

# *Wild Geese Society of Czechia*

## **Programme 2024**

Jan 27 - Imbolc

Feb 25 - Trip to Cheb

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20 - Vernal Equinox

Apr 27 - Bealtaine (Nižbor)

May 4 - Anniversary of Battle of Prague

June 16 - Bloomsday

June 20 - Summer Solstice

Aug 3 - Lughnasadh festival (Podbaba)

Aug 15 - Anniversary of Irish Franciscan Church

Sept 20 - Autumnal Equinox

Oct 16 - Feast of St Gall / Havel

Oct 19 - Samhain (Nižbor)

Oct 31 - Samhain / Halloween

Dec 20 - Winter Solstice

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## *Who are the Wild Geese?*

In Irish history the term 'Wild Geese' is used to describe those involved in the Irish military diaspora, particularly those who went on to serve in European wars. However the term can also be applied to the many Irish emigrants who, for one reason or another, left the 'sweet shamrock shore' to adventure in foreign climes. The Wild Geese Society of Czechia explores the impact of the diaspora in its various forms on these lands at the heart of Europe. The Society is inclusive of all nationalities (we are all wild geese!) and in particular welcomes our Czech sisters and brothers with whom we share so much in common, including our Celtic genes. There is no membership fee and no charge for joining in events (other than personal travel and subsistence costs where these arise). All that is demanded from you is your interest and participation.

### *Mission Statement*

The Society sets out to bring people together through the exploration and celebration of cultural and historical events throughout the year so that we can learn from the past and learn from each other. Initially we will be focusing on Irish pre-Celtic and post-Celtic influences, including where those have impacted on the Keltic heartlands of Bohemia, but with the help of all interested wild geese, we will extend that throughout the Celtic world in particular and indeed Europe in general.

Join our mailing list to be notified of upcoming events!

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