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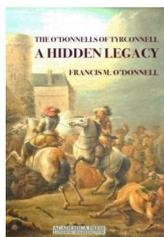
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## Славимо Ирску у Београду Celebrating Ireland in Belgrade

In March of each year, RTÉ (Irish National Broadcaster) provides an excellent roundup of the major events held throughout the world to celebrate Ireland's National Day – St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year a *St. Patrick's Belgrade Irish Festival* will be held on Saturday, 21st March 2020 at Parabrod, Belgrade, Serbia, commencing at 14.00hrs and one of the main speakers at the event will be Francis M. O'Donnell who donated a copy of his magnum to the Society's Archive & Research Centre.

Francis M. O'Donnell is probably better known in Belgrade as the former United Nations official who arrived within days of the regime change of 5th October 2000, with a mandate to lead efforts to restore collaboration between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) and the international community after years of war and sanctions.



At one of the events during the festival Francis M. O'Donnell will deliver a talk on *'The O'Donnells of Tyrconnell - A Hidden Legacy*, published by Academica Press LLC, Washington, D.C. 2019 [ISBN: 978-1-68053-474-0 : H/bk : 715pp] in which he explores the fascinating history of his forbearers in a comprehensive study.

The Elizabethan conquest of Ireland in the early 1600s extinguished the rule of the O'Donnells of Tyrconnell (Tír Chonaill), leading to the plantation of Ulster. This is the first account of lost branches of their dynasty, descending from a largely forgotten scion, Donal Oge O'Donnell, only child of Sir Donal O'Donnell who was the eldest son and usurped heir of Sir Hugh Dubh Mac Manus, 23<sup>rd</sup> O'Donnell, King and Lord of Tyrconnell. This was an area roughly covering modern Co. Donegal and, at times, parts of

the adjacent counties in the northwest of Ireland.

Hugh Dubh ruled from 1567 to 1592 and married twice. His children by his first wife, Nuala, a daughter of O'Neill, were eclipsed by the second, Maria or Iníon Dubh, née MacDonnell, who killed Sir Donal at Derrylaghan in 1590, thwarting his succession in favour of her own eldest son, Red Hugh, then in English captivity.

Hugh Dubh died in 1600, and by 1601 both Red Hugh, who had escaped Dublin Castle, and his brothers Rory and Cathbarr and their nephew Donal Oge were engaged in the endgame of the Nine Years War. En route to Kinsale, Donal Oge undertook a side-expedition to Ardfert, spending several years in alliance with FitzMaurice, Lord of Kerry. Rory succeeded Red Hugh and became the first Earl of Tyrconnell in 1604, but they and many others were exiled to the Continent in 1607 in the Flight of the Earls. Donal Oge then joined Spanish forces in Flanders, where he died in 1620.

Hugh Dubh and his family were the last undisputed dynasts to rule effectively. Stripped of power, the nominal local headship of the clan reverted later to the genealogically senior line of his brother Calbhach, some whose descendants won fame and fortune on the Continent as dukes in Spain and counts in Austria.

History thus far obscured the survival of an older line of O'Donnell counts in France, who were known there as *Chief of the Name and of the Arms*. They became extinct in 1879, but their ostensible next-of-kin in Ardfert, trace origins in common back to a grandson of Donal Oge O'Donnell. His descendants, rebels in Ireland and Jacobites in France, later transitioned from military to civil service, at the highest echelons in the French Council of State. They epitomized the principle *noblesse oblige*, in their pursuit of enlightenment, compassion, and public service.

Checkout: <http://www.academicapress.com/>

## OPEN MEETINGS

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 11 February—20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 March 2020 (AGM)—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 February—10.30hrs

Wednesday 25 March—10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)



Thinking of researching your family history? Members of this Society, some with many decades of research experience, are always on hand to assist and advice you on your research journey. Call by the Society's Archive & Research Centre—directions on page 4.

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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.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th March 2020** at 20.00hrs in the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All Welcome, however, only fully paid up Members may vote or be elected. See page 3.

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## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

January was a very busy and rewarding time for the Outreach team headed by **Eddie Gahan**, MGSJ, with the Society's stand at the *Holiday World Show* in Belfast (Jan 17—19) and in Dublin (Jan 24—26). Over both periods the team assisted visitors in their search for family details, particularly in the case of Belfast, where not all visitors were aware of the free on line services such as [Irishgenealogy.ie](http://Irishgenealogy.ie), the Census or Church Records that are available.

Thank you to all who assisted at either event and, in particular, to those who were at both. *Gerry Hayden, MGSJ, Cathairleach*

## 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 each week 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.

## WHAT DOES THE GSI DO?

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

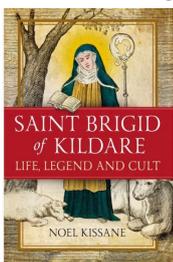
The Society is governed by a Board elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting each year—all of the Society's directors and officers are volunteers.

**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. *Many thanks!*

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

## The Forgotten Candidate for Patron Saint of Ireland

February 1<sup>st</sup> is a special date in the Irish ecclesiastic calendar as it is the feast day of Saint Brigid, the other patron saint of Ireland along with Saint Patrick. St. Brigid has been described as one of the "most remarkable women in Irish history" although, she has always been very elusive according to **Noel Kissane** in his excellent study of Brigid. Although sometimes said to have assumed many of attributes of the goddess Brigid, she was a real person that inspired a cult and was venerated throughout Ireland and overseas. Kissane's '*Saint Brigid of Kildare – Life, Legend and Cult*' (ISBN: 978-1-84682-632-0 · P/bk : 360pp : Price €24.95) explores the place of this saint in Irish life down through the centuries.



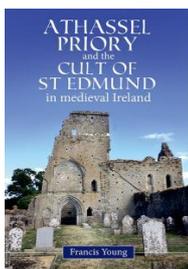
With Brigid and Patrick, you could say that we have a gender balance amongst our patron saints, but this may not have been the case if another candidate for such a prestigious position had been successful. Indeed, it may surprise many in Ireland to learn that the candidate was none other than King Edmund of East Anglia or more commonly known as "Edmund the Martyr". A new book published by Four Courts Press - '*Athassel Priory and the Cult of St. Edmund in Medieval Ireland*' by **Francis Young** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-846-1 : 192pp : H/bk : Price: €50.00 : Web-Price €45.00) explores how this English royal saint Edmund, king and martyr (d. 869) was venerated in

Ireland from at least the twelfth century. Young looks at Athassel priory in Co. Tipperary which was the centre of a cult focussed on a miraculous statue of the saint. Although St. Edmund has been largely forgotten in the Irish consciousness, remarkably according to Young, Ireland still maintains the largest concentration of place-names in the world derived from the name Edmund.

This book argues that the veneration of St Edmund and other English saints in Ireland is essential to understanding the complex identity of the 'English of Ireland', the descendants of the Anglo-Norman invaders. This community was very different to that of the later English arrivals under the Tudors or Stuarts. Indeed, following the reformation they largely remained, along with the overwhelming majority of the Gaelic Irish, staunchly Roman Catholic and suffered accordingly through dispossession and political marginalisation in the Protestant Kingdom of Ireland.

The history of Athassel priory, a nominally 'English' monastery patronized by the Burke dynasty, reflected the changing fortunes of Englishness in late medieval Ireland. Although apparent attempts to make St Edmund an additional patron saint of Ireland in the late Middle Ages proved unsuccessful, the spread of the name Éamon (a Gaelicized form of Edmund) in Gaelic Ireland in the fifteenth century is an enduring legacy of this unusual cult of an English saint in Ireland.

**Francis Young** obtained his PhD from Cambridge University and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is the author of twelve books including *Edmund: in search of England's lost king* (2018).



## FOUR COURTS PRESS

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## MOBILE PHONE DEALS FOR MEMBERS

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

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

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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 sent 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.

*Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh—Many Thanks!*

## News from the Board

At the monthly meeting of Board of Directors held on Thursday February 6th 2020 at Park House, Library Road, Dún Laoghaire, the General Secretary advised the Board of the receipt of a "running costs" grant from **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**. The grant of €1,000 is for part payment of public liability insurance and the printing of this newsletter.

The Board agreed to put back its consideration of a new **Development Plan** to replace the one covering 2010-2015 until the April meeting. The delay in updating the existing plan and considering new additions to same was due to the pressures of work during the latter part of last year.

The Board confirmed the appointment of **Tom Conlon** as a non-executive officer with responsibility for the production and editing of the **Annual Journal** and the production of videos of the monthly lectures. Tom stepped down from the Board on December 11th 2019.

The Board agreed to hold a **Special Meeting** on Thursday 20th February 2020 to decide on the Society's nomination of a candidate to contest the **Seanad Éireann General Election**. The deadline for receipt of applications for the nomination is Thursday February 13th 2020. Address on page 4 (top right).

The Society's accounts are currently with the auditor and the audited annual accounts will be presented to the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on Tuesday March 10th 2020 at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute. *General Secretary*

## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)  
Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

### IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians love books! So if you have a gift to buy—think books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's Archive & Research Centre—*An Daonchartlann*.

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

### MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

**Tuesday Feb. 11th**—'*Researching your Clan history using DNA & documentary records*' by **Dr. Maurice Gleeson**

Ireland has a rich history of clans/septs, extending back almost 2000 years. There has been renewed interest in Clan research due to the advent of digitisation and the increasing online accessibility of ancient texts and their translations, as well as the availability of Y-DNA testing and the growth in Surname DNA Projects. This talk explores how anyone can use DNA and online texts to research their own particular Irish Clan.

**Tuesday Mar. 10th**—'*Genetic Landscape and History Revealed by the Irish DNA Atlas*' by **Dr. Edmund Gilbert**, RCSI.

Dr Edmund Gilbert will be presenting an update to the *Irish DNA Atlas* study, a joint research project between the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Genealogical Society of Ireland. He will be presenting the current status of the project, and how geneticists have used the *Irish DNA Atlas* as a resource to investigate the genetic ancestry of Ireland

**All WELCOME—Contribution €5.00**  
Please note '*Parking at DFEI*' see below.

We welcome comments and suggestions on the lecture programme. Please email **Tony O'Hara**, MGSI, Director of the Society's Monthly Lecture Programme at [toharadsl@gmail.com](mailto:toharadsl@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.dfei.ie)



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



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Professor Fergus D'Arcy will present '*A true Dubliner: Fr. John Spratt, O. Carm, 1796-1871*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 12 February to the Old Dublin Society in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Tom Conlon will speak on '*The Foundation of St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 26 February in the same venue. All welcome - admission free.

### KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

James Curry will provide '*An introduction to the life and work of Harry Clarke*' at 19.45hrs on Wednesday 12 February in the Iona Centre beside St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. All welcome.

### KILMACUD STILLORGAN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ged Walsh will speak on '*The Moravians*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 13 February in Glanabyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Contribution €3.00

### ENNISKERRY HISTORY SOCIETY

James Scannell will present '*The Great Northern Railway (Ireland), 1876 to 1958*' at 20.30hrs on Thursday 13 February in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Main Street, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.00

### MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Dr. Padraig Lenihan will present '*Construction of a legend: the Irish Wild Geese in Louis XVI's army, 1689-1714*' at 20.00hrs on Friday 14 February in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome - admission free. Wheelchair accessible.

### DÚN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fergus Mulligan will speak on '*William Dargan - an Honourable Life*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 19 February in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome - entrance €3.00

### BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Anthony Jordan will speak on '*James Joyce Unlocked*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 20 February in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €6.00

### RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Larry Breen will speak on '*Wolfe Tone, Matilda and Family*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 04 March in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00

### MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark McMenamin will present '*The untold story of Richard Hayes: Codebreaker*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 05 March in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4.00 / Students €2.00

### PUBLICATIONS

'*Proceedings of the Blackrock Society 2019*' - No 27, Editor Joe Carroll, published by the Blackrock Society, €7.50.

Articles featured in this excellent publication based on talks to the Society during 2019 are 'The Rebuilding of Dublin after 1916' by Robin Mandal; 'Blackrock and the First World War' by Conor Dodd; 'Waterford Merchants and their Families and Families on Distant Shores' by Liam Murphy; 'The Metals - From Dalkey to Dun Laoghaire' by Rob Goodbody; 'Spinning Straw into Gold' by Justine Carbery; 'Queen Victoria: Her Life and Times 1819-1901' by Frank Woods, James Scannell in 'The Light That Failed - the December 1957 railcar crash at Dundrum' by James Scannell, and 'Famous People and VIPs I Nearly Met' by Niall Bracken. The two items in the Blackrock Miscellany feature are 'Growing Up on Frascatti Park in the 1940s and 1950s' by Billy Morrison, and 'Growing Up in Williamstown' by Ronan Wilmot. Copies can be obtained from the Blackrock Society via [www.blackrocksociety.ie](http://www.blackrocksociety.ie) or at any of their monthly meetings in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

*James Scannell*

### NEW BOARD FOR 2020-2021

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held on **Tuesday March 10th 2020** at 20.00hrs, at which, the Board's Annual Report and the Audited Accounts will be presented to the Members.

Members will elect the new Board of Directors for the coming year, including An Cathaoirleach (Chair), Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice-Chair), General Secretary and Director of Finance. Six other directors will be elected and will receive their portfolios at the Board Meeting on Thursday April 2nd 2020.

A number of the existing Board members have indicated that they wish to step down at the AGM after many years service. Therefore, we are currently looking for volunteers to put themselves forward for election at the AGM. Hopefully, Members will come forward to help us run the Society for the coming year.

The Board meets for two hours on the first Thursday of each month, except January when it's the second Thursday. No meeting is held in August.

### 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].

## Précis of the January Lecture

'Townlands, Maps and Directories' by Shane Wilson, MGSI. The popular website <http://SWilson.info> is widely used by our membership and is recognised as a niche site for genealogists. Shane updates the site regularly and the level of detail to townlands maps and directories is very impressive. Shane started off this talk with an overview of his website, which can be overwhelming to the new user, such is the amount of data and detail contained on the site. The website is jam packed with genealogical gems and contains tools to assist and enable keen genealogist to navigate and manipulate data in a way that only professional historians can do.

Shane has devised and provides free of charge, tools to browse the census 1901 and 1911 data on a page by page basis, in addition to a tool to browse the General Registration Offices Birth, Death and Marriage records, on a sequential sheet by sheet basis, and this alone is worth the time spent on this site. The original records published on these websites were intended to be accessed on a query only basis and are aimed at a wide spectrum audience, whereas these tools supplied by Shane can assist dedicated researchers to drill down, a feature never intended in the original issue of the NAI site or the Irish Genealogy websites.

There are many townlands in Ireland and the 1851 townland index is invaluable tool to assist researchers in finding the correct one. Shane gives the user five ways of locating a townland and showed us his preferred option three which goes by the name of New Townland explorer. This is a comprehensive set of options to help locate correct townlands. We saw that there are fifty Newtown's in Ireland and thirty Ballymore's, so confusion reigns when you are tracking down a widely used townland name in search of an ancestor.

Shane pointed out the many typos found in the index namely "Lust" in North County Dublin for Lusk and "Loughshinney" for the better known Loughshinney near Skerries, also in North County Dublin. When it comes to maps there is a comprehensive number of maps particularly for the Dublin area starting with a 1610 plan of Dublin followed by Watson's almanac from 1783, through to an 1836 Baldwin and Craddock map, Thom's Directory 1863, Dublin City 1895 by Bacon and on to the more recent maps from 1935 and 1948 illustrating the changes which have occurred over time. The maps of Ireland are well covered with the inclusion of all thirty two counties from Lewis Topographical Dictionary of Ireland 1837, with beautiful illustrations of every county.

Shane gave a very good overview of directories available on his site including Peter Wilson's directory of Dublin from 1750 to about 1837, the Treble Almanack (Watson) Pettigrew and Oulton 1834 to c1837, Thom's Directory 1844 to c2013 with other larger populations centres like Cork represented by Guy's and Limerick represented by Basset's. On an all-Ireland front, there are Slater's directory 1845 to 1894 and Pigot's Directory 1820 to 1824. Shane has developed quick references and linkages to many of the above mentioned directories. Subsequent to this talk Shane has kindly added a WordPress article to his site, displaying all of the linkages addressed in this talk. The scale of the detail presented was substantial. Therefore, Shane has agreed to give a second talk later this year. The full lecture is on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKZnKY5euc&feature=youtu.be>. Many thanks to Shane.

Tony O'Hara, MGSI

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

## GETTING TO AN DAONCHARTLANN

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

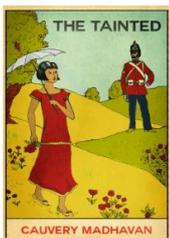
**LUAS & DUBLIN BUS**—Bride's Glen (Green Line) - Bus 111 from outside the Luas station, Bus Stop no. 7639 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222.

**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)

## HISTORICAL FICTION—'THE TAINTED'

As we advised last month, we will be including reviews of historical fiction each month. Historical fiction as a genre is quite clearly defined as "a form of fictional narrative which reconstructs history and recreates it imaginatively". J. A. Cuddon in his 'Dictionary of Literary Terms & Literary Theory' goes on to say that "though writing fiction, the good historical novelist researches his or her chosen period thoroughly and strives for verisimilitude" (the appearance of being true or real).



We are delighted to launch this new feature for the 'Gazette' with Cauvery Madhavan's new novel 'The Tainted' which is due out in April 2020.

Our guest reviewer, June Brady, really loved the book and was particularly impressed by the very evident depth of research undertaken by the author. Basing her story on historical events that will be

included in the State's commemoration of the Irish War of Independence, albeit, that these events happened in India during the "British Raj".

In carefully researching the actual events and crafting a fictional narrative, June Brady, was particularly touched by the author's very descriptive style and her attention to detail. The names of the military units and

regiments are fictionalised and June Brady discussed this point with Cauvery Madhavan who explained that she didn't want "put words in the mouths of real people". This was important as the story develops to span several decades in the lives of the characters.

June Brady, like many Irish people, had an ancestor who served in the British Army in India. June's grandfather died at the age of 49 from a sickness acquired during his service in India.

Cauvery Madhavan was inspired to write this historical novel by the events of June 1920 when companies of the Connaught Rangers mutinied in the Punjab, India, on hearing of British atrocities in Ireland during the War of Independence.

June Brady described 'The Tainted' as "a fabulous story" with a "beautiful ending" that brought to life a place and time that has been forgotten and, yet would have once been very familiar to Irish families with members serving in the British Army in India.

'The Tainted' can be pre-ordered from the publishers—Price Stg€9.99 at the following website [www.hoperoadpublishing.com/the-tainted](http://www.hoperoadpublishing.com/the-tainted)

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