

Extracts from some texts, emails and facebook comments following our Easter Monday commemorations:

My dad, Jack Byrne, son of John J Byrne and I attended the events at the Mendicity Institute last Monday with other members of the family and got a huge amount of pleasure and pride from being at such a memorable event.

I did not get to meet you on the day, so I would like to thank you so much for all your work and the work of all concerned for putting so much thought and effort into last Monday. It was very special and truly memorable.

I have been busy emailing photos of the day to various family members around the world who are very interested to see what they missed. Once again, what a huge amount of work but so worthwhile and meaningful to so many people.

With huge thanks
Colette Whittle

It was a fantastic day from start to finish William Meehan would have been so proud to see his Daughters, Grand Daughter Great Grandson and Great Grand Daughters and Great Great Granddaughters all there to honour him and his brave comrades.

All of you on the committee have all of our gratitude but the men who's names are on that beautiful plaque will always have our undying gratitude for being prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice so that we might be free.

Liam Kenny

Dear Declan

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Mendicity Garrison Relatives to say thank you to you and your committee for all the hard work and wonderful effort you all carried out in the memory of the Men of the Mendicity.

I write to you on behalf of more than 40 descendants of Paddy Joe Stephenson who now reside in the UK, USA, Austria, and Trinidad, to express our sincere thanks for all that you and your small group of volunteers have done in remembering Heuston's men and by so doing you have improved awareness of the garrison's brave fight in 1916.

Once again Declan my congratulations are sent to you on behalf of 40 plus exiles who appreciate very much what you and your committee have done, we will always be in your debt.

Jimmy Stephenson

Thank you Deirdre, John and all who made it a day to be proud of, wonderful experience.
From the family Captain Richard Balfe, God rest them all,
thank you again, Hughie Murphy

Thank you so much for sending these photos.
I'll show my dad Gabriel Kelly who unveiled the Plaque yesterday.
It was a fantastic event and Thank You all so much for these wonderful memories.
Regards
Grainne Bollard

It was a great pleasure and an honour to be at the unveiling ceremony today, thank you to all who organised it so well.
Robert Stephenson

Would just like to thank all of you involved in the organising of today and all of the hard work that had been put into today, really enjoyed the day.

I'm William Meehan's great grand-daughter, to think that I would have just let today pass like any other Easter Monday without a clue of how important it really is to myself and my family.

Delighted with my new found knowledge of family history, and also got to meet some new relatives of mine, so go raibh míle maith agaibh, thanks so much xxx Siobhan Kenny Valentine

Thanks very much all your hard work, it was a great day very well organised. Really appreciated by all the relatives of Thomas O'Kelly. Paddy Kelly

Congratulations to all involved in the organisation of a wonderful day, it was a very fitting tribute to all who fought in the Mendicity Institute from the relatives of Captain Richard Coleman. Niall Murray

It was lovely to meet you today, great to put a face to the lady who has been so patient with me!
I'm sorry I didn't make it back to the wreath laying - I went home early, but my brother did go back.
Thank you and the rest of the committee for all your work and thank you for your patience.

Best regards,
Michael Brooks

Sincere thanks to all involved in the organisation of today's event. It was a fitting tribute to the brave men who fought at the Mendicity.
From the relatives of Richard Balfe. Dorothy Deegan

Thank you John and Deirdre and all the people in the Mendicity for a very special day, It was great for us to meet some family members and walk from St Georges. It really is the forgotten battle (why?). They were very brave lads.
relative of Captain Richard Balfe. Dermie Murphy