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MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION.

Hi Folks,

Hope this finds you all well. Unfortunately we have not had a good start to the New Year with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic, with ever increasing numbers and a genuine concern for people's good health.

However we do hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and did manage to share some time with your family and friends.

There is no more important time to be positive than the present, so the Federation would like to wish you and your families good health and happiness in the New Year.

In a year of uncertainty and relative inactivity we did manage to produce and publish our Annual Journal. We had a tremendous response for material and in fact managed to publish the Journal earlier than in any previous year.

The journal contains twenty two contributions filled with interesting articles ranging from as diverse subjects as greyhounds to the Tailtean Games. We even managed an article from down under in Australia on the Redmond Brothers' visit there in the 1880s. You can read about Round Towers, Celtic Crosses, Polar Explorers, the colourful Horace de Vere Cole, Social History and much more. A copy of the cover and contents are included for your information.

SPECIAL OFFER:

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Member societies can have ten copies, free of charge, delivered to their doorstep for the cost of postage – €15. This is a fantastic deal and an opportunity to give your members a special treat. Contact Larry Breen for details, larrybreen8@outlook.com

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Just a reminder that we are now looking for material for this year's edition and the editor's door is open. Guidelines: 1000-4000 words in MS word document format accompanied where possible by photos in uncompressed jpeg format. Material to be sent to Larry Breen, larrybreen8@outlook.com

COMMUNICATION:

We plan to continue to circulate information with regard to what is happening in the local history world around the country.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: 2021

**Membership
subscriptions now due.**

FUTURE PLANS:

In the current climate it is not possible to predict what we may be able to do going forward but let's remain optimistic,

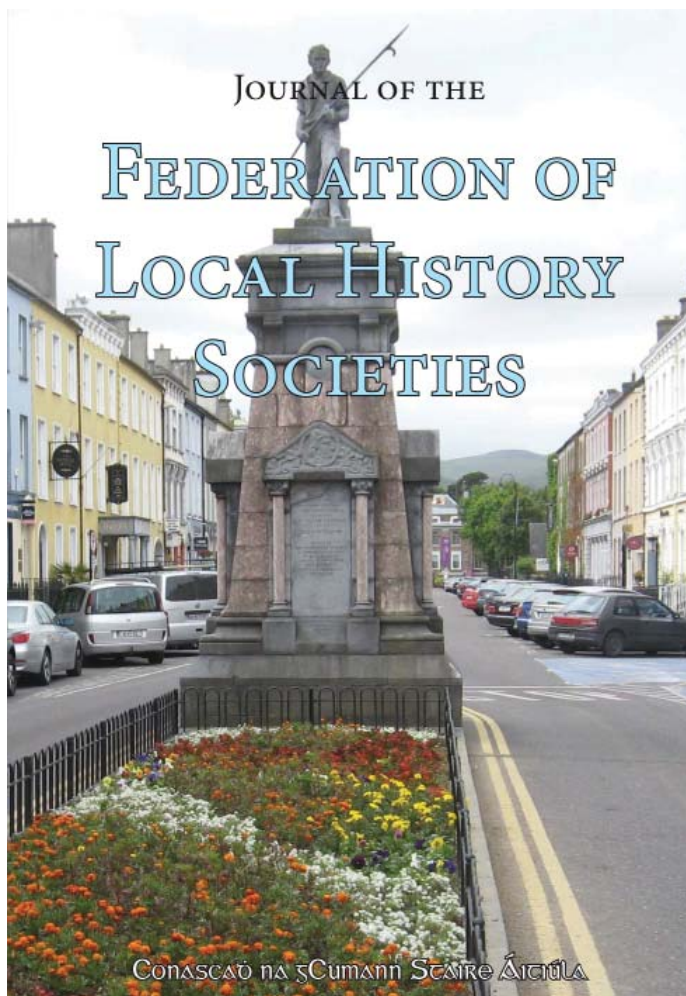
2021 – SOUTH/EAST ENGLAND.

Trip planned and ready to go, if and when we get the green light.

2022 – ROME



I will be recommending to the Executive Committee that we return to Europe and consider organising a historical trip to the Eternal City.



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