

## Highlights of the year 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021-to the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The Financial Statement shows the Association in a healthy position going into 2022/2023. It reflects the ongoing work of the Committee throughout the year, despite the Covid 19 interruptions. We had a positive balance of over €11,900 at the end of the 2021/22 financial year compared with over €12,900 at the start of the year. This drop was primarily attributable to a large increase in expenditure compared with the previous 2020/2021. financial year when expenditure was artificially depressed due to Covid. Despite the large amount of activities since 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 our bank balance remains strong at over €11,380 at end of October 2022.

With the facility of Zoom and the commitment of everybody on the Committee, it was a busy and productive year.

**Publications:** There were 3 Old Tough Issues, 4,5,6 and Blue Cap. Vol.25.

The Association financed the printing of Blue Cap Vol. 23. Tom Burke's bumper edition "Reflections on 1918"

While most members select the electronic form of publications, a certain number of printed copies are provided to those members who request it and for other purposes.

### **Trips**

**Durrow:**-A very interesting members' day-trip to Durrow was held in September 2021 and was covered in *The Old Tough Issue 5*.

**Salonika:**-This trip was held in May 2022. The planning and organisation crossed 3 years with a postponement, due to Covid 19 restrictions, in 2021. An account of the trip is covered in *The Old Tough, Issue 7*.

It is always our policy that trips should cover their costs as much as possible.

### **Events**

Due to Covid 19 there was no Christmas Dinner in 2021. However, a Special Christmas Service for our deceased members and their families was held in City Quay in November 2021.

The Association was closely involved in the Mount Jerome Project with John O'Brien, Aidan Kavanagh, Sean Ryan and Anthony Barnes.

The RDFA financed the publication of the Commemorative Booklet for this event held in October, 2021. .

Memorial ceremonies and laying of wreaths: Representatives of the Association participated in many of these throughout the country and were reported on in issues of *The Old Tough*..

### **Treasurer and Membership Secretary**

The main income of the Association comes by way of membership subscriptions and donations. This year the role(s) of Treasurer and Membership Secretary were separated between myself and Suzanne O'Neill. I would like to thank Seamus Greene, our former treasurer and current Committee member, for his invaluable assistance in the change over.

This arrangement is working well. We now operate a 365 banking account, allowing direct lodgements and payments, as well as ready access to the Account online.

Our membership records have been updated and digitised, facilitating easier communication with current and new members.

Thanks to the support and generosity of our members, the Association continues to thrive and achieve its aims and objectives.

Sally Copeland Keogh  
Treasurer