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Membership Renewal

Membership fees are due in September for the new year that begins on 1 October. *Societies are reminded that membership is a condition of the Public Liability Insurance cover.*

To improve our administration and reduce the time and costs involved in processing cheques, Societies have the option of paying the subscription by Standing Order. In the first year of the new scheme only 13 Societies took up the option. This is disappointing and members are encouraged to use it.

The Membership Renewal and Standing Order forms are enclosed. If the SO form is completed please return it to the Treasurer with the Membership Renewal Form. It will be registered and passed on to your bank for action.

Due North

The 2010 edition of Due North will be launched at the Autumn Seminar - see below.

Societies are encouraged to help sell the journal. Copies are available at £1.50/€2.00 each for resale at £3.00/€4.00 so helping individual Society's resources.

The attached form should be completed and returned to the address below with the appropriate remittance.

The Editor is calling for articles for the 2011 edition. They can be sent to him at the address below or by email to rhegarty@btinternet.com

Autumn Seminar:

Arrangements have been made for a Seminar on townlands on 16 October in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library. Cost will be £17.50 including refreshments on arrival and a light lunch. Application forms will be issued later.

Society Programmes

Membership lecture etc. programmes can be displayed on the Federation's website. Copies should be sent, by email if possible, to the Federation at the address below.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

There has been a trickle of new Gems since the project was launched on its own website www.hidden-gems.eu in 2009. Please support this worthwhile effort by passing on suggestions to us at the address below.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held Saturday 27th November. The venue will be 'east of the Bann'. There is an opportunity for Societies in Belfast or Counties Antrim and Down to host the AGM. If your Society is willing to undertake the task please contact Pat Devlin at 02844612986 or by email to pdevlinz@btinternet.com or info@fuls.org.uk no later than 30 September

Joint FULS/FLHS Trip to Naas 4 July 2010

The trip, in which there were 33 FULS members and as many from the southern Federation was a resounding success and everyone commented favourably on the Mayor's reception, the quality of the guided tours and the visit to Palmerstown House. There is a full report on the Website. **Next years joint trip will be to Downpatrick.** More details nearer the time

Speakers Database

The new database of Speakers and Tour Guides was published on the website in July and hard copies sent to Societies at the beginning of August. Since then there have been some additional speakers and tour guides, and a number of corrections to contact details published on the website. A copy of these changes is attached.

The Executive Committee hopes that the new database will be of value to Societies. Members are encouraged to use it and to send to the Federation details of speakers not currently listed for consideration of inclusion.

Ideas and suggestions as to any other services/facilities in the local history sector that might be added to this new feature would be welcome. Suggestions to the address below.