



Federation

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Membership Renewal 2019-2020

Renewal Membership Fees are due from 1 October 2019 and Forms are attached for the use of Societies and for Individual Members.

- The Annual Fee for Societies is £50 / €60. The Executive Committee has decided to drop the additional £20 for Societies that have a web site maintained by the Federation.
- Individual Members' Fees are
 - Full Rate £15 / €17
 - Concession rate £10.50 / €12.00
- As part of the fee structure, member Societies will receive three free copies of *Due North*. Individual members will receive one free copy. Additional copies are available for purchase at discounted prices.
- 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 are attached to inform the Bank and the Membership Registrar

New Member of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is pleased to welcome Jonathan Gray, a member of Killeeshil and Clonaneese Historical Society to the Committee.

AGM 2019

The AGM will be held in the Ulster American Folk Park on Saturday 16 November 2019. Delegate registration will be from 10:00 am with tea/coffee. Lunch and tea/ coffee and will be available at a small cost. An after-lunch event will be included.

Newsletter No 50, to be issued later in the month, will have more information about the AGM and will



Ulster American Folk Park

include nomination forms for election of Officers and also the Executive Committee.

New Federation Website

On 5 August the Executive Committee, after a competitive tendering process, approved the development of a new website, including a new Logo and colour scheme, that will reflect modern design and functionality and that can be maintained by non-specialist people with suitable training. As well as retaining most of the existing functionality, the new site will provide a range of e-commerce functions, including the ability to renew subscriptions and PL Insurance, recruit new members, book and pay for events and trips and purchase Federation publications.

We would like to be able to launch the new site at the AGM, but since the contract has been awarded only on 5 August, this may be a little ambitious. Thanks to the Project Team, Pat Devlin, Patrick Boner and Joe McCoy, for the hard and detailed work, which began in January 2019, that they put into developing the Specification, analysing the bids and interviewing the developers.

The designer and developer is Branding Bay, Scottish Provident Building, Donegall Square West, Belfast.

There are a small number of Societies that have a web sites maintained by the Federation that will be affected by the new website. The Committee will have discussions with those Societies about their future options.

Due North

The 2019 edition *Due North* edition is now in preparation and a good range of articles of local and wider interest have been submitted. The Editor, Johnny Dooher, would like to encourage more input from member societies to the journal. What research or publication on local history is being carried out in your society or district? It would be hoped that the ongoing work at local level in researching and writing up local studies could be better promoted throughout the Federation membership by including short reports in *Due North* of recent journals or other publications on local heritage matters.

If you are aware of local publications or projects completed during the last year it would be very helpful if you could let the editorial team for *Due North* know of this work and they could be featured in a new society news section in the journal. Such reports should be forwarded before the end of September to help inclusion in the journal.

Contact editor Johnny Dooher at johndooher@btinternet.com or send your response to the FULS email address.

Joint FULS / FLHS Trip to Armagh 28th and 29th September

The details of the Joint trip have already been circulated. However, as most Societies close down between June and September, the Flyer is attached for further information. Please note that the closing date for booking has been extended to 20 September so there is plenty of time to let your members know about it.

The trip starts with tea/ coffee and scones in the Armagh City Hotel where you will meet up with members of the southern Federation before forming into three groups to visit, in rotation, St Patrick's CoI Cathedral, 5 Vicar's Hill and the Robinson

Library, all described in the flyer. This is followed by lunch in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library and Archive, a visit to St Patrick's RC Cathedral and a tour of the Armagh City Museum.



Armagh City Museum

The Mayor of the Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council will host a reception in the Palace and dinner, with an after-dinner speaker will follow in the Armagh City Hotel.



Archbishops' Palace, Armagh

Ulster Local History Trust Seminar

The Seminar will be held in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library on Saturday 19 October.

The detailed programme, and a Booking Form, will be sent out when it becomes available

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*