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Seachtain na hOidhreacht 2019

HERITAGE WEEK 2019 coordinated by the Heritage Council celebrates all aspects of our national heritage and involves communities, organisations and institutions right across the country.

This year between August 17th and 25th hundreds of events will be organised to promote an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our national heritage. The Heritage Council's website provides the following European-wide context for this annual celebration of our heritage. “National Heritage Week is part of **European Heritage Days**. These are a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union in which over forty countries participate each year. The main aim of European Heritage Days is to promote awareness of our built, natural and cultural heritage and to promote Europe's common cultural heritage. Every year millions of Europeans visit historical monuments and sites throughout Europe on European Heritage Days. In Ireland we celebrate European Heritage Days with a full week of events throughout National Heritage Week.”

The Heritage Council was established with the enactment of the *Heritage Act, 1995*, which was introduced by Mr. Michael D. Higgins,

when he was the Minister for Arts, Culture & the Gaeltacht between 1993 and 1997. This Act was one of two important pieces of legislation introduced by Mr. Higgins during his tenure, the other was the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*.

In 1996 this Society was instrumental in the establishment of *An Foram Oidhreacht*—the Heritage Forum for the new Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County which was created just two years earlier. This forum brought together all the heritage organisations in the county and over a year of deliberation and consideration of many proposals, it produced a hugely influential report ‘*Towards a County Heritage Policy*’ which was published in 1997 by this Society.

This report was the first to advocate that each county formulate its own Heritage Policy (Plan) to be overseen and implemented by ‘County Heritage Officers’. These innovative proposals were taken up by Mr. Higgins's successor Ms. Síle de Valera in 1997.

Nowadays County Heritage officers throughout the State are to the forefront in assisting, encouraging and facilitating local communities to fully participate in National Heritage Week. Checkout www.heritageweek.ie for details.

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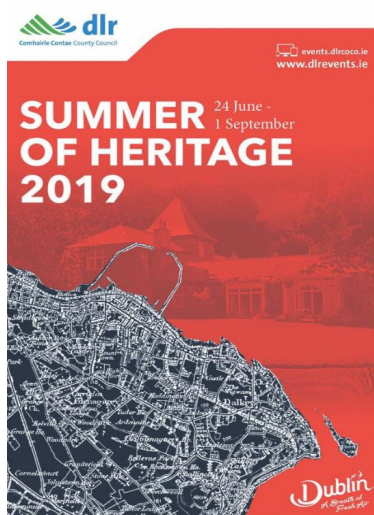
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DATA PROTECTION

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.

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

The Director of Finance, Shane O'Brien, has tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors with effect as and from July 22nd July 2019 due to the pressure of work commitments. The Board thanks Shane for his contribution to the Society over the past eighteen months.



‘Genealogy Days’—see page 4

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 13 August—20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 September—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 28 August—10.30hrs

Wednesday 25 September—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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President Rosenblatt

The President of the Society, **Mr Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, has advised the General Secretary that he would be honoured and delighted to preside over the 30th anniversary events next year. Therefore, the Board at its September 2019 meeting will formally extend the current presidential term by a year to the end of December 2020.



GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

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

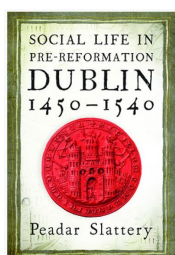
The Society's "Help Centre" is open to the public twice weekly where you can discuss your research problems with experienced researchers who will take you through the available resources. For times and directions please see page 4 of this newsletter.

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

Social Life in Pre-Reformation Dublin, 1450-1540

Published studies aimed at a general readership concerning the social life of Dublin in the late medieval period are quite rare and, in many ways, the subject has been largely left to commentaries on archaeological surveys, some excellent specialist publications and, more recently, even to "Disneyfication" through the hosting of exhibitions and re-enactments at historic sites in and around Dublin.

A new book by **Dr. Peadar Slattery, 'Social Life in Pre-Reformation Dublin, 1450-1540'**, published by Four Courts Press (ISBN 978-1-84682-790-7 – 320pp : Illustrated : H/bk : Web Price €40.50 : Price €45.00) has opened up this fascinating and very important period of the history of our capital city in an excellently researched, accessibly presented and easily read book. Anyone familiar with the stories of the European early settlers in America and their establishments of colonies, market towns and trading posts in an environment frequently moving from an uneasy peace to open hostilities with the indigenous population will find in Peadar Slattery's account of late 15th and early 16th century Dublin many striking parallels.



The English crown had control of the city from 1172 and it became the centre of English administration in Ireland, albeit that the area directly controlled from Dublin was relatively small until the late Tudor period and only included parts of the neighbouring counties, coastal towns, some inland fortified towns and major monastic settlements. The native Irish kingdoms and chieftaincies still posed a constant threat to the English settlements and for centuries the colonists purchased their security through "black rent" paid to the Irish chieftains and, of course, by mutually beneficial trade. By the late medieval period Dublin was administratively and culturally a Royal English city, although, the Irish language was undoubtedly widely used and understood in and around the city. Indeed, Slattery makes the point that many of the Anglo-Norman ruling families in the Pale were thoroughly Gaelicised.

Dublin's citizens were, according to Slattery, "recorded as having almost fifty different trades and skills and the city had almost thirty churches and monasteries. There were bustling markets and a strong municipal authority run by a merchant oligarchy. It was a settlement of foul smells in which pestilence and disease were often rife, an English city in Ireland whose inhabitants spoke English, with an unwanted Irish ethnic group, a city located in a fertile hinterland with a coastline of small ports – Baldoyle, Howth, Malahide, Rogerstown, Rush and Skerries – over which Dublin had control." The City traded with Chester, Bristol, and other places around the Irish sea and beyond. It was a truly cosmopolitan city with merchant families controlling city government, trade guilds and apprenticeships. Slattery provides the reader with an invaluable insight into the period just before the imposition of the Protestant reformation on the inhabitants of Dublin with its well established, wealthy and influential religious institutions and congregations. He brings his study to a close with an account of the disestablishment of the religious houses, monasteries and estates and the various intrigues concerning the spoils including the land, buildings and building materials.

Peadar Slattery was awarded a doctorate in modern history by Trinity College Dublin and has published a number of articles on timber and wood in medieval times in Ireland.

FOUR COURTS PRESS

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BUSY SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD

Although there is no Board Meeting scheduled for the month of August due to the holidays, work continues on planning for the next few months.

The co-opted of a Member to assume the role of Director of Finance will be top of the agenda at the September meeting of the Board.

Amongst the issues to be considered is the review of the Society's current *Development Plan 2015-2020* and the consideration of a draft Development Plan for the period 2020-2025.

In many ways these 'Development Plans' are essentially a combination of specific policy objectives and a set of interlinked frameworks for their delivery over a number of years. As with everything, it depends on the available resources, both financial and personnel, as to which of the various objectives can be expected to be fully realised over the lifetime of the plan.

The Board will also be considering the most appropriate ways of marking the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Society on 25th October 1990. Thankfully, the Society President has agreed to the Board's request to extend his term of office to the end of next year in order to preside over the 30th anniversary events.

Housekeeping issues will also be considered by the Board including an updating of the *Standing Orders* and consideration of a draft 'Code of Conduct' for the Board. The latter is in line with the improved corporate governance frameworks expected of the charity

and voluntary sector. This has been strongly advocated by *The Wheel*, a network for the voluntary and community sector, and the Charities Regulator.

Increasing costs, especially in printing and postage, have seen many Societies move away from hardcopy publications to exclusively digital publications. This issue will have to be considered by the Board as part of the formulation of the budget for the coming year.

So, a very busy schedule for your Board of Directors.

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 sent to: **GSI, 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.

Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh—Many Thanks!



Sinking of the SS Dundalk

'*The Sinking of the SS Dundalk*' - a story of loss, survival, and the effect on an Irish town' by **Marie Agnew and Alan Bogan**, published by the White Space Publishing.

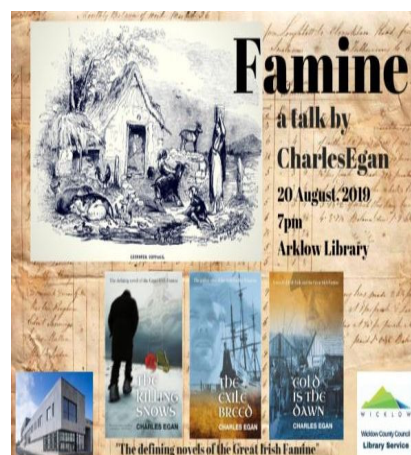
The book recalls the sinking of the Dundalk and Newry Steam Packet Co. merchant ship *S.S. Dundalk* by the German submarine *U-90*, on 14 October 1918, 30 miles south of the Isle of Man with the loss of 20 lives - 12 survived, while sailing from Liverpool to Dundalk. The loss of life and the effects of the sinking had a devastating effect not only on the survivors and the families of those lost, at a time when Dundalk was being swept by the influenza then sweeping the country. Some of the crew on that sailing were standing in for regular crew members who were ill with influenza which meant that the sinking had a great effect on the community at large.

This sinking was overshadowed by the sinking of the *RMS Leinster* off Kingstown four days earlier due to large loss of life now to be determined at 564 passengers and crew so this excellent book remedies this omission by recalling that story of that fateful final voyage, the crew, and how the town stepped up to help the families left behind at a time when there were no state welfare schemes that the dependants of those lost in the sinking could avail of.

Published to mark the centenary of this event, it is an excellent book recalling this tragedy, generally overlooked except in Dundalk where this sinking is still remembered in the same manner that the loss of the *RMS Leinster* is remembered in Dún Laoghaire and Holyhead.

Excellent illustrated with photographs and documents, family pictures of the crew descendants, pictures of the ceremony held to mark the centenary of her loss, all complemented with a very clear concise text, this book which brings to the fore again this little known maritime tragedy, is only on sale in the Dundalk area but copies can be obtained directly from Dundalk R.N.L.I. or the publisher - www.thewritespace.ie.

James Scannell



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Society, in conjunction with **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**, has arranged a public Genealogy Day.

Saturday August 17th at Marlay House

It involves public advice desks, demonstrations and short lectures. We need people to do the above and some to act as stewards. The event is coordinated by **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI**. If you would like to help, please contact Séamus on seamusmoriarty@dublin.com

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

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians love books! So if you have a birthday gift to buy—think books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's 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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Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

James Scannell will present **'Fell down, knocked down, and slipped in'** at 19.00hrs on Tuesday 20 August in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. Admission free but booking advised Tel. 01-285 5277 or email: dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie. Noel Carolan will present **'Past Times of the Casino: The Marino Allotments of 1917'** at 18.00hrs on Weds 21 Aug in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free but booking required on 01-6744999 or please email: dublinstudies@dublincity.ie. James Scannell will present **'A 1918 Police Shooting Incident in Shankill'** at 19.00hrs on Thursday 22 August in Shankill Library, Library Road, Shankill. Admission free but booking advised - call 01-282 3081 or email: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie.

BRAY CUALANN HIST. SOC.

Brian White will lead a **'Guided walking tour of Seapoint Road and Quinsboro Road, Bray'** at 15.00hrs on Sat 17 Aug. This tour will be repeated at 19.00hrs on Weds 21 August. Meet outside the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome - admission free. Participants take part in this walk at their own risk. James Scannell will present **'August 17th to August 25th 1944 in Bray'** at 11.30hrs on Thurs 22 Aug in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Rd., Bray. Admission free; and **'August 17th to August 25th 1919'** at 11.30hrs Fri 23 Aug in Bray Library, Eglinton Rd.. All welcome - admission free.

RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOC.

The 45th Summer Series of Evening Lectures—nightly at 20.00hrs from Mon. 19 to Fri. 23 August in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill - admission €5 per lecture - includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Mon 19 Aug: **'The Treasures of Medieval Waterford and the Remarkable Stories'**, Eamonn McEneaney; Tues 20 Aug: **'The Castle and Medieval Town and Later City of Kilkenny'**, Ben Murtagh; Weds 21 Aug: Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - **'Murder and Mayhem in Medieval Cork'** - Diarmat Ó Riain; Thurs 22 Aug: **'Limerick: City of Sieges and a Broken Treaty'**, Liam Irwin; Fri. 23 Aug: **'Renaissance Galway: Conversations with a Map'**, Paul Walsh.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BORO. HIST. SOC.

Colin Scudds—a **'Guided Walk of Northumberland Avenue, Dún Laoghaire'** at 19.00hrs on Weds 21 Aug. Meet outside Dunne's Stores, George's St., Dún Laoghaire—free. Participants take part in this walk at their own risk.

TALKS IN MARLAY HOUSE

Séamus Cannon—**'Victorian Monkstown'** at 19.00hrs on Weds 14 Aug in Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin; Tom Conlon—**'Victorian Dún Laoghaire (Kingstown)'** at 19.00hrs on Weds 21 Aug; Rob Goodbody—**'Boooterstown - The Town of the Road'** at 19.00hrs on Weds 28 Aug. Free but booking required dlrheritageevents@dlrcoco.ie



THE SOCIETY AT A GLANCE..

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

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

We publish a Monthly Newsletter, Annual Journal, operates an Archive and Research Centre and promote genealogy, heraldry and vexillology at events around Ireland through our very active 'Outreach Programme' offering **'Free Family History Advice'** to the public, active retirement groups, ladies' clubs and all sorts of community 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 individuals with four generations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland. This research has been funded through an Award from Science Foundation Ireland.

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

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

The Society is governed by a Board elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting each year—all of the Society's directors and officers are volunteers.

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 July Lecture

'Headstones – their obvious and hidden messages' by John Nangle.

John started off this talk by declaring that he was a "taphophile" and that his wife says that he should be arrested for it! This shocking revelation was of course meant to get our attention and we all know that John and his crew (the Gravemen), have been visiting graveyards all over the Wicklow/Wexford area in search of hidden gems of headstones in graveyards. To prove the point he showed us an example of an aerial view of a long disused graveyard in the Clonattin area, close to Gorey Town in Wexford. It is circular and John told us that it is pre Norman.

Passion scene headstones were shown with well-preserved examples from Kilkenny showing all of the expected items like the cloak, pinchers, ladder, thirty pieces of silver, etc., etc. We saw the oldest headstone that John has found and this was in Youghal in Cork and dates from February 1632 and is in the name of Richard Nicholas. As Youghal was the entry point for the plantation of Munster, John tells us that the headstone most probably was brought in by English settlers as the Irish didn't use them at that point.

John previously presented to our group in 2013 so a return was warmly welcomed as he has done great work on the sculptor, Dennis Cullen of Monaseed just outside, Gorey who always signed his headstones. We were shown that the headstones reflected the social situation in Ireland at that time. For example, we saw a gravestone dedicated to a Thomas Cavanagh and his two wives and eight children. Women were poorly represented and on many occasions are simply relegated to the title of wife with no name given on the headstone. Another example is of a headstone depicting "Here lies the bodies of Mr Moses Allen's three children" and also a headstone erected by the Widow Nowlan in memory of her husband Patrick!

John showed us an Irish language headstone, however it was in Australia where he found it and he followed this with photographs of a very large monument to Michael Dwyer in Waverley Cemetery in Sydney. This site is really a monument to the men of 1798 and all of the following risings that occurred in Ireland. The purpose of this site is to say that the "Irish have arrived"

The Irish had a difficult time initially in Australia and any method of expression of advancement by the Irish community was seized upon to let the locals know that the Irish now had a place in that society. We also saw a photo of Ferns graveyard which opened in 1901. John tells us that there are many large Celtic crosses which heralded the arrival of the new landed class of farmers who had acquired land under the Land Act Purchase scheme. These large crosses were saying that we have arrived. As one passes further into the cemetery the headstones become more modest in their size.

John showed us many more examples of the work of Cullen and other sculptors from the Wexford / Wicklow area. The benefits of the work will be appreciated by future generation and for that John and his friends deserve a big thanks.

There was a lively Q&A session following the talk. This very interesting lecture can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P327fMOt0lo&feature=youtu.be>

Many thanks to John.

Tony O'Hara, MGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

AN DAONCHARTLANN IN LOUGHLINSTOWN

Travel Information for visitors to the An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown Drive, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

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

'Genealogy Day' at Marlay House

Upcoming **'Genealogy Day'** Marlay House Saturday 17th August 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs. We had a very successful **'Genealogy Day'** in Cabinteely House on Sunday 28th July with an attendance of over 60 for advice, personal family history, and lectures. Our thanks to all members who helped. The Council staff are to



be hugely commended for their invaluable assistance with the event. We hope to do it all again at Marlay House on Saturday 17th August. We hope to see another great turnout of members. Additional brochures and posters for the event have been circulated in the area by the Council and so we may expect an even greater attendance of curious seekers of information. All enquir-

ies to Séamus Moriarty by email at seamusmoriarty@dublin.com

Marlay House is a Georgian property now owned by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Its history is mainly associated with the families of La Touche, Tedcastle, and Love.

Tom Conlon, MGSI

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday August 13th—'Kingstown municipal housing 1904-1922' by **Charles Callan, MGSI**

Tuesday September 10th—'Researching WW1 Military & Naval Records of Irish Soldiers & Sailors' by **Gerard White, MGSI**

All WELCOME—Contribution €3.00

Please note **'Parking at DFEI'** on panel to the left on page 3. We welcome comments and suggestions on the lecture programme. Please email **Tony O'Hara, MGSI**, the Director of Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

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

"HALL'S INDEX"

The "Gazette" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world. All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor back to 1996 have been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall, MGSI** and they are available in pdf format to read or to download free of charge on www.familyhistory.ie

Although we're not members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the 'National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the Royal Irish Academy. (see the June 2014 issue at www.familyhistory.ie)

GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

