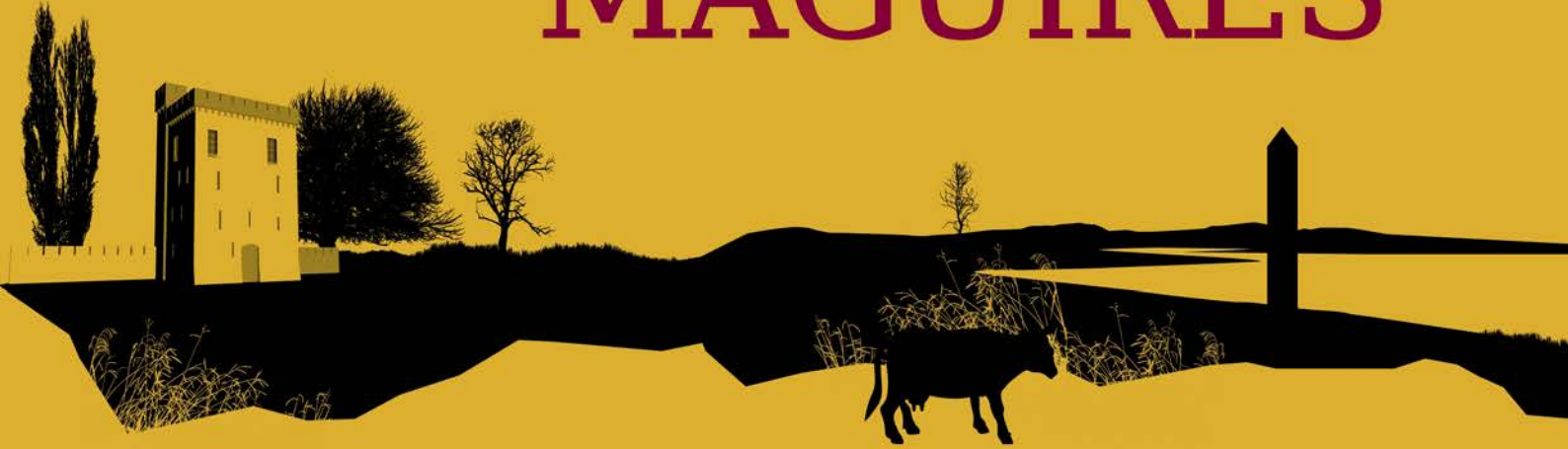




The MEDIEVAL MAGUIRES



The 8th Maguire History Weekend



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí



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at
Enniskillen Castle



Friday 11 May – Sunday 13 May, 2018

The Maguire History Weekend presents a varied programme, exploring aspects of the Maguire history of Fermanagh, from castles and chalices to important historic sites and family history.

Friday 11 May (Day Event)

- 11 am** Congregate at Enniskillen Castle.
Welcome by **Sarah McHugh** and enrolment with tea, coffee and biscuits.
- 11.30 am** Tour of the Maguire stronghold at **Enniskillen Castle**, originally built over 600 years ago for Hugh 'The Hospitable' Maguire.
- The castle sits next to the River Erne and was strategically important throughout its history. Guarding one of the few passes into Ulster, it became the seat of power for the ruling Maguire chieftains in Fermanagh.
- 12.30 pm** **The Story of the Maguire Chalices** with **Bronagh Cleary**
There are records of 5 important chalices associated with the Maguires. This talk highlights the history of the chalices from their making to their current locations in Ireland, Scotland and Canada.
- 1.15 pm** Lunch (Soup & Sandwiches)
- 2.00 pm** Tour of the Fermanagh Lakelands galleries focussing on the history of the Annals of Ulster and viewing the Maguire Chalice.
- 3.30pm** Boat trip & tour of **Devenish Island** with its distinctive Round Tower with **Catherine Scott**.
- From the 6th century onwards, the Island became a place of great religious and spiritual importance as well as a burial place for a branch of the Maguire family.

Friday 11 May (Evening Event)

- 6.30 pm** Three-course evening meal at Enniskillen Castle inspired by a medieval banquet. Meet Hugh 'The Hospitable' and other historical characters from Enniskillen Castle's past.

Saturday 12 May

- 10.00am** Depart Enniskillen Castle Car Park on tour bus with **Catherine Scott**
- 10.30am** **Field visit to Sgiath Gabhra - the inauguration site of the Maguire chieftains** of Fermanagh at Cornashee, Lisnaskea. Followed by a tea/ coffee break.
- 12.00pm** Field visit to Aghalurcher Graveyard, an important Maguire burial site.

- 1.00pm** Picnic lunch provided and visit to Knockninny, site of original Maguire stronghold
- 3pm** Visit to Monea Castle, site of a former Maguire stronghold, the site is now occupied by “Undoubtedly the most complete and best preserved of all the Plantation castles of Ulster.”
- 5pm** Approximate time of return to Enniskillen Castle

Sunday 13 May

2pm – 5pm An afternoon of Maguire Family History at Enniskillen Castle

Family History Roadshow

Fermanagh Family History experts will be on hand to give advice on the different resources available for researching Fermanagh family histories.



Costs: All costs below include refreshments listed

	Ticket
Whole Weekend (Fri 11 – Sun 13 May 2018)	£100
Friday (Daytime)	£40
Friday (Evening Event)	£30
Saturday Only	£40
Sunday Only	FREE

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