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PAT LONERGAN, a native of Tipperary, has lived in Co. Kildare for over 30 years. A librarian with a degree in Public Administration, he has worked with Kildare Library and Arts Service since 1979, serving in library branches throughout the county. Pat was a member of the organising committee of the Hopkins International Summer School in Monasterevin for 16 years. "Chatting with Hopkins":



Was Gerard Manley Hopkins a man given to small talk? In the relaxed atmosphere of Monasterevin, what did he chat about with his friends?



JEAN O'BRIEN is a Dubliner living in Portarlington, Co. Laois. Jean won the prestigious Arvon International Poetry Competition in the UK, for her poem Merman. She won the Fish International Poetry Award in 2008.

BRIAN O'ROURKE is a native of Co. Laois and retired last year from GMIT where he lectured in Irish Studies. He has books on Irish Literature and Folksong, The Conscience of the Race, A Sip from the Honeypot and Pale Rainbow as well as a novel, An Island Heart.



IGGY MCGOVERN was born in Coleraine and resides in Dublin, where he is Associate Professor of Physics at Trinity College. Awards include the Hennessy Literary Award for Poetry and the Ireland Chair of Poetry Bursary. A first collection, The King of Suburbia, published by Dedalus Press, was the winner of the inaugural Glen Dimplex New Writers Award for Poetry in 2006.

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MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS SOCIETY



ANNUAL FESTIVAL Saturday July 23rd, 2011

Welcome

Welcome to our 2011 Programme. We hope you find something to excite your interest and invite you to join us in our celebration of Gerard Manley Hopkins' connection with Monasterevin. This year, along with Poetry, Prose and Music we have a little Politics and Economics ! Hopkins was not 'above' politics and had much to say about the politics and politicians of his day, especially

Gladstone and Parnell. And he wrote, from Monasterevin, disputing the view that England was the ruination of Irish commerce. We will have renewed insights into Hopkins poetry and rhythms as well as Poetry of our own time. Come and enjoy with us !



PROGRAMME

MORNING

Venue: Baronial Hall, Moore Abbey, Monasterevin

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10.00 am: Gerald Kean
"How to Get the Country Back on its Feet"

11.00 am: P. Lonergan
"Chatting with Hopkins:"

12.00: Ms Jean O'Brien
"The Use of Sound in Hopkins' Poetry".

Jean will also read some of her own poems and her Arvon Award Winning Poem, "Merman".

Lunch 1.00- 2.30

AFTERNOON

Venue: Baronial Hall, Moore Abbey, Monasterevin

2.30 pm Brian O'Rourke
"Remembering Where They Walked: Being Put In My Places By Poets".

Venue: Presentation Generalate, Monasterevin House, Main St., Monasterevin.
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3. 30 pm Iggy McGovern, Poet
www.iggymcgov.blogspot.com

4. 00 pm "My Favourite Hopkins Poem"
An Opportunity for you to read your favourite Hopkins Poem in the house he (Hopkins!) loved so well!

Music: Music with Peter McArdle and Friends

Call for Papers

The Monasterevin Hopkins Society is always interested in promoting scholarship in Hopkins, Literature and all things Hopkinsian. We invite persons interested in presenting a paper at our festival to contact us.

Monasterevin Hopkins Society Committee

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Per Event: €5.00 Morning: €15.00
Afternoon: €15.00 Full Day: €25.00