

# CO. TIPPERARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



QUARTERLY

NEWSLETTER

NO. 1

SPRING 1990

## KICKHAM COUNTY WEEKEND - MULLINAHONE.

The theme of this year's Kickham County Weekend is, 'Education in the nineteenth Century Ireland' and will be held in Mullinahone on August 11th and 12th. Further details from Mrs Shiela Foley, Parkmore, Mullinahone (Committee Member).

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## ROSCREA SPRING CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHRISTIAN IRELAND.

The biannual conference held at Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, has as its Spring theme 'The Irish Church in the Eight Century' and will be held on 20-22 April, 1990. Further details from Mr. George Cunningham, Parkmore, Roscrea.

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## SWISS COTTAGE, CAHIR PARK.

This is probably the finest surviving 'Cottage Ornee' in the world. The Swiss Cottage in Cahir Park was officially opened and handed over to the state on September 1st, 1989. The Cottage has been salvaged and completely renovated, primarily, with funds from the Port Royal Foundation. A detailed and illustrated description by Mark Girovard appeared in the October 26th issue of 'Country Life'. Another article is due to appear in the March edition of 'House and Garden' (USA edition). The Cottage is due to re-open officially in March, 1990.

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## AN TAISCE

An Taisce has organised two interesting lectures at Abymill, Fethard on the 14th March at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Alex White, Cork, Chairman of the South Western Association will give a talk on 'The Impact of Modern Farm Building on the Environment'. Mr. David Hickey from An Taisce headquarters will give a talk on 'The Management of the Wild Life Habitat'. The latter is 'An Taisce' liaison representative with the Irish farmers Association.

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## THE PARISH HISTORY OF HOLLYFORD BY MARTIN McHUGH.

It contains many valuable articles including Copper-mining in Hollyford, the I.R.A. attacks on the 'Barracks of Rea and Hollyford'. The book has been a complete sell out and is only available now in the County Library. (1989).

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**CLONMEL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**SPRING PROGRAMME 1990.**

Tuesday  
Mar. 20

**RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN WATERFORD CITY**

Speaker: Mr. Maurice Hurley M.A.

Venue : Hearn's Hotel at 8.15 p.m. Admission £1.00

Mr. Hurley is the Archaeologist in charge of the Waterford investigation. The lecture is timely, in view of the study recently undertaken in Clonmel on behalf of the Corporation.

Tuesday  
April 3

**THE WORKS OF KICKHAM - A SOURCE OF SOCIAL HISTORY**

Speaker: Dr. Tom McGrath

Venue : Hearn's Hotel at 8.15 p.m. Admission £1.00

Dr. McGrath lectures in Maynooth, and spoke to us in 1987 on the 1848 Rebellion. He was associate editor of "Tipperary History and Society"

Wednesday  
May 9

**VISIT TO THE SWISS COTTAGE**

Meet at Oakville, to leave promptly at 6.15 p.m. to ensure the best of the light. Travel in member's cars. There will be a small entrance charge.

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**THE COUNTY OF CLARE - ITS UNIQUE HERITAGE.**

The Clare Archaeological and Historical Society will host their annual conference in The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on 27 - 29 April, 1990. Further information from Susan Doherty, County Library, Ennis. (065) 21616.

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**IRISH TOWER HOUSES - A CO. TIPPERARY CASE STORY.**

In 1987 the group for the study of Irish Historic Settlement published a 35-page pamphlet on the above topic by Conrad Cairns. Mr. Cairns completed his thesis on Tipperary Tower Houses under Dr. Henry Barry of Trinity College, Dublin. Due to our reciprocal membership agreement with the Military History Society of Ireland, a limited number of these pamphlets has been made available, price £2.50.

Contact: Joe Walsh (Hon. Secretary) (065) 25333.

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**TIPPERARY HISTORICAL JOURNAL, 1990.**

With another four months to go before the journal is typeset (in July 1990), the editor is reasonably satisfied that he has articles for a journal of approximately 160 pages from about a dozen contributors, covering topics from archaeology to the Civil War. June 30 next is the final deadline, and the editor would appreciate receiving the material as soon as possible, to facilitate him in planning the Journal. He is also anxious to build a reserve for future issues, especially articles on geographical topics and articles in Irish. (For editor's address, see 1989 Journal; contributions may also be sent or delivered to the Co. Library, Thurles, marked 'Tipperary Historical Journal 1990').

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**ORMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

The Society will host an illustrated lecture on the 23rd of April in the Ormond Hotel, Nenagh, at 8.30 p.m.

Castletown Area - Profile of a Parish by Michael Joyce.

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**NENAGH DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY:**

The Society opens its doors again on Easter Sunday and will have the National Museum Exhibition of "Daily Life in a Viking Town". It consists of one hundred and two objects and eight illustrations. The objects mainly came from the Wood Quay excavations. (067) 32633.

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**THE STORY OF CAPPWHITE G.A.A. 1886 - 1989:**

The above story is told by author John Kelly in a 368 page hardback volume, with over a 100 photographs, at a cost of ten pounds and includes the social and political history as well as the G.A.A. of the parish from 1880's to 1989.

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**MICHAEL CUSACK AND THE G.A.A. BY MARCUS DE BURCA.**

This is a full length biographical story of Michael Cusack, the founder of the G.A.A. It is a compelling book for any G.A.A. follower to read, as it gives a wonderful background to how the Gaelic Association was founded and the difficulties it encountered in its early years. (1989)

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**HISTORY OF SOUTH TIPPERARY. BY PATRICK C. POWER.**

The story of the land - who owned it, who took it, what was done with it, how its destiny was shaped from the early Christian days to the twenty first century, including both political and social history.

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**WILLIAM SMITH O'BRIEN BY RD. DAVIS OF TASMANIA.**

A study of the young Irishman Wm. Smith O'Brien's life from his youth to the "Warhouse" in Ballingarry, and finally to Tasmania. The author draws on the little known Tasmanian Journal kept by O'Brien for research on his exile years. Published by Geography Publications, Dublin (Wm Nolan).

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**THURLES, THE CATHEDRAL TOWN. BY WM. CORBETT AND WM. NOLAN.**

A volume of essays on Thurles including its holy sites, medieval role, religious houses, the foundation of G.A.A. and many other interesting topics, by specialists in their respective fields. The book is in honour of His Grace, Most Reverend Dr. Morris for his valuable contribution to history in the Cashel and Emly Dioceses.

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**SEEKING - INFORMATION;**

Frank Meehan, 94 Main St., Portlaoise, Co. Laois (0504) 22149 is compiling a "History of the Members of Parliament for King's and Queen's Counties from 1585 to 1800". He would appreciate any information on Terence McGrath, M.P. for Queen's county 1643 - 1647. Terence McGrath came from Ailbolaine, Co. Tipperary and was grandson of Most Rev. Dr. Miler McGrath D.D. Lord Archbishop of Cashel. He was elected M.P. for Queen's County on 20th November, 1643 in place of Capt. George Graham. He died in 1646.

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**SEEKING -- INFORMATION.**

The Treasurer, John Kelly, who is at present researching the History of the Cappawhite/Donohill/Annacarty parishes, would appreciate any information on a Catholic Landlord Valentine Ryan and his father William Ryan, who was a tithe proctor in the 1830's, plus any other relevant information on the above parishes. He is most anxious to trace the Ryan pedigree prior to William Ryan of 1830, and if possible to link him up with the Ryans of Bologhead-Mor/Clonbrick, of the CIVIL Survey.

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**SEEKING - INFORMATION.**  
**IRISH MEDICAL QUACKS.**

Dr. J. Finlayson Fleetwood, 11 Proby Square, Blackrock, Dublin (01) 887329 is preparing a work on Irish Medical Quacks, particularly of the last century. He would appreciate if anyone has records/works/knowledge etc..

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**TIPPERARY TOWN AND DISTRICT HERITAGE SOCIETY:**

**LECTURES**

March 15th	Tipperary Castles	by Mr. Pat Holland
April ?	The White boys	by Ms. Maria Luddy
May ?	John O'Leary	by Marcus De Burca

The 12th April, marks the Centenary of the Wm. O'Brien arcade in New Tipperary (Site of Kiely's Bakery). This event is being commemorated by the New Tipperary Centenary committee by announcing plans on that date to purchase a house in New Tipperary and refurbish it, in it's original style. It is hoped to use it as a heritage centre.

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**CENTENARY G.A.A. STORY OF FETHARD, COOLMORE AND KILLRUSTY 1887 - 1987.**  
**BY MICHAEL AHEARNE.**

This book is a comprehensive record of football, hurling, camogie, handball and G.A.A. activity in general in the parish.

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**THE OLD CASHEL SOCIETY.**

An interesting lecture on Castles in Co. Cork by James N. Healy will be held in the Palace Hotel, Cashel at 8.00 p.m. on March 29th.

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**NEWSLETTER NO. 2**

The success of this newsletter will depend on the contribution of the members. Members should provide details of information on walks, lectures, courses, publication and any other historical events in their own area. The Newsletter could be used as a means of exchange of information between members and may help to resolve many queries.

Items for inclusion in The Summer Newsletter should reach John Kelly (hon. Treasurer), Cappawhite, not later than, April 17th, 1990.

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