

THE SPEAKERS

Dr. Paul MacCotter is a historian and genealogist, whose research interests include the administrative structures of Anglo-Norman Ireland and of High Medieval Gaelic Ireland. He has published four books and numerous journal papers. He is a part-time lecturer in the School of History, UCC, and lectures in genealogy with Adult Continuing Education in UCC and the Irish Ancestry Research Centre of UL.

Prof. Tadhg O'Keeffe, who teaches in the School of Archaeology in UCD, specialises in the study of medieval landscape, settlement and architecture, Irish and European. His published work - nearly 100 items across a diverse range of interests - includes four books on ecclesiastical architecture and many papers on castles.

Dr Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedel has been a member of the Department of History, UCC, with a special research interest in Medieval History. She has lectured and published widely on the Irish monasteries and, in particular, the connections between these and Europe during the Middle Ages.

Eamonn Cotter is an independent archaeologist and researcher. His main area of interest is medieval architecture. He has published numerous journal papers and recently edited and published *Buttevant: a medieval Anglo-French town in Ireland*, a collection of papers on the history of Buttevant.

Dr. Tomás Ó Carragáin lectures in the Archaeology Department, University College Cork. His research interests include early medieval architecture and sculpture, landscape archaeology and archaeological approaches to ritual practice including pilgrimage. His publications include *Inishmurray: Monks and Pilgrims in an Atlantic Landscape* and *Churches in Early Medieval Ireland. Architecture, Ritual and Memory* (Yale University Press 2010).

M.A. Monk is a retired UCC lecturer on environmental archaeology who has a particular interest in the archaeology of early farming and settlement with a particular focus on the early medieval period in Ireland. He has carried out field work, excavation and archaeobotany studies widely in Ireland and has worked on collaborative projects in Britain, Russia and the Lebanon.

Regina Sexton, University College Cork, is a food historian, food writer, broadcaster and cook. She has published widely at academic and popular levels, and has worked as food history consultant with *Bord Bia*, *Teagasc*, *Fáilte Ireland*, *RTÉ* and the Irish Heritage Trust. She lectures in the area of food history at UCC.

Dr Breda Lynch works as a Supervisor Guide with the Heritage Services section of the Office of Public Works, and is based at Jerpoint Abbey in Co. Kilkenny, one of the country's best-preserved medieval Cistercian monasteries. She was awarded a Doctorate by NUI Maynooth in 2009 for a study on the Cistercian Order in medieval Leinster. Her book *A monastic landscape: the Cistercians in Medieval Ireland* followed on in 2011.

LOCATION

The conference will be held in the Fermoy Community and Youth Centre. The Centre is located in the heart of Fermoy, on the south bank of the Blackwater about 200 metres upriver from the bridge, past the Grand Hotel.

Conference lectures will take place in the theatre at the Centre and the opening reception will be held upstairs in the beautiful Anderson Room which affords spectacular view along the Blackwater.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE:

If coming from the Dublin or Mallow direction take a right turn immediately after crossing the bridge; if coming from the Cork or Waterford directions proceed to the centre of town, follow the signs for Dublin, then turn left immediately before coming to the bridge.

Proceed past the Grand Hotel to the point where the street narrows. The Centre is on the left at the corner.

ACCOMMODATION

The Grand Hotel is located in the centre of Fermoy town.

Corbett Court Hotel is located about 8km north of Fermoy, on the R639

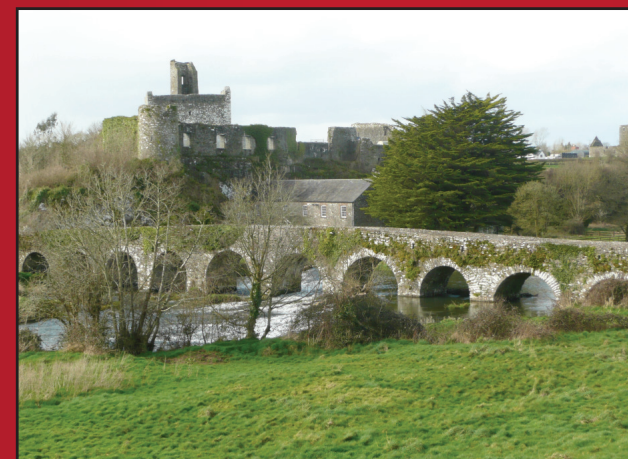
In addition there are numerous B & Bs and guesthouses in and around the town, some of which are listed at www.avondhu.org

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Fir Maige Fermoy

**From Gaelic kingdom
to Anglo-Norman lordship**

**A conference focused on the
medieval history and archaeology
of northeast Cork.**



**at
Fermoy Community
and Youth Centre,
Fermoy, Co. Cork**

2nd – 4th May 2014

MEDIEVAL FERMOY

The medieval territory of Fir Máige extended over the north-eastern part of County Cork, north of the Nagle Mountains and approximately from Mallow in the west, to the Cork-Waterford border in the east.

The territory is delineated in the medieval tract *Críchad an Chaoilli* (The Topography of Fermoy), which is based on original materials dating to the mid-twelfth century. *Críchad* contains a wealth of information on pre-Norman Fermoy, listing the *tuatha* and *bailte* of the region, the ruling families of the time, and the dedicated churches of the *tuatha*.

This conference will present the results of recent historical studies of the *Críchad*, as well as looking at the broader historical and archaeological context of the Fermoy region in the Medieval period.

FRIDAY MAY 2ND

7.00pm Cheese and wine reception and Registration

8.00pm Opening remarks and Welcome.

8.30pm Keynote speaker Dr. Paul MacCotter
Críchad an Chaoilli, a remarkable window into the past.

SATURDAY MAY 3RD

8.30-9.30 Registration

9.30 *Introducing medieval Fermoy*
Eamonn Cotter

10.10 *Ballyhoura saints: at home and abroad*
Dagmar O'Riain-Raedel

10.50-11.00 Discussion

11.00 Break. Tea/coffee provided.

11.30 *Críchad an Chaoilli and the Early Churches of Fir Máige*
Tomás O'Carragáin

12.10 *Reform to Reformation; The Cistercians in Medieval Ireland*
Dr. Breda Lynch

Discussion

1.00-2.00 Lunch break.

2.00 *Anglo-Norman Fermoy, the Roches and the Condons*
Dr. Paul MacCotter

2.40 *The Anglo-Norman castles of Glanworth and Ballyderown in context.*
Dr. Tadhg O'Keeffe

3.20 *Food and Identity in Later Medieval Ireland*
Regina Sexton

4.00 *An exploration of change in environment and agriculture in Ireland between the 10th and 13th centuries AD: the broader context for the archaeological evidence from Co. Cork.*
M. A. Monk

4.40 Discussion and summing up

SUNDAY MAY 4TH

The conference will end with a morning tour of the North Cork region including Brigown church, Glanworth castle and other significant sites in the area.

Tour to start at 10.30 am.

BOOKING

The **conference fee** is €30 per person.

This includes reception,
tea/coffee and all presentations.

Delegates have the option of booking Saturday **lunch** at the Grand Hotel, Fermoy, for €12.95.
There are several other options in the town.

The **conference dinner** will take place on **Saturday May 3rd** in the Grand Hotel, Fermoy
at 8 pm.

Dinner will cost €35 per person.

The Sunday **Field Trip** will cost €10 per person

An online booking facility is available at
www.avondhu.org

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