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### Tríochoa Bliain ag Fás

**Tríochoa Bliain ag Fás—Thirty Years a' Growing**—yes, this month marks our thirtieth anniversary, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the event will only be marked in this issue of the Society's newsletter.

The Society was founded on **October 25th 1990** by four neighbours in Dún Laoghaire, Frieda Carroll, Joan Merrigan, RIP, Jean Reddin, RIP, and Michael Merrigan. The first AGM was held in October 1991.



Denis O'Conor Don, first President of the Society with Frieda Carroll, first Cathaoirleach and first Archivist of the Society.

It was in the front room of the Dún Laoghaire home of Frieda and John Carroll that the Society's Archive & Research Centre resided from 1990 until 2003.

Originally established as the **Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society**, it quickly became apparent that the organisation had a national focus with Members researching family connections

throughout Ireland and overseas. Therefore, at the Annual General Meeting in 1999, the Members adopted the current name as a more appropriate one

Second President of the Society, Tony McCarthy, MA, from Cork city (right) with the Vice-President of the Society James Davidson from Northern Ireland in 2005 at the special celebration to mark our 15th anniversary held in the historic Church of Ireland Parish Church in Monkstown.



for the Society. The following year, 2000, spearheaded by George H. O'Reilly, MA, the Society became an incorporated body under the Companies Acts.

In 2001 the Society received a Grant of Arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland which was presented at a formal ceremony held in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, on July 23rd 2001.

In 1997, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council allocated the Martello Tower at Seapoint to the Society as a “permanent base of operation”. Fund raising began that was to last five years before work could start on the restoration and refurbishment of this historic tower dating from 1804.

Third President of the Society, Rory Stanley (left) with Liam Mac Alasdair who directed the Martello Tower Restoration project.

Photo taken in 2012 at the National Maritime Museum, Dún Laoghaire.



The Society handed back the Tower to the Council in 2008 due to persistent problems with atmospheric controls and moved temporarily to Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, to a building leased by the Office of Public works. In 2010 the Society's Archive & Research Centre moved to the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire in a premises provided by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company until 2016.

The current premises is provided by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown since 2016.

In the past thirty years the Society has had four Presidents and eight Cathaoirleigh (Chairpersons) with hundreds of volunteers promoting the study of genealogy, heraldry, vexillology and related subjects as open access educational pursuits open to all in the community.

Thirty years and the journey goes on, thanks to the current volunteers and to all before them since 1990.

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HERALDRY

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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 & RESEARCH CENTRE

‘*An Daonchartlann*’ the Society's Archive & Research Centre based at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, remains closed due to the current **Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions**.

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Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, Fourth President of the Society—see page 3

### OPEN MEETINGS

#### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 13 October (Cancelled) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 November (T.B.A.)—20.00hrs

#### Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 28 October (Cancelled) —10.30hrs

Wednesday 25 November (T.B.A.)—10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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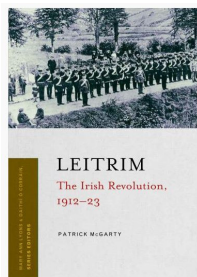
**30th Anniversary—Memories:** Liam Mac Alasdair, FGSI, (photo: right with his wife Máire) was a Member of the Executive Committee of the Society from 1991 and from 2000 to 2008 a Member of the Board of Directors of the Society. He founded the Society Journal and was its Editor from 1992 until 2000. Liam also spearheaded the Society publication programme in 1993 with the production of the volumes of Memorial Inscriptions followed by the Irish Genealogical Sources Series and in later years the publications on CD and DVD. Liam also directed the restoration of the Martello Tower at Seapoint between 2002 and 2004. With his keen interest in computers and technology Liam was both a teacher and an inspiration to many as they ventured into the world of electronic media and the Internet in the mid -1990s. The Society published a *Festschrift* in honour of Liam in 2009 in recognition of his huge contribution to the Society. Liam died on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. He is very fondly remembered by many in the Society.



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

### Leitrim—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23

'Leitrim, The Irish Revolution, 1912-23' by Patrick McGarty published by Four Courts Press, the ninth in a series dealing with each county in the revolutionary period (ISBN: 978-1-84682-850-8: 202pp : illustrations: P/bk : Price €24.95 : Web Price €22.45)



This county series on the Irish revolutionary period published by Four Courts Press is a hugely significant resource for genealogists, local historians and social historians researching the lives and times of people and places during these turbulent years in our nation's history. Although, most of these events happened around a hundred years ago, that is relatively recent enough for many readers to have known or met people, maybe relatives, who lived through these years and possibly, even participated in some of the events covered. This is the essential value of this county series on the revolutionary period (1912-23) as the authors focus in on the specifics of the county and yet, contextualise these local events in relation to the national picture. In many ways, the series could be described as "getting up close and personal" with local events, local people and their struggles, losses and, in some cases, triumphs.

Leitrim was generally considered to have been a relatively "quiet county" and yet, the county's position bordering the Ulster counties of Donegal, Fermanagh and Cavan, ensured that any assessment of it being "quiet" was entirely subjective and maybe unfounded. Patrick McGarty's extensive research in a very wide variety of primary sources and an

impressive list of secondary sources, published works and unpublished theses, has produced a unique resource for the study of Leitrim during this period.

For those with ancestral connections with Leitrim and coming to examine this period for the first time, McGarty provides an overview of the national situation and then carefully puts local events in context explaining impacts, influences and relevancies. The complexity of the societal interrelationships in an irregular or revolutionary war setting is always difficult to convey and yet, McGarty provides very accessible accounts of boycotts, intimidation, killings, violence, lawlessness and criminality that occurred in the county during the period. Retaliatory violence was particularly disproportionate to the levels of armed conflict in the county, although, civil disobedience and defiance was widespread. Political allegiances were not always sustainable and as the national mood fractured on the Treaty, this too was reflected on the ground in Leitrim.

McGarty's account of the revolutionary period in Leitrim is essential reading for all with an interest in the history of the county. His copious notes and very extensive bibliography is a resource within itself, however, the lasting contribution of this work is as a "gateway" with illumination into the fascinating history of this not so "quiet" county. An excellent resource, extremely well researched and presented.

Patrick McGarty is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Health and Social Sciences at the Institute of Technology Tralee. A native of Mohill, County Leitrim, he has lectured extensively on Leitrim in the 1912-23 period.

## FOUR COURTS PRESS

*Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the 2020 catalogue and the wonderful special offers at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)*

### 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

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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 was open each Wednesday between 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs, however, with the Level 3 Restrictions currently in place, it is closed until further notice.

When the facility re-opens, no date as yet, the following will, once again, apply.

The new 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.*)

### ARCHIVE ZOOM MEETING

The Society's Archive & Research Centre is currently closed to visitors, however, the Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White, MGSI**, has arranged for a weekly virtual meeting using **Zoom**.

Members will receive an email from the Membership Director, **Barry O'Connor, FGSI**, to log in to **Zoom** on **Wednesdays** at 11.00hrs to 12.00hrs for an informal meeting to discuss research & provide advice.

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

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Update

At the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 10th March 2020, the Members present unanimously endorsed a proposal to extend the voting rights for the Society's nominee for a candidate to contest the Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) General Election to all Members of the Society.

The Society is a **Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate)** and this allows the Society to nominate a suitable candidate to contest the General Election for the Seanad. The electorate for that General Election is confined to Members of the Oireachtas (Parliament), City and County Councilors and, in the case of the six university seats, to graduates of the National University of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin.

Since 2006 the Society's selection process only involved the Members of the Board of Directors, however, it was agreed at the Board Meeting of March 5th 2020, under **Res: 20/03/1503**, to extend the franchise to all Members and seek the endorsement of the AGM for this measure.

The General Secretary presented the Society's Director of Internet Services, **Shane Wilson, MGSI**, with an outline of what would be required to conduct such a ballot electronically with Members in Ireland and overseas.

Shane Wilson designed and constructed a facility that will be embedded in the Society's website and permit secure, anonymity assured, electronic voting using the **Single Transferable Vote form of Proportional Representation (PR-STV)**. Shane demonstrated the system at the last Board Meeting and Members were hugely impressed. More work needs to be done for a trial run of the system.

This system will allow this Society to be one of the first Nominating Bodies to extend the franchise for the Seanad candidature nomination to the ordinary members of the Nominating Body.



## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

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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)

### OCTOBER 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

Barry O'Connor, FGSI and Mrs. Marie McCarthy, former Executive Committee member, at the Society's 20th Anniversary celebration in November 2010.

Barry joined the Society in 1991 and served on its governing body continuously since 1992. He directed all of the Society Cemetery Projects and he is currently the Director of Membership Services.



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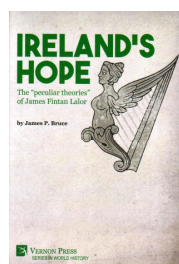


Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

## James Scannell Reports...

### PUBLICATIONS

'*Ireland's Hope - The "peculiar theories" of James Fintan Lalor*' by James P. Bruce, published by Vernon Press.



In 1847 and 1848 a little-known farmer named James Fintan Lalor wrote a series of newspaper articles in which he outlined his vision for Ireland after the Great Famine. Although they have been reprinted and republished many times since, until now there has been no systematic study of the principles and proposals

that Lalor expounded. In this book, the author considers Lalor's brief career as a writer and offers new insights into his treatment of the national and land questions. By elucidating Lalor's ideas on these questions, exploring possible influences on his thinking, and assessing the impact of his writings on his contemporaries, the author seeks to address what he regards as two deficiencies in the historiography. The first of these is the tendency to assign only a minor, supporting role to Lalor during the brief heyday of Young Ireland. Academic studies typically portray him as little more than a catalyst in the radicalisation of figures like John Mitchel, rather than as a profoundly original thinker in his own right. The second issue is the commonly held perception of Lalor's proposals on land tenure as foreshadowing the creation of a "peasant proprietary" later in the century. The author argues that Lalor advocated a much more radical plan that would link his two primary objectives: the creation of a sovereign Irish republic, and transfer of control over landholding from a small number of landlords to the entire Irish people. By comparing and contrasting Lalor's theories with those of earlier figures such as Thomas Paine and James 'Bronterre' O'Brien, this groundbreaking book broadens the perspective on Lalor and his writings beyond the context of Irish nationalism. As the author concludes, Lalor's unique contribution to Irish radical thought merits a more prominent place in nineteenth-century intellectual history than it has hitherto received.

### The Author

**James P. Bruce** lives in Shankill, Ireland. After spending the greater part of his adult life in banking, he set up his own marketing consultancy in 1997. Ten years later he published his first book, '*Faithful Servant: A Memoir of Brian Cleeve*.' Researching the book involved many hours in libraries and archives and stimulated by this experience he enrolled as a mature student at Trinity College Dublin in 2008 from which he graduated with a BA in History and later moved to University College Dublin, where he completed an MA in the History of Religion and Society. In 2019 he was awarded an MLitt by the Univer-

sity of Oxford. He continues to write for both general and academic audiences and currently hosts a podcast series entitled 'Talk About Ireland.'

[October 2020 : Hardback 236x160mm :162pp : ISBN: 978-1-62273-898-4]

SUBJECTS: History, Sociology, Human Geography. See: [www.vernonpress.com/book/961](http://www.vernonpress.com/book/961)

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*James Scannell*

### CORONAVIRUS—COVID-19

The President of the Society, **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, and the Cathaoirleach (Chairperson), **Mr. Gerry Hayden, MGSI** and members of the Board of Directors, extend their deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of those who have been very sadly taken by COVID-19.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved and with the many thousands of people fighting this terrible disease in hospitals, care facilities and in their own homes around the world.

The commitment, expertise and care provided by all the first responders, emergency services and hospital staff gives us all the much needed courage to get through these very difficult times—*Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh go léir*.

### PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

The President of this Society, **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, has acceded to the request by the Board of Directors that he stay in office until the presidential election in November 2021.

The election was originally to take place in November 2019, however, it was deferred to allow the President to oversee the thirtieth anniversary events in 2020. But due to the **Covid-19** pandemic these events were cancelled. Preparations for an election next month was greatly hampered by the **Level 3 Restrictions** and therefore, the Board under **Res: 20/10/1519** postponed the presidential election until November 2021. *General Secretary*

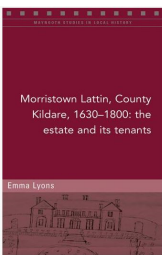
### TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by *John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FGSI*

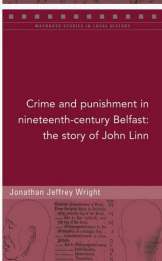
The Society strongly recommends to anyone embarking on their family history quest that one essential piece of kit must be, without doubt, a copy of the **FIFTH** edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website [www.gillmacmillan.com](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €24.99 [RRP].

## MAYNOOTH STUDIES IN LOCAL HISTORY

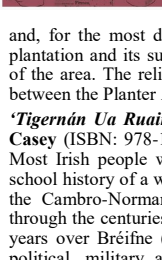
The *Maynooth Studies in Local History Series* has now published **148 volumes** of exceptionally well researched works of immense value to genealogists and local historians. Full listing of the volumes at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)



**'Morristown Lattin, County Kildare, 1630-1800'** by **Emma Lyons** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-857-7 : P/bk : 80pp : Price: €9.95 Web-Price: €8.95. This volume is a perfect "textbook" for the genealogist. Using estate records to provide a case study of the Lattin family through their leases, rent rolls, correspondence and legal documents. Land ownership, both of the landlords and tenants, provides valuable information on inheritance and links to the estate across the generations. This analysis of family and estate papers also illuminates aspects of social history and the role of women in estate management. It has a list of landlords and tenants and a genealogical chart of the Lattin family.

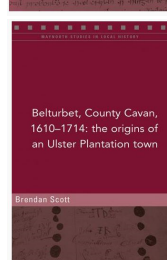
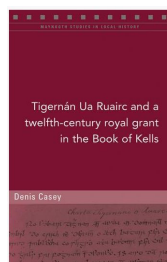


**'Crime and punishment in nineteenth-century Belfast: the story of John Linn'** by **Jonathan Jeffrey Wright** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-856-0 : P/bk : 78pp : Price: €9.95 Web-Price: €8.95. This volume is particularly interesting and, indeed, usual in this series. It is a combination of a study of criminology, penal regimes, administration of justice and a case study of an infamous criminal's journey through the system in early nineteenth-century Belfast. This research looks at the case of John Linn who violently killed his father in 1832, was judged insane and placed in the Belfast Lunatic Asylum, from which he escaped. Recaptured, incarcerated at Carrickfergus, and an intriguing story unfolds before he is transported to Australia for seven years in 1838. This is a study of crime and punishment in the first half of the nineteenth-century and one, no doubt, with the aid of the copious notes, it will encourage others to explore this aspect of social history.



**'Belurbet, County Cavan, 1610-1714: the origins of an Ulster Plantation town'** by **Brendan Scott** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-855-3 : P/bk : 72pp : Price: €9.95 Web-Price: €8.95. This volume charts the history of a plantation town during the seventeenth century—a very turbulent period for the planters and the dispossessed. Divided by culture, language and religion, County Cavan was no easy place for a plantation, tensions often resulted in war, destruction and, for the most determined, renewal and rebuilding. This work examines this English plantation and its success, despite its uneasy and volatile relationship with the native Irish of the area. The religious tensions existed not only between the native Catholics, but also between the Planter Anglicans and Presbyterians. Exceptional value to the local historian.

**'Tigernán Ua Ruairc and a twelfth-century royal grant in the Book of Kells'** by **Denis Casey** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-858-4 : P/bk : 60pp : Price: €9.95 Web-Price: €8.95. Most Irish people will remember the man at the centre of this study from our primary school history of a wronged husband, the abduction of his wife and the events leading up to the Cambro-Norman invasion of Ireland. A story told, re-told and embellished down through the centuries. This work takes a closer look at a successful king who ruled for fifty years over Bréifne (modern Cavan-Leitrim) until his death in 1172. It also explores the political, military and ecclesiastical networks which see Tigernán, like medieval kings throughout Europe, use their property grants to cement relationships with the church and to elevate his standing and prestige in Gaelic Ireland. It is a fascinating account of the intrigues and the complexity of the relationships involved in the maintenance of his power for such a long time. An important contribution to our understanding of Gaelic kingship.



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)

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors had its **first incorporeal meeting** in accordance with Standing Order 14 on **Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020** using Zoom.

The technology worked exceedingly well and indeed, it encouraged the Board to consider hosting the **Open Meetings via Zoom** should the current Level 3 Covid-19 restrictions continue or are increased. A trial run is being arranged by the Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White**, which will see a weekly Zoom Open Meeting based on the Archive & Research Centre. (See page 2).

The Board also 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.

Regarding the Presidential Election, it was considered that due to the current restrictions that it may be best to defer the election until November 2021 and this was agreed under Res: 20/10/1519. The President has agreed to continue in office. (See page 3).

The Director of Internet Services & Publications, **Shane Wilson**, gave a presentation on two new facilities that will be available through the Society's

website. The first was a new search engine for the *'Gazette'* all issues back to 2006 which is an excellent resource for Members and the visitors to the website. Members are asked to checkout *"Hall's Index"* on [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

The second presentation was in response to a request by the General Secretary to develop a facility to permit electronic voting by each of our Members in the selection of the Society's nominee for candidature in the next **Seanad Éireann General Election**.

The Board was hugely impressed by both facilities and commended Shane for the design and construction. (See page 2). The Society's new website also went live following the removal of some glitches and the linking to social media with a **Twitter** feed.

The possibility of hosting **online lectures** followed by a Q+A session is under active consideration and the acquisition of some elements of software.

An incorporeal meeting of the **Irish DNA Atlas Project Team** (RCSI & GSI) will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 to hear updates on the scientific research; participant recruitment; possible new collaborations and future directions for the project.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020** at 15.00hrs.

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## GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

*An Daonchartlann*, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the **DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin**.

The facility will, when **Covid-19 restrictions permit**, be open each **Wednesday** from 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs with **prior booking**.

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is always available on request.

