

ROSBERCON CHURCHYARD

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This graveyard, situated on the west bank of the River Barrow, is within the New Ross Urban District Council area. The graveyard has been used by both R.C. and Church of Ireland parishioners, it is now almost full and burial rights are restricted to a few families. The older part, that to the right of the central path, is in a state of neglect and is due for clearance of briars, nettles, etc. There are two unusual decorated headstones; one includes an excellent carving of ‘Christ Baptised in the River Jordon’, and the other ‘St. Joseph, Holy Ghost and Virgin Mary’, each in a named niche. The Holy Ghost is depicted by an altar complete with four candlesticks and tabernacle, the front of the altar is decorated by straight lines leading from each corner to a central I H S motif. They are to the memory of Mary NARRISS (1817) and Patrick O’NEILL (1829) respectively. Both stones are unsigned. The demolished church, except for one wall, was originally in the Diocese of Ossory. In 1900, it “was united to New Ross and placed in the Diocese of Ferns”, see Leslie, *Ferns Clergy and Parishes*, p. 223. Leslie also records on the same page that there was in the church a stone font and ewer inscribed “Presented by Mrs. Heatley, 1884”. If these have been transferred to St. Mary’s in New Ross, then I did not see them.

The Baptism of Christ in the Jordon

The depiction of the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordon is one of the more unusual motifs found on memorials to the dead. I have come across three references to this design in publications at my disposal; the NORRISS (1817) memorial in Rosbercon Old and the MAHON (1820) and RYAN (1815) memorials in St. Mullin’s graveyards. The St. Mullin’s examples are mentioned in that invaluable publication, *St. Mullin’s & St. Michael’s Tombstone Inscriptions (St. Mullin’s Muintir na Tire, c. 1984)*, where the spelling River Jordan is used. That this spelling is incorrect is shown by a photograph of the MAHON stone in part V of *Mrs. Leask’s*

series of papers on monumental carvings, see J. R.S.A.I., vol. LXXVII, pt. 1, plate III, 2, 1947. This photograph clearly shows Jordon. Mrs. Leask also records a "much damaged double slab of about 1819 at St. Mary's, New Ross". Unfortunately, she omits the name of the deceased so I am unable to check, from my records, if the slab still exists. Certainly, I cannot recall seeing it when transcribing memorials in that graveyard in 1985. Possibly, the fragments were removed during the massive clean up of 1984/85. The loss of this slab is all the more regrettable as, according to Mrs. Leask, it bore the signature "Kehoe Sculp. Marley". Marley is near St. Mullin's, so it is most probable that all these carvings came from the same atelier. Could Kehoe also be responsible for the O'NEILL (1829) stone which includes depictions of St. Joseph, the Holy Ghost and Virgin Mary?

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Miscellaneous.

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AYLWARD see WHELAN, b).

BALDWIN see DOOLEY, 3i.

BISHOP see MURPHY, 6.

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- aged 56 yrs/also 3 of his children who died young.
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2. CARROLL Two headstones side by side, a) left and b) right:
- a) God be merciful to Patrick/Carroll he died Jan 1781/aged — yrs/and to that of his daughter/Anastatia Carroll/who departed this life/July 28th 1865 in the 85th/year of her age.
- b) D O M/God be merciful to the/soul of Patrick Carroll/who died April the 20th/1766 aged 70 years/and to that of his/wife Margaret/Etchingham/died (remainder of inscription under ground).
3. CARROLL Erected by Catherine Carroll/Tinnakilly in loving memory of/her father John Carroll/died 1st June 1886 aged 74 yrs/her mother Mary Carroll/died 7th Jan 1894 aged 73 yrs/her brothers/Thomas Carroll/died 3rd Jan 1873 aged 29 yrs/John Carroll died 8th June 1846/aged 2yrs Laurence Carroll/died 8th July 1848 aged 8 days/her sister Anastatia Carroll died 23rd April 1923 aged 67 yrs/also the above Catherine Carroll/died 29th Sept 1941 aged 90 yrs.
- CLEERE Erected by/Thomas Cleere of Tinnakilly/in loving memory of his beloved son/John Cleere/who died Sept 21st 1863/aged 26 years/Fanny (F on H) Cleere who died Oct ___/1882 aged 6.
- CLOWNEY see GALLAVAN, 2e).
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CLOWNEY see GALLAVAN, 2e).

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2. CONWAY Two headstones side by side, a) right and b) left:

- a) Erected by Hannora Conway of/Tinnerany in memory of her husband Patrick Conway who depd/this life January 7th 1848 aged 63/years also 3 of his children who/died young.
- b) Erected to the memory of Mary/Conway of Tinnerany/who depd/this life 22nd Feb 1838 aged 52 yrs/also two of her children who died young.

COONEY Erected by Laurence Cooney of Waterford/in memory of his father and mother/Sept 8th 1797.

CROKE Sacred to the memory/of Ellen Croke/who departed this life/July 6th 1868/aged 70 yrs/also Mary Margaret/second daughter of the late/Captin Murphy Victoria Place New Ross/who died 5th March 1916 aged 32 years/also his son Martin Joseph who died/28th May 1917 aged 31 yrs.

COTTERELL Erected by/Stephen Cotterell of Shanbough/in memory of his mother/Anne Cotterell who died Feb/23rd 1873 aged 75 years/also his father/Mathias Cottrell who died/in Richmond U.S.A. aged 78 years (no year stated)/and his son who died/in Richmond U.S.A. 1881 aged 21 yrs/Maryanne Cottrell who died/Decr 25th 1882 aged 9 years and/also his brother/Richard Cottrell who died/March 17th 1887 aged 53 years.

DALY Pray for/the soul of/John Daly/of Rosbercon/who died 25th May 1874 aged 40 yrs/and his wife Ellen Daly/who died 26th Dec 1921 aged 85 years/also their daughter/Margaret Daly who died 10th Oct/1887 aged 24 years.

DELANY Not see by me, taken from Carrigan's History & Antiquities of The Diocese of Ossory, 1903:

“(Here lies the b)ody of (the Revd. Den)es Delany (who depart)ed this life (April the 15th 1)757 aged 39 years.” A footnote to this entry records: “The missing portions of the inscription on this monument, now merely a fragment, have been supplied from a notebook of the late V. Rev. Canon Moore, P.P. Johnstown.”

1. DEMPSEY see KEILY, 2.
2. DEMPSEY D O M/Here lies the body of/Richard Dempsey who de/parted this life on the 19th day/of June

1789 aged 58 years/also six of his children.

DENN see GALLAVAN, 2a).

1. DOOLEY see MURPHY, 5.

2. DOOLEY Erected by/Elizabeth Langan/of Annas in memory of her mother/Elizabeth Dooley who depd/this life April 7th 1855 aged 87 yrs/also her brother Bernard Dooley/who depd this life May 3rd 1862/aged 64 years/also the above named/Elizabeth Langan alias Dooley/depd this life January 13th 1868 aged 68.

3. DOOLEY Large memorial with the inscriptions cut on three panels, the impression is given that they were re-cut in recent years and the memorial repaired, possibly re-set:

i, upper Sacred/to the memory of/Patrick Dooley/born in Newtown Walsh/Callan died in Hoodsgrove/15th June 1760 aged 84/his wife Bridget/née Baldwin died 10th April 1750 aged 78 George Dooley/died 10th Feb 1801 aged 69/his wife Mary née Walsh/died 17th March 1790 aged 50/James Dooley died 10th Feb/1828 aged 48 his wife/Anne née Malone died 23rd/June 1851 aged 69/George Dooley/died Aug 13th 1868 aged 58.

ii, centre His wife Catherine née Fitzgerald/died 17th Dec 1898 aged 94/James G. Dooley/died 15th Aug 1916 aged 74/also his wife Margaret née Ennett/died 4th Aug 1904 aged 52.

iii, lower George Dooley died 5th Oct 1947 aged 64/and his daughter Ellen died 11th Feb 1929 aged 3 yrs/Margaret Dooley née Gorey died 21st July 1984 aged 99.

DUNNE see NOWLAN, 3c).

ENNETT see DOOLEY, 3ii.

ETCHINGHAM see CARROLL, 2b)

FITZGERALD see DOOLEY, 3ii.

FITZGERALD Not seen by me — see preamble to DELANY.

“Here lies the body of the Revd. Terence Fitzpatrick. He died the 19th of Febr'y 1768 in the 33rd year of his age”.

GALAVAN see GALLAVAN, 2e).

1. GALLAVAN see SMYTH.
2. GALLAVAN Five memorials, a) left to d) right are headstones, e), a ledger, is in front of c):
 - a) Erected by Laurence Gallavan of/City of Waterford in memory of his/wife Mary Gallavan alias Denn who/depd this life August 8th 1793 agd 32 yrs/also 3 of their children.
 - b) Here lieth the body of/Edmond Gallavan who depd this/life Decr 10th 1765 aged 54 years/also his wife Elinor Gallivan who/died March 15th 1787 aged 65 yrs/also 6 of their children.
 - c) Erected to the memory of Edward/Gallavan of Glinsinsaw who depd/this life on the 20th day of May/1826 in the 68th year of his age.
 - d) Erected by Mrs. Bridget Gallavan alias/Nevil in memory of her loving husband/Patk Gallavan of Ross **** he depd/this life May 30th 1806 aged 38 yrs. (Word erased where marked *).
 - e) Erected by Patk Gallavan of Glinsinsaw/in memory of his beloved wife Mary Gallavan/alias Clowney who depd this life 28th/of June 1851 years/also the above mentioned Patrick/Gallavan who departed this life 24th of/August 1838 aged 42 years also/Edward Galavan who died 30th/July 1896 aged 69 years.

GAUL see NOLEN, c).

GOREY see DOOLEY, 3iii.

HARRINGTON see MURPHY, 5.

HEATLY I take the following from Leslie's Ferns Clergy and Parishes, p 223; under Robert Young Heatly, Rector 1900-1908:

"A stone font with ewer, in Rosbercon Church, is inscribed 'Presented by Mrs. Heatly 1884'. They are not now in the demolished church and if transferred to St. Mary's, then I did not see them there.

HERROT Table. This tomb was caused to be erected by/Margaret Herrot to the memory of her/dearly beloved brother Walter Herrot/late a native of Scotland who departed/life at Castle Annas 7th March/1822 aged 57 years.

HIGNS Not seen by me — see preamble to DELANY.

“Hic jacet Resurrectionem carnis expectans Rdus. Pater Fr. Jacobus Higns. sacri ords. Praed.; diem clausit extremum 24 Martii anno 1776 aetatis suae 64. Erigi fecit lapidem R. Pater Fr. Dom(in)cus Quirk ejusdem ords. ac Conventui Rosbercano Assignatus, ann. 1781.”

HOBAN see NARRISS.

HOLDEN Here lieth the body of/Mary Holden otherwise/Wallis who departed/this life Kine 3rd 1790/aged 69.

KAVANAGH Erected by/Catherine Shanahan/to the memory of her dearly beloved father/Ryan Kavanagh/who depd this life/on the 21 July 1827/also his wife/(fractured)/who depd this life on 8th September 1821/aged 56 years/also/Catherine Shanahan/who departed this life/on the 3rd July 1848/aged 72 yrs.

1. **KEILY** Erected by Elenor Keily/in memory of her husband James Keily who depd/this life April ye 22nd 1812 aged/46 years.
2. **KEILY** Table. Here lieth the body of/Margaret Keily/who depd this life 19th September 1818/aged 20 years/also her brother/Edward Keily/who departed this life 20th July 1800/aged 8 years/and also their mother Johanna/Keily alias Dempsey/wife of John Keily of Ross Esq/who departed this life 11th day of/November 1826 aged 58 years/and also the body of John Keily/died the 3rd Dec 1843 aged 15 years.

KELLY Here lieth ye body of/Allice Kelly als Murphy/who departed this life/Feb 12th 1764 aged 55/years.

LANGAN see DOOLEY, 2.

LEWES Erected/by Richard Lewes of New Ross/in memory of his brother/Patrick Lewes who died 12th Nov 1832 aged 19 years.

MACKEY see MURPHY, 5.

1. **MAGRATH** see CAHILL, 2.
2. **MAGRATH** Marble tablet on wall of old church. Difficult to read owing to height and lichen encrustation. This is on the only wall of the ch. now left standing:

Sacred/to the cherished memory of three beloved brothers/who died/in the service of their country in India and China/Joseph Rogers Magrath Sergeant Adjutant of H.M. 55th Regt. died/Hong Kong ___July 1842/aged 32 years/Richard Nicholson Magrath/Captain in H.M. 3rd Regt of (Hu ___ or Bu___?) 18 died of wounds received in the Battle was ___ 13th January 1844/aged .6 years/John Magrath/Surgeon in the 8th Regt. Light Cavalry who died/Ferozepore 6th July 1845/aged 44 years/sons of John R. Magrath and Mary his wife/of Bawn James in this Parish./Erected by their attached sisters. Verse. (Note that at the time of the erection of this memorial, Rosbercon was then in the County of Kilkenny and in Diocese of Ossory).

3. MAGRATH Two memorials in an iron railed enclosure, a) is a ledger slab and b) an altar tomb with coped cap stone:
 - a) Here liest the body of/John Richard Magrath Esq/of Bawnmore Co. Kilkenny who departed/this life the 14th of October 1834 aged 58 years/also that of his infant son Richard/who died the 16th September 1804/also the body of his brother-in-law the Revd Andrew Nicholson A.M. Curate of St. Mary's/New Ross who died the 28th of February 1799/aged 27 years/and that of Frances Nicholson his wife/died the 5th February 1802/also the body of Mary Magrath the wife of the/above named John Richard Magrath who departed/this life the 11th day of April 1842 aged 71 years/of Mary Geraldine Magrath/born 20th June 1799/died 18th February 1871/daughter of the above/John Richard & Mary Magrath/John Richard Magrath/Colonel Royal Artillery/died 16th August 1913.
 - b) This altar tomb was covered with briars, these I was unable to clear.
1. MALONE see DOOLEY, 3i.
2. MALONE (G)od be mercl to the soul/of Margret Malone alis/Tyrl died 14th July 1783/aged 60 years/Here lies ye body of John/Malone he departed

this/life (Inscription unfinished).

MORRIS Table, part top left corner missing: Sacred/(to) the memory of/(Rob)ert Morris/Rosbercon House County Kilkenny/(who depd) this life on the 24th March 1838/aged 38 years/(also) his daughter Elizabeth who departed/(this life) on the 18th August 1835 aged 4 years.

1. **MURPHY** see **CROKE**
 2. **MURPHY** see **KELLY**
 3. **MURPHY** see **WHELAN**, a).
 4. **MURPHY** see **CAHILL**, 1.
 5. **MURPHY** Erected by/Mary Mackey in memory of/her mother Catherine Murphy/who died March 7th 1821 aged 50/years also her father Thos Murphy/who died April 5th 1837 aged 72 yrs/and her brother James Murphy/who died April 4th 1871 aged 63 yrs/her son William Mackey who died/S. America April 5th 1877 aged 33 yrs/and the above Mary Mackey died/7th August 1881 aged 72 years/and her/daughter Anne Harrington died 1st/April 1900 aged 60 yrs her grand-/daughter Maryanne Harrington/died 7th Nov 1901 aged 28 yrs/Johanna Dooley née Harrington died 5th Jan/1943 aged 78 years.
 6. **MURPHY** Table. This slab is inscribed/in memory of/Nicholas Murphy/who departed this life 24th December 1846 aged 53 years/and also in memory of his daughter/Eliza Bishop/who departed this life 28th June/1879 aged 58 years/also her two children/Mary and Joseph Bishop/who died young/and also in memory of his wife/Mary Anne Murphy who departed this/life the 23rd March 1883 aged 91 years/and his grand-daughter/Monica Mary Ann Murphy/who died July 15th 1889 aged one year and/10 months/also his son Nicholas Murphy/who died 3rd May 1906/aged 81 years.
- NARRISS** Decoration includes the Baptism of Christ in the Jordon. Erected by Mary Conway in memory/of her daughter Mary Narriss depd/this life August 15th 1817 aged 18 yrs/her father John Conway depd in April/1798 aged 50 yrs her mother Catherine/Hoban alias Conway

- depd October/1797 aged 47 yrs her niece Mary/Rily
 depd December 21th (sic) 1815/aged 14 yrs.
- NEVIL see GALLAVAN, 2d).
- NICHOLSON see MAGRATH, 3a).
- NOLAN Sacred to the memory of Eleanor Nolan/wife of
 Mr. Laurence Nowlan (sic) of Rosbercon/who died 9th
 day of December/1820 in the 32nd year of her age & two
 of her/children who died young.
- NOLEN Three headstones side by side, a) left and c) right:
- a) In memory of/James Nolen/Tinnakelly
 Rosbercon/who died 2nd April 1929/aged 61
 years/also Edward Nolen/died 13th April
 1960/aged 73 yrs/his wife Anastasia/died 27th Oct
 1965 aged 86 years/their daughter Ellen/died 18th
 June 1979 aged 63 yrs.
 - b) Erected by James Nowlan of Tenakilly in
 memory/of his father Thomas Nowlan who
 depd/this life Jany 8th 1841 aged 77 years also/his
 mother Catherine Nowlan depd/this life Jany 3rd
 1847 aged 79 years also/his sister Elenor Nowlan
 who departed/this life Decr 20th 1831 aged 31 years
 also/his two children Thomas Nowlan who
 depd/this life July 10th 1843 aged 6 yrs also
 his/beloved daughter Catherine who depd this/life
 April 4th 1847 aged 15 years also the/above named
 James Nowlan who depd/this life Novr 21st 1869
 aged 73 years.
 - c) Erected by Mary Nowlan/in memory of her father
 James/Nowlan who depd this life 1st/Jany 1792
 agd 60 yrs/also her/mother Anne Nowlan alias
 Gaul/depd 1st Decr 1794 agd 65 yrs.
1. NOWLAN see NOLEN, b) and c).
 2. NOWLAN see NOLAN.
 3. NOWLAN Three headstones on same kerbed grave:
 - a) Erected by Patrick Nowlan in/gratitude to the
 memory of his dear and well beloved/wife Bridget
 Nowlan who/departed this life November/the 29th
 1819 aged 59 years/with four of her children.
 - b) White painted cast concrete cross, no inscription.
 - c) In/loving memory of/Edward J. Dunne/Old

Charleton Hill/who died 28th June 1968/also his infant son/James J. Dunne.

4. NOWLAN Not seen by me — see preamble to DELANY.

“Here lyeth ye body of Reverd. Patrick Nowlan who dyed March ye 14th 1759 aged 33 years”.

O'BRIAN This stone erced by Patrck/O'Brian in memembce of his/mother Joney O'Brian alias Walsh/depd Aug ye 15th 1787 agd/(76?) yrs.

O'BRIEN To the memory of Walter Page O'Brien/who died May 15th 1847/aged eight months.

O'BRYEN This stone was erected by/Dennis O'Bryen in memoy/of Richerd Welsh who depd this life January the/24 1725 aged 68 yers.

O'NEILL Joseph O'Neill erected this stone in memory/of his beloved father Patrick O'Neill departed/this life May 31st 1829 aged 71 years. (5 lines of verse follow). At foot: also his three sisters who died young.

PAGE Sacred/to the memory of/Charles Page/son to/Charles Page of London/Brewer/who departed this life the/20th March 1804/aged 38.

PHELAN see WHELAN, a) and b).

POWER Two headstones on same kerbed grave:

- a) Erected by Bridget Power Raheen/in memory of/her beloved husband/Patrick Power/who died February 8th 1891/aged 58 years/also her son John who died July 20th/1881 aged 16 years also her father/James Walsh who died/March 12th 1880/aged 78 years/and her mother Bridget who died/Sept 12th 1862 aged 56 years/also her brother John Walsh/who died Feb 8th 1850/aged 20 years/the above Bridget Power/who died 23rd Dec 1923/aged 84 years. (An inscription of approx 4 lines has been erased after last).
- b) In/loving memory of/Robert Power/2 Church St. New Ross/died 28 Nov 1954/also his wife Mary Power/died 24 March 1966/and their son John/died 3 April 1969/erected by their loving family.

QUIRK see HIGNS.

REEVES Ledger. In memory of/Boles Reeves/for many

years Rector of Rosbercon/who fell asleep in Jesus/January 24th 1891. (Although outside my period, recorded as the slab is being rapidly lost in the undergrowth).

RILY see NARRISS.

ROGERS Table. Here lieth/the remains of/John Rogers of Ross Esq/who/departed this life the/18th day of January 1799/aged (59?) years/also/the body of his infant/son Joseph.

1. SHANAHAN see KAVANAGH.
2. SHANAHAN Here lies the body of Philip/Shanahan who depd this life 15th/April 1817 agd 37 yrs.

SHELLY Not see by me — see preamble to DELANY.

“Here lies the body of the Revd. Edmond Shelly, Parish Priest of Tullaher & Rosbercon who depd March 11th 1808 aged 57 years”.

SMYTH Erected by James Smyth in/memory of his father Andrew/Smyth who depd this life 1st/Decr 1782 agd 74 yrs also his/mother Maryanne Smyth alias/Gallavan depd 1st June 1783/(remainder of inscription under ground).

TYRL see MALONE, 2.

1. WALLIS see HOLDEN.
2. WALLIS Ledger. Erected by the Revd Thomas Wallis/Rector of the Parish of Rosbercon/in memory of his beloved wife Mary/who departed this life/on the 6th day of February 1832/in (71?)st year of her age. (See Leslie, Ossory Clergy, for biographical information on Rev. Wallis and family. His wife is called ‘Miss Cooke’).
1. WALSH see O’Brian.
2. WALSH see Power, a).
3. WALSH see Dooley, 3i.
4. WALSH Erected by Richard Walsh in memory of/his father Maurice Walsh who departed/this life October 18th 1831 aged 68 years/also his son Patrick Walsh who departed/this life April 8th 1839 aged 9 years and also/his son Maurice Walsh who departed this/life July 9th 1847 aged 20 years also his son/John Walsh who departed/this life October/25th 1849 aged 17 years also his mother/Mary Walsh who departed this life

April/23rd 1851 aged 77 years together with two/children Edward & Richard who died young/also his son Martin Walsh who died/June 9th 1853 aged 25 years.

WELSH see O'BRYEN.

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- b) Erected by John Phelan/of Shanbough in memory of/his father James Phelan/who departed this life August/27th 1842 aged 66 years also/his mother Mary Phelan/alias Aylward who departed/this life July 13th 1862/aged 78 years.

WHITE Table, fractured. Sacred/to the memory/of/Mrs. Anne White/who departed this life 29th June 1836/aged 34 years/also/her husband George White/who departed this life June 3rd 1873/aged 80 years/late S.I.R.I.C.

Rosbercon (R.C.)

A burial, reported in the *New Ross Standard*, 6th April 1984, took place to the new, adjoining, graveyard after Mass in St. Anne's Church. A death notice in the *Irish Times* date 23rd July 1984 says Church of the Assumption. Whilst Rosbercon district is under the jurisdiction of the New Ross Urban District Council, the church is in the Diocese of Ossory. There are no pre-1880 memorials beside this R.C. Church.

Bell in Grounds and Church Interior Dedications

BELL The bell is mounted on top of four tall iron supports. Its height from the ground and angle of view-point made it impossible to read the full inscription. It was cast by Mathew O'Byrne, the Dublin bell founder, in Marian Year. Most Rev. Dr. Collier was Bishop and Rev

- Laurence Coghlan Parish Priest.
 BIRD Tablet beside statue of Sacred Heart.
 Presented by/Very Rev P. A. Bird P.P./in memory of his
 parents/Richard & Mary Bird.
 COGHLAN see BELL.
 COLLIER see BELL.
 DUNNE Statue. Pray for the Donors/Misses Dunne/and
 the late/Mrs. Agnes Williams.
 O'SHEA Votive Lamps. In memory of James
 O'Shea/Erected by Mary and Anne O'Shea.
 WILLIAMS see DUNNE.

KILKENNY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMME 1990

- February 23 Rothe House — Lecture: Arthur McMurrugh
 Kavanagh, M.P. by Rev. Dr. R. B. McCarthy
 (member).
 March 23 Rothe House — Illustrated Lecture: Kilkenny in the
 18th century by Dr. Kevin Whelan.
 April 27 Rothe House — Lecture: The Royal College of St.
 Canice at Kilkenny by John Leonard.
 May 13 Churchtown — its antiquities and near-by oghams
 and dolmens, Mothel Abbey. Mr. John Ryan
 (member).
 June 8,9,10 Weekend in Sligo. Guides and speakers Mr. & Mrs.
 Martin Timoney from Sligo Field Club. Visiting
 Sligo town, around Lough Gill and Lissadell, etc.
 June 24 Ballytore and afterwards Stratford-on-Slaney.
 September 9 Ballasalla House and Johnswell through courtesy
 of Mr. & Mrs. Kieran White. Speakers: Mr. Kieran
 White and Miss Maureen Hegarty.
 September 28 Rothe House — Lecture: Bishop Doyle — J.K.L.
 —and Religious Toleration. Speaker: Dr. Thomas
 McGrath (member).
 October 10 Rothe House — Illustrated lecture: Thatched
 Buildings in Ireland. Speaker: Dr. Austin
 O'Sullivan, Curator Irish Agricultural Museum.
 November 23 Rothe House — Lecture: The Vikings. Speaker: Dr.
 Patrick Wallace, Director of the National Museum.
 December 9 Christmas Lunch.
 Jan. 25, '91 Rothe House — Annual General Meeting.