



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 Caitins Pub, Kells

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

8pm

Meet and Greet:
Official Opening of the
“*Walk of the Ancestors*”
Weekend in Caitins 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 Gerringong 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"

7pm

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dessert, tea/coffee. Limited Places: Please
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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!