



NEWSLETTER

JOURNAL ON SCHEDULE

Following the success of last year's early launch of the Historical Journal (May 20th to be precise), the Society is pleased to be able to promise a similar, if not earlier, launch of the new Journal. Thanks to the efforts of the Editor and the contributors, the Journal is just finished being typeset, so it looks likely that members could receive their copy of the 1996 Journal even earlier in April this year if all goes to plan.

What's in store this year? In the Journal's second Famine section, running to 100 pages in 1996, pride of place goes to Dr. Des Marnane's 42-page account of conditions in South Tipperary during the worst Famine period. He exposes the shortcomings of British Government policy (both from Whitehall and Dublin Castle) in trying to cope with the disaster. Following three short records from the archives of the Folklore Commission (including one in Irish by the famous teacher/author from Newcastle, Séamus Ó Maolcathaigh), comes a fine 21-page survey of Famine conditions in Fethard by local historian Michael O'Donnell. Gordon Smith, a young Maynooth history graduate from Co. Dublin, also contributes a 13-page analysis of the medical aspects of the Famine in Tipperary.

Of the eleven general articles, the longest is that on the South Tipperary IRA from 1916 to 1921 by Dr. Joost Augusteijn of Amsterdam University (who gave a talk on

this topic to the Society last November) in which he uses the UCD Archives with great skill. A valuable genealogical history of the O'Meara family of Lissinsky, near Nenagh, comes from the distinguished pen of Dr. John J. O'Meara, who was Professor of Classics in UCD for 36 years until he retired twelve years ago.



Dr. Maria Luddy of the University of Warwick traces the work of District Nurses from 1815 to 1974, with special emphasis on Co. Tipperary. Archaeologist Dave Pollock, who lives near Fethard, contributes a detailed architectural account of the medieval Cahir Abbey, illustrated by no less than fourteen striking drawings of the complex by the author himself.

Amongst the books reviewed this year is the recent survey, by Rockwell teacher Séamus Leahy of the noted Tubberadora hurling family, of the "Babs" Keating era. This book is wittily (and appropriately) reviewed by the Editor of the Cork Historical & Archaeological Journal!

Contents

The full contents, therefore, of the forthcoming 1996 Journal are:

- The Famine in South Tipperary: Part I; Denis G. Marnane
- Memories of the Famine from the Irish Folklore Commission: Introduction

The Famine in Ballylooby; Tadhg MacCárthaigh

An Ghorta sa Chaisleán Nua agus sa Ghráinseach;
Séamus Ó Maolcathaigh

The Famine in Lisronagh; Patrick Lyons

- The Great Famine in Fethard, 1845-1850; Michael O'Donnell
- The Health and Medical Aspects of the Famine in Tipperary; Gordon Smith
- Crime in pre-Famine North-West Tipperary; Daniel Grace
- The Famine in the Clogheen Area; Edmund O'Riordan
- My Part in the War of Independence: Part II; Paddy Kinane
- Ballydavid House, Littleton; Patrick Bracken
- Clonmel Model School; Michael Ahern
- The O'Mearas of Lissinisky; John O'Meara
- North Tipperary in the Year of the Fenian Rising; Clare C. Murphy
- District Nursing in Ireland, 1815-1974; Maria Luddy
- The Operations of South Tipperary IRA, 1916-1921; Joost Augusteijn
- Car Owners in South Tipperary; Editor
- 18th Century Cashel Rental; Michael O'Dwyer
- Clonmel Excavations 3: South-East Corner of Medieval Walled Town - Test Investigations; Orla Scully
- Excavations at Cahir Abbey; Dave Pollock

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

At this time of year we tend to take the opportunity to not only look to the year ahead, but also to assess the year that has passed. 1995, in my opinion, was the year of consolidation in terms of Society membership, with a solid core of about 450 - 500 loyal members. The decision to launch the '95 Journal in May last year would seem to have paid dividends - sales are up quite significantly on previous years.

Our Editor informs me that all is going well for the '96 Journal, which will be launched in May. Again, as in 1995, there is an emphasis on the Great Famine in Tipperary with approximately 100 pages devoted to the subject. Speaking of the Famine once again reminds me of my long-standing aspiration to involve young people, particularly school-children, in the work of the Society. The Famine commemoration is an ideal opportunity for us to extend our scope of activities to include this age group and the presence of a number of school-children at one of our recent lectures on the Famine bears out this point.

Our forthcoming AGM is your opportunity to air whatever views you might have on Society matters (see notice of AGM below).

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for 1996.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Maher

Chairman

NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM of the County Tipperary Historical Society will be held at the County Library,
Thurles on

Saturday, March 23, 1996 at 3.00 p.m.

All members are earnestly requested to attend.
Members wishing to submit motions should do so before Monday, March 18, 1996.

Please regard this notice as official notification of the 1996 AGM.

HELP!

A Society member, Ian Pridmore of Essex, appeals for help with the following: "John Ferguson, born c1833, married Catherine Bourk and moved to Banbury, in Oxfordshire, England sometime before the birth of their first child in 1857. In the Banbury census of 1871, John gives his birthplace as Ireland, but searches so far have failed to locate his town of birth. Elder relatives of mine are adamant CASHEL is John's birthplace, but I have been unable to confirm this. The marriage may also have taken place in Ireland, presumably c1841-1857. I am desperate for assistance following many months of fruitless hard work. The only John Ferguson born in 1833 in Ireland that I have found was John & Jane Carmoney, Antrim". Can anyone shed any light on this query? You can get in contact with Ian at 48 Rothman's Avenue, Gt. Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9UF, England.

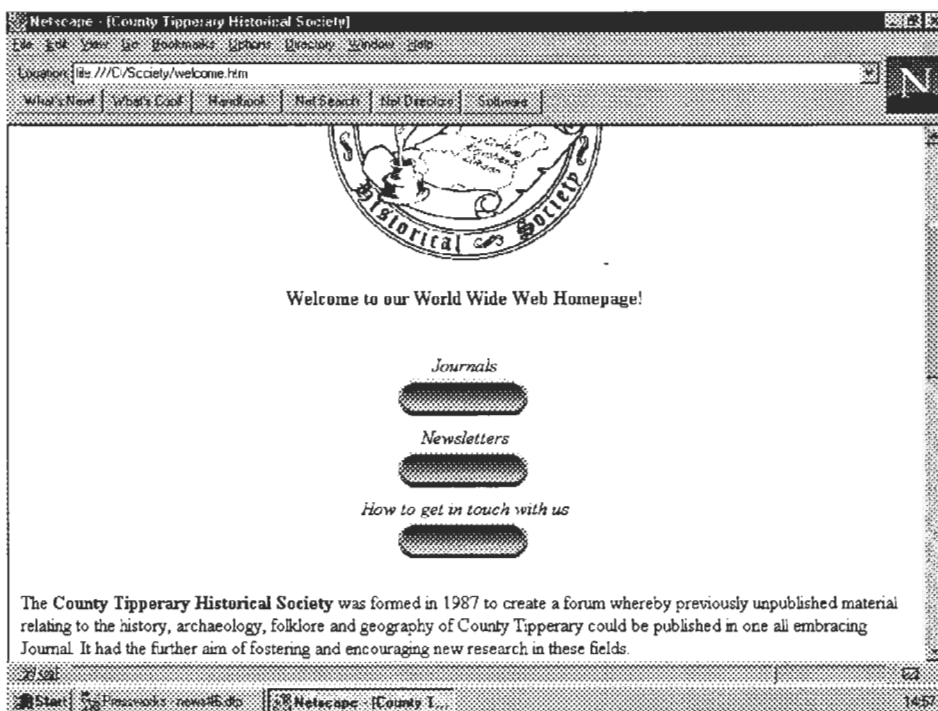
SPINNING A WEB



County Tipperary Historical Society became one of the first Societies in Ireland to maintain a presence on the Internet when we launched our site in the last week of December. This means, in essence, that the Society is now instantly available world-wide to anyone who has a PC with a modem and an Internet account through their local access provider. In countries like the USA, this means just the price of a local call or for free in states which have free local calls! In Ireland, Internet access should, by the end of 1996, be available to about 96% of the country for the price of a local call - at the moment the nearest point of access for Thurles is Limerick or Portlaoise.

The Society is able to maintain a Web presence because Tipperary Libraries holds an account with Ireland On-Line (IOL) to avail of Internet information facilities and e-mail (electronic mail), and all account holders are offered one megabyte of free space on IOL's server if they wish to write their own pages. The Society's site was developed by the Society's Treasurer, Jess Codd, who wrote the pages using the Internet language HTML and the Web 'browsers' Netscape Navigator (Versions 1 & 2) and Microsoft's Internet Explorer (Version 1).

The site consists of four pages: a welcome or introductory page



Above: The Welcome page of the Historical Society's Web site, viewed through Netscape's new version of Navigator. Pushing any of the buttons on-screen with a mouse links you to the appropriate page.

giving a short history of the Society and explaining its aims; a page detailing how to get in touch with the Society, who to contact and how to become a member; a page listing the entire contents and authors in each Journal from 1988 to 1995; and, finally, a page carrying the complete text of our Newsletters since issue 5 (the Newsletter you are now reading was available on the

Internet the day this issue was mailed to members). The site also allows visitors to send e-mail to the Society instantly by using the e-mail facility built into the pages. For those who have access, point your browser at the following address to pay us a visit:

<http://www.iol.ie/~tipplib/Welcome.htm>

THE BOOK COLUMN

A listing of titles recently added to stock in the Local Studies Department of the County Library. If you'd like to purchase any of these titles, John Butler at Bookworm may be able to help you - write or ring John first for availability and pricing details at Bookworm, West Gate, Friar Street, Thurles; (0504) 22257.

- ◆ Murphy, Nancy: Bourney Graveyard in Irish Family History, p94-101/Irish Family History Society, Vol. XI, 1995
- ◆ Leahy, Séamus: The Tipp Revival; Return to Glory, 1987-1994/Gill &

Macmillan, 216pp, p/b, £8.99

◆ White, James: My Clonmel Scrapbook/Tentmaker Pubs., 376pp, h/b, £15.95

◆ Murphy, Pat: Toss the Feathers; Irish Set Dancing/Mercier Press, 222pp, p/b, £8.99

◆ Cowman, D. & Brady, D.: The Famine in Waterford, 1845-1850/Geography Pubs, 344pp, h/b, £19.95

◆ Warwick-Haller, S.: William O'Brien & the Irish Land War/Irish Academic Press, 337pp, h/b, £9.95

◆ Hewson, A.: Inspiring Stones; A History of the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh & Emly/Diocesan Council of Limerick, 208pp, h/b, £15.00

◆ O'Riordan, E.: Famine in the Valley/Galty Vee Valley Tourism, 89pp, p/b, £5.00

- ◆ Riordan, G.: Tipperary Town & District; A Photographic Record/87pp, h/b, £25.00
- ◆ Murphy, Ignatius: The Diocese of Killaloe, 1850-1904/Four Courts Press, 527pp, h/b, £30.00
- ◆ Barrett, Max: A Riot of Ryans; The 19th Century Ryans of Boorowa/Church Archivists Press, 132pp, p/b
- ◆ Evans, A.: Keilor Pioneers; Dead Men Do Tell Tales/St. Albans History Society, 304pp, p/b
- ◆ Barrett, Max: Galong Cemetery/Church Archivists Press, 153pp, p/b
- ◆ MacEwan, M.: The Ryan Family & the Scarteen Hounds/Lambourne Press (1989), 223pp, h/b, £15.95
- ◆ O'Donoghue, Tom: The Arravale Rovers Story; The GAA in the Parish of Tipperary/Arravale Rovers, 564pp, h/b, £20.00
- ◆ Ó Meára, Miceál: Bloody Sunday 1920-1945/C.L.C.G., 82pp, p/b, £5.00
- ◆ Holohan, J.: The Dead Priest Who Speaks to the Living/Holohan, 138pp, p/b, £6.00
- ◆ Luddy, Maria: Women & Philanthropy in 19th Century Ireland/Cambridge Univ. Press, 251pp, h/b, £40.00
- ◆ Luddy, Maria: Women in Ireland, 1800-1918; A Documentary History/Cork Univ. Press, 356pp, h/b, £40.00
- ◆ Houlihan, E.B. & Murphy, D.: Tipperary: A Treasure Chest/Relay, 204pp, p/b, £6.95
- ◆ Riordan, G.: Riordan's Index; Extracts from Death Records in Ireland for the year 1836/Clann na hÉireann, 104pp, p/b, £6.00
- ◆ Ryan-Hackett, Rita C.: The Stapletons of Drom, alias Font-Forte/Thorvale, 263pp, h/b, £27.50
- ◆ Callanan, Martin: Records of Four Tipperary Septs/JAG, 180pp, h/b, £16.50
- ◆ Maher, John G.: Tubberadora; The Golden Square Mile/Boherlahan-Dualla GAA, 48pp, p/b
- ◆ Mullinahone Magazine & Knocknagow News 1995-96/44pp, £2.50
- ◆ Holycross-Ballycahill Parish Newsletter 1995/72pp, £3.00
- ◆ Cunningham, George: Roscrea People 1995/124pp, £3.99
- ◆ Newport News 1995/Newport

- Newsletter Committee, 163pp, p/b, £3.00
- ◆ County Tipperary Old IRA Commemorative Calendar 1996/JAG, £4.00
- ◆ Fethard-Killusty Newsletter 1995/Fethard Legion of Mary, 91pp, £3.00
- ◆ Moycarkey-Borris Newsletter 1996/67 pp
- ◆ Tipperary GAA Yearbook 1996/GAA Board, 164pp, p/b, £4.00
- ◆ Gortnahoe-Glengoolie Magazine Xmas 1995/Gortnahoe Community Committee, 96pp, £3.00
- ◆ Slieveardagh Newsletter, Xmas 1995/Slieveardagh Rural Development Co., £0.30
- ◆ The Stag Trippant, Vol. I, No. III, 1996; Official Journal of Clan McCarthy/Clan McCarthy Society, 112pp

CALENDAR



Newport Historical Society

- Monday, February 5: "Important Historical Events in the Killaloe, Ballina & Newport Areas" by Sean Kierse
 - Monday, March 4: "Keeping the Faith in Co. Tipperary since the Famine" by Fr. S. Fennelly
 - Monday, April 1: "Patrick Sarsfield" by Pakie Ryan
- Contact: Sean Guilfoyle, Black Road, Newport; (061) 378130

Sr. Áine Historical Society

- Thursday, February 15: "Paul Higgins" by Willie Hayes at Convent Assembly Hall, 8.00 p.m.
- March (date to be arranged): "Sean Treacy" by John Hassett
- March/early April: Neil Fogarty (Subject & date to be confirmed)

Contact: John Lanigan, 8 Richmond Grove, Templemore; (0504) 32061

Tipperary Town & District Historical Society

- Tuesday, February 13: "Genealogy" by Noreen Higgins at Community Centre, Tipperary

Details from Chairman, Denis Hartnett, 23 Marian Terrace, Tipperary (062) 52551 or Secretary, Mary O'Connor, Thomastown, Kilfeacle (062) 72368

Fethard Historical Society

- Sunday, February 11: Afternoon Book Fair, beginning at 2.30 p.m. in Fethard Ballroom with a lecture by Rudi Holzapfel on antiquarian books, along with valuations. The book selling and buying begins at 3.15 p.m. - admission £1.00 - with proceeds going towards the imminent publication of "Guide to Medieval Fethard", prepared by Dr. Tadhg O'Keefe

Contact: Joe Kenny at (052) 31663

Slieveardagh Historical Group

There are plans to create a Slieveardagh Historical Group. If you might be interested in helping or joining, please contact Slieveardagh Culture & Enterprise Centre, River Street, Killenaule; (052) 56165 or fax (052) 56510

Clonmel & District Historical & Archaeological Society

- Sunday, January 28th: "Old St. Mary's" by Col. S.J. Watson and "The Architecture of Old St. Mary's" by Margaret Quinlan, to begin at 2.30 p.m.; Other events to be finalised.

Contact: Liam O'Duibhir at (052) 22917 for further details

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