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## Cuimhnigí—Remember

Remembrance has always been problematic in a divided society or one with a turbulent history like ours in Ireland. Nevertheless, the age old respect for the dead, the fallen on all sides, has endured and, indeed, sometimes in very difficult and testing times

The growing acceptance of the "Shamrock Poppy" badge as a symbol of remembrance for the Irish dead of World War 1 has seen the annual debate on whether or not to wear "the poppy" become far less fractious and much more respectful of different traditions. Many members of the Oireachtas (Irish parliament) have been encouraged by Senator Frank Feighan (Fine Gael) of Roscommon to wear the "Shamrock Poppy" this year for the centenary of the ending of the War.

As much as the symbols of remembrance are important, the language of remembrance is much more significant as it can potently contextualise or overly simplify the past in a manner that distorts, obliterates or magnifies its legacy or lessons. The official commemoration of the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland was carefully designed to ensure inclusiveness and a "shared remembrance" in ceremonies held throughout Ireland.

The 'Decade of Centenaries' has yet to encounter the more painful and arguably still raw political divide caused by the sign-



The "1914-1918 Shamrock Poppy" specially commissioned to mark the centenary of WW1 and the Anchor of the RMS Leinster commemorating the mail-boat sunk by a U-Boat on October 10th 1918.

ing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922. This was followed by a bitter Civil War that split families, friends and communities long after it ended in 1923.

As genealogists and local historians we are all very aware of the complexities of the tightly interwoven narratives of the period 1912 to 1923 and of diversity of their enduring legacies. Words, gestures and symbols matter, but the dignity, respect and inclusivity of remembrance must prevail.

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### **DATA PROTECTION**

The Board on May 3rd 2018 adopted the following resolution on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - *Res:* 18/05/1380

"That, the Board, in order to make arrangements for compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on May 25th 2018, agrees to place a notice in 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' advising Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Email Address and (5) the name of the Associate Member, if applicable, and that such records are **only used** for the purpose of contacting Members on Society matters and for the dispatch of the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal and furthermore, that these records are only held by the Director of Membership Services and are inaccessible to all other persons and that, the Society does not share this information with any other individual or organisation." Records are also held for contractual necessity to deliver paid services.

Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri & Séamus O'Reilly

Presentation by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) to Séamus O'Reilly on Friday 12th October 2018 by Professor Gianpiero Cavalleri, Scientific Director of the *Irish DNA Atlas* project. This very important academic research project is a collaboration between the RCSI and the GSI. *See also photograph - page 3*.

### **OPEN MEETINGS**

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 13 November—20.00hrs

Tuesday 11 December—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 28 November—10.30hrs

Wednesday 23 January 2019—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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### **GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE**

Did you know that this Society operates a "Help Centre" for those researching their family history?

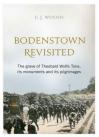
Family history need not be a lonely pilgrimage of discovery with many bumps in a very twisty road of pitfalls. Many of these research problems appear as impenetrable "brick walls" but they are rarely new problems. Many have overcome such and progressed their research with the help and advice of others.

The Society's "Help Centre" is open to the public twice weekly where you can discuss your research problems with experienced researchers who will take you through the available resources. For times and directions please see page 4 of this newsletter.

Have you visited An Daonchartlann at the DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre?

### **Bodenstown Revisited**

In keeping with the general theme of "remembrance" and recognising the diversities and complexities of such in an Irish context, 'Bodenstown Revisited—The grave of Theobald Wolfe Tone, its monuments and its pilgrimages' by C.J. Woods (ISBN: 978-1-84682-738-9: H/bk: 288pp: ills: Price &50.00: Web Price &45.00), published by Four Courts Press, is a very interesting exploration of the cultural and political creation and significance of Bodenstown graveyard a place of memory and pilgrimage.



On November 19th many will mark the 220th anniversary of the death of the "Father of Irish Republicanism", Theobald Wolfe Tone, by visiting his grave in the County Kildare village of Bodenstown. C.J. Woods concentrates on Wolfe Tone "seen through the prism of Bodenstown". His narrative begins with the man lying dead in the Provost prison at the Dublin barracks and his private burial in the family plot at Bodenstown where he lay, in "virtual oblivion" until it was discovered by John Gray and Thomas Davis towards the end of 1843. Gray was the owner of the 'Freeman's Journal' the Dublin daily newspaper that was widely read by Catholics. Davis was the main contributor to the 'Nation' - a weekly newspaper owned by another Young Irelander, Charles Gavan Duffy.

The first lines of Davis's poem, 'Tone's Grave', are known to many and could be considered as the "creation point" of the Bodenstown phenomenon in the public imagination—"In Bodenstown churchyard there is a green grave". The significance of their discovery was not lost on Gray and Davis, nor indeed, on Irish nationalism, as the Young Ireland's placed a memorial slab on the grave in 1844, the first of several memorials as others were to

follow in 1873, 1895 and 1971. The one placed by the Kildare Gaelic Association in 1895 was damaged and uprooted in 1969 by a bomb placed by the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) operative Robin Jackson who died in 1998.

Leaders of Irish nationalism and revolutionary organisations made annual visits to the grave from 1873, claiming validation while paying homage and, in doing so, reinforcing popular memory in pursuit of political objectives. These validation or reaffirmation ceremonies continue today and therefore, the research and critical analysis presented by C.J. Woods examines the evolution, relevance, sustainability and, of course, the logistics of the organisation of these political pilgrimages with their marching bands, special trains and often very sizeable crowds.

The graveside orators "who achieved fame or infamy" are assessed by C. J. Woods including, Matilda Tone, John Devoy, John Daly, Fred Allan, James Connolly, John MacBride, Tom Clarke, Patrick Pearse, Seán O'Casey, Constance Markievicz, Mary MacSwiney, W.T. Cosgrave, Éamon de Valera, Frank Aiken, Brian O'Higgins, Peadar O'Donnell, Seán MacBride, Tomás Mac Giolla, Roy Johnston and Ruairí Ó Brádaigh. This is a very important and timely study of a place of memory, political remembrance and cultural iconography.

**C.J. Woods** retired in 2006 from the Royal Irish Academy, where he worked on its *New history of Ireland* and *Dictionary of Irish biography* projects; he was an occasional lecturer in history at Maynooth University.

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### DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The past eighteen months have been extremely challenging for the Society. The closure of the facility at the Carlisle Pier and the relocation to

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Loughlinstown placed a heavy burden on the Society's financial reserves.

It must be remembered that the Society is funded largely by its Membership

Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and is currently considering options for fund raising and grant applications. The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, 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: **Shane O'Brien, MGSI,** Director of Finance, GSI, Coolevin, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, A96 C9F7. The Board would like to sincerely thank

the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated. *Many Thanks!* 

### **2019 JOURNAL ARTICLES**

We publish our annual journal of the Society to give members an opportunity to commit the results of their work to the best form of sharing and preservation – the printed word. Good work well done deserves to be preserved, and we want your work to be included.

Genealogy is about researching, documenting, sharing and preserving family history for future generations of people you may never know. The journal will be read by people like you when it is published but also long after you have gone.

We require your articles for the 2019 Journal – and we want them soon. Our deadline for copy is mid-December. We like long articles, shorter articles and snippets. Our primary criterion is that they should be interesting.

Our main guidelines:- Please use simple layout, no fancy formatting. Please submit photos and diagrams as separate attachments. Please send to web@familyhistory.ie *Tom Conlon, MGSI* 

### **Local History Reviews**

'The Last Voyage of the Leinster - Remembering the Dún Laoghaire and Holyhead Mailboat' produced by an Editorial Committee of Breasal Ó Caollaí, Niall O'Hagan and Ken Finlay, published by the Dún Laoghaire Holyhead Mailboat Centenary Committee / Friends of the Leinster - €15.00 available through booksellers.

This fascinating and well produced book contains a selection of articles and reflections written mainly by descendants who were on the RMS Leinster on the morning of October 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 when she was sunk by a German submarine shortly after departure from Kingstown, as Dún Laoghaire was then called, on the Morning sailing for Holyhead, with the loss of at least 565 passengers and crew.

Articles featured in this remarkable book include -'The truth was also a casualty' by Beasai Ó Caollaí; 'Post Office workers flex their muscle' by Paul O'Brien; 'Evening Herald: banned - but not beaten'; 'The last town they saw... Dún Laoghaire 1918' by Tom Conlon; '...and the town they failed to reach - Holyhead 1918' by Dr. Gareth Huws; 'Family Reflections' from descendants of those on board that fateful day; 'What type of man buys the wreck of a ship?' by Joe Ryan; 'The Leinster Anthem'; 'A wreck dive like no other' by Michael Schütz; 'Perseverance pays off' by William Byrne; 'The trials and tribulations of bringing up the anchor' by Noel Brien; 'The Leinster remembered in 2003' by Tom Lundon; 'Commemorating the Postal Workers', and 'Events of 1918'.

This excellent book focuses about the human aspect of this tragedy, real people and families, from many countries, who were affected by this terrible wartime tragedy, and is an essential acquisition for anyone interested in Irish military or maritime history.

James Scannell

### AN DAONCHARTLANN

The Society's Archive and Research Centre— An Daonchartlann—located at the rear of the DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, has an impressive collection of books, journals, research papers, archival records, mircoform, CD and digital resources.

Many of the overseas family history journals, for example, contain wonderful information on the Irish abroad. Access to this exceptional body of research is not readily available to the public elsewhere in this country.



The Society's original archival collections include school and other institutional registers, deeds, land records and assorted family papers. In addition, the facility offers online access to a number of the popular pay-for-view websites that have become essential for genealogical research.

These records are freely available to the GSI Members and for a modest daily research fee to non-Members. New Members are always most welcome.

For directions to the facility please see page 4 of this newsletter.

### 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, Forces War Records and from Flatcapsandbonnets.com. To avail of any of these Member discounts, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI, by email: membership@familyhistory.ie

### IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians love 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 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





Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

### JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

### **OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY**

Emmet Oliver will present 'The Business of Dublin in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: an overview of the retail and financial sector' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 14 November in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 -144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome admission free.

Ken Finlay will present 'Charles Cameron Saving the City' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 28 November in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. The AGM will follow this lecture. All welcome - admission free.

James Scannell will recall 'Christmas 1918 in Kingstown and Dalkey' at 19.00hrs on Thursday 06 December in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission

#### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Ronan McGreevy will present 'The Armistice of November 1918' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 20 November in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.00

### **DÚN LAOGHAIRE BORO' HIST SOC**

Vincent Ruddy will present 'Pre-Famine Dublin: A Calamity Waiting to Happen?' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 21 November in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Čo. Dublin. All welcome - entrance €3.00

### **BRAY CUALANN HIST SOC**

Brian White will present '400 years of the Brabazons in Bray' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 15 November in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission

James Scannell will recall 'Christmas 1943 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' at 11.30hrs on Thursday 06 December in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admis-

James Scannell will recall 'Christmas 1918 in Bray, Co. Wicklow' at 11.30hrs on Friday 07 December in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission free.



### PRESENTATION TO SÉAMUS O'REILLY,



Pictured in the fover of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Friday October 12th 2018 for the special RCSI presenta-tion to Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI, in recognition of his exceptional work on the Irish DNA Atlas project.

Photograph: from left Clare Tuohy, MGSI, Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI and his wife, Joan O'Reilly, MGSI

### THIS SOCIETY AT A GLANCE

The Society's objective is to promote an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical, heraldic and vexillological heritage at home and overseas amongst our diaspora.

The GSI widely acclaimed as being the most active voluntary genealogical organisation in Ireland hosting Monthly Lectures each month throughout the year and eleven Morning Open Meetings from January to November each year. These are open to the public- everyone is welcome!

We publish a Monthly Newsletter, Annual Journal, operates an Archive and Research Centre and promote genealogy, heraldry and vexillology at events around Ireland through our very active 'Outreach Programme' offering 'Free Family History Advice' to the public, active retirement groups, ladies' clubs and all sorts of community

The Society has a collaborative academic research project with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, RCSI. The Irish DNA Atlas project was co-designed by popula-tion geneticists at the RCSI and this Society coming together to collect DNA samples from individuals with four enerations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland. This research has been funded through an Award from Science Foundation Ireland.

We have two 'specialist branches' one for heraldry and the other for vexillology (flags)—the only organisation in Ireland promoting this aspect of our cultural heritage. We maintain a very active on-line presence promoting sustainable contacts with our diaspora

We also campaign to obtain better public access to our genealogical heritage and records held by the State or other agencies. However, as a registered charity, none of the above would be possible without the generosity of our Members who, through their Annual Subscriptions and volunteerism, provide these services throughout the year.

PLEASE help us to do more by joining the Society-new Members always welcome or by making a donation, no matter how small, to the Society—please see page 2 of this newsletter. Many thanks!

#### 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 October Lecture**

'The Records of St Michael's Dún Laoghaire and their relevance to family and local history' by Dr. Jim Ryan. This lecture which coincided with the Heritage week in Dún Laoghaire, incorporates a background of Catholic record keeping and how this reflects in the St Michael parish records. Jim touched on the history of the parish and supplied some interesting facts and observations on the records. Beginning with the Statutes of Armagh in 1614 when Baptism records rules were formulated which included a blank book to record the child's name. Likewise with marriages, a register was kept for inserting the names of the couple, including the parents' names, the time, place and the witnesses of the contract and whether there were dispensations. However records were not started until late that century. Only marriage and baptism records were kept and Jim suggested that priests got there fees mainly through marriages and not burials. He touched on the distribution of where records were kept. In Connaught and Ulster the records were very poor and during the 1700's only 14% of churches kept registers. By 1810 this proportion increased to 32% nationally with a lopsided preference for Munster and Leinster, as they were the more prosperous regions. By 1850 the Pengl I away during the 10th Control Lawrence to 10th Control Lawrence the Penal Laws during the 18th Century, low numbers of priests and lack of training (no seminary in Ireland until 1790 as priests had to go abroad for training), low funding of church and lack of diocesan organization and control.

Over time the situation improved as many Catholics became powerful traders and helped fund church building and the education of new priests. Dún Laoghaire records for Baptisms are available from 1768 to 1914 and Marriages from 1793 to 1932. Jim then showed records where the local priest decided the format. Examples of this were shown where the place name is given but the mother's maiden name is not. In 1769 he showed us an example of where a change of priest led to a change of format i.e. it showed the mother's maiden name but no place name. The original centre of the parish was Loughlintown and not Dún Laoghaire, however the development of the harbour and the railway made Dún Laoghaire the primary location in the area. The new pro forma register was implemented in 1861 in Kingstown and this led to a uniform presentation of the data, with headings in Latin. One interesting feature in the records was the couple beggars or tack-ems. They would perform marriages for the poor, eloping couples and couples of mixed religion at a low cost.

Couple beggars were unauthorised Clergymen who performed marriages for a fee. They were outlawed by all churches but commonly used by Catholics up to 1827 when marriages not celebrated by a priest were declared void. Some convicted couple beggars were hanged or deported. Jim showed examples from 1796 and 1806 where they are mentioned in parish registers. Fees for marriages were relatively expensive especially for the poor in the region of 7s 6d when the daily labourers wage was 6d. We were shown a notice by the Bishop of Cloyne and Ross warning priests about avarice and zeal regarding the matter of fees in September 1786. Jim showed examples of couple beggars mentioned by name in St Michael's parish register, where the couple renewed their consent, having been previously married by the couple beggar.

A lively Q&A session followed this lecture. Many thanks to Jim. The full lecture can be viewed online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu2qs6k6CVI&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 Drive, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

 $\bf DART \& DUBLIN BUS —$  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 Cherrywood and over the N11 flyover. Signposted 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

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- <u>Unlimited</u> texts to any Irish mobile network.
- <u>Unlimited</u> calls to Irish landlines.
- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international mins and texts.

This plan is an 18 month contract. If you would like to avail of either of the above offers please contact **CONOR** at Conor@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013 (Conor Dalton)

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* 

#### GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday November 13th—'Church of Ireland Records – more than just registers' by Derek Nielson.

Tuesday December 11th —Genealogy as a contribution to Local History—Billy Saunderson, MGSI

Tuesday January 8th—'The Chief Secretary's Office Registered Papers (CSORP)' by Nicola Morris, MAGI

All WELCOME—Contribution  $\epsilon 3.00$ 

Please note the advice regarding 'Parking at DFEI' on panel to the left on page 3. We welcome your comments on the lecture programme.

Please email **Tony O'Hara, MGSI**, the Director of Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

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### **Board of Directors 2018-2019**

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The Board is limited to ten Members with a quorum of six. [Note: 'RF' signifies a 'reporting function' for a Non-Executive Officer].

### "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)

### GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the DLR Loughlinistown, Co. Dublin. OPEN on the following days: Currently:- Wednesdays—10.00hrs to 16.00hrs and Saturdays—14.00hrs to 17.00hrs. The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for just €5.00.

