



Federation

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Membership Renewal 2016-2017

Membership Fees are due to be renewed from 1 October 2016 and Renewal Forms are attached, for Societies and for Individual Members.

- The Annual Fee for Societies is £50 / €60, plus £20 or for those Societies that have a web site maintained by the Federation.
- Individual Members' Fee is
 - Full Rate £15 / €17
 - Concession rate £10.50 / €12.00
- As part of the 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 one free copy.

Societies are encouraged to pay by Standing Order; many already do so. 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 attached to inform the Bank and the Membership Registrar

AGM 2015

The AGM will be held in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library and Archive on Saturday 19 November 2016. Delegation registration will be from 10:00 am with tea/coffee. An a-la-cart lunch will be available at a cost of £10 / €12.

The day will begin with the formal business of presentation of Reports and the election of the Officers and 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. There will be a talk on a topical historical theme by an eminent historian.] Details later.

After lunch there will be a visit to a local place of interest. More details later.

During the AGM there will be a *Members' Treasures' exhibition* on the same basis as at last years event. More information in the next Newsletter.

Due North

The next edition of *Due North* will be launched at the AGM on Saturday 8 November. Editor Johnny Dooher at 07713636362 or email johnndooher@btinternet.com welcomes contributions from societies and individuals.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

An Exhibition of the *Hidden-Gems and Forgotten People* project will be launched in Belfast Central Library on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 2.00 p.m. by Tom Hartley, historian and former Lord Mayor of Belfast.

The Belfast Exhibition will be available until 22 October and will be followed by five more, in Libraries in Ballymena, Derry/Londonderry, Downpatrick, Enniskillen and Omagh over the course of the next 12 months. The aim is to improve local knowledge of, and increase participation in, the project. The Executive Committee will be contacting local societies in the localities surrounding these libraries to seek their help with, and involvement in, the planning, launching and running of the Exhibitions.

Invitations and details of the Launch will be circulated to members shortly.

Our thanks to Libraries NI for facilitating the delivery of the programme and to the Heritage Officers for their detailed help with its planning and delivery.

Spring Seminar , Tobermore 12 March 2016

Set in a beautiful rural setting at the foot of the Sperrin Mountains, the Kilcronaghan Centre in Tobermore welcomed over 40 local historians to take part in an event intended to help societies to develop their local history programmes.



Seminar participants

Dr Brian Turner's talk about the deep layers of meaning and social and personal history in the placenames of Ireland provided many starting points for local research.

Pat Devlin outlined the joint FULS/FLHS *Hidden Gems and Forgotten People* project and how it was planned to roll out a programme of Exhibitions throughout the province.

James Armour of the recently formed Maghera Historical Society, described the stages and stumbles involved in the first year of a new Society, teamwork being the watchword for success.

Graham Mawhinney, Ballinascreen Historical Society described the work of the society since it started in 1980. He concentrated on the history of its publications. In total this amounted to 41 publications including a record and a video tape.

Roddy Hegarty's talk ranged widely over the issues involved in the *Decade of Centeraries*, reviewing the challenges and opportunities for local historians to becoming involved. He urged them to do so, providing hints and guidelines that could be usefully employed.

Joint Federations' Heart of England Trip- 10th to 14th April 2016

Over 50 local historians from 23 societies in 13 counties (four of them in Ulster) enjoyed an eventful, enjoyable and instructive trip. During the trip they



Group on walking tour of Leamington

visited Coventry's two Cathedrals (one destroyed in WW2), Shugborough Hall & Estate in Staffordshire, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick castle, Leamington Spa, Blenheim Palace and Oxford, meeting local historians.

This was another memorable visit to a beautiful and unique part of England's heartland, one which all will all remember for the fond memories of the people and places encountered on the way.

There is a full illustrated report on the Federation's website at

<http://www.fuls.org.uk/midlands0416.html>

Joint Federation Trip to Dublin – 9 July 2016

Over fifty society members from societies from many different localities in both parts of the country enjoyed an interesting and informative visit to Kilmainham Jail



Group at the Michael Collins Memorial

and Glasnevin Cemetery. A report is on the website at www.dublin090716.html

European Battlefields - Joint Visit

Monday 26 to 30 September 2016

This Trip, limited to 25 people from the north and the south was oversubscribed within days.

Travel arrangement are underway and final programme have already been issued to the participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conference - Connecting People and Place: Exploring your Ulster Roots

The Federation and the Ulster Historical Foundation plans for a one-day conference in June 2016 exploring how to undertake family history research in the context of your local area have had to be postponed. It is hoped to revive the event at a later date.

Autumn Seminar

Following the success of the *Hidden Histories* joint seminar in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dundalk, the Federation and FLHS is planning another Seminar for Saturday 5 November 2016 at the same venue.

The final programme, will be entitled, *Years of Endurance*. It will explore the impact of war and revolution on the lives of ordinary people in Ireland, north and south. In particular, it will examine the effects of two cataclysmic events that happened in quick succession, the Battle of the Somme and the Easter Rising. The cost of the Seminar will be £25/ €25. The Programme and Booking Form will be issued within the next few weeks.

Society Programmes: *The Federation's web site is a great way to publicise your Annual Programme. Just email the programme to info@fuls.org.uk or post to 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick, BT30 6JU.*

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 - info@fuls.org.uk*