

**‘CLAY TOBACCO PIPES’  
A CONFERENCE IN HONOUR  
OF JOE NORTON**



Joe Norton, who died in 2013, was Ireland’s leading expert in clay pipes, someone who had an encyclopedic knowledge of his subject and brought studies from Ireland to the world stage. This conference, in his memory, is a tribute to an expert who freely shared his knowledge with everyone who he came into contact with and who published internationally.



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Clay pipes are the ubiquitous find on post-medieval archaeological sites, fragile and therefore easily dateable. They are symbolic of life in 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland—the Dudeen and the Shamrock evoking a long gone way of life. However they are a benchmark of trade, economics and social life and as such hold up a mirror to the changing habits of post-medieval Ireland.



**BOOKING**

Venue: Millmount Museum, Drogheda  
(Courtesy of Louth County Council,  
Heritage Office).  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Registration from 9.00am.  
First lecture 9.30am  
Cost €10 ( to include light lunch)  
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**SPEAKERS include:**

1. Victor Buckley (Former Senior Archaeologist NMS) “Back to Shop St: where it all began”
2. Brendan Matthews (Drogheda Community Historian) “Clay Pipe Making in Drogheda”.
3. Laureen Buckley (O.S.P) “Dark Deeds in Dundalk’: Smoking **is** bad for your health.”
4. Claire Walshe (Senior Archaeologist, Archaeological Projects Ltd.) “The Clay Pipe Factories at Francis St. Dublin”.
5. Professor Raymond Gillespie (Maynooth University). The Clay Pipe Makers in the Historic Towns Atlas.”
6. Ken Wiggins (Consultant NMS). “17<sup>th</sup> century clay pipes from King John’s Castle, Limerick.”
7. Jon Stirland (ACSU) “Copper Alley: Excavations, Pipes and Whoops! There go the Profits”.
8. Dr. Susie White (Curator National Pipe Archive, Liverpool). “The National Pipe Archive: the first 25 years”
9. Dr. David Higgins (University of Liverpool) “The Limerick Guild of Pipe Makers and their Banner.”
10. Con Manning (Former Senior Archaeologist NMS) “The Publications of Joe Norton”