

# Lecale News

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## Forthcoming Events

**Monday 18th May**

*Annual General Meeting*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **AGM and Members' Night – Items of Interest** **Monday 18th 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.

### **DOWNPATRICK COURTHOUSE VISIT** **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 7.30pm**

This year's outing provides a rare opportunity for a conducted tour of Downpatrick's historic Courthouse. Many people may have been inside the building for various reasons but few will have been aware of the great history of the Courthouse.

The Courthouse in English Street, Downpatrick is beside our regular venue at Down County Museum. Meet at 7.30pm.

### **Lecale Website**

[www.lecalehistory.co.uk](http://www.lecalehistory.co.uk)

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

## **Lecale Review No. 7 (2009)**

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

Please contact *Berkley Farr – Chairman of the Editorial Committee* Tel: 028 4483 0442

### **Mary Croskery**

The death has occurred of Mary Croskery who was one of the founding members of Lecale Historical Society. She lived in Ballystokes and recorded the history of the townland in the first *Lecale Miscellany* in 1983. She later hosted a memorable outing by the Society to the townland.

### **Betty McCord**

Betty McCord, who died recently in her 100<sup>th</sup> year, was a founding member of Lecale Historical Society. She was a distinguished artist who studied in the Royal College of Art in London. She will be remembered in Lecale for her work recording townland and field names for posterity.

## **The Ancestry Library Edition.**

This exciting resource is now available free from the Libraries NI network to library members and is ideal for researching family and social history, permitting online access to more than 5 billion names in over 4,000 collections, and covering 1300 to the present. It is a developing website with new material being added on a regular basis.

*“Specifically designed for libraries, Ancestry Library Edition is a wonderful addition to the Libraries NI online library, providing free access to a large amount of genealogical information. The United Kingdom and Ireland Census Collection, a Military Collection, as well as an Immigration Collection which includes passengers lists, are only some of the key resources featured. We anticipate that many people will benefit from using the Ancestry Library Edition in the quest for their family roots,”* commented Mary Bradley, Local Studies Librarian, Ballynahinch, Libraries NI.

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

Please encourage them to join the Society – a bargain for £10 and includes a free copy of our annual journal *Lecale Review* and newsletters, as well as free entry to all lectures. Show them your copy of the *Lecale Review*.

The Society's membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to the following 31<sup>st</sup> March. The membership subscription is £10 per individual or £15 per family.

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

*Berkley Farr  
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