

"HAVE I GOT 'SOCIETY' NEWS FOR YOU"

(newsletter of the Public Service Friendly Society)

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Welcome to our short newsletter, which keeps you up to date on how the Society is getting along.

We welcome more readers to our newsletter, so please forward this on to whoever may be interested or if you wish them to be added to the mailing list.

AGM

The Society is holding its AGM on **WEDNESDAY 9th MAY** at **BUSWELLS HOTEL, MOLESWORTH ST** at *1pm*.

All members are welcome. We promise not to detain you for long. We will even have a cup of tea and biscuits on hand on your arrival.

It is a chance to find out what the Society does with the money you contribute, to meet the Committee members who represent you and also to meet other members.

It is always a nice relaxed occasion and it would be lovely to see as many members as possible.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM CARMEL

As many of you know, Carmel Doyle, our Administrative Assistant .. and the first voice you encounter if you ring the Society .. has recently returned after a long absence. She has made a wonderful recovery and is fully back in the groove.

It's like she has never been away!

Carmel wishes to thank, *wholeheartedly*, all those who passed on their wishes and prayers during her absence. It seems those same wishes and prayers were fully answered!

2017

Indications from our draft accounts for 2017, show that, again, in the region of €1 million was approved by way of grant and loan assistance.

Our membership subscriptions were a little down by around €40,000 (or 6%) on the previous year.

All will be revealed in full at the AGM in any case and the Committee is open to all questions, advice and suggestions.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Our regular readers have told us they do like to read the comments we get from members we have helped as it gives a more human reflection on what we do as opposed to offering cold statistics. So, here are some recently received.

“Just to say thank you so much for the grant. I’m not sure you all know how much this has helped both financially and mentally”.

“It was very very difficult for me to ask again and for the support and non-judgemental help I have received, I am extremely grateful”

“I wish to thank you for all your kindness and generosity. You have no idea how much I am grateful for the help the PSFS has given me. You have gotten us through a very tough time and I can’t express how thankful I am for your help”

“Please see the enclosed picture of my son, who has graduated from college. He is now training to be accountant. This would not have been possible without the help of the PSFS. Many thanks and God bless your work”

“Thank you for the helping with the cost of my mother-in-law’s funeral. We found it difficult to make ends meet and also pay for the funeral costs. It has relieved a massive burden on us”.

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.

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