

Joint Visit by The Federations of Ireland — FLHS & FULS

“The Irish at War — 1914 – 1918 and the 1916 Easter Rising”

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2013 Dublin

Islandbridge Irish National War Memorial Gardens – Arbour Hill Cemetery– National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks

This year on our joint visit we welcome our colleagues from the FULS to Dublin.

The area we are visiting resonates with memories of the Irish involvement in the First World War 1914 – 1918, the Easter Rising of 1916 and also touches on the earlier 1798 Rebellion. Almost 50,000 Irish soldiers died fighting with the Allies on the battle fields of Europe.

It is ironic that, in 1916, while Irish men were fighting on the Somme and on Flanders Fields some of their fellow countrymen were in rebellion against British rule at home. There are poignant reminders of these events in the War Memorial at Islandbridge, dedicated to the Irish soldiers who died in the First World War and the Arbour Hill Cemetery containing the graves of the leaders of 1916.

Arbour Hill also reminds us of the earlier rebellion of 1798. We can reflect on the presence of the British Army which is exemplified in the unique buildings of Collins Barracks (Royal Barracks), the oldest purpose built barracks in the world. This is now the National Museum of Ireland and houses many interesting exhibitions including Decorative Arts, Military History, Asian Art, Fashion, Irish Silver, Soldiers & Chiefs and many more. It also has on exhibit the beautifully restored gun running boat “The Asgard”.

This visit offers the opportunity to reflect on these events which greatly influenced the course of Irish history.

Programme

- 11.00 – 12.15 Meet at Islandbridge Memorial car park for conducted tour of the Memorial gardens.
- 12.30 – 14.00 Dinner in Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham. Short after dinner talk reflecting on the significance of the day’s visits.
- 14.15 – 15.00 Visit Arbour Hill Cemetery — 1798 and the 1916 Rising
- 15.00 – 17.00 Visit National Museum of Ireland exhibitions in Collins Barracks including a history of the barracks.

Note: There are no admission costs on the day. The only cost is the dinner @ €25 for 3 course meal

Parking is available in the Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge; The Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham and Collins Barracks.

Booking Form

Name: _____

Society: _____

Booking form and Cheque for €25, made out to the Federation of Local History Societies, should be sent no later than Wednesday, June 19, 2013 to:

Larry Breen, 8 The Paddocks, Naas, Co. Kildare. Tel 045 897445; Mob. 087 9841551.