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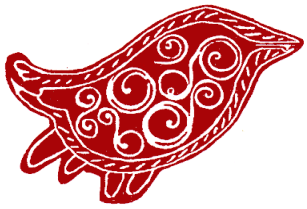

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12 Meán Fómhair Turas go Gaeltacht na nDéise. Cloigtheach na hAirde Móire agus Díseart Déagláin (P. Ó Riain/D. Ó Drisceoil); Tigh Sheamais Uí Mhathúna (D. Ó Laoghaire); Leacht *Erin's Hope* (U. Mac Craith); Coláiste na Rinne (L. Suipéil, Ardmháistir).

25-26 September Autumn week-end in Limerick. Saturday: Hunt Museum (M. Dunleavy); King John's castle, St Mary's cathedral (Ken Wiggins). Sunday: Glenstal abbey (Bro. Gregory Collins, Frs Brian Murphy and Henry O'Shea); Shanballyedmond court tomb (Dr E. Twohig); Killaloe and St Flannan's Cathedral (Seán Kierse).

20 October Lecture by Dr Daphne Pochin Mould. 'Discovering Cork'.

17 November Lecture by Ms Mairéad Dunleavy, Director, Hunt Collection. 'The Europeanness of medieval Ireland as seen through dress'.

18 November A short visit of inspection by a small group (President, Editor, Ms Stella Cherry, The O'Long) to the excavated site at Crosses Green (prior to its being covered over), courtesy of Mr Maurice Hurley, City Archaeologist.

12 December Society's Christmas lunch at Clancarty restaurant, Blarney, followed by an illustrated talk on St Finbarr by Prof. Pádraig Ó Riain, UCC.

Council has appointed Ms Patricia McCarthy as Hon. Librarian and Mr Frank Hennessy as Press and Publicity Officer.

Query

The following inscription is taken from an obelisk-type grave monument (recently restored) in Clontead graveyard near Belgooly.

Sacerdoti praecellenti / Rev. Dominico O'Gara, Ord: Praed: / Qui hujus Beneficii curae impensius incubuit / XXIX Annis / Virtutibus non minus claro / quae / Virum nobilitant et civem exaltant / quam quae / Pastorem adornant, et Pascendos nutriunt / Incolae de Clontead et Ballingarry / cujus vesritus [?] / Ingentes [?Lugentes] mortuum quem vivum exercuit / hoc Mausoleum posuere / testatuturum [?] / Quantum debuerunt hi, et quantum meruit Ill[e]
Obdormivit In Domino / Plenns [*sic*] dierum, spei, et meritorum / Idibus Julii MDCCCXXXVII / Aetat LXXIX / Requiescat In Pace.

Nothing appears to be known of Fr Dominic O'Gara, OP, apart from the fact that he originally belonged to the community of Strade, Co. Mayo. It is unusual to find a member of the Dominican order as a PP in Cork diocese from 1808 to 1837. Any information regarding him, or his appointment, would be welcomed by his successor, Fr Daniel J. Burns, PP, The Presbytery, Belgooly, Co. Cork.

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