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Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury

On June 30th 1922 the Public Records Office in Dublin went up in flames at the start of the Irish Civil War. Although the Irish Free State troops bombarded the irregulars (rebel members of the Irish Republican Army) that had garrisoned themselves in the Four Courts complex, it is widely accepted that the damage to the Public Records Office was caused by landmines detonated by retreating irregulars.

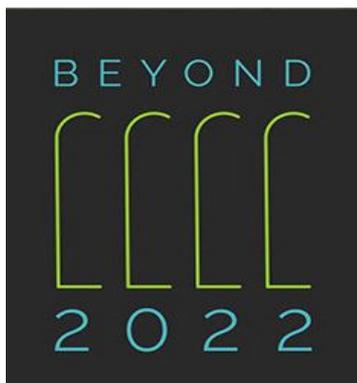
The six story Victorian purpose-built archive repository had all the in-built precautionary measures for the secure maintenance of its seven centuries of archival material, but no one could have foreseen a need for protection against landmines placed inside the building. The detonating of the landmines was a criminal act of wanton destruction and thankfully today, such actions would constitute a war-crime under international law.

A new project has been launched to bring as much of the archival treasures of this building back together in one virtual repository. The project is funded by the Irish Research Council. It is led by the TCD School of Histories and Humanities and the ADAPT Centre for Digital Content Technology.

On February 8th 2018, historians and computer scientists at Trinity College Dublin launched an ambitious and hugely exciting project to bring the Public Record Office of Ireland (PRO) back as a publicly accessible online resource through the creation of a 3D virtual reality reconstruction of the building.

The shelves in this six-storey building will, once again, be lined with fully-searchable documents and records recovered by identifying surviving or substitute materials held by archives and libraries around the world, as well as facsimile images, antiquarian transcripts and summaries of the records made before the fire.

The ‘*Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury*’ project and a dedicated website was launched on February 8th 2018 in the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute. By the end of this



year and for the first time since 1922, a complete catalogue of the record treasury with links to the images of the recovered items will be fully accessible to the public in Ireland and, importantly, throughout the world.

This new project builds on the wonderful work of *CIRCLE - A Calendar of Irish Chancery Letters, c.1244-1509* (www.tcd.ie/chancery) which was launched in August 2011 as a new internet resource aimed at mitigating the effects of 1922 for late medieval Irish studies. The project aimed to reconstruct the lost medieval Irish Chancery Rolls (1244-1509). Marking the launch of that hugely important project, a public lecture was organised by Dr. Peter Crooks and delivered by Prof. Robin Frame in Trinity College Dublin on May 10th 2012. The lecture ‘*Rediscovering Medieval Ireland*’ is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/Un623CUIGwQ>

The new website www.beyond1922.ie is going to be enormously important to historians and genealogists. The ambitious objective of ‘reconstructing seven centuries of Ireland's lost history’ in a “virtual record treasury” may become the most important and enduring legacy of Ireland's ‘decade of centenaries’.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will be held on **Tuesday March 13th 2018** at 20.00hrs at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All paid-up Members can vote and fully participate in the AGM proceedings. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Barry at membership@familyhistory.ie

BACK TO OUR PAST—Belfast 2018

The Society will have a stand at the ‘*Back To Our Past*’ event on February 16th and 17th 2018. This is the first time the event has been held in Belfast and, once again, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has part-funded the Society's attendance at an event. We will have the opportunity to encourage attendees to visit Dublin and more especially, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown where the Society has its Archive.



“Bliain na Gaeilge” is a year-long celebration of the Irish language in Ireland and overseas amongst the diaspora.

Irish (Gaelic) was the language of the overwhelming majority of our ancestors and indeed, for many of us, right down to the twentieth century. It has been spoken in Ireland for possibly over 3,000 years and it has the oldest vernacular literature in Europe outside Greek and Latin. Most Irish surnames are variants of original Gaelic names as indeed, are the majority of our place-names. This is a rich heritage. Learn more about the Irish language during “*Bliain na Gaeilge 2018*” at www.peig.ie

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 13 February—20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 March—20.00hrs (AGM)

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 28 February—10.30hrs

Wednesday 28 March—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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MARKETING EXECUTIVE

The Board is looking to appoint a GSI Member as a non-executive officer to promote the Society, its activities and products through a marketing strategy. Volunteering as a non-executive officer is a flexible way of assisting your Society achieve its objectives. If you're interested in discussing this role, please contact **Tom Conlon**, MGSi on web@familyhistory.ie

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH

Eddie Gahan, MGSi Director of the Outreach Programme, would like to thank all the Members that assisted on the extremely GSI Stand at the *Belfast Telegraph Holiday World Show* in Belfast last month. It was a great success and the Society will be back again next year. *Thanks!*

GSi BOARD NEWS

With possible changes to the governance code for charities in Ireland, the Board considered term limits for membership of the Board of Directors in a draft proposal by the General Secretary. The Board feared a loss of institutional memory and skillsets with this proposal. The matter was deferred for consideration by the new Board after the AGM.

The Board also discussed the implications, if any, of the new EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that come into force on May 25th 2018. Advice from a number of sources including the FFHS and the Data Protection Commissioner was considered by the Board. The matter will be kept under review in the coming months.

Grants totalling €5,300 were received from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. New signage to the GSI Archive & Research Centre has been erected by the Council.

'Ireland's Military Story'

Winter 2017 issue (No.8) of *'Ireland's Military Story'* magazine, Editor Wesley Bourke, published by Reville Publications Ltd. Price: €3.50 is now available.

This issue of this excellent quarterly Irish military history magazine has been published in e-format rather than hardcopy and contains an excellent array of articles including 'The RAF's Best Fighters are on the Ground' by Frank Brien, Royal Air Force Association (ROI) standard bearer who gives an account of his time in the Royal Air Force Regiment; 'Take a Step Back to the Royal Air Force 1939 - 1945' looks at the uniforms and kit of RAF Pilots and Aircrew from 1939 to 1945; in 'Ireland's Emergency Fortress - Fort Shannon' Pat Dargan investigates the remarkable Fort Shannon built by the Irish Army to defend the Shannon Estuary during the Second World War, while in 'Meeting his fate Among the Cloud Above' Catherine Fleming tells the story of her uncle, Joseph 'Joe' Kiernan, who left his home in Mullingar in 1939 for a new career that would take him high above the clouds in Nazi Germany.

'In Friendship and in Service - Supporting the RAF Family' focuses on the members of the Royal Air Force Association, Republic of Ireland, which looks after the welfare of veterans in the Republic of Ireland; v The Spitfire is as an aviation legend. Part of the Ulster Aviation Society's collection is a replica of a Spitfire Mk2a that has a unique association with Northern Ireland which is the subject of 'The "Down" Spitfire Mk2a; In 'Emergency Over Irish Skies - The Irish Air Corps 1939 - 1946', AP (Tony) Kearns in the fifth part of this series, highlights the Irish Air Corps and its capabilities in the latter half of the Emergency years; 'Keeping Ireland's Aviation History Alive' looks at the collection of the Ulster Aviation Society which has 36 aircraft and other aviation artefacts in its museum at Maze Long Kesh, outside Lisburn, Co. Antrim, and the education and restoration work carried out by the Society.

Seán Feast in 'Coming Down in the Drink' recalls the story of a fighting Goldfish (Club) Flight Lieutenant John Brennan who died on April 20th 2017 and at that time was the last surviving wartime member of the Goldfish Club; The story of 'Michael O'Meara, V.C. - Irish/Australian V.C. of the First World War', who died from the effects of the wartime wounds in 1935, is revealed by Ian Loftus; in 'The Ivy Patch Gun' Kenneth L. Smith-Christmas, Lar Joye, and Commandant Stephen McEoin tell the story of an Irish Army's 18 pounder gun, possible used at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922, that ended up guarding a diner in Virginia, U.S.A. and had now returned to Ireland and is currently undergoing restoration.

To obtain a digital copy of this issue of Ireland's Military Story, price €3.50, log onto www.irelandsmilitarystory.com and follow the links to ordering a copy or email: subscriptions@irelandsmilitarystory.ie. Back issues are available. **James Scannell**

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and is currently considering options for fund raising and grant applications.

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: Mr. Billy Saunderson, Director of Finance, GSI, "Suzkar", Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, A96 CR60, Ireland.

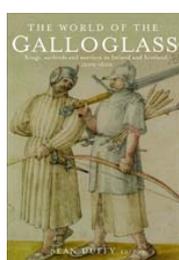
The Board would like to sincerely thank the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated. *Many Thanks!*

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

'Viking' or 'Lochlannach' Ancestry?

On Saturday 17th February 2018, Ed Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) will present the findings of the *Irish DNA Atlas Project* at the *Genetic Genealogy Ireland* lectures at the 'Back To Our Past' event in Belfast. For information on the Belfast event see www.backtoourpast.ie Published as the *'Irish DNA Atlas; Revealing Fine-Scale Population Structure and History within Ireland'* in the journal *Scientific Reports* in December 2017. The landmark study provides the first fine-scale genetic map of the island of Ireland, revealing patterns of genetic similarity, so far in ten distinct clusters, roughly aligned with the ancient Provinces and major historical events including the invasions of the Norse Vikings and the Ulster Plantations.

One of the most intriguing findings of the project was the level of "Scandinavian type DNA" within the Irish population of Gaelic ancestry across the island of Ireland. Whether this represents actual Viking settlement and intermarriage or a more complex picture involving the widespread use of Galloglasses or Norse-Gael mercenary soldiers by Gaelic chieftains requires a multidisciplinary investigation. In the meantime, whether it is "Viking Ancestry" or more plausibly, Norse-Gael or "Lochlannach Ancestry" from the isles and sea-lochs of Scotland, the following may be of interest.



Galloglass from the Irish "Gallóglach" or foreign soldier was the term applied to the Scottish mercenaries employed by Irish chieftains right up to the collapse of Gaelic Ireland in the early 17th century. This collection of essays, edited by **Seán Duffy**, is certainly a gem for student of Irish history, but also for the genealogist. The book is particularly interesting for those with Ulster Gaelic ancestry as it chronicles the turbulent events surrounding the struggle of these clans to maintain their independence. Far from being an entirely localised episode in Irish history, their wars had a wider European context and involved monarchs of England, Scotland and Spain.

The essay by Kenneth Nicholls, explores the various branches of the Galloglass kindred in Scotland and Ireland detailing their relationships and, in many cases, their internecine wars. In this essay we see the extent of the Galloglass penetration of the Irish Gaelic world in the late Middle Ages in each of the four provinces. Surnames now numerous throughout Ireland, MacSweeney, MacCabe, MacSheehy, MacDonnell, MacDowell etc are all of Galloglass origin. Katherine Simms in her essay explores the bardic poetry composed in honour of the MacSweeneys tracing their origins and genealogies. Through David H. Caldwell's fine essay on the weaponry and ships of the period, a picture emerges of a formidable military machine and a society devoted to that purpose. Of all the essays by the ten contributors, the inclusion of the final one by David Edwards is an intriguing choice by the editor as it has only a very passing relationship with the subject of the book. However, this essay on the career of James Fullerton as a spy challenges the accepted view of the smoothness of the succession of James VI of Scotland to the thrones of England and Ireland following the death of Elizabeth Tudor. *'The World of the Galloglass—Kings, warlords and warriors in Ireland and Scotland, 1200-1600'* Edited by Sean Duffy, (ISBN 978-1-85182-625-5 : 236pp : Price: €22.45 : P/bk) published by Four Courts Press, Dublin.

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GSi Journal 2018

What's green, comes out in Spring, and is always looking for roots? It's the Annual Journal of the Society, (JGSI) published this week.

The names of Cavanagh, Cockburn, McEntee, Maher, Meagher, Parnell, Staveley, and Odum appear prominently there as do the areas of Limerick and Cavan. The Irish DNA Atlas project in which the Society collaborated with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in the came to publication stage just in time for inclusion.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Journal, and to apologise to those who were left out (this was the first time

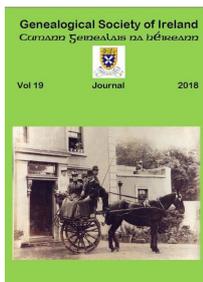
in my tenure as editor that such choices had to be made). And finally, a reminder that now is the time for you to start your project which you will write up in time for the submission date (December 1st 2018) for the 2019 Annual Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland (JGSI).

Tom Conlon, MGSi

GSi PRESIDENT

The President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, will be at the Open Meeting on Tuesday February 13th 2018 to present the Society's Archive & Research Centre with another volume in his magnum opus on the history and records of Irish Jewry. The Presi-

dent now lives in London and therefore, it is always a special occasion when he can attend an ordinary monthly meeting of the Society.



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

DISCOUNTS

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

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

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

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

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

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



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GSI Archival Collections will be accessible soon in a new premises at Loughlinstown

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Weds 14 Feb. Dr. Jason McElliott will present '*A Life of Crime: Stealing Books in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Ireland*' at the Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse St., Dublin 2. At 18.00hrs on Weds 28 Feb. Dr. Brendan Kelly will present '*He Lost Himself Completely: Shell shock and its treatment at Dublin's Richard War Hospital. 1916-1919*' same venue. All welcome—admission free.

CHANGING SOUTH DUBLIN

At 20.00hrs on Thurs. 8 March Joseph Brady will present his lecture '*The Changing Landscape of South Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local Hist. Soc. in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.00

DÚN LAOGHAIRE HISTORY

At 20.00hrs on Weds. 21 Feb. Tom Conlon will present '*Information Sources for Dun Laoghaire History*' to the Dún Laoghaire Borough Hist. Soc. in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.00

GEORGIAN DUBLIN

At 20.00hrs on Weds. 7 Mar. Diarmuid Ó Gráda will present '*Georgian Dublin: The Forces that Shaped the City*' to the Rathmichael Hist. Soc. in Rathmichael Nat. Sch, Stonebridge Rd, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.00

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At 20.00hrs on Weds 21 Feb. Conleth Manning will present '*Colonel Hervey de Montmorency-Morres (1767-1839), soldier, United Irishman, antiquary, controversial genealogist and sometimes resident of Malahide*' in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Dublin Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4. Free parking available in the Bridge Field public car park.

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

At 14.30hrs on Sat. 21 Feb. Nigel Henderson will present '*The Irish at St. Quentin – March 1918*' at the Museum of Decorative Arts & History. Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - contribution €3.00

RMS LEINSTER

At 20.00hrs on Tues. Feb. 20th Philip Lecane will present '*Torpedoed -The Sinking of the RMS Leinster*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. James Scannell will give a short talk '*A Shankill, Co. Dublin, Civil War Incident – August 1922*'. All welcome – admission €5.00

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Dalkey Tidy Towns Committee wish to hear from the descendants of Volunteers Samuel Williams, Thomas Smiles, Cpl. James Dalton, Alfred Hill, Vincent Delaney, John Mooney and Nicholas Kinsella, Cpl. Charles Cranley, John Larkin, Henry Mullen, and James Smith, who served during Emergency at this LOP No.7, in connection with a project the Dalkey Tidy Town's Committee is running in connection with this Look-Out Post please contact: des@dalkeytidytowns.com.

WHAT DOES THE GSI DO?

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 groups.

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 population geneticists at the RCSI and this Society coming together to collect DNA samples from 196 Irish individuals with four generations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland. This research has been funded through a Career Development Award from Science Foundation Ireland.

RCSI is ranked among the top 250 (top 2%) of universities worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2018) and its research is ranked first in Ireland for citations. It is an international not-for-profit health sciences institution, with its headquarters in Dublin, focused on education and research to drive improvements in human health worldwide.

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 promote Ireland and Irish heritage at events overseas and 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 all 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 January Lecture

'Newspaper archives as a source for Genealogical Information' by Georgina Scally MAGI on the 9th January 2018. If you look at the breakdown of where genealogists get their records, then Newspapers and Courts comprise approximately 44% of the overall available digitised records. With BDM at 17% and Parish records at 12%. It is not a like for like statistic, as newspapers cover much more than genealogical information and have a reputation of being difficult to explore. Georgina Scally gave an in-depth overview of the types of records available in newspapers, pointing out that researchers should allow plenty of time when researching newspaper records. Bearing in mind that mention in early newspapers was the preserve of the upper classes and landed gentry.

Covering national news, local news, personal news and visual images, Georgina covered the personal news element in this talk. Starting in 1659 the newspapers concerned themselves with the wealthier classes like merchants, gentry and professional classes. In the mid-19th Century birth, marriage and death announcements, obituaries and advertisements became more prominent. The BMD notices can be very useful as an alternate source to parish records which may not have survived.

By the start of the 20th Century there was a huge increase in regional papers and the announcements of BMD and obituaries became widespread. If however you came from tenant farmer, labourer, rural or urban poor stock, then, you will be disappointed as they were largely excluded unless, of course, they were on the wrong side of the law. Using the correct term when asking a question is also helpful – for instance World War One was known as the Great War and you will get better results if you choose the right term in that instance.

Remember that everyone has a bias, including newspapers. Understanding who the publisher was and what was their agenda. Over time agendas can change, using the Derry Journal as an example where it started out as a Protestant Conservative paper it became a Nationalist paper over time.

The downside of newspaper research is that it is very time consuming, with no index to work on, where reliability can be an issue and facts need checking, many articles don't have a named author, mistakes can become embedded as facts, texts can be difficult to read and above all else it is ever so easy to get side tracked. Georgina then showed several examples of early 18th and 19th century announcements of the birth of a child. At that time this was almost exclusively the preserve of the upper classes and the announcements often referred to the mother as simply Mrs Smith and regularly omitted the child's name, simply referring to a son or daughter, with no name mentioned. Over time mothers and children acquired names and details were extremely useful by the 20th century.

We also saw several death notices and obituaries from different newspapers of a Mr Walter Butler, each one providing additional information. When the notices were aggregated, the information gleaned, painted quite a picture. Additionally it is useful to look at advertisements to gather information as a large part of the papers were taken up by advertisements. There was a lively Q & A session following the lecture and it can now be viewed online by visiting our website where the talk and many others can be viewed at your leisure. Many thanks Georgina. *Tony O'Hara, MGS*

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.

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

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The GSI arranges various discounted products for its Members. The Board has agreed to make the following available in conjunction with THREE. The two options are as follows:

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- 100 international mins & 100 international texts.

This plan is a 24 month contract and would come with a **FREE SMART PHONE**—Samsung Galaxy J3 2016 or a HTC Desire 530. Another option is a **SIM ONLY** offer which consists of.....

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- Unlimited texts to any Irish mobile network.

- Unlimited 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 NICOLE at nicole@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013.

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

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

On **Tuesday February 13th—Update on the Irish DNA Atlas Project**—Ed Gilbert (RCSI); On **Tuesday March 13th—Monsignor O'Flaherty**—Aiden Feerick, MGS, MAGI

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, MGS**, the Director of the GSI Lecture Programme at toharads1@gmail.com

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