

Inniskeen - How to get here

M1 Dublin to South Dundalk
Follow the Carrickmacross R178
For approximately 5 miles. At Channonrock
Junction (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen.

N2 from Dublin
Exit Carrickmacross. Left along R178 to Essexford.
Left at Kelly's pub for Inniskeen.

From Belfast to Dundalk bypass via Newry
Exit from Dundalk town centre. Follow the
Carrickmacross R178 for approx. 5 miles.
At Channonrock (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen
LP1140

Accommodation

Accommodation available in a variety of hotels and guest-
houses in the Inniskeen and Carrickmacross areas.

Booking Information:

Course Fee €100

The price includes all tuition, lunch and refreshments.
Accommodation can be arranged in local quality B &
B's. A separate charge will apply. All payments should
be made in Euro.

A non-refundable deposit of €50 applies to all bookings
accompanied by the booking form below.

BOOKING FORM

Poetry Weekend 2010

Name _____

Full address _____

Phone/Fax _____

Email _____

Enclose €50 deposit. Bookings will
be acknowledged.

To The Man after the Harrow

Now leave the check-reins slack,
The seed is flying far today-
The seed, like stars against the
black
Eternity of April clay.

This seed is potent as the seed
Of knowledge in the Hebrew Book,
So drive your horses in the creed
Of God the Father as a stook.

Forget the men on Brady's hill,
Forget what Brady's boy may say,
For destiny will not fulfil
Unless you let the harrow play.

Forget the worm's opinion, too,
Of hooves and pointed harrow-pins,
For you are driving your horses
through
The mist where Genesis begins.

Patrick Kavanagh 1904 - 1967

The Patrick Kavanagh Rural & Literary Resource Centre Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan



Poetry Weekend

Director: Noel Monahan
Sat. 17th- Sun. 18th April 2010

"Who knows that art's a kind of fun?
That all true poems laugh inwardly
Out of grief-born intensity."
From Prelude By Patrick Kavanagh.

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The Annual Poetry Weekend 2010

Introduction:

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre is the venue for this weekend of poetry workshops in which acclaimed poet and author, Noel Monahan, will direct participants.

The Centre which is dedicated to Patrick Kavanagh, one of Ireland's best loved poets is located in the picturesque and tranquil village of Inniskeen which nestles among the Monaghan drumlins. Over the centuries, this ancient landscape has been an inspiration for legends and a home to poets and proved to be such a rich source of inspiration for Patrick Kavanagh, prompting him to "dabble in verse".

The locale hasn't changed since Kavanagh's time, providing the perfect backdrop for this weekend of literary activity.

This weekend course is suitable for both beginners and those who have written some poetry.

The programme will deal with all aspects of Poetry writing. Starting with the initial stirring of a poem (first inspiration), the workshop will cover such headings as:

- The line as a basic unit of a poem.
- The outline of images.
- The mass of language: Words: Syllables
- Rhythm and line breaks
- Editing a poem
- The final form of a poem
- Getting your poetry published

The Workshop will take each participant's poems and assist with the editing of the same.

Saturday 17h April

9.30am Registration

10am Workshop 1

12.30pm Lunch

2pm-5pm Workshop 2

Sunday 18th April

11am Workshop 3

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Depart Inniskeen

Noel Monaghan

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Noel Monahan's literary awards include: The Sea Cat National Poetry Award, organized by Poetry Ireland, the RTE P. J. O'Connor Drama Award, The ASTI Achievements Award, The Hiberno-English Poetry Award and The Irish Writers' Union Poetry Award. His poetry is prescribed text for the Leaving Certificate English, due for examination in 2011 and 2012. Curve of The Moon, Noel Monahan's fifth collection of poetry will be published in April by Salmon Poetry. His other collections of poetry include: Opposite Walls, Snowfire, Curse of the Birds and The Funeral Game, all published by Salmon. His most recent play, The Children Of Lir, was performed by Livin' Dred Theatre. Noel Monahan holds an MA in Creative Writing.

