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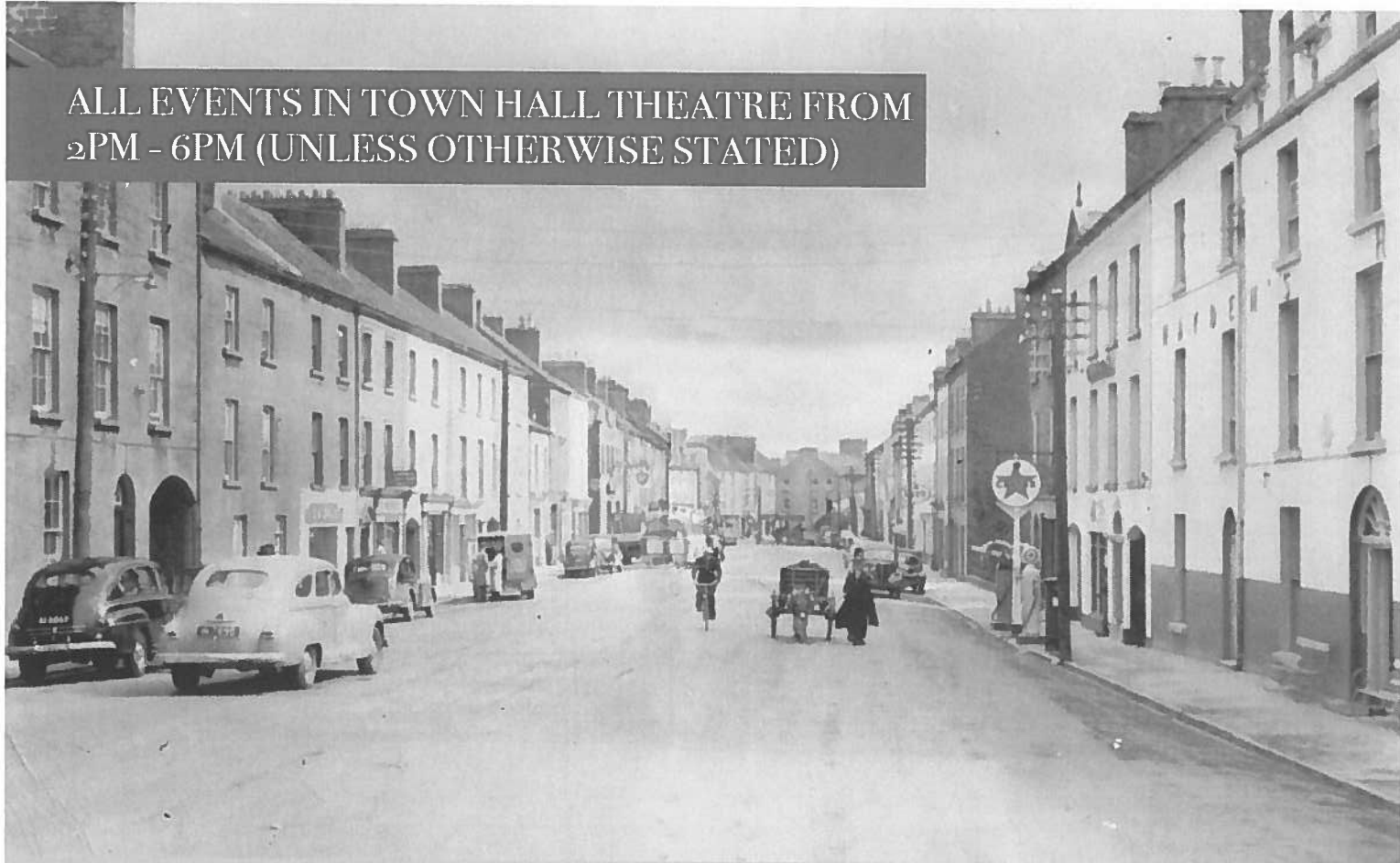


FRIDAY 18TH & SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
TOWN HALL THEATRE, BALLINASLOE

PLEASE JOIN US WHEN WE STEP BACK IN HISTORY TO EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF OUR TOWN IN 1915. SEE THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE VARIOUS SOCIAL CLASSES WHO LIVED AND WORKED IN THE LOCALITY. LOCAL ACTORS WILL RE-CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN LIVING LIFE AS IT WAS 100 YEARS AGO.

HUNDREDS OF THE LOCAL MEN HAVE GONE TO FIGHT IN EUROPE AND ANOTHER GROUP IS PLANNING TO FIGHT AT HOME. BUT LIFE FOR MOST OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST GALWAY GOES ON AS NORMAL.

ALL EVENTS IN TOWN HALL THEATRE FROM
2PM - 6PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)



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CULTURE NIGHT CONCERT

Venue: Town Hall Theatre **Time:** 7pm

A nostalgic feast of song, story and dance taking us back 100 years to the music and dance of the people on the eve of national independence. Featuring Club Damhsa an Sean Nós, Béal Átha na Sluaighe, members of Blossom Harp Ensemble, All-Ireland champion dancers the Behan sisters and local musicians including Liam Loughrey, Alan Coulihan, Johnny Johnston, Seamus Feerick and introducing singer Ciara Lawless

BALLINASLOE 1915 EXHIBITION

Venue: Town Hall Theatre **Time:** 7pm

What was life like in Ballinasloe on the eve of the Easter Rising? Travel back in time for all the news from the local papers and from personal archives of the time. Reflections on daily life as seen through photos, posters, census figures, newspaper reports and other writings on the time.

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THE ADA ENGLISH CAMOGIE MATCH

12 noon (Venue to be confirmed)

Pearses South Roscommon (holders) Vs Ballinasloe

CHILDRENS' CORNER

2pm - 6pm

Focuses on children's experiences in 1915, games and toys, jokes, images and folklore, art and creative expression.

*'Childhood days, wild wood days
Among the birds and bees'*

PUPPET SHOW

4pm

Your Man's Puppets, arrives with a show that is guaranteed to please all members of a family group. A magical blend of entertainment, education and escapism.

RECRUITMENT DISPLAY

The posters show the ongoing quest for Irish men to join Kitchener's Army at the front. Meanwhile another quieter recruitment was going on for the nationalist cause.

VINTAGE DISPLAY

Ballinasloe and District Vintage Club with a cornucopia of treasures from the 1915 era.

WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION

Venue: Library

Another opportunity to see this show organised by Ballinasloe World War 1 Heritage group which proved so popular on its first outing last May.

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SOCIETY WEDDING

3pm

A wedding was always an enjoyable diversion even for those not directly involved. The wedding party marches out happily to shouts of congratulations. And maybe the groom might throw around a few coppers known as the 'grushe'.

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

Meet the various groups in their infancy as they seek to find solutions to the Irish Question. Hosted by Comhairle na nÓg.

LOCAL CHARACTERS & IMPORTANT VISITORS

Watch out for Dinny Delaney, Arthur Griffith, Douglas Hyde or even Nora Barnacle.

HEALTH & WELFARE STAND

How did people deal with 'The White Plague' that was tuberculosis or the high rates of infant mortality? And why was sphagnum moss so important?

MUSIC, DANCING & STREET BALLADS

*'Good people draw near, a song you will hear
I'd have you to buy and to learn it'*

By 1915 street singers had for over a century been important figures in Irish life. They served as recorders and musical barometers of political and social tensions giving voice to the agitated, the mournful and the vengeful.



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CONRADH NA GAELIGE STAND

Set up in 1893 the Conradh (or The Gaelic League) aims for the preservation of Irish as the national language, and the extension of its use as a spoken tongue.

BEST PERIOD COSTUME

Search your attic or the local vintage shops to come up with your own outfit for the day. See our Facebook page for suggestions.

FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Pick up a quiz form and see how much you can learn about 1915 without really trying!

THE ADA ENGLISH LECTURE

Venue: Gullanes Hotel **Time:** 7pm

Conor MacNamara Ph.D talks on Liam Mellows who came to Ballinasloe in 1915 to organise the Irish Volunteers. Conor is a historian specialising in modern Ireland and has published extensively on the revolutionary period. He is a native of Athenry.

THE GULLANES SESSION

Venue: Gullanes Hotel **Time:** 9pm

Finish off the day with a rousing session of music, song and dance in Gullanes Hotel. The session will showcase the wealth of local talent and welcome visitors from far and near.



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This event is a collaborative project co-ordinated by St. Brigid's Heritage Group . We are a voluntary group and our aim is to collect, preserve and record the intellectual and material history and heritage of St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway and to keep alive the memory and the story of St. Brigid's from the point of view of various groups within that community.

We wish to thank all our sponsors and visitors.



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