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The County Kildare Archaeological Society
gratefully acknowledges the support of
Kildare County Council in the presentation
of this seminar.

Chair:

Professor Raymond Gillespie

Speakers:

Professor John Horne

Tom Burke MBE

Fionnuala Walsh

Frank Taaffe

James Durney

Venue: Hotel Keadeen,
Newbridge,
County Kildare.

Date: Saturday 8th March 2014
9.30am

Fee: €15 towards a light lunch and
Other refreshments is kindly
requested at the time of booking.

Please note that prior booking is essential as
admittance will be by ticket only and places are
limited. Tickets will be sent out by post.



County Kildare

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PRESENTS A ONE-DAY SEMINAR:

they
called it
"the great
war"



Saturday 8th March 2014
Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge

seminar programme

Seminar Chairman: Professor Raymond Gillespie

9.45 - 10.15 **Registration**

10.15 - 10.30 **Welcome and Seminar Introduction**

Conleth Manning: President, CKAS, Professor Raymond Gillespie, Department of History NUI Maynooth and CKAS Honorary Editor

10.30 - 11.10 **‘Kaiser’s Battle: 21 March 1918. A black day for Kildare soldiers.’**

James Durney: Council Member, CKAS

On 21 March 1918 forty-two German divisions launched an offensive on the Western Front which they hoped would end the war. The massive German onslaught hit the undermanned British lines where a wedge could be driven through the Anglo-French front. On that first day of the decisive ‘Kaiser’s Battle’ twenty-four Kildare men lost their lives.

11.10 - 11.35 **Coffee**

11.35 - 12.15 **“South Kildare and World War I”**

Frank Taaffe: Council Member, CKAS

How the people of Athy and its hinterland responded to the call to arms and how the social, economic and political life of the area was affected by the carnage in battlefields as far apart as Flanders and Gallipoli.

12.15 - 12.55 **“Irishwomen and the First World War: ‘a kind of historically hidden Ireland’**

Fionnuala Walsh: Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholar, Trinity College Dublin

The paper will give a broad overview of the impact of the First World War on women in Ireland focusing on the involvement of Irishwomen in the war effort, their wartime employment and the impact of the war on soldier’s wives. It will move from the national to the local, to look at the wartime experience of women in Kildare.

13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 14.40 **“The Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the First World War”**

Tom Burke MBE: President, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Set against the major battles of the First World War on the Western Front in Gallipoli and Salonica, this lecture will present a profile of some of the men who made up the two Regular and five Service Battalions of the RDF; who they were, where they came from and possible motivations for enlistment.

14.40 - 15.20 **“Ireland and the Greater War, 1912-1923”**

Professor John Horne: Professor of Modern European History, Trinity College Dublin

This talk will reflect on the place of the Irish experiences of the Great War, and the revolutionary decade that led to independence and partition, in the context of a Greater War that spanned 1912-1923 in Europe and the wider world.

15.20 - 15.30 **Conclusion**

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The County Kildare Archaeological Society was founded in 1891 and is the oldest Archaeological Society in Ireland to have continued under the same name. During the years of the Great War, members of the Society continued with their activities and a Journal was produced regularly. Members of the Society’s Council in 1918 were:

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