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“BRÉALÚ means BREXIT”

The utter astonishment felt by many in Ireland at the almost farcical, and sometimes comical, saga surrounding the EU referendum held on June 23rd in the United Kingdom is slowing giving way to despair in many sectors, not least, in the heritage, cultural and academic sectors.

While most political commentators rushed to cite the rise of English nationalism as the underlying reason for the majority ‘Leave’ vote in England, outside London and the great university cities, this could hardly explain why Wales/Cymru voted to ‘Leave’ the EU?

The phenomenal growth of ‘English nationalism’ is intriguing to many academics as it is unlike the ‘mature’ or ‘traditional’ nationalisms in other regions of the UK. Some have suggested that this ‘English’ form of nationalism finds its public expression, for example, not in traditional music, song, dance or customs like those of the Scots or Welsh, but in monarchy, sovereignty, exceptionalism and an ‘imagined’ sense of a past imperial greatness.

To the outsider, the ‘Anglo-centric’ tone and focus of the pre-referendum television debates was very evident as the real concerns of the Scots and the Northern Irish seemed totally remote or irrelevant. The possibility of a new EU/UK land-border running from Dundalk to Derry with all that may entail for the Northern Irish peace process seemed to have mattered very little in the campaign.

What happens now is very uncertain and this poses a huge problem for the many organisa-

tions, institutions, local authority or regional assembly area projects which are directly part-funded by the European Union in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Cornwall and Scotland.

Many of these EU programmes, such as the *North West Europe Programme 2014-2020*, the *Interreg Atlantic Area Transnational Programme 2014-2020*, various Interreg Programmes and the North of Ireland programmes underpinning the peace process, have greatly contributed to the development of these peripheral parts of the European Union.

Communities from the north of Scotland right through to the south of Portugal all benefited from the ‘*Atlantic Arc Programme*’ funding. This funding was essential to the development of these areas and fostering contacts between similar communities across borders and seas.

‘Brexit means Brexit’ and irrespective of the fact that we don’t know the form of any future relationship between the EU and the UK, it is now vitally important that Ireland assesses the potential damage to communities, projects and organisations dependent on Interreg Funding.

Cultural heritage, minority language, education and tourism programmes between the six Celtic nations will be particularly badly affected with only two remaining in the European Union, Ireland and Breizh/Brittany. Rural communities in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall will be wholly dependent on the UK exchequer for regional and cultural development funds. The plight of their partner communities and organisations in Ireland must be addressed with urgency.

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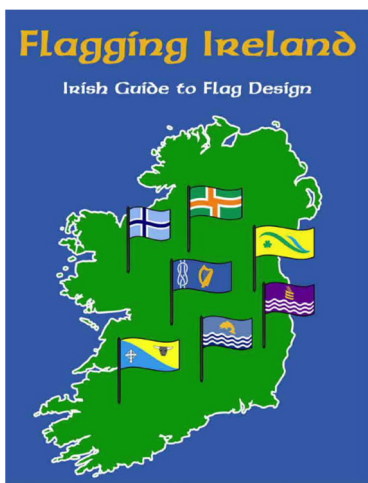
HERITAGE WEEK

The Society’s Director of the Outreach Programme, Eddie Gahan, is seeking volunteers for Heritage Week again this year.



This year Heritage Week runs from August 20th to 28th and, once again, Eddie and his team will have the Society’s Archive & Research Centre open from 10.00hrs to 17.00hrs each day offering free family history research advice.

If you would like to help out this year, please contact Eddie by email on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com



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OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 July—20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 August —20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 July—10.30hrs

Wednesday 24 August—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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NEED RESEARCH ADVICE?

If you are thinking of starting your family history research and just don't know where to start, don't despair as Eddie and his team are on hand to show you the ropes.

Whilst the Society does not undertake commercial research assignments, it does provide research advice to enable you to take a D.I.Y. approach to your research.

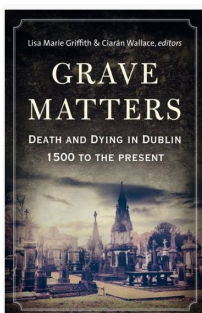
See page 4 of this newsletter for the times of opening of the Society's Archive and Research Centre. Also, please note that the facility will be open all through Heritage Week from August 20th to 28th 2016.



Eddie Gahan and his Team ready to discuss your Family History Research

GRAVE MATTERS

'*Grave Matters—Death and Dying in Dublin 1500 to the Present*' (ISBN: 978-1-84682-601-6 : 268pp : P/bk : Price €24.95 : Web-Price €22.45) edited by Lisa Marie Griffiths and Ciarán Wallace.



Irish people are renowned for our interest in funerals and the culture surrounding death in Ireland. Some may see this obsession with death as somewhat morbid or macabre, however, this fascination has been around since before the dawn of Christianity in Ireland in the fifth century. Many of our best legends, folktales and modern novels all dwell on this aspect of our culture. It's part of what we are and understanding how we treated death and dying down through the centuries is the subject of this wonderful collection of thirteen essays and four very useful appendices.

The editors set the scene in the introduction by providing an overview of the attitudes to death, dying, funerals and memorializing in the city over the past half millennium. The story behind the foundation of so many our cemeteries and burial grounds provides an insight into the social and religious development of the city and its divisions in respect of class and religion.

Following the introduction the thirteen essays are divided into four themes, 'Death and Disease', 'Death and the State', 'Burial Practices' and finally,

'Coming to Terms with Death'. Each of these themes is explored with reference to specific events, individuals or families. This is an exceptionally interesting approach to this subject as it allows the reader to contextualize each of the themes and to do so, in a structured and yet, thoroughly enthralling manner. Far from being a 'morbid' or 'macabre' collection of ghoulish stories of death, skeletons, coffins and graveyards, this is a serious study of a cultural phenomenon that many Irish people just take for granted.

Genealogists and local historians will find this collection of essays of particular interest as they provide cultural and historical contexts that will illuminate the burial practices, in particular, of our ancestors and, in doing so, assist in our understanding of the societies and communities that sustained these practices for so long over the past five hundred years. An excellent read—highly recommended.

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DUBLIN HISTORICAL RECORD

Pádraig Yeates, author, launched the Spring / Summer 2016 issue of the *Dublin Historical Record*, Journal of the Old Dublin Society, in Books Upstairs, 17, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2, on Wednesday 29 June 2016

The Dublin Historical Record, first published in 1943, is published twice yearly by the Old Dublin Society and contains papers read to the Society and articles about the history of the Greater Dublin Area as well as book reviews and news about events in and around Dublin City.

Contents - From the Editor - Beatha agus Sláinte - Séamas Ó Maitiú ; Around the Town - Séamas Ó Maitiú; The world upturning: the Irish wartime diaries of Elsie Henry, 1913-1919 - Clara Cullen; Belgrave Square Rathmines: the development of its green space - Elizabeth Smith; The name 'Ballinteer' - a popular misconception;

The Dubliner known as 'King of the Ruhr' - Kurt Kullmann; Some guidelines for contributors; Dublin's first automobiles - early steam carriage trials on the streets of Dublin - Peter Geraghty; A snapshot of life in Harold's Cross Cottages 1884-1940 - Wemmechien Hofman; The home front: the Dublin townships and the First World War - Séamas Ó Maitiú; The unclean mills: Mullinahack - the place that vanished - Edward Hannon; The Common Council of Dublin 1673 - the missing names - Eoin C. Bairéad; The 'Dubs' at Colenso; Chasing the smugglers - the Customs Service in Rush 1674-1765 - Maighréad Ní Mhurchadha; Society News; Some more forgotten bus companies and recent bus innovations - James Scannell; Book Notices and Reviews; Autumn 2016 Programme.

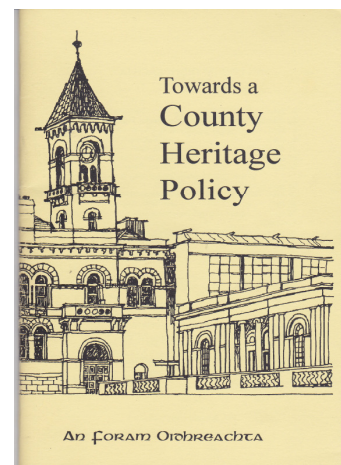
Over the counter copies available from Books Upstairs, 17, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2. **James Scannell**

20 YEARS ON

Back in 1996, after working for the two previous years to successfully obtain amendments to what became the *Heritage Act, 1995*, this Society proposed the establishment of a heritage forum in the new County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

Fifteen local organisations came together, along with the Local Library Service which had observer status, to establish '*An Foram Oidhreacht*' - 'The Heritage Forum' on Saturday 24th February 1996 in An Culturallann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown.

The main aims of this forum were: (1) To coordinate the valuable work undertaken by the various community based voluntary organisations with a public membership involved in the promotion of public awareness in and knowledge, appreciation and protection of our national and county heritage as defined by the *Heritage Act, 1995*; (2) To liaise with various bodies, both national and local to further the aims, objectives and general awareness of the Forum and its participating organisations; (3) To formulate a County Heritage Policy for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and to seek the implementation of such by the County Council; (4) To seek and obtain funding for the establishment of (i) a Civic Museum, (ii) a Genealogical Research Library; (iii) adequate funding for the National Maritime Museum and (iv) an Arts Centre; (5) To explore the possibilities afforded by the appointment by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council of a Heritage Officer to oversee the implementation of a County Heritage Policy and to campaign for the appointment of same; (6) To assist the participating organisations in the promotion of their activities etc; (7) To liaise with the local business community in the promotion of the Forum's aims; and (8) To encourage on-going cooperation between the participating organisations with definite synergies.



This Society published the Forum's recommendations in January 1997 in '*Towards a County Heritage Policy*' which was very widely read amongst the heritage, arts and culture organisations in Ireland.

Later in 1997, Minister Síle de Valera, TD, accepted a number of the recommendations which became government policy including the concept of County Heritage Officers and the formulation of County Heritage Policies or Plans. And, *the rest is history!!*

In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join this Society on-line at www.familyhistory.ie Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates are available for those under 25 years and students at recognised genealogy courses.

OVERSEAS JOURNALS

The Society's Archive & Research Centre has one of the largest collections of journals published by genealogical societies overseas. These family history journals contain a wealth of very useful information on the history and emigration experiences of the Irish diaspora throughout the world. Why not check them out?

PARKING AT DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**. 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. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members are asked to consider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting. For details on the Institute and its courses please check-out www.dfei.ie

E-MAGAZINE

The current issue of Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine *'Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy'* which is dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally is available free of charge to read or to download on irishlivesremembered.com There is a small charge to read past issues.

DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for the Members of the Society are available for online genealogical services and publications, including, **Findmypast**, **Irish Newspaper Archives**, **Forces War Records** and from **Flatecapsandbonnets.com**. To avail of any of these Member discounts, please contact **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie



www.eneclann.ie



Inside the Society's Archive & Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday 16 July at 14.30hrs Carole Hope will present a lecture 'Initiation by Gas: 16th (Irish) Division at Loos, April 1916' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

SUMMER OF HERITAGE 2016

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has issued its 'Summer of Heritage 2016' brochure of free Summer Tours which will operate on a daily basis, except on Fridays, until Sunday September 4th. Tours this year cover Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre; Cabinteely House; The National Maritime Museum; Monkstown Castle; Deansgrange Cemetery 1916 Tour; The Metals; Historic Blackrock; The Quaker Burial Ground, Temple Hill, Blackrock; Dún Laoghaire as 1916 approached a Social History; Kilgobbin Church; Historic Milltown; The Oratory, Dún Laoghaire; Seapoint Martello Tower; Holy Trinity Church, Killiney; Deansgrange Cemetery Tour; Carrickbrennan Cemetery Tour; Historic Dún Laoghaire; The Obelisk, Killiney Hill Park; Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers' Walk in Dalkey; Historic Dundrum; Kill Abbey; The Obelisk, Stillorgan; and Monkstown Parish Church. Copies of the brochure are available from the Dún Laoghaire Tourist Information Office in County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, branch libraries, or log onto - www.events.dlrccoco.ie.

BOOK LAUNCH

On Thursday 30 June Eugene McEldowney launched 'Road to Independence: Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle Played Their Part' by Philip O'Connor at a reception in the Marine Hotel, Sutton, hosted by the 1916 Commemoration Committee Howth Sutton Baldoyle.

'THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME'

At 11.30hrs on Saturday 23 July there will be a screening of the 77-minute film 'The Battle of Somme' in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. This film was released in September 1916 and was seen by more than 20 million people in Britain and Ireland. It was hoped that the film

would rally civilian support for the war and highlight a great victory. View this restored film with a short introduction by Lar Joye, curator of the 'Recovered Voices' exhibition. Presented in association with the Imperial War Museum, UK. Running time 77 minutes. No booking required, places allocated on a first come basis 15 minutes before the screening commences.

CUSHALOGURT SILVER HOARD

On Thursday 21 July 21 at 14.30hrs Dr. Andy Halpin, Assistant Keeper in the Irish Antiquities Division, will present his 60-minute talk 'The Hoard and the Sword: An Introductory Talk' which will explore the history of the Cushalogurt silver hoard and the Coolcraun sword, looking at how and where they were found and what these objects tell us about Mayo - and indeed Ireland - in the Viking Age, in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Admission free but booking required - call 094-9031751 or email: educationtph@museum.ie.

RMS LEINSTER CENTENARY

On Thursday June 23rd the Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation held a meeting at 20.00hrs in the Dún Laoghaire Club, 3 Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire to form a working group to organise events in October 2018 to mark the centenary of the loss of the Dún Laoghaire to Holyhead morning mail-boat *RMS Leinster*, sunk by a German submarine on October 10th 1918 with the loss of 501 passengers and crew.

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues July 12th 2016 - *Irish DNA Atlas—A study of Genetic Diversity in Ireland* by Ed Gilbert.
Tues August 9th 2016 *Sisters of the Revolutionaries: Margaret and Mary Bridget Pearse* by Teresa O'Donnell. The Board is currently organising the speakers for the period September to December. Forward any suggestions for topics or speakers by email to Tony O'Hara, Director of the Society's Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

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].

Local History Society Journals & Genealogy

Local historical societies throughout Ireland publish excellent journals that could be of immense value to the genealogist. The *'Journal of the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, No. 25, 2016'*, published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, Publications Committee Mona O'Donnell, Séamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds. by John C. Hewitt, published by Mercier Press. (ISSN 791-3680-X). Variety of contents is the hallmark of this excellent local history society journal which has now been published for 25 years and this year's journal presents the reader with an excellent array of articles which include 'Ten toffees for a penny or thruppence for the Beano' by Rosalind Matthews who recalls her childhood memories growing up in Monkstown. The Beano is a weekly children's comic first published in 1938 by D.C. Thompson in Scotland and is still being published with a weekly circulation of about 31,000.

Brian Smith in 'Easter Fatalities 1916 - Kingstown and the surrounding areas' recalls some of those killed during the Rising including Richard Waters, Blackrock, who was killed at Mount Street Bridge while being driven to work; Irish Volunteer Edward Costello killed in the Church Street area of Dublin; Superintendent Holden Stoddard of the St. John Ambulance Brigade killed by a sniper while going to the aid of a wounded British soldier in the Mount Street area. Another casualty in that area was Captain Frederick Dietricksen, Sherwood Foresters, while James Carroll and Jeremiah Hogan, both from the Kingstown area, were killed during the Battle of Ashbourne when they car they were in was fired on while they were passing through that area; and James Cashman from Dundrum who was found shot dead on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin. Robert Waddell in 'Reflection on Changing Times' recalls Dún Laoghaire in the 1940s, 50s and 60s; Anne Keegan recalls 'The Heffernan Family in Glasthule Buildings' providing a family history, Cormac Lowth in 'Lifeboatmen's Children' looks at what happened to some of the children of the lifeboat crew of the Civil Service No 7 lost on Christmas Eve 1895 and how they fared in later life. Anna Scudds recalls 'Hotels around Dún Laoghaire Harbour Part II: 1955 to 1977' while James Scannell continues looking at 'Dún Laoghaire - Prelude to the Emergency Saturday August 26th to Monday August 28th 1939' Dr. Séamus Cannon reminds us in 'Monkstown Castle: A silent witness to history' that this building has been witness to some of the momentous events in Irish history, and for a brief period, was central to a rebellion that had major European as well as Irish significance. Dr. Cannon was awarded the Society's annual Robbie Brennan Memorial Award for the most outstanding article in this journal. There are lots of other short items and a great selection of illustrations in this journal, which capture the past, people, and family histories of Dun Laoghaire and its residents, in what is now a fast moving and ever changing world and its only proper that this journal concludes with an article 'The End of an Era' recalling the death of Vera Breslin, the last of the local street traders in January 2015, and a reminder of how street traders have vanished from our streets in some cases by the heavy hand of local authority bureaucracy.

Copies can be ordered on the web-site: www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com

James Scannell

Checkout the Society's website for further information www.familyhistory.ie

'Twice Built - The Construction of St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-66' by Tom Conlon, MGSI

'Twice Built' is the second book in a month from our own Tom Conlon, Director of Sales, Marketing, Internet Services & Publications. Tom first book *'Victorian Dún Laoghaire - a town divided'* was reviewed in the *'Gazette'* in June.

This new volume deals with the construction of the Roman Catholic church in Monkstown, Co. Dublin. There is a clue in the title suggesting that the construction did not go according to plan. Canon Bartholomew Sheridan, the long-serving Parish Priest of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire), died reportedly "unlamented" in May 1862 when the church was nearing completion. The book details the sequence of events which followed.

As with his earlier work, Tom's attention to detail is excellent and, yet, this does not detract from what is an exceptionally intriguing narrative finely interwoven with a little known aspect of Irish church politics, prayerful maybe, but totally devoid of humility.

'Twice Built' published by the Society on behalf of the author is on sale in local shops and will shortly be available online on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Précis of the June Lecture

On Tuesday 14th June 2016 the Society's esteemed President, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, delivered a fascinating talk on the subject of *Yitzhak Herzog - the Sinn Féin Rabbi*. Drawing on his extensive research on the archival records of the Irish Jewish community, Stuart, first outlined the different phases of Jewish immigration into Ireland. The Irish Jewish community reached its peak in the years immediately following World War 2, however, since then it has gone into steady decline with synagogues closing and families emigrating to Great Britain, United States or Israel. Although the title of Stuart's talk would suggest that he was to deliver a biographical account of one Jewish figure in the Irish revolutionary period, he expanded to include several important Jewish participants in Ireland's struggle for independence. Stuart provided short biographies for each and indeed, carefully linked their interest in matters revolutionary to the much broader context of revolutionary Europe from the late eighteenth century and more particularly, to the labour movements of the mid to late nineteenth century. According to Stuart, the experiences of the Czarist pogroms and the movement west-

ward of Jews fleeing the Russian Empire attracted many to the new revolutionary movements and, in Ireland, this is evident by the numbers involved in the period 1913 to 1923. Stuart will deliver a much expanded talk on this subject to the 36th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Seattle, Washington, USA from August 7th to 12th 2016. www.iajgs2016.org

IRISH DNA ATLAS

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Prof Gianpiero Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan, Darren McGettigan from the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The main objectives of the project are 1) to further our understanding of the population history of Ireland, and 2) to help us understand how genes influence disease within Ireland. Contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSI by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Please checkout the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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The "Gazette" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world. All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor back to 1996 have been fully indexed by **Brendan Hall**, MGSI and they are available in pdf format to read or to download free of charge on www.familyhistory.ie Although we're not members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the *NUJ Code of Conduct* www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the *National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland* which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the Royal Irish Academy. (see the June 2014 issue at www.familyhistory.ie)

FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open, as per the Society's **spring schedule**, for two days a week as follows: each **Wednesday** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each **Saturday** from 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs.

With around **twelve hours of archival time** available each week new volunteers are always needed and very welcome. Our Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice**.

The use of our 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 Members include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and 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.

Please note: **Pay-and-Display Parking** is available at the Harbour. See: www.familyhistory.ie