

# Lecale News

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## ~ Programme of Events for 2007 ~

The 2007-08 Programme of the Society's events is enclosed with this newsletter. The lectures cover a wide range of topics with a particular focus on Lecale and should be of interest to members.

Meetings are held in Down County Museum (except September and June) at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month. The St.Patrick's Festival Lecture in March is on the second Monday to coincide with the rest of the Festival.

The Programme also gives details of the new Executive Committee for the coming year and we welcome Sean Nolan as our new President.

Attendances were good last year and we look forward to seeing you throughout the coming year.

### Opening Lecture:

#### Special Meeting in Strangford

In the last three years the Committee has tried to broaden the appeal of the Society throughout Lecale by staging some talks outside Downpatrick. Following successful visits to Killough, Dundrum and Ardglass, the September meeting and the June Annual Outing will take place in Strangford.

The meeting on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September** will be held at 7.30pm in the Inverbreena Hall, Stella Maris Street, Strangford (turn right after the Ardglass Road, just before the Pharmacy and The Cuan, for the hall and car park.). Local historian Eamon McMullan will talk on *Strangford – a historic village – People and places down the years*. This will be followed up by the Annual Outing to Strangford on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### 'The Flight of the Earls' ~ 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flight of the Earls. The departure of the Irish leaders in 1607 was an important milestone in Irish history.

To celebrate this event, Eamon O Huallachan is the lecturer at the second meeting of the season on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.



# Launch of Lecale Review 2007

In November the launch takes place of the fifth *Lecale Review*, the Society's journal, which records and encourages interest in our local history.

The Minister for Social Development, Councillor Margaret Ritchie MLA, will be speaker at the Review launch on **Monday 19th November**. The Society is proud to have her as a member. The evening will include musical entertainment and supper. This is a special evening for members to bring along friends and guests to take part in the occasion.

The *Lecale Review 2007* is free to members (one copy per subscription) and additional copies will be available at £7 per copy.

## Lecale Miscellany on CD-ROM



Lecale Miscellany, the Society's original journal, was first printed in 1983. Over the next 20 years, until 2002, it was produced annually. For all of that time Albert Colmer was the sole Editor.

With the advent of the website, people around the world asking for specific issues have been disappointed, since few copies of the journal – except some for 1983, 1988, 1992, 1994 and 1995 – are still available to purchase. People closer to home too have been unable to complete their collections.

In the light of this, the Executive Committee have arranged for the complete set of 20 journals, fully indexed and searchable, to be made available on CD-ROM. Copies will be on hand at the first meeting on 17 September.

### Membership Year

The Society's membership year runs from 1st April to the following 31st March. The membership subscription of £10 per individual or £15 per family includes a free copy of our journal *Lecale Review* and newsletters, as well as free entry to all lectures.

The recent membership drive has been sustained with the vast majority of subscriptions being renewed. The vitality of the Society depends on this and the recruitment of new members.

You can help by encouraging a friend to join: use the form attached to your programme or simply send details and payment (£10 individual, £15 family) to Pat Devlin at 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6JU. Cheques should be payable to Lecale Historical Society. Thank you.

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