

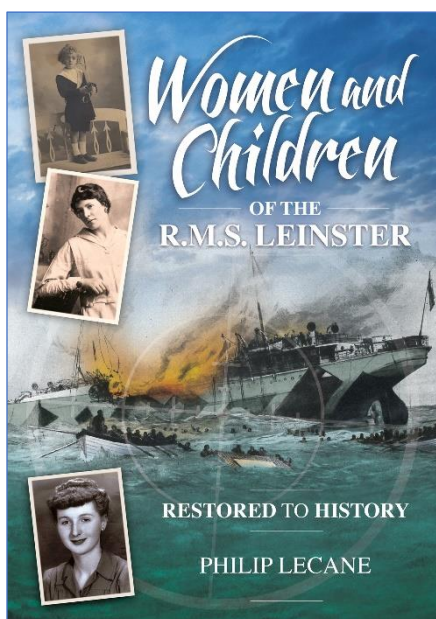


RMS Leinster Log

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Welcome to the **September 2018** bulletin which is being sent to those who have asked to be kept informed of plans to mark the centenary of the sinking of the RMS *Leinster* in October 1918. This Bulletin is currently being sent by email to 280 contacts.



Women and Children of the R.M.S. Leinster

In a soon to be published book, Philip Lecane, author of "Torpedoed! The RMS Leinster Disaster", returns to the sinking in a book focused on the women and children who were aboard the ship.

Outreach

The sinking of the RMS *Leinster* in October 1918 was a tragic event which, although it occurred in the Irish Sea close to Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) near Dublin, affected families throughout the world. This has become more apparent to us as we receive more and more communications from around the world regarding the Centenary.

In a number of locations, local groups are arranging to commemorate the Centenary. We are pleased to have been able to provide them with information to facilitate this.

Ennis, Co. Clare

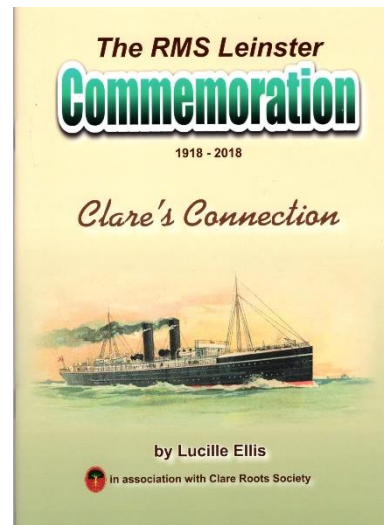
The Clare Roots Society has organised a Mass at 11.30 am on Sunday, 7 October 2018, in Ennis Cathedral, to remember the Clare victims of the sinking of the RMS *Leinster*.

Following the Mass at 12.30 pm, in the Parish Office, the Clare Roots Society booklet:

“The RMS Leinster Commemoration 1918-2018”

Clare’s Connection.

will be introduced by the author, Lucille Ellis, and formally launched by the Mayor of Ennis, followed by tea and refreshments.



A wreath-laying ceremony, organised by the Clare Peace Park committee, will take place at the Peace Park in Ennis, which is a short walk from the Parish Office, at 2.30 pm.

We would be happy to provide information to any local groups planning similar ceremonies.

There are also a number of local talks and events related to the RMS Leinster which we would like to bring to your attention.

24th September (DUBLIN Festival of History)

Terenure Library 6.30 p.m. (Philip Lecane)

27th September (DUBLIN Festival of History)

Malahide Library, 6.30 p.m. (Philip Lecane)

3rd October (Rathmichael Historical Society)

Rathmichael School 8 p.m. (Philip Lecane)

3rd October (Waterford County Museum Society)

Dungarvan, Co. Waterford (Donald Brady)

time and location to be confirmed

18th October (Clare Roots Society)

Ennis, Co. Clare 8 p.m. (Lucille Ellis)

30th October (Curragh Local History Group)

Curragh, Co. Kildare 8 p.m. (Philip Lecane)

3rd November (Conference – “Dublin Port & WWI 1914-1918”)

Dublin Port All day (details to be confirmed)

14th November (Clane Historical Society)

Clane, Co. Kildare 8 p.m. (Philip Lecane)

On 5 to 7 October, there will be a Bi-Centennial flower festival in Christ Church, Taney, County Dublin. This will include an exhibit on the RMS Leinster, partly sponsored by the National Maritime Museum

An online exhibition by the Church of Ireland Representative Church Body on Church of Ireland connections with the RMS Leinster sinking will shortly go ‘live’.

See www.library.ireland.anglican.org

Official Ceremony

As previously notified the RMS *Leinster* Centenary in October 2018 has been recognised by the Irish Government as a National Event within the “Decade of Centenaries”. The commemoration of the sinking is being overseen by Dun Laoghaire County Council under the auspices of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

We previously circulated “Expression of Interest” forms for those who may wish to attend the Official Ceremony in Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday, 10th October 2018. If you have returned a completed form you will have been added to the attendance list, although individual acknowledgements have not been sent. Any queries related to these applications should be addressed to the Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht at

commemorations@chg.gov.ie

National Maritime Museum, Dún Laoghaire

The RMS *Leinster* team, in conjunction with the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, are organising the following events for 2018:

July to December 2018

RMS *Leinster* Exhibition including 1895 model of RMS *Leinster*, storyboards, artifacts and Touch Screen display with information on casualties and survivors.



Amateur Radio installation with special EI100MCV call sign.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/EI100MCV>

October 2018

Thursday, 4th October

Launch of Philip Murphy's RMS *Leinster* Sculpture Exhibition

Friday, 5th October

Adult Art Exhibition Launch, 18.45 hrs.

Saturday, 6th October

Children's Art Competition – (Prize giving 11.00 – 12.00 hrs.)

Sunday, 7th October to Sunday 14th October inclusive.

Free admission to Museum. Open 11.00 to 17.00 daily

RMS *Leinster* Inquiry Desk

Sunday, 7th October

19.30 hrs. **Hedge School “WW1 at sea off the Irish Coast”**

Discussion panel on “*The Sinking of the RMS Leinster and the War at Sea*”

Panel: Prof. Bernadette Whelan
University of Limerick
Dr. Michael Kennedy
Royal Irish Academy
Dr. Jeff Kildea
University of New south Wales
Philip Lecane
National Maritime Museum of Ireland

Monday, 8th October

20.00 hrs. **Concert:**

Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir &

Cor Meibion Goronwy Welsh Male Choir from Anglesey

Sponsored by Rachel Burke

Tickets €15, booking essential. To book please see www.mariner.ie

Tuesday, 9th October

10.30 – 16.30 hrs. **RMS *Leinster* Seminar**

“RMS Leinster One Hundred Years On”, exploring various facets of the sinking”

RMS Leinster: The Human Tragedy

Mr. Philip Lecane, National Maritime Museum.

Researching those on board

Ms. Lucille Ellis, RMS Leinster Team

The sinking in its national and international context – a reassessment

Dr. Michael Kennedy, Royal Irish Academy

Australians on board the RMS Leinster

Dr. Jeff Kildea, University of New South Wales, Australia

Rosina, coping in the aftermath of the sinking

Ms. Andrea Ward, RMS Leinster Relative.

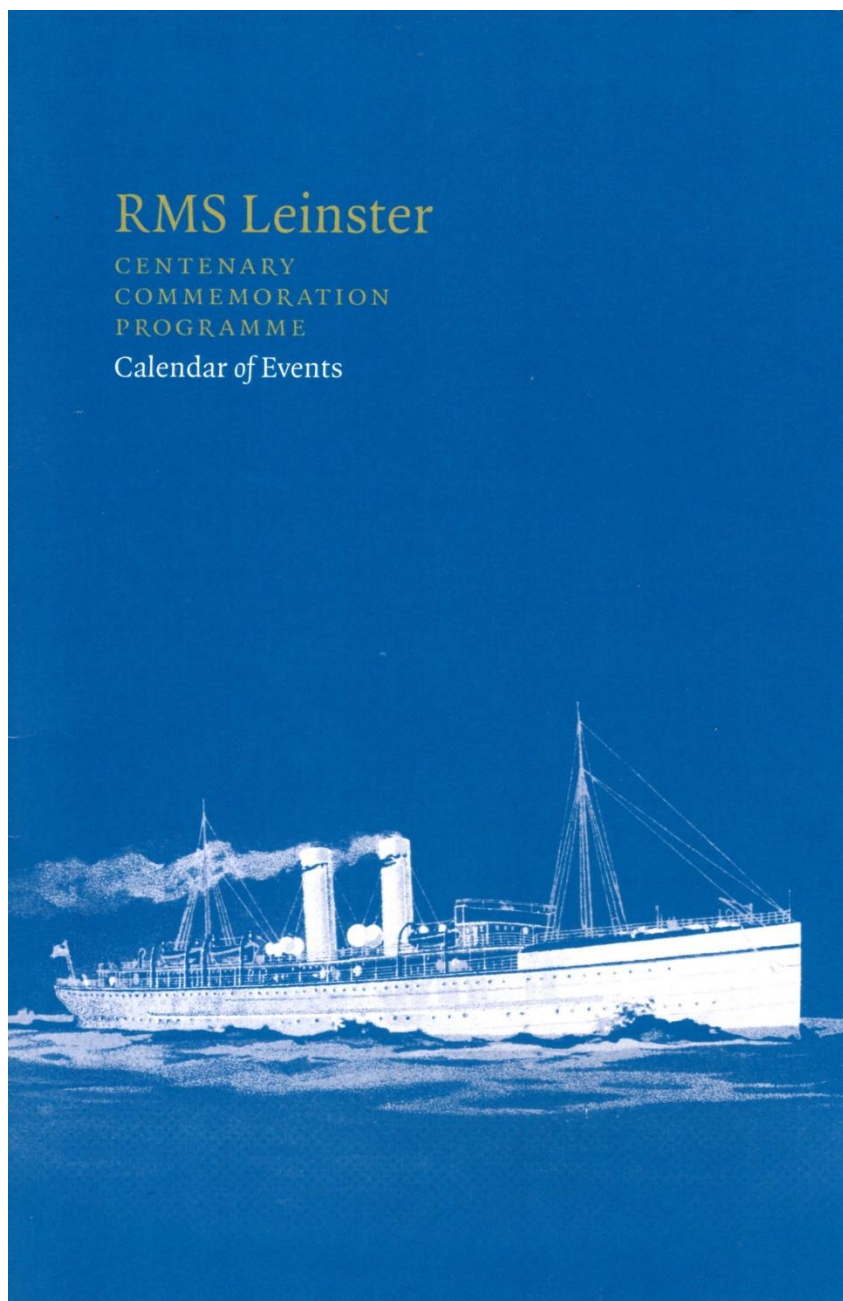
Sorting letters on the sea – the Post Office and the RMS Leinster

Mr. Stephen Ferguson, Assistant Secretary of An Post

Tickets €10, booking required. To book please see www.mariner.ie

Wednesday, 10th October

Public Commemoration Ceremonies in Dun Laoghaire.



See details on separate "Calendar of Events" published by Dún Laoghaire County Council.

Thursday, 11th October

Subject to sufficient numbers, it is intended to arrange a visit by coach to the Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin. Cost €10 per person (to cover cost of coach).

Coach will depart from Dun Laoghaire at 10.00 hrs.

The trip will include a guided tour of the Cemetery, where 147 military casualties of the RMS Leinster sinking are buried. This represents 50% of the bodies which were recovered and there will be a special ceremony there at 11.00 hrs.

On the return journey there will be a stop for light refreshments at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, which is hosting an RMS Leinster display for the month of October.

Returning to Dun Laoghaire by 1600 hrs.

Please let us know if you would like to be included so that we can determine if there are sufficient numbers to make the coach hire viable. Booking available via Eventbrite or at National Maritime Museum. Early booking would be appreciated.

HOLYHEAD

Our colleagues in Holyhead, the destination of the RMS Leinster on its final voyage and also home to many of the crew, are also actively planning to commemorate the event. Further information is available on their website at:

www.rmsleinster100.com

In the days around the 10th October there will be a link between EI100MCV and a station in Holyhead using the call sign GB100MCV to mark the R.M.S. Leinster Centenary and the close bond between the two Harbour towns.

For information on our privacy policy under Data Protection Regulations see link below:

<http://www.rmsleinster.com/privacy.htm>

Remembering all those who sailed on the final voyage of the RMS *Leinster*,

Brian, Philip, Will & Lucille

The RMSLeinster.com Team

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