

Early Industry and Settlement: Recent Excavations in the Midlands

November 11th, 2006, Mullingar Arts Centre, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

- 9:00-9:20 Registration
9:20-9:30 Welcome and Introduction, Rónán Swan, NRA Project Archaeologist, Westmeath National Roads Design Office.
- Session 1: Chaired by Dr. John O'Neill, UCD School of Archaeology
9:30-9:50 'Marginal landuse and reuse in prehistoric and early historic Mullingar: excavations along the Mullingar Bypass'
Paul Stevens for *Archaeological Consultancy Services Ltd.*
- 9:50-10:10 'A Fulacht fiadh and two burnt mounds: excavations along the N52 Mullingar Belvedere Scheme'
Carmel Duffy, Valerie J. Keeley Ltd.
- 10:10-10:30 'Fulacht fiadh here we go again!'
Frank Coyne, Aegis Archaeology Ltd.
- 10:30-10:50 'Recent excavations of burnt mounds at Seeoge, the burning question of function'
Ed Lyne, Irish Archaeological Consultancy Services Ltd.
- 10:50-11:15 Discussion
11:15-11:30 Tea/Coffee
- Session 2: Chaired by Dr. Aidan O'Sullivan, UCD School of Archaeology
11:30-11:50 'A Bronze age house at Tober Co. Offaly'
Fintan Walsh, Irish Archaeological Consultancy Ltd.
- 11:50-12:10 'Recent prehistoric evidence near Kilbeggan'
Conor McDermott for Cultural Resource Development Services Ltd
- 12:10-12:30 'Settlement and Expansion: recent excavations of an enclosure site at Rochfort Demesne'.
John Channing, Valerie J. Keeley Ltd.
- 12:30-13:00 Discussion
13:00-14:00 Lunch
- Session 3: Chaired by Heather A. King, Archaeologist, National Monuments Service, Dept of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
14:00-14:20 'An industrious woodland: excavations in the vicinity of Kinnegad along the M4 Kinnegad-Enfield-Kilcock Motorway'.
Steve Linnane, Archaeological Consultancy Services Ltd.
- 14:20-14:40 'A Multiperiod ironworking site at Monganstown, Co. Westmeath'
John Lehane for Eachtra Archaeological Projects Ltd.
- 14:40-15:00 'Early medieval monastic industry: preliminary results from excavations at Clonfad, Co. Westmeath'
Paul Stevens, Valerie J Keeley Ltd.
- 15:00-15:40 'Preliminary interpretations of the ironworking residues from Clonfad: new light on Early Christian handbell manufacture'
Dr. Tim P. Young, GeoArch
- 15:40-16:10 Discussion
16:10-16:20 Concluding Remarks
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To register, please contact Orlaith Egan, NRA Assistant Project Archaeologist at Westmeath National Roads Design Office 044-9334265, or alternatively, ogegan@nra.ie, by the 3rd November 2006.
