



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Monday 21 February *Local Herring Fishing in the 19th and 20th*

Centuries: 'The bonny shoals.....' by Dr. Vivienne Pollock

Vivienne Pollock is currently Curator of History at National Museums Northern Ireland. After studying History at the University of Sussex, she undertook doctoral research on the seafishing industry in Co. Down at the new University of Ulster before starting work with Derry City Museum Service and, later, as Curator of Agricultural and Crafts at the Ulster-American Folk Park.

(Venue- Ardglass Golf Club)

Monday 14 March *The Treasures of Post-Patrician Ireland: The St Patrick's Festival*

Lecture is by Dr Michael F. Ryan, one of Ireland's leading authorities on this subject. .

Formerly Keeper of Irish Antiquities in the National Museum of Ireland, he is the author of numerous research articles and monographs and editor of several books on archaeological topics. His research interests include early-medieval art and archaeology, ancient metalwork, landscape history and early prehistory in Ireland. He was formerly Director of the noted Chester Beatty Library in Dublin until his retirement in 2010. This year's lecture is once again supported by Down District Council and is free to all members of the public.

(Venue-Down County Museum)

Monday 21st March The launch of *Struell Wells* by Dr Finbar McCormick will be in the Down County museum. This will be the first monograph to be published by the Lecale & Downe Historical Society and is additional to the annual journal the *Lecale Review*.

(Venue-Down County Museum)

Monday 18 April *The De Ros Family: The story of the oldest barony* by Colm Rooney

(Venue- Old Court Chapel, Strangford –Refreshments in the Cuan Restaurant)

Monday 16 May Annual General Meeting *and members items of interest*

(Venue-Down County Museum)

Monday 20 June Annual Outing – Struell Wells

Guided walk around local monument and place of pilgrimage

George Wheeler

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Rosalind Wheeler, following the death of her husband George, a distinguished Judge and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Dick Gifford

Dick Gifford, a former President of the Lecale Historical Society who was later made a life member, died recently. He was a noted expert on the Quoile and led historical outings along the river and the former quays. We extend our condolences to his family.

William Crea

William Crea, well known farmer from the Strangford area, died suddenly in hospital on December 22nd 2010 at the age of 88. Greatly interested in local history he was a respected member of Lecale and Downe Historical Society. Mr Crea enjoyed writing and his memoirs "Before It's Too Late" have been published. He will be greatly missed.