**BOACC Ashbourne Living History Festival 22nd & 23rd April 2017**

**Thomas Ashe Ashbourne Centenary Commemoration 2017**

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**Saturday 22nd April festival open to the public at 10:00 am**

10:00 am: Official opening of festival

10: 00 am: Living history showcase in the indoor arena, Military vehicles and vintage cars from the past 100 years in the outdoor display area.

11:30 am: 1st Display: Battle of the Boyne Display at the outdoor re-enactment area

12.30 pm: Thomas Ashe history talks and lectures in the function room upstairs on first floor

12:30 pm: Gabriel Doherty: ‘Political prisoners in Ireland 1877-1920: the public evolution of policy’

13:00 pm: Padraig Allen: St John Ambulance & the Easter Rising

*13:30 pm:* Noel French: *1916, Meath and more.*

14:30 pm: Marcus Howard: *The Louth Volunteers in the 1916 Rising*

15:00 pm: Tóla Collier: *Thomas Ashe and the Battle of Ashbourne 1916-1917*

15:30 pm: 2nd Display, 1798 Rebellion skirmish on at the outdoor re-enactment area

16:30 pm: Main arena and outdoor displays close

17:00pm: Irish history on film in the function room upstairs on the first floor free but tickets must be obtained in advance from the BOACC stand in the indoor arena

Screening: *Reel: Women of 1916:* Irish women in the 1916 Rising

Screening: *Fingal’s Finest*: Thomas Ashe and the Battle of Ashbourne 1916

Directors question and answer session

19:15 pm: Closing speech & thanks

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**Sunday 23rd April festival open to the public at 10:00 am**

10: 00 am: Living history showcase in the indoor arena, Military vehicles and vintage cars from the past 100 years in the outdoor display area.

11:00-11.05 am: BOACC fire volleys to start Trad-Dash 5K and 10K Road Races

13:20 pm: Living history showcase indoor arena closes for duration of main battle re-enactment reopens at 14:25 pm.

13:30 pm: Irish War of Independence main battle re-enactment on pitch number 3

14:15 pm: Irish War of Independence battle re-enactment concludes

14:25pm: Living history showcase in indoor arena reopens after Irish War of Independence battle re-enactment

16:20 pm: Living history showcase indoor arena closes for final ceremony.

16:30 pm: Thomas Ashe centenary commemoration parade and ceremony on the main pitch at Donaghmore-Ashbourne GAA.

17:00 pm: Thomas Ashe centenary commemoration and festival concludes.