# Lecale News

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#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 'Presbyterians and the Irish Language: the historic

place of Irish in Presbyterian heritage' by Dr. Roger

Blaney

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March The St. Patrick's Festival Lecture: 'St. Patrick in the

context of a Fifth Century Bishop' by Mons. Reamon O

Muiri

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 'Richard Rowley: Poet of Mourne' by Victor Price

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May Annual General Meeting and members' items of interest

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June Annual Outing – Guided walk around Ardglass with

George Rice (Details in next bulletin.)

Meetings in Down County Museum at 7.30pm

# 1901 CENSUS & 1863 GRIFFITHS VALUATION PROJECT COMPLETED

The Society's major project of transcribing the 1901 Census and the 1863 Griffiths Valuation for the Barony of Lecale has now been completed. This mammoth task has been a labour of love undertaken by William Stranney and Pat Devlin to whom all local historians and researchers will be indebted.

Details of people, as well as their houses and religions, from every townland in the barony are now freely available on the Lecale Historical Society website <a href="https://www.lecalehistory.co.uk">www.lecalehistory.co.uk</a>

#### Lecale Review No. 4 (2006)

The fourth edition of the new-look journal was launched in November with its size increased to a record 108 pages. It has been very warmly received in and beyond the boundaries of Lecale. Many of the copies have gone to members as a benefit of membership of the Society. Copies are on sale at the unchanged price of £7.00 in a wide range of outlets.

The Committee hopes you will enjoy the Review and asks for your support and **contributions** in the production of future editions. Short articles and photographs of local interest are particularly welcome.



## St. Patrick's Festival Lecture

### Saint Patrick in the Context of a Fifth Century Bishop

This year's lecture, by Mons. Reamonn O Muiri, is once again supported by Down District Council and is free to all members of the public.

Monsignor Raymond Murray is Editor of Seanchas Ard Mhacha, the journal of the Armagh Diocesan Historical Society and the author of numerous books and pamphlets.

**Down County Museum** 

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm

# Memories Wanted!

Have you any memories and/or details, particularly photographs of:

- street or farmyard **pumps** (those with cowtail handles or wheels) or fountains (those where you merely had to turn, press or pull a knob)
- the **Quoile Barrage**, soon to disappear from just downstream of the bridge and upstream of the old quay
- particular experiences of a rural or village post office, maybe working in one
  which is long gone, now that so many are in danger of being closed.

Please contact *Lecale Review* Editor Ian Hill at The Gatehouse, Old Court, Strangford Lower BT30 7NG or e-mail <a href="mailto:hillsquill@aol.com">hillsquill@aol.com</a>



#### More Memories Wanted!

Do you remember the Festival of Britain 1951 or the Coronation Visit 1953?

Would you be willing to share your recollections with a PhD researcher from the University of Ulster?

Further details from Carol-Ann Barnes at Memories@ulster.ac.uk. Alternatively write to Room 21C13, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, BT37 0QB

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