

Bóithre Iarann

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- **Starting Date:** Sunday 9th January at 21:15 and repeated each Friday at 23:00 - every Sunday evening for 6 weeks.

Programme 1: Dublin & Kingstown

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Dublin & Kingstown

1. What was the problem with Dublin Port?
2. On what date was the Dublin to Dun Laoighre (Kingstown) Railway built?
3. Who built the first railway in Ireland?
4. This line was the first line of its type in the world. What made it so special?
5. Give two differences between 1st and 3rd class seats?
6. Why does a steam engine move from side to side?
7. In 1849 Queen _____ came to visit Ireland and she travelled on the Dublin-Kingstown line.
8. What was so special about the Atmospheric?

Waterford and Lismore Railway

1. What was the name given to the Blackwater?
2. Why was the Waterford Lismore line opened?
3. In 1885 what Prince came to visit Waterford?
4. What was Home Rule?
5. Describe how was the viaduct blown up in Ballyvoyle?
6. How long was the line from Waterford to Tramore?
7. What were Atlantic tickets?
8. What would happen when the 'five minute bell' sounded?
9. What engine came after the steam?

West Clare Railway

1. Why was the railway built with a narrow gauge?
2. What did the railway give to people?
3. Who took care of the gates at the level crossings?
4. Between 1895 and 1910 why were there accidents on the railway?
5. What two rules were introduced on the West Clare railway because of these accidents?
6. Give two reasons why the train was often late.
7. Write a paragraph about Percy French.
8. Where was the biggest fair in Clare?
9. What did the people call the railway?

Clifden Railway

1. What was the main way the railway to Clifden brought money to the area?
2. Name the King that visited Connemara in 1903.
3. What did the trains bring out of Connemara?
4. How many tonnes of Connemara marble was brought by the trains in the first year?
5. What did Marconi build in Connemara?
6. What gauge was this railway?
7. In June 1919, Alcock and Brown did what?
8. What happened in 1921? Describe the events in your own words.

Dingle and Tralee

1. What were the two industries in Dingle at the end of the 19th century.
2. What type of rail system did Robert Worthington, the contractor want to put down to Dingle?
3. What are the advantages of a narrow gauge system?
4. Describe the tragedy that happened in 1893?
5. How many railroad crossings were on the line? Why were these dangerous?

Some contacts from programme:

- Rev Norman Gamble: Archivist IRRS
- Mark Kelly: IRRS (Film)
- Railway Preservation Society of Ireland
- The Steam Museum: Straffan: Co. Kildare
- Jim Deegan: Irish Rail Tours
- Irish Railway Record Society
- Cartlann Scannán na hÉireann
- British Council Film
- British Council Film Institute
- Irish Railway Records Society