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LECTURES

19 January  
**Learning in Limerick – the school and scholars of the medieval city**  
Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB  
(Glenstal Abbey)  
*Anniversary Lecture – Limerick*

1 February  
**Annual Luncheon: Radisson Hotel**  
Mr George Stacpoole  
(Member)

23 February  
**The Royal Irish Constabulary**  
Mr Jim Herlihy

8 March  
**Development of the Creamery system in Limerick**  
Mr Michael O’Sullivan  
(Member)

22 March  
**Excavations at Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, 2000-02**  
Dr Mark Clinton

5 April  
**Col. George Wyndham, 1st Baron Leconfield and his Thomond estate, 1838-69**  
Mr Matthew Lynch  
*Anniversary Lecture – Clare*

27 September  
**Crime and Punishment in Pre-famine Co. Tipperary**  
Mr Danny Grace  
*Anniversary Lecture – Tipperary*

18 October  
**Gaelic Settlement in high medieval Ireland**  
Dr Kieran O’Conor  
(NUI-Galway)

1 November  
**The Society of Friends (Quakers) in Limerick**  
Ms Phil Lovett  
(Member)

22 November  
**The Irish navvy**  
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 (Members), Rev. Philip Knowles (Dean of Cashel).
Sites visited Dundrum village, Church of Ireland, Dundrum House.

23-25 Apr
[Weekend]
Mayo
Organiser Tony Browne
Speakers Professor Séamus Caulfield (Member), 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, Boullick 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.

**Newcastle West**
8 August
[Half Day]

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]

**Boye Valley**
Organisers: Kate Hanrahan, Elsie O’Connell
Guides: Scán 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 Micheál 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, Ballyclogh 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 Sfolliott — 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 Dores of west Limerick and north Kerry was set out by one of Michael’s Australian cousins in Clounlehaide 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 Bhal draithé. 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.
Subscribing Libraries, Societies and Institutions

Bodleian Library, Broad St., Oxford, OX1 3BG.
British Library, Lending Division, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorks.
Charleville Hist. & Arch. Society, Mrs. E. Binchy, Knight’s Lodge, Charleville, Co. Cork.
Clare County Library, Ennis, Co. Clare.
Cambridge University Library, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DR.
Cork County Library, Model Farm Rd., Cork.
Cork Municipal Library, Grand Parade, Cork.
County Museum, County Hall, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
Dublin Inst. of Advanced Studies, School of Celtic Studies, 10, Burlington Road, Dublin 4.
Dúchas The Heritage Service, Dún Sceine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2.
Franciscan House of Studies, Dún Mhuire, Seafield Rd., Killiney, Co. Dublin.
Friends of the Hunt Museum, Rutland St., Limerick.
Kerry County Library, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
Limerick City Library, The Granary, Limerick.
Limerick County Library, Dooradoyle, Limerick.
Limerick Diocesan Library, Kilmoyle, North Circular Road, Limerick.
Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick.
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2.
National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW.
National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2.
National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff, Wales.
Nat. Univ. of Ireland: Galway, Galway.
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Newberry Library, Serials Librarian, 60, W. Walton St., Chicago.
Notre Dame University, 122, Hesburg Library, Notre Dame, U.S.A.
Offaly County Library, Tullamore, Co, Offaly.
Placenames Branch, Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands,
Queen's University Library, 17/19 Hatch St., Dublin 2.
Royal Irish Academy, Belfast BT7 1NN.
Royal Society of Antiq. Of Ireland, 19, Dawson St., Dublin 2.
Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London.
St. Patrick’s College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.
Tipperary County Library, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
Trinity College, Dublin 2.
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