

LECALE NEWS

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Events coming soon:

Thursday 6th March - *St. Patrick's Festival Lecture*, sponsored by Down District Council : We are delighted to welcome The Most Revd. Joseph Duffy, Bishop of Clogher, who will be discussing " *Recent Writings on St. Patrick*".

A grand turnout is expected for this prestigious event which starts , as usual, at 7:30pm in the Down County Museum. Please note that the talk is on a *Thursday*, not our more usual Monday.

All members are very welcome as indeed are members of the public. The event is free to all.

MEMBERSHIP

DRIVE

In the previous Bulletin an appeal was made for members to seek out new recruits to our ranks: we have several new members as a result and the Committee is in the process of recruiting many more by means of a mailing to potential members.

This will happen in March - so if a friend mentions that they have received an invitation to join -
Encourage Them !

Thanks for your help thus far.

Founder and Editor

After founding our society and serving as Editor of the *Lecale Miscellany* for 20 years Albert Colmer has decided to stand down from that post.

Albert has made an immense contribution to the recording and dissemination of our local history. He has served as Chairman and President of the society and also represented us as Chairman of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies.

I am sure everyone will join with the Committee in sending our warmest thanks to Albert and our wish that he will continue to make available to us his great knowledge and enthusiasm.

Important New Developments >>>>>>>>

>> **Members** rejoining for 2003-4 will receive, as a benefit of membership, a FREE COPY of *Lecale Miscellany No.21* when it is published in Autumn 2003.

Our individual membership fee is remaining unchanged at Ten Pounds. A new category of Family membership will be introduced which, for Fifteen Pounds, covers all members at one address – these members will have full and equal voting rights with individual members but there will be only one free copy of the Miscellany per address.

The Committee hopes this will encourage members to rejoin promptly and to encourage friends and relatives to join – forms will be sent out next month along with the AGM details (you need take no action now!).

We hope to publish a list of members in the Miscellany each year. Our goal is to drive up membership numbers so that we can print more Miscellanies at a reduced unit cost – hence our need for your support and for recruiting new members.

**OTHER LOCAL HISTORY
EVENTS**

Thomas Russell Bicentenary – throughout the rest of this year many events have been organized. A pamphlet outlining these is available from the DCM.

*Ballynahinch Library Fri 14
March at 1pm Nelson
McCausland is giving a lecture
on St.Patrick: Man,Myth and
Message.*

*The AGM is on Monday 14th April at 7:30pm in the Down
County Museum.*

Details will be sent out next month. After the main proceedings members will have a chance to have a chat and discuss their *items of interest*. So please give a thought to what you might bring along – a book, map, print, photo etc, etc.

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will appear in May.
Enjoy your local history!**