COUNTY KILDARE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2019

Sunday 24 March 3.00pm.

UNCOVERING THE MEDIEVAL VILLAGE AT MULLAMAST

Speaker: Teresa Bolger MSc., MPhil.

An overview of the results of archaeological investigations that identified the remains of an extensive manorial village at Mullamast.

Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre Followed by Tea/Coffee. Donation €5.

Saturday 6 April 11.00am.

VISIT TO BALLITORE AND ATHY

Speakers: John MacKenna (author and biographer of Ernest Shackleton) and Kevin Kenny.

Meet in the village square Ballitore, visit the Leadbeater house and the Quaker meeting house. Later visit Kilkea House (birthplace of Ernest Shackleton) followed by a visit to Athy's Shackleton Museum.

Led by: Frank Taaffe (Council Member)

Sunday 12 May to 15 May

EXCURSION TO CO. MAYO IN CONJUNCTION WITH JMG TRAVEL

Based at Castlecourt 4* Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

Visits include Athlone Castle, Cong Augustinian Abbey, the Famine Road, Boheh Stone, Srahwee Wedge Tomb, Newport, Ballycroy National Park, Ceide Fields, Westport town and its environs. Number restrictions apply and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Leaders: Hugh Crawford and Bernadette Doyle. *Please see Booking Form*

Sunday 30 June 2.30pm.

A WALK AROUND JOHNSTOWN

A guided walk around Johntown Village exploring the sites of historical and archaeological interest with updates of recent archaeological investigations beside the village.

Led by: Brian McCabe (Council Member)

Sunday 7 July

ANNUAL EXCURSION FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY

Guide: Mary Hanrahan, Chairperson, Fethard Historical Society.

Meet at The Town Hall at 12.00 noon followed by coffee / tea & scones. Visit the museum, picnic followed by a guided tour of the medieval town of Fethard. Dinner to follow in the Horse & Jockey Hotel and Restaurant.

Led by: Hugh Crawford and Michael Jacob. Book by 21 June at the latest. Members only. *Please see Booking Form*

Saturday 17 - 25 August [Heritage Week]

LORD WALTER FITZGERALD'S CONTRIBUTION TO HERITAGE IN COUNTY KILDARE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

Details on venues to be announced later.

Saturday 21 September 2.30 pm.

AN INDUSTRIOUS LANDSCAPE – ARCHAEOLOGHY OF THE SALLINS BY-PASS

Speaker: Noel Dunne Archaeologist (Member)

An overview of the results of archaeological investigations associated with the Sallins by-pass.

Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre Followed by Tea/Coffee. Donation €5.

Saturday 19 October

DINNER AND LAUNCH OF THE SOCIETY'S JOURNAL

Presentation of the Lord Walter FitzGerald medal and prize for research 2019.

Guest Speaker: Professor Mary Ann Lyons, *Honorary Editor*.

Book by Friday 11 October. Please see booking form, members and their guests.

Saturday 23 November 3.00 pm.

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 Kildare County Council

30 March, 25 May, 7 September and 2 November.