MANY MANNIONS!

Family Diaspora flocks to Galway again for twelfth annual Mannion Clan Gathering

Attendees pictured at the Ó Maintín chieftain's tomb in Kilconnell Abbey are some attendees during the 2024 Mannion Clan Gathering.

LARGE numbers from among the global Mannion diaspora – from the US, Canada, Australia, Latvia and England – will join their namesakes from closer to home in Ireland this month for the Clan Gathering weekend.

It's the twelfth annual Mannion Clan Gathering, focusing on the exploration of the origins, history and heritage of the ancient Ó Maintín or Mannion Clan of East Galway.

All are welcome – Mannions or not – to this special Heritage Week event on Saturday week, August 16, and is being arranged to offer the general public an opportunity to explore the decade-old Mannion Clan Historical Trail.

It will also highlight the work that is currently being undertaken as part of an initiative to develop a bilingual StoryMap dealing with the history of the Ó Maintín Clan in medieval and early modern times.

The project is being funded by a grant from The Heritage Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2025 of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

This digital heritage initiative involves the production of bilingual videos and podcasts relating to the historical, archaeological and cultural heritage of the Mannion Clan, to be added to Phase 1 of the StoryMap project begun in 2024, which can be viewed via: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/.../2f8f0f0f2b4b4ee0b0b0b6e6...

This coincides with the second day of the three-day 2025 Mannion Clan Gathering on the weekend after next – Friday to Sunday, August 15 to 17 – with a guided tour of the Mannion Clan Historical Trail, beginning in the car park of Frank Mannion's Lounge Bar, Abbeyknockmoy at 10.30am.

Killaclogher, Clonsurneen and Meelough castle sites will be visited during the tour, as will Ramore ceremonial mound in Mullaghmore West in the parish of Moyough.

It was at this ancient assembly site that a Brehon law agreement was drafted by a Mac Egan lawyer for two leading branches of the Mannion Clan in May 1564.

Ballymannion, a sub-townland that formed a central part of the Ó Maintín Brehon law deed, will then be visited.

After a break for refreshments in nearby Meelough, the tour group will head for Kilconnell Abbey, where the last recorded Chief of the Name of the Mannion Clan – John son of Malachy – was buried in a tomb dated 1648, with two of his kinsmen from their traditional stronghold of Mionlach Ui Mhaintín, now Meelough village.

The final stop on the tour will be at the site of the battle of Finnure to the northeast of Loughrea, where in AD 1316 the reigning Ó Maintín king of Isghan was slain in a violent confrontation between the forces of the O'Connors of Connacht and the O'Kellys of Hy Many. The tour group will then return to Abbeyknockmoy, arriving back about 5.30pm.

The second event of the day will take place in Thompson's Lounge Bar, Meelough from 8pm to 10pm, and will feature the introduction and screening of Phase 2 of the StoryMap titled 'The Mannion Clan Historical Trail' / 'Conair Stairiúla Ghlann Ui Mhaintín'.

This will be followed by a number of illustrated presentations outlining the foundational roots and various branches of the Mannion Clan in East and West Galway, utilising a broad spectrum of DNA test results.

This twelfth Annual International Gathering of the Mannion Clan will kick off on the Friday evening, August 15, at 7pm in Thompson's Pub, with an Irish music session by popular trad group Blanu, featuring brothers Enda and Pat Mannion, and Ronan Regan.

This will be followed by the official opening of the 2025 Mannion Clan Gathering by Galway County Heritage Officer, Marie Mannion, with local County Councillor, Michael Connolly, welcoming the attendees to their ancestral homelands.

An illustrated talk on the history and heritage of the Mannion Clan will then be delivered by Clan historian, Dr Joe Mannion.

The evening will conclude with a top-class demonstration of traditional Irish and sean-nós dancing by champion dancer, Meadhbh Ni Chualáin.

On Sunday week, August 17, the Ó Maintín ancestral village of Meelough will play host to a variety of exciting events, including a Clan Mass celebrated by Fr Colm Mannion OP, a piper led international Clan parade, and a BBQ overlooking the Mannion chieftain's castle site.

This will be followed by a Gaelic medieval arms and armour demonstration by Dave Swift of Clanrish re-enactment group, a traditional Irish music session featuring Fr Colm Mannion, Alan Mannion, and Enda Falby, and the 2025 Clan Gathering farewell and closing ceremony.

Attendance is not limited to members of the Mannion Clan, however, and all are welcome! For further information, email info@mannionclan.org.

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Rolling back the years

Club celebrates 30th anniversary with fundraiser for Parkinson's support

THE stage is set for Sunday as East Galway United Soccer Club marks 30 years since its formation, with a special fundraiser dedicated to the man who played a fundamental part in their formation.

Because Club President founder and former player Pat Gulman is living with Parkinson's – and raising funds for Parkinson's Ireland is East Galway's way of showing their appreciation for the man who started it all and saw it grow to fielding over 20 teams, male and female, for about 500 members.

The club's Field Day will see loads of activities for everyone throughout the day – but if you cannot make it to Kilnamer, you can make your contribution on the GoFundMe page or to any Club Officers and Directors.

For those that do, the action kicks off at 11am with the younger members having a feast of football action, for all age groups – there will be a variety of other activities, for all ages, ongoing throughout the day.

The Crosshar Challengekicks off at 1.30pm with a top prize for four tickets for a day's thrills at one of Ireland's premier tree top Ziplining in Lough Key Forest Park.

There will be another outing for the 1995 Cup winning team's 1995 Final team, under player/manager Mike Lynch – still plying his trade with the Over 35s, who are in to the semi-final – again facing Moore AFC, who are entering into the spirit of the occasion.

Children and grandchildren are giddy with excitement at seeing their fathers/grandfathers as they have never seen them before – although there may be a lot of rolling substitutions throughout the match, however long it lasts.

At 3pm Kathleen Gulman, wife of our President Pat Gulman, will unveil the Celebration Plaque on the Dressing Rooms, to be followed by the winner of Glor Tíre, local star Emma Donoghue, entertaining all, after making a dash back from her gig in Belfast.

East Galway United Soccer Club President Pat Gulman, who is living with Parkinson's.

Then the senior team will play an exhibition game against their friends from Ballinasloe Town as they both prepare for the opening games of the new season.

Later that night, there will be a presentation of one of the original jerseys to each of the first sponsors of the club's playing gear, Mother's and the Hill, to their respective establishments.

Ready to go...East Galway United.

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

FÓGRA FAOI DHÉANAMH PHLEAN CEANTAIR ÁITIÚIL AN GHOIRT 2025 – 2031

I gcomhréir leis an méid seo a leanas:

An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, ama leasú

Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001, ama leasú

Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta) 2004, ama leasú

Tugtar fógra leis seo go gcéad Comhairle Chontae Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach le Plean Ceantair Áitiúil An Ghoirt 2025-2031 ag a gcruinniú ar an 29ú lá de Mheán Fómhair 2025.

Is doiciméad reachtúil atá i bPlean Ceantair Áitiúil An Ghoirt 2025-2031 a dhéanfaigh an tÚdarás Pleanála do réir cheanglais an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (ama leasú) agus na Rialachán um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2001 (ama leasú).

Tá Plean Áitiúil lomlán ag gabháil le Plean Ceantair Áitiúil An Ghoirt 2025-2031. Áiríonn sa phlean freisin Tuairisciú Comhshaoil um Measúnú Straitéiseach Timpeallachta (MST), a dhéanfaidh de réir na Rialachán (MST) um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2004 (ama leasú), Tuairisciú Trinsiúr Natúra um Measúnú Cuí, de bhun Airteagal 6 den Treoir maidir le Gnáthóigí 92/43/EEC. An Measúnú Straitéiseach Ilréada i gCás Tuilte (SFRA) a dhéanfaidh de réir an Chóraí Pleanála agus na Treoirline um Bainistíocht i gCás Tuilte 2009. Tá eolas sa Raitéas Straitéiseach Comhshaoil (MST) a ghabhann leis an bPlean maidir leis an gcaoi a rinneadh breithniú comhshaoil a chomhtháthú sa Phlean.

Breith eolas sa Raitéas Straitéiseach Comhshaoil (MST) a ghabhann leis an bPlean maidir leis an gcaoi a rinneadh breithniú comhshaoil a chomhtháthú sa Phlean:

- https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse
- https://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/planpolicy/lap/

Beidh cóipeanna de Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil An Ghoirt 2025-2031 ar fáil le ceannach in am trátha ón Rannóg Pleanála, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Croc na Radhaire, Gaillimh.

Sínithe: Liam Hanrahan,
Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí,
Forbairt & Pleanáil Eacnamaíochta.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF THE GORT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025 – 2031

In accordance with:

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended

Notice is hereby given that the Gort Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031 was adopted by the Loughrea Municipal District Members at their meeting on the 29th July 2025 and is due to come into effect on the 9th September 2025.

The Gort Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031 is a statutory document prepared by the Planning Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The Gort Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031 is accompanied by a Local Transport Plan. The plan also includes Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (as amended), an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) prepared in accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009. The Strategic Environmental Statement (SEA) which accompanies the Plan contains information on how environmental consideration has been integrated into the Plan.

A copy of the Gort Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031 along with other accompanying reports and with the SEA Statement and AA Conclusion Statement, will be available to view on the following websites:

- https://consult.galway.ie/en/browse
- https://www.galway.ie/en/services/planning/planpolicy/lap/

Copies of the Gort Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031 will be available in due course to purchase from the Planning Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

Signed: Liam Hanrahan,
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