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2017 PROGRAMME

Sunday 12th March, 3.00pm

'Palmerstown House and its Owners'

A talk on the lives of the colourful incumbents of Palmerstown House over the years, including the Earls of Mayo and the American heiress Anne Bullitt Biddle.

Speaker: Brian McCabe, (Council Member).

Venue: Palmerstown Manor House (by kind permission of the Comer brothers)

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Manor House. Donation €5. (Strictly members only)

Assemble in Palmerstown House Estate carpark at 2.30 pm to proceed to the Manor House for the talk. Members may wish to note that a carvery lunch is available at Palmerstown House Estate from 12.30pm onwards.

Saturday 22nd April, 3.00pm

'The Somme - 1916'

An outline of one of the defining events of the First World War.

Speaker: Brig. General John Martin (Rtd.) Member and distinguished military historian.

Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre. Donation €5. Followed by tea/coffee.

Tuesday 16th May to Friday 19th May

Excursion to Donegal and the Northwest

Leaders: Hugh Crawford, Siobhán McNulty and Bernadette Doyle.

Based at: Great Northern 4 Star Hotel, Bundoran.

Visits to include: Lough Rynn Castle, Lissadell House, Enniskillen including the Castle and the archaeologically rich Devenish Island, Donegal Abbey (of Four Masters fame), Donegal Castle and Magees with demonstrations of tweed making. Belleek Pottery and King House, Boyle.

Early Booking is essential. See booking form and details.

Wednesday 21st June, 2.30pm

Visit and tour of the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the second most senior Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the world, and the oldest in continuous existence.

Assemble at Buswell's Hotel, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2 at 2.00pm

Donation €5. (Strictly members only)

Sunday 9th July

Annual Excursion: St. Mullins, Duiske Abbey and Borris House

Guide: Bridie Lawlor – Local Historian and Genealogist.

Meet at the Mullichain Café and Restaurant at 11.30am for tea/coffee & scones after which there will be a guided tour of the Monastic Site at St. Mullins.

Travel to Duiske Abbey National Monument, also known as Graiguenamanagh Abbey, a 13th-century Cistercian monastery.

Onwards to Borris House, the ancestral home of the MacMurrough Kavanaghs, Kings of Leinster. Dinner at Lord Bagenal Inn, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.

Book by June 23rd at the latest. Please see booking form. (Members only)

Saturday 29th July, 2.30pm

Visit to Killadoon House, Celbridge

(by kind permission of Sally and Charles Clements)

Donation €10 (Entrance fee and tea/coffee). (Strictly members only)

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August (Heritage Week)

Interpreting the Curragh and its environs

The panel of speakers to include; Michael Jacob, A.J. Mullen, John Feehan, Michael Potterton, Sharon Greene, Pádraig Clancy, Hugh Crawford.

Meeting Points: Saturday, Ballymany and Sunday (adjoining) Cill Dara Golf Club.

Time: 2.30pm – 5.00pm on both days. No charge.

Saturday 23rd September, 2.30pm

'Monasterevin'

A street walk to explore an 18th Century designed country town led by Michael Jacob, (Council Member) and Barry Walsh.

Donation €5. Tea/coffee.

Saturday 14th October, 2.30pm

'Baldonnel Aerodrome 1917- 1924'

(By kind permission of the GOC Air Corps). Speaker: Lt. Col. Michael O'Malley (Rtd.) Member and distinguished military historian. The talk will deal with the establishment, building of the aerodrome and aviation activities. This will be preceded by a brief tour of selected buildings.

Venue: Casement Aerodrome Baldonnel, Co. Dublin. (Strictly members only)

Saturday 21st October, 7.30pm

'Launch of Journal Vol. XXI and presentation of the Lord Walter FitzGerald prize for research 2017'

Guest Speaker: Professor Raymond Gillespie, Honorary Editor.

Book by Friday 13th October. Please see booking form. Members and their guests.

Saturday 25th November, 3.00pm

Annual General Meeting

Venue: Killashee House Hotel, Naas.

COUNCIL MEETINGS for Officers and Council Members

3.00pm at Naas Branch Library, by kind permission of
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14 January • 25 March • 17 June • 9 September • 4 November.