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## 2014 PROGRAMME

### **Saturday 8th March, 9.30am**

#### ***Seminar: "They called it 'The Great War'"***

Chairman: Professor Raymond Gillespie  
Speakers: Professor John Horne, Tom Burke MBE,  
Frank Taaffe, Fionnuala Walsh and James Durney.  
Venue: Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge

€15, Refreshments and light lunch.

### **Sunday 6th April, 3.00pm**

#### ***"The Photographs of Jane Wigham Shackleton"***

Speaker: Chris Corlett  
Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre

€4.00, Tea.

### **Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th May**

#### ***Excursion by coach to County Wexford***

Leaders: Hugh Crawford (Vice President) and  
Siobhán McNulty (Honorary Treasurer)  
Based at the Whitford House Hotel, Wexford.  
Visits to New Ross, Tintern Abbey, Hook Head, Johnstown Castle & Gardens,  
Irish Agricultural Museum, a guided walking tour of Wexford Town including  
Selskar Abbey, Enniscorthy Castle.

***Book by 15th April - Please see booking form and details. Members only.***

### **Sunday 15th June, 3.00pm**

#### ***Timahoe Round Tower, Church, and Castle; visit to Culm Crusher***

Guides: Conleth Manning and Michael Jacob  
Built on the site of an early monastery founded by St Mochua, this complete  
round tower has one of the finest Romanesque doorways in Ireland. Nearby are  
the remains of a church, which was later converted into a castle. Followed by a  
visit to the remains of an industrial horse-driven "Culm Crusher" plant used for  
domestic "Bumb" production. Bring a flask for refreshments.

***No Charge.***

### **Sunday 6th July, 12.30pm**

#### ***Annual Excursion: County Westmeath***

Fore and Tullynally Castle  
Guides: Conleth Manning (President) and Michael Dempsey (Council Member)  
Meet at the car park west of Fore village at 12.30pm. (Picnic will start at about  
1.30pm after the visit to the Church). At Fore, the site of an early monastery

founded by St Feichín, we will visit St Feichín's Church (10th century), a medieval  
hermit's cell, the mill, and the medieval Benedictine Priory and will hear about  
the Seven Wonders of this beautiful and magical place. Proceed to Tullynally for  
a guided tour of the Castle.

Supper at the Mullingar Park Hotel

***Book by June 25th at the latest – please see booking form. Members only.***

### **Sunday 31st August, 3.00pm – Heritage Week outing**

#### ***"Preparing for War: Relics at the Curragh"***

Guide: Adrian Mallowney (Honorary Webmaster)  
Visit to the Curragh Military Museum and  
WW1 trench complex on the Curragh Plains.  
Meet at O'Donnell's Shop, Curragh Camp.

***No Charge.***

### **Sunday 14th September, 2.30pm**

#### ***"Kildare Footprints: Kildare Town Walking Tour and Heritage Trail"***

Guides: Mario Corrigan and James Durney (Council Members)  
Meet at the Kildare Town Heritage Centre.

***No Charge.***

### **Saturday 18th October, 2.00pm**

#### ***"The Fall and Restoration of the House of Kildare in the 16th Century"***

Speaker: Professor Marian Lyons  
Venue: Pugin Hall, St Patrick's College (South Campus), NUI Maynooth.  
For any queries please contact Honorary Secretary Bernadette Doyle.

***No Charge.***

### **Saturday 15th November, 3.00pm**

#### ***Annual General Meeting***

Venue: Maudlins House Hotel, Naas.

***No charge, Members only.***

(Please note that when there is a charge for an outing, it reflects the overall cost  
to the Society for that outing and not only any refreshments provided)

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS for Officers and Council Members**

3.00pm at Naas Branch Library, by kind permission of  
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22nd February • 5th April • 7th June • 6th September • 1st November