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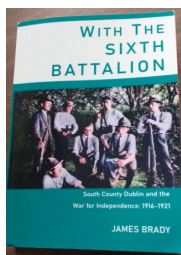
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Decade of Centenaries—Research & Publications

As the nationwide commemoration of the 'Decade of Centenaries' draws to a close, we can look back on a period of respectful and inclusive state and local commemorative events, exceptional research, quality publications and, it could be said, public education and national reflection.



We will mark the closure of the 'Decade of Centenaries' at its Open Meeting on January 9th 2024 with a talk by James Brady the author of 'With The Sixth Battalion—South County Dublin and the War for Independence: 1916-1921' published in 2020 by Litter Press (ISBN: 9781999300838 : P/bk : 431pp : ills : Price €20.00

This is a real gem for family and local historians and, indeed, two of the GSI directors have family members mentioned in the book, Barry O'Connor and Michael Merrigan. There may be others too!

Barry O'Connor said "I found James's book very informative. The publication provides extremely detailed accounts of IRA actions and the Volunteers who were active in the South County Dublin area at this time. Of particular interest to me were the references to my Father, Uncle and Aunt and their involvement in the War of Independence."

There was a proposal for a memorial to the Sixth Battalion—see Vol. 13 No. 8 (2018) page 2 of 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' which reported—At the June 6th 2018 meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the following Motion was passed following a "Roll Call Vote" with only two Councillors voting against. "That, the Chief Executive requests the Public Art Steering Committee to explore the possibility of commissioning an appropriate piece of public art for the centre of the Town of Dún Laoghaire to commemorate the Sixth Battalion, Dublin Brigade, Old IRA, which was drawn

WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+0) (Irish Time) via Zoom. (see page 2)

Zoom - Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989

Passcode: 670945

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mainly from this side of the County and fought in the War of Independence 1919-1921 and to have such ready for unveiling in 2021 as a part of the 'Decade of Centenaries'." Sadly, this wasn't progressed.

Many GSI Members have family connections to the Sixth Battalion. The crucial part played by this battalion in the War of Independence was largely overlooked. James Brady's research and book should now inform a renewed appeal for a suitable memorial to be erected in Dún Laoghaire to the Sixth Battalion.

SIXTH BATTALION VETERANS



George Merrigan (1899-1958) & William O'Connor (1902-1975)

GSI PRESIDENT ELECT

At the GSI Board Meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023, the result of the electronic ballot of the College of Fellows was delivered by the Tellers, Shane Wilson, MGSI, and Barry O'Connor, FGSI. The Board confirmed the result by Res: 23/12/1787 and declared Vice-President Francis M. O'Donnell, FGSI, to be 'President Elect' to succeed President Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, on 12th March 2024.

As per a prior agreement, Mr. O'Donnell will serve four years of the eight-year term to be succeeded by GSI Vice-President, Fiona Fitzsimons, MA, FGSI.

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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.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 12 December 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 January 2024 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 24 January 2024 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 22 February 2024 —11.00hrs

Free of Charge—Donations Welcome!

(Donations via www.familyhistory.ie)

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Achoibhlaí na hÉireann
Mhaise dár mBail,
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ailig ar fud an
tombhain.

Happy Christmas
and New Year to
our Members, our
friends and to all
of our followers
around the world.

GDPR & GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Icelandic Data Protection Authority rejected a complaint of a data subject who demanded the enforcement of the data subject's right to erasure against a controller's genealogical database.

The DPA decided the controller's processing was justified pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR and that it was within its rights to refuse the erasure request pursuant to Article 17(3) GDPR.

For the full details on this very interesting case see <https://gdprhub.eu—Persónuvernd - Case no. 2021010248> of December 5th 2022.

“ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

The weekly “Drop-Ins” hosted by **Gerard White, MGSJ**, *Director of the GSI Open Meetings*, are hugely popular with our Members around the world.

These informal weekly “Drop-Ins” have been opened up to non-members for the summer period and are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays.

Previously only the “Drop-In” on the 4th Wednesday was publicly accessible for Members and visitors alike.

For the link to this “Drop-In” meeting see page 1.

Members receive an email from the Director of Membership Services each week with access details.

Members can send in their research query in advance to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

GSI BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors met on Thursday December 7th 2023 at 11.00hrs via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Cathaoirleach, **John Goggins, MGSJ**, and all ten members were in attendance.

The General Secretary advised the Board that the **Register of Beneficial Ownership** has been updated.

Lua Ó Scolaí, MGSJ, *Director of Finance*, provided an overview of the work to finalise the annual accounts for presenting to the Society's auditor.

The results of **presidential election** held on the 28th, 29th and 30th Nov. 2023 were delivered to the Board. The Board confirmed (*Res: 23/12/1787*) **Amb (Ret) Francis O'Donnell, FGSI**, as ‘*President Elect*’ to succeed the **President Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, on 12th March 2024. The Board agreed to the arrangement that Frank O'Donnell will serve four years of the eight-year term and then **Fiona FitzSimons, MA, FGSI**, for the following four years.

Laura Price, MGSJ, *Convener of the JGSI 2023 Select Committee*, confirmed that the Society's **Annual Journal 2023** was published on 21st November 2023.

The **Annual Review of the Portfolios** was undertaken with the confirmation of the allocation of the Outreach Programme portfolio to **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, and the Board decided to advise the incoming Board to be elected at the AGM in March 2024, that filling the post of Deputy General Secretary should be a priority.

Fiona Tipple, FGSI, *Director of Archival Services & Education*, advised the Board that a very generous donation of books was received from **Ancestry.com** in recognition of the work of the Society and that an new Epson Printer was donated anonymously to the GSI.

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, *Director of the Outreach Programme*, gave an update on preparations for the GSI Stand at **Holiday World** in Belfast and Dublin.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

APOLOGY FOR ERROR

The Passcode for the Evening Open Meeting held on 14th Nov. 2024 via Zoom was incorrect on social media posts. The error was discovered just before the meeting. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

GSI ON YOUTUBE

The Society's lectures and some informational short videos were uploaded to our YouTube Channel. To view the videos and hopefully, to ‘*Like*’ and ‘*Share*’ them, and to ‘*Subscribe*’ to our YouTube channel—please checkout:

www.YouTube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI
ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms and we're on Instagram! Please checkout this link:

www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland

FREE WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

Each Wednesday, the Society hosts a free family history research advice session via Zoom. Members of the Society and visitors have the opportunity to discuss their research problems—those proverbial “brick walls” that we all have encountered in our quest for information on our ancestors.

Members of the Society with decades of research experience and some with academic qualifications in historical and genealogical research, are available to answer queries, provide research leads and advice on sources and methodology.

Whether you're only beginning your family history research or have been dabbling in genealogy for years, we all can and do benefit from discussing our research with others. We learn of the available resources and how to access them, especially the free ones, and of course, we all welcome forewarnings of any “pit falls” that could throw us off track or hold up our research for the want of that crucial research tip.

Gerard White, MGSJ, *Director of the Open Meetings*, and his team of excellent researchers help Members and visitors every week from Ireland and around the world.

This is a **Free Service** provided by the Society to help Members and the general public to successfully trace their Irish family history. So if you have a query please send it to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Michael Healy, 1873-1941

It is not often that we feature a work on an artist in this newsletter, however, given the number of people employed in the designing, making, installation and, of course, commissioning works of art or stained glass, there is much for the genealogist and local historian to explore in such works.

The wonderfully intricate symbolism used to convey the particular narratives depicted in these stained-glass windows, whether they be religious, secular or commemorative, often reflects the development of society and how it viewed itself and the world of its day. Occasionally, this is not as straightforward as it may seem as stained-glass windows may not be of the same vintage as the buildings currently holding them. Indeed, some may have been removed from one building, a church for example, and have been reinstalled in a building providing a completely different function.

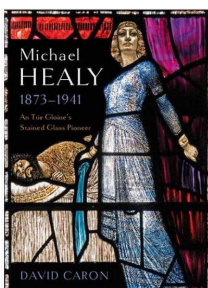
This new book by David Caron explores the life's work of a Dublin born artist whose stained-glass can now be seen in buildings around the world.

‘Michael Healy, 1873-1941- An Túr Gloine's stained glass pioneer’ by **David Caron** and published by Four Courts Press in November 2023 (ISBN 978-1-80151-081-3 : H/bk : 448pp : Large Format : Full Colour : Price €55.00 : Web-Price €49.50) - see <https://www.fourcourtspress.ie>

This book tells the story of the reclusive artist, raised in a Dublin tenement, who ahead of Harry Clarke, Wilhelmina Geddes and Evie Hone, established the bar for artistic and technical excellence in this exacting craft, and who worked at the world-renowned An Túr Gloine (Tower of Glass) studio for almost four decades. The author explains that Michael Healy, in his spare time, surreptitiously recorded Dubliners going about their daily business, producing many, many hundreds of charming, rapidly executed pencil and watercolour images which collectively form a homage to the citizens of the city he loved.

Lavishly illustrated, this beautiful book charts Healy's stained glass career and features images of all his principal windows in Ireland and on three continents – windows that convey everything from austere majesty to tender humanity, often revelling in beguiling narrative detail.

David Caron's PhD research at Trinity College Dublin focused on Michael Healy and the stained glass artists of An Túr Gloine. He was one of the three original compilers of the *Gazetteer of Irish stained glass* in 1988, and was editor and principal author of the revised and expanded edition in 2021. Mr Caron regularly contributes articles on stained glass to the *Irish Arts Review*. (Info. provided by FCP)



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BEQUEATH TO THE SOCIETY?

As genealogists and local historians we have, as many of our spouses, partners or immediate family would say, an almost obsessive need to collect books, papers and other material related to our research.

These books, papers, files, photographs and voice or other recordings are essential for our ongoing research. We regularly consult them, cross-referencing information or updating our computer databases of births, marriages, deaths and biographies of our ancestors and related families. We've spent countless long hours over many years, possibly decades, amassing, collating and sorting this information. These items are, in many respects, our hugely valued research companions—inanimate certainly, but they speak to us, confirming or determining our research pathways. Our daily reliance upon these resources has been evident to those around us, whether, they have an interest or not in genealogy or local history.

But, for a moment let's ponder the question—what happens to all of these cherished possessions when we eventually pass on? Is there someone in the family going to carry on the research with the same passion and dedication that you have shown over the years or is this material destined for landfill or incineration?

Genealogical organisations the world over promote the preservation of such records for future generations of researchers. Many, like this Society, offer a caring

place of refuge for such records in their archives.

This facility may be well understood by many family historians, but sadly without each of us making a specific provision for the deposit of our records with an archive, many of these valuable research documents and precious family photographs could end up as landfill or recycled paper.

The main article in the February 2022 issue (Vol. 17, No. 2) features the sad story of Miss O'Dowd's cherished files, photographs, memorabilia and books. Check it out on our website <https://www.familyhistory.ie>

In the meantime, if you want to discuss leaving your research material and books to the Society's Archive and Research Centre, please contact **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI**, *Director of Archival Services & Education*, by email on Archivist@familyhistory.ie



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In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join 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. (*proof required*) Full details on the *Membership Package* were published in the November 2022 issue of this newsletter. For back issues of the 'Gazette' please see the Society's website.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI,
Director of Membership Services.
Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Society's Monthly Open Meetings are held via ZOOM to allow the fullest access by Members from Ireland and overseas.

Tuesday December 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Gerard White, MGSI, on 'Patrick Shortt and the Sinking of the *ILV SS Islada* in 1940'.

Wednesday December 20th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday January 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: James Brady on 'The Sixth Battalion—South Co. Dublin & the War for Independence: 1916-1921'

Wednesday January 24th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday February 13th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: TBA

Wednesday February 22nd —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday March 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Annual General Meeting. Speaker: TBA

Wednesday March 27th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Talks will be posted on YouTube.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Membership Director, Barry O'Connor, FGSI, will email Members to log in to Zoom for the two Open Meetings.

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from Membership@FamilyHistory.ie

Suggestions on the Monthly Lecture Programme to: eolas@familyhistory.ie

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

The Lecture Programme is recorded for the GSI YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational resource. We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video and the lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on YouTube Channel—www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY

Kieran Marshall will present 'Irish Rail Timetabling: Slotting It all Together' at 19.30hrs on Thursday 14 December in the Society's Dublin 8 Hueston Station premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN L.H.S.

Brendan Ó Sé will present 'Tom Kettle' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 14 December in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3.00 for non-members.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HIST. SOC.

A 'Members' Night – Variety of Topics' presented by Members and Friends takes place at 20.00hrs on Thursday 14 December in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. All are welcome – admission is €5.00 Members free / visitors €4.00 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €3.00 from 17.00hrs to Midnight.

WICKLOW BRANCH LIBRARY

James Scannell will recall 'Christmas 1957 in Wicklow' at 11.30hrs on Wednesday 20 December in The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town. All are welcome - admission is free. Contact the Library on 0404-67025 or by email wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie to book.

MOUNT MERRION HIST. SOC.

A 'Members' Night' will take place at 20.00hrs on Thursday 4 January 2024 in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4.00 / Students €2.00.

PUBLICATIONS

'Obelisk – Journal of Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, 2024'. Articles featured in the 2024 issue of 'Obelisk', the Society's journal which was launched recently at a function in Glendalough, included 'A Garda Experience of U.N. Peacekeeping in Yugoslavia' by Barry Molloy, 'Mount Anville Primary School and the Sacred Heart Order' by Muirghen O'Reilly Kelly, 'Nibble Fingers' by Pat Staunton, 'Dundrum Carnegie Library' by John Glennon, 'We Exonerate the Driver from all Blame' by James Scannell, 'YouWho?' by June Bow and Karen Poff, 'Andy Mac: a Republican Officer in South County Dublin, 1916 to 1924' by Bryan MacMahon, 'The Sandycove Bathers' Association' by Martin Creavin, 'Major Dennis J. Coulson, Stillorgan: Soldier and Sportsman' by Peter Sobolewski, 'Aunty Maureen's Shop' by Anne Coughlan, 'Kish Connections; by Sheena Lambert, 'The Burning of Dundrum Barracks in 1923' by Margaret Smith, 'Boyhood Exploits of 1940s and 1950s' by Redmond O'Hanlon, 'A History of Community Radio in South Dublin' by Mike Purcell, 'The Vanished Cottages of

Millown, Co. Dublin' by Patrick Salmon, 'Quarries on Three Rock Mountains' by Michael Van Turnhout, 'An Insight into the History and Workings of Mountjoy Prison' by John Lonergan, 'Mrs. Kelly and the Lilac Tree' by Aiden Traynor, 'Samuel Nelson DMP (1864-1917)' by Micheál Nelson, 'Allen of Stillorgan: The Rise and Decline of the Allen Family' by Patrick J. Casey, 'The Society's Outing to Roscrea and Leap Castle' by Aiden Feerick, 'Recent Publications' by Members and the Society's Spring 2024 monthly talks. Copies of 'Obelisk 2024' will be available at the Society's Wednesday 14 December meeting in St. Raphaela's Primary School, Upper Kilmacud Road, and is available from the South Dublin Credit Union, Lower Kilmacud Road, Lakeland Stores, Lakelands Road, Kildunne's Centra, 7 Drumartin Road, Aiden Peter Newsagent, The Rise, Mount Merrion, and The Village Cafe, Glendalough House. Copies can also be purchased online from the Society's website – www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie. Members will be selling copies on a stall outside Tesco in Stillorgan Shopping Centre on 15th and 16th December.

'Roundwood & District Historical, Folklore & Archaeological Society – Journal, 32, 2023' Price €10.00 Articles in this journal, Editor John Pearson, Editorial Committee Jane Pierce, Derek Neilson, Mary Slattery and Therese Hicks, include – 'From the Chair' by Margaret Malone, 'Witness' by Jane Clarke, 'Rallying for a Roundwood Railway' by Cleo Fanning, 'St. Kevin's Bed' by Robbie Carter, 'The Mause Connection' by Agatha Mansfield, 'Life and Times of a Rural Clergyman' by William Bennett, 'Sir John Gray' by Elinor Medlycott, 'Living in Old Roundwood' by Theresa Hicks, 'The Centenary of St. Laurence O'Toole's National School' by Brian Flood, 'Memories and their Importance to Local History' by Dan Brady with Therese Hicks, 'The Building of Avondale House, 1776 -1779' by David Menzies, 'The Families of Lough Dan' by Andy Byrne, 'Wicklow Town in the late 1600s' by Theresa Hicks, 'Growing up in Glendalough' by Jack Holden, 'When the Northern Ireland "Troubles" came to Roundwood' by James Scannell, 'Let there be light' – an interview with Denis Byrne by Jane Pierce, 'The Search for my Father's Aunts' by Margaret Connolly, and 'A Publican's Life' – an interview with Tom and Monica Brady by Jane Pierce. Copies available via the Society's webpage at - www.roundwoodhistoricalsociety.ie or email: info@roundwoodhistoricalsociety.ie. Copies can be ordered from Bridge Street Books, Wicklow – www.bridgestreetbooks.ie or by email: info@bridgestreetbooks.ie.

James Scannell, FGSI

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAGI, 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 Price €24.99 [RRP].

PRÉCIS OF THE NOVEMBER LECTURE

The Monthly Lecture delivered via Zoom on Tuesday 14th November 2023 the members were treated to a most informative lecture by **Laura Price, MGSJ**, Director of Specialist Collections, Research & Specialist Groups (*Heraldry Ireland & Vexillology Ireland*), on the fascinating subject of *'Family and Local History in the Records of the Registry of Deeds'*.



Laura opened her presentation with an overview of the topics to be covered and acknowledged that many see the records of the Registry of Deeds to be rather difficult to understand and not easy to access. The quotation from the Registry of Deeds website explaining that it is "the single largest collection of Irish 18th and 19th century source material undamaged by the disasters that struck other Irish records and currently underutilised as a historical source".

An understanding of the background to the establishment of the Registry of Deeds is essential to understanding the purpose of the records created and the type of information they contain. Laura explained that it was established in 1707 (opened 1708) to record legal copies of property transactions in Ireland and to facilitate the transfer of land from Catholic (overwhelmingly native) to Protestant (mainly recent arrivals from Britain following the wars of the previous century) ownership. The copies registered had legal precedence over unregistered transactions. The types of records registered are mortgages, sales, leases, releases, transfers of land, wills and marriage settlements. There are more than five million deeds registered and whilst we think of these covering landed families and wealthy merchants, they actually provide the stories of townlands, towns, streets, houses, estates, roads, mills, mines, weirs and all sorts of businesses, Laura explained in a PowerPoint presentation which made each step easier to follow.

Although, researching family or local history in these records may seem difficult or even intimidating, Laura walked us through accessing the records, understanding their value, and crucially making use of this information in your family or local history research. This was an excellent tutorial and it's highly recommended. The talk has been uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel (see left panel on page 2)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY—DID YOU KNOW?

- ☘ Did you know that Membership of this Society is open to all with an interest in family history, heraldry, vexillology (study of flags and emblems) and related subjects?
- ☘ Did you know that Membership is open to anyone living in Ireland or overseas and with Irish ancestry or with ancestors from anywhere in the world? All are most welcome.
- ☘ Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?
- ☘ Please checkout: www.familyhistory.ie Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

Christmas & New Year Arrangements

The Board agreed the following arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period.

Weekly Drop-Ins—the last one will be held on Weds. 20 December 2023 and the first one in 2024 will be held via Zoom on Weds. 10 January 2024.

An Daonchartlann – Archive & Research Centre will close at 15.00hrs on Weds. 22 December 2023 and reopen on Weds. 10 January 2024 at 11.00hrs.

The first **Evening Open Meeting** (lecture) of the new year will be held on 9 January 2024 at 20.00hrs.

The first **Board Meeting** of 2024 will be held on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 11.00hrs and, like last

year, the January issue of the *'Gazette'* will be published a week later than usual during the week ending 20 January 2024.

PUBLISHING IRELAND

The Society is a long-time supporter of the Irish book publishers, bookstores and book sellers.

This year, once again, we urge our Members and the readers of the *'Gazette'* to support Irish authors, researchers and publishers when buying those gifts for family and friends this Christmas and during the year.

For Irish publishers see www.publishingireland.com

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Our Society is a Registered Charity

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas found it extremely difficult to operate with much reduced funding streams.

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the very kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, the Society simply couldn't exist.

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, friends around the world.

Donations can be made via the Society's website or by cheque to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

If you have already donated—Many Thanks!



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