



The **MARTIN JOYCE** Lecture Series 2022

1pm | Friday 22nd July 2022

Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim, Ballinasloe,
County Galway, H53 KH51



Title of Lecture:

Muintir Ui Ceallaigh: An Introduction

by Captain Joe Kelly

Abstract: Back in the day there were about 18 known O'Kelly clans or septs. According to latest DNA findings they were not related and came about their name by different means. As we will see they were not all Irish based. Some from Isle of Man, Scotland and in Devon in England.

Biography: Joe completed secondary education with the De La Salle brothers in the early 60's and shortly after started on a career in sales and marketing in the tele communications industry. In latter years Joe specialised in high tech environmental products. Focusing on industry and agriculture before he retired a few years ago. Joe has a long time interest in the O'Kelly story and about ten years ago started the 'Aughrim Remembered' event. Joe's commitment to the O'Kelly story led him to the Kelly Clan Association where he now serves as Uachtaran. The current and on-going DNA project is assisting participants in identifying ancient ancestors which helps them on the right road of their Ui Mhaine O'Kelly family research. Joe enjoys offshore sailing and when time permitting Joe was a member of the Irish army reserve, retiring with the rank of Captain in a reserve cavalry squadron.

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