

The Genie Gazette



Social Newsletter of the Dun Laoghaire Genealogical Society

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MAONCHARTLANN PROJECT - Update

The Sub-Committee for Finance at its meeting of the 21st January 1997, formally undertook to accept the offer of Martello Tower No. 14 at Seapoint, Co. Dublin for restoration and refurbishment as a home for the Society's Archive. Written confirmation of the acceptance was delivered, along with an outline of our plans for the Tower, to Liam Byrne, Assistant Manager, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the next day, Wednesday 22nd Jan. 1997.

Detailed plans are being drawn up by Sean Gaynor, DipArch., MRIAI, and preliminary discussions have been held with FAS which has expressed an interest in undertaking the work required to bring this 1804 building into use as an archive and research facility.

Members are encouraged to visit the Joyce Museum in Sandycove to see the great possibilities afforded by this type of structure for requirements such as ours. Every effort will be made to ensure that the unique and special features of the Tower will be secured during the refurbishment of the building.

Seamus Moriarty, Chair of the Sub-Committee for Finance invites all who wish to contribute towards the development of this Martello Tower to donate to the BUILDING FUND established by the Sub-Committee. Donations should be forwarded to Joe FitzGerald, Hon. Treasurer, D.L.G.S., 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The Society will issue Official Receipts for EACH donation.

COMPILERS' GROUP

The Sub-Committee for Activities and Education seeks more volunteers for their Compilers' Project. Contact: ROISIN on 280 0894.

DUN LAOGHAIRE PARISH RECORDS

The Society, in conjunction with the National Library, has undertaken a project to have the Church records of Dun Laoghaire dating from 1769 and to have them available for genealogical research, free of charge, in the National Library from mid-March. This is just a start on the road to have all of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area included in the Microform Records of the National Library.

TOUR TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Roisin Lafferty, Chair of the Activities and Education Sub-Committee, has arranged an educational tour of the National Archives in Bishop Street, Dublin. The tour will take place on Tuesday 11th March '97 and members are asked to meet in the lobby of the National Archives at 10.00 hr and to give Roisin a call on 280 0894 to book your place on this important and informative tour.

An tEOLAI - The Society's Research Dir.

Brian Smith seek info. for inclusion in the next issue of An tEolai. Send up to ten names incld. dates, place, county and info. sought - with YOUR NAME & ADDRESS to Editor, An tEolai, D.L.G.S., 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin BEFORE March 31st 1997.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 18th Feb. 1997 - Grand Hotel, Wicklow - WICKLOW COUNTY GEN. SOC. meeting - 20.30 hrs.

Wednesday 26th Feb. 1997 - Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, MORNING MEETING of this Society - tea/ coffee incld. - 10.30 hrs.

NEXT EVENING MEETING - Tues. 11th March 1997 - 20.00 hrs. Comhaltas.

HERITAGE REPORT PUBLISHED

Ireland's first County Heritage Policy is sought by the sixteen organisations on An Foram Oidhreachta (Heritage Forum) in the forum's interim report "TOWARDS A COUNTY HERITAGE POLICY". The report, published in January by this Society on behalf of An Foram, calls for the establishment of a CIVIC MUSEUM, an open access GENEALOGICAL ARCHIVE or "Daonchartlann", an ARTS CENTRE and adequate funding for the NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM in Dun Laoghaire.

The report has been delivered to the Cathaoirleach of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; Councillors; Teachtaí Dála; Arts Council; Heritage Council; Chamber of Commerce; Business Associations; Bord na Gaeilge and Comhdháil Naisiunta na Gaeilge. The report represents a very important step in the development of a "partnership" approach to the preservation, promotion and sensitive commercial exploitation of all that is our County's Heritage.

The report gives clear and precise definitions of all aspects of the County's heritage, indeed, it is now referred to as "The Yellow Book of Heritage Definitions" an appellation that overlooks its comprehensive proposals for the future of our County's heritage. The Councillors are urged to include the report in the County Development Plan now under consideration in County Hall.

LOOKING FOR ANTHONY O'REILLY

My great-great-grandfather, Anthony O'Reilly, lived in Dublin from 1790 until he was transported to Australia in 1825. He is said to have resided at Moorfield and Tivoli in the Parish of Monkstown, Co. Dublin - can YOU HELP? - contact: John Anderson, P.O. Box 4433, Kingston, ACT, 2604, AUSTRALIA.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR(S)

With no appointment as yet to this post, a suggestion has been made to include as many of the members as possible in the production of "The Genie Gazette", therefore, should YOU wish to help out with this publication - why not give the Hon. Secretary a call OR give your name and telephone number to the Cathaoirleach.

SOCIETY JOURNAL - Vol. 6. No. 1.

Liam Mac Alasdair, Editor, seeks items for the forthcoming issue, due out in March. Articles, research queries, lists or new sources - all very welcome. Contributions must be received by FRIDAY 21st February and may be forwarded by FAX on 285 4020. Remember, it's YOUR publication that is read in over fifty similar societies from North America to New Zealand.

SOCIETY'S ARCHIVE

The Archivist seeks donations of copies of your research, Thom's Directories, unwanted certificates (or photocopies), Local History publications, maps etc. HELP BUILD UP YOUR ARCHIVE which serves the membership for over 200 hours each year in the home of our Archivist, Frieda Carroll, 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire.

DEAN'S GRANGE CEMETERY - '97 Project

Whilst, work is well underway to have the third volume published this year, Barry O'Connor seeks two types of volunteer. One to transcribe the info. in the cemetery and the other to input the data on computer discs. Barry's approach to this project has ensured both an enjoyable and efficient project over the past three years. Many members have availed of the opportunity to spend some of their free time during the Summer in Dean's Grange transcribing the Memorials in a given area and others, in the comfort of their own homes, transferring the information on to computer discs for publication. Should you like to help, in either way, please give Barry a call on 285 4386.

C.R.G. on PUBLICATIONS

The Cathaoirleach is compiling a report for the Executive on the Society's many publications. He has asked for comments, opinions and suggestions from the membership. All submissions MUST be in writing and sent to An Cathaoirleach, 94, Cherrywood, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin to be received on or before Friday 28th Feb. '97