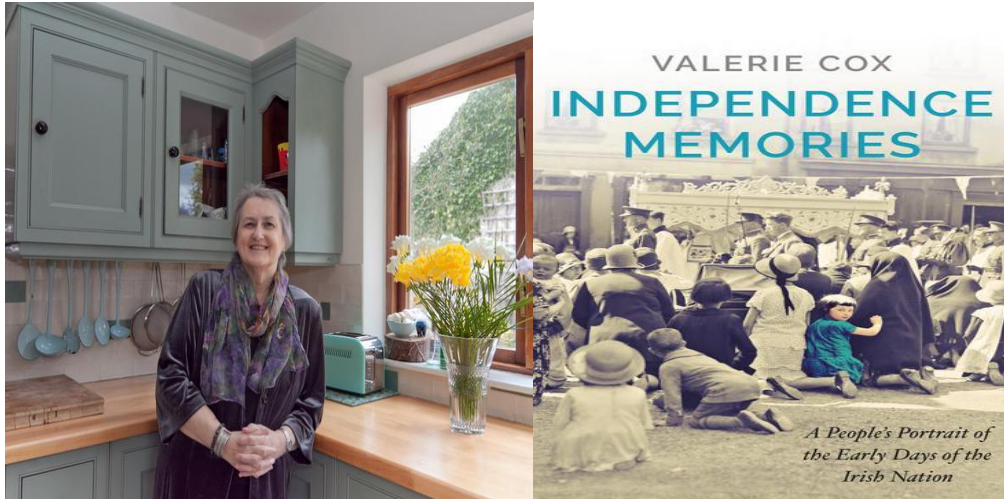


Valerie Cox to talk to GAHS



Journalist and author Valerie Cox.

Brittas Bay resident and journalist Valerie Cox will talk to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society on **Thursday 19th May at 8pm.** Valerie will talk about her new book 'Independence Memories: A People's Portrait of the Early Days of the Irish Nation'. This is a social history, from living and inherited memory, of the period surrounding Irish Independence and the Civil War.

It follows Valerie's book 'Growing up with Ireland' where some of Ireland's oldest citizens shared their recollections of times past and what life was like in the early years of the Irish state.

In a long career as a reporter working in newspapers, radio and television, Valerie Cox has interviewed people from every county in Ireland. Over eleven years working on the 'Today' programme on RTÉ Radio, she travelled around the country, covering stories as diverse as the closure of schools, Garda stations and post offices. Valerie is the author of five previous books including 'Searching', which tells the story of Ireland's missing people, 'The Family Courts', 'A Ploughing People', 'Alone: The First 40 Years' and 'Growing Up With Ireland'.

The talk will take place in the Kilian House Family Centre beside the Church of the Holy Rosary, La Touche Road, Greystones and all are welcome.