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“Cuimhnigí ar Ár Sinnsir—Remember Our Ancestors”



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## ‘Machnamh 100’

When the government and its advisory committees were formulating the plans for what became known as the ‘Decade of Centenaries’ marking significant events in Irish history from 1912 to 1923, most of the planning went into ensuring that the commemorative events would be respectful, thoughtful, inclusive and educational.

This aspect of the planning has been generally viewed as a success, albeit with a hiccup over ill-advised attempts to “shoehorn” a commemoration of a century of policing in Ireland into the ‘Decade of Centenaries’ which caused considerable public rancour amongst historians and politicians.

Thankfully, common sense prevailed and the issue of policing in Ireland, pre-independence, may form part of the centenary in 2022 of the establishment of An Garda Síochána. Hopefully, such an event will consider the pre-independence policing, outside Dublin City, in the context of the role, composition and histories of colonial police forces elsewhere in the British Empire.

The needless hurt caused to the families of policemen who lost their lives in Ireland during the “revolutionary period” was clearly regretted on all sides and a respectful commemoration of these men is included throughout the ‘Decade of Centenaries’.

This unfortunate episode brought home to all the need for respectful and ethical commemoration of the events which facilitated and accompanied the turbulent birth of an independent Ireland comprising twenty-six of the twenty-two counties on the island.

The establishment of Northern Ireland in 1921 and its centenary next year will pose considerable difficulties if not handled sensitively by the authorities in Northern Ireland and free from exploitation by certain elements in Ireland and Great Britain.

As part of this ‘Decade of Centenaries’ the President of Ireland, His Excellency, Michael D. Higgins, organised a very special event at Áras an Uachtaráin

(Presidential Residence) to examine the whole issue of ethical remembrance.

The event opened with an address by President Higgins which challenged us all to look more deeply at commemoration, what we choose to commemorate, who we wish to commemorate and why.

The President stressed that need to examine the narratives, perspectives and relevancies of the subjects we choose to commemorate and, given the complexity of our histories, to be aware of the consequences of our need or desire to commemorate certain events. “Unlike history, which is concerned primarily with circumstance, commemoration dwells predominately in feeling” he said, and this gets to the knub of the issue.

Commemoration is about us, how we wish to see ourselves and, indeed, how we would want others to see us. The narrative becomes exclusive, the perspective narrows and “othering” becomes the norm.

These are the challenges that, as a society, we must confront and address, for as the President said, “Commemoration brings to the fore a consideration of how the study of the past and our collective memory may be valuable to individuals, communities, and a wider society. Through commemoration, history helps create and nurture active, engaged citizens.”

The President’s address and the responses from his distinguished guests are available on [www.rteplayer.ie](http://www.rteplayer.ie) or on the YouTube channel of the President of Ireland and Áras an Uachtaráin and the text of his address is available on [www.president.ie](http://www.president.ie)

The event was chaired by historian and veteran broadcaster, Dr. John Bowman, and the responses to the President’s address were delivered by Prof. Joep Leerssen of the Netherlands, Prof. Ciarán Benson, Prof. Michael Laffan and Prof. Anne Dolan.

Given the year that we have just come through with Covid-19, this event asks us to reflect (Machnamh) and, in that respect, it is highly recommended.

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### DATA PROTECTION

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on May 25th 2018. The Board, under Res: 18/05/1380, advises 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.

### ARCHIVE—HOLIDAY CLOSURE

‘An Daonchartlann’ the Society’s Archive & Research Centre based at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, will **CLOSE** on December 16th 2020 & reopen on January 6th 2021.

## OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education  
Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 December (Cancelled) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 January 2021 (Cancelled)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel (or Zoom)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 16 December (Zoom Mtg.) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 27 Jan. 2021 (Zoom Mtg.)—10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The necessary imposition of restrictions due to Covid-19 in Ireland has caused havoc with the plans for the resumption of activities by the voluntary and community sectors.

The Society's Outreach Programme team headed by **Eddie Gahan**, MGSi has suspended its operations since March 2020 and it is extremely unlikely that they will resume this year.

Eddie's Outreach Programme team is looking forward to the day when they can get out on the road again with their information stand and help desk. If you would like to help please email him at [eddie\\_gahan\\_snr@hotmail.com](mailto:eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com)

## ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

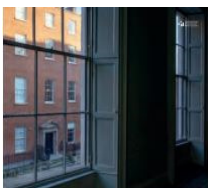


Ireland's first International Festival of Flags & Emblems—'Bratacha 2013' held in May 2013 in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. Photo: 'Parade of Flags' with hundreds participating.

## 1990—Tríocha Bliain ag Fás—Thirty Years a' Growing—2020

### The Best Address in Town: Henrietta Street, Dublin

'The best address in town: Henrietta Street, Dublin and its first residents, 1720–80' by **Melanie Hayes** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-847-8 : 312pp : large format : full colour: H/bk : Price €30.00 & Web Price €27.00 ) published by Four Courts Press.



The Best Address in Town  
Henrietta Street, Dublin and Its First Residents, 1720–80  
MELANIE HAYES

Once Dublin's most exclusive residential street, throughout the eighteenth-century Henrietta Street was home to country's foremost figures from church, military and state. This was the confident Ireland of the Anglo-Irish Protestant ascendancy, a kingdom with its own parliament, vice-regal court and a capital with all the trappings of a cosmopolitan, cultured and prosperous European city.

This was also the Ireland of the vast landed estates, elegant country houses and, of course, all supported by the labours and rents of a native Irish, predominately Catholic and largely Irish speaking tenantry with few rights, although, with many burdensome obligations and restrictions under the 'Penal Laws'. The landed gentry of eighteenth-century Ireland and the wealthier merchant classes controlled the government of the country, although their parliament, in its new purpose-built building on College Green, was still constrained by 'Poynings' Law' of 1494 which was the cause of much grievance amongst the Irish elite until its provisions were amended in 1782.

Nevertheless, all the pomp and circumstance, court intrigue, power and patronage mongering of the affairs of state of eighteenth-century Ireland created an opportunity to provide fashionable townhouses for those wishing to profit or advance within society.

Indeed, the very existence of this ruling class depended on participation and, importantly to be seen to participate, in the high social life of the capital. This provided exceedingly lucrative opportunities for land speculation, development and, especially, in the provision of the all-important elegantly designed and well-located townhouse. Seizing this opportunity was the ambitious entrepreneur, Luke Gardiner, who developed the lands around Bolton Street, including the highly fashionable, Henrietta Street. Hayes provides a very interesting biography of Gardiner, however, intriguingly much is unknown or uncertain about his early life, place or birth or parentage. He became a remarkably successful and wealthy individual, initially through fortuitous connections, such as Archbishop Hugh Boutler, who exerted a powerful influence over the governance of the kingdom and "where his favour was courted by all".

This lavishly illustrated book explores the development of the site, the building of the townhouses with their wonderfully ornately designed interiors and, importantly for the local historian and genealogist, the author provides biographical accounts of main residents of the street in the 1720s, 1730s and the 1740s. Indeed, marriage alliances, as noted in the biographies and family histories of the residents, were often the necessary gateways to power, patronage, titles and land. A stunningly beautiful and immensely interesting book – the ideal gift for the lover of Georgian architecture and the history of eighteenth-century Dublin – it is highly recommended.

**Melanie Hayes** is a research fellow in the Department of History of Art and Architecture at Trinity College Dublin, working on an Irish Research Council Laureate project, CraftValue. She was an academic researcher during the development of the 14 Henrietta Street museum by Dublin City Council, and continues to be involved with the museum.

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## MOBILE PHONE DEALS FOR MEMBERS

The Board agreed a new mobile phone deal for GSI members similar to the one that brought considerable savings on phones and calls in the past.

**This offer is Sim only for First Time Customers: €20 per month inc vat.** ☛ 300 off net local ,national and domestic calls. ☛ 300 off net texts. ☛ Unlimited Data. ☛ Unlimited Three to Three Talk & Text.

**Are you more of a talker and texter then this is the plan for you: €28.91 per month inc vat.** ☛ Unlimited calls to any network in ROI ☛ Unlimited calls to all landlines in ROI ☛ Unlimited Texts to any network in ROI ☛ 100 international minutes & 100 international texts ☛ 13GB of mobile data of which up to 11Gb can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☛ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☛ 24 month Contract

**Are you more of a data/internet user, then this is the plan for you: €27 per month inc vat.** ☛ Unlimited Three/Three calls in ROI ☛ Unlimited Three/Three texts in ROI ☛ 300 Minutes for off net mobile calls including domestic/national landlines in ROI ☛ 300 Texts to off net Irish mobiles. ☛ Unlimited mobile data of which up to 8GB's can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☛ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☛ 24 month Contract.

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## DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

This 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 always considers 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. Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary at: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

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

## An Daonchartlann & Covid-19

**An Daonchartlann** - Archive & Research Centre is open each Wednesday between **10.00hrs to 14.30hrs** under the Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions. It is hoped to increase the hours to the normal 10.30hrs to 16.00hrs when the pandemic conditions permit.

The system for operating the archive due to Covid-19, is as follows.

- (1) All visits to the archive, for members and non-members, is by **appointment only**. All appointments to be made, in advance, to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie) only.
- (2) Maximum time for each visit, is 1 hour for non- members and 2 hours for paid up members. Maximum number of visitors per appointment is one person.
- (3) Gloves supplied in the archive, must always be used while in the archive.
- (4) Face mask/covering (not supplied) must always be worn while in the archive. You will be refused admission to the archive without a face mask/covering.
- (5) A name and contact phone number will be required from each person visiting.
- (6) All visitors, members and non-members must leave the archive as soon as their allocated time has finished.

Please do **not** visit the archive, if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone, who has been confirmed as having Covid-19 or are waiting for test results.

*(The Archive cannot be a drop-in centre under the current Covid-19 regulations and we hope to be able to revert at a later stage).*

## ZOOM MEETINGS

The GSI Archive & Research Centre is currently closed to visitors, however, the Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White**, MGSi, is considering arranging occasional informal archive meetings using **Zoom**. Meanwhile the Membership Director, **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, will email Members to log in to **Zoom on Wednesday 16th December** at 11.00hrs to 12.30hrs for an informal meeting to discuss research & provide advice.

Members may send queries in advance by email to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

## FIFTEENTH VOLUME

The Society's newsletter '*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette*' has, with this issue, just completed its fifteenth volume. First published under its current title in 2006 and incorporating '*The Genie Gazette*' which was first published in 1996.

In December 2005, '*The Genie Gazette*' after completing its tenth volume, the Board decided that the time had come for a new name for our monthly newsletter. The original name was suggested by **Jack Sweeney** back in 1996 and it was first published for the visit of the *US Aircraft Carrier, John FitzGerald Kennedy* in the summer of 1996.

'*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette*' is the longest running monthly genealogical newsletter in Ireland and now has a sizeable worldwide readership each month. Published both in hardcopy and online, this newsletter has recently been fully indexed and is publicly accessible on the Society's website.

The name for the newsletter was suggested by **Pádraic Ingoldsby** in December 2005 at the Society's Open Meeting in the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute. The suggested title met with the unanimous approval of the Members present.

The Society's website provides free public access to the ten volumes of '*The Genie Gazette*' and the fifteen volumes of '*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette*' with an electronic search facility for the latter. So in this 30th anniversary year, we have another milestone!



## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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.

### IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians love books! So if you have a 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

### MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Irish government during the COVID-19 pandemic the Society's Open Meeting schedule has been suspended until further notice.

CHECKOUT our YouTube Channel for past lectures. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### DECEMBER LECTURE PROGRAMME

James Scannell advises that due to the measures announced by the Government to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by restricting public meetings and gatherings, the introduction of social distancing, and the closing of schools, colleges, museums and galleries, all lectures and meetings of local history societies have been cancelled and will not resume until permitted to do so. Some museums and galleries have reopened, however, prior booking is generally required. Check the websites of the institutions for further information.

### 30th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

'*Vexillology Ireland*' a branch of the Society representing Ireland at the International Congress of Vexillology held in Rotterdam in 2013. The Society sent two delegates, Tom Conlon and Stan Zamyatin, CEO of Vexillology Ireland. The Society was admitted as a member of FIAV—the international federation of vexillological organisations and the only one from the island of Ireland.



[www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie)

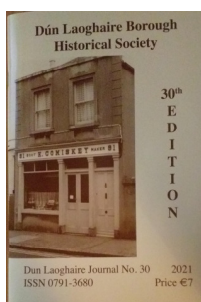


Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

## James Scannell Reports...

### PUBLICATIONS

'*Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Journal No. 30*', produced by the Editorial Committee—Mona O'Donnell, Séamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds, and Maria Hayes, published by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, ISSN 0791-3670



With a cover image of Comiskey's shoe repairers, Patrick Street, (1994) for this the 30<sup>th</sup> issue of this excellent annual publication which over the past three decades has aimed to give readers a picture of the old Dún Laoghaire Borough area, its history and general features, stories of buildings, people, and events, supplemented by photographs, drawings, press cuttings, copies of old theatre programmes, election posters

and people's memories of an earlier Dún Laoghaire and has succeeded admirably in this.

Articles featured in this year's Journal include -

'*A City Lights Up*' by John Hughes provides an overview of public lighting in Dublin since 1616 including the revelation that last public gas lamp was extinguished by Dublin Corporation in 1957.

'*A Brick Wall, a Loamy Soil and Mickey Brien's Stream*' by Carole Cullen provides a history of James Simpson & Son Nurserymen and Florists, Pakenham Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, which commenced business in 1908 and lasted until the 1940s when it was sold to the Dowd family and the land subsequently sold in the 1950s to Borough Builders who built the 'new' Carrigbrennan Road houses.

'*A Short History of Constantine Lodge, 3 Northumberland Place, Dún Laoghaire*' is provided by Colin Scudds.

'*Did you notice? Juggy's Well*' by Séamas Cannon, recalls a public water pump in Monkstown now built over.

'*The Soldiers and Sailors Refreshment Buffet at Kingstown Harbour during World War One and its volunteers*' by Dermot O'Riordan, recalls this buffet which was located on the Harbour pier and the types lapel badges worn by volunteers who worked in it and in other similar facilities.

'*Queen Victoria's Fountain*' by Brendan McGovern provides a brief history of this fountain, built in 1901 to commemorate the 1900 visit to Ireland by Queen Victoria, vandalised in 1981 and restored to its former glory in 2003.

'*Employment and Industry [in] Kingstown 1871-1881*' by Maria Hayes looks at the various activities taking place in the town during this decade under a number of headings including Agriculture, Tourism, Building Trade, Retail Trade, Banking in addition to tables showing Male and Female Occupations.

'*Getting the Tonsils out*' by Mary Grogan recalls her 1941 experience of having her tonsils removed in St. Michael's Hospital in an era when the normal practice for dealing with inflamed tonsils was to surgically remove them.

'*John Pollen, Kingstown - Advocate of Esperanto*' by Brian Smith recalls one of the promoters of this international language still used today

'*Born Over the Shop*' by Mary Burnham is a super biography of her mother Gretha Hughes, an accomplished pianist who often filled in on the Late Late Show when the regular pianist was not available, in addition to playing in hotel lobbies and in the 1970s went on the road with ballad singer Maisie McDonnell.

'*The Christian Brothers School (CBS) Eblana Avenue*,' by Colin Scudds is the subject for this year's 'Disappearing Dún Laoghaire' feature.

'*Private Schools in Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire*' by Anna Scudds looks at numerous private educational establishments in the area, the earliest of which opened in 1830.

'*Dad's Memories of Rockford*' by Brendan McGovern contains his father's memories of Rockford Park recalling an era when the insurance man collected premiums on a weekly basis, the gas meter man who collected and emptied coins from gas meters, the Never Never men who sold goods on hire purchase, and the bread man who called to householders daily.

'*A Kingstown Fire, December 1909*' by James Scannell recalls a major fire to the premises of Edward Lee and Co. in George's Street which required the attendance of the Blackrock, Pembroke and Dublin Fire Brigades to assist the Kingstown Fire Brigade to extinguish it.

'*The Society's Autumn 2019 Tour of Sligo, Longford and the North West*' is recalled by Frances Fletcher.

Copies of this 76-page journal (No. 30), price €7.00 are on sale in a number of shops in Dún Laoghaire, and are also available at the post paid price of €9.50 (Ireland) and €11.50 (Rest of the World) from the Hon. Secretary, Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, 7 Northumberland Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Back issues of journals 25 to 29 are available at the post paid price of €8.50 (Ireland) and €10.50 (Rest of the World). Visit the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society at [www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com](http://www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com)

'*Journal of the Medal Society of Ireland*' - October 2020 (No. 103), Editor Michael Walsh, published by the Medal Society of Ireland.

Articles featured in this issue are—'*Captain John Dillon MacCormack M.C. 1891-1973*,' *Royal Army Medical Corps*' by Liam Dodd. '*Remains of German World War I Submarine found in Cork Harbour and subsequently looted*' by James Scannell. '*Military Casualties of the SS Connemara and Retriever Disaster - 3rd November 1916*' by Richard M. Clements. '*An Unusual Entitlement: The diverse military career of Patrick Farrell*' by Conor & Liam Dodd. '*Medal of Honour Awarded to Irishman sells in Germany*' by Conor Dodd. '*The Cold War 1949 - 1981: Irish Badges and Insignia*' by David J. Murnaghan.

Copies of this journal can be ordered by emailing [LiamDoddRDF@gmail.com](mailto:LiamDoddRDF@gmail.com). James Scannell

Editor: Re. DLBHS Journal cover—Harry Comiskey (1904-1996) son of James Comiskey & Catherine Whelan. Wife: Julia "Sheila" Kelly (1904-1982) of Glenageary.

### 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 *FIFTH* edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website [www.gillmacmillan.com](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €24.99 [RRP].

## NEWS FROM THE GSI BOARD

The Board of Directors had its **third incorporeal meeting** in accordance with Standing Order 14 on **Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020** using Zoom with five of the nine Board members in attendance. As usual, the Board agreed to continue the Covid-19 payments & administration facility adopted in March (**Res: 20/03/1497**) to ensure that, in the absence of Board Meetings, normal business can be transacted. This is just a precautionary measure, however, unless the facility is continued by resolution at each Board Meeting it automatically lapses.

As this was the last Board meeting before the end of the year, **Lua Ó Scoláí**, Director of Finance, after delivering the Monthly Financial Report, provided the Board with an analysis of state of the Society's finances given the huge pressure on income streams caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Although, the Society was able to weather the worst of the downturn through effective and prudent management of its resources, it will find, like other voluntary heritage, educational and cultural organisations, the first two quarters of 2021 to be very challenging. Hopefully, Members will continue to renew their **Annual Membership Subscriptions** on time again in 2021 and, indeed, may decide to **make a small donation** to the Society over the next few months (see page 2).

The General Secretary brought a draft proposal to the Board aimed at **maintaining vital services levels** for our Members during the various Levels of the Covid-19 Restrictions **through a programme of scheduled virtual events using the Zoom** technology. To inform the discussion on the proposal, **Gerard White**, Director of Archival Services & Education, provided a report on the Society's second Zoom Open Meeting held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and, given that this event and the earlier one held on October 27<sup>th</sup> were extremely successful, it was agreed to hold another one on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 (see page 2).

After detailed consideration, the Board adopted **Res: 20/12/1535** with the following activities covered: Monthly Lectures on the second Tuesday of each month 20.00hrs to 21.00hrs and the Monthly Open Discussion meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month 10.30hrs to 12.30hrs. This will also include the Society's **Annual General Meeting** to be held on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, which will be a virtual event, for which, new operating guidelines are in preparation. It was also decided to consider organising more regular Zoom events and indeed, depending on available volunteers, occasional **Zoom discussion groups** on specific topics or interests. In any case, **Res: 20/12/1535** will come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and will continue in operation until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 subject to a review at the Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, however, in the event that the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted and that a return to the ordinary form of Open Meeting is permissible at any stage between March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 then a return to normality may be possible.

To further enhance the website facilities for Members, **Shane Wilson**, Director of Internet Services, has created a **Message Board** for the exclusive use of Members where they can exchange information, post queries and generally assist each other with their research. The facility will be live very shortly.

The Society's **Annual Journal** was published in a digitised format for the first time this year because of spiralling postage and printing costs. In this regard, the Society is following a trend that is happening in similar societies throughout the world. Articles are now sought for the 2021 issue which is due for publication in March/April 2021. Genealogists around the world use these journals to publish their research, family histories or articles about certain sources, individuals (ancestors, for example) or historic events. If you would like to **contribute an item for publication**, please drop us an email on [JGSI2021@familyhistory.ie](mailto:JGSI2021@familyhistory.ie)

Finally, the Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White**, was delighted to advise the Board that **An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre** has reopened under the Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions and he gave the dates of operation for the holiday period (see page 1).

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is **Thursday January 14th 2021** at 15.00hrs.

Checkout the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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.

**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](http://www.dlrleisure.ie/Loughlinstown)

## GSI PUBLICATIONS TO CLEAR

The Society published a range of titles since 1992 and although these were all in hardcopy or on CD, times have changed. Costs of publishing small print runs in that format are now prohibitive. Therefore, like many similar societies around the world, publishing online or in a digital format is the only practical option.

The following is a list of the current hardcopy stock. None of these titles will be reprinted so we have a special price reduction to clear.

### Irish Genealogical Sources (IGS)

**IGS 9.** 'Petitioners against the closure of Kill of the Grange Cemetery, Dublin'

**IGS 16.** 'Kilcoole County Wicklow, School registers from 1854—1876'

**IGS 17.** 'Index to the 1821 Census of Crosserlough, Co. Cavan'

**IGS 22.** '1901 Census Index for Blackrock Urban District Area, Co. Dublin'

**IGS 26.** 'Families of Newlands, Co. Dublin—A Genealogical Study'

**IGS 28.** 'Howth, Sutton, Kilbarrack & Baldoyle, Co. Dublin, 1901 Census Index'

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