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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

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Tell Your Friends!

Don't forget to promote the Society to your friends and family.

As a member they will be entitled to free entry into all our lectures and visits as well as regular newsletters and a complimentary copy of the annual journal, 'Lecale Review'.

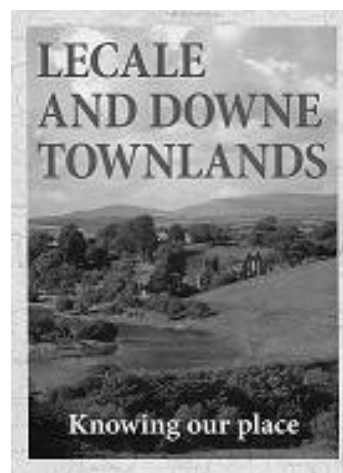
Visit our website www.lecalehistory.co.uk and download a membership form today.

Lecale & Downe Historical Society and the Friends of Down County Museum invite you to join them for

The Launch of the Lecale Townland Map

*Monday 16th January 2012
7.30pm Down County Museum
English Street, Downpatrick*

*The launch event will include a lecture,
'Bearing Our Townlands in Mind'
by eminent local historian Dr Brian S Turner*



*A free Lecale Townland Map
will be given to those attending the lecture and launch event.*

Art of Down

In November Down County Museum launched a catalogue of its fine art collection; built up over the last 30 years with a total number (to date) of 307 pieces. It is now one of the finest art collections in a regional museum in Ireland. The catalogue was researched and written by Dr Eileen Black, former Curator of Art in the Ulster Museum, and Lesley Simpson, Keeper of Collections at Down County Museum. 'Art of Down' is a terrific publication full of information and great illustrations. Copies can be purchased from the Museum Shop at a cost of £10 but hurry as it is sure to be a sell out!



Reminder

Copies of the Society's publications **Lecale Review 2012** and **Struell Wells** are available. Demand has been high, so please contact the Treasurer (ldhstreasurer@hotmail.co.uk) to purchase your copies or make sure to visit the Society Shop when at one of our lectures. They make great gifts throughout the year!

Also the Society's website is a useful source of information so please remember to take a look and tell others about it www.lecalehistory.co.uk

St Patrick's Festival Lecture Monday 12 March 2012

'St Patrick's Staff of Jesus: It's Origin & Tradition as a Religious Relic.'

This lecture will explore the historical significance of the most famous of all St Patrick's medieval relics including consideration of the important enigma regarding the whereabouts of St Patrick's grave. The lecturer is Dr Sarah Erskine who has recently successfully completed her PhD and is currently teaching at Glasgow University.

Jane's Shore - Who was Jane?

Would any members of the Society know the origin of the name 'Jane's Shore' at the Quoile area of Downpatrick?

If you know, please email me at ldhstreasurer@hotmail.co.uk or write to *Mossbann*, 6 Monabot Road, Downpatrick, BT30 6PG.

I would very interested in finding out!

Philip Blair, Society Treasurer

Research Interests

Would any Society members know anything about the following families:

McConvey of Rathmullan, Corbally & Kilclief

Mageean of Kilclief

Fitzsimons/Fitzsimmons of Kilclief

Magee of Corbally, Balinary?

Or any information on Silent Valley Dam, where my grandfather John McConvey worked?

If so, please email me at una.sanderson@virginmedia.com as I would be very interested in finding out more about my ancestors.

Una Sanderson, New Member

100 years ago the RMS **Titanic** was an Olympic class passenger liner that became infamous for its collision with an iceberg and dramatic sinking on 15 April 1912, this tragedy occurred during its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York. Built and launched in Belfast the **Titanic** story is part of the history of Northern Ireland.

Titanic: Honour and Glory

19 January – 15 April 2012

A travelling exhibition hosted by Down County Museum about RMS Titanic, the White Star Line and the sinking of the great ship.

Don't miss our February lecture:

Parks, Gardens & Demesnes of Lecale

A horticultural history by Terence Reeves-Smyth