



Federation

News-Letter No 31 September 2014

Membership Renewal 2014-2015

Membership Fees are due to be renewed from 1 October 2014 and Renewal Forms are attached, both for Societies and Individual Members.

Membership fees have not increased for well over ten years (no one can remember when they were last raised and no records have survived). In that time costs have increased substantially. When in 2007 the Federation lost its annual grant from the CRC, and switched to entirely voluntary running, the Executive Committee decided to retain this fee and review it at a later stage. It has now done this and has decided that, from October 2014 -

- The Society Annual Fee should be increased from £30 /€45 to £50 / €60 (plus £20 for those Societies that have a web site maintained by the Federation).
- Individual Members' Fees to increase to
 - Full Rate £15 / €17
 - Concession rate £10.50 / €12.50
- As part of the new fee structure, member Societies will receive five free copies of *Due North*. They will of course continue to be able purchase additional copies at a reduced price. Individual members will each receive a free copy.

Renewal forms are attached. Those Societies who pay by Standing Order will need to change the mandate at their Bank. The attached mandate should be lodged with the Bank and the confirmation slip returned to the Treasurer. Individual members may also pay by Standing Order. Forms are attached to inform the Bank and the Treasurer.

AGM 2014

This year's AGM will be held in Clotworthy House, Randalstown Road, Antrim on Saturday 8 November. Delegate registration will be from 10.00 am with tea/coffee.

An a-la-carte lunch is available for the cost of £10.00.

The day will begin with the formal AGM business of presentation of Reports and the election of the Executive Committee. This will be followed by a series of five-minute reports from some Societies on their own activities during the past year. Then prominent local historian Dr. Eamonn Phoenix will give a talk on a WWI topic (full details later).



Dr Eamonn Phoenix

After the AGM formalities Societies events will be held in both the Masseurene and Skeffington rooms. Around the walls panels depicting people and places from the Hidden Gems and Forgotten People website will be displayed. A *Members' Family Treasures' exhibition* from items contributed by the delegates will be displayed on tables in the form of a pop-up museum around the rooms.

Members' Treasures' exhibitions have been held by quite a few Societies during social evenings and to add interest to AGMs. These consist of artefacts that may not necessarily be of great value but hold some significance within a family circle. In many instances their story will be worth sharing with others as they stroll around the tables in our "pop-up" museum with a cup of tea or a glass. Here are some examples:-

- A piece of chinaware/ornament/metal ware
- Small article of clothing/ hat
- Military Medal – WW1 or other
- Item of interesting correspondence/ documents/ photographs
- Old magazine/newspaper/book
- Small model e.g. car/ aeroplane
- Cooking utensil/ cutlery
- Weapon (non serviceable!)
- Clock
- Anything else of a like kind.

Contributors should label each item with their name.

After lunch there will be a conducted walking tour of the Castle grounds that will include the ruins of the burnt out Castle, the former home of the Massereene family who played a prominent part in the restoration of Charles II to the throne in 1660. Would suggest you bring a waterproof.... just in case!

Apart from the essential purpose of carrying on the AGM business it is hoped there will be an increase in numbers attending when we will all have the chance of greeting old friends and making new ones. Another important element is for Societies to exchange ideas on activities in which they have been involved during the last year or so that are worth sharing with others. The Executive Committee has



Caughley Tea Bowl and saucer

endeavoured to broaden the appeal of this event as much as possible with these objectives in view.

The formal notice and agenda of the AGM will be issued in due course

Due North

There is still time for Societies and individuals to submit material for the next edition of ***Due North***, planned for launch at the AGM on Saturday 8th November. For further details or clarifications contact editor Johnny Dooher at 07713636362 or by email at johnndooher@btinternet.com.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

Plans are well advanced for the launch of the new Exhibition material in the National Library in Dublin and Belfast Central Library in late November/ early December next.

It is hoped that Societies will make use of the materials for projects to encourage local people to identify and provide information about interesting places and characters that are largely forgotten or neglected but deserve recognition and preservation in memory. More information later.

Planned Joint Seminar on the Great War - "Hidden Histories - the unfolding story of Ireland in WW1"

The Joint Seminar will be held in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, on Saturday 11 October 2014, starting with registration at 10.00 a.m. and finishing at 4.00 p.m. with lunch provided. A full programme will be issued shortly. To facilitate members in planning attendance the cost (including lunch) will be £20 / €25. Speakers will include Prof. Brian Walker of QUB, Pdraig Yeats, journalist and publicist on *Dublin Labour and the War period*, Quincy Dougan, historian on *Unionist opposition to Home Rule in the lead-up to WW1*, Dr Donal Hill on *Louth during the War* and Des Murnane on the song, *Its a Long Way to Tipperary*. This will be followed by a plenary session.



The aim of the Seminar is to provide exemplars of local studies on WW1 - to show societies how these could be carried out at local level and provide some ideas on possible sources and their locations. Some areas do already have well researched studies of the impact of WW1 on their local districts but many others have little comprehensive research on how the events of the decade 1913 -23 impacted on how local people lived and reacted to the major events happening in Ireland and beyond. FULS would hope that by 2020 there would be a much deeper examination of how the traumatic events of that period impacted on the towns and villages throughout Ulster and beyond.

Longer term planning about the Decade of Centenaries

The Joint Committee (FULS/FLHS) has agreed to develop an medium term plan of seminars and workshops in relation to the Decade of Centenaries covering WW1 and the revolutionary period that focus on the local impact of these events as well as their more general importance. We will want to engage more with individual societies with a view to mutual development of ideas and programmes. More of this later.

New guidance highlights need for NI charities to be politically independent

New Charities and politics guidance launched by the Northern Ireland Charity Commission aims to support charities (which include local historical etc societies) in understanding the law when engaging in campaigning and politically focused activities.

Campaigning can be an effective way for a charity to support its charitable purposes, with many charities using political activities to successfully influence public policy. However, charities must ensure they always act within the law, including remaining independent of party politics and never supporting or favouring one candidate or party for election.



The guidance provides information and advice, including real life case studies, on a number of key areas including:

- Political purposes - under charity law, a charity cannot be established for a political purpose
- Political activity or campaigning – when a charity can legitimately engage in political activity and campaigning
- Political activity or campaigning in the run up to an election
- Political activities and methods which are open to charities
- Key principles of charity law.

To read or download a free copy of the Commission's Charities and politics guidance, visit the Charity governance section of www.charitycommissionni.org.uk.

Facebook

The Federation's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ulsterlocalstudies> - provides up-to-date information about Federation, society and other local and wider events through Ulster and the island of Ireland. Why not add your activities/views for information/discussion.

Distributing the Newsletter: *We would be grateful if societies would circulate the Newsletter to their members, or at least to those on email. Alternatively, we can arrange to email individual copies on request by adding individuals' names to our distribution list. Requests, with names and email addresses, should be sent to the Federation's email address - admin@fuls.org.uk*



Membership Application/Renewal (October 2014 – September 2015)

Name of Society _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS (to update our records)

<p>Secretary:</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Tel. No: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Treasurer:</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Tel. No: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>
<p>Chairperson:</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Tel. No: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Society Information</p> <p>Website: _____</p> <p>Approx. number of members in the Society _____</p> <p>Usual meeting place: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date (e.g First Wed. of Mth): _____</p> <p>Time (e.g.: 7:30 pm): _____</p>

Membership Subscription

£50.00/ (£70 if with FULS hosted website) or €60.00

[Subscription includes five free copies of *Due North*]

- To pay by Standing Order please complete the attached Form and return to the Treasurer at the address below, together with this form.
- If already paying by Standing Order please complete the above and return to the Treasurer at the address below.
- To continue to pay by cheque please make cheques/postal orders payable to *The Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd.* and send to –, Treasurer, Federation for Ulster Local Studies, 14 Corby Way, Belfast BT11 8HY. **Tel: 028 90201959** **Email: info@fuls.org.uk**



STANDING ORDER SET-UP FORM

Date: _____

To the Manager (**your Bank Name**) _____

Address: _____

I hereby authorise and request you to **DEBIT** the following account

Account Name (**Your Society**) _____

Sort Code |____|____|____| Account No. |____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|

Payee Reference (To show on your statement): **The Federation for Ulster Local Studies**

With the amount of **£50.00 (Fifty pounds) / £70 (Seventy Pounds)** [delete as inappropriate]

and to CREDIT

The Federation for Ulster Local Studies

Sort Code: **93-84-24** Account No. **54253041**

First Trust Bank. 35 University Road, Belfast

Receiver Reference (to show on the Federation's statement)

(enter name of **your** Society): _____

Start Date: **1 October 2014.** (Make immediate payment if First Payment Missed)

Frequency: **Annually on the 1st October**

or until further notice in writing.

Signature _____

Signature (if second signature required) _____

If your Society already pays by Standing Order you will need to change the amount – use this form.

- 1. Please send this form to your Bank.**
- 2. Complete and return the Standing Order Confirmation Form to the Treasurer, Federation for Ulster Local Studies, 14 Corby Way, Belfast BT11 8HY**



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STANDING ORDER CONFIRMATION

Society Name: _____

I have completed and sent to the Society's bank the Standing Order Set-up for the Annual Subscription of £ 50 / £70 (delete as inappropriate)

I understand that the subscription will be paid annually on 1 October and that any variation in the amount will require approval by the Executive Committee of the Federation and will be notified in advance.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Please send the Standing Order to your bank **and return this form**, together with the Membership Form, to the Treasurer at the address provided.*



Individual Membership

Application / Renewal

1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership - full rate £15.00 *or* €17.00

Individual Membership - concession rate* £10.50 *or* €12.50

*concession rate applies to those over 60, students and the unemployed.

[**Subscription includes a free copy of *Due North***]

Tick _____ if you wish you can complete a Standing Order (for Northern Ireland bank accounts only) for continuing membership. Forms attached.

* I enclose a cheque/Postal Order for _____ made payable to *Federation For Ulster Local Studies Ltd* and send to –

The Treasurer, Federation for Ulster Local Studies, 14 Corby Way, Belfast BT11 8HY

* Delete if using Standing Order



STANDING ORDER (individual member) SET-UP FORM

[For Northern Ireland Bank Accounts only]

Date: _____

To the Manager (your Bank Name) _____

Address: _____

I hereby authorise and request you to **DEBIT** the following account

Account Name _____

Sort Code |____|____|____| Account No. |____|____|____|____|____|____|____|____|

Payee Reference (To show on your statement): **The Federation for Ulster Local Studies**

With the amount of **£15.00 / £10.50** [delete as inappropriate]

and to CREDIT

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(enter your own name): _____

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Signature _____

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STANDING ORDER CONFIRMATION – INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

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I understand that the subscription will be paid annually on 1 October and that any variation in the amount will require approval by the Executive Committee of the Federation and will be notified in advance.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Please send the Standing Order to your bank **and return this note**, together with the Membership Form, to the Treasurer at the address provided.*