

# SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## MID SEASON NEWSLETTER

The 69th season of Skerries Historical Society started last October with the annual general meeting which was followed by the launch of our new website designed for us by Dorothy Fletcher Bentley. Committee member Elaine Skehan demonstrated the website and everyone in attendance was pleased with the work.

In November Dominic McQuillan spoke to us about second level schooling in Skerries. We took a break from our historical endeavours in December with our Christmas meeting which is traditionally a happy social evening of songs and stories enjoyed with wine and mince pies.

In January we had Gerry Byrne whose talk on the Howth gun running included interesting connections with Skerries and was the first of our centenary series of talks on the 1916 period. In February David Ryan told us about the flying boats which landed (if that is the right word) off the South Strand in 1939. Our centenary series continued in March with a talk by Marie Bashford Synnott on Cuman na mBan in Skerries, and in April Frank Whearity gave a talk on '1916 and its aftermath as it affected Skerries and its inhabitants'.

Summaries of all the talks given so far this year are on the society's website. ([www.oldskerries.ie](http://www.oldskerries.ie))

Our next presentation on 10 May will be 'Picturing Skerries People: 1916 and its aftermath', a joint presentation by Marie Bashford Synnott and Paul Synnott. In June, our speaker will be Morgan Llywelyn on the subject : 'Rising to the Challenge: researching 1916' and finally in September, Eamon Bohan will make a presentation to the society on 'The use of wireless in The Rising'.

This year a dedicated sub-committee researched, organised, and mounted the exhibition 'Skerries men and women of 1916' which was on show in Skerries Mills until 1st May and will be held afterwards as a permanent exhibition in the Mills Museum.

The publication sub-committee is working on the preparation of Time & Tide 10, due to be launched at our AGM in October.

Brendan Grimes  
Honorary secretary - 04 May 2016