



# Ferns Medieval Gathering June 7-9th 2013



## Medieval Fun for all the Family Calendar of Events

### Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

7p.m	<b>Launch Parade</b> with Bui Bolg and local clubs and schools, many in medieval costume. Starting from St. Mary's Abbey. After Parade – entertainment on Castle Green.
8pm	<b>Official Launch on Castle Green by Anne Doyle</b>
9pm	<b>Schools Reunion in The Courtyard.</b> M.C. Anne Doyle. Focus on the class of '63. Open to all past pupils of primary schools in Ferns parish – St. Edan's; Scoil Naomh Maodhóg; Ballyduff; Cloogue & Tombrack. Featuring music by Ferns Comhaltas and Storytelling. (Tickets€10, available on the night)

### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

9a.m. -2.15pm	<b>1798 Bus Tour of nearby locations:</b> Rockspring - the former home of Lieutenant Bookey; Fr. Murphy Centre; a 1798 battle site at The Harrow & Ballymore Historic Features. (Tickets € 15 incl morning coffee & lunch). Meet at Church car park.
10 am- 12 2pm – 4pm	<b>Genealogy Workshops &amp; Lectures.</b> In Scoil Naomh Maodhóg, using schools' computers. Workshops conducted and sponsored by Eneclann, the award winning Genealogy company. Assistance given by local volunteers.
4.30 –6 pm	<b>Dr. Stephen Harrison Lecture – 'Wexford - The Tapestry of Anglo Norman Conquest'</b> in St. Mogue's Cottage.
3pm – 8.30pm	<b>Medieval Fair in the Grounds of Ferns Castle:</b> Open to everyone. Includes: <b>Montague Heritage Services</b> dressed in medieval costumes; Children's Combat School; Medieval Tourney; displays on armoury; medieval coins, cooking in medieval times, archery and more..... <b>Irish National Heritage Park Children's Workshop:</b> a demonstration of daily life in medieval times. Workshops on brass rubbings and shield making. <b>Period Conservatorist,</b> Paddy Byrne will give a talk and display on materials used in the building of Ferns Castle and later periods.
7pm – 12	<b>Banquet on Castle Green.</b> Stroll around the Castle Green and view the Medieval Fair. The Banquet, featuring food, music and the Triumphant Return of Diarmuid MacMurrough & his party. (Tickets €20 - Ph: 087-9961335)

### Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

10.30a.m.	<b>Gathering Service in St. Edan's Cathedral</b>
2pm	<b>Patron &amp; Mass – Graveyard, Enniscorthy Rd.</b>
3pm-5pm	<b>Parish Field Day with medieval flavour.</b> Another great opportunity to catch up and relax – a family event which will include medieval games and costumes.

**All timings are subject to slight change Ph: 087-4189740 More information: [www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie)**

#### Over the weekend:

- Guided walking tours of Ferns Heritage Trail. Sat: 10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm. Sun: 10am & 2pm.
- Stitch with Ferns Tapestry Gathering project in Castle Visitors Centre. Sat & Sun 12 – 6pm
- Ferns Dramatic Society in medieval character, engaging people on street.
- Strolling musicians on streets
- Traditional Irish Music in pubs each evening
- Plein Eire outdoor artists
- GAA: Street Leagues; Speed Test & Cumán Abú. Visit [www.fernsvillage.ie](http://www.fernsvillage.ie) for details
- Tours of Cathedral & Chapter Room - weekend afternoons.
- Meet and chat over Teas & Coffees in St. Mogue's Cottage – weekend afternoons