



Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION

We hope that this newsletter finds you all well in what are still challenging times. However, as we write some restrictions are being eased and hopefully this is a sign of better things to come for the summer and the rest of the year. Normality will return so let's hope it will be sooner rather than later. The Federation wishes you all well, stay safe and take care.

FEDERATION NEWS

A Committee Meeting was held on 22nd February via Zoom and was well attended by members. We are finding Zoom an excellent way of maintaining communication within the committee. It was agreed that normal contact meetings were unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future and we would continue to use Zoom as our communication medium.

ZOOM LECTURE:

We did manage to host a lecture on Zoom on the 17th April. It was our first lecture in this manner and it proved to be very successful. We were treated to a fascinating and absorbing talk by Michael Hughes on the story of the Shannon Scheme and Electrification in Ireland. Entitled *Power to the People*, Michael used his lifelong experience working in the ESB to bring the story to life using a brilliant array of unique pictures.

He showed a wide knowledge of electrification in Ireland right up to modern times. We plan to hold another lecture, possibly on the subject of *Irish Polar Explorers* in the near future.

NORTH/SOUTH UPDATE

Both Federations, FLHS and FULS, held a Joint Zoom committee meeting on 29th April to touch base and see what joint activities might be possible. It was agreed that we would hold a joint lecture later in the year in mid-September. In keeping with the significance of 1921 relative to the subsequent development of both parts of Ireland, the topic chosen was *A Changing Ireland — 1918-21*. The lecture will include speakers from both north and south.

The possibility of returning to organised trips was discussed and a hope was expressed that early next year we might be able to reactivate the UK trip to South East England and the North/South Exchange visit to Kildare/Wicklow.

HIDDEN GEMS & FORGOTTEN PEOPLE WEBSITE

Unfortunately, due to the advent of Brexit and the manner in which the website was registered, it is no longer functional. There is a real danger that we might lose the archive material if we do not take some action. Consequently both Federations agreed to re-register the website in order to secure it. This process is currently taking place and we will have a new website soon. When this process is complete we will inform everyone of the new details required to access the site.

LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

Societies and individual members have already been asked to share information on any local history or archaeology publications they are aware of.

We are interested in any publications regardless of where they originated and they do not have to be exclusive to member societies but can include private and commercial publishers as well. Information required is as follows and should be sent to larrybreen8@outlook.com in the following format:

Title; Author; Publisher; Number of Pages; Hardback/Softback; Price together with a brief note of contents, and from whom available.

FEDERATION JOURNAL

We are still accepting articles for this year's Journal, please send to:

larrybreen8@outlook.com

"Special Offer" — Twenty Journals, ten copies 2020 (current) and ten copies 2019, posted to your door, total cost €15.



**Carlow Historical
and
Archaeological Society**

The Federation would like to congratulate Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society and all their members on this the 75th Anniversary of the Society. It is a very special occasion and a great achievement.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members: New Buildings Arch & Hist Soc. Co Derry/Londonderry; Callen Heritage Society, Co Kilkenny; New Kilmainham Hist Soc, Co Dublin; Philip O'Neill, Co Dublin; Helen Meehan, Co Donegal; Killorglin Archive Society, Co Kerry; Tulsk History Society, Co Roscommon.