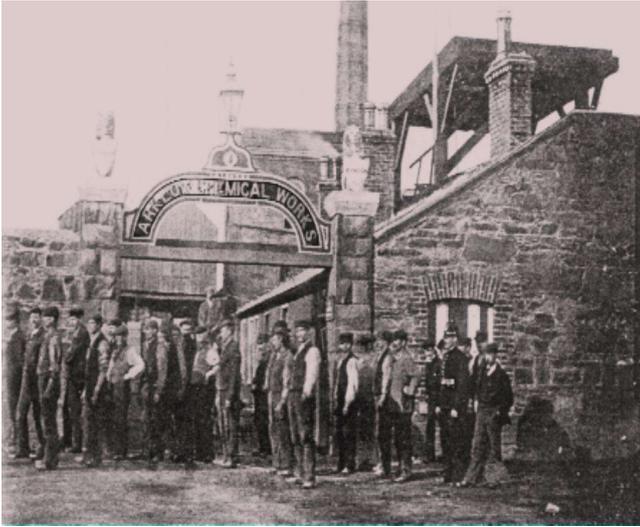


Roundwood & District Historical & Folklore Society



Next talk in the 2017 Series:

The Kynochs Lecture - the story of the munitions factory in Arklow

By Michael Fitzpatrick (RNLI & Arklow Maritime Museum)

**Tuesday 17th October @
8pm**

Vartry House (Kavanagh's)

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

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The Roundwood Historical Society's next talk in the 2017 Series will take place on Tuesday, October 17th at 20.00pm in the Vartry House (Kavanagh's) and will be given by Michael Fitzpatrick. The title of the talk is "The Kynochs Lecture: the story of the munitions factory in Arklow". 2017 is the centenary anniversary of the explosion which took place on 21st September 1917 at the Kynochs munitions plant in Arklow. For over twenty three years Arklow was home to one of the largest munitions manufacturing facilities in the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland. It was an important and strategic manufacturer of munitions during the Boer War and subsequently during World War 1.

Michael is the station mechanic at Arklow Lifeboat station, and secretary of the Arklow Maritime Museum. He has always had a keen interest in history both local and national. The Kynoch factory in Arklow is a subject dear to his heart. For well over forty years now Michael has been compiling a data base of information about the workings of the Kynoch factory, its produce, the manufacturing techniques used, its employees and its effect on Arklow and the surrounding area.

Michael was involved in the planning and layout of the information boards placed along the Kynoch walk by Arklow and District Chamber. He was also delighted to share some of his pictures and knowledge for the Remembering Kynoch's Centenary concert hosted by Arklow Music and Arts group to mark the 100th anniversary of the Kynoch explosion.

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 17th October for what promises to be a very interesting talk on the story of the Kynochs Munitions Factory. 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.