

SOLOHEADBEG AMBUSH CENTENARY EVENTS

15 – 21 JANUARY 2019

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Soloheadbeg Ambush that began the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921



The Soloheadbeg Ambush, 21 January 1919

The Soloheadbeg ambush traditionally marks the start of the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921. On that day, eight masked and armed Volunteers lay in wait near Soloheadbeg quarry. They were waiting for a cart driven by two council workers, Godfrey and Flynn who were bringing a consignment of 160lbs of gelignite and 30 electric detonators to the quarry. Gelignite was used on a regular basis for rock blasting in the quarry. They were accompanied by two RIC constables, McDonnell and O'Connell.

On their arrival at the quarry entrance, shots were fired and the two policemen were killed. The county council workers fled to a nearby farmhouse. Following the ambush, Robinson, Treacy, Hogan and Breen went on the run. Although south Tipperary was proclaimed a special military area on the following day, no one was ever arrested or charged over the Soloheadbeg ambush. The gelignite was later buried at Greenane Grove (though some accounts give Goldengarden). It was used in the attack on Cappawhite RIC barracks on 4 June 1920.

Tuesday, 15 January 2019 @ 7.30 pm
Tipperary Library, The Source, Thurles

Tipperary People & Places Lecture Series
Soloheadbeg Ambush – A centenary Perspective
By Dr Denis Marnane www.tipperarystudies.ie

Saturday, 19 January 2019 @ 10 am - 4.30pm
Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction. €20 pp
A one-day history conference, with speakers, panel discussion & exhibits
'The Soloheadbeg Ambush – Impact & Legacy'
www.eventbrite.com/e/soloheadbeg-ambush-and-legacy-one-day-conference-tickets-53658063713

Saturday, 19 January 2019 @ 8 pm
Brú Ború, Cashel
Musical Evening with Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones. Tickets: €15 www.borubru.ie

Sunday, 20 January 2019
Mass of Remembrance at 11.30 am at Solohead Church, followed by formal commemorations by Dr Martin Mansergh and Eamonn O Cuiv, TD
www.facebook.com/soloheadbeg.centenary?ref=bookmarks

Sunday, 20 January 2019
Wreath-laying and oration by the Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA at 2.30 pm at ambush site
www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Third-Tipperary-Brigade-Old-IRA-Commemoration-Committee

Monday, 21 January 2019
One day tour of ambush site and related sites
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Tipperary County Museum & TipperaryWol
Lecture Series Committee & History Ireland
Hedge school

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panel discussion & exhibits

‘The Soloheadbeg Ambush – Impact & Legacy’
€20 per person

Dr Noreen Higgins-McHugh: ‘National and
international context of the Soloheadbeg
ambush’.

Sean Hogan: ‘The December 1918 Election in
Tipperary’

Dr Des Marnane: ‘Perceptions of a January
day’.

Jim Herlihy: ‘Irish Police Casualties’

Dr Martin Mansergh: ‘The Soloheadbeg
ambush and the meeting of the First Dáil’.

History Ireland Hedge school: ‘The
Soloheadbeg ambush – impact and legacy?’

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Bru Boru, Cashel

Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones
commemorate in Song and Story the start of
the Irish War of Independence in Brú Ború on
Saturday 19th January 2019 at 8pm.
Tickets €15.

Sunday, 20 January 2019 @ 11.30am

*Solohead Parish Centenary Commemoration
Committee & Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA
Commemoration committee.*

Mass of Remembrance by Archbishop Kiernan
O’Reilly at Solohead Church

12.30 am Charles Kickham Band & Sean Treacy
Pipe band recitals

Laying of wreaths at memorial

Unveiling of heritage Information boards by Dr
Martin Mansergh

Reading of 1916 Proclamation, raising of Irish
flag and playing of National Anthem

Colour party by Irish Defence Forces

Formal oration by Eamonn O Cuiv, TD

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ambush site

Monday, 21 January 2019 @ 10.30 -5pm

Bus Trip with War of Independence Tours

10.30 am Donohill graveyard

11.30 am Grange (Breen birth place)

12.30 am Soloheadbeg ambush site

1.30 pm Emly (via memorial in village)

2.45pm Knocklong station (Rescue of Hogan)

4.30 pm St Michael’s cemetery, Tipperary

