

Threshing Morning

On an apple-ripe September morning
Through the mist-hill fields I went
With a pitch-fork on my shoulder
Less for use than for devilment.

The threshing mill was set-up, I knew,
In Cassidy's haggard last night,
And we owed them a day at the threshing
Since last year. O it was delight

To be paying bills of laughter
And chaffy gossip in kind
With work thrown in to ballast
The fantasy-soaring mind.

As I crossed the wooden bridge I wondered
As I looked into the drain
If ever a summer morning should find me
Shovelling up eels again.

And I thought of the wasps' nest in the bank
And how I got chased one day
Leaving the drag and the scraw-knife behind,
How I covered my face with hay.

The wet leaves of the cocksfoot
Polished my boots as I
Went round by the glistening bog-holes
Lost in unthinking joy.

I'll be carrying bags to-day, I mused,
The best job at the mill
With plenty of time to talk of our loves
As we wait for the bags to fill.

Maybe Mary might call round....
And then I came to the haggard gate,
And I knew as I entered that I had come
Through fields that were part of no earthly estate.

Patrick Kavanagh (1904 - 1967)

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 for Dundalk town centre. Follow the
Carrickmacross R178 for approximately 5 miles.
At Channonrock (The Rock Inn) turn right
for Inniskeen.

Accommodation

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

Admission Charges

Weekend Ticket	€85
or pay at the door for each event	
Friday Evening	€25
Saturday Morning	€15
Saturday Afternoon	€20
Saturday Night	€15
Bus Tour	€10
Sunday Afternoon	€5

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from Terry Flynn 1948

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- 2nd October

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Friday 30th September

7.00pm Wine Reception.
Recital by local Uilleann piper **Patrick Martin.**

7.15pm
The Annual Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Awards.
Introduction by poet **Brian Lynch**, Adjudicator.
Readings by the winners from their work.

7.45pm Primary Schools Poetry Award.
Organised by the Patrick Kavanagh Society.

8pm Keynote Address: "Meeting Patrick Kavanagh"
Speaker: Paul Durcan
Chair: Brian Lynch
Followed by Questions & Answers with
Paul Durcan.

10pm "Beckett in Inniskeen" (a one-hour show)
"Chuckles and chills in life's Departure Lounge!"
Drumlin Players present two Beckett shorts, "Krapp's
Last Tape" (performed by **Larry McCluskey**) and "A
Piece of Monologue" (with **Hugh O'Brien**). This show
won rave reviews at Edfringe - "achieving Beckett's plays
- and even bleaker humour - with finesse"- British
Theatre Guide. PK and SB in very different, but equally
profound ways, illuminated the second half of the
20th Century.

Saturday 1st October

9.30am Conducted walking tour of Patrick Kavanagh
Literary Trail in Carrickmacross with **Larry McDermott.**
Assembly point: The Valley Lodge - opposite
St. Joseph's Church.

11.15am "Reminiscences of the Kavanagh Family"
Speaker: Kieran Markey (Patrick Kavanagh's nephew).

12.15pm "A True Note on a Slack String:
The Poetry of Patrick Kavanagh as a Basis for
Self Awareness and Personal Change"
Speaker: Reamonn O'Donnchadha.

1pm Lunch.

2.00pm "The Meaning of Missing"
Speaker: Evelyn Conlon.

3.15pm "Following this extraordinary light"
Speaker: Vincent Coyle.

4.30pm Interpretations of
Kavanagh's characters: Miss Cassidy
(Green Fool), Mrs. Flynn, Aggie (Tarry Flynn)
and many others. This will be a humorous,
entertaining dramatic presentation
adapted by **Margaret Martin.**

Programme performance takes place by kind permission of
the Trustees of the Estate of the late Katherine B. Kavanagh
through the Jonathan Williams Literary Agency.

7pm Commemorative Mass for
Patrick Kavanagh and deceased
family members.
Church of Mary Mother of Mercy.
**Concelebrated by: Fr. Martin
Treanor, P.P. and Fr. Aidan Lehane.**
Homilist: Fr. Aidan Lehane.

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9pm "Man of Inniskeen's Green Journey."
Written by Boston playwright **Peter Holm.**
A new play chronicling the contemporary
Irish experience in America.
Performed by Inniskeen's own
Brendan Crawley & actress Lindsay Garvey.

Sunday 2nd October

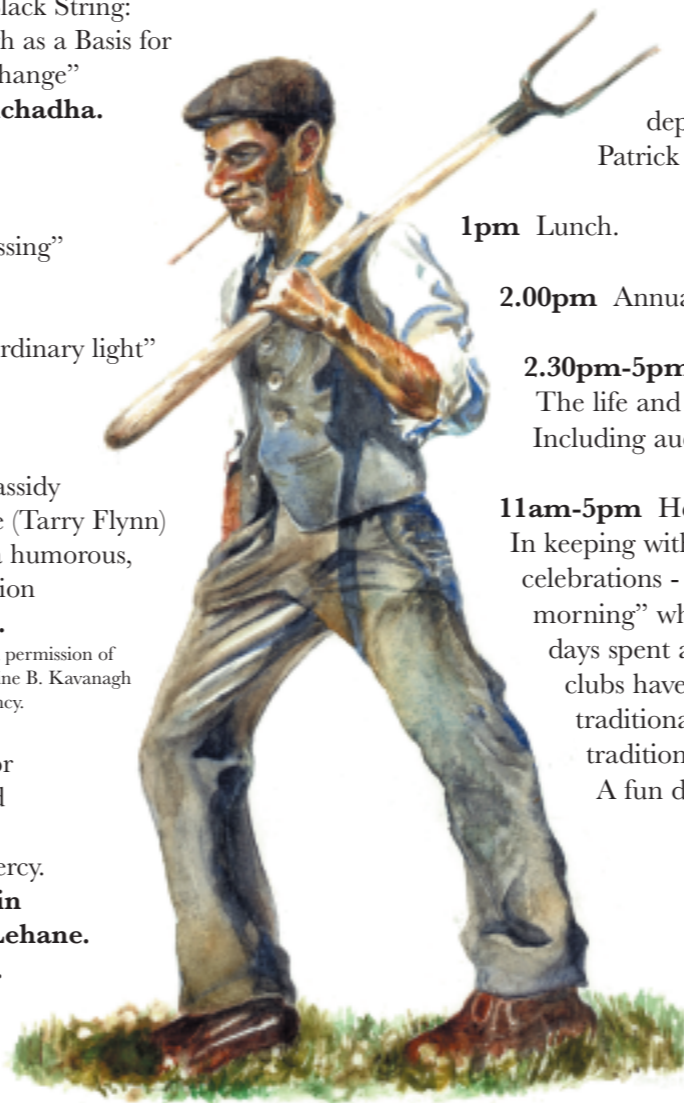
10.00am Bus tour - visiting
sites of local and historic
interest with **Art Agnew.** Bus
departs from car park opposite the
Patrick Kavanagh Centre.

1pm Lunch.

2.00pm Annual graveside commemoration.

2.30pm-5pm Exhibition:
The life and work of Patrick Kavanagh.
Including audio-visual presentation.

11am-5pm Heritage Events:
In keeping with the theme of this year's
celebrations - "On an apple-ripe September
morning" where Kavanagh recalls happy
days spent at the threshing, local vintage
clubs have been invited to re-enact a
traditional threshing and other
traditional events.
A fun day for all the family.



Friends of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre



We have established an organisation for the Friends
of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre.

Benefits of membership include:
Free admission to the Centre during your year of
membership including the annual Patrick
Kavanagh Weekend.

Membership costs €110 per person per annum.

If you wish to register for membership, please fill
out the form below and return together with your
cheque for €110, made payable to the Patrick
Kavanagh Centre.

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