

**Rugby, Cricket and the Stars,
Leinster Sports Complex – A Cultural and Sporting History**

Time: 8.00pm, Friday, 20th April

Venue: Leinster Sports Complex, Observatory Lane

Admission: Free

Leinster Cricket Club, founded in Rathmines in 1852, will host an evening of talks which will reflect on the sporting and cultural impact the club and its location at Observatory Lane has made in Rathmines and beyond during its 155 year history.

Murrough McDevitt, the club's pre-eminent historian will recount a history of the club from its foundation to the present day. James O'Connor, a lifelong member of the Irish Astronomical Society and author of a recently published book charting its history, will discuss the impact of the famous Grubb Telescope Factory located at Observatory Lane. Edmund Van Esbeck, former Rugby Correspondent for the Irish Times and author of 'The Story of Irish Rugby' will discuss Rathmines and Rugby and the famous first rugby international held between Ireland and England at Leinster Cricket Club. The evening will conclude with a Q&A session and a presentation of a copy of the programme from this match to Leinster Cricket Club.