

Saturday 12th March, 9.30am

Seminar: 'Remembering 1916'

Chairman: Professor Raymond Gillespie.

Speakers: Dr. Darragh Gannon, Mario Corrigan, Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú, Gerard Long, Brig. Gen. John Martin (Rtd.). Keynote Speaker: Professor Roy Foster.

Venue: Killashee House Hotel, Naas. Charge €30, please see attached brochure for further details and note that early booking is essential to secure admission.

Saturday 9th April, 2.00pm

'Town Development in Ireland under the Anglo-Normans'

Speaker: Dr. Michael Potterton, Lecturer in History, Maynooth University.

Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre.

€5.00, Tea.

Sunday 8th May, 3.00pm

'Domhnall Ua Buachalla – 1916 Veteran'

Speaker: Adhamhnán Ó Súilleabháin author and grandson of Domhnall Ua Buachalla.

Venue: Room JHL 4, John Hume Building, North Campus, Maynooth University.

Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th June

Excursion by coach to the Burren, Co. Clare

Leaders: Hugh Crawford (President) and Siobhán McNulty (Vice-President).

Guided by: Dr. John Feehan.

Based at: Hyland's Burren Hotel, Ballyvaughan.

Visits to: Kilfenora Cathedral, Polnabrone Dolmen, Aillwee Cave, Corcomroe Abbey and to the historical town of Athenry en route.

Banquet at Dunguaire Castle on Friday June 10th at 8.45 pm.

Book by May 7th – Please see Booking Form for further details. Members only.

Sunday 3rd July, 2.30pm

Visit to Celbridge; including a visit to Celbridge Lodge courtesy of Henry McDowell and Kildrought House, the home of June Stuart.

€10 Entrance Fee and Tea.

Sunday 24th July, 12.00pm

Annual Excursion: Lough Gur, Co. Limerick.

Guide: Michael Quinlan, a local retired teacher and author.

Meet at the Heritage Centre at 12.00 noon for an overview of one of Ireland's most important archaeological sites and witness evidence of the various ages dating back to Neolithic times.

Picnic to take place on site. Refreshments and snacks can be purchased in the Heritage Centre.

The visit to Lough Gur will be followed with a visit to the historical town of Kilmallock, once a great Geraldine fortress. This will include the ruined Dominican Priory, King John's Castle and the remains of the medieval walls which once encircled the town. Dinner to follow in the Horse & Jockey Hotel and Restaurant.

Book by June 25th at the latest. Please see Booking Form. Members only.

Sunday 28th August, 3.00pm. Heritage Week

Pollardstown; guided by Michael Jacob and Brian McCabe (Council Members) and consisting of a walk and talk to highlight the importance of Pollardstown Fen, both nationally and internationally. The Fen is located 3km from Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

No charge. Meeting at the Fen car park. Directions will be posted on the society's website at a later date.

Sunday 18th September, 2.30pm

Visit to Harristown House and Gardens; courtesy of the Hon. Hubert Beaumont and family, followed by a visit to Carnalway Church. Meet at St. Patrick's Church which is located adjacent to the entrance of the Harristown Demesne, once the home of the La Touche family.

Entrance fee €7.

Sunday 23rd October, 3.00pm

'Kildare Railways' an outline and history of railways in Co. Kildare.

Speaker: Liam Kenny.

Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre.

€5.00, Tea.

Saturday 19th November, 3.00pm

Annual General Meeting

Venue: Killashee House Hotel, Naas.

No charge, Members only.

COUNCIL MEETINGS for Officers and Council Members

3.00pm at Naas Branch Library, by kind permission of
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