

Lecale News

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Forthcoming Events

Monday 21st May *Annual General Meeting - see overleaf*

Monday 18th June *Annual Outing - details below*

Meetings in Down County Museum at 7.30pm

Attendances have been excellent at the events this year and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ardglass Outing - Monday 18th June at 7.30pm

Following the success of the October meeting in Ardglass, George Rice will lead our annual outing on a guided walk around the historic village. This will be a great opportunity to see many of the places of interest dealt with in his lecture.

Meet at 7.30pm at the entrance to the Golf Club at Castle Place, Ardglass. If you are travelling from Downpatrick or Strangford, go along Bath Street and Quay Street past the marina and the side of the harbour before reaching Jordan's Castle and Castle Place for parking.

Lecale Website

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Visit the excellent website of the Lecale Historical Society and check the 1901 census.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Lecale Historical Society member Margaret Ritchie on her appointment as Minister of Social Development in the new Northern Ireland Executive.

AGM and Members' Night – Items of Interest

Monday 21st May at 7.30pm

In recent years members have been encouraged to bring along items of interest following the formal AGM proceedings. This has proved to be one of the most interesting nights of the year with many fascinating and unexpected items being produced. We would urge newer members in particular to bring along anything with a story or historical interest which might appeal to other members.

Museum Exhibition

Down County Museum would like to stage an exhibition in the Community Gallery of the refurbished Governor's Residence of the objects of interest that have been produced at the Society's AGM over the years. If you would like to lend an object for the exhibition please bring it along to the AGM or contact one of the Committee.

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The fifth edition of the new-look journal will be launched in the autumn. Contributions are still required, including short articles and photographs of local interest which are particularly welcome. You can bring them to the AGM.

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 hillsquill@aol.com

Do you have a relative or friend with an interest in local history?

Please encourage them to join the Society – a bargain for £10. Show them your copy of the *Lecale Review*.

Join by seeing Pat Devlin at any meeting or phone him at 028 4461 2986. Thank you.

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.

Details and membership renewal slips are sent out separately.

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