

CO. TIPPERARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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ARCHAEOLOGISTS:- (i) The most recent number of the Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland (Vol.118,1988), published some months ago, contained (pages 92-101) an article by Dorothy Kelly on cross-carved slabs found at an old church site at Latteragh, 8 miles south-east of Nenagh.
(ii) The most recent issue of the North Antiquarian Journal (vol.XXIX,1987), published last Spring, contains (page 94) a note by Donal J. O'Riordan on a destroyed ringfort near Drom, Templemore, Co. Tipperary.

SITES AND MONUMENTS:

The sites and Monuments Record Office are at present compiling a record of archaeological monuments up to 1700 in date for Co. Tipperary. This work will involve a detailed study of map evidence, documentation contained in archaeological journals, local histories, fieldwork reports and analysis of aerial coverage for the county. The information compiled will be computerised and distributed in the form of a check-list and marked-up maps to the county planning agencies, libraries and archaeological and historical societies within Co. Tipperary. This stage in the archaeological survey of Co. Tipperary is largely office intensive and will be supplemented by a limited amount of fieldwork. Therefore, the office of Public Works would be grateful for any information you might be able to give them regarding unmapped sites. Local fieldworkers should contact Ms. Geraldine Stout, Sites & Monuments, Record Office, Office of Public Works, 15 Hatch Street, Dublin 2. (01) 613111

LOCAL HISTORIAN DIES:

The death took place of Tim Looney, Pearse St., Cahir, on the way home from the County Hurling Final in Thurles on Sunday, 14th Oct. 1990. As a young man he was all round Athlete and won many trophies in various sports. He was very involved with the G.A.A. both as a player, committee man, and in the juvenile age group. He was also a keen Beagler and open Coursing enthusiast. He had few equals as a local patriot and parish work. Tim's life long devotion to and love for parish history, research and folklore, marked him out as a man apart in these fields. He was also a noted authority on family research. His valuable collection of books and papers of local and County Historical interest can be referred to in the "Bolton Library, Cashel. Rev. Fr. Meehan. P.P. New Inn.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES

Two of the Monday evening talks for the Spring session of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland 1991 will be given by members to the Co. Tipperary Historical Society - Ms Mary Cahill of the National Museum (April 22) and Ms Peggy Brennan of Trinity College. Ms Cahill contributed to the 1989 Tipperary Historical Journal and Ms Brennan to the 1990 issue.

CLANS OF IRELAND

A public meeting will be held in Dundrum House Hotel on Sunday 24th March at 8.00 p.m. re clans in general of Tipperary. Naturally, there will be representatives of the four main Tipperary Septs, Kennedys, O'Dwyers, Meaghers and Ryans. In addition there will be representatives/discussions on other clans ex. Egans, Heffernans, Keatings, Bourkes, Kellys, Walshes, Gallahues and Hanleys etc. The Purpose of the meeting is how to set up or organise your own sept. Contact John Bradshaw, Cahir Road, Tipperary. (062) 51298 before 9.30 a.m. and between 6-8 p.m.

CLAN INFORMATION

General information on the various clans of Ireland is available from the Clans of Ireland Office c/o Genealogical Department, 2/3 Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

HANLEY CLAN

The Hanley family originated in Co. Roscommon along the Banks of Shannon. There are estimated to be over 5000 in Ireland and possibly ten times more outside the country. The clan committee hopes to hold a reunion in September in 1991. Its main objective is to share knowledge, and friendship and to preserve the Hanley heritage for posterity. Contact John Hanley, Deerpark, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary. (062) 71108.

SCHOOLS RENUNION

Hollyford National School and Curraghpoor/Donaskeigh N.S. will be celebrating a hundred years this year. Both schools committees intend to hold a reunion function in Autumn and publish a booklet of 100 pages or more. Contact Bridget Ryan, The Village, Hollyford or Denis Dwyer, National School, Donaskeigh, Co. Tipperary.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR IRISH STUDIES

Ms Maria Luddy of Clonmel, a member of the Co. Tipperary Historical Society and a contributor to the Tipperary Historical Journal, has been invited to address the 1991 annual conference of the ACIS to be held in the University of Wisconsin-Madison on April 10-13. The American conference for Irish Studies is the most prestigious V.S. academic body involved in all aspects of Irish history and literature, and numbers some of the most prominent Irish American academics among its members.

DEAR OLD NEWPORT TOWN

Newport in 'Song and Poetry' - 44 pages published by Michael Bourke, Festival Committee, Newport. Price £3.00. The first sixteen songs in the book are composed by Michael Bourke the famous ballad maker and his classic was "Dear Old Newport Town".

GLEESON - CARROKEALE

Bernard A. Gleeson, 4556 Graywood Avenue, Long Beach CA 90808 would appreciate any information on Gleeson's of Carrokeale which is in or about Newport. He is also interested in obtaining any books/articles dealing with the history of that part of the country.

EMLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

It is a 54 Page initial Parish magazine of Emly containing a mixture of articles of historical interest, old photographs, a brief history of the G.A.A. in Emly, as well as reports from several societies and organisations in the parish. Price £3.00. Michael O' Dwyer, College Gardens, Kilkenny.

NEWPORT PARISH NEWSLETTER

A 132 page 1990 Christmas edition booklet of Newport, containing among its many many interesting articles - History of the Wallers of Newport, the first Lord Bloomfield, mining in Lackamore and Kilea etc, Price £2.50. Newport Parish Newsletter Committee.

TIPPERARY HISTORICAL JOURNAL 1991

Intending contributors are asked to co-operate in sending promised material to the Editor as soon as possible. Due to the prohibitive cost of postage it is proposed for the 1991 issue to keep the weight of the Journal to a particular size, and this will mean that when a certain weight has been reached all later contributions will have to be held over for the 1991 Journal.

BASSETT'S DIRECTORY OF CO. TIPPERARY 1989

The Editor of the Tipperary Historical Journal has arranged for a reprint of this now rare source of information on the county 100 years ago. The Belfast publishers Friars Bush Press, who have already reprinted several other Bassett volumes for Northern counties, hope to have a 1991 reprint of the Co. Tipperary Bassett ready by Autumn of 1991, in association with the Co. Tipperary Historical Journal. As with the Bassett's for Northern counties, the retail price will be within the reach of the ordinary book-buyer. Further details will be given in this Newsletter later in 1991.

1988 TIPPERARY HISTORICAL JOURNAL REPRINT

The editor has recently obtained delivery of a small number of reprints of this first issue of the 6 months in 1988. Members and others wishing to have all three issues (1988,1989 & 1990) to complete their set can obtain the reprint for £10 at the Co. Library, Castle Ave, Thurles or from the Post House Bookshop, Gladstone St., Clonmel. In Dublin copies may be obtained from the editor by phoning 331051 messages may be left in his absence on an answering machine.

MOUNTBRUIS GRAVEYARD - LATTIN

An excellent survey of Mount Bruis Graveyard has been completed and published. The earliest recorded burial is 1734 and over 80% of memorial slabs are legible. There is a plan of the cemetery with graves No. and corresponding index. A nominal index is included in the report. Price £4 (Postage included) Mr. David Leahy, "Knocknagow", Dundrum Rd., Tipperary.

KILFEACLE GRAVEYARD - GOLDEN

Mr. William Ryan M.C.C., Kilfeacle, Golden has some copies left of his excellent publication on Kilfeacle Graveyard - whose early legible memorial slabs date to 1690. The book also contains index to all burials. Price £3.00.

FETHARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A.G.M. - 26th March Abby Mill Theatre at 8.30 p.m. Hopes to have a Replica of Sheila Ni Gig restored to Kiltine Church this year.

Friends of Fethard restoring Old Medieval Town Walls.

CLONMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lectures 8.15 Ahearnes Hotel.

April 8th - Franciscians in Clonmel by Rev. Pat Conlan.

May 6th - A visit to Fethard - town walls Abbey Mills. Assembled in Oak Field at 6.30 p.m.

NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

Open 32st March 10 - 5 p.m. Weekdays 2.30 - 5 p.m. Weekends.

New feature on Ardnacrusha - Ireland's first hydro electronic scheme. Exhibition of exotic and tative wood including a "talking tree":- Ash tree tells the story of its life from planting to becoming a piece of furniture.

NEW TIPPERARY CENTINARY COMMITTEE

Hopes to have the 100 year old 'Dalton House' of New Tipperary restored to its original status.

TEMPLEMORE HISTORY SOCIETY

26 April - Political Connection of Holy Cross Abbey by William Hayes in the Convent Assembly Hall at 8 o'clock.

OLD CASHEL SOCIETY

21st March - Gaelic Manuscripts of Co. Tipperary by Donnach O'Dubhlin in Cashel Palace Hotel at 8 p.m.

Early Christian Ireland - High Crosses. April 5th to 7th Contact George Cunnigham, Roscrea Heritage Centre.

ORMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lectures 8.30 Ormond Hotel, Nenagh.

25th March - Penal Area in relation to North Tipperary - Rev Ignatius Murphy. (Killaloe Dioscian Historian)

22nd April - Young Ireland movement in North West Tipperary - Dr. William Nolan - U.C.D.

REMINDERS

If for any unknown reason you have not renewed your 1990 Membership - please complete the enclosed form and your Journal will be forwarded to you.

Remember your 1991 Membership subscription is due before the 31st March.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

All items to be with Treasurer John Kelly, Hillview, Chadville, Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary before May 12th 1991.