

Lecale News

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Dundrum Outing - Monday 19th June at 7.30pm

The October meeting in Dundrum, addressed by Brownlow McClean, was one of the largest in the Society's history. This is being followed up by our annual outing in which Brownlow will lead a guided walk around the historic village.

We will meet at Murlough House at 7.30pm. To find Murlough House drive through Dundrum in the direction of Newcastle and, after passing the school, Church of Ireland Church and Orange Hall, turn left into Keel Point, just before the speed limit signs. Proceed for about 1.5 miles through white gate to Murlough House where there is adequate parking. We are privileged to see inside the house which was built in 1859 as a marine villa for the Marquis of Downshire and the Hill family of Hillsborough Castle.

After visiting Murlough House we shall return to the village for the walk around other places of interest.

1901 Census for the Barony of Lecale

Two of our members, Pat Devlin and William Stranney, have recently commenced a very exciting 'Census Project'. If completed successfully it will mean the above 1901 Census for Lecale will be freely available on the Society's website for historical and genealogical research purposes. William has agreed to do the transcription while Pat has the task of designing the website and uploading the data.

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland granted permission to commence the first phase of this project a few weeks ago and our two colleagues have been busy ever since. Phase 1, which includes all townlands in the parishes of Bright, Rathmullan and Tyrella (a total of 43 townlands), along with the entire village of Killough, is now complete and is available for viewing online. Subject to permission being granted by the Public Record Office, the rest of the parishes will be transcribed and uploaded over the coming months.

To assist viewers to locate a townland a series of maps have been specially constructed and are also now online.

It is intended that a complete transcription of the census data will be provided and not just an index of names or other genealogical information. The information on the standard census forms is all being transcribed and uploaded. As well as this some general statistical information about Lecale in 1901 will also be included from the Census archives.

The 1901 Census for Lecale can be accessed at <http://www.lecalehistory.co.uk> . On the home page click on 'Historical Resources', then click on 'The 1901 Census of Ireland – Lecale'.

