



Newsletter

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Apologies that we have missed some of the more recent Newsletter dates but we will be up to date for the rest of the year.

REVIEW 2016

JOINT NORTH/SOUTH VISIT – JULY 2016 DUBLIN.

The yearly exchange visit was to Kilmainham Gaol and Glasnevin Cemetery. One of the highlights of the day was a guided tour of Glasnevin by Paddy Gleeson.



BATTLEFIELDS TRIP – BELGIUM/FRANCE 26-30TH SEPT. 2016.

50 members, 25 from each Federation, made the memorable journey which took them to the battlefields of West Flanders and the Somme. Staying at the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe in the beautiful city of Leuven, the group also visited the European Parliament and Bruges, overall a fitting visit in the Decade of Commemorations.



SOCIAL EVENT – OCT. 2016 - OPERA HOUSE BELFAST.

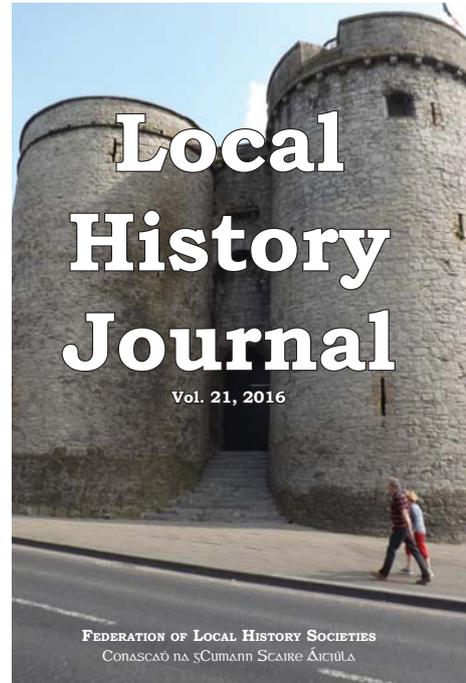
A small group of committee members from both Federations were treated to a unique experience in the company of Dame Mary Peters, Pentathlon Champion of the 1972 Olympics, who talked with the group about her life and sporting career.

AUTUMN SEMINAR – DUNDALK – 5TH NOV. 2016.

The seminar, “Years of Endurance – Personalities and Events, and their Impact on Irish Family Life, 1912-1922” attracted a large audience. Four excellent papers delivered by Dr. Myrtle Hill, Dr. Mary McAuliffe, Dr. Peter Collins and Padraig Yeates captivated all present. A special booklet on the seminar was published by the Federations.

LOCAL HISTORY JOURNAL – VOL 21, 2016.

THE JOURNAL was published and circulated to our membership. Copies are available from Editor, Larry Breen, larrybreen8@outlook.com or Tel 087 094 1551



HIDDEN GEMS & FORGOTTEN PEOPLE.

Congratulations to the Ulster Federation for organising a series of exhibitions in several different locations around the province.

FEDERATION AGM GALWAY CITY, MAY 26TH -28TH 2017

Thanks to the excellent organisation and the warm hospitality provided by the Galway Archaeological & Historical Society the AGM was a resounding success. A special word of thanks to their President, Eugene Jordan, for all his help in organising the weekend. Thirtytwo societies from fourteen counties were present including sixteen representatives from the



Ulster Federation. The impressive Ardilaun Hotel was a fitting venue for the weekend activities. An extensive programme including walks, talks and a coach tour coupled with a great social atmosphere made it a most enjoyable experience for all. The “Society Spake” was a great success this year. Presented in a new format, it facilitated societies to share information with each other on their many and varied activities in a much better structure.

UK VISIT TO NORTH WALES, APRIL 30TH – 4TH MAY 2017



Over fifty people representing twenty three societies and from thirteen counties enjoyed this year’s trip which was to North Wales. Based in Caernarfon, the group travelled around Holy Island, the North Anglesey coast to Chester, calling to see the “Ladies of Llangollen” house on the homeward journey. We managed a trip on the unique Ffestiniog Railway to



Blaenau Ffestiniog at the foot of Snowdonia, visited the Slate Museum at Llanberis, the magnificent Bodnant Gardens, the castles of Conwy and Caernarfon, the unbelievable slice of Italy that is Portmeirion Village, the home of Lloyd George and enjoyed some wonderful scenic drives through the Welsh countryside. A memorable visit.



NORTH/SOUTH EXCHANGE VISIT – ARMAGH 8TH - 9TH JULY 2017

This planned trip had to be cancelled, unfortunately, due to some unforeseen circumstances.

LOCAL HISTORY JOURNAL

We are looking for articles for this year’s Journal. Articles dealing with any aspect of local history in your area or of a national interest are welcome. Guidelines are 1000 – 4000 words in MS Word format and accompanied by pictures where possible in uncompressed jpeg format. We are also seeking items of news from societies – any significant events or activities you would like to highlight. This should, preferably, be a short article with picture(s) where appropriate. The Journal offers members an opportunity to have some of their own work published on a national forum.

Submissions should be sent to Larry Breen at e-mail larrybreen8@outlook.com, Tel 045 897445 or mobile 087 984 1551.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017

We would like to thank all those societies who have paid their annual subscription. There are however some societies still outstanding. We would ask those concerned to please return their remittance to our Treasurer, Mairead Byrne, 135 Dara Court, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2017 – AUTUMN SEMINAR. Suggested 18th Nov. Dublin, further details to follow.

FEBRUARY 2018 WORKSHOP/SEMINAR. Possibly Athlone – further details to follow.

UK TRIP TO EAST MIDLANDS, 23–27 APRIL, 2018. Staying in Nottingham, plans are to visit the impressive Chatsworth House and Burghley House, scenic tour of the Peak District, Leicester Cathedral & Museum/Richard III, Guided Walk Nottingham, Lincoln City – Cathedral/Castle, Stamford.

AGM 2018 – SLIGO. MAY -JUNE, further details to follow.

OBITUARIES

We were all very saddened by the passing during the year of two of our esteemed members.

CLAIRE CULLINANE – COBH ANIMATION TEAM.

Claire who passed away in December 2016 was a founder member of the Cobh Animation Team, who dressed in period costumes as part of a living history initiative and in doing so travelled all over Ireland and Europe. Claire was also a local Councillor who served her community well and will be greatly missed by all. May she rest in peace.

UNA HEFFERNAN - CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP.

Una who passed away in February 2017 was a long standing member of Clane Local History Group, Co. Kildare and of which she was secretary for many years. Over the years, Una, made a significant contribution to the promotion of local history in Co. Kildare and beyond and will be greatly missed by all. May she rest in peace.