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PROCEEDINGS 2004

LECTURES

19 January	<i>Learning in Limerick – the school and scholars of the medieval city</i> Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB (Glenstal Abbey) <i>Anniversary Lecture – Limerick</i>
1 February	Annual Luncheon: Radisson Hotel Mr George Stacpoole (Member)
23 February	<i>The Royal Irish Constabulary</i> Mr Jim Herlihy
8 March	<i>Development of the Creamery system in Limerick</i> Mr Michael O'Sullivan (Member)
22 March	<i>Excavations at Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, 2000-02</i> Dr Mark Clinton
5 April	<i>Col. George Wyndham, 1st Baron Leconfield and his Thomond estate, 1838-69</i> Mr Matthew Lynch <i>Anniversary Lecture - Clare</i>
27 September	<i>Crime and Punishment in Pre-famine Co. Tipperary</i> Mr Danny Grace <i>Anniversary Lecture - Tipperary</i>
18 October	<i>Gaelic Settlement in high medieval Ireland</i> Dr Kieran O'Connor (NUI-Galway)
1 November	<i>The Society of Friends (Quakers) in Limerick</i> Ms Phil Lovett (Member)
22 November	<i>The Irish navy</i> Mr Ultan Cowley
6 December	AGM and Social Evening

EXCURSIONS

18 April [Half Day]	Dundrum, Co. Tipperary Organiser Cian O'Carroll Speakers Denis & Maureen O'Dwyer (<i>Members</i>), Rev. Philip Knowles (<i>Dean of Cashel</i>).
Sites visited	Dundrum village, Church of Ireland, Dundrum House.
23-25 April [Weekend]	Mayo Organiser Tony Browne Speakers Professor Séamus Caulfield (<i>Member</i>), Tony Browne, Liam Irwin
Sites visited	Moore Hall, Ballintubber abbey, Turlough Park house, Turlough round tower, Straide (Michael Davitt centre), Ballina, Belderg, Céide Fields, Rosserk friary, Enniscoe house, Castlebar.
13 - 20 May; [Week] Places visited	Spain Organiser Elsie O'Connell Malaga, Ronda, Itálica, Seville, Carmona necrópolis Romana, Madinat Al-Zahra, Cordoba, Granada.
9 June [Evening]	Limerick city Organiser Randal Hodkinson Speaker Randal Hodkinson
Area visited	Henry Street.
20 June [Half Day]	Kildare Organiser Tony Browne Speakers Patrick Guinness, Tony Browne
Sites visited	Mount Heaton / Mt. St Joseph's monastery Roscrea, Oughterard graveyard, Palmerstown house, Naas.
30 June [Evening]	Mungret Organiser Morgan McCloskey Speakers Morgan McCloskey, John O'Connor, Tony Browne
Sites visited	Mungret churches, Mungret College, Mount Mungret house.
11 July [Half Day]	Fethard Organiser Brian Hodkinson Guides Mary Hanrahan, Brian Hodkinson,
Sites visited	Cahir Augustinian abbey, Fethard town, Boulick tower house and parish church, Kilcooly Cistercian abbey, Ballytrasna tower house.

21 July [Evening]	Kilmurry Organiser Tony Browne Speaker Tony Browne. Sites visited Kilmurry Church, Jewish graveyard.
8 August [Half Day]	Newcastle West Organiser Kate Hanrahan Guide John Cussen Sites visited Desmond Hall and castle, Square, Market yard, Churchtown cemetery, Glenquin castle.
18 August [Evening]	Limerick city Organiser Brian Hodkinson Guide Brian Hodkinson Area visited Englishtown.
5 September [Half Day]	Limerick city Organiser Tony Browne Guide Tony Browne Area visited Georgian Limerick.
17-19 September. [Weekend]	Boyne Valley Organisers Kate Hanrahan, Elsie O'Connell Guides Seán Collins, Patrick Barrow, Liam Irwin. Sites Visited Slane, Netterville tower house, Netterville Institute, John Boyle O'Reilly memorial, Battle of Boyne site, Oldbridge, Ledwidge museum, Monasterboice high crosses and round tower, , Mellifont Cistercian abbey, Brú na Bóinne visitor centre, Knowth, Beaulieu, Drogheda, Dunsany Castle, Trim.
3 October [Half Day]	Tuamgraney Organiser Justin Fitzgerald Guide Ger Madden Sites visited Tuamgraney Church of Ireland and village.

Appreciation

Michael Joseph Dore

Michael Joseph Dore, who died in Dublin on 28 December 2003, had been an active member of the Thomond Archaeological Society for upwards of a quarter of a century. Michael was born in Bridge Street, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick in 1915, one of six children of Mícheál Ó Doghair, MPSI, from Templeglantine and his wife Honora Mary (Crena) Enright from Listowel. Michael first followed his father's career in pharmacy, operating chemist's shops first in Glin and later in his native Newcastle West. In the mid-1950s, he moved to Dublin and, having obtained a degree in economics, changed career by joining with Joe Moore to found the PMPA (Private Motorists Protection Association). While he had a passion for history, especially local and family history, all his life, it was only in his retirement from this second career that this passion truly blossomed. Much of his retirement was spent researching the history of Newcastle West and the surrounding area, although, having acquired a holiday home near Ballymore Eustace, he also had a good knowledge of Kildare history. He travelled to Australia in his retirement to visit Dore relatives there, but most of all he enjoyed a week in Ballybunion or Newcastle West, where he always had some line of historical research to follow up.

In the late 1970s, he was a regular speaker at outings of the Society: to Ballycullen House, Ballyclough House and Toomdeely Tower House in 1976; to Newcastle West and Springfield Castle in 1977; to his adopted Co. Kildare in 1978; and to Cloncagh, Clonelty Church, Ballynoe Castle and Castlemahon Church and Castle in 1980.

He was a good friend of Rosemary ffolliott — the founding editor of *The Irish Ancestor* — and contributed half a dozen articles on both Limerick and Kildare topics to that journal between 1977 and 1986. Some of these articles, listing inscriptions from west Limerick graveyards, have since been republished on the Internet, where they have gained him a wide readership. He also published many articles in the *Newcastle West Observer*, the *Journal of the Newcastle West Historical Society* and other scholarly journals. He was an active member of many other historical societies, especially the Dublin Historical Society, in whose annual historical outings he played a major role, even supplying the bus, as he was then in a position to do so.

The history of the Dore family of west Limerick and north Kerry was set out by one of Michael's Australian cousins in *Clounleharde Ireland to Mt. Ararat Gippsland — A History of the Dore Family 1841–1982*. Michael supplied the earlier Irish family background for this publication. Michael delighted in the fact that family history is so full of surprises. Around the early 1980s, when he thought that he should brush up the small bit of Gaelic remaining to him, he attended a course of lectures at UCD conducted by An tOllamh Tomás de Bhaldraithe. He was as surprised to learn from the present writer when we were introduced many years later that he and his Irish teacher were third cousins as I was after his death to learn that I had been backing racehorses trained by his son and my fourth cousin, Conor Dore of Spalding, Lincolnshire!

Michael is survived by his widow Maureen (née Enright), seven children and twenty grandchildren.

Paddy Waldron

We also remember the following deceased members, Mrs Chris Fitzpatrick, Mr John Hunt [*Hon. Life*], Mr Denis McMahon, Mrs Claire O'Kelly.

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