2022	1:00pm - 3:00pm	€15.00 (EUR)
		3.00pm- 5.00pm	€15.00 (EUR)
Saturday Afternoon	June 11, 2022	1:00pm - 3:00pm	€15.00 (EUR)
		3.00pm- 5.00pm	€15.00 (EUR)
Sunday Afternoon	June 12, 2022	1:00am - 3:00pm	€15.00 (EUR)
		3.00pm- 5.00pm	€15.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Minibus: Westenra, Hillgrove, and Four Seasons Foyers](#)

Library Genealogy Talk

If you've been researching your ancestors in Ireland and get to a point where you need help with alternative sources, then this may be for you. The local experts on sources of data in Ireland are the County Librarians. They will point to on-line and real physical references that can help. To get the best out of this session – you need as much information about where your people are from as you can find before arriving.

If all we know is their name is Tr*n*r and they're from M*n*gh*n then this may not be for you.

For those that are at a more advanced stage of their research we will provide an alternative opportunity to workshop together – the County Librarians reckon some of you are more sophisticated in your research than they are. How do you know if you're advanced? Well, if you've got to the stage where you found three potential ancestors and checked their siblings and found all three families are called Patrick, Bridgit and James and worked out which one is yours then we'll class you as advanced.



Image: Monaghan Tourism

Venue: St Joseph's Pastoral centre, Monaghan Town

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Barefoot on Bragan

A guided walking tour of the Bragan mountain, focusing on the natural and human history of the area.

There will be bus transport to and from the starting point in Knockatallon. Duration 4/5 hours. A packed lunch will be included. Good level of fitness required. Limit on numbers; 25 but extra trips can be arranged if there is enough interest.

Barefoot? Well, if you haven't boots then walking across bog and heather is easier without socks and shoes than with!



Thursday Afternoon June 9, 2022 1:00pm - 3:00pm €25.00 (EUR)

Cycling tour of Glaslough

This is a guided cycling tour of the picturesque village of Glaslough and environs. Suitable for moderate levels of fitness, a limited number of electric bikes available, but tour is easy enough for someone fit, it won't be going Bragan mountain! Duration 2/3 hours.

Sandwich lunch included

Limit on numbers; 20 per tour but can be repeated if demand is there.

Thursday Afternoon June 9, 2022
2:00pm - 5:00pm €35.00 (EUR)

Sunday Morning June 12, 2022
10:00am - 1:00pm €35.00 (EUR)



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Bessmount

Bessmount is a rare example of a whimsical Gothic/Ruskin 'Big House'. It has a high gothic design with tower and turrets and a stone porch with quirky mischievous stone carving of native mammals and plants. Built in 1869, its architect is thought to be William Barre of Newry.

Home to several generations of Montgomerys, maintaining and restoring the building and parkland is a privilege and responsibility; the recent restoration of the music room has proved useful in offering it for hire for small events.

Daisy Montgomery will welcome groups of up to 15 people and guide them around the outside of the building and grounds. The tour proceeds into the 3 main period reception rooms, and finally, into the music room, and art studio where Daisy displays her painting prints cards and commissions. Refreshments are then served in the dining room.



Image: Daisy Montgomery

The tours can be combined with the Drumdart tours

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Venue: [Minibus: Westenra, Hillgrove, and Four Seasons Foyers](#)

Opening night – music, introduction and welcome

In the Westenra in Monaghan Town.
Including finger food and music

Thursday Evening	June 9, 2022
7:00pm – onwards	Cost included in registration

Venue: [Westenra Hotel Banquet Room](#)



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Tour of Newry, the Mourne Mountains and Carlingford

An all-day tour of TRNR heartlands of South Down and Carlingford. Taking in Newry, the Mourne Mountains, Kilbroney Graveyard, taking the Carlingford Lough Ferry from Greencastle to Greenore, then going back up the Carlingford peninsula.

The port of Newry was the site of embarkation of many Treanor's for Scotland, Liverpool, and North America.

The Mourne Mountains can speak for themselves: Old Kilbroney Church and Graveyard is the original 6th Century site of St Bronagh's convent. Traynors, Treanors and Trainors antecedents are buried here.

Your guides are James McAreyve and Brian Treanor, both Newry natives

Dinner and entertainment is arranged for Traynors in Omeath before heading back to Monaghan

Friday all day June 10, 2022 10:00am - 10:00pm €80.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Coach: from Monaghan Harps GAA Club](#)



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Cathedral Tour

A guided tour of St Macartan's Cathedral on top of the hill overlooking Monaghan. Your guide will be Mary Flynn. Make a donation at the Cathedral please

Friday Morning June 9, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm Cost included in registration.

Saturday Morning June 10, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm Cost included in registration.

Venue: [St Macartan's Cathedral](#)

Venue Website: <https://clogherdiocese.ie/st-macartans-cathedral/>



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North Monaghan: a Ghost story, a Horror story and a Tragedy

Errigal Graveyard, St Patrick's Chair and Well and Bragan

A highlight of the 2019 Gathering. A Bus tour to Treinfhir Heartlands.

This will be a guided tour through places of interest associated with the Treinfhirs, taking in Slieve Beagh, Errigal old graveyard and St Patrick's Chair and Well. These are the parts of the county, the south and east of the Bragan Mountain, with the oldest recorded existence of the Treinfhir clan, and certainly the original homeplace of the majority of the Treinfhirs who found themselves as emigrants.

Including late lunch/tea

Your guide will be the very entertaining Mary Cadden, a native of the area (and a Trnr to boot!)

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Saturday Afternoon	June 11, 2022	1:00pm - 5:00pm	€35.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Coach: from Monaghan Harps GAA Club](#)



A tour of Ancient Clones

The Lost Castle, Genteel Lace, and the Butcher Boy

A guided tour to the historic town of Clones, where many Treanors and Traynors reside. A bus will take the participants from Monaghan Town and there will be a short, guided walking tour, as well as an opportunity to see locations of interest and local crafts, including the making of the iconic lace.

Friday Afternoon	June 10, 2022
1:00pm - 5:00pm	€45.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Coach: from Monaghan Harps GAA Club](#)



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Required reading: [Death and Nightingales](#) by [Eugene McCabe](#)

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Friday evening

Friday evening will be a bit less organised to give you a chance to catch up with each other.

There will be readings from the Treinfhir Book, Stories and the odd bit of Singing around the town

Around the town there will be talks and chats and the pubs will be serving **free beer** to anyone over ninety accompanied by both parents.



Choir

Marina Mohan, an experienced music teacher, will lead you and your cousins through an opportunity to learn, rehearse and ultimately perform a song in the Irish language. No previous knowledge of the language is necessary, as Marina will guide you through step by step. The opportunity to perform the song will take place later that evening at the ceilidh.

Is fearr Gaeilge briste, na Bearla cliste

Saturday Morning June 11, 2022 10:00pm - 12:00pm €10.00 (EUR)

Venue; St Joseph's Pastoral centre, Monaghan Town

Irish Set Dancing

Your teacher will be Thomas McSkeane, an experienced dancer from Clontibret

From Wikipedia: "Distinctive set dances and dance regions emerged in the beginning of the 19th century and evolved as popular house dances separate from the more formal Irish step-dancing tradition. In some homesteads a kitchen pot was placed under the flag stones as an extra acoustical element for the house dance.

Set dance differs from [square dance](#) and [round dance](#) in that it does not require a [caller](#): the sequence of figures is predefined by the name of the set. In places with a large community of set dancers, like [Ireland](#) or [New York City](#), it is usual for dances to be uncalled – that is, done with no calling – because most dancers already know the instructions for the common sets. However, at venues with larger numbers of occasional dancers, a caller is often present to give instructions as the dance progresses, for those people who are not yet familiar with the set."



Saturday Morning June 11, 2022 10:00pm - 12:00pm Cost included in registration

Venue: [Coach: from Monaghan Harps GAA Club](#)
to Monaghan Rugby Club, bus from Monaghan Harps GAA club, leaving at 9.30am

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South Monaghan: the Poet, the Great Hunger and the Workhouse

Patrick Kavanagh Centre / Kavanagh Trail – The newly refurbished Patrick Kavanagh Centre tells the story of Inniskeen’s most famous son, Patrick Kavanagh, using immersive and interactive techniques to engage and inspire visitors. The exhibition focuses on different times and aspects of Kavanagh’s life, whilst an accompanying audio-visual experience featuring performed readings of Kavanagh’s poetry (including some by Kavanagh himself) provides an emotive core to the exhibition that is hoped will resonate with visitors long after they’ve left Inniskeen.



Very few writers have rooted their work so physically in recognisable fields and buildings as Kavanagh did and many of these places can still be visited today. Visitors are encouraged to get outdoors and explore either on foot or bike those places in the immediate area that so inspired Kavanagh’s works.

Carrickmacross Workhouse – built in 1841 to house the poor, has been beautifully restored and now serves as a visitor and community centre. One-hour guided tours awaken history, and passionate guides tell the story of life, death, and emigration during the Great Famine in a compelling yet sensitive way. The original children’s dormitory which overlooks mass famine graves is especially poignant. The visitor exhibition experience at Carrickmacross Workhouse includes a spell-binding audio-visual element and striking exhibits by local artists.



Three Images: Monaghan Tourism

Saturday Afternoon June 11, 2022
1:00pm - 5:00pm €45.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Coach: from Monaghan Harps GAA Club](#)
Required reading: [Tarry Flynn by Patrick Kavanagh](#)

Ceilidh

[Informal Ceilidh, finger buffet, meet and mingle](#)

Monaghan Rugby club will host an evening of entertainment and craic. This will provide a chance for TRNRs to meet each other and share stories as well as participate in a musical evening. It is the custom and anticipated that attendees, visitors and locals might share a brief story, recitation or a song

There is no absolute obligation, and the pathologically bashful will be given a free pass, but all contributions will be deemed good (unless it is a three-hour self-penned blank verse poem, that might be stretching everybody’s tolerance).



Saturday Evening June 11, 2022 6:00pm - 11:00pm €25.00 (EUR)
Venue: [Marquee at Monaghan Rugby Club](#)

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Dawn Chorus, very early Sunday morning

You might not want to go to bed before this one as the sun rises just before 5am and the Dawn Chorus will be an hour or so before that.

One of the great memories of the last Gathering for those still sober or not asleep.

Sunday Morning June 12, 2022
4:00am - 5:00am €5.00 (EUR)

Venue: Rossmore Park: How are you going to get there? Currently we have no idea. The coach drivers will all be asleep. Something will happen



Figure 2 Image: Monaghan Tourism

Tydavnet Graveyard

Tydavnet Old Graveyard is a place of Saints, Legends, and Gold Treasure. There are TRNRs buried there as well.

The gold discs, left, were found in the roots of an oak tree. They over 4000 years old but sad to say are in the National Museum in Dublin. Perhaps when you're passing.

These will be very entertaining tours conducted by Francis McCarron and Laura Sherry

Sunday Afternoon June 12, 2022
1:00pm - 3:00pm €10.00 (EUR)
Sunday Afternoon June 12, 2022
3:00pm - 5:00pm €10.00 (EUR)



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Treinfhir Biennial General Meeting

The initial part is the formal General Meeting required by our constitution.

Then there will be an opportunity for a chaired discussion about what happens next for the clan, allowing any interested persons to put forward a view, and get a consensus about any future events.

Sunday Afternoon June 12, 2022
3:00pm - 4:00pm Included in membership

Venue: [Tydavnet Community Hall](#)

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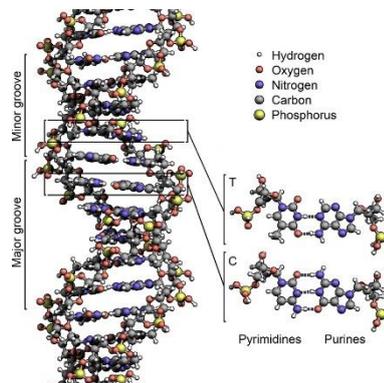
Talk: the DNA Project

John DNA Traynor will update us on where we are with the Treinfhir DNA Project in Tydavnet Community Hall via video-link live from the USA.

Sunday Afternoon June 12, 2022
4:00pm - 5:00pm Cost Included in registration

Venue: [Tydavnet Community Hall](#)

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American Wake

An evocation of the goodbyes given and taken by all our people as young ones left to go, usually never to see home or parents again.

Although called an American Wake it was called that if they went to Prince Edward Island or if they went to Liverpool or to Rhode Island or America or Argentina or Australia. And it was called the American *Wake* because you would never see them again.

“It was the old custom to have what they called a great “Spree” on the eve of the departure to America. At this all the friends and relatives were. They eat and drank, sang, danced and played during the night. Sometime near morning the parents especially the mother of the boy or girl who was going to America set up a terrible cry. Then the relatives joined and afterwards the friends. Then was set up a terrible chorus of Cries which lasted well over an hour. This usually occurred a couple of hours before daybreak. Then all the guests went to the station with the person who was leaving. The train was due at 8 o’clock. Sometimes when the young girls or young boys would be leaving the station, a terrible cry would be set up by all.”

As natural with wakes of the time bring food, cake or six wee buns or low-fat lactose bellinis sufficient to feed yourselves because if everyone feeds themselves, everyone will be fed.

Tea and coffee will be provided, and the Rugby Club bar will be open

Sunday Evening June 12, 2022 6:00pm - 11:00pm €20.00 (EUR)

Venue: [Marquee at Monaghan Rugby Club](#)

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	Barefoot on Bragan														
	Monaghan Walking			Drumdart		Bessmount									
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	Introduction to the Irish Language			Library Genealogy		e-mail:									
	Cycling in Glaslough														
	Golf														
Friday	Newry, the Mournes and Carlingford														
	Cathedral Tour		North Monaghan, a Ghost story...						Friday Evening Free-ish						
	Library Genealogy		Ancient Clones												
	Monaghan Walking														
	Photography														
Sat.	Cathedral Tour		North Monaghan, a Ghost story...						Informal Ceilidh, finger buffet, meet and mingle						
	Choir		South Monaghan, the Poet												
	Set Dancing		Drumdart		Bessmount										
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Sunday	Cycling in Glaslough			AGM		DNA Project		American Wake							
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There's a link on the FB page to this map:

