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O Dea Clan



Romanesque Arch St. Tola's Church

The O Deas have their origins in the area surrounding Dysert O Dea in North West Co. Clare. The Irish chieftain who gave his own personal name to the O Deas and their descendants was Déaghaidh (pronounced Day). There are many spelling variants of the O Dea name, but no matter how you spell it, we are all descended from this great warrior king. In early medieval times, the O Deas were Lords of the territory known as Cineal Fearmaic. Fearmaic was a 6th century ancestor of the O Deas. The O Deas were part of the DhalgCais, an alliance that included many other Co Clare clans, the O Briens, O Connors, O Hehirs, O Loughlins, MacNamaras, Quinns, Griffins, Howards and McBrodys.

In 1318, there was a notable battle at Dysert O Dea where the Anglo Norman, Lord Richard de Clare of Bunratty, was defeated by Conor O Dea and a combined force that included the O Briens and their allies. As a result of this victory, the Normans were driven out of Co. Clare for 200 years.

For century after century, the O Deas fought desperately to protect their lands, their families and their way of life, shaping the course of Irish history in areas such as the Church, the Law and Entertainment. To-day, O Deas can be found in all parts of the world and we want to welcome back as many as we can to this 2014 re-union.

In 1990, the first international O Dea Clan Gathering was held. This occasion saw the return of many O Deas to their ancestral home of Dysert O Dea. Thanks to the generosity of the late Jack and Anola O Day of Wisconsin Rapids and the Dysert O Dea Development Association, the castle and many of the surrounding historical sites have been restored. A fitting venue for returning O Deas and the many people who come to visit our unique heritage site.

The Ninth International



Dysert O Dea Castle

O Dea Clan Gathering

Date:

Friday, July 11 to Sunday, July 13, 2014

Venue:

Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland.

The Clan Gathering is open to all O Deas, O Days, Deas, Dees and Days, their relatives and friends.



9th International O Dea Clan Gathering Programme 2014*

Friday, July 11, 2014

4.00 PM to 5.30 PM

Registration in Banner Room foyer
(Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co Clare).

4.30 PM to 5.30 PM

Informal family genealogy assistance in the Old Ground during registration. (Bring and share what you know and ask for what you need to find out about your O Dea/O Day/Dea/Dee family roots!)

6.00 PM to 7.30 PM

Official Opening and Reception at Waterpark House, Ennis courtesy of Co. Clare Municipal Authority.

8.00 PM till late

Meet and Greet our clansmen and women from far and wide.
Talk on aspects of the O Dea Clan history followed by music, song, chat & finger food.

10.00 PM till late

Socializing at John O'Dea's Pub, 66, O Connell Street.

Saturday, July 12

10.00 AM

Coach trip to Dysert O Dea Castle, our ancestral home.

10.45 AM

Assembly for official O Dea Clan Photograph at the castle.

11.00 AM

Inauguration of New O Dea Clan Chieftain, Mrs. Maureen Carey, Adelaide, South Australia.

11.15 AM

Irish Coffee and Irish smoked salmon reception at the castle.

11.30 AM to 2.00 PM

Guided walking tour of historical/archaeological sites at Dysert O Dea.

2.00 PM

Return to Ennis and free time to have lunch.

3.30 PM

Short guided walking tour of Ennis, the Medieval Town.

Further informal family genealogy session in the Old Ground.

5.00 PM to 6.30 PM

Triennial General Meeting of O Dea Clan Association in Banner Room, Old Ground Hotel. Officers' Reports and Election of Officers.

7.30 PM

Coaches leave from the Old Ground Hotel for an exclusive O Dea Clan medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle.

9.00 PM to 10.30 PM

O Dea Clan Banquet at Bunratty Castle.

10.30 PM

Coaches return to Ennis.

11.00 PM till late

Socializing at John O'Dea's Pub.

Sunday, July 13

9.00 AM to 9.45 AM

Mass Pro Cathedral – Ennis.

10.00 AM

Coach trip to the Loop Head Peninsula with Dolphin watching on the River Shannon from Carrigaholt Harbour **or...**

Boat trip to Inisheer, Aran Islands and the Cliffs of Moher.

3.00 PM

Loop Head group stop at Fanny O Dea's famous hostelry.

4.00 PM

Coaches return journey to Ennis.

5.00 PM to 6.30 PM

Free time.

5.30 PM to 7.00 PM

Reception at John O'Dea's Pub, 66 O Connell Street.

8.00 PM to 10.00 PM

O Dea Clan farewell banquet in Banner Room of the Old Ground.
Election of incoming O Dea Clan Tánaiste (Chieftain elect).

10.30 PM to 11.00 PM

Conclusion and farewell.

Midnight till late

Socializing John O'Dea's Pub.

*Note This programme of events may be subject to change.