



Newsletter

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Local History Review

This year's edition has gone to print and will be available in the New Year. We have had a good response from members with many interesting historical articles submitted along with a good spread of Society News from around the country. Complimentary copies will be sent to members but we would like societies help us sell copies so that we can widen the reading base and generate some helpful revenue. Copies will be available at a very reasonable price. Remember it is your journal so let's work together to spread the word. Details on how to avail of copies will follow. Special thanks to the production team J. J. Woods, Larry Breen and Brendan Cullen for doing a great job. Please note that copies of earlier editions are available for sale details of which can be found on our website.

Autumn Seminar –WW1 Sat Oct. 11 2014 Dundalk, Co. Louth.

A large audience of sixty or more people were not disappointed with a most interesting, informative, entertaining and enjoyable seminar at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dundalk, County Louth. Members from societies representing both the Federation of Local History Societies and the Federation for Ulster Local Studies were treated to excellent presentations covering a wide range of topics by an impressive list of speakers. Professor Brian Walker talked about WW1 in the decade of commemorations, Padraig Yeates on the effects the war had on the people of Dublin, Quincy Dougan on militant anti home rule outside of Ulster in 1914, Dr. Brian Hall on the unique experiences of wartime County Louth and finally the song "It's a long way to Tipperary" and its impact on the First World War. The seminar concluded with a rendition of the song by all present. The seminar proved to be another great success for the joint efforts of both federations working together. A special booklet detailing the talks has been produced for limited distribution.

Cork Celebrates the Past – Exhibition. Oct. 3rd 2014 Cork City Hall

The Cork Celebrates the Past Exhibition, now in its sixth year, was very well attended and the Federation of Local History Societies Stand attracted many visitors during the day. It offered great exposure for the Federation and allowed us to meet and engage with people interested in the history of their area and their community. It was also a chance to meet many other historical, archaeological and heritage groups who had stands at the exhibition. As a result of our presence four new societies have joined the Federation and these are listed in our new members section. We also had an opportunity to put on show our recently acquired set of Hidden Gems & Forgotten People display panels to good effect. There was a lot of interest in the Hidden Gems & Forgotten people project and we encourage societies who have not already made any submissions to come on board.

Back to our Past Genealogy Show – R.D.S. Dublin 17-19 Oct. 2014

The Federation took a stand at this year's exhibition in the Millennium Hall at the R.D.S. in Ballsbridge. Again as we experienced in Cork it was a great opportunity to advertise the Federation, the work we do and the service we can provide to historical/archaeological/heritage societies around the country. We met many people and answered questions and queries about what we are and what we do. We were able to again put our Hidden Gems & Forgotten People Display on view and encourage people to get involved. We also had our Local History Review on sale. Special thanks to committee members Padraig Laffan, Kay Lonergan, Betty Quinn and Eddie Synnott for giving of their time to man the stand over the weekend.

New Members

We would like to welcome on board the following societies who have recently joined the Federation. Cork Decorative Fine Arts Society, Cork Historical & Archaeological Society, Cobh Museum, Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Development and Shandon Area History Group all from County Cork, Old Athlone Society, Co Westmeath, Newport Historical & Archaeological Society, County Limerick and Virginia & District Historical Society, County Cavan. We look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Dates for your Dairy

April 12 – 16 2015 U.K. visit to Devon and Cornwall. Trip includes Plymouth, Dartmoor, Exeter, Padstow, St. Ives, Penzance, Truro, Lanhydrock House, Buckland Abbey, St. Michael's Mount and much more. Booking details in January.

May 8 -10 2015 Federation A.G.M. Kinsale Co. Cork to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania. Booking details in early new year.

Summer/Autumn 2015. We are looking at a visit to Galway with the RSAI (overnight) in the summer and a joint trip with the Ulster Federation to the European Parliament/ battle fields of Belgium & France in the autumn. Further details to follow.

Hidden Gems & Forgotten People Display Panels

We have postponed our proposed national launch until early in the New Year and details of this will follow.

Annual Subscriptions

Just a reminder that these will be due by the end of January 2015 and we would appreciate your payment on time.

Seasons Greetings

The Federation would like to wish all its members a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and look forward to working with everyone in the New Year.

