

"HAVE I GOT 'SOCIETY' NEWS FOR YOU"

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Happy New year to one and all!!

Welcome to this edition of the Society newsletter which aims to keep you informed on what is happening in the Society.

As we are a band of just 3 hardy souls who administer the affairs of the Society, we ask our faithful members to pass this newsletter on to others .. be they members of the Society or not .. just so as people can be aware of what the Society can provide.

2016 .. Almost €1 million granted

While the accounts are to be verified and audited, we can confirm that assistance in the form of grants and interest free loans will come to approximately **€950,000** in 2016. While slightly down on previous years, it is probably indicative of an improving economic situation.

On the other hand, we are conscious that there may be many Society members who are experiencing financial worries and may not be aware of the services of the Society.

If you are aware of any colleagues who may be in such a position, it might be no harm to point them in our direction

We are 90!

The year 2017 marks the 90th birthday of the Society. It was founded in 1927, as the Civil Service Benevolent Fund before it became a Friendly Society in 1993.

We are putting a small sub-Committee together to come up with some ideas as to how to mark the occasion in 2017.

We would welcome any input any of our members may have to help us along the way.

You can contact us at info@psfs.ie, or phone us at 1800 77 87 87.

Office Talks

Staff in the Society can always make themselves available should your office wish to have a short talk on the Society.

We can talk as a standalone (15-20 minutes) or as part of an overall event your Department may be hosting.

Please feel free to make contact at the numbers below and we will be delighted to discuss with you.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

We always like to show you that the assistance we provide to our members makes a positive difference to their lives.

We don't pretend to solve everyone's financial problems but we can certainly help to lighten the load

"I am honestly overwhelmed to have received a cheque for this amount. Your organisation has so helped me to get back on my feet and enabled us to have a lovely Christmas."

"The lady I spoke to was so lovely and easy to speak to. I never really talked to anyone about what's been going on as I felt that I would be judged. I didn't feel that way at all. Thank you so much"

"I want to thank you for what has been done for me. I cannot thank you enough. It is a long time since something so good has happened to me and I hope it is the start of things looking brighter"

"I could not believe my eyes when I opened the envelope. You cannot start to imagine how this money will help at Christmas"

AND FINALLY

If you want to know more about the Society, you can look up our website, www.psfs.ie, emails us at info@psfs.ie or make an old fashioned phone call at 1800 77 87 87. We would be only too glad to hear from you.

And finally, finally, Happy New Year to all our members.

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