

Lusitania Centenary 2015 – Schedule of Events Courtmacsherry, Butlerstown & Blind Strand

<p>Friday 1st May</p> <p>7.45pm Fly-over of Irish Coast Guard Helicopter</p> <p>8pm Official Opening of Centenary Weekend by Mr Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Marine & Food (and Defence) on Courtmacsherry pier. Teas / coffees available in Community Hall.</p> <p>7:30pm Ryder and Courtmacsherry RNLI Lifeboats are on display.</p> <p>6 – 9pm Lusitania Exhibitions in RNLI Lifeboat Station and Community Hall showing artefacts, memorabilia and story boards.</p>	<p>Monday 4th May</p> <p>11-5.00pm Lusitania Exhibitions in Lifeboat Station and Community Hall. Model Exhibition at St. John the Evangelist Church of Ireland.</p> <p>2- 5.00pm Ryder and Courtmacsherry RNLI Lifeboat alongside pontoon on pier for public viewing.</p> <p>2.00pm Lusitania themed talks in Blind Strand. Bus transport arranged from village.</p> <p>5.00pm Lusitania themed talks in Butlerstown Community Centre. Bus transport arranged from village.</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd May</p> <p>11- 9pm Daily Lusitania Exhibitions in Lifeboat Station and Community Hall. Model Exhibition at St. John the Evangelist Church.</p> <p>2.00pm & 5.00pm Lusitania themed talks in Blind Strand (2pm) and Butlerstown Community Centre (5pm). Bus transport arranged from village.</p> <p>Short Stories in Bars and Cafés throughout the day.</p> <p>3:00pm Irish Coast Guard Helicopter at Barryroe GAA pitch.</p> <p>2 - 5.30pm Ryder & Courtmacsherry Lifeboats alongside pontoon for public viewing</p> <p>5.30pm Pulling and Sailing Lifeboat display with restored Ryder Lifeboat.</p> <p>8.00pm Lusitania lecture and presentation by esteemed Lusitania author and diver Paddy O’Sullivan in Community Hall.</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th May</p> <p>8pm Lusitania Centenary Commemoration Black Tie Dinner at Courtmacsherry Hotel. Special Guest speakers include Lusitania owner and renowned Lusitania technical diver. Limited availability. See our website www.lusitaniacentenary.com for further details.</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd May – Main Event – Re-enactment of Lifeboat Callout</p> <p>11.00am Events at Blindstrand across from the Old Lifeboat Station in Barry’s Point. Buses arranged for transport from Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narration of the RNLI Lifeboat call to Service <i>Over 100 people, incl. 20 schoolchildren from Barryroe school will take part in this dramatised production which lasts about 50 minutes.</i> • Lifeboat Launch. Start re-enactment of 12 mile Lifeboat row to Lusitania tragedy <p>2.00pm & 5pm Lusitania themed talks in Blind Strand (2pm) and Butlerstown Community Centre (5pm). Bus transport from village.</p> <p>1pm - 7pm Daily Lusitania Exhibitions in Lifeboat Station and Community Hall. Model Exhibition at St. John the Evangelist Church of Ireland.</p> <p>3.30pm Lusitania Presentation in Community Centre by renowned Lusitania Diver Eoin McGarry.</p> <p>Short Stories in Bars and Café’s throughout the day.</p> <p>8.00pm Return of “Ryder” lifeboat to Courtmacsherry Pier after completion of row to site of Lusitania (Exact arrival time dependent on weather conditions).</p>	<p>Thursday 7th May – Centenary day</p> <p>9.30am Morning Commemoration mass at Sacred Heart Church, Courtmacsherry</p> <p>2.10pm Wreath Laying at exact site of Sinking of RMS Lusitania by RNLI Courtmacsherry Lifeboat. Release of 1201 balloons at local schools, Courtmacsherry RNLI Station, Barry’s Point and Butlerstown Community Centre. Each Balloon bearing the name of a Lusitania victim.</p>