

O Dea Clan



The O Deas have their origins in the area surrounding Dysert O Dea in north west Co. Clare. The chieftain who gave his own personal name to Clan O Dea 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 Dhal gCais, an alliance that included many other Co. Clare clans, the O Briens, O Connors, O Hehirs, MacNamaras, O Loughlins, 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 the combined forces of O Deas, lead by their Chieftain Conor O Dea, 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 2002 re-union.

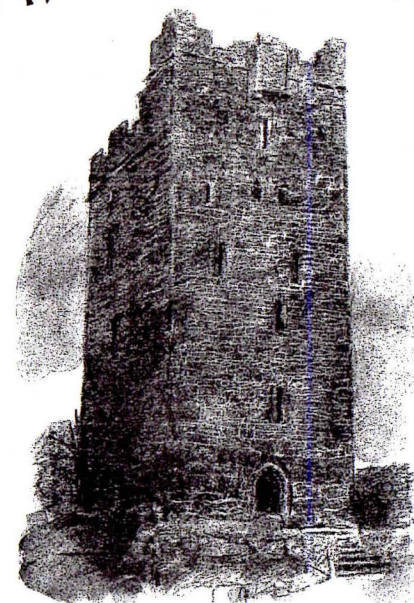
In 1990, the first international O Dea Clan Gathering was held. This occasion saw the return of many O Deas to their ancestral home of Dysert O Dea. Thanks to the generosity of Jack and Anola O Day of Wisconsin Rapids and the Dysert O Dea Development Association, the castle and many of the surrounding 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 O Dea Clan acknowledges the support of:

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Ennis Tourist Office
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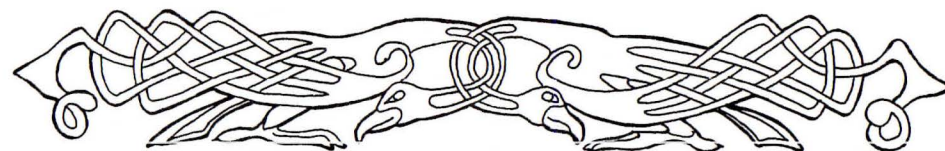


Dysert O Dea Castle

O Dea Clan Gathering

FRIDAY, JULY 5 - MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002
At The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland.

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



Clan Gathering Programme

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2002

4.00 - 6.00 pm Registration in Banner Room foyer
(Old Ground Hotel).

7.00 pm Official Opening and Reception.

7.30 pm Welcome clan dinner in Banner Room

8.00 pm Talk: *Life in Dysert O Dea in Medieval Times* by Risteard Úa Cróinín, author of:
O Dea- *The Story of a Rebel Clan*.

9.00 pm Informal meeting of the O Dea Clan.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2002

10.00 am Coach trip to Dysert O Dea Castle

10.45 am Assembly for official O Dea Clan
Photograph at the castle.

11.00 am Irish Coffee and smoked salmon
reception at the castle.

11.30 am-2.00 pm Guided walking tour of
historical/archaeological sites at Dysert
O Dea and visit to Tullagh O Dea
inauguration site of the O Dea chieftains.

2.00 to 4.00 pm Free time to have lunch and explore Ennis.

4.00 pm Informal singing at O Dea's Pub,
O'Connell St., Ennis.

7.30 pm Series of 10 minute formal and informal talks/presentations and
workshops on matters pertaining to the O Dea Clan.

9.00 pm Election of Tánaiste (Chieftain Elect!) and inauguration of
New Clan Chieftain, Mr. Anderson O'Day of Salem, SC, USA.

10.00 pm Musical entertainment and traditional Irish folk dancing.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2002

10.00 am O Dea Clan Mass at St. Flannan's College.

11.30 am Triennial General Meeting of O Dea Clan Association
in Banner Room, Old Ground Hotel.

2.00 pm Visit to the historic Fanny O Dea's pub Lisseycasey.

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

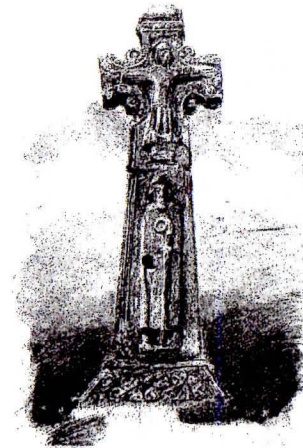
11.15 pm Informal get together and drinks after the banquet
in the Old Ground Hotel.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002

10.00 am O Dea Clan Golf Outing at Ennis Golf Club.

2.30 pm Presentation of Golf prizes.

Note: This programme of events may be subject to change



St. Tola's Cross

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2002 O'Dea Clan Gathering

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