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DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT - Update.

The Sub-Committee for Finance is progressing with its plans for the restoration and refurbishment of the *Martello Tower* at Seapoint, County Dublin as the Society's Archive and Research Centre or *Daonchartlann*. The Society's Architect is working on the detailed plans for presentation to the County Council for its approval. Much work is required to make this building suitable for our needs and minimum intrusive alterations will be required to keep the character of this historic building dating from 1804. *Seamus Moriarty's* team has launched a *Building Fund* to facilitate those wishing to contribute to this important work. You may make donations to this *Building Fund* by forwarding cheques to *Joe FitzGerald*, Hon. Treasurer, D.L.G.S., 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Official receipts will be issued for each donation and a *Roll of Sponsors* will be preserved in the *Daonchartlann*.

New Telephone No: 235 2032 for Hon. Secretary

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MINISTER WELCOMES REPORT

The Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, *Mr. Michael D. Higgins, T.D.*, in a reply to a Dail Question raised by *Ms. Helen Keogh, T.D.*, praised the publication of the interim report of An Foram Oidhreachta as follows "An Foram Oidhreachta is to be commended on producing a comprehensive document containing many interesting proposals. The document is, I understand, intended to generate a constructive debate and to contribute to the protection, promotion and increased awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the county, leading to formulation of a county heritage policy for Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown by the Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council."

OUTSTANDING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Membership Officer, *Sean Kane*, is concerned with the number of Members who may still be in arrears with their Annual Subscription due in November in each year, therefore, he'll be writing to each member who has not, as yet, paid the Annual Sub. of ten pounds for 1997. Remember, your Society receives no other funding so please, if you have overlooked to pay your Annual Sub., please forward same this week. *Thank You!*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 26th March 1997 - Morning Open Meeting in the Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire - 10.30 to 12.30 hrs.

Tuesday 8th April 1997 - Evening Open Meeting in An Culturlann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin - 20.00 to 22.00 hrs.

All Welcome!

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SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

The Report of the *CRG on Publications* has been delayed by one month and it is hoped that An Cathaoirleach, *Rory Stanley* will be in a position to deliver the report to the Executive Committee meeting in April. Many interesting and varied submissions were received according to Rory and he says that his task was made easier by the constructive nature of all the submissions received. Should you wish to make a submission or to alter a submission, please do so before **March 28th.**, by writing to *Rory Stanley*, 94, Cherrywood, Loughlinstown, County Dublin.

NEW CATHAOIRLEACH

An Foram Oidhreachta has elected its second Cathaoirleach *Stuart Wistow*, F.R.E.S., F.E.S.E. an Entomologist and Botanist. Stuart, who succeeds our own delegate *Rory Stanley*, represents the Irish Wildbird Conservancy - *BirdWatch Ireland*. He brings into greater focus the need to protect our flora and fauna in the County of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The Society wishes Stuart well in this very important year for our heritage.

WICKLOW COUNTY GEN. SOC.

The Wicklow County Genealogical Society kicks off its season of Group Discussions on Genealogy on Tuesday **18th March 1997** in the **Grand Hotel, Wicklow Town** at 20.30 hrs. Their new Cathaoirleach, *Declan Byrne*, invites all with an interest in Wicklow ancestry to come along to the Grand and meet the locals. Declan is also the Editor of the

Society's bi-annual journal *Wicklow Roots* and he is preparing for the publication of their second issue in two months time. The first issue was sold out within a period of three weeks after publication.

Many people in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area have '*roots*' in Ireland's youngest County - established in 1606 after the defeat of the *O'Byrne & O'Toole* Chieftains and the organisation of the plantation of the eastern baronies.

The bi-centenary of the *Great Rebellion of 1798* is very much on the minds of the heritage community in Wicklow and many interesting events are being planned including the visit of the *Great-Great-Grandson of the Wicklow Chief*, Michael Dwyer. *Mr. John Dwyer*, an Australian, visited Ireland in 1994 with his mother Esme to attend the Congress in Trinity Colloege Dublin.

REMEMBERING THE EMERGENCY 1939-1945

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Library Service in conjunction with the **Military Archives** are hosting a fine exhibition of the photographs of the period taken by Sgt. Healy as he travelled with the Army throughout the country. The exhibition was formally opened by *Cllr. Tony Fox, M.C.C.*, Cathaoirleach of the County Council on Thursday 6th March 1997 in Dean's Grange Library with *Comdts. Peter Young and Victor Lang* representing the Military Archive at Cathal Brugha Bks, Rathmines and *Liam Byrne*, Asst. Mgr., representing the County Council.

The Exhibitions runs until March 22nd.