



The theme for *The Walk of The Ancestors* 2017 is The Fenian Story in Kells and South Kerry.

2017 marks the *150th anniversary of the 1867 Fenian Rising*. One of the most notable events that took place was the successful taking of Kells Coastguard Station. A prominent member of that rising was local man, *John Golden from Kells*. He was subsequently convicted of Treason and transported to Australia. He was eventually pardoned, settled in New South Wales and raised a family.

There is a rich history to this story both locally and internationally. The events taking place in *April 2017* will consist of a series of historical lectures, a re-enactment of scenes from the story, songs, music and unveiling a plaque to John Golden.

We welcome local people and visitors alike to explore our history as we follow *The Walk of the Ancestors*.

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A celebration of local history,  
archaeology, folklore and  
tradition in Kells, Co. Kerry  
Ireland

Lecture series - Music, Song & Dance

Genealogy - Archaeology

History - Walk



1867 - 2017

Commemoration of  
the Fenian Rising



FRIDAY, 21. APRIL 2017

**6pm** **Informal Evening Meal**  
at Caitíns Pub, Kells

(€15 - main course, dessert, tea/coffee.  
Limited places: Please contact Caitíns to  
reserve – Tel: +353 (0) 66-9477614)

**8pm** **Meet and Greet:**  
Official Opening of the  
“*Walk of the Ancestors*”  
Weekend in Caitíns Pub, Kells

**In attendance:**  
Mr Richard Andrews,  
Australian Ambassador to Ireland

**Lectures**

Dr. Shane Lordan,  
University College Dublin:  
“Fenianism in Ireland: its origins  
and development”

Anne Golden:  
“John Golden-South Kerry Fenian:  
His involvement in the rising and his  
transportation to Fremantle -Western  
Australia”

Chris Robinson:  
“Becoming a Gerrington Fenian”

**10pm** **Music & Dance**



SATURDAY, 22. APRIL 2017

**10am** **Meeting Point** at The Quarry Restaurant,  
Kells

**Lecture**  
John O’Donoghue,  
Former Government Minister:  
“The Fenians Political Legacy”

**11am** Unveiling of Commemorative  
Plaque of John Golden

Tea / Coffee

**11.30am** **Walk & Drama**

“*Walk of the Ancestors*”  
Walk the route where ‘Kells Station was taken  
by the Boys of Filemore’ followed by wreath  
laying at **Kells Beach**. (Weather permitting/  
suitable clothing & footwear advisable)

**1pm** **Lunch**  
at The Quarry Restaurant, Kells  
(€7 Soup & Sandwiches. To facilitate  
lunch numbers please pre-order at morning  
registration)

**2pm** **Lectures**

Pádraig Ó Concubhair:  
"Kerry and the Fenian Rising -  
Did Cahersiveen Jump The Gun?"

Frank Golden:  
"The Canadian Connection"

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at Caitíns Pub, Kells (€15 main course,  
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**9pm** **Music, Dance & Fundraising Raffle**



SUNDAY, 23. APRIL 2017

**10am** **Mass** for the Deceased members  
of the Golden Family Worldwide:  
**Filemore Church**

**11am** **Tea / Coffee**  
at The Quarry Restaurant

**11.30am - 1.30pm**

**Lecture** John Sheehan,  
University College Cork:

“Iveragh: Johnny Golden’s Cultural  
Landscape”

followed by

Walk of ‘The Golden Mile’

*(Weather permitting.  
Suitable clothing &  
footwear advisable)*

**FRINGE EVENTS**

• **Australia:** Song workshop  
based on the legacy of the  
1867 Fenian Rising

• **Kerry:** Local National Schools  
Essay & Poetry Competition

**Please note:**

Sponsorship / Fundraising  
is ongoing. All donations  
greatly accepted!