



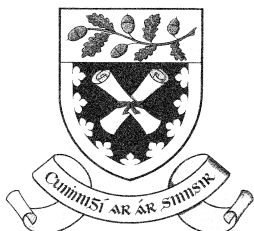
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Collaboration in Genealogy on the Internet

The world-wide-web has revolutionised genealogy by providing easy access to databases which were previously remote and hard to search. Social media are wonderful for exchange of snippets, but generally regarded as fleeting and unstructured – and are frequently polluted with interjections and irrelevant information. Family tree sites of various types offer facilities to construct trees or tables of one's ancestry, and to link to trees created by others – some such sites are great for building a tree, but genealogy is more than just names and dates. Many sites offer an opportunity to attach text and photographs to a tree, but so far I have not found one which I personally like, and which can be followed with ease by my descendants who might have only a passing interest in genealogy. Usually, the difficulty is that they are far too structured.

Personally, I think that every family should publish its genealogy in a book – it is the most enduring medium. The book does not prescribe a structure – the author creates his/her own structure and narrative as he chooses. Inevitably, when published, other family mem-

bers will add more information, so that the second edition becomes a collaboration.



**Tom Conlon, MSc, MGSI,
Director of Internet Services**

So, is there a facility on the 'net which could provide a form of publication which is easy to create and to edit, which offers the opportunity for text and pictures in any structure of the author's choosing, which allows for linking between articles by the same or different authors, and which facilitates collaboration among authors? A wiki can provide all of these.

A wiki is a tool that allows users to collaborate in the creation of web pages. Generally, any user is allowed to create new pages and all users are allowed to edit any page. Typically, each user can add to, modify or even delete the work of any previous

author. Wikipedia is the best known wiki, and covers an extraordinary range of topics. Wikitree is a form of wiki for genealogy, but much too structured for my liking. Much less well known is a wiki I recently created for the Dún Laoghaire area at www.localwiki.net/dl. Initially, this wiki is being used to identify and describe every location listed in the 1911 census, including the many addresses which have disappeared. Later it will be expanded for other uses.

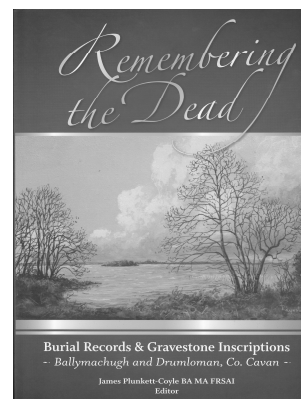
Then I got to thinking "what if the Society set up an Irish Genealogy Wiki?". Like the Dún Laoghaire wiki, it could be free-format, allowing the writer to create his/her own structure, or it could be formatted using templates. Would members use it to publish their own family histories, individually or by collaboration? To publish requests for family information? To publish articles? To publish small databases? To advertise upcoming genealogy events? To review books? Would it encourage young people to research genealogy?

Please let me have your views on the above by e-mail to web@familyhistory.ie.

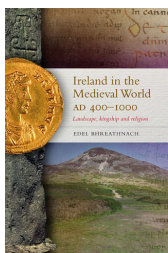
County Cavan—New Publication

A new publication entitled: *Remembering the Dead: Burial Records and Gravestone Inscriptions in the Parishes of Ballymachugh and Drumloman, Co. Cavan*, containing both Catholic and Church of Ireland records, was launched recently and, no doubt, will be of great interest to anyone who was born in these parishes or whose ancestors originated in this beautifully scenic area of south Cavan on Lough Sheelin's shore. It will be of

particular interest to those who are researching their roots in this area. Edited by **James Plunkett-Coyle, BA, MA, FRSAI**, this exceptionally useful and very well researched work was published by this Society on behalf of the editor. The Society commends all involved. Copies at €15 each (plus postage: within Ireland €6.50; UK and mainland Europe €7.50; USA €10.75) may be ordered from: The Parochial House, Carrick, Finea, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.



Ireland in the Medieval World AD 400-1000



'Ireland in the Medieval World AD 400-1000, Landscape, kingship and religion' by Edel Bhreathnach and published by Four Courts Press (ISBN 978-1-84682-342-8 : 316pp : colour illustrations : h/bk €50.00 : p/bk€24.95) is another work of interest to genealogists, local historians and clan/sept historians.

The work covers the period in which Ireland was effectively 'claimed' and 'named' in a manner still vividly recognisable today. As Ireland emerged from a world of antiquity with its oral learning and through the coming of Christianity entered the dawn of our recorded history, the rural, urban, ecclesiastical, ceremonial and mythological landscapes of Ireland anchor the history of early Irish society. This is the period in which a great number of our place-names and family names enter our national narrative over a thousand years ago. Understanding the complexities of early Irish society and presenting such coherently to a general readership in a manner that transcends the 'public history' versus 'academic history' debate is a real challenge. Edel Bhreathnach has certainly produced an exceptionally well researched history of the period that is, very importantly, equally accessible to the general reader, student and academic. The format of the

work presents Medieval Ireland under three headings starting with the natural and settled landscape. Here Bhreathnach draws on the ancient tales, beautifully crafted, which seek to explain the natural environment and its relationship with its people as exemplified by the antiquity and descriptiveness of our place-names. She draws on the wealth of archaeological research conducted over the past century or so to explain patterns of settlement, land use, boundary markings, trade routes and, very significantly, she makes the point that 'Dublin provides one of the best examples of the development of urbanisation in Europe from the tenth century onwards.' In the next section Bhreathnach explores the structures of society, the rulers and the ruled, the family or clan/sept inter-relationships and the importance of lineage and genealogy to Gaelic Ireland. This was a 'client based' society where legal obligations, privileges and rights were enshrined in a native law code, much of which, had its roots in pre-Christian Ireland. The author explores the influences that transformed or impacted upon, Gaelic Ireland, following the arrival of Christianity and later with the initial Viking raids, then their settlement as 'Hiberno-Norse' and the development of trading hubs with links rights across Europe. The transformative nature of these developments on Irish society is rarely explored in the context of 'public history' which, at times, seems more concerned with major battles and, some would argue, the dubious commemo-

rations of anniversaries. In the third section Bhreathnach looks at 'religion, rituals and ritualists' in a fascinating journey through the hybridization of the ancient native spirituality and early Christianity to form a distinctively Irish or Celtic Christianity. The position of the laity and, indeed, the fusing of Church and regional dynastic Gaelic societal structures is explored with wonderful clarity and beautiful illustrations. As a work of history, Edel Bhreathnach has not only revealed much of Medieval Ireland, but more importantly she has made Medieval Ireland readily identifiable in our modern landscapes, place-names, family names and, of course, in our archaeological and architectural heritage. An excellent read. Highly recommended. **MM**

NATIONAL POLICY ENDORSED

The Board of Directors of the Society warmly welcomed the recent publication of the *National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland* which was officially launched at a function held at the Royal Irish Academy on June 4th 2014. Therefore, at the June meeting of the Board this important national policy document was formally endorsed by the Society as we endeavour to broaden and strengthen our links with third level institutions and academic researchers throughout Ireland. This national policy statement may be accessed and downloaded from the Irish Universities Association website www.iaa.ie

Bowe Research Methodology Queried

"*Ó Buadhaigh Éile: origins of the Leinster surname Bowe/Bowes*", by Adrian Martyn (with Dr Tyrone Bowes). *Genealogical Society of Ireland Journal*, 15 (2014), 25-37. Mr Martyn believes that the surname Bowe(s) (Irish Ó Buadhaigh) in Leinster may have its origins as an "offshoot" of the Uí Chearbhaill Éile Tuaisceart sept. His theory is based on (1) the suggestion that in 11th or 12th century a member of the ruling Uí Chearbhaill sept may have been *nicknamed* Buadhach, and that some or all of this man's descendants took or were given the surname Ua Buadhach, and on (2) the genetic genealogical research of Dr Tyrone Bowes which, it is claimed, leads to "the unavoidable conclusion that the Bowe(s) ... and other families were ... offshoots of the Éile Tuaisceart dynasty." Having reviewed the surviving annalistic and genealogical sources Mr Martyn admits that he has found no documentary evidence to support his first suggestion. This, he suggests, is because his putative sept was the offshoot of a lineage [sic] that was itself "among the lower ranks of Gaelic families" and so that "it is little wonder that so little is known of their [i.e. the Uí Bhudhaigh's] history." In offering Dr Bowes's arguments in support of his theory Mr Martyn seems not to

be aware that the methodology used by Dr Bowes in his work has been heavily criticised by several leading genealogists, most notably Martha Bowes on <https://sites.google.com/site/bowessurnames/origins/ireland/critique-of-dr-bowes-theory>, but also by Debbie Kennett on <http://tinyurl.com/IrishOrigines>, and Howard Mathieson on <http://surnameorigins.ca/maps/kiely2/index.htm>. It has also been criticised on the *Anthrogenica* discussion list on <http://www.anthrogonica.com/showthread.php?1260-A-civil-discourse-on-IrishOrigines-methods/page5> Fiona Tipple, MA, MGS

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS

Members of the Society are entitled to the following discounts on on-line genealogical products. Whilst access to these resources is free to members at *An Daonchartlann*, it is also recommended that members avail of these discounts to have access from their own homes. **Findmypast Ireland** www.findmypast.ie offer a huge 50% discount and the **Irish Newspaper Archives** www.irishnewspaperarchive.com offer an excellent 25% discount to GSI members. The British based **flatcapsandbonnets.com** provide a 20% discount on

their range of DVDs. GSI Members get 40% off the first month's subscription for the **Forces War Records** database, which normally costs UK£8.95 for 28 days, for just UK£5.00. To avail of these discounts contact Barry O'Connor, Membership Director, by e-mail: membership@familyhistory.ie It is hoped to expand the various offers available to Members over the coming months and to explore other options aimed at increasing the benefits of membership.

CARE FOR YOUR RECORDS

In the course of our research we amass a huge amount of paper and computer records. We love these records, we've worked hard to collect them. Books, photographs, charts, notes, certificates, parish register and census transcripts. Have you made provision for the preservation of your records after you die? Don't let your hard work end up as landfill or your books to be sold off. **PLEASE** make provision in your Will to have them donated to the care of the Society's Archives for future generations of researchers. *Will Your Society Well!!*

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED



Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine 'Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine' dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally will now be published 'bi-monthly' going forward. The current edition 'May-June' issue is available to read or to be downloaded absolutely **FREE OF CHARGE** from www.irishlivesremembered.com Publisher Eileen Munnely said that 'we believe that moving over to a bi-monthly publication will allow us to free up more time to enhance the current success of Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-magazine. The bi-monthly e-Magazine has a new look and feel to the publication together with more specialist features and supplements of interest for around 20,000 dedicated readers globally research their Irish ancestry'. Eileen said that 'We are proud to have played a huge part in 'raising the bar' to promote Irish genealogy/family history businesses and services in both Ireland and overseas' and

that she looks forward to 'reaching out' to new readers and advertisers. On moving to the new bi-monthly format Irish 'Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine' has certainly facilitated the inclusion of more actually research rather than 'signposting' articles. This is an excellent development as it creates another fine on-line resource for Irish genealogy. As more and more of us choose to source our information and news on-line, Eileen's decision to move to a bimonthly publication schedule brings it into line with other quality publications like 'History Ireland' and 'Archaeology Ireland' which are available on-line. Eileen's business has now changed its name to **Millennium Media** - T/A Irish Lives Remembered Ltd., and she is delighted to now be in a position to offer new services such as: Contract Publishing, Visual Communications & Graphic Design services. Tracing your Irish ancestors? Check out the many interesting articles and research sources on www.irishlivesremembered.com and click on **Back Editions** to read the past 22 issues for FREE.

WEEKEND GENEALOGY COURSES

Weekend genealogy courses operated in conjunction with Ancestor Network Limited are an excellent way to improve your research skills, learn about new sources, manage your files and research, produce professional genealogical reports and much more besides. The Society issues certificates to those who successfully complete the course. For further information please contact John Hamrock on 087.050 5296 or by E-mail on john.hamrock@ancestor.ie

IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor are available in pdf format to read or to download or to read *free of charge* on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

James Scannell Reports...

BRIAN BORU EXHIBITION

'Clontarf 1014 – Brian Boru and the Battle of Clontarf' which will run until Dec. 31st 2014 at the Museum of Archaeology and History, Dublin 2. This ground breaking exhibition will explode myths and present the evidence available for what actually happened at Clontarf, what led up to the battle and what resulted from it. Viking and Irish weapons, typical of those used in the battle, will feature alongside hoards of precious silver objects and religious treasures. Much more recent artefacts will bring the story of Brian Boru and Clontarf right into modern times. Not wheelchair accessible.

BOOKLET SPECIAL OFFER

The Tourist Information Office in the foyer of the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire has copies of the booklet '*Lockout Centenary – Dún Laoghaire 1913 – 2013*' featuring contributions from Martina Devlin, Joe Duffy, Myles Dungan, Peter Pearson and Pádraig Laffan with the Introduction by John Douglas – President ICTU, at the reduced price of €5.

PRESERVING THE PEACE

'*Preserving the Peace: Two centuries of Policing and Punishment in Ireland (1814–2014)*' will be on view until April 3rd 2015 in the Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. The Peace Preservation Act of 1814 allowed for the creation of a force which is seen by many as the precursor to the modern police services on the island of Ireland.

EYE-WITNESSES OF 1916 RISING

Mercier Press, Ireland's oldest independent publishing house, based in Cork, has published '*1916 – What the People Saw*' by Mick O'Farrell. Books on the 1916 Rising tend to focus on those who led it, the military tactic used and the various engagements that took place. It's often forgotten that the ordinary people were frequently caught up between both sides – i.e. the insurgents and the Crown forces, and became targets for both sides. The death toll for the Rising was nearly 400 and 2000 wounded, most of which were civilians and even for those who were not direct casualties the Rising was one of the momentous events in their lives. Mick O'Farrell dipped into diaries, letters, biographies, and extracts from newspapers and magazines articles, to provide the reader with a view of how many people saw the Rising at that time. Robert Cecil Le Cren's letter gives an account of events as seen from the Kilworth House Hotel, which fronted onto Kildare and Molesworth Streets. The account of the Rising provided by the author Neville Shute for *The Salopian*, the Shrewsbury School magazine, includes an account of two volunteers carrying ammunition, disguised as women, who were uncovered at a checkpoint, and summarily shot by the soldiers manning it. This incident is also mentioned by another contributor elsewhere in this book. Other accounts show the difficulties for people to obtain food, especially milk and bread, and the risks

that they took to obtain supplies, the difficulties that moving around the city posed and there are several eye witness accounts of people being shot by snipers. There are also several accounts of the death of the only member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade to lose his life in the Rising – Superintendent Holden Stodart – while treating an injured person in the street and the great difficulties that first-aiders faced and risks that they took in trying to collect injured civilians. There is as memorial plate to his memory in Blackrock Presbyterian Church. Other accounts reveal what the various social classes experienced during this epic week in Dublin and their thinking on the situation at that time. A very comprehensive account of the work of first-aiders is provided by Thekla Bowser who wrote on the work of the Voluntary Aid Detachment during the First World War and devoted an entire chapter to the hazards they faced during the Rising. The book ends with a moving letter written by Henry Dumbleton to the parents of one of his servants who was shot dead in his house by the military, possibly as the result of a stray shot. Overall this is a really fascinating account of how people in the city look on the events that unfolded before their eyes, written at that time or very shortly afterwards. And through these accounts of the Rising, the reader views the human side of the 1916 Rising. This is an essential book for anyone interested in Irish history and especially for the 1916 Rising through the personal eye-witness accounts included in this excellent book.

Précis of the May Lecture

On Tues. May 13th our own Director of Education, Maura Flood, delivered a very interesting talk on '*Technology and genealogy from a layperson's point of view*'. Smartphones can be used to take digital photographs, for mapping, carrying your genealogy database, audio, as a reader and of course, internet access. Tablets can also be used with a bluetooth keyboard, have a bigger screen but are lighter than a laptop. Evernote is useful for taking research notes which can be synced to all devices. An important email can also be forwarded to Evernote. The Evernote Clipper clips an article, bookmarks or screenshots a website. Tour Builder tells a story through a presentation and shows the corresponding places on Google Earth e.g. where an ancestor emigrated or travelled to or perhaps was posted overseas as part of military service. Flipboard collects content from social media and other websites. All the material can be read in one place instead of trawling through your favourite websites one by

one. Twitter is useful for keeping up with all the genealogy news. Facebook allows you to share your family history and photographs, helps to identify people in old photos and to keep in touch with your family abroad. Perhaps there is a FB page for the village your ancestors came from. There are many other uses of technology in genealogy which could lead to another presentation in the near future.

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

The monthly lecture on **Tues. June 10th** will be on the topic '*Clans of Ireland—a case study of the O'Donnell Clan*' by Francis M. O'Donnell. Details of the lectures for the next six months will be published in July. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** (formerly the *Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education*), Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions to the venue are provided on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie The programme of monthly lectures is varied to meet the needs of all levels of research experience. **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSi Director, GSI Lecture Programme, is always interested to receive feedback on the lecture programme by e-mail on Gazette@familyhistory.ie

IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT

The Irish DNA Atlas is a collaborative academic research project undertaken by **Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri** of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and the Society. The main objectives are (1) to further our knowledge of the population history of Ireland and (2) to help us understand how genes influence health in Ireland. Whilst the scientific data is provided by Dr. Cavalleri's team at the RCSI, the project also has an academic historian, **Dr. Daren McGettigan**, who specialises in Irish medieval history. This academic collaboration ensures that the scientific data provided by the RCSI is interpreted in a manner that properly places it in a historical context based on extant sources and in relation to historical or archaeological published research. Participants are sought from across the island of Ireland and from overseas who can trace each of their eight great-grandparents to the same general area of Ireland. Participants are requested to present a Birth Brief (Pedigree Chart) and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Participants may be male or female with ancestry from any part of Ireland. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSi by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 7th 2013. It was agreed under **Res: 13/11/1060** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2014 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2014 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household adult member (18 years or over); Membership Certificate [**Res: 11/09/859**]; right to use GSI post-nominal; copy of the Annual Journal; monthly newsletter by e-mail; use of the Society's Archive; monthly meetings/lectures; special prices of up to 50% off selected Society publications; right to register your own assumed Arms or emblems with the Society free of charge; right to have your Club, School or Institutions assumed Arms or emblems registered with the Society free of charge to a maximum of ten registrations; occasional group projects; Members' internet forum (under construction); genealogical, heraldic and vexillological advice; and the facility to publish your

research in the GSI Journal. Special Membership concessions on products and services obtained, from time to time, by the Society. The Board also agreed to provide a number of concessionary rates at €20.00 for persons under 25 years of age and persons attending recognised genealogy courses etc. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2014 and be subject to annual review, however, existing Membership Packages shall be honored until their annual renewal date.

NOTE: In accordance with **Res: 10/09/785** all Membership Packages fall due for renewal on the anniversary of joining—please check your Membership Certificate.

Apply on-line at www.familyhistory.ie or if you prefer, download the membership application form and send it to:

Mr. Billy Saunderson, MGSi, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

New Members always welcome!

MEMBERSHIP OF GSI BRANCHES

The Board of Directors has set the Annual Subscription rates for membership (associate) of either *Heraldry Ireland* or *Vexillology Ireland* is €20.00 per annum to include a biannual electronic newsletter and the free registration of Arms in respect of *Heraldry Ireland* and of flags or emblems in respect of *Vexillology Ireland*. Members of the following organisations shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in the Annual Subscription to each (i) Genealogical Society of Ireland; (ii) National Maritime Institute of Ireland and (iii) individual members of Clan/Sept Associations registered with Clans of Ireland and, in the case of *Vexillology Ireland*, individual members of the registered member organisations of FIAV—the International Federation of Vexillological Associations which represents fifty similar organisations in around thirty countries.

For further details on these new GSI branches see the following websites: www.heraldryireland.com or for *Vexillology Ireland* checkout the following website: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday June 10th & July 8th 2014

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

20.00hrs—22.00hrs

Wednesday June 25th & July 23rd 2014

Morning Open Meeting

Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire

10.30hrs—12.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

AON SCÉAL

Níl aon amhras ach gurbh é ceann de na himeachtaí ba *uafásai* i stair na hÉireann ná an *Gorta Mór* in Éirinn idir na blianta 1845-1850. Fuair níos mó ná milliún daoine bás leis an *ocras* agus ar a laghad milliún eile a d'imigh ar *imirce* go dtí tíortha eile, ar nós *Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá*, *Sasana*, *An Astráil* agus *Ceanada*. Cuireadh i bhfeidhm na *péindlíthe* i 1695. Mar thoradh ar na dlíthe sin, ní raibh aon *chearta stábhailta* ag na *Caitlicigh*, i ngnéithe mar *oideachas*, *reiligiún* agus *úinéireacht* ar an talamh. Thug sé seo *stádas* do na *Protastúnaigh*. Bhí a lán *tiarnaí talún* ina gcónaí i Sasana agus ní raibh aon suim acu sa talamh ach an méid *brabús* ar bhféidhm leo a fháil óna *tionóntaí*. D'oibrigh na tionóntaí go crua faoi chóras na dtiarnaí talún. Bhí an cíos ard agus muna raibh an t-airgead acu chun an cíos a íoc, *díshealbhaidh* iad as an teach agus an talamh. Ba é an *práta* an bia a bhí acu le n-íthe mar go raibh sé saor agus éasca a fhás. Tharla an *Gorta Mór* mar thoradh ar an *dúchan* a tháinig ar na prátaí mar bhí na daoine ag brath go mór orthu. Bhuaíl an *Gorta Mór* muintir iarthar na h-Éireann go háirithe mar go raibh siad ag brath go hiomlán ar na prátaí le n-íthe. Chun éalú ón *geruachás* d'imigh a lán de mhuintir na hÉireann ar *loing cónra* chun go mbeadh saol níos fearr acu thar lear. Faraor, fuair a lán acu bás ar an turas fada thar farráige mar go raibh siad lag agus fuair siad *galair* a scaip go tapaigh ar fud na loinge. Bhí *contúirt* leis an turas fada seo mar go raibh a lán daoine ar bord agus ní raibh sé *sábháilte*. Mar thoradh ar an nGorta Mór tháinig *meath* ar an nGaeilge agus bhí go leor daoine mishásta le rialtas Shasana mar nach ndearna siad níos mó chun an *Gorta Mór* a *sheachaint*. Inniu tá a lán leachtanna cuimhneacháin ar fud na tíre i gcumhne ar na daoine a fuair bás agus a d'imigh ar imirce le linn an *Gorta Mór*. **Caitlín Ní Chonghaile, MGSÍ**

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**LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The General Secretary of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, contested the recent Local Elections in Dún Laoghaire. Running as an Independent candidate, supported by the Dún Laoghaire Community Association (DLCA), he took the penultimate seat for the Dún Laoghaire Local Electoral Area. The first meeting of the newly elected Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council was held on Friday June 6th 2014 at the County Hall in Dún Laoghaire. Cllr. Merrigan is one of six Independent County Councillors on the much expanded 40 member Council. Cllr. Marie Baker (Fine Gael) was elected as the new Cathaoirleach (Chairperson / Mayor) at Friday's meeting. Cllr. Merrigan was the first candidate in Ireland to use a number of foreign languages in his election literature and on his posters. The use of Polish, Filipino and Chinese, in addition to Irish and English, reflected the wonderfully cosmopolitan nature of Dún Laoghaire.

CAR PARKING AT COLLEGE

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute on Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, are very limited, especially during the college terms. The Society advises all attending the lectures that the most convenient option is to use public transport. Dublin Bus nos. 7, 7A, 46A and 75 all serve the college or streets adjacent to the college—Lower George's Street, York Road, Clarence Street. The DART (suburban rail) services to Salthill & Monkstown is only a short walk from the college. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members—why not 'car pool' for each month's open meeting?

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Genealogical Society of Ireland offers a 50% reduction on the standard membership rate for students and young researchers under 25 years of age. This allows students (18 years of age and over) to avail of the research facilities at the Society's Archives & Research Centre. This offer also applies to persons taking adult education courses in genealogy as 'mature students' in any college or institute in Ireland. This special student rate of just €20.00 per annum is available via the Society's website. The Society's Membership Director, **Bary O'Connor, MGSÍ**, reserves the right to request written confirmation of enrolment as a student or mature student. Researching one's family history can and does enhance our knowledge of Irish history, social history and, of course, local history. The Society is keenly aware of the value of genealogy as an 'educational tool' and our Director of Education, **Maura Flood, MGSÍ**, is finalising plans for the production of 'Educational Packs' aimed at facilitating the use of genealogy, heraldry or vexillology in secondary schools. The 'Genealogy Education Pack' will be launched in the coming months.

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS
by John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FGSI

The Society strongly recommends to anyone embarking on their family history quest that one essential piece of kit must be, without doubt, a copy of the latest edition of 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archives and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire, is open each Wednesday from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and each Saturday from 14.00hrs to 17.30hrs. Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors. The use of the Society's extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. Resources freely available to GSI members include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, the British Newspaper Archives and the Irish Newspaper Archives. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as both Dublin Bus (nos. 7, 7A, 8, 46A and 75) and the DART (suburban rail) are nearby. Pay-n-display parking at Dún Laoghaire Harbour area. See: www.familyhistory.ie

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