

NEWSLETTER

COUNTY TIPPERARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A Note From The Chairman

Dear Members,

I am glad to announce the return of our newsletter, which was much valued by so many of you as a guide to activities and events around the County, publications and general Society news.

We hope to publish this newsletter twice yearly (Spring and Autumn) and, since we rely on our members for information regarding events etc., we would welcome news and contributions from anyone interested in having their information included. As this is the first issue of our newsletter after a lengthy absence, it is understandably a lot briefer than we would have wished. However, with your co-operation, the next edition will be far more substantial.

For the benefit of those members who could not attend our recent A.G.M., I am pleased to say that the Society continues to make major progress, and 1993 looks like being one of our most successful years to date. Financially, we are more viable than ever before, thanks to your continued support. I would like to pay particular tribute to my fellow officers, and the members of the Committee (see below), who have done so much to put us in the favourable position we now find ourselves. Our express aim for 1993 is to broaden the scope of our activities, particularly in areas such as seminars, lectures and field trips, thereby attracting a wider cross-section of members at local and national level. Again, thank you for your support,

MARTIN MAHER, Chairman

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Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris

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A Note From The Editor

At a meeting in Thurles in August 1987, the County Tipperary Historical Society was founded. It's stated object was " to promote the study of the history, archaeology, folklore and geography of the county ... and to publish annually a journal ". Three months later an editor was appointed, and twelve months later, the first issue of the Tipperary Historical Journal (1988) was launched in Holycross. We have now reached the 5th issue of the journal, and published no less than 1100 pages by 90 contributors. In addition, 3 pamphlets were published ; Michael Moroney's "George Plant and the Rule of Law", Joseph Hayes' "Guide to Tipperary Newspapers" and Noreen Higgin's "Genealogical Sources for Co. Tipperary". The first issue of the Journal (1988), all 1,000 copies, was sold out within 6 months, as were the 500 or more of the Plant pamphlet.

The 6th issue of the Journal (1993) will, all going well, be ready by September. The principle articles to look forward to include a long contribution by Dr. Denis Marnane on the unpublished diaries of Samuel Cooper, a previously unpublished memoir on the War of Independence in North Tipperary by the late Sean Gaynor of Nenagh and the final instalment of Col. Tommy Ryan's account of the Third Tipperary Brigade 1917-1921. Also included will be a 5 year index of every article in the journal between 1988 and 1992 by Pat Nolan of Kilkenny, an extract from a thesis by Catherine Breathnach on Archbishop Brennan of Cashel, together with the usual complement of archaeology articles and book reviews.

All contributions, news, information, correspondence etc. should be addressed to :
The Secretary, County Tipperary Historical Society, c/o County Library,
Castle Avenue, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Ireland
Closing date for Autumn Newsletter : Friday August 13 1993

Places to visit

Tipperary S.R. County Museum

Parnell Street, Clonmel

Tuesday - Saturday 10a.m.-1p.m. / 2p.m.-5p.m.

Permanent exhibition on the history of South Tipperary

To 1 May "Postart" Exhibition of original works of art reproduced in Irish stamps

May An exhibition of items connected with notable Tipperary sports personalities

Damer House

Castle Street, Roscrea

April : Sunday only 10a.m.-5p.m.

May - September : Open every day

Nenagh District Heritage Centre

Old Gaol Complex

16 May - 28 September Mon. - Fri 10a.m.-5p.m.

Sunday 2.30p.m.-5p.m. Closed Saturday

Located in North Tipperary's former County Gaol. Displays relating to folk life and prison life

Recent Publications

Details given where available

*Grace, Daniel/Whyte, Edward Canon - Cloughjordan Heritage No. 3, 64pp, £2.50 or £3.00 by post from; Daniel Grace, Ardcroney, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

*Hallinan, Michael (Ed.) - Tipperary County: People and Places Kincora Press, (Launched May 3), 176pp, £8.95 (Pre-publication offer £7.50 to Kincora Press, 78 St. Lawrence Rd., Dublin 3).

*Bermingham, J.S. - True Stories from Irish History From author at 24 St. Brendan's Ave., Coolock, Dublin 5 (Refers to Bermingham family in Co. Tipperary).

*Cunningham, George/Prior, Tom (Eds) - The Convent of the Sacred Heart 1842-1992, 135pp, £5.00, p/b (Roscrea).

*McDermott, H. (Ed.) - Vertue Rewarded or The Irish Princess, Colin Smythe, 1993, £6.95 P/b (1693 story set in Clonmel).

*Carr, Mary (Ed.) - Knockgraffon School 1871-1992, 140pp.

*Lonergan, Eamonn - A Workhouse Story: A History of St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel 1842-1992, 223pp, £10.00, h/b.

*Riordan, Gerard (Ed.) - The Lattin-Cullen Journal, Vol. 2 68pp, £3.00.

*Moloughney, Kathleen - Roscrea, My Heart's Home, 136pp, £15.00, h/b.

*Lisnamrock Past Pupils Union - The Acres Revisited, 88pp, £5.00, p/b (History of Lisnamrock N.S.).

*Cunningham, George - Roscrea People, Vol. 8, 120pp, £3.99, p/b.

*Murphy, Ignatius - The Diocese of Killaloe 1800-1850, Four Courts Press 488pp, £30.00, h/b (Vol. 2 of proposed three part).

*Cunningham, George - Roscrea Golf Club 1892-1992, 168pp, h/b & p/b.

*Barrett, Max - Because of these, 191pp, £10.00 (plus £3.00 post), p/b (19th Century Tipperary transportees to Australia, Ned Ryan) available from Marcus Bourke, 17 Brooklawn, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

*Roscrea Heritage Society - Eile; Journal of the R.H.S., new volume proposed for 1993

NOTE : Newsletter welcomes all info. regarding recent publications of interest to Co. Tipperary

Bassett, G.H. - Guide & Directory to Co. Tipperary, Friars Bush Press : Limited copies still available from Tipperary Historical Society c/o Co. Library, h/b £15.00 + £3.00 p/p, p/b £7.00+£3 p/p

Local Society Programmes

CLONMEL "Aspects of Medieval Clonmel"
Illustrated talk by Mary Henry
in Hearn's Hotel, 26 April at 8.15 p.m.

Visit to Callan
16 May, Guide : Joe Kennedy
Meet at Oakville Car Park, 2.15 p.m.

ROSCREA "The Heritage of Ireland" talks by George Cunningham, being held at Damer House, continue with :
"The New Orders and Medieval Monasteries"
26 April at 8.30 p.m.

"The Big House" 10 May at 8.30 p.m.

"The Heritage of Local Books" proposed for May, date to be finalised.

CASHEL "The Cromwellian Plantation"
Talk by Tadhg Hayden, 22 April, Palace Hotel
8.30p.m., Admission £1.00

"Stone Carving in Galway"
Talk by Jim Higgins, proposed for May, date to be finalised, details from Gerard Crotty, 052/62218

TIPPERARY "Parliamentary Representation in 20th Century Tipperary", Talk by William Corbett, Community Services Centre, 13 April, 8.30p.m., £1 don.

Visit to Roscrea, proposed for May, date to be finalised, details from John Bradshaw 062/51298

NENAGH "Plant life in Archaeology"
Talk by Siobhan Geraghty, 26 April, Nenagh Lodge, 8.30p.m., Adm. £2 non-member, Students 50p

Field Trips: 23 May - Newport and environs
20 June - Lusmagh, Co. Offaly and environs
18 July - Burgessbeg and environs
(Sunday afternoons, contact Danny Grace 067/38127)

Conferences and Summer Schools

Roscrea Spring Conference

Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea 16 - 18 April

Theme : "Relics, Reliquaries and Associated Places"

Speakers include : Charles Doherty, U.C.D., "The Social and Political use of Relics in Early Christian Ireland", Prof. Eamonn O'Carragain, U.C.C., "Saints and the City : The Roman Cult of the Martyrs and Early Medieval Liturgies", Sr. Benedicta Ward, Oxford, "Relics and Reformation"
Fee £25.00 (incl. field trip to Lorrha & Terryglass)
Contact : George Cunningham, Parkmore, Roscrea.

Slieveardagh Summer School

Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, Thurles 5-9 July

Theme : "Teaching Places : The European Perspective"

Speakers include : Dr. William Nolan, "History and Place", Pat Holland, Co. Museum, "Archaeology and Place", Michael Coady, "Literature and Place"
Fee £35.00 (incl. field trips to local historic and archaeological sites, farm visits & Bord na Mona, Littleton)
Contact : Dr. William Nolan, U.C.D.