



fleadh laighean muine bheag 2018

9th - 15th July

Songs and Stories from Carlow

A special night during Fleadh Laighean 2018 in Muine Bheag

For the last six months there has been an active, but hidden, search for songs and recitations written here in our native county over the last few centuries. Can we finally free ourselves of the shackles of the well-known and hackneyed versions of 'Follow me up to Carlow' – that Wicklow song that has become an anthem of Carlow, merely because it mentions the word, 'Carlow'?!

On **Tuesday, July 10th**, led by Dave Barron - who instigated the whole process - there will be a presentation of ancient and contemporary songs and recitations from the whole county of Carlow. The songs from antiquity were written and sung by people of Carlow for generations, the newly composed songs demonstrate the ongoing creativity and verve of a new generation of storytellers through folk music.

This concert will launch the website which showcases this body of songs.

The best exponents of song-singing will be present on the night to showcase all that is to be proud of, as a native of County Carlow.

We will launch a new initiative to encourage all areas of Carlow to search for, and include songs/recitations from their local area. Carlow Storytellers will add humorous and thought-provoking insights to the presentation.

There will be five parts to the presentation

1. Old songs from all areas of Co. Carlow
2. New Words put to Old Melodies
3. Amhráin as Gaeilge
4. Newly Composed, but from Carlow and traditionally based melody.
5. Humorous Recitations from Carlow.

We anticipate 12 songs and 7 recitations on the night. (2 hours total)

