



Thursday Festival Launch – 18th August

- ❖ Highly acclaimed author, Patricia Gibney is one of a host of talented authors speaking at this year's Graiguenamanagh Town of Books Festival, which begins on Thursday. Gibney will be in conversation with celebrity chef Edward Hayden on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Graiguenamanagh Library.

Friday 19th August

- ❖ Book Shops open from lunch time on Friday till 6pm
- ❖ Cushendale Woollen Mills open studio 9.00am -5pm
- ❖ 6:30pm Dr. Patrick Morrissey gives a talk.in Graiguenamanagh Library on his book' Australians of The Great Irish Famine - One Clan's Story'.Dr Patrick Morrissey, of NSW, is touring Ireland to promote his new book and Patrick's tour will start at the Festival
- ❖ 8pm local author and poet Christine Anne Foley will speak in Graiguenamanagh library about her recent book deal and her journey to get there.
- ❖ 8:30pm: Barrow Valley Activities Hub **FREE** outdoor screening of Oscar-nominated film Song of the Sea See this enchanting, hand-drawn animation as it follows the story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse, a girl who can turn into a seal, as they go on adventure Make sure to wrap up warm and bring your blankets and goodies!

Saturday August 20th

- ❖ Book Shops open Saturday from 10am to 6pm
- ❖ Cushendale Woollen Mills open studio 10:30am -5:30pm
- ❖ Graiguenamanagh Abbey Hall market 10.30am-5pm, with stalls selling hand made crafts, gifts, foods, and decorations



- ❖ 11am: Audrey Dowling in Graiguenamanagh library Audrey is renowned for her great illustrations which can be seen in the picture books 'The Croke Park Mice' which Audrey will read from and 'Reindeer Down'. Free Lemonade and biscuits
- ❖ Heritage trail walks in Graiguenamanagh. This tour starts from outside Duiske Abbey 2pm and ends at 2:40pm
- ❖ 4pm: At Barrow Valley Activities Hub: Fun fancy dress competition where you can come as your favourite Wind in the Willows character or a character from your favourite book Prizes for Best Dressed!!!

Sunday August 21st

- ❖ Book Shops open from 10am to 5pm
- ❖ Graiguenamanagh Abbey Hall market 10.30am-5pm, with stalls selling hand made crafts, gifts, foods, and decorations.
- ❖ 9am to 11am: Calling all Artists, novice and professional to partake in our Plein air Art event at the Boat Slip on the Quay. An exhibition will take place from 4pm on the banks of the majestic River Barrow. All work will be available for the public to enjoy and purchase from artists. Prizes awarded at 5pm.
- ❖ Heritage trail walks in Graiguenamanagh. This tour starts from outside the Medieval Duiske Abbey on Sunday at 2pm and ends at 2:40pm
- ❖ 3.00pm Outdoor Activities Hub – Eanna Ní Lamhna
Eanna will be exploring the natural wonders of the River Barrow and its tributary, the Duiske River,
- ❖ 4:30PM: Author & Poet Christine Foley will be launching her new poem inspired by the Barrow outside the Waterside Restaurant. Foley will be joined by members of the Poetry by the Barrow group who will also recite some of their poems. Prosecco will be available to celebrate the local talented poet's achievement.