



Newsletter Issue No 1 June 2023

Hello folks, hope this finds you all well and that you all have been able to take advantage of the fine weather we have been getting. Already past mid-summer so time is marching on.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We have held three meetings since our last newsletter, November 22, March 23 and May 23. Most of the business was taken up with organising our Scotland trip and the upcoming AGM. We welcome Laois Heritage Society on to our executive committee and look forward to working with them.

SCOTLAND TRIP — MAY 14-18, 2023.

This has already been reported on in detail so suffice to say that it was a wonderful and memorable visit to the highlands of Scotland and we enjoyed some fine weather on the way. This only added to the wealth of magnificent scenery in arguably the most beautiful and picturesque part of Scotland. Add to that the many interesting places that we visited and it added up to a trip to remember.

MOATE MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE – SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

We extend our sincere congratulations to Moate on reaching this 50th Anniversary Milestone, a really unique achievement. This was celebrated with a one-day seminar held at the Tuar Ard Centre in Moate. Lectures were given by Dr John Cunningham, John Sheehy, Dr John Gibney, and Prof Patrick Geoghegan. It was attended by a large number of historians who were entertained by a wide range of most interesting topics including Skellig Michael; Westmeath 1641-1660; Dr Noel Browne and the handing over of Dublin Castle. The huge attendance was a fitting testimony to the significance of the event, both historically and socially. Many thanks to our committee member, Martina Griffin, and all the Moate team for arranging such an excellent and enjoyable day with a lovely meal in such a convivial atmosphere.

DUCHAS CLONAKILTY CELEBRATE THE BATTLE OF BIG CROSS 1798 — JUNE 21, 2023

As part of a week-long programme Dúchas Clonakilty celebrated the only battle fought in Munster during the 1798 rebellion. The battle took place at the Big Cross near Shannonvale, Co Cork on June 19, 1798. It was my pleasure to represent the Federation there. The event involved a large crowd dressed appropriately for the period, pikes and all, and who marched to the monument to lay a wreath at the spot where the United Irishmen lost their lives. Led by a

lone piper and followed by an enthusiastic group it proved a great event on a beautiful summer evening.

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES SPRING/ SUMMER SEMINAR 3RD JUNE 2023

The Seminar, reinstated after a three-year absence, was held in Draperstown, Co Derry. It proved a success with a good attendance and two excellent speakers in Prof Brian Walker and Edward Montgomery, who spoke on the Decade of Centenaries and the Honourable Irish Society respectively. After lunch we all enjoyed a walking tour of Draperstown.

FEDERATION AGM — CARLOW

FRIDAY 6th – SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023

This year's AGM will be held in Carlow and will be hosted by the Carlow Archaeological & Historical Society and we look forward to working with them on the event. The venue will be the Seven Oaks Hotel in the town. County Carlow is one of Ireland's Hidden Gems, rich in a diversity of archaeological sites and played a central role in Ireland's early and medieval history and ecclesiastical life. Further details will follow in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS, 2023

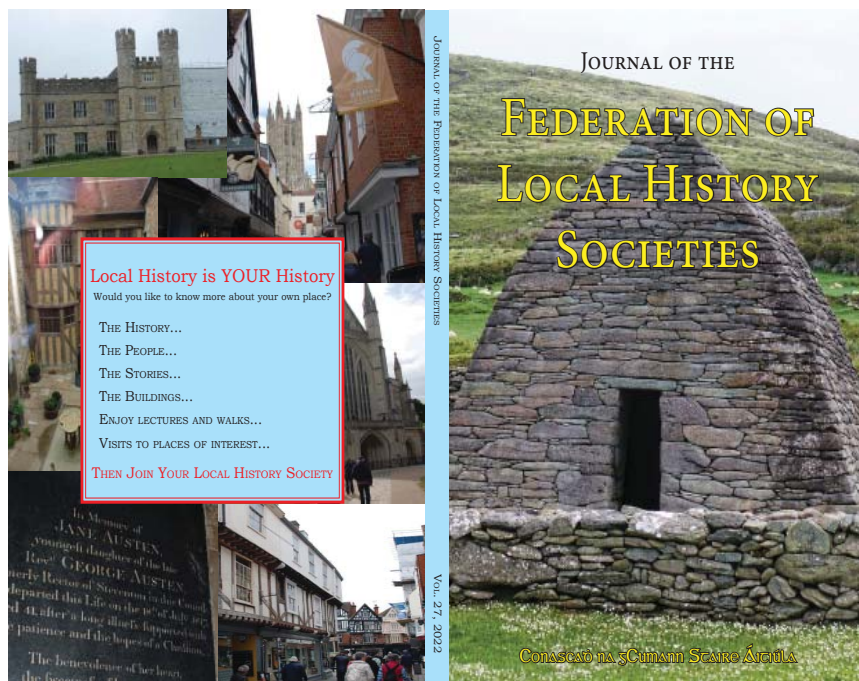
We would like to thank all those societies/individuals who have already paid their annual membership. We would appreciate it if any outstanding subscriptions be paid at members' convenience. Renewal forms are available on the federation website and also in the federation Journal.

FEDERATION JOURNAL

We welcome submissions on any aspects of history, local or national. Guidelines are 1000-4000 in MS word format, accompanied by photo(s) in uncompressed jpeg format. We are also looking for society news, this can be a short article on activities or a highlight of your year along with photo(s). Material should be sent to Larry Breen, larrybreen8@outlook.com Tel No. 087 984 1551.

On behalf of the Federation I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer, stay safe and take care,

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Gun Room, Inverary Castle



Group at the Valley of Glencoe, Scotland



Duchas Clonakilty Heritage Group celebrating at the site of the Big Cross 1798 Battle



FULS Spring Seminar, Draperstown, Co. Derry. (L to R): Larry Breen, Joe McCoy, Cllr Cora Corry, Prof Brian Walker and Thomas Montgomery



Moate Museum & Historical Society 50th Anniversary Organising Committee with Federation members