

Woodenbridge World War 1 Memorial Park

Opening: Thursday 18th Sept at 5p.m.

By Minister for Foreign Affairs

Background

The Wicklow War Memorial Committee was established in 2011 with a view to developing a Memorial to the Wicklow World War 1 Dead. A completion date of Sept 2014 was set. The committee decided that the memorial would display the names of natives and residents of County Wicklow who had lost their lives, either directly or indirectly, as a result of World War 1.

Mr Brendan Flynn of Wicklow has produced a list of 1192 names. It is acknowledged that this list may not be a definitive document, but it is reflective of 20 years of work that entailed accessing all available documentation. It was agreed that Woodenbridge would be the most suitable site in the County due to the fact that it was the location for John Redmond's Speech on 20th Sept 1914.

The Woodenbridge Village Development Association was approached in 2012 and agreed to take on the project. Work commenced in the summer of this year and the Memorial is now almost complete.

To date funding has been provided by:

Wicklow County Partnership

Wicklow County Council

Arklow Town Council

Bray Town Council

Local fundraising and personal donations.

Programme for Thursday 18th Sept 2014

Time	Group/Person	Action: Details
16.30	Local Pipers	Play as guests arrive. Parking co-ordinated by Gardaí and local nominated persons
16.50	MC Cllr Pat Vance	MC and Speakers take up position
17.00	Arrival of Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade	Met at Bridge by Nom person and brought to Old Railway Bridge
17.05	War Memorial Committee Deputy Billy Timmins	Address
17.10	Woodenbridge Village Development Association Mr Billy O'Brien	Address
17.15	Singers Carol-Ann Duffy Barbara Duffy	Song
17.20	Chairman WCC Cllr Christopher Fox	Address
17.25	Earl of Meath	Reflections
17.30	Singers	Song
17.35	Brendan Flynn Janet Phillips Henry Alexander	Reflections Introduction Poem Letter
17.45	Singers	Song
17.50	Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Charles Flanagan	Address, Opening and Laying of Wreath
18.00	Clergy	Blessing of Memorial
18.05	Military Colour Party	Ceremonial and Last Post
18.15	Pipers	Play Guests depart for refreshment and Social Evening to Woodenbridge Hotel.