



# Federation

## News-Letter No 50 September 2019

### Annual General Meeting 2019

The AGM will be held in the Ulster American Folk Park, 2 Mellon Road, Omagh BT78 5QU, on Saturday 16 November 2019. Delegate registration will be from 10:00 am with tea/coffee. A lunch of soup and rolls will be

attend and to speak and vote at the AGM on the member's behalf. The Nomination form will be issued later with the request for attendees names.

The Agenda will provide an opportunity for Societies to report on their activities and projects throughout the year, or any that planned for the future. These projects can serve to encourage other societies. Reports, which may use PowerPoint Presentations, are limited to five minutes.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports will be sent out to societies before the AGM to allow society representatives to be better briefed on issues that might arise.

There will be an opportunity for societies or individuals to display their *Members Treasures*, as in previous years.

*There will be a bookstall for societies and other heritage suppliers to display and sell their publications. This is an opportunity for Societies to advertise their creative activities and perhaps make a modest profit.*

**Due North:** The 2019 edition of the journal will be launched at the AGM. Three copies of the journal per society and one per individual member will be available for collection on the day. Additional copies can be purchased at a discount.

**Ulster Local History Trust Seminar:** The Seminar will be held in the Cardinal O'Fiaicl Library on Saturday 19th October. Details and Booking Form are enclosed.

**Contributions:** The Executive Committee authorised a payment of £100 to *Rethink Mental Illness*, a charity supported by Roe Valley Researchers, who had provided accommodation and refreshment for one of its meetings, and *Gortead Cottage*, which had provided free access for the attendees of the 2018 AGM in Maghera.

**Cave Hill Conservation Campaign:** Congratulations to Cormac Hamill and his dedicated Team on receiving the prestigious *Queen's Award for Voluntary Service*. The award ceremony will be in Belfast Castle on Tuesday 24 September.



*Ulster American Folk Park*

available at a cost of £11 / €13. Vegetarian and Gluten-free lunches will also be available.

After lunch there will be a tour of the Folk Park. For those who wish to take part there will be a charge of £4.00 / €5.00.

Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee are enclosed. Detailed instructions on the nomination process, along with a copy of the relevant Articles of Association, are also enclosed. Members are encouraged to read these carefully. A separate form is needed for each nomination, and acceptance of the nomination must be signed by the nominee.

Nomination forms, in an envelope addressed to the Secretary, and clearly marked NOMINATION FORMS, in red if possible, must be sent so as to be received by the Secretary no later than 1 November 2019.

In the event of a member being unable to attend (and for society members this means fewer than three member of the society is able to attend) there is a right to appoint a proxy to exercise any and all of that members rights to

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@fuls.org.uk)*