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Our History or Our Heritage?

As we proceed towards some of the more divisive anniversaries of our ‘*Decade of Centenaries*’ with the establishment of Northern Ireland (1921); the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty (1921); the bitter split over the Treaty (1922); the start of the Civil War (1922); the establishment of the Irish Free State (1922) and finally the end of the Civil War (1923), difficult questions will arise making an inclusive and informed commemoration very challenging if groups or individuals attempt to politically exploit these events.

The official commemorations organised for the centenaries of events from 1912 to 1920 have been generally marked by an inclusiveness and dignity befitting the occasion. There were some notable exceptions such as the clumsy attempt to shoehorn a general commemoration of policing in Ireland into the events marking the ‘*Decade of Centenaries*’ which would have equated the notoriously ill-disciplined counterinsurgency “Black and Tans” and the “Auxiliaries” with general policing. This unnecessary and ugly controversy occurred, it seems, after the politicians departed from the advice of the professional historians on the issue.

History is never simple or straightforward, it's always multi-layered, complex, nuanced and requiring contextualisation to provide for a meaningful interpretation, understanding and appreciation. The oversimplification of the historical narrative has long been the tool of political movements of the left and the right, religious fundamentalists and, of course, most recently by populist politicians in the United States, United Kingdom, Poland, Turkey and elsewhere.

Over the centuries we have seen history commoditised, packaged, owned and weaponised to enable states, groups or movements to commit horrendous atrocities and crimes against humanity, culture and nature. This process of commoditisation necessarily

involves the conflation of history with heritage to reinforce an identification with, and ownership of, the narrative. This facilitates the easy “othering” of ethnic, religious or political minorities, indigenous communities or perceived undesirables in society leading to their exploitation, disempowerment, dispossession, impoverishment and, as in the case of many refugee communities around the world, expulsion or worse in order to “ethnically cleanse” an area.

This commoditisation, packaging and weaponising of history and its conflation with heritage was not only the preserve of the oppressor or the agents of empire, but also of the oppressed acting as if to “fight fire with fire”, the creation and ownership of a counternarrative was critically important to the promotion of their case for independence, religious freedom, political or social reform.

History and heritage have always presented contested narratives, however, when these are physically manifested in the public realm through commemorative nomenclature, statues, monuments, emblems, flags or annual events, this contestation can be mischievously exploited as politically sensitive. It is true that statues, monuments or commemorative nomenclature say more about the world view of their proponents at the time of their installation or naming than of the historical figures or events concerned. In Paris, London, Madrid or Lisbon, for example, an imperial past can easily be read in the public realm, however, whilst this is part of the architectural heritage of these cities, it is not necessarily a heritage embraced by an overwhelming majority of their citizens today.

Heritage is essentially cultural and social. Its representations are drawn selectively from our history, then subjectively evaluated and adjudicated upon for its commoditisation and packaging as qualities or values that we deem worthy or imperative to pass down through each generation as an important mark of our communal identity. What we perceive as our heritage is rarely, if ever, completely static as our values and world views evolve.

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CORONAVIRUS—COVID-19

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

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

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

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 July (Cancelled) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 11 August (Cancelled)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 22 July (Cancelled) —10.30hrs

Wednesday 26 August (Provisional) —10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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Book Reviews

Open Meetings

News & Events

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.

SOCIETY JOURNAL 2020

The 2020 *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland* in electronic format was sent to all Members (fully paid-up) by email as a PDF attachment. If you haven't received it, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI.

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PROGRAMME RESUMPTION?

The relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions has been very challenging for the voluntary and community sector in Ireland.

The Society's Outreach Programme team headed **Eddie Gahan**, MGSi is currently reviewing the options to travel the country again this year promoting genealogy.

The GSI Health & Safety Officer (Covid-19 monitor) will now assess what measures are required to allow a resumption of the Outreach Programme later this year.

If you wish to join Eddie's team, please email him at eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

WE'RE STILL HERE TO HELP

This Society normally 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 "Help Centre" will reopen to the public on August 5th, in the interim, you can discuss your research problems with our experienced researchers and get advice by emailing our Outreach Team members via Eddie Gahan on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

COVID-19 REGULATIONS

An Daonchartlann Archive & Research Centre

Covid-19 Regulations

The Archive will reopen on Wednesday 5th August, from 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs
(subject to current advice at the time)

The new system for operating the archive due to Covid-19, is as follows.

- (1) All visits to the archive, for members and non-members, is by **appointment only**. All appointments to be made, in advance, to Archivist@familyhistory.ie only.
- (2) Maximum time for each visit, is 1 hour for non-members and 2 hours for paid up members. Maximum number of visitors per appointment is one person.
- (3) Gloves supplied in the archive, must always be used while in the archive.
- (4) Face mask/covering (not supplied) must always be worn while in the archive. You will be refused admission to the archive without a face mask/covering.
- (5) A name and contact phone number will be required from each person visiting.
- (6) All visitors, members and non-members must leave the archive as soon as their allocated time has finished.

Please do **not** visit the archive, if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone, who has been confirmed as having Covid-19 or are waiting for test results.

(The archive can not be run as a drop-in centre under the current Covid-19 regulations and we hope to be able to revert at a later stage.)

Director of An Daonchartlann
Health & Safety Officer
15.06.2020

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The national containment measures introduced by the government, health authorities or the local authority currently prevent the Board from meeting as scheduled in order to conduct the normal day-to-day running of the Society, however, the Board agreed to the following under **Res: 20/03/1497** at its meeting on March 5th 2020.

The Company Secretary shall be **authorised to process payments** that would normally be submitted to the Board Meetings for approval and processing.

The Company Secretary, in consultation with An Cathaoirleach, shall liaise with the managements of the following venues in respect of the **Open Meetings – Royal Marine Hotel and the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** – in order to be in a position to advise our Members in the event of either venue being rendered unavailable due to the current situation with COVID-19.

The Company Secretary, in conjunction with An Cathaoirleach, shall liaise with the managements of **Park House and the DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown** in respect of the availability of these premises.

The Company Secretary, in conjunction with An Cathaoirleach, shall be **authorised to cancel any scheduled meeting, event or service provision** in line with the professional advice received in respect of COVID-19.

These measures shall remain at the disposal of the Company Secretary for the duration of the current containment period in respect of COVID-19, however, the Board shall be required to give effect to their continuance by a simple resolution at each subsequent Board Meeting following the adoption of this resolution. Also see: www.hse.ie

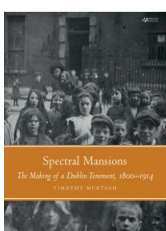
EDITOR: At the time of going to press it was the objective of the Board to meet on Thursday 16th July and therefore, the above may be amended.

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

Life on Henrietta Street, Dublin

Here are two books commissioned by Dublin City Council Heritage Office in conjunction with the 14 Henrietta Street museum, the book uses the story of one street to explore the history of an entire city.

'Spectral mansions: the making of a Dublin tenement, 1800–1914' by **Timothy Murtagh** due to be published by Four Courts Press Autumn 2020 (ISBN: 978-1-84682-867-6: 240pp : large format : full colour : H/bk : Price €30.00)



In 1800, Dublin was one of the most impressive cities in Europe. The city's townhouses and squares represented the pinnacle of Georgian elegance. Henrietta Street one of the earliest and grandest residential districts in Dublin. At the end of the eighteenth century, the street was home to some of the most powerful members of the Anglo-Irish Ascendancy. Yet, less than a century later, Dublin had been transformed from the playground of the elite, into a city renowned for its deprivation and vast slums. Despite once being 'the best address in town', by 1900 almost every house on Henrietta Street was in use as tenements, some shockingly overcrowded. How did this happen? How did a location like Henrietta Street go from a street of mansions to one of tenements? And what was life like for those who lived within the walls of these houses? This is a story of adaptation, not only of buildings but of people. It is a story of decline but also of resilience. Spectral mansions charts the evolution of Henrietta Street over the period 1800 to 1914. Commencing with the Act of Union and finishing on the eve of the

First World War, the book investigates the nature and origins of Dublin's housing crisis in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Timothy Murtagh completed his PhD at TCD in 2015. Since 2015, he has acted as a historical consultant to the 14 Henrietta Street museum, as well as being a committee member of the Dublin Historical Research Network.

'The best address in town: Henrietta Street, Dublin and its first residents, 1730–80' by **Melanie Hayes** due Summer 2020 (ISBN: 978-1-84682-847-8 : 240pp : large format : full colour : H/bk : Price €30.00)

Once Dublin's most exclusive residential street, throughout the eighteenth century Henrietta Street was home to country's foremost figures from church, military and state. Here, in this elegant setting on the north side of the city, peers rubbed shoulders with property tycoons, clerics consorted with social climbers and celebrated military men mixed with the leading lights of the capital's beau monde, establishing one of the principle arenas of elite power in Georgian Ireland. Looking behind the red-brick facades of the once-grand terraced townhouses, this richly illustrated volume focuses on the people who originally populated these spaces, delineating the rich social and architectural history of Henrietta Street during the first fifty years of its existence.



Melanie Hayes is a research fellow in the Department of History of Art and Architecture at Trinity College Dublin, working on an Irish Research Council Laureate project, CraftValue. She was an academic researcher during the development of the 14 Henrietta Street museum by Dublin City Council, and continues to be involved with the museum

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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 forwarded to the General Secretary at: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

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



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.

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

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

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

MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Irish government during the COVID-19 pandemic the Society's Open Meeting schedule has been suspended until further notice.

The schedule of lectures is currently under review to rearrange the slots in line with the availability of the guest speakers.

The Board very much appreciates the wonderful cooperation and encouragement received from the guest speakers as we endeavour to reschedule talks over the coming months.

The next issue of this newsletter will have more information on the rescheduled lecture programme.

We welcome comments and suggestions on the lecture programme. Please contact **Tony O'Hara, MGSi**, Coordinator of the Society's Monthly Lecture Programme by email at toharadsl@gmail.com

CHECKOUT our YouTube Channel for past lectures. www.youtube.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



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

JULY LECTURE PROGRAMME

Due to the measures announced by the Government to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by restricting public meetings and gatherings, the introduction of social distancing, and the closing of schools, colleges, museums and galleries, all lectures and meetings of local history societies have been cancelled and will not resume until permitted to do so.

Publications

'*Wicklow Historical Society 2020 Journal, Vol. 6, No.2*', published by the **Wicklow Historical Society**, price €5.00

Just published is the latest issue of the annual journal of the Wicklow Historical Society with articles in this year's 144 page publication which features as the cover image Edwin Hayes painting 'Wild Sea at Wicklow' in the late 19th century', including -

'Life in Wicklow a Century Ago - 1920' by John Finlay provides an insight into the daily life and happenings in Wicklow Town and its environs, during a year in which the political landscape in the country was changing and the tempo in the military campaign of the War of Independence was increasing. Events covered include deaths at sea, the increase in the Old Age Pension to 10s. a week, War of Independence incidents in the area, sporting and cultural activities, people who visited the town, and the opening of the Excelsior Cinema, to name a few.

'Murder in Rathdrum and its Dire Consequences' by Stan J. O'Reilly recalls the 1884 murder of Mrs. Moore at her cottage near Rathdrum by a tramp called Tobin who was subsequently arrested by the police, charged, tried, and convicted of her murder and hanged in Wexford Gaol on August 26th 1884.

'Robert Barton Remembers (1881-1975)' based on an Ernie O'Malley interview with him in 1950, is provided by Ben Fagan in which such topics covered are Cabinet Meetings, Austin Stack, McNamara the 'G' Man, and other aspects of the War of Independence, which he spoke about to O'Malley. At the time of his death in 1975, Robert Barton was the last of the 1921 Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty signatories to pass away.

'Up in his Hat: James Joyce, John Francis Byrne and their contemporaries: the Wicklow connections' by Ken Hannigan is based on the recollections of Mick Fogarty of Carrickmore, recorded by Ken Hannigan and the late Fr. James Murphy, Parish Priest of Barndarrig, Brittas Bay in the 1990s, in which he spoke the history of the area and some of the people who lived in and visited it.

'The Day "Hell" Came to Wicklow' by John Finlay recalls the Tuesday November 5th 1990 major fire in Abbey Street, Wicklow, which was engulfed in flames and smoke following a fire in an heating oil storage tank which released upwards of 8000 litres of burning oil into Abbey Street. This article includes several colour photographs of this incident taken by John Holly.

'An unpopular decision by the railway company' by Vincent O'Reilly recalls the 1874 decision by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway to build a new railway station in Wicklow Town in place of the existing one based at the Murrough which now a branch line off the main Dublin-Wexford line. The move was opposed by numerous people in the town as well as the Wicklow

Township Commissioners but the company succeeded in obtaining parliamentary permission for the new station, the present day one, which opened in 1885. The Murrough station was closed to passenger traffic in 1885 until 1969 when it was re-opened to facilitate a number of daily passenger trains until 1976 when it was closed again.

Wicklow has always had a long maritime tradition and is covered in this issue by Tom Byrne who provides 'A short account of some of the seafarers from Wicklow Town who were lost at sea through inclement weather and war' which looks at some of the ships and seafarers lost between 1899 and 1917 for these reasons.

'2020..... A Year of Anniversaries' by John Finlay recalls some of the anniversaries occurring in Wicklow Town this year including the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Dominican Sisters School, the 70th anniversary opening of Holy Rosary National School, the 320th anniversary of the Church of Ireland Parish, Church Hill, the 130th anniversary of the Assembly Hall, Bachelors Walk, the 120th anniversary of the unveiling of the 'Billy Byrne' monument, the 160th anniversary of the Metal Bridge, the 70th anniversary of the opening of the new Gouldings Fertilizers plant, and the 60th anniversary of the opening of a new sulphuric acid plant by Shamrock Fertilizers.

'Inquest in Rathdrum in 1876' by Stan J. O'Reilly recalls the inquest into the death of a Rathdrum Workhouse resident who died of bronchitis contracted in Wicklow Gaol prior being admitted to the workhouse.

Stan J. O'Reilly continues his look at Wicklow and District in Antiquity and Folklore with 'Naoi and St. Ernane (Part 2)' - Part 1 - 'Pre-Christian Wicklow and the coming of the Irish Saints' was published in the 2019 journal.

The closing article 'The Society of the Sacred Heart - 1875' by John Finlay is based on the roll book of the Association discovered during the 2019 renovations of Delahunt's by Noel Heatley, and contains an alphabetic listing of members with addresses.

Over the counter copies of this excellent journal are available, price €5.00, from a number of outlets around Wicklow Town - postal copies can be ordered by calling 0404-67887 or 0404- 67494 **James Scannell**

BOARD ELECTED FOR 2020-2021

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on Tuesday March 10th 2020 which elected the new Board of Directors of the Society for 2020-2021.

An Cathaoirleach (Chair), **Gerard Hayden**; Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice-Chair), **James Walsh**; General Secretary, **Michael Merrigan** and Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scoláif** and the following without portfolio:

Barry O'Connor, Séamus Moriarty, Eddie Gahan and Shane Wilson. The portfolios will be allocated at the first Board Meeting after the AGM. (see page 4)

EDITOR: Correction—in Vol. 15 No. 6 the date of the Open Meeting was given as July 8th this should have read 'Tuesday July 14th', although, the meeting was cancelled.

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 Price €24.99 [RRP].

Our History or Our Heritage? *continued from page 1*

In recent months we have seen statues toppled in Belgium, United Kingdom and the United States to remove from the public realm the commemoration of historical figures associated with the slave trade and enslavement which were mostly erected in the nineteenth or very early twentieth centuries. Although such statues represented aspects of the history of those countries, it is justifiably argued that the dignity of the public realm nowadays should not be afforded to such individuals.

In Ireland too we have had our share of statue removals over the last century and recently we've seen the Victoria Fountain on the seafront in Dún Laoghaire vandalised by being daubed with red paint. The current structure was erected in 2003 and is a replica of the 1900 original which was attacked and seriously damaged in March 1981. The original canopy of the fountain was completely removed with only the centre piece remaining. Attempts in the 1980s to have a statue of Roger Casement by the famous Irish sculptor, Oisín Kelly, erected on the spot were blocked by councillors at the time. This beautiful piece was kept in storage by the Office of Public Works and later given to the people of Ballyheigue in County Kerry where it now stands.

Ironically, in the town of Casement's birth, were councillors refused to erect a statue of the man in the 1980s, in 2001 they agreed, possibly unwittingly, to erase the history of the destruction of the Victoria Fountain in 1981 during the height of the "Troubles" with the erection of a newly constructed replica by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company in 2003, albeit with its rededication to the workmen who built the harbour. Annette McDonnell of this Society did the research on the workers.

As the Belgians were recently removing statues of King Leopold II in a belated recognition of the appalling atrocities inflicted on the peoples of the Congo by his agents in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Irishman who was partly responsible for exposing Leopold's horrific regime, Roger Casement, is to finally have a statue erected in his home town by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the site of the old Baths not far from his birthplace at Sandycove.

This month also marks the centenary of the change of the name of the 'Kingstown Urban District Council' to the 'Dún Laoghaire Urban District Council' with the passing of a resolution tabled by Councillor Seán Ó hUadhaigh on July 6th 1920, no doubt, reflecting the change in the heritage now valued by the majority on the Urban District Council and the local people. The change of the name of the town itself had to unfortunately await agreement in 1921 at a Traffic Conference in London in order to ensure the recognition and use of the new name for public transport, trains and mailboat services, passenger ticketing, postal and goods services etc across the Irish Sea. The last piece of the renaming jigsaw was the Harbour which became 'Dún Laoghaire Harbour' after the newly established Irish Free State enacted the 'State Harbours Act. 1924' (section 10).

The renaming process in Dún Laoghaire is an excellent example of where a heritage to be prioritised or valued by its inhabitants through its nomenclature changed over the course of its history since the emerging town around the village of 'Dunleary' was named 'Kingstown' in 1821 to commemorate the visit of King George IV to Ireland. It also clearly demonstrates a distinction between "our history" and "our heritage", however, it is an enduringly important topic for an inclusive public debate that societies must encourage. By understanding our history we can appreciate our heritage.

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

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board which was elected at the Annual General Meeting on March 10th 2020 is due to hold its first meeting on **Thursday July 16th 2020**. The normal venue for the Board Meetings is not currently available and therefore, arrangements have been made for the convening of meeting observing social distancing in Loughlinstown. This meeting will deal with our statutory obligations as an incorporated body and general housekeeping matters. The timeframe allocated to this meeting is only one hour rather than the normal two hours.

The Board will complete the registration of the new Directors and each will be invited to sign the 'Director's Declaration'. The statutory forms for the Companies Registration Office will be signed by the two newly elected Directors, **Shane Wilson** and **James Walsh**. The Board is expected to agree the co-option of **Gerard White** as a Director with the similar formalities applying.

Given that we are so many months into the operational year, it is also expected that the portfolios of the current Directors will be retained, with slight amendment, and that the following portfolios may be allocated to the new Directors, Archival Services; Publications & Website; and Open Meetings. All portfolios will be reviewed as normal at the December meeting.

The first will also consider inserting an additional clause into its Standing Orders to facilitate **incorporal meetings in exceptional circumstances**. It is envisaged that any such proposal will include a "sunset clause" whereby, the new Standing Order will lapse and be automatically rescinded from Standing Orders, unless renewed, by a certain date, for example, July 1st 2021.

The suspension of all of our **Open Meetings** and the **Outreach Programme** will be reviewed with the hope of resuming the Open Meetings from September, however, this largely depends on the trajectory of the COVID-19 infection rate in the country and the guidelines issued by government.

The Society's **Archive & Research Centre** will reopen on Weds Aug. 5th at 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs, however, strict adherence to the regulations (see page 2) would be required for Members and visitors with a prior booking facility in operation.

All during the COVID-19 crisis the Society increased the number of daily postings to its Facebook page www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie and Members are encouraged to follow the Society on **Facebook** and **Twitter**—@GenSocIreland
General Secretary

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Reopening on Weds. August 5th 2020

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