

NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The *Tipperary Historical Journal* of 2001 edited by Marcus Bourke maintained the standard of excellence which has characterised the Journal during Marcus's tenure. There were seventeen articles which treated a diverse range of topics pertinent to the history of the county and the wider island of Ireland. The book review section was particularly strong with a fine crop of books reviewed by a distinguished panel of reviewers. *Sadly the 2001 Journal marks the end of Marcus's term as Editor.*

After fourteen journals he has decided to retire from the position. He has made a marvellous contribution to the home of his ancestors and has built up an unrivalled corpus of scholarly work on the county of Tipperary. He has brought the *Tipperary Historical Journal*, and by extension the Society, to a wide audience at home and abroad and the continued good health of both is ample testimony of his dedication and tenacity. The *Journal* now ranks amongst the best of the publications emanating from local societies in Ireland.

Happily Marcus has accepted the position of President of the Society. At the 2001 AGM we made a presentation to him to acknowledge his sterling work over the years. The Committee also decided to acknowledge its debt to the outgoing editor by a survey of his published work, and an appraisal of the forces which created his commitment to history. This material will be published in the 2002 volume. Des Marnane will assess his publications in the fields of political and social history, including his biography of John O'Leary and the more recent book *Murder at Marlhill*. Seamus King will examine Marcus's role as historian of the Gaelic Athletic Association and I will attempt a biographical essay.

It is now my pleasant task to introduce our new Editor, Kevin Griffin, whom the Society's Committee unanimously appointed at its 2001 AGM on 26 May 2001. Kevin is a native of Ballina, Co. Tipperary. After attending secondary school in Killaloe, he trained as a primary teacher in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, and then worked as a

historical researcher in Killaloe. Having completed a Master's degree by thesis at NUI Maynooth, Kevin was awarded a scholarship by the Dublin Institute of Technology where he began work on his PhD - dealing with the ecclesiastical origins of Irish settlements. Kevin now works in the Department of Geography, University College Dublin, where he co-ordinates the modular degree course in Local Studies. He also teaches courses on tourism and historical geography both in UCD and the DIT.

He has published articles and books on various topics; most pertinent for the Tipperary reader is *Ballina/Boher* (2000), which he co-authored with his father (also Kevin). This publication gave Kevin an opportunity to focus on his native parish and to use a variety of skills ranging from academic geography to photography and computing.

The Society welcomes Kevin as Editor. He has already assembled a fine volume for 2002 and we hope that all our members and contributors will continue with the support which has made the Society such a vibrant part of the landscape of local studies in Ireland.

Naturally, a new Editor coming on board has caused some expected delays in bringing the 2002 Journal to print and we thank our members for their understanding support during the current upheaval. However, the 2002 *Tipperary Historical Journal* is just completed and we expect to ship your copy towards the end of October. With this in mind, please note that if your membership is due for 2002, a membership renewal form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

JOURNAL 2002

As mentioned above, the 2002 Journal features a number of articles marking an appreciation of the outstanding work by the Society's long-standing Editor, Marcus Bourke:

- ◆ *Marcus Bourke: Bibliography*
- ◆ William Nolan: *Marcus Bourke: a biographical sketch*
- ◆ Denis Marnane: *Marcus Bourke & His Writings*



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AGM 2002 BRIEFS

- ◆ Seamus J. King: *Marcus Bourke: his GAA writings*

The main body of the 2002 Journal then concentrates on the following varied subjects:

- ◆ Edmond O'Donovan & Dr. Seán Duffy: *A Deserted Medieval Village at Ballysheehan, Co. Tipperary*
- ◆ Michael O'Donnell: *Parliamentary Representation for Co. Tipperary 1560-1800 (Part III)*
- ◆ Bernadette Cunningham: *Geoffrey Keating's Family Connections*
- ◆ Stiofán O'Cadhlá: *Captaen na bhFear mBán: Father Nicholas Sheehy in history & folklore*
- ◆ Anthony McCan: *The Roman Princess from Tipperary*
- ◆ John Heuston: *The Weavers of Shronell 250 years ago*
- ◆ Arthur Carden: *Templemore Houses & Castles – drawings by Robert Smith*
- ◆ David Butler: *Beyond Roman Catholicism: other aspects of Christianity in Carrick-on-Suir since the Reformation*
- ◆ Alf MacLochlainn: *From Tipperary to Joseph's Prairie: the story of Joe Ryan, the seventh man in Hayes Hotel*
- ◆ Denis Marnane: *Tipperary Town One Hundred Years Ago: issues of identity*
- ◆ Denis Marnane: *Thomas Davis White's Sixty Years in Cashel [Part II]*
- ◆ Pat Lonergan: *Tipperary T.D.s*
- ◆ William Nolan: *Michael Doherty's GAA*
- ◆ Pa Lonergan: *Preparing for an Ambush*
- ◆ Seán Cearnaigh: *Ministir Reabhlóideach*

A comprehensive books section, including notices by Denis Marnane, also features reviews by William Hayes; Donal Murphy; Kevin Griffin; George Cunningham; William Nolan; R. Gillespie and Thomas Deegan of: *The History of the O'Dwyers; Ballina/Boher Parish; The Heritage of Ireland; Cooper's Ireland; An Hourglass on the Run; The Last Lords of Ormond and The Modern Story of St. Cronans.*

New Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the County Library, Thurles on Saturday April 20, 2002 with Dr. William Nolan as Chairman. A number of important issues arose, which we will note here, but the first order of business was to wish our esteemed past Editor, Marcus Bourke, the members' best wishes on his retirement from the post and to welcome him as the new President of the Society. The new Editor, Kevin Griffin, was welcomed onboard, and he gave an outline of the contents of the forthcoming 2002 Journal. The new Committee for 2002/2003 is:

President: Marcus Bourke; *Chairman:* Dr. William Nolan; *Vice-Chairs:* Mrs. Kitty Barry & Sean Watts; *Secretary:* Dr. Denis Marnane; *Treasurer:* Jess Codd; *PRO:* Donal O'Regan; *Eagarthóir Gaeilge:* Donnchadh Ó Duibhir

Committee: Mary Guinan-Darmody; Michael Fitzgerald; Michael Hall; Fr. Christy O'Dwyer; Liam Ó Duibhir; Anne Ryan; Richard O'Brien; John Gleeson; Miriam Lambe; Cáit Logue; Christy Walsh; John Palmer; John McGinley; John Heuston; Peg McGarry; Terry Cunningham, John Long & Hugh Sweeney.

Membership Fee Increase

Since its foundation, the annual membership fee has never been increased by the Society from its initial rate of £10.00 per year. The current membership base has been mostly responsible for this, as it has been strong enough to fund the Society in printing its annual Journal and in covering administration costs - the Committee has succeeded in putting an increase off at a number of annual general meetings because of the Society's healthy bank balance. However, the cost of publishing the annual Journal has been steadily rising over the past two years (along with shipping costs) and, therefore, a minimal increase was passed at the



President of the Society Marcus Bourke; Secretary Dr. Denis Marnane; Editor Kevin Griffin; Chairman Dr. William Nolan and Eagarthóir Gaeilge Donnchadh Ó Duibhir at the 2002 AGM.

2002 AGM: membership fees will rise from IR£10.00 to €15.00 per annum from January 1, 2003. A letter will issue to all Irish members who pay by direct debit before the end of the year to ask them to notify their banks of the impending increase. Overseas members will be notified of their membership rate in their currency when renewal forms issue in 2003.

Out-of-Print Journals

Perhaps the most alarming statistic at this year's AGM was the fact that the *Tipperary Historical Journal 2000* is now out-of-print. This means that the Society's Journals for the years 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 2000 are now out of stock. Members who have incomplete collections should note that

the Journals for 1992, 1995 and 1998 are also dangerously low. With this in mind, the Committee agreed to strongly consider, in 2003, the reprinting of out-of-print Journals beginning with 1988. This decision, naturally, will depend on available funds but, as can be seen from the financial reports for 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 which appear in this Newsletter, our financial situation does seem likely to allow us to begin this project next year.

Financial Reports

Below are the financial reports for 2000/2001 and 2001/2002. The balance for both years has remained quite good, allowing the Society to always have on hand the cost of the following year's Journal.

Financial Report 2000-2001

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, May 26th, 2001

OPENING BALANCE	£7,901.36
Current Account	£290.79
Deposit Account	£7,610.57
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<i>Income</i>	
Punt Income	£5,699.82
Direct Debit Membership	£1,544.93
Bank Interest	£20.89
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Punt	£7,265.64
Sterling	£693.36
US Dollar	£2,503.32
Canadian Dollar	£248.51
Australian Dollar	£231.56
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	£3,676.75
Total Income 2000/2001	£10,942.39
Total	£18,843.75
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<i>Expenditure</i>	
2000 Journal	£4,074.00
Offprints 2000	£682.00
Newsletter #13	£193.60
Postage	£1,687.02
Advertising	£35.00
Sundry	£449.03
Bank Charges	£71.39
Stationery	£211.90
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	£7,403.94
<i>Cash On Hand</i>	
Current Account	£81.78
Deposit Account	£11,358.03
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	£11,439.81
Total	£18,843.75
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CLOSING BALANCE	£11,439.81

Financial Report 2001-2002

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 20th, 2002

OPENING BALANCE	€14,525.56
Current Account	€103.84
Deposit Account	€14,421.72
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	€14,525.56
<i>Income</i>	
Membership & Sales	€5,212.00
Direct Debit Membership	€2,221.09
Bank Interest	€62.19
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Euro	€7,495.28
Sterling	€997.66
US Dollar	€2,866.53
Canadian Dollar	€253.60
Australian Dollar	€221.70
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	€4,339.49
Total Income 2001/2002	€11,834.77
Total	€26,360.33
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<i>Expenditure</i>	
2001 Journal	€8,869.12
Newsletter #14	€170.65
Postage	€1,950.84
Bank Charges	€39.22
Stationery	€350.07
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	€11,379.90
<i>Cash On Hand</i>	
Current Account	€3,642.41
Deposit Account	€11,338.02
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	€14,980.43
Total	€26,360.33
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CLOSING BALANCE	€14,980.43

THE BOOK COLUMN

As always this is a listing of titles of Tipperary interest added to stock in the Local Studies Department of the County Library. If you'd like to try and purchase any of these titles, John Butler at Bookworm, Parnell Street, Thurles [0504-22257] might be able to help, but remember some of these may now be out of print, especially annual publications!

- 2000 Toomevara Thanks for the Memories / 240pp, h/b, £20.00
- Boherlahan - Dualla Historical Journal 2001/ Boherlahan - Dualla Historical Journal Society, 128pp, pbk, £5.00
- Borrisokane Parish Journal 2001 / Borrisokane Historical Society, 80 pp, pbk, €8.89
- Epitaph of 1798 / Carrigbyrne Film Productions Ltd, 209pp, h/b, €36.00
- Echoes of the Hills 2001; Kilcommon Hollyford Rearcross, 72pp, pbk, £5.00
- Fethard and Killusty Newsletter 2001 / Fethard and Killusty Emigrants' Newsletter, 126pp, pbk, €7.00
- Forty Years Serving the Community; Thurles Credit Union 1961 - 2001, 75pp, pbk, £7.00
- Loughmore Castleiney Newsletter 2000 / 48pp, pbk
- Loughmore / Castleiney Newsletter 2001 / 48pp, pbk
- Newport News December 2001, Newport Newsletter Committee, 124pp, pbk, £5.00
- Poems For Lughnasa / Shinrone Tidy Towns Committee, 80 pp, pbk, £7.00
- Songs and Poems of Newport Old and New: Vol. 2 / Michael Bourke Festival Committee, 40pp, pbk, £3.00
- Tipperary Land Use & Economic Development Strategy: A 2020 Vision / Tipp Integrated Resource Development & al, 106pp, pbk, £30.00
- Tipperary GAA Yearbook 2002 / County Tipperary GAA Board, 272pp, pbk, £5.00
- Toomevara: Life, Song, Sport and Story (Video) / Toomevara Video Committee
- Tourist Trail; A Signposted Walking Tour of Cashel / Cashel Urban Council & Cashel Chamber of Commerce, 62pp, pbk, 50p
- Aggeler, M., Dear Richard: Letters to an Irish Immigrant 1865-1925 / Xlibris Corp, 171pp, pbk
- Atcheson, A.; Scrouthea / 115pp, pbk, £7.00
- Barry, M., Rev.; Foundations Vol. 12 Issue 2 Winter 2000 / Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly, 32pp, pbk, £1.00
- Barry, M., Rev.; Foundations Vol 13 Issue 1 Summer 2001 / Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly, 36pp, pbk, £1.00
- Butler, E.; Elizabeth Butler: Battle Artist Autobiography / Fisher Press, 282pp, pbk, £7.99
- Conry, M.J.; Dancing the Culm / Chapelstown Press, 333pp, h/b
- Cronin, D.A., Giligan, J., Holton, K.; Irish Fairs and Markets / Four Courts Press, 256pp, h/b
- Cullen, C.; Under the Eye of the Moon / Mercier Press, 95pp, pbk, £4.99
- Cullen, L.; Let's Twist Again / Blackstaff Press, 390pp, £9.99 pbk
- Cullen, M. & Luddy, M.; Female Activists Irish Women and Change 1900 - 1960/ Woodfield Press, 206pp, pbk, £14.50

- Cunningham, G.; The Modern Story of St. Cronan's, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary / 188pp, h/b
- Cunningham, G., Roscrea People, Vol. 17 / Roscrea People, 132pp, pbk, £4.50
- Delaney, B.; The Burgess Story - A GAA History / Nenagh Guardian, 720pp, h/b, £20.00
- Dooley, T.; Decline of the Big House / Wolfhound Press, 344pp, h/b
- Duffy, P.J, Edwards, D. & Fitzpatrick, E.; Gaelic Ireland: Land, Lordship & Settlement c. 1250 c. 1650 / Four Courts Press, 454pp, h/b
- Duggan, J.; In the Shade of the Comeraghs: A Profile of Rathgormack - Clonea / Rathgormack Press, 195pp, pbk, £15.00
- Dwyer, E. et al (eds.); Millennium Memories; Boherlahan - Dualla / Boherlahan - Dualla Millennium Pageant Committee, 116pp, pbk, £5.00
- Fitzgerald, M.; Ballingarry Parish Journal 2001 / 222pp, pbk, £5.00
- Fogarty, C.; The Disfranchisement of the Boroughs of Cashel and Sligo (M.A thesis) 263 pp
- Fone, G.; Midnight Oil: A Collection of Poems / Gutter Press, 34pp, pbk
- Freeman-Attwood, M.; Leap Castle: A Place and its People / Michael Russell Ltd, 192pp, h/b, £17.95
- Gallahue, J.; The Galtees Anthology / 248pp, pbk
- Gleeson, J.; Cashel of the Kings / De Búrca Books, 312pp, h/b, £30.00
- Grace, D. et al.; Cloughjordan Heritage Vol. 5. / Cloughjordan Heritage Editorial Committee, 88pp, pbk, £5.50
- Hannon, J.; A history of Gaelic Games in Lattin and Cullen 1886 - 2000 / Lattin Cullen GAA Club, 419pp, h/b, £15.00
- Hayes, M.; I slept with Dan: A Childhood Memoir/ Lisheen Publications, 42pp, pbk, € 7.00
- Hayes, W.J.; The Keeffes of the Jockey / Lisheen Publications, 80pp, h/b, €15.00
- Heritage Ireland: The Liam Minihan Collection on CD / The Munster Collection, £160
- Hewson, A.; No Ivory Tower: A Century of Vocational Education in Roscrea / 336pp, pbk
- Johnston-Liik, E.M.; History of the Irish Parliament / Ulster Historical Foundation, 6 Vols. £450 Stg.
- Keane, B.; The Galty, Knockmealdown and Comeragh Mountains/Collins Press, 103pp, pbk,
- Kennedy, J.J.; West Tipperary G.A.A. / West Tipperary G.A.A. Board, 518pp, h/b, £20.00
- Kierse, S.; The Killaloe Anthology, Boru Books / 246pp, pbk, £15.00
- Larkin, M.; Mullinahone: Its Heritage and History / Mullinahone Community Council, 394 pp, h/b, €20.00
- Larkin, M.; Mullinahone Magazine and Knocknagow News / Mullinahone Community Council, 48pp, pbk, £3.00
- Malcolmson, A.P.W.; Archbishop Charles Agar: Churchmanship and Politics in Ireland 1760 - 1810 / Four Courts Press, 678pp, h/b, €75.00
- Malone, T.; Alias Seán Forde/ Danesfort Publications, 118pp, pbk, £7.50
- Moran, P.; The Stubble Fields / Dedalus, 60pp, h/b, €8.80
- O'Donnell, E.E., Father Browne's Images of Tipperary / Wolfhound Press, 96pp, h/b
- Ó Drisceoil, P.; Ar Scardh Gabhail: An Fhéiniúlacht in Cín Lae Amhlaibh Uí Shúilleabháin / An Cléomhar
- O'Driscoll, D.; Troubled Thoughts, Majestic Dreams / Gallery Books, 360pp, pbk, £13.78
- O'Dwyer, M.; Tipperary's Sons and Daughters 1916 - 1923 /The Folk Village, 416pp, pbk, £15.00
- O'Gorman, M.; Barking at Blackbirds / Bradshaw Books, 30pp, pbk, £6.99
- Ó Lachtnáin, M.; My Life and Memories Rince agus Ceol / Lisheen Pubs, 160pp, h/b
- Ó Néill, E.; The Golden Vale of Ivowen: Between Slievenamon and Suir / Geography Pubs, 604pp, h/b, £25.00
- O'Reilly, D.; Accepting The Challenge: The Memoirs of Michael Flannery / Cló Saoirse, 220 pp, pbk, £7.50
- Rackard, A. & O Callaghan, L; Fish Stone Water: Holy Wells of Ireland/Atrium 144pp, h/b
- Stevens, P.; Archaeological Excavations: The Munster Hotel, Cathedral Street, Thurles / Mgt. Gowen & Company, 65pp, pbk
- Stevens, P.; Catalogue of Artefacts and Ecofacts: The Munster Hotel, Cathedral Street, Thurles / Mgt. Gowen & Company, 80pp, pbk
- Weir, H.; One Of Our Own: Memoirs Of Change / Ballinakella Press, 370pp, h/b, £16.95
- Wood, T., & Huftier, C.; Our People are on the Rock / 144pp, pbk, £5.00

Please note that Local Studies has now also acquired the 1911 Census on microfilm (127 reels).

JUST PUBLISHED:

Higgins, Noreen: Tipperary's Tithe War 1830-1838

This new book gives a description of the Tithe war in Co. Tipperary and East Limerick with special features that include dates for each parish's Tithe Applotment Book/Defaulters; Maps of the Cashel & Emly Diocese; drawings of the Anglican clergymen of the time, photos, local ballads and 1832 parish accounts of tithe incidents in the county.

Copies are available at €15.00 plus €3.00 postage from: *Noreen Higgins, Kilfeacle, Golden, Co. Tipperary.*

FORTHCOMING:

Hayes, W.J. (Ed.): A Life Of Its Own

This imminent publication is the story of a Tipperary parish, Moyné Templetuohy, in a limited edition, three hardback volume set. It is being described as the finest parish history ever undertaken in Ireland. Beautifully illustrated with photos, maps, and pen drawings by the artist Mary Flynn. The three volumes, with 1,600 pages, begin with the archaeology work undertaken by Margaret McGowan for Lisheen Mines and the work of Prof. Valerie Hall of Queens University. It gives an invaluable insight into the life of the parish from the Bronze Age to the Troubles, Civil War to the Depression of the 30's, 40's and 50's and also looks at the parish's sporting life over the last 100 years.

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