

May 17th - Galway and the Great War

Galway-based historian and archaeologist will give a lecture, under the auspices of the Old Tuam Society, titled "Galway and the Great War". William Henry is well placed to record the city and county's contribution to and reaction to the Great War, a time of conflict at home and abroad that caused dissent among the citizens of Galway and Tuam. The author devotes a major part of the book to the process of recruitment, of the appeal to fight for King and Country, and to defend the honour of small nations. The campaign was not confined to the men of Galway, as every woman was asked to persuade her "best boy" to join the army or navy.

William does not forget those at home. A chapter of his book is devoted to the increase in employment when munitions factories were opened up in Galway, giving regular employment to women.

His previous books include the highly acclaimed biography, "Supreme Sacrifice: The Story of Eamonn Ceannt" "The Shimmering Waste", "The Life and Times of Robert O'Hara Burke" and "Field of Slaughter, the Battle of Knockdoe 1504".

The venue this month is downstairs in the Tuam Town Hall, on Thursday 17th of May, at 8.30pm. A lecture not to be missed all members and non-members are very welcome.