1613

Limavady is granted a Royal Charter by King James I, giving the town the right to hold a market and to send two political representatives to Westminster.

1641

Tensions over land confiscations and the Crown's attempts to impose strict new laws lead to an outbreak of rebellion in Ulster. Houses in Limavady are burned.

1697

Landowner William Connolly purchases the Limavady estate from the Phillips family. He commissions a survey of the lands by C.R. Philom, which he completes in 1699.

Limavady 400

1722

Shane Crossagh O'Mullan, the highwayman who famously ambushed General Napier and his troops, is hanged in the Diamond in Derry.

1807

Renowned blind harpist Dennis O'Hampsey, known as, 'The Last of the Irish Bards', dies. He is buried in at St Aidan's Church, Magilligan.

1812

A Martello Tower is constructed at Magilligan Point, forming part of the coastal defences during the Napoleonic Wars. It is later used as a lookout point during WW2.

400 Limavady

1824

The flat eastern shore of Lough Foyle is selected as a base for the Ordnance Survey of Ireland – the first large-scale mapping of an entire country. The Survey is completed in 1846.

1832

A cholera outbreak sweeps the town of Limavady. In just ten days three hundred cases are reported and thirty people die.

Limavady 400

1840

The Beresford Monument is erected by tenants to honour their agent (landlord), the Marquis of Waterford, Henry Barre Beresford who died in London in 1837.

400 Limavady

1842

Newtownlimavady Workhouse opens. It was designed to hold 600 inmates, although this number almost doubles during the height of the Famine.

1842

'Peg of Limavady' appears in William Makepeace Thackeray's Irish Sketchbook. He is said to have written the poem about an inn keeper's daughter he met on a visit to Limavady.

1851

Jane Ross of Main Street, Limavady, notes down a melody being played by Blind Jimmy McCurry on Market Day. The tune later becomes known as the Londonderry Air.

1852

The first train steams into Limavady Station. Passenger services to the station ended in 1950, though goods transport continued until 1955.

1860

Sampson's Tower is built by public inscription in memory of Arthur Sampson, an agent of the London Fishmonger's Company for nearly forty years.

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1865

Construction of the Town Hall is completed. Commenced in 1863 to the design of Turner and Williamson, it is later renamed the Alexander Memorial Hall.

1883

Samuel Connor, the Largy Ploughman Poet, is born. He later writes 'Sweet Largy Braes', a well-known song praising the beauty of the local countryside.

1896

Ploughmen Tom Nicholl and James Morrow uncover one of the finest collections of gold ever discovered in Ireland in a field at Broighter, near Limavady.

1896

J.E. Ritter builds a hydro-electric power station to light his house at Roe Park. Further extensions to the system supply electricity to Limavady and Ballykelly.

1909

A memorial fountain is placed in the town in memory of Town Commissioner and Urban Councillor, Samuel Stirling.

1912

William Ferguson Massey, born in Limavady in 1856, becomes Prime Minister of New Zealand. He visits Limavady twice during his premiership - in 1916 and 1923.

1914

Outbreak of the First World War. Around 470 Limavady residents sign up and serve in the conflict; approximately 184 of whom die whilst serving their country.

1939

Outbreak of Second World War. Limavady Airfield at Aghanloo subsequently opens in December 1940, followed by Ballykelly Airfield in June 1941.

1952

Acclaimed author John Steinbeck visits the Limavady area, documenting his trip in an article entitled, 'I Go Back to Ireland'.

1956

A suit of clothing is discovered on a farm in the townland of Flanders near Dungiven. Dating to the early 1600s, it is named the Dungiven Costume.

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1979

Limavady hosts the World Ploughing Championship for the first time. The Borough hosts the Championship a further two times - in 1991 and 2004.

1987

The first hot-air balloon to cross the Atlantic touches down outside Limavady, setting a new record for Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand.

1989

Borough status is officially reinstated as the District of Limavady receives its Borough Charter on 1st March.

1990

Benone Beach becomes the first ever beach in Northern Ireland to be awarded a Blue Flag. This annual mark of excellence has been awarded to the beach every year since.

2002

A new ferry service is inaugurated across the mouth of the Lough Foyle. Running from Greencastle to Magilligan, it cuts 50 miles off the road journey.

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2013

Limavady celebrates the 400th anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter.