THE GREAT WAR ROADSHOW

Friday 10th October 2014

MILITARY HISTORY ~ PEOPLE, PLACES & RECORDS

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12.30pm – 1.30pm  Lunch
1.30pm – 2.00pm  Registration
2.00pm – 2.45pm  Dr. Myles Dungan – 'Lions, Donkeys and Paddies: The Irish Experience of the Great War'
2.45pm – 3.30pm  John O’Keeffe – 'Moral Insanity and The Great War: Bad Men In Good Jobs'
3.30pm – 3.45 pm  Tea/Coffee
3.45pm – 4.15pm  Joe Loughnane - 'Analysis of the List of War Dead from Loughrea Area 1914 – 1919'
4.15pm – 4.45pm  Questions & Answers

Loughrea Library
Friday 10th October 2014
Church Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway

5.00pm  Official Presentation of the War Diary of a Medical Officer 1st Connaught Rangers from 8th August 1914 – 30th November 1915 by Loughrea Memorial Group to Loughrea Library
5.15pm – 6.00pm  Dr. Christy Cunniffe - 'War Memorials in County Galway'
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Two act Play: ‘March Away My Brothers’

About the Play: Written and Performed by Brendan MacQuaile

*March Away My Brothers* is a one man show taken from the book of the same name by Brendan MacQuaile; it follows the journey of a young Irish lad, Lawrence Kelly from Bridgefoot Street in Dublin's Liberties to the Christmas Truce in 1914, somewhere near the Messines Ridge in Flanders where many Irish fought and died during the course of this terrible conflagration. But Larry's story is not one of hell and damnation, let's face it, he is already dead, blown to bits at the now infamous Passchendaele and remembered only as an inscription on the Menin Gate. Larry looks back with the excitement of the early call to arms still palpable, the Guinness Pals brigade forming after Kitchener’s call to arms and the sheer chaos and melee of new troops arriving in France, gung ho, ready to serve the crown, and do their bit before it was 'Over by Christmas'.

Many of the popular songs of the time are included as an integral part of this fascinating tale. Songs such as 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'There's a Long Long Trail a Winding' were popular hits for singers such as John McCormack and Stanley Kirby during the war years and they are sung with gusto in this performance. Some modern reflections in song are also included. And finally to the Christmas truce, an impromptu meeting of soldiers from both sides, on a bitter cold Christmas Eve in an area known as 'no man's land'. Shared cigarettes, and photos. Shared experiences that revealed similarities between the troops, similarities that the Top Brass would rather keep hidden.

9.00pm

Dinner 'In Memory of the Connaught Rangers'

After dinner speech: ‘Popular Entertainment During the Great War’

by Brendan MacQuaile
Biographies & Title of Lectures

Dr. Myles Dungan
‘Lions, Donkeys and Paddies: The Irish Experience of the Great War’

Myles Dungan is a writer and broadcaster. He presents The History Show on RTE Radio 1, and is the author of two books on the Irish Experience in WW1 – Irish Voices from the Great War, 1995 and They Shall Grow Not Old, 1997. He is an adjunct lecturer in the School of History and Archives in University College, Dublin where he teaches a course on Irish newspaper history. He has also taught history in Trinity College, Dublin and the University of California, Berkeley. He has twice been a Fulbright scholar to UC, Berkeley. In 2012 he received a PhD from Trinity College, Dublin. His research area was Irish journalistic history during the Parnellite period.

John O’Keeffe
‘Moral Insanity And The Great War: Bad Men In Good Jobs’

John O’Keeffe is a criminologist, broadcaster and journalist. He is an adjunct teaching fellow in the School of Psychology, Trinity College, Dublin and a regular contributor to TV and radio.

Joe Loughnane
‘Analysis of the Lists of War Dead from the Loughrea Area 1914 – 1919’

Joe Loughnane is a member of the Loughrea Memorial Group, and has an MA in military history. He has an in-depth knowledge of the Connacht Rangers, WW1 and the locals who were involved.

Dr. Christy Cunniffe
‘War Memorials in County Galway’

Christy Cunniffe is an archaeologist with wide experience in the identification, recording and survey of archaeological monuments with a special emphasis on community archaeology. He is Field Monument Advisor to Galway County Council and is currently examining the upland pre-famine archaeology of the northern slopes of the Slieve Aughy Mountains as part of the Kilchreest-Castledaly Community Archaeology Project.
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9.30am -10.00am  Registration

10.00am – 10.20am  Colman Shaughnessy – Welcome Address
10.20am – 11.00am  Paul Gosling – ’The Medieval Defences of Loughrea’
11.00am – 11.20am  Coffee
11.20am – 12.00 noon Declan Kelly – ’Clonfert Diocese and the Great War’
12.00noon – 12.45pm  John Grenham – ’British Army Records Online’
12.45pm – 2.00pm  Lunch

2.00pm – 2.20pm  Launch of new Loughrea Heritage app – Cllr. Michael Maher
2.20pm – 3.20pm  Jarlath McNamara – ’Ireland and Galway’s most famous emigrant of 19th Century America - P S Gilmore (1829-1892), ’Father of the American Band’ and ’Unofficial Bandmaster General of the American Army in the American Civil War 1861-1865’
3.20pm – 4.10pm  Steve Dolan – ’Loughrea Soldiers in the Nineteenth Century British Army’
4.10pm – 4.25pm  Tea/Coffee
4.25pm – 4. 40pm  Joe Loughnane  ‘The Last Word’

7.00pm  Dinner ’In Memory of All the Men and Women Who Fought in Past Wars or On Service with the United Nations’
After dinner speech:

Joe Loughnane – ‘The Loughrea Memorial Group & the Decade of Commemoration’
Paul Gosling
‘The medieval defences of Loughrea’

Paul Gosling is a professional archaeologist working in third level education. He is a member of the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland and lectures full-time on Built Heritage in the Department of Heritage & Tourism, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. The central theme in his research has been archaeological survey, both urban and rural. He is currently researching Loughrea, Co. Galway, for the Irish Historic Towns Atlas series. His principal publications include the Archaeological Inventory of Co. Galway – Volume 1 (1993) and Volume 2 (1999), the latter as a joint editor. Paul was also joint editor and a major contributor to volumes 4 (2004) and volume 5 (2007) and of the New Survey of Clare Island publication series. His latest paper – The Route of Táin Bó Cúailnge Revisited – is due for publication in Emania: Bulletin of the Navan Research group No. 22 (2014).

Declan Kelly
‘Clonfert Diocese and the Great War’

Declan Kelly is a field archaeologist and former archivist of Clonfert diocese. His previous books for The History Press include Images of Ballinasloe and Loughrea: A Parish History. The material included in Loughrea: A Parish History comes from a variety of sources, including the archives of the diocese of Clonfert and that which was gathered in 1931 by an t-Athair Eric McFhinn, a noted polyglot and scholar of the diocese. Taken in conjunction with the Schools Folklore Commission’s work a few years later, this material now has a value beyond even that which was foreseen at the time. In June of 1922, in a singularly unhelpful exercise, some doughty Irishmen set off a landmine in the Public Records Office of the Four Courts. Thousands of old documents were destroyed, including the remaining censi from the nineteenth century and many of the Church of Ireland registers. Happily, just before this happened, Thomas T. O’Farrell had taken the time to type out extracts from the censi taken in Loughrea in 1821 and 1841 and they are also reproduced here in print for the first time. What emerges from this parish history, covering the areas of Cappatagle/ Kilrickle, Carrabane, Leitrim/Kilmeen, Loughrea, Mullagh/Killoran, New Inn/Bullaun, Killeenadeema/Aille and Kiltullagh/ Killimordaly/ Attymon is a curate’s egg of information which we hope will hold something for everyone in the diocese, and which will add in its own way to the process of preserving a record of our past.
John Grenham
‘British Army Records Online’


Jarlath MacNamara
‘Ireland and Galway’s most famous emigrant of 19th Century America - P S Gilmore (1829-1892)’, ‘Father of the American Band’ and ‘Unofficial Bandmaster General of the Union Army in the American Civil War 1861 – 1865’

Jarlath MacNamara is a piano teacher in Leixlip, County Kildare, Ireland. Raised in Ballygar, Galway. For the last seven years he has collected Gilmore-related memorabilia and ephemera, and has researched the Gilmore’s career in detail. He gives lectures on a regular basis throughout Ireland on Gilmore and his legacy and is presently writing a Biography of his career.

Steve Dolan
‘Loughrea Soldiers in the Nineteenth Century British Army’

Steve Dolan is a local historian and a native of Carrabane, Loughrea. Steve is a regular contributor to various historical and genealogical journals and is PRO of the South East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society (SEGAHS).

Joe Loughnane
‘The Last Word’

Joe Loughnane is a member of the Loughrea Memorial Group, and has an MA in military history. He has an in-depth knowledge of the Connacht Rangers, WW1 and the locals who were involved.
Registration Form

Please complete the form below in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to:
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REGISTRATION FEE

Please tick appropriate box...

Full Conference Fee:
☐ WAGED €60.00 ☐ UNWAGED €45.00
(Includes all lectures on Friday and Saturday and the 2 act play, tea/coffee, carvery lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Partial Conference Fee:
Friday Lecture and Lunch    ☐ WAGED €25    ☐ UNWAGED €20
Brendan MacQuaile's 2 act play    ☐ WAGED €10    ☐ UNWAGED €8
Saturday Lectures, tea/coffee & carvery lunch    ☐ WAGED €25    ☐ UNWAGED €20

Total €........................................

Evening Dinner option not included in the above;
please contact Committee member if you want to attend evening dinner.

PAYMENT

I enclose a cheque/bank draft for €................. (Euros) payable to:
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Signed:.............................................................................. Date: / /2014

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Commemorative Strategy for the County of Galway