

Agricultural History Society of Ireland Summer Conference 2022. 25th & 26th June

Developers and Developments in Twentieth Century Irish Agriculture

Location: Devenish Lands at Dowth, County Meath

PROGRAMME

Friday 24th June

Informal gathering in Slane for those who are staying for the weekend. Meet at the Conyngham Arms about 7 (?) for informal evening meal either there or locally

Saturday 25th June

10.00 Gather & Welcome at The Glebe House, Dowth (www.glebehousedowth.ie) for the conference proper with the theme ***Developers and Developments in Twentieth Century Irish Agriculture***

10:30 Keynote Address

Professor Mary E. Daly, 'A Century of Irish Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities'

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Short Presentations

Dr Declan O'Brien, 'The Mighty Quinn: Ireland's First Beef Baron'

Claire McCormack, 'Making the news: the vital role of journalism in agricultural development in Ireland'

Dr Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh, 'The "Hen Woman": The Pioneer of Twentieth Century Irish Agriculture'

13:00 Lunch at the Glebe House

2:00 Presentations and tour of history, farming and vision of the Devenish Lands at Dowth
Led by Professor John Gilliland and Owen Brennan

5:00/5:30 Approx finish time

7:00 AHSI Annual Dinner in the Conyngham Arms Hotel, Slane.

Sunday 26th June

Departing from the Conyngham Arms Hotel at 10.00 am and finishing c 4pm

Visit 1. The Francis Ledwidge Museum,

Francis Ledwidge was a war poet (d 1916) who had an very interesting life, spending his early years as an agricultural labourer. As well as getting a conducted tour of his home place (now the Museum), We will have a discussion on the life of a farm labourer and the type of farming undertaken in the Slane Valley in the 1890s. This will be a two-way interaction between ourselves and our tour guide.

Lunch

Visit 2 Dunsany Castle

Dunsany Castle is the ancestral home of the Plunkett family and where the present Lord Dunsany is experimenting in rewilding over 700 acres of the estate. This project is in its tenth year with some interesting results. It will provide a fascinating tour, led by the present Lord Dunsany.

Registration; On the day. Conference fee-Members €20 Non-members €30 (includes light lunch, teas and coffees).

I am very grateful to Dr Dr Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh, for organising the lecture content of the programme and to Owen Brennan and his team for hosting the conference at Dowth.

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