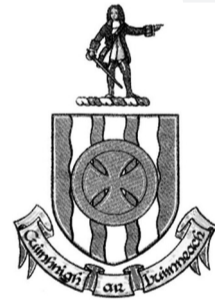


Limerick's Built Heritage

4th Series of
Exploratory Lectures



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Introduction

The built landscape of County Limerick is the result of what our ancestors created and deemed important. What we design, build and preserve today will become County Limerick in the future. The built heritage is a reflection of our society, its values, its hierarchies, its fashions and trends.

This series of lectures will look at a variety of architecture through the ages from the design of the monastery cloister to Limerick's contemporary Living Bridge and the development of Thomond Park, already an iconic landmark.

The lectures, an initiative of Limerick County Council supported by Limerick County Development Board, are free.

All are welcome

1.

The Desmond Castles of West Limerick: investigating the surface and peeling back the layers

Major conservation works have been carried out in recent years to the castle complexes at Adare and Newcastle West and are current at Askeaton. Repair and consolidation are the final chapter of a long process of investigation and analysis that peels back the layers of each structure. **Grellan D. Rourke** will demonstrate how detailed surveys, archaeological excavations, scale models and other analysis can inform us about the buildings, their construction, function, remodelling and re-use. He will also talk about the value of the information and the expertise gained from each project.

Lecturer

Grellan Rourke

Grellan D. Rourke is a senior conservation architect with the Office of Public Works where he has worked on historic buildings for over 30 years. He is currently President of ICOMOS Ireland, Chairman of the Institute for Conservation, a director of the Building Limes Forum Ireland and joint Vice-Chair of the Council of ICCROM in Rome.

Date

January 27th | 8 pm

Venue

Woodlands Hotel Adare

Admission Free

2.

2. The Living Bridge at Plassey

Conor Lavery will present the design of the award winning University of Limerick Living Bridge at Plassey. He will focus on how the structure has been carefully integrated into the hidden natural environment of the River Shannon, opening up new views of the river and at the same time creating a new dynamic in the college campus.

Lecturer

Conor Lavery

Conor Lavery is an Associate Director with Arup, specialising in bridge design and heavy civil engineering works. His design experience ranges from the Öresund Crossing between Denmark and Sweden, to West Rail in Hong Kong, St Pancras International Station and the design of motorway bridges. Conor is currently acting as a Design Manager for the DART Underground Project which is at planning stage and will involve the construction of 5.2km of tunnelling and 5 underground stops between Heuston Station and Dublin Docklands.

Date

February 10th | 8 pm

Venue

Woodlands Hotel Adare

Admission Free

3.

An Introduction to the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage

Fieldwork for the architectural survey of Co Limerick is currently in progress.

William Cumming will explain the role of the survey and how it is carried out, as well as introducing a separate but related survey of Historic Gardens & Designed Landscapes.

Lecturer

William Cumming

William Cumming is a senior conservation architect with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. He has been responsible for the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage since 2002, which work will form the basis of his talk.

Date

February 24th | 8 pm

Venue

Woodlands Hotel Adare

Admission Free

4.

The Heart of the Monastery

The idea of the cloister, an area of peace and calm at the heart of a monastery, was one of the most inspiring innovations of the middle ages. Munster is especially fortunate in retaining a number of beautiful cloisters from the later middle ages, the designs of which have been little studied in the past.

Roger Stalley will explain the origin of the cloister and how it was adapted for use in Ireland. He will also examine the distinctive approach to cloister design seen in some of the wonderfully preserved Irish friaries – as at Adare, Kilmallock, Askeaton and Quin.

Lecturer

Roger Stalley

Roger Stalley is Professor of the History of Art at Trinity College Dublin, where he is currently serving as Head of the School of Histories and Humanities. He has written extensively on medieval architecture and sculpture, and has published some seven books and over 100 articles in learned journals. He is best known for *The Cistercian Monasteries of Ireland* (1987) which was awarded the Hitchcock medallion by the Society of Architectural Historians of Britain, and for his more recent study, *Early Medieval Architecture* (Oxford, 1999), which has sold over 16,000 copies worldwide.

Date

March 10th | 8 pm

Venue

Woodlands Hotel Adare

Admission Free

5.

Spirit and Substance – The Story of the new Thomond Park

Tom Cosgrove will focus on the major redevelopment of Thomond Park, the historic home of Munster Rugby, which has seen its capacity rise from 11,091 to 25,756. He will explain the many unique challenges in both design and construction including the wind tunnel testing and dynamic analysis undertaken during detailed design and the fabrication and erection of the two 150m span 'rainbow' roof trusses. His lecture will give the inside story of the design and construction of this landmark structure from both a construction and human perspective.

Lecturer

Tom Cosgrove

Tom Cosgrove is a Director with Michael Punch & Partners based in Limerick where he has worked since 1980. His work as a structural engineer is primarily on architecturally driven building projects. He has worked on projects from Donegal to Waterford and most counties in between.

Date

March 24th | 8 pm

Venue

Thomond Park Conference Centre,
East Stand Entrance
Please note ground parking limited

Admission Free