

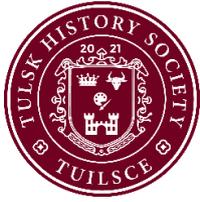
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Welcome to the 20th edition of our newsletter, the first of 2026. We started this year's activities back a few weeks ago with our first meeting of the year after a nice winter break. There has been, however, some work going on in the background and we got the Tulsk Morning Howl distributed at local outlets in early February. There was, as usual, some very interesting old articles in that and it's always a moment of discovery to find out odd and fascinating bits of information we'd never known about before. For example, that issue carried a piece on the Cork magician and ventriloquist Frank Powell, who performed in Tulsk in 1922. Not only did we discover that he had performed in the village 15 years earlier, with his feats of 'jugglery and legerdemain [slight of hand]' but that his wife had later been shot by the Black and Tans and he, in turn, had spent years in prison for shooting three of them back. There were also bits on the local court (a piece of local history we're just getting to grips with), land war action in Killina, and also news of the weather outlook for winter and the early arrival of migrant geese (in 1920). Throughout our Morning Howl editions it has been noticeable that nature and the changing of the seasons was something that was much more prominent in newspaper notes in days gone by. For now, as we head away from the depths of winter, we hope for a great year ahead at Tulsk History Society, and what better way to get Spring truly up and running than with our March newsletter.

In this issue we start off by re-printing an old history of Cargins House written in 1914, and here transcribed by Mike Lennon. Originally published by the Roscommon Herald, it includes a passage on the great harpist Turlough O'Carolan, and how he had a very special place in the story of that demesne, right in the heart of the parish. Something we talked about over the past while has been Tulsk Livestock Mart and we bring you a range of newspaper clippings from its 'life and times' in a special feature on this very important part of Tulsk's recent history. Mike Lennon continues his look at Simpson's of Clooncullane; in this issue bringing us a list of account holders at the shop during the years of 1915 and 1916. We also reprint here the story of the 'Giant's Grave' at Sheegeeragh, a Duchas Folklore Collection entry from Clashaganny School in the 1930s. We featured this fascinating tale on social media recently, and it got much reaction. Rounding off our March edition is a look back at our 20 newsletters to date - a small way to mark this minor milestone for THS. We hope you enjoy the read!

THS

The Old Demesnes in Roscommon

The Story of Cargins

By Walter A. Jones, Mount Brown

Transcribed by Mike Lennon

Published in The Roscommon Herald, August 8, 1914

An edited version was published in The Strokestown Democrat, July 17, 1937

First among the many old demesnes in County Roscommon may be reckoned Cargins, near Tulsk, where for eight hundred years and more the Kellys lived in princely state. Four hundred years before Richard Mapother erected Kiltreevan into a manor, and Kiltreevan is now the best kept of them all, with its superb walks of Irish yew, its many floral wonders and stately forest trees, a Kelly lived and ruled in Cargins. Cargins stood on a narrow strip of Hymany*, which extended up to Tulsk and lies between the Hill of Carns, on which stood Carnfree, the coronation mound of the Kings of Connaught, and their burial cemetery at Rathcroghan. In Enagh Croghan's great enclosures lie princes who ruled Erin in days gone by:-

Fair branches of Rossachi's royal tree,
His brothers seven and his daughters three.
Niam and Drucht, and Dathi in death renowned,
And Aileel, Bregia's monarch, here are found.
Wide Leinster's King three sons here laid in gloom,
And daughter's three, whose beauty graced his home.
But bootless human effort were to know
How many heroes rest round below.
The learned sage could not their names rehearse,
Nor poet's glowing pen recount in verse.
Full fifty mounds in Croghan may be seen,
And under each full fifty warlike men.
Under each mound in Croghan are contained
Heroes, and warlike maids, and queens that reigned.
All now are there in silence deep compressed,
Stewards who served, poets who charmed the feast.
Connaught's brave hosts, in youthful beauty seen,

Brave in their country's cause, of noble mein,
Now rest in death beneath these verdant tombs.
No hill we view on Croghan's swelling blooms
That's not the grave of king or princely train
Or woman fair, or bard of warlike strain.
From beauty heights of Oonagh Cruckna seen,
Tomona's abbey stood and orchards green.

On one side of the main avenue leading to Cargins stands the moss-grown stone on which St.



The great Turlough O'Carolan

Patrick sat to rest when on his way to crown Duach Gallach, King of Connaught. One of the very greatest amongst the illustrious persons who honoured this medieval chieftain's seat with their presence was O'Carolan, the harper. John O'Donovan, the renowned Irish scholar, also visited it. Carolan composed the words and music of 'Mild Mabel Kelly' about one of the daughters of the house of Cargins, who lived there in the first quarter of the eighteenth century. He also lived here with her father, Daniel Kelly, for ten years of his life, sometimes visiting the Staffords of Portobello and Gillstown, the Conmees of Kingsland, and the MacDermot Roe of Alderfort. An ash tree twenty-four feet in girth stands close to the ancient library where O'Carolan read and composed his wonderful airs, is still standing forming the older portion of the present house and

kitchen. Two of the four Irish yew trees planted by the poet, now 12 feet in girth and still standing in the pleasure ground. The oak chair which Carolan used in Cargins is still preserved. There are also traces of the buttery malt house, and brew house, pigeon house, etc.

MILD MABEL KELLY

(A Translation)

As when the softly blushing rose,
Close by some neighbouring lily grows,
Such is the glow thy cheeks diffuse,
And such their bright and blended hues.

The timid lustre of thine eye

With nature's purest tint can vie;
With the sweet bluebell's azure gem
That droops upon its modest stem.

The poets of Ierne's plains
To thee devote their choicest strains,
And oft their harps for thee are strung
And oft thy matchless charms are sung.

Since the famed fair of ancient days,
Whom bards and worlds conspired to praise,
Not one like thee has since appeared,
Like thee to every heart appeared.

Mild Mabel Kelly is now lying at rest in the abbey of Tulsk for one hundred and seventy years. A walled-in fountain in which the maidens of the Kelly race were wont to lave their snowy limbs, springs from the living rock about twenty yards from the present residence, and hard by is the dressing-room for the bathers to retire to. This spring is supposed to be that in which St. Patrick baptised the daughters of the King of Connaught. Through the kindness of Dr. Grattan Flood, I am enabled to publish the versified translation of Mild Mable Kelly. She was the eldest of the "Irish Graces," as the daughters of Daniel Kelly were called. She married first Thomas Phillips, of Cloonmore, Co. Mayo; secondly, Simon Arthur Hyacinth French. Her sister, Eleanor, married Roger Jones, of Banada Abbey; another sister, Ismay, married Alexander Irwin, Mucklets. In a grove of trees close to the back of the farmyard, there stands a large pond or artificial lakelet, flagged on the bottom and sides, formerly used for swimming, and overshadowed by:-

Those giants that have sheltered here,
Whatever maiden grace
The good old summers year by year,
Made ripe in Cargins chase.

At the back of the garden there are some fine hedges of dwarf beech ten feet broad, the avenues are shaded by aged trees, and from the rock on which the house stands issues and inexhaustible fountain of crystal water. Then there is the famous ash walk composed of the saplings brought two hundred years ago from Castle Ruby by Ignatius Kelly. The Locust Cassia tree, *Burlus Globosus*, *Weigelia* and *Magnolia* adorn the pleasure ground together with rare specimens of the flora of all countries; while noble specimens of elm, oak, ash, larch, glean, *Fraxiums Aceraegundafolia*, and hornbeam are scattered in abundance through the demesne. There are some Austrian pines given by the Duke of Modena to Daniel Kelly.

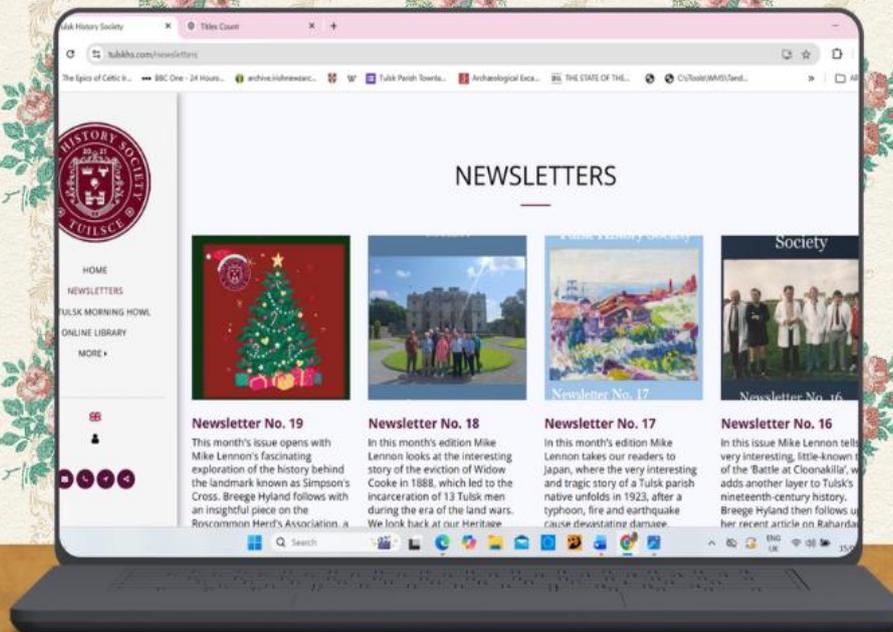
Cola Kelly, who died here in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, ordered that his body be waked for five days in the lawn of Cargins, and £500 spent on his funeral. Edmund Kelly, who died in 1725, married Magdeline Dillon, sister of Sir Charles Dillon, and had issue Daniel Kelly, father of Ignatius Kelly, and the three 'Irish Graces', Magdeline or Mabel, Eleanor and Ismay. The issue of Ignatius Kelly were Daniel Kelly, J.P., D.L., of Cargins, who married Jane French, aunt of the first Lord De Freyne and had issue a son, Daniel William Kelly, of Cargins, J.P., D.L., who married his cousin, Mary French, of Frenchpark, and had issue one son, Daniel, who predeceased him, and two daughters, one of whom married Major Darcy, and the second, Mrs. Gorges, wife of Major Gorges, of Kilbrew, who was formerly adjutant to the Roscommon Militia, having been previously in the Honourable East India Company. Mrs Gorges, who died two years ago at an advanced age, at the Royal Terrace, Kingstown, was well known as a writer of verse. For many years she was a regular contributor to Chambers Journal and various other publications, and two or three collections were made of her fugitive pieces, which were much appreciated. The late Sir Robert Stewart composed a fine setting to some stirring patriotic verses written by Mrs. Gorges on the saving of the colours by Lieutenants Colville and Merville at the battle of Isandwala. Henry Kelly of Ashbrook, Co. Roscommon, a cousin of Mrs. Gorges, was also gifted with literary and poetic talents. He wrote a poem, still well remembers, on a local tragedy called 'The Dirge of Mary Yeale'.

The names Kelly and Cox are the same. Cox is simply an English translation of Kelly, which means a cock, and many of the old families of Cox in County Roscommon can trace their descent from the O'Kellys of Hy Maine or Ui Maine, the O'Kellys of Tully and Lisnane, Co. Roscommon, and the O'Kellys of Glencara, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, are cadets of the house of Cargins. The late Daniel Kelly was very often foreman of the Grand Jury, and as such was believed by the peasantry to hold the power of life or death. He was once challenged by Arthur French, of Tomona, to fight a duel. He and his opponent and their seconds had taken their places, and their pistols were cocked and ready when a henchman of French's named McDermott rushed in and separated the erstwhile combatants. Daniel Kelly owned Castleruby, Bloomfield, and a property at Ballinlough. His property was sold out in the Encumbered Estates Court in 1852 when Captain George Warburton Drought purchased it. The old house, with the exception of the library, was burned down in 1854. Captain Drought built the present house and incorporated the library with in 1855. The house is built to resemble a Swiss chalet, and the interior is fitted up after a late style of Norman architecture, with pitch pine beams

resting on corbels of stone holding up the joists and floors. The dog-tooth Norman moulding is carried on all doors, widows and interior fittings. All the stonework, mantel pieces, etc., were made from local material by skilled craftsmen. Daniel Kelly died in Dublin in 1853, and his coffin was brought down through Tusk for burial at Frenchpark on a hearse drawn by four horses. He was the first Kelly who was buried outside of Tusk Abbey.

Captain Drought came to live at Cargins in 1856, and kept the foxhounds there from 1857 to 1878. He had travelled in Canada, India and Burmah, and was deeply learned in the religions of the East. Amongst the curios he had collected, the following were sold in London: auk eggs; images of Brahma, Buddha, Siva and Vishnu; Buddha and his two fighting cocks; a rice paper book of native Indian paintings in colours two hundred years old; phylacteries of Burmese priests; concentric ringed stones; and ancient gold ornaments found at Rathcroghan; fourteenth century Irish centre barred horse shoes; silver candlesticks made in Dublin, 1724; a hawk's jecs and virol found in Cargins garden; Flemish carved sideboard and old oak dinner wagon; old oak hall chairs, carved with an eagle displayed; two bead-work oak tables with turned legs; and Chinese paintings by Ho-Wang-Cho. Captain Drought died in 1881, and his wife, who survived him for thirty years, died in 1911. The Congested Districts Board has now purchased the property.◊

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Opened in 1959 Tulsk Livestock Mart was one of the most important commercial enterprises in the parish during its lifespan, until it finally closed in the late 1990s. Across the next pages, we revisit a selection of newspaper coverage that captures the bustle and character of this landmark building at the centre of Tulsk life

FARMING

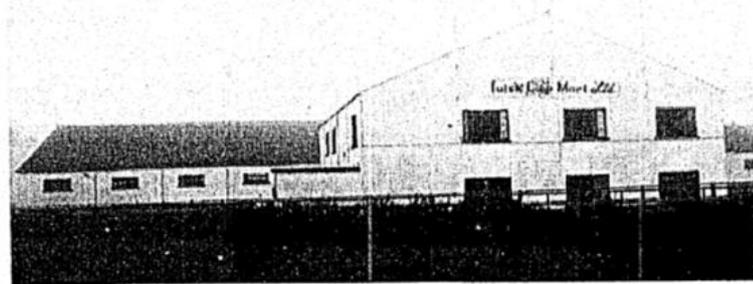
Varied Trading Traditions At Tulsk Mart

The Regional Farmers Mart Ltd., Tulsk has had a varied trading tradition since it first came into being just off one of the most famous crossroads in the West in the picturesque and progressive village of Tulsk. It also has the distinction of having had one of the most famous Irish politicians of the past three decades as its manager for a short period in the early sixties. That was former Irish Euro Commissioner, Ray McSharry, who is also a former Fianna Fail Government Minister and Dail Deputy for Sligo-Leitrim.

By Brian Cunniffe

Due to the support of Co Roscommon farmers principally the Mart is now trading in its fifth decade in private ownership. It had its initial beginnings in the late fifties as a privately owned Mart and functioned as a Co-operative from the mid seventies to the mid-eighties during which it ceased to trade for a few years following upon financial difficulties associated with the collapse of Towey Meats in Ballaghaderreen.

Tulsk Mart, as it is known locally, was founded back in the late fifties by private business men from within the geography of the West ranging principally from



An exterior view of Tulsk Mart.

Pic.: P. Glynn

Roscommon, Mayo and Sligo. Local publican, James Kelly provided the land for the Mart to be built upon. Tulsk had up until then the reputation of being a good location for fairs and has always enjoyed a good farming reputation. Its Macra na Feirme club was among the top in the West and midlands and an indication of their drive and progressive capabilities can be taken from the fact that the set about building a community hall in Tulsk known as the Tulsk Macra Hall.

Tulsk Mart began to trade initially, as far as can be ascertained, in October of 1959 with the late Paddy Hoban, R.I.P. of Castlebar as a Manager and Director.

Local farmers took over the Mart in the seventies. According to Benny Mulrennan, a Manager during this time period, the Mart traded from 1974 to 1986 as a Co-operative. It had a management committee of 12. Cattle trader Andrew Towey frequented the Mart up until the collapse of Towey Meats in

December of 1980 and the Mart subsequently experienced trading difficulties arising from the closure of Towey Meats.

Benny Mulrennan, its then Manager, said last Monday week that the Mart closed down in '81 and '82 arising from its financial problems but opened once again in 1983 and subsequently had a High Court judgment delivered in its favour against the Ulster Bank arising from an action associated with the collapse of Towey Meats. (This High Court case was given extensive coverage in the Herald during its time of hearing.)

Prior to its sale in the mid-eighties the Co-op rented out the Mart. Mrs Maura Cummins, Killina, has been Office Manageress at the Mart since 1975.

Mel O'Reilly, a well known cattle dealer who hails from Granard, and Jim Etherson were the principal shareholders initially under the new ownership. Mr Etherson hails from Coole, Mullingar and, according to Mrs Cummins, when he

decided to leave "Mel and his son Noel took over here". Noel was then working in Tulsk having started up the sale of farm machinery.

Mel and Noel O'Reilly now reside in Castleblaney. Noel's wife Kathleen, who hails from Keady, Co. Armagh, assists Maura in the office on and off. On the day the Herald visited the Mart Noel was in the yard talking on a mobile phone and observing some possible purchasers of farm machinery were viewing the goods on display.

Benny Mulrennan, who farms at Lisnaneane, Elphin, continues in the employment of the Mart as a sales clerk. The Mart holds sales on successive Saturdays for bullocks, heifers, and cows. In recent months the Regional Farmers Mart Ltd. has been holding sales for weanlings on Friday evening from 7 o'clock onwards. The Mart's sales are within all in covered accommodation, and according to Mrs Cummins night Mart's are very much a feature of the trading scene.

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LIVESTOCK MART FOR TULSK

It has been announced that a most modern and extensive Livestock Mart is to be erected at an estimated cost of £26,000 at Tusk. A group of farmers, cattle exporters and personalities interested in the livestock trade in the counties of Mayo, Sligo and Roscommon, are the directors and shareholders of Western Farmers' Sales, Limited, the promoting Company.

The same company controls the Mart at Claremorris, and now the directors have decided to extend their operations, and have chosen the most strategic point in County Roscommon for their project, says a supplied report.

The site chosen is at the junction of the main Sligo-Athlone and Ballina-Dublin roads—a very busy intersection—and it is surrounded on all sides within a radius of ten miles by the best pasture land in the West of Ireland.

Tusk is not far from the River Shannon, and on that account is close to the border dividing the Western T.B. Clearance area from the remainder of the country. Consequently, it will be very convenient for buyers and feeders in other parts of the country who wish to stock up with attested cattle.

As the title of the Company—Western Farmers' Sales, Limited—implies, it is interested in the marketing to the best advantage of the stock of farmers in the western counties, and to this end, will carry on sales at Claremorris and Tusk.

VITAL SITE

The directors of the Company are satisfied that they have chosen the two most vital sites in all the western counties, adds the report.

Mr. T. Denis Cosgrove, of Sligo, a director and one of the most

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NEW MART OPENED AT TULSK

The opening sale at the new £26,000 mart, erected by Western Farmers' Sales, Ltd., at Tusk on Tuesday attracted 780 entries from all parts of mid-Roscommon. There were 11 cross-Channel and a big number of home buyers. Trade was brisk.

The first beast to go into the ring was sold for 51 guineas, and the proceeds were presented to Very Rev. J. Kilmartin, P.P., Tusk. The Auctioneer was Mr. H. McGowan, Mohill.

Prices—Light stores, 117/- cwt.; 7 to 8 cwt. beasts, 118/- to 130/-; 8 to 9 cwt., 103/- to 137/-; 9 to 10 cwt., 105/- to 134/-; heavy cattle averaged 115/- per cwt.

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Champion, 06/02/1960

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15/03/1999

Development land for auction

A PLOT of land with development potential in the village of Tusk, County Roscommon will go to public auction on Thursday, 16th June 2005 at 4p.m. in O'Connor's Lounge Bar, Tusk (unless previously sold).

Formerly Tusk Mart lands, the prime property holding of around 13.5 acres has tremendous potential for commercial/residential development at this location subject to planning permission.

Regarded locally as the crossroads to the west, the auctioneer highly recommends this property and invites offers in excess of €600,000.

For more details contact Property Partners Earley on 090 6626579.

Above: Roscommon Herald,
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New Era Dawns As Tusk Mart Goes Back Into Business

RE-OPENS THIS SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER

Tusk Co-operative Livestock Mart Ltd. will hold its re-opening sale on this Saturday, starting at 11 o'clock in the secure knowledge that the farmers of Co. Roscommon and many adjoining counties wish them nothing but success.

The unprecedented goodwill towards the small crossroads Mart which was always attracted buyers and sellers from many counties, other than Roscommon, is due to the verdict of the High Court in the action which the Mart took against the Ulster Bank arising from the collapse of Towey Meats, Ballinaghderron.

The action of the Mart personnel has resulted in the sum of £246,250 having been paid to date to all the creditors and many other farmers who had dealings with other financial institutions now feel confident that they too will recover losses sustained due to the Towey collapse because of the courage of the Tusk personnel.

All creditors of the Mart received 1% interest on sums owed to them dated from May 19th, 1981 to the payment date of September 20th last. The total interest allowance in that period came to £30,000 approx.

GATES OPEN AT 7 a.m.
SALE COMMENCES AT 11 a.m. SHARP
Draw at 10 a.m.
Bullocks, Heifers and Cows Weanling Sale at 2 p.m.
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Another cause for jubilation in recent weeks for the Mart management personnel was the appointment of their solicitor in the action, Mr. Peter Connelan, of Strokestown, as a temporary District Justice. The OVER TO BACK PAGE



Mr. Benny Mulrennan, Manager of Tusk Mart.

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Above: Roscommon Herald 21/10/1983. After the mart closed for a two-year period, it re-opened in 1983 with the above published in the local newspaper.



James Kelly presenting the prize on behalf of Donal Kelly (sponsor) to the winner, Peter Feeney (Tulsk) who took second prize for the best three store bullocks (Continental breed) at Tulsk Mart.
Pic.: Glynn's Photography



Best 2 non-Continental at Tulsk Mart. Winner Pat Monaghan, Tulsk, receiving his cheque from Noel O'Reilly on behalf of sponsor 'Liffey Heats'. Also in photograph is Sean Monaghan.



Best 2 Store Continentals at Tulsk Mart: Winner, Declan O'Connor, Elphin receiving his cheque from Noel O'Reilly on behalf of Regional Farmers Mart. Also in photograph is Frank Hussey, Castleplunkett.



Kieran Supple (Garrow) who won first prize for best two Continental Stores at Tulsk Mart, being presented with his prize by sponsor M. J. Croghan (auctioneer and grocer, Tulsk). Also in photograph is Benny Mulrennan, Tulsk Mart.
Pic. P. Glynn



Best pair of bull weanlings. sponsored by Quinn's Insurance and Moylan's Foodstore, Tulsk. Left to right: Noel Sheeran, Mel O'Reilly representing Quinn's Insurance and Enda Taylor accepting cheque for Sean Feeley, photographed at Tulsk Mart.
Pic.: Glynn's Photography



John Dixon receiving second prize for best store continentals at Tulsk mart from Joe Greene on behalf of sponsor, Seamus Conway, Tulsk.
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Just some of those pictured at Tulsk Livestock Mart over the years. From the Roscommon Herald. Dates of each, as numbered:

- (1) 28/01/1994; (2) 28/01/1994; (3) 02/11/1990;
- (4) 05/06/1992; (5) 24/04/1992; (6) 07/12/1990 ◇

SIMPSON'S SHOP CUSTOMERS 1915 & 1916

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we published the 160-year history of Simpson's of Clooncullane shop and public house. Fortunately, the Devine family, who now own the premises, retained the business records and files which were left by the family of the last occupant, M. J. Simpson, after his death in 2015. While dampness over the years had caused some damage, most of them were salvaged after the Devine family generously donated them to the Tusk History Society. We will publish summaries from these records over coming issues, starting with a list of customers from 1915 and 1916. These are customers who purchased groceries, beer, spirits, cigarettes and agricultural goods on credit. This was a common practice up to the 1970s when supermarkets came on the shopping scene and only dealt on a pay-as-you-buy basis. The credit accounts in shops such as Simpson's were settled in whole or in part in exchange for eggs or butter, or cash after selling livestock at fairs, or turkeys and geese after the fowl markets before Christmas. This list of 84 customers is compiled by townland.

Ardakillan

Reps of Mrs Norah Daly (died Jan1916)
 Thomas Daly
 Martin Lane
 Charles Lavin
 Mrs Thomas (Margaret) McCormack
 Francis McNeive
 Michael Saunders

Ardkeenagh

Mr (John) Finn (RIC)

Ballintemple (Cloonfinlough)

Michael Dolan

Ballybroghan

Thomas Kearns

Ballydaly

Patrick Fox
 Michael Glancy
 James Scally

Bloomfield

Michael McGarry

Carrigeenagappul

Owen Carney
 Andrew Dolan
 John Dolan
 Thomas Kelly

Cartron

Peter Dufficy

John Eustace

Luke Sweeney

Cloonakilla

Andrew Egan

Cloonart

Andrew McDermott
 Charles McDermott
 Thomas McDermott

Clooncullane

Roderick Beirne
 Andrew Morahan

Clooneigh

Bernard Balfe
 John Dalton
 Thomas Dufficy
 Thomas Owens

Cloonfree

John Carty

Cloonmurray

Mrs (Mary) Dempsey
 Matthew King
 Michael Lenaghan
 Michael Lennon
 Mrs (Margaret) McDermott
 Miss (Ellen) Quinn

Corker

John Connor
 John Neary

Corrabeg

Patrick Dufficy
Andrew McDermott
John McDermott

Corragarve

John Brennan
Mary A Brennan
Mrs Thomas (Maria) Brennan
John Flanagan
Thomas Logan
Peter Owens
Stephen Saunders

Correagh

Mrs (Mary) McNeive
Patrick Moran

Killeen (Shankill)

John Nerney

Kilcooley

William Darcy

Lisnaneane

Mrs (Bridget) Conlon
James Delaney
Mrs (Sarah) Feeney
Peter Lowry
Charles McDermott

Lismacool

Patrick Brabazon

Lissaphuca

Michael Brady
Peter Feeney
Michael Murray
John Shannon
Mrs (Margaret) Shannon

Monaboy

Mrs (Celia) Doherty
John Kelly
James McNeive
James Mulvey
Owen Mulvey
Mrs Owen (Kate) Mulvey
James Tully

Nadnaveigh

Edward McCormack

Ogulla

Matthew McGarry

Sheegeeeragh

Michael Lane

Shrove

John Connor
John Conway
William Curley
Thomas Farrell
John Gormley
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Thomas Neary
James Tiernan

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Advertisement for Simpson's from 1922

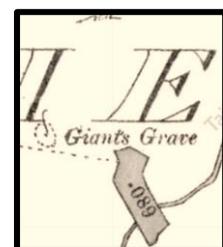
THE GIANT'S GRAVE OF SHEEGEERAGH/MANOR



From the *Duchas Folklore Collection (The Schools' Collection, Volume 0252, Page 181)* is this story from Clashaganny School, of the 'Giant's Grave', marked in the 25-inch Ordnance Survey map as being in Sheegeeragh, next to Manor (see below). Image above is a painterly representation of the gravesite today. Informant in the 1930s was B. Flanagan

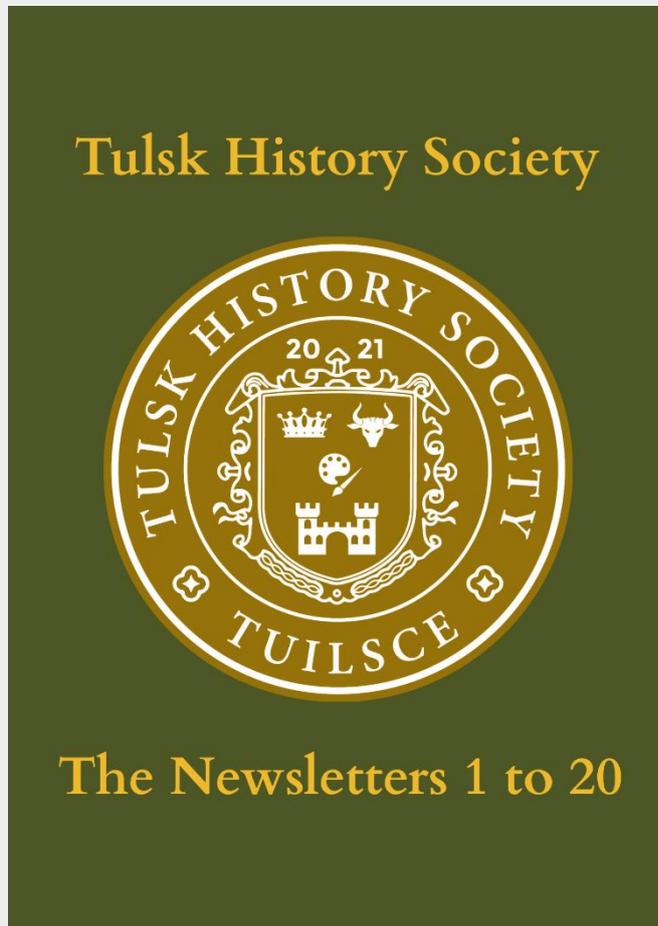
"In the village of Manor, Tulsk, Roscommon there are the remains of low mounds each about twelve feet in length and occupying an area of a few square perches. Large stones some standing and others lying are beside these mounds which are very like graves. These are known locally as The Giant's Graves. The place is only a few yards in from the main road to Tulsk from Roscommon. Tradition says that in this place are buried the tallest of Queen Maves warriors, no one under eight feet being allowed a burial there.

A very old man named James Higgins of Cloonmurray told me some years ago that every bonfire night (23rd June) these old time heroes arise from their graves and speed away to Rathcroghan in the west. As they speed along each warrior keeps a long sling whirling over his head. They return before cock crow and each warrior moans lowly as he sinks into his grave where he has to remain till Bonfire Night again."



MARKING 20 ISSUES OF OUR NEWSLETTER

To mark the publication of Issue No. 20 of our quarterly newsletter , we have compiled a record of all the articles that have appeared since the first edition, back in June 2021.



We have published a total of 117 articles and features to date (including the articles in the current issue).

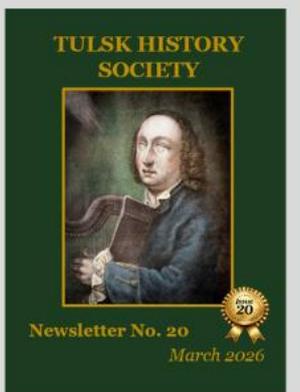
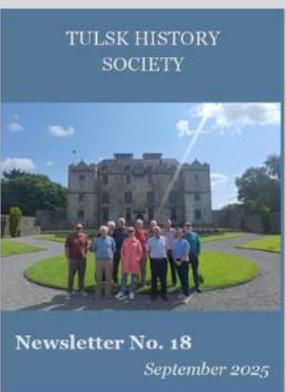
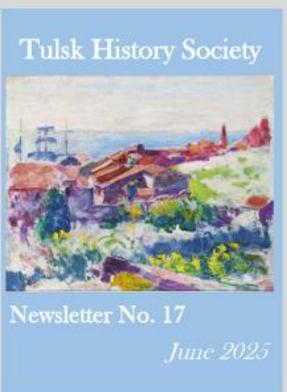
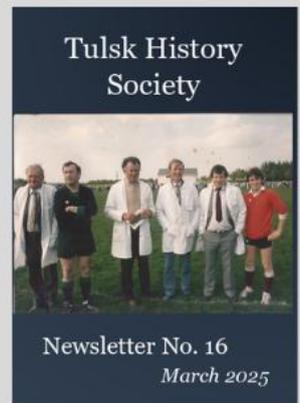
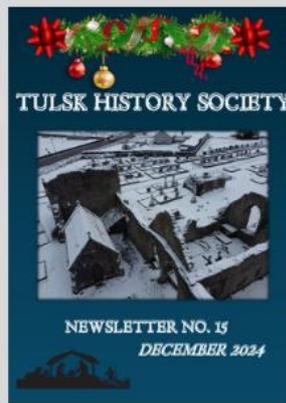
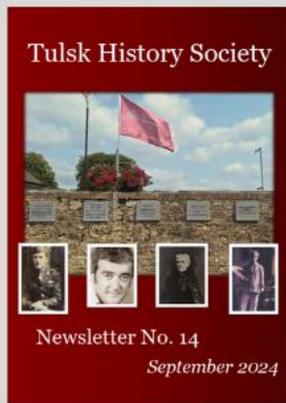
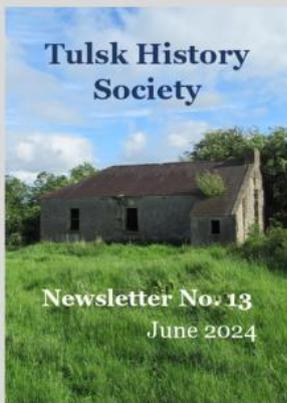
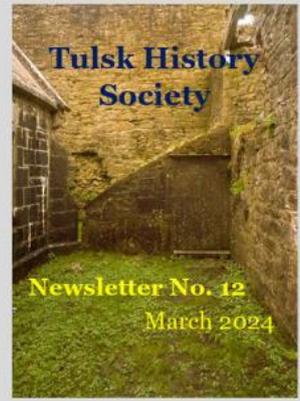
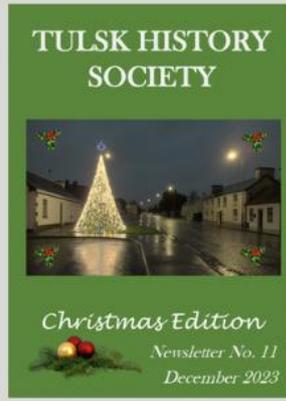
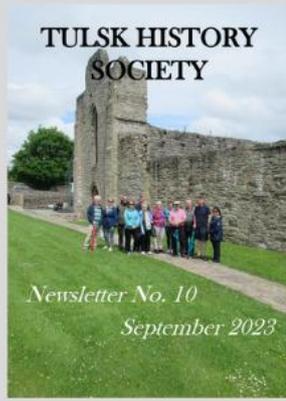
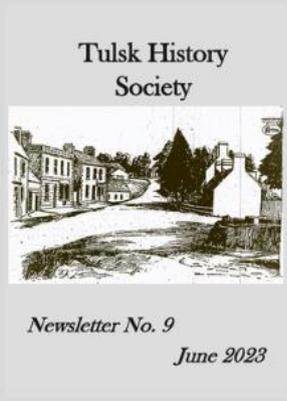
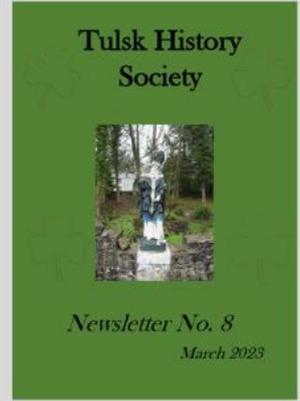
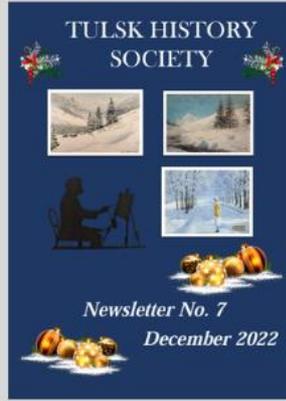
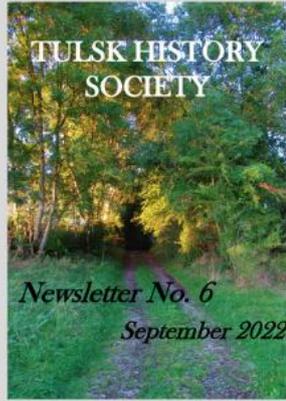
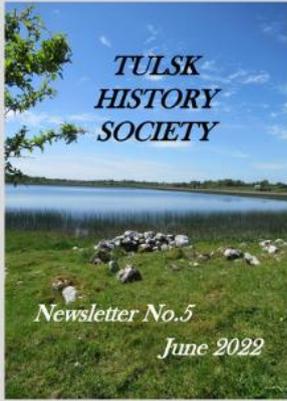
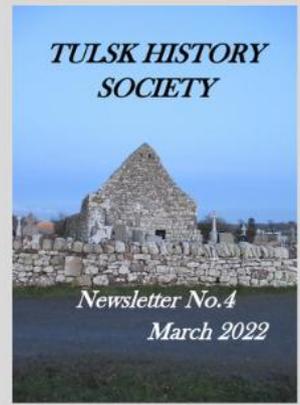
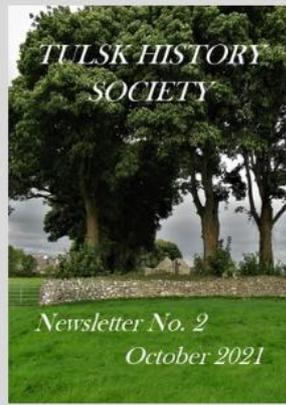
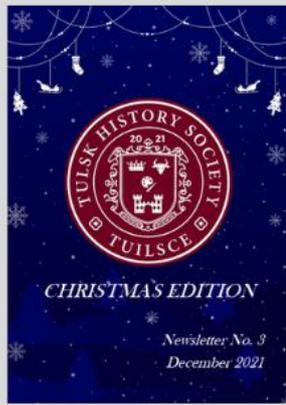
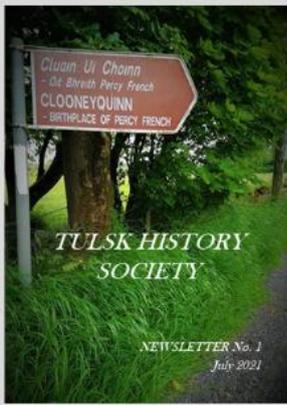
A total of 20 contributors in all have written for the THS newsletter, and thanks to each and every one of them for making the publication what it is.

One of our hardworking writers has compiled a number a great pieces from her base in Canada (Melissa L. Keigher), we've had a contribution from the brilliant American Civil War Historian Damian Shiels, and an article on Tomana House by the late Paddy Moffat has also appeared on our pages (with thanks to Fergus Moffat). Needless to say, all of

our local contributors, a great many being current members of THS, have created a wealth of material that will be of important historical value to the parish.

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