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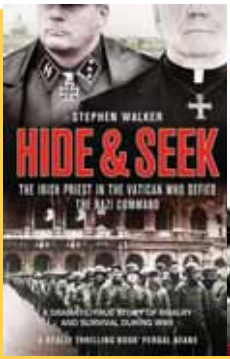
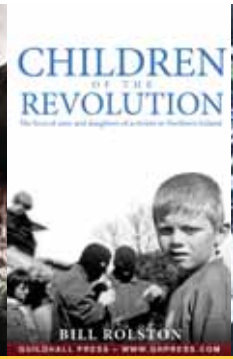
Festival of the People

FÉILE DISCUSSIONS/READINGS





'You Are Legend', Shankill Library, Thurs 28th July, 12.15pm. Talk on the 75th anniversary about those from the Shankill & Falls who fought in the Spanish Civil War in the International Brigades.

'Hide And Seek', Falls Library, Thurs 28th July, 5pm. BBC's Stephen Walker interviewed by Danny Morrison on his book about the Vatican-based Irish priest Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty who saved the lives of thousands of Allied soldiers and Jews despite being hunted by the head of the Gestapo in Rome.

'Children of the Revolution', Falls Library, Thurs 28th July, 6.30pm. Launch of Bill Rolston's new book of interviews with sons and daughters of activists and former combatants and how their lifestyles impacted on them.

Launch of Shane Cullen's 'Fragments' & Hunger Strike Exhibition, Coláiste Feirste, Beechview Park, Frid 29th July, 11.30am. Speakers – Mayor of Berkeley Tom Bates and his wife Californian State Senator Loni Hancock, Shane Cullen and Danny Morrison.

'Blood & Thunder', Falls Library, Frid 29th July, 1pm. Discussion about Castlederg Young Loyalists Flute Band, the subject of journalist Darach MacDonald's book. Chair - Austin Hunter.

'Bread and Roses' - Women in Leadership in Ireland, St Mary's University, Frid 29th July, 12.30–2pm. Speakers - Susan McKay, PSNI Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie and Sinn Féin Minister Martina Anderson MLA. Chair - Majella McCloskey.

'The Laughter of Our Children', Felons Club, Frid 29th July, 3pm. The legacy of the hunger strike for today's young republicans. Speakers - Mayor Niall Ó Donnghaile, Sinn Féin Councillors Tierna Cunningham and Charlene O'Hara.

Samuel Joseph Scott - 'Spirit of the Titanic', City Cemetery, Sat 30th July, 12noon. Official marking of the grave of 15-year-old Samuel Scott who lost his life during the building of the Titanic. Speakers - Sammy Douglas (DUP) & Nicola Pierce, author of 'Spirit of the Titanic'. Chair - Tom Hartley.

Book & Bric-a-Brac Sale! St Mary's University, Sat 30th July, 11am–2pm. A great opportunity for community groups & individuals to raise money for their favourite charity or good cause. Free tables. To book, contact Féile - 90313440

Prisoners Past or Prisoners for the Future? - St Mary's University, Tues 2nd Aug, 1pm. Former combatants experience either discrimination or potential privilege. How do we become reconciled with the past? Speakers - Dr Peter Shirlow and Ruth Jamieson, QUB.

Fintan O'Toole

After the Celtic Tiger: Lessons of an Economic Disaster – Fintan O'Toole (Irish Times), St Mary's University, Tues 2nd Aug, 3pm. What really happened and what went wrong.

The Annual Belfast Trust/Féile Lecture - The Connected Baby: How Parent-Infant Interaction Builds Brains, St Mary's University, Tues 2nd Aug, 5pm. Guest speaker - Dr Suzanne Zeedyk (Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology at the University of Dundee).

The Making of a Torturer - Unspeakable Acts, Ordinary People, St Mary's University, Tues 2nd Aug, 7.30pm. John Conroy ('Unspeakable Acts, Ordinary People: The Dynamics of Torture' and 'Belfast Diary: War as a Way of Life') talks about his research and interviews with former torturers from Israel, Greece, Uruguay, the United States, and Zimbabwe.

Youth Talks Back - St Louise's, Wed 3rd Aug, 2-4pm. "How rife is sectarianism in our society?" Speakers - Mayor of Belfast Niall Ó Donnghaile, Darwin Templeton (News Letter), Hugh Jordan (Sunday World) and Frankie Gallagher (NUPRG). Chair – journalist Finola Meredith.

Plastic Bullet Vigil, former site, Andersonstown Barracks, Wed 3rd Aug, 6-7pm

West Belfast Talks Back, St Louise's, Wed 3rd Aug, 7.30-9pm. Speakers – Mary-Lou McDonald TD (Sinn Féin), Jim Wells MLA (DUP), Abdel Bari Atwan (Arab journalist) & Vincent Brown (veteran journalist & broadcaster). Chair - Mark Simpson, BBC Ireland correspondent. Warm-up – comedian John McBlain.

The 'State' of Palestine, Palestinian Day, St Mary's University, Thurs 4th Aug, 2 – 9pm.

'King Of The English Channel' – Kevin Murphy, St Mary's University, Thurs 4th Aug, 1pm. Champion swimmer on the history of Open Water Swimming and the ordeal and exhilaration of facing the wide open sea!

The Making of a Torturer

Scribes, Rock Bar, Thurs 4th Aug, 3.30pm. Dominic Dromgoole (on the fun of Shakespeare), Philomena Lynott (on her memoir about her son rock star Phil Lynott), Kevin Barry (on his latest novel, 'City of Bohane'). Admission £6

'John Lennon's Dead' by Sile Darragh, Felons Club, Frid 5th Aug, 2pm. Book launch. Former OC Armagh Prison Sile Darragh's personal account of the struggle for political status. Guest speaker – Gerry Adams TD.

Hunger Strike – A Century of Protest, Felons Club, Frid 5th Aug, 3pm. Speakers - Barry Flynn, author of 'Pawns in the Game', Gerry Kelly MLA, Mary Doyle & Pat Sheehan MLA.

Internment & The Hooded Men, Felons Club, Frid 5th Aug, 7.30pm
Speakers - Liam Shannon, Archie Auld, Joe Clarke & Angela Nelson. Guest speaker - lawyer Paddy Murray.

Algerian War/Irish Troubles – Historic Parallels, St Mary's University, Sat 6th Aug, 12 noon. Speaker Pat Anderson, against the background of the Arab Spring, considers whether the Algerian uprising of the early 1990s might be its earliest stirring.