

Newsletter, eighth issue This is the eighth in a series of annual Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) newsletters, intended to keep contributors and those associated with the project informed of progress and events.

TUAM

IHTA no. 20, *Tuam*, by J.A. Claffey was published and launched in Academy House on 21 May by Toby Barnard, and in the Synod Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, in Tuam on 9 June 2010 by Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh. *Tuam* traces the monastic origins of the town to its development as an important eighteenth-century trading town in the west of Ireland. The histories of over 700 sites (schools, town walls, markets, etc.) are detailed alongside c. 20 maps. All contents of the atlas are also included on a searchable CD-ROM. In December, Tony was awarded the overall Galway County Heritage award for the atlas.



Tony Claffey and the Tuam launch party, June 2009

DUBLIN POCKET MAP

Dublin 1610 to 1756: the making of the early modern city by Colm Lennon was published in November 2009 and is the second pocket map in the *Dublin* series.

FORTHCOMING ATLASES

'Limerick', by Eamon O'Flaherty, will be launched on 11 February 2010 in Limerick. 'Longford', by Sarah Gearty, Martin Morris and Fergus O'Ferrall, will be completed during 2010.



Limerick, c. 1590

ATLASES IN PROGRESS

Editing progressed on Galway (Jacinta Prunty, Paul Walsh), New Ross (Linda

Doran), Dublin, part III (Rob Goodbody and Sligo (Marie-Louise Legg, Fiona Gallagher). Authors for fascicles on Waterford (Eamon McEneaney, Niamh Crowley), Ennis (Brian Ó Dálaigh), Cavan (Brendan Scott, Jonathan Cherry), Cork (Máire Clarke), Youghal (Tadhg O'Keeffe, David Kelly) and Cashel (Joanne Hughes, Richard O'Brien) are among those that advanced research on their towns. Work was initiated on Kinsale (Livia Hurley), Loughrea (Paul Gosling), Dungannon (Tony Canavan) and Tullamore (Michael Byrne).

ANCILLARY PUBLICATIONS

Work continued on the 'Users' guide' by Jacinta Prunty, which will be published in collaboration with Blackrock Education Centre.

IHTA SEMINAR 2009

Building on the success of the 2009 IHTA seminar, the second of three annual one-day seminars will take place in Academy House on 21 May 2010. As with the 2009 seminar, the participants will be asked to use the atlas as their principal research source and examine a particular element of the topographical information. Valuable discussions emerged from the last conference that showed the benefit of comparative studies across urban histories in Ireland using the atlas. A report on the seminar can be viewed online at (www.ria.ie/projects/ihta/previous.html). It is envisaged that the papers from the three seminars will be

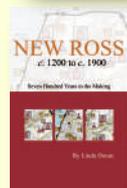
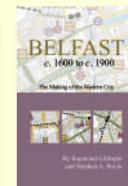
brought together into a book at the end of the series. Attendance to these conferences will be free and notification of the programme will be advertised closer to the time.

We encourage authors/contributors in particular to attend the seminar as their experience would be most valuable in the discussions. The day will also serve as an opportunity to meet both those directly involved with the project and those in the discipline of urban history.

SPECIAL OFFERS



All contributors to the project are entitled to buy IHTA publications at a 33.3% discount. We also have the IHTA CD-ROM with the first sixteen towns available for a special price of €30. The CD-ROM is PC compatible only. Please contact the publications office in the Royal Irish Academy (01-6762570 or publications@ria.ie).



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IHTA EDITORS AND STAFF

In May 2009 the position of chairperson rotated from Anngret Simms to Howard Clarke. Raymond Gillespie and Jacinta Prunty continued to serve on the board while John Andrews contributed as consultant editor. Tomás Ó Carragáin (Archaeology Department, UCC) was appointed to the editorial committee. Angela Murphy returned from maternity leave in June, rejoining Sarah Gearty, Jennifer Moore and Angela Byrne in the office. Anne Rosenbusch and Rhiannon Carey Bates were taken on as researchers for Galway and Youghal respectively. Both the editorial board and the staff of the IHTA were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr Harold O'Sullivan in October. Harold was the author of *Dun-dalk* (2006) and had almost completed work on Carlingford.



Harold O'Sullivan

FUNDING

This year grants were received from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Dublin City Council, Galway County Council, Sligo Town Council, the Heritage Council, the Marc Fitch Fund, the Longford Historical Society, Longford Town Council and various contributions from Youghal. The project continued collaboration with Ordnance Survey Ireland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

CONFERENCES

Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland, 'Science and technology in nineteenth-century Ireland', July 2009

Tadhg O'Keefe, Eamon O'Flaherty and Jacinta Prunty formed the IHTA panel delivering papers on nineteenth-century Dublin brothels, Richard Griffith's valuation and the workings of the Ordnance Survey surveyors.

Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, 'Ireland: city, town and village', November 2009

Howard Clarke and Henry A. Jeffries comprised the IHTA panel entitled 'The evolution of the cathedral town in Ireland: case studies from the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'. A selection of monastic towns published by the IHTA was also on display.

LECTURES

Genealogical Society of Ireland

Jennifer Moore delivered a lecture to the society in April on 'The Irish Towns Atlas as an aid to the family history researcher'.

Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland

Linda Doran gave a lecture in October on 'Mapping New Ross'.

EXHIBITIONS

The *Dublin, part II, 1610 to 1756* display moved around the city throughout the year. It appeared in Dublin City Library, the National Library of Ireland, the Royal Irish Academy Library, Finglas Library, Ballymun Library, Raheny Library, Drumcondra Library and Terenure Library.

The *Tuam* display was mounted in the Tuam library and is currently in the Galway Council offices.

IHTA material was also on display at the Anglo-American 'Cities' conference in Senate House, London in July.

For Heritage Week and Culture Night in August and September, the IHTA had a display on 'Our monastic towns in maps and texts'.

EUROPEAN SCHEME

International Commission for the History of Towns

The annual meeting of the Commission took place in Luxembourg in September 2009. Howard Clarke and Anngret Simms attended as members of the Commission and John Bradley was invited to deliver a lecture on the Kilkenny charters. Anngret Simms co-chaired an Atlas working group with Ferdinand Opl where progress of the various European atlases was discussed. Of particular interest was the issue of the future on-line publications, publicity for the atlas series and sales. To date over 460 towns and cities have now been published under the auspices of the Commission for Historic Towns. For a full list of the European atlases see www.wien.gv.at/kultur/archiv/kooperationen/lbi/taedteatlas/bibliographie/index.html. This site may also be accessed via the IHTA project web page www.ria.ie/projects/ihta under the 'wider European scheme' link.

IHTA ONLINE

Plans are under way to get the atlas available digitally online. It is a long process and we are in the early planning stages. The hope is to have a fully searchable range of atlases with the topographical information and the maps interacting by using methods such as GIS.

Calendar 2010

11 February 2010 1pm

IHTA Lecture

'Limerick's urban development: from Viking to modern times'
by Eamon O'Flaherty

Venue: Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick.

22 February 2010 6.30pm

IHTA Lecture

'Sources and the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'

by Eamon O'Flaherty

Venue: Plassey House, University of Limerick.

22 March 2010 8pm

Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society

'Limerick paupers: poor relief in eighteenth-century Limerick'

by David Fleming

Venue: Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick.

28 April 2010 8pm

Limerick Chapter of the Irish Georgian Society

'Eyes, Colles and Sauthier: a cartographic comparison'

by John Logan

Venue: No. 1 Pery Square, Limerick

May 2010 (tbc)

Friends of the Hunt Museum

'The Limerick Sieges'

by Liam Irwin

Venue: Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick

21 May 2010

IHTA Seminar

'Maps and texts: working with the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'

Venue: Academy House, Dawson Street

June 2010

Exhibition

Exhibit in collaboration with the Royal Irish Academy Library on Irish urban history

Venue: Royal Irish Academy Library, Dawson Street