

**Roundwood & District Historical & Folklore Society**



**Next talk in the 2017 Series:**

# **Delia Murphy: her story in words and music**

**By Carmen Cullen, accompanied by Gerry Anderson**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November @  
8pm**

**Vartry House (Kavanagh's)  
Roundwood**

**Entrance fee: Members €3. Non-members €5.**

Annual Membership: €10 euros

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The Roundwood Historical Society's next talk in the 2017 Series will take place on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 20.00pm in the Vartry House (Kavanagh's) and will be given by Carmen Cullen, accompanied by Gerry Anderson. The title of the talk is "Delia Murphy: her story in words and music" and will be told by her niece Carmen Cullen interspersed with performing her songs and illustrating her life and successes, with family and other photographs.

Delia Murphy Kiernan (16 February 1902 – 11 February 1971) was a singer and collector of Irish ballads. She recorded several 78 rpm records in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. In 1962 she recorded her only LP, *The Queen of Connemara*, for Irish Prestige Records, New York, on the cover of which her name appears alongside the LP title. During World War II, she aided Vatican official, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, in saving the lives of 6,500 Allied soldiers and Jews, while her husband, Dr. Thomas J. Kiernan, was the Irish Ambassador in Rome from 1941–46.



The show has been touring successfully since 2009. This year is the 80th anniversary of Delia's first public appearance as a singer in Dublin, when she began to sing at the many functions her husband Thomas Kiernan had been invited to, as Radio Eireann's Director of Programmes. Carmen is making a special effort to bring back memories of her to people who recall her, as well as attracting new interest in her as a unique woman and artiste.

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We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November for what promises to be a very interesting night on the story of Delia Murphy. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. The entrance fee for members is €3 and for non-members is €5 – payable at the door.