

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Evening Talks

The Cross and the Caman:

the entangled history of hurling, shinty and the Church

with JP Crilly

Friday 23rd October, 7.45 p.m.

About our topic:

Hurling and shinty are the native sports of Ireland and Scotland, and their story has been entangled with that of Christianity on the very edge of Europe.

Our story will take us from a monastic mission launched due to a hurling foul, to how one clergyman is trying to use compromise rules shinty-hurling games to overcome centuries of sectarian animosities in Belfast. Over almost 1600 years clergy, religious, and pious laity have shaped the story of these sports- from playing, coaching and setting up clubs and organisations to banning altogether.

Fish and chips. £15 per person. At 7 p.m. If you would like to join us for this, please email

pbhf.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com to book your place by 15th October.

Hurling and shinty are not the only shared Gaelic heritage of Scotland and Ireland- whisk(e)y will be available for a wee dram!

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