



Newsletter

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Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances we missed out on our usual newsletters so far this year and apologies for that.

Federation AGM Clontarf, Saturday, May 10th, 2014

Clontarf was venue for the AGM this year to honour the 1,000 year anniversary of the battle. The venue was the Clasac Irish Cultural Centre and was hosted by the Clontarf Historical Society. It was very well organised and attracted delegates from twenty-two different societies.

The Federation for Ulster Local Studies was represented by their chairman, Johnny Doohar.

The AGM was officially opened by Cllr. Jane Horgan-Jones deputising for the Lord Mayor of Dublin who sent his apologies. The "Society Spake" generated some lively and interesting debate with contributions from all twenty two societies present.

Denis McIntyre, local historian, took the group on an interesting Historical Walk and Talk along the seafront.

U.K. Visit to Scotland, June 2nd – June 6th, 2014

The U.K. visit again proved to be hugely successful and an enjoyable trip for all who travelled. There were representatives from twelve counties including societies from Knocklyon, Rathmichael, Strabane, Carrickfergus, New Buildings, Antrim, Ormonde, West Tyrone, Navan, Foxrock, Fassadinin, Durrow, Naas, Clane and Lecale.

On our first evening we welcomed Marie Davidson from the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Historical Association who presented a fascinating after dinner talk on the history of Glasgow based on the statues adorning George Square in the city.

During the course of the week the group visited three iconic castles, Culzean Castle on the Ayrshire coast, Stirling Castle and Edinburgh Castle. We sampled the produce of Glengoyne Distillery, cruised on Loch Lomond, toured Glasgow and Edinburgh, explored the unique Rosslin Chapel and experienced the atmosphere of the New Lanark Woollen Village. The trip finished with a visit to the Robbie Burns Birthplace Cottage and Museum near Alloway on the homeward journey. Definitely a trip to be remembered.

New Members

We wish to take the opportunity to welcome the following new members to the Federation: Ibane Local Studies Society, Youghal Celebrates History, Mallow Development Partnership Heritage Group – all from Co. Cork; Dun Blisce Historical and Literary Society, Co. Limerick; Blanchardstown/Castleknock History Society and Irish Labour History Society, Co. Dublin; Raymochey Parishes Historical Society, Co. Donegal and South East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society.

Dates for your Diary

Joint North/South Exchange Visit, September 2014.

Not yet finalised but exploring the possibility of a visit to Belfast including the Ulster Folk Museum at Cultra/Somme Centre. Further details to follow.

Joint North/South Seminar WWI: Implications for Ireland

Venue: Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Saturday, October 11th, 2014. Further details to follow.

Local History Review 2014

We are now requesting articles for the upcoming 2014 Local History Review. Articles dealing with any aspect of local history in your area or of a national interest, including the Lockout of 1913 or WWI. 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 society News- any significant events or activities that you would like to highlight from your society. This should, preferably, be a short article with picture/s where appropriate.

Please note that a limited number of past copies of reviews are available and may be ordered from the Federation Website www.localhistory.ie for the years 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2013.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

We now have a set of *Hidden Gems and Forgotten People* display panels comprising twenty each from the FLHS and the FULS. These will be available to societies for use as exhibits in promoting this project or in promoting their own activities. It is planned to launch the exhibits nationally before the end of the year both North and South.



County Histories Project.

Many counties have not responded yet to our request for an article on their county. We think this is a great project and offers societies the opportunity to do some research on their home county, promote the county nationally and internationally and make an important contribution to the Federation project. Those making a contribution will be invited to a special launch of the completed project in recognition of their effort before the end of the year.