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## HOW TO CONTACT US

If you would like to join the Society (Annual membership fees: €20.00 Individual and €30.00 Family); submit an article for our Journal or a proposal for a lecture; or have any query about the Society, please contact us at:

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## LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Cumann Oidhreachta Laoise



### AN INVITATION TO YOU

Are you a native of County Laois? Would you like to know more about your own county? Or have you settled in the area and would like to learn about the history and heritage of your adopted home? We would like to invite you to enjoy some of the various events organised by our Society.

*Upcoming Talks at the Society*

**2018**

## Talks For 2018

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Abbeyleix Heritage House 8pm

“Irish Art as Political Propaganda in the Early Years of the Irish Free State”

A Talk in association with Laois Arts Office by William Shortall

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

Robert Hartpole, Tudor Planter and Soldier. His violent life and the strange journey of his effigy

Presented by John Kelly of Carlow H.A.S

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

Col. James Fitzmaurice and the first east to west flight from Europe to America in 1928.  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Teddy Fennelly LHS



May 24<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

The 18<sup>th</sup> Century landscape of Stradbally Hall, the Cosby Family Estate.

A talk on her recent study by Clair McDonald



Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

The GAA and the War of Independence.

By Cormac Moore

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

A History and Architectural analysis of Rathdaire House, Ballybrittas, Co. Laois

By Máirtín D'Alton

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

A Perspective on Early Trade Unionism in Co. Laois.

By Francis Devine from the Irish Labour History Society and editor of Saothar

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

Timahoe Heritage Centre 8pm

Timahoe Round Tower through the Ages

By Roghan Headen LHS



Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Midlands Park Hotel 8pm

“Portlaoise: forty pictures; forty stories”

By John Dunne LHS