



Federation

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Public Liability Insurance - Renewal 2019-20

The current period of insurance expires on 31 March and Member Societies and should arrange to renew their cover before that date.

An application form is attached to this News-Letter and further copies can be printed directly from the Federation's website at <http://www.fuls.org.uk/Insuranceform.pdf>

Annual General Meeting 2018

The AGM held in Walsh's Hotel, Maghera on 17 November. About forty nine people attended. There was a welcome from the Chairperson of Mid-Ulster District Council, Councillor *Sean McPeake*.

Angelique Day was elected as Vice-President.



Some of the delegates at the AGM

There were a number of lively contributions from Societies reporting on their activities during the year.

FULS Vice-President, Prof Brian Walker, launched the 2018 edition of *Due North*

After lunch there was a visit to Gortead Cottage, the ancestral home of Charles Thomson, Secretary to the Continental Congress 1774 to 1798 that led to the establishment of the USA. There is a full report of the AGM at - <http://www.fuls.org.uk/agm2018report.html>

Due North

The current edition has ten major Articles, some by new contributors, which is something the Federation is keen to encourage. Order form is on the Federation's website at -

<http://www.fuls.org.uk/duenorthorderform.html>.

Spring Seminar

The Seminar will be held on Saturday 30 March in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library in Armagh. A copy of the Programme and Booking Slip is attached to this Newsletter.

FLHS Visit to Northumbria April 2019

The Federation of Local History Societies has arranged a visit to Northumbria from 4th to 12th April next. FULS

members were invited to apply for places. Copies of the itinerary and booking forms were issued on 11 February to all members.

Joint Meeting FULS/ FLHS

A meeting in Dublin on 29 January with FLHS representatives agreed to organise a Joint Trip to Armagh on Saturday 28 September. More information later.

Executive Committee - Planning Day

On 19th January The Committee held a planning day at Mossley Mill in Newtownabbey to review and update the Strategic and Development Plans and prepare a programme for the next two years. More information later.

Hidden Gems & Forgotten People - Travelling Exhibitions

Since the last Newsletter, one more Exhibitions has been held, in Carrickfergus Museum on 10 November 2018.

The Exhibition was launched by *Alderman Gregg McKeen*, Mid & East Antrim Borough Council. It ran until 18 December and was very well attended with many favourable comments recorded in the visitors' Book.

Thanks to Shirin Murphy and everyone at the Museum for their work in making the Launch a success.



Alderman Gregg McKeen and others

No further Exhibitions are planned but the Committee would be interested in discussing opportunities to

mount local exhibitions with individual societies or groups of societies who may be interested. Contact John Hulme at johnhulme1410@gmail.com

Albert Colmer

Albert Colmer, who died on 10 November 2108, was an early member of the Federation Executive Committee and Chairman of the Lecale Historical Society for many years. An accomplished local historian, he edited *Lecale Miscellany* for 20 years, personally authoring more than 70 articles. A fuller obituary will be posted to the Federation's website.

Society Programmes: *The Federation's web site is a great way to publicise your Annual Programme. Just email the programme to info@fuls.org.uk or post to 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick, BT30 6JU.*

Facebook: *The Federation's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ulsterlocalstudies> - provides up-to-date information about Federation, society and other local and wider events through Ulster and the island of Ireland. Why not add your activities/views for information/discussion.*

Distributing the Newsletter: *We would be grateful if societies would circulate the Newsletter to their members, or at least to those on email.*