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The End of the Great War and Ireland in 1918

The Great War ended at 11 o'clock on 11 November 1918 when, the guns on the Western Front fell silent. Ireland at this stage was part of the United Kingdom and Irishmen of all persuasions had answered the call, many forfeiting their lives in the conflict. At home the political, social and economic situation had changed forever and survivors returned to a different Ireland, where their contribution to the war was largely ignored or forgotten. This seminar will reflect on the enormous issues facing the country in the decisive year of 1918.



The keynote lecture will be given by Diarmaid Ferriter, Professor of Modern Irish History at the School of History, University College Dublin. He is the author of many books including *A Nation Not a Rabble: The Irish Revolutions 1913-23*, which reflects on the history, historiography and commemoration of the Irish revolution. His new book will be published in October 2018 titled: *On The Edge: Ireland's Offshore Islands: A Modern History*. In addition to his many publications he is a weekly columnist for the *Irish Times*, a contributor to a monthly History Slot on the Seán O'Rourke Show on RTÉ and a regular broadcaster on RTÉ Radio and Television on historical matters.



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COUNTY KILDARE



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

presents a one day seminar

The End of the Great War and Ireland in 1918

Saturday 10th November 2018

**Killashee House Hotel
Naas, County Kildare**

Programme

9.30am Registration

9.50am Welcome

SESSION ONE

Chair: Hugh Crawford, President CKAS

10.00am Professor Terence Dooley, Maynooth University.

“But when the armistice came at last, we seemed drained of all feeling and one felt nothing”: the Irish Big House and the Great War, 1914-18’

Of the 500 or so Irish families listed in the 5th edition of *Burke’s Landed Gentry of Ireland*, 82% were represented at the Front by at least one member of the family. Around 25% of those who fought did not return home and, of course, many others were physically or mentally scarred for life. Thus, the Great War had dramatic political, economic, and social consequences for Irish Big House families. This lecture examines some of these consequences.

10.40am Dr Fionnuala Walsh, University College Dublin.

‘Women on the upward and onward move’

When war broke out in 1914 women in Ireland mobilised to support the war effort and replace absent men in the workforce. This lecture examines Irish women’s work, family life and bereavement during the Great War and considers the impact of the war on women’s role in society.

11.15am-11.45am Coffee/Tea

SESSION TWO

Chair: Professor Raymond Gillespie

11.45am Brig. General Joe Mulligan, GOC, Defence Forces Training Centre

‘Capability Development – Training for the Great War’

Operational Capability is a key prerequisite for a military force engaging in conflict. Developing this capability is acquired through an interdependent and interrelated framework combining Doctrine, Organisation, Training, Leadership and Education, Personnel, Facilities and Inter-operability. The Curragh has been synonymous with the training of soldiers

going back to mythological times, including World War I. This lecture will be an assessment of the training of soldiers for the Great War.

12.20pm James Durney, Local Studies, Genealogy & Archives, Newbridge Library.

‘1918, A Year of Darkness and Light’

1918 was one of the most dramatic and decisive years of the last century. In Co. Kildare and throughout Ireland the repercussions of the German Spring Offensive resulted in the Conscription Crisis and a united front against British military policy. This lecture explores the effects of these developments in this decisive year on Ireland and County Kildare.

1.00pm-2.00pm Lunch

SESSION THREE

Chair: Professor Marian Lyons

2.00pm Catriona Crowe, former head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland.

‘The Hammer and the Pen: the Development of Irish First Wave Feminism’

Partial parliamentary female suffrage was granted to women in the UK in 1918, when they voted for the first time in December. The Representation of the People Act of 1918 was the result of a long series of campaigns, both reformist and militant, stretching back to the late eighteenth century. This lecture explores its ramifications.

2.35pm Keynote Lecture

Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, UCD.

‘The Path of National Salvation?’ The Triumph of Sinn Féin in 1918’

This lecture will assess the impact of Sinn Féin in Ireland exactly 100 years ago, the year it triumphed in the general election of 1918. Its victory inflicted a fatal blow to the Irish Parliamentary Party and sidelined the Labour Party. The lecture will look at who Sinn Féin appealed to and why, the strategies and methods employed by the party and its leading figures as it sought to become a nationwide movement, its relationship with the Catholic Church and the attitude of the British government to an increasingly determined Irish republicanism.

3.15pm-4.00pm Discussion and close of Seminar.

