

GREYSTONES ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'Ireland and the Crimean War'

To be presented to the Society meeting held at the
Family Centre Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, County Wicklow
given on 18th November 2026

Presented by: Paul Huddle
Chaired by : Dr. Cormac Moore

Subject

In 1854 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland went to war for the first time in fifty years; this time against Russia and in alliance with France and Turkey. Since Ireland was a constituent part of the United Kingdom, thousands of Irishmen served in the British Army and the Royal Navy during that conflict. Yet the story of that war and its impact and influences on the people of Ireland, back then and even today, goes far beyond the mud and blood of the Crimean Peninsula. On Wednesday 18th November, Dr Paul Huddle will give an engaging talk on the wartime activities and experiences of Irishmen and women during the war years, but also the popular culture of the war, through the press, public events, poetry and balladry, and its influences on politics, nationalism, post-Famine agriculture and religion back in Ireland.

Presenter

Dr Paul Huddle is a historical researcher interested in war and society, principally within the British Empire in the long nineteenth century. He is a graduate of UCD (BA, 2008; MA 2009) and Queen's University Belfast (PhD, 2014), the author of [*The Crimean War and Irish Society*](#) (2015) and the co-editor of [*New Perspectives on Conflict and Ireland in the Nineteenth Century*](#) (2025) and [*Military Welfare History since the Eighteenth Century: War and Welfare*](#) (2026). He is also the founder and coordinator of both [the International Network for Crimean War Studies](#) and the [Military Welfare History Network](#). He is a former Irish Army Reservist, serving in the 62nd Infantry Battalion (Dublin/Wicklow) from 2004 to 2012 and he is currently employed as a Research Project Manager at University College Dublin.

Books:

- [*The Crimean War and Irish Society*](#) and it's going cheap these days
- [*Military Welfare History since the Eighteenth Century: War and Welfare* | Springer Nature Link](#)
- [*New Perspectives on Conflict and Ireland in the Nineteenth Century* | Home](#)