

The Old Kilfarboy Society - Winter Talks - Oidhreacht Ui Brachain

The Old Kilfarboy Society was formed in 1999 with the purpose of promoting interest in Local history, archaeology and folklore.

The society currently runs a Winter series of talks, and a Summer series of guided walks. In addition to a wide range of topics over the past eight seasons, an important component of the winter series was the annual, public interview by Tom Munnelly with various local figures, for example, Michael Falsey and Willie Healy. Many of the talks have been recorded for archival purposes. During 2007 the society published a collection of essays in honour of Tom Munnelly, which is available for purchase.

The Old Kilfarboy Society has also supported local history initiatives such as the restoration of the Four Mile Stone; the ongoing effort to secure Tromera Castle; listing of the headstone inscriptions for Kildimo and Killeran; and participated in the Archaeological Survey of Clare by Michael Moore.

Membership 2007/8

We are currently enrolling members for the 2007/8 year. Full membership allows entry to all six talks and is €20 (€10 concession). Each individual talk costs €5.

Winter Programme 2007/8

9th October 2007

"The Literary Legacy of the Mac Brodies, Hereditary Poets of West Clare", by Liam P. ó Murchú.

6th November 2007

"The instruments of the Passion on Gravestones in Ireland." by Diarmuid O'Keeffe.

11th November 2007

"Reminiscences of Music and Dancing in West Clare", by Michael Tubridy.

8th January 2008

"The Friars in Ennis: Their Friends and Foes in Medieval and Early Modern Ireland", by Br. Colmán ó Clabaigh, OSB

12th February 2008

"The Folklore of Trees and Plants", by Niall Mac Coitir.

11th March 2008

"The Blessed and the Damned: Sinful Women and Unbaptised Children in Irish Folklore", by Dr. Anne O'Connor.

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