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Casement Summer School

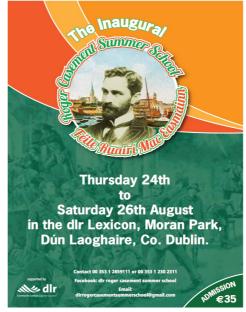
The "Inaugural Roger Casement Summer School" is to be held this month in Dún Laoghaire, the hometown of this Irish patriot, humanitarian and civil rights activist.

Roger Casement was born in Sandycove in Dún Laoghaire (then Kingstown) on September 1st 1864 and indeed, declared "Dunleary" as his birthplace on the 1911 Census when he was living at Denham, Buckinghamshire, England.

In April 2015, a proposal was agreed to name a new Marine Walkway in his honour and indeed, the County Council has commissioned a lifesize statue of Casement for erection on this proposed new walkway on the seaward side of a refurbished Dún Laoghaire Baths site.

Back in May 2015, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council was requested to explore the possibility of hosting an annual 'Casement Memorial International Summer School' "to specifically explore issues of identity, ethnicity, nationalism, racism, multiculturalism, public culture, gender and LGBT issues, minorities, marginalisation, social exclusion, diversity, language rights and other such related issues and, to do so in honour of the Irish patriot, human rights activist and champion of the rights of indigenous peoples, Sir Roger Casement, who was born at Sandycove on September 1st 1864 and executed for treason in London on August 3rd 1916".

The challenge of organising the event was taken up enthusiastically by a very dedicated community group which worked tirelessly over the past year or so to bring this important commemora-



tive event to fruition. The themes of the event are "Roger Casement and his times, and current human rights issues" with speakers from Ireland and overseas.

This inaugural event has the potential to become a very significant and most welcome addition to Ireland's Summer School calendar.

For further information on this event, please contact (00.353.1) 285 9111 or 230 2311 or via Facebook at DLR Roger Casement Summer School. Admission €35.00

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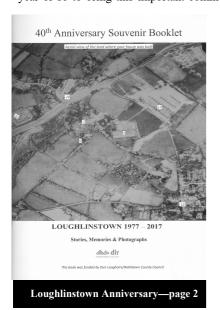
HERITAGE WEEK

Eddie Gahan, MGSI, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, is seeking volunteers to assist with the operation of the Society's Archive and Research Centre in Loughlinstown during Heritage Week—19th to 27th August 2017.

The facility will be open to the public from 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs each day offering free family history research advice. Want to assist?

Please contact Eddie by email at eddie gahan snr@hotmail.com

For directions to the new premises at Loughlinstown see page 4 of this newsletter and the map on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie



OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 August—20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 September —20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 August—10.30hrs

Wednesday 26 September—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

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.

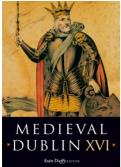
Also, please note that Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy. For more information on the Society's Outreach Programme contact eddie gahan snr@hotmail.com



Eddie Gahan, left, with Cllr. Shane O'Brien at the Loughlinstown Community Day

'Medieval Dublin XVI'

'Medieval Dublin XVI', Seán Duffy, editor and published by Four Courts Press, Dublin. (ISBN: 978-1-84682-604-7: H/bk: 328pp; Price: H/bk €50.00: P/bk Price €24.95). This volume contains the proceedings of the important national conference held in April 2014 in Trinity College Dublin to mark millennium of the Battle of Clontarf 1014.



Arguably no other battle in Irish history, save possibly the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, has achieved the legendary status of the Battle of Clontarf in the public imagination in Ireland. For example, I remember seeing a large banner held aloft in front of a 35,000 attendance at the UEFA European Championship match between the Republic of Ireland and Denmark at Lansdowne Road on May 2nd 1979 proclaiming "Remember 1014" – it worked, Ireland won 2:0. The story of Clontarf has everything from heroism, betrayal, scheming ex-wife, bravery, cowardice, piety and brutality – but what was the real story behind the legend and beyond the ethnocentric religious propaganda?

This major conference brought together leading experts in the fields of Irish history, Scandinavian history, Celtic studies and archaeology, speakers being drawn from universities in Ireland, Great Britain and further afield, as well as specialists from the National Museum of Ireland and other institutions.

For genealogists and those with an interest in medieval Irish genealogy, we have contributions from Catherine Swift, a regular speaker at 'Genetic Genealogy Ireland' and Bart Jaski who has published extensively on the subject.

The various essays in this collection seek to explore the truth of what really happened at the Battle of Clontarf and to re-evaluate the role of Brian Boru in the light of the latest ground-breaking multidisciplinary research undertaken across the academic world. The fields of archaeology, medieval history, linguistics and genealogy are challenged to interrogate the evidence, assess the accuracy of the received or traditional narrative and to, above all, tell the actual story of Clontarf, its context and its legacy. The essays challenge many of our understandings of the events of 1014.

The papers presented by Edel Bhreathnach, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Seán Duffy, Denis Casey, Clare Downham, Eoin O'Flynn and Andrew Halpin are hugely informative and readily accessible for the ordinary reader as each explores the subject from within their own disciplines. Other contributors such as Donnchadh Ó Corráin, Colmán Etchingham, Catherine Swift and Bart Jaski discuss their recent investigations into the rise of Brian's dynasty of Dál Cais, the subject of the high-kingship of Ireland and the role of the Vikings / Hiberno-Norse in medieval Ireland. The legacy of Brian and of Clontarf is explored by Marie Therese Flanagan, Paul McCotter, Meidhbhin Ní Úrdail and Alex Woolf. Seán Duffy is a professor in medieval history at TCD and Chair of the Friends of Medieval Dublin.

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Local Community Publications

The Society has always encouraged local community groups and, indeed, individuals with an interest in local or social history, to collect, collate and publish stories of their community, parish or organisation.

The Society's Archive and Research Centre— An Daonchartlann—is now well known as an excellent place to research local communities throughout Ireland. The on-line resources available to Members and visiting researchers have been extensively used in the research for several publications on local or social history.

As the Archive and Research Centre is now located in the heart of a local community that is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary with the wonderful assistance of the Community Department of **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** and its director, Dearbhla Lawson, and, of course, the ever resourceful Tom Byrne of the Council's Parks Department.

At the Community Day held on Sunday 6th August 2017, the Loughlinstown 40th Anniversary Committee formally launched an exceptionally researched publication on the locality over the past forty years.

As new neighbours, the Genealogical Society of Ireland was welcomed into this vibrant community with a mention in the commemorative book.

The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, Eddie Gahan, and his team had a stand at the event in Loughlinstown to assist people with their research and to promote the Society's Archive and Research Centre located on the Loughlinstown Leisure Centre campus.

The interest shown by the local community in researching their ancestors was enormous. The Society will now have to source funding to provide for this increased local demand for access to the on-line pay-per-view resources in particular. It is estimated that a further circa 6600 per anum would be required to provide the anticipated level of community access to the Society's various on-line resources in Loughlinstown and the Board is currently exploring funding options.

The Board would like to congratulate all concerned with the 'Loughlinstown 40th Anniversary' publication and thank them for the mention on page 55 of the booklet. Hopefully, it will encourage other communities to record their local and social histories for future generations.

Dublin Historical Record

'The Dublin Historical Record – Spring/Summer 2017', Editor Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú, published by The Old Dublin Society, the local history society for Dublin City & County.

Some of the articles featured include -'All Quiet on the Southern Front: Dublin's South Circular Road on the eve of World War 1' by Catherine Scuffil which looks at this part of Dublin at that time; ' Howth and its Maritime Past' and its long tradition of fishing is covered by Kevin Rickard while Tony McDonnell in 'The Dublin Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service and the Turbulent Years of 1913-1916' looks at the many challenges the ambulance services made to contend with during these years. In 'Francis Smyth & Son, Umbrella Manufacturers, Dublin, 1836-1967', Gregory Young covers the history of this famous Dublin umbrella maker and seller while in The British Army Presence in Dublin', Henry Fairbrother recalls the various places British army units were billeted in Dublin until 1922; 'Dubliners and the Influenza Epidemic 1918/19' is recalled by Jessie Walsh; two names associated with Dublin are recalled by Des Smyth in 'The Fitzwilliams of Merrion - the last of the line' and 'The lands of the Vicars Choral of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harold's Cross, Dublin' by Eoin C. Bairéad. The farming aspect of County Dublin is covered by David R. Stead in 'The Farm Records of Rev. Ralph Sadlier, Castleknock, 1857-61' while North Dublin is covered the in first part of Róisín Halligan's two-part article 'Balbriggan 1757-1875; the foundation and establishment of an urban industrial landscape - Part1.'Over the counter copies available from Hodges Figgis, Dawson Street, Dublin 2; Books Upstairs, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2 or olddublinsociety@gmail.com

James Scannell

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The recent six month temporary closure and the associated relocation costs have been a heavy burden on the finances of the Society, a registered charity in Ireland.



The Board is now considering options for fund raising and grant applications. In the

meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members and friends for help in defraying these exceptional costs.

Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and sent to: Mr. Billy Saunderson, Director of Finance, GSI, "Suzkar", Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, A96 CR60, Ireland.

The Board would like to sincerely thank the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated. *Many Thanks!*

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 available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

PARKING AT DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute. The best 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 checkout www.dfei.ie courses please checkout www.dfei.ie

DISCOUNTS

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

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians are relatively easy souls to please when it comes to gifts—books! So if you have a birthday gift to buy—think books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's Archive & Research Centre—An Daonchartlann.

'Victorian Dún Laoghaire' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

*Labour in Kingstown, 1890-1920' by Charlie Callan—explores a much neglected subject—the working class of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire and the development of organised labour and its political representation. Price: €10.00 (published privately contact: chascallan@gmail.com)

'Twice Built—The Construction of St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-66' by Tom Conlon. An intriguing story of "church politics" surrounding the building of a parish church in Dublin. Price €12.00







GSI Archival Collections soon to be available in a new premises at Loughlinstown

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

BRAY CUALANN

At 11.30hrs on Saturday 19 August James Scannell will present a free 30-minute talk 'August 19th to August 27th 1917 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission free.

At 11.00hrs on Wednesday 23 August Brian White will lead a 'Killarney Road Walking Tour', departing from Bray Town Hall. Please wear suitable footware and dress for the day's weather conditions. All welcome - admission free. The walk will be repeated at 15.00hrs on Saturday 26 August.

At 11.30hrs on Thursday 24 August James Scannell will present a 30-minute talk 'August 19th to August 27th 1942 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' at 11.30 a.m. in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission

At 15.00hrs on Sunday 27 August Brian White will present a talk 'Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Family Stories from Kilruddery down the ages' in Kilruddery House, Kilruddery, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission free but booking/registration. See Kilruddery House website for this formation.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 23 August Bernardine Ruddy, President of the Old Dublin Society, will present a Heritage Week lecture 'So Many Sweet Flowers: From Clontarf to Killiney
- Watson's Nurseries 1884 - 1967' in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free but booking required -Email: dublinstudies@dublincity.ie or call 01-6744999

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

The Old Bray Society has received an inquiry about an alleged murder committed in Dalkey sometime between 1945 and 1948 committed by a former member of the Irish Defence Forces who is it claimed survived the Glen of Imaal 1941 land mine explosion. Any information to jamesscannell@eircom.net.

Fr. WILLIE DOYLE, S.J.

At 18.30hrs on Tuesday 15 August Damien Burke will present his lecture 'The life of Fr. Willie Doyle, S.J.' in Dalkey Public Library, Castle St., Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Admission free.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service to all those who died in the Workhouse or in the Hospital will take place at 14.00hrs on Saturday 19 August in the St. Columcille's Hospital Cemetery, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.

DALKEY WALK

At 19.00hrs on Wednesday 23 August Ms. Alice Cullen, Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, will lead a 'Dalkey Town & Coastal

Walk' starting from the Church of the Assumption, Castle Street, Dalkey, car park. All welcome - free.

RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOC.

The Society's 43rd Summer series of Evening Lectures will take place in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin (Junction of Dublin Road and Stonebridge Road, Shankill) from Monday 14 August to Friday 18 August nightly at 20.00hrs. The programme is as follows – Monday 14 August: 'Everything but the Apothecary - Recent Excavations at Kevin Street, Dublin' by Alan Hayden; Tuesday 15 August: 'Tullagh and the burial grounds excavated at Mount Offaly and Cherrywood: social organisation on the cusp of Christianity' by Gillian Boazman; Wednesday 16 August: The Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - 'Rath Melsig: The Anglo-Saxons in Ireland' by An tOllamh Dáibhí Ó Cróinín; Thursday 17 August: 'The Murder of a Tomb: Recent Discoveries at The Hellfire Club' by Neil Jackman; Friday 18 August: 'St. Mary's Abbey and its Medieval Grange farms, Co. Dublin' by Geraldine Stout. Enquiries: Richard Ryan, Email - rmjryan@gmail.com or call 01-

GSI Lecture Programme

On Tuesday August 8th the topic will be 'Where historical Geography meets Genealogy' by Brian Hollinshead, MGSI

On Tuesday September 13th the topic will 'Some residents of Killarney Road, Bray' by Brian White.

Please note the advice regarding 'Parking at DFEI' on panel to the left on this page.

Tony O'Hara welcomes any of your comments on the Society's lecture programme as this will help us improve the programme. Please forward any suggestions that you may have for topics or guest speakers to Tony O'Hara, MGSI, Director of the GSI Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

International Conference—London

The International Congress of Vexillology will be held between 7th and 11th of August at the Imperial College, Kensington, London and the GSI will, once again, represent Ireland at this prestigious international congress.

The GSI had planned to bid at this event to host the ICV in Dún Laoghaire in 2021. However, commitments to financially support the bid could not be secured in time, therefore, **Stan Zamyatin**, CEO of *Vexillology Ireland* and *Heraldry Ireland*, decided to withdraw the bid for 2021. It is possible that a later date may be chosen for another bid.

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].

Précis of the July Lecture

The title of the July lecture was "Finding my Irish Story: going beyond the free stuff" by Brian Donovan of Find-MyPast. Just fresh from presenting Canadian PM Justin Trudeau with a family tree, Brian delivered a very comprehensive lecture of what is available on line and for free to a well-attended audience.

Brian covered the obvious "free stuff" like the NAI 1901 and 1911 census returns and the additional half million surviving remnants of the previous censuses from 1821 up to 1851. He also showed examples of the pension application forms in the form of the "Extract from the Census Return of 1841 or 1851" and how the family details were transcribed by assessors to certify if applicants qualified for the pension. Brian told us that these forms number over 130,000 and provide rich detail of both the claimant current address and where they were in 1841 or 1851 depending on the claim.

He then covered the NLI's Catholic parish registers which cover 10.6 million records (7.3 million baptisms and 3 million marriages) dating from 1670 up to 1900 in some cases. These registers involve over 1000 parishes which provides is a 97% coverage for all 32 counties, providing the most important source for genealogists and historians before the onset of the general registry office in 1864. Brian emphasised that both FindMyPast and Ancestry have transcribed the index for the parish registers and have made access free to all at no cost to the public. This is a great example of two giants of an industry getting together for the common good.

Brian further observed that ten years prior and ten years after the Famine the number of births halved, due mainly to the emigration (or death) of women of childbearing age. This kind of information is of much greater interest to society at large and not just genealogists.

Showing some examples of the varying quality of the registers, Brian expressed the view that he would like the bishops to allow the re imaging of the registers, to take account of the advances in technology and the enhancement by colour alone, would add to the overall quality of the images.

He covered the release of the Valuation Office field and house books 1830 -1861, the Merchant Navy Crew Lists 1863 - 1921, the Original Will Registers 1858 -1920 and the Catholic Qualification and Convert Rolls 1701 -1845 which are all on line at the NAI website. Brian said the Revision books continued on the work of Griffith Valuations and that books contain over 2 million names. Griffiths covers 1.4 million so they are a serious addition to the resource for genealogists.

Brian detailed the numbers and percentages of the types of records which have been digitised and made available to date. Ranging from Newspapers 22%, Court 22%, BMD 17%, Parish Records 12%, Land 8%, Migration 7%, Census 7%, Poor Relief 2%, Directories 1%, Others 1%, School and Occupation 1% and Military 0.25%. In excess of 155 million over the last 20 years. In the past Ireland had a reputation as a difficult place to access records for genealogist and that situation is now being reversed as more records are available and for free.

The lecture covered a very large range of data sets, far too many to detail in this review. Finally it is important to note that some of the records currently only available on FMP should be available on the NAI website in the near future, subject to resources being made available by NAI.

The Q& A at the end was lively and informative and I believe that everybody went away more informed and well pleased with what they had just learned. Many thanks Brian! The lecture can be viewed on YouTube and the link is available on our website, as are previous lectures.

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhx1JgGgw_k\&feature=youtu.be}$

Tony O'Hara, MGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

AN DAONCHARTLANN IN LOUGHLINSTOWN

Travel Information for visitors to the An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown Drice, Loughlinstow, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

DART & DUBLIN BUS— Dún Laoghaire DART Station—Bus 111 & 7A from Crofton Road, Bus Stop no. 2036 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

LUAS & DUBLIN BUS—Bride's Glen (Green Line) - Bus 111 from outside the Luas station, Bus Stop no. 7639 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

DUBLIN BUS from City Centre—O'Connell Bridge, Bus Stop no. 273 or Nassau Street, Bus Stop no. 405—Bus 7A to Loughlinstown Park, Bus stop no. 3222

DRIVING— From the M50 - at Junction 16 follow the signs for Loughlinstown. Straight on through the Cherrywood roundabout, and over the N11 flyover. At the second traffic lights beyond the flyover on Wyattville Road turn right into Loughlinstown Drive. Follow this twisty road for about 1km to Loughlinstown Leisure Centre (very large buildings on right). GSI is behind these buildings. From N11 southwards - after Cabinteely junction, and Topaz garage move to left lane and exit left to Wyattville Road. At the second traffic lights on Wyattville Road, turn right into Loughlinstown Drive and follow as above. Checkout www.dlrleisure.ie/Loughlinstown

Mobile Phone Offer for GSI Members



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- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international minutes and 100 international texts.

This plan is a 24 month contract and would come with a **FREE SMART PHONE**—Samsung Galaxy J3 2016 or a HTC Desire 530.

Another option is a **SIM ONLY** offer which consists of......

- 2. The price plan is NOW only $\[\epsilon \]$ 19.99 including VAT. In the plan you get the following calls, texts.
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- <u>Unlimited</u> texts to any Irish mobile network.
- <u>Unlimited</u> calls to Irish landlines.
- 5GB of internet data.
- <u>100 international minutes and 100</u> international texts.

This plan is an 18 month contract.

If you would like to avail of either of the above offers please contact **NICOLE DUFF** at micole@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013.

Please Note: Your current membership of the Society will be subsequently verified to THREE by the GSI Director of Membership Services in accordance with *RES: 17/04/1302*

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"HALL'S INDEX"

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 the late **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 has moved to Loughlinistown, Co. Dublin. The new premises is well served by public transport, including the Dublin Bus connection between the LUAS and the DART.

Up to the time of closure, the use of our exten-



sive archival resources was reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership was available for €5.00.

Resources freely available to Mem-

bers include a number of excellent pay-forview websites including Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and Irish Newspaper Archives.

The Board of the Society is currently working on getting the new premises ready for the resumption of the Society's services to its members and the general public at its new location.

The Loughlinstown Leisure Centre has ample free car parking and great facilities. Please see www.familyhistory.ie for updates on premises.