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Greetings from the Chair and Committee of the Irish Section, to all of our members. We have a lot of news to report and look forward to seeing you at one or more of the following gatherings:

Annual Huguenot Service in St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

Sunday 28th October 2012 at 3.15 pm

Afternoon tea will be served in the Grammar School after the service.

A private visit to Aras an Uachtarain in Phoenix Park Dublin

Thursday 22nd November 2012 at 2.30 pm

The visit will consist of a tour of the formal rooms and an offer of refreshments. There are at least two items of Huguenot interest, beginning with the entrance gates!

Numbers are strictly limited to 30 and places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you are interested, please contact our Hon. Sec. as soon as you can.

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or phone 028 97 565187 from UK. You can leave a message but be sure to leave your name and contact number.

Huguenot Material Culture at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Saturday 1st December 2012 from 10.30am to 1.00pm

We will have several guest speakers including **Jessica Cunningham** from NMI at Collins Barracks who will talk about Irish Silver and artist **Tommy Barr** who will bring some of his work on Huguenot themes.

"Just about the time I discovered my Huguenot past, I was in Waterford on holiday and visited the former Greyfriars Church (now a Gallery), where I was asked to prepare an exhibition for them. I hastily made sketches of the church thinking this would make a very suitable exhibition. Then while in Croatia exhibiting I mentioned these paintings to an artist from La Rochelle who insisted that when finished, I allow her friend to present them in the Museum there. Having made the promise, the research started in earnest and the "Un beau refuge" project was born". Tommy Barr.

There is a car park at the RHK (€1 for up to three hours) and there is a café which will be open from 10.00am. The RHK is a 5 minute stroll from Heuston Station and the Luas.



Scenes from our visit to the Battle of the Boyne Centre

A report on events from Summer 2012 A Huguenot day in Cork was arranged by Alicia St Leger. There were visits to places of interest including the Huguenot Cemetery, and Alicia and her colleagues were delighted with the turnout and interest. They are planning another event in 2013.

An afternoon at the Battle of the Boyne Centre , Oldbridge Following a pleasant lunch in the café of the Visitors' Centre, we went out into the sunshine to watch, listen and learn about the Friesian Black horse and its role in the Battle. A fully-costumed rider delighted us with a demonstration of how a well-trained horse was expected to behave on the battlefield in the 17th Century.

We were then treated to a fascinating "soldier's view" of how the battle came to be held at the Boyne; how the armies were positioned; what the origins of each King's soldier were; why the Williamites had the edge and what the Jacobites' final mistake was. These insights into the "what", "where" and "why" of the battle were delivered in a wonderfully engaging way by Harvey Bicker. Harvey is a member of The Military Heritage of Ireland Trust and it was an absolute privilege to listen while he brought the battle to life about us.

For those who didn't make it on the day, we heartily recommend a visit - especially on a Sunday when the colourful re-enactments take place on the hour, throughout the summer season.

(An extract from Vicky La Touche's website article)

Anne Cobine's visit to the CPAFE Conference in France The Réunion 2012 was a very memorable one in the Cevennes. The estimation for the Assemblée au Désert was 11,000 to 12,000 people. One could not but be moved by the plight of our Huguenot ancestors who had to leave their country. We walked where they walked!

Our French friends did everything possible to show us as much of interest as they could in the time permitted.

(Anne Cobine)

A Recent Publication Created by one of our Irish Section members, Albert Fenton, "Past Lives" The Memorials of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is a valuable addition to the history of the Cathedral. For information about where to purchase this book, please contact the Hon. Sec.

Reminder - Annual Subscriptions are due in January each year As you are all aware, the cost of postage is increasing. You will do us an enormous favour by settling next year's subscription before the end of January so that we will not have to send reminders! If you are planning to attend one of the events above, that will be an opportunity to pay your subscription in person.

The present subscription is €34 or £28 and should be paid by standing order (if you have that arrangement) or by PayPal (if you have that facility) or simply by posting your cheque to our new Hon.Treasurer: Mrs Anne Cobine, Maghernaharny, Rockcorry. Co.Monaghan.

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I/we wish to renew my/our membership of The Irish Section of The Huguenot Society for the year 2013.

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