



# LECALE & DOWNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*Keeping you up to date with news from Lecale & Downe*

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## April Lecture - 'The Second Survey of Northern Ireland'

7:30pm, Monday 15th April, Down County Museum

Join us on the 15th for a talk by Alastair Coey on protecting important buildings in our area.

## AGM 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Lecale & Downe Historical Society will take place on Monday 20th May at 7:30pm. (See attached agenda)

Following the AGM we will hold the ever popular 'Members Items of Interest' (please bring along your item and share its story). We will also be joined by Madeline McAlastair who will be giving her talk and demonstration on preserving precious objects, which was due to be our January lecture, but was snowed off.

## 2013 Annual Outing - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

### A Guided Tour of Killyleagh

Monday 24th June 2013

Meeting opposite the gate of Killyleagh Castle (at 7:30pm), Chris Hagan will be guiding us around the beautiful village of Killyleagh.



Chris is Editor of *UTV Live*, the author of the recent book, *'Fare Well to Dear Old Shrigley'* and is a keen member of the 'Best of Killyleagh' group.

He will be showing us several sites around Killyleagh including the castle, churches, the home of Dr. Hincks and various other buildings.

A good pair of walking shoes should be worn. Let's hope we don't need it, but bring a brolly too (just in case!)



## Down County Museum - EXHIBITIONS

***Transformations - Politics & Protest in County Down, 1900s-1920s***      **Until the end of May**

This Peace III funded project will explore how County Down was transformed by conflicts and controversies throughout the twentieth century, from the Home Rule crisis to the impact of World War I.

***The Best Days of Our Lives***

**24th April until November**

Another Peace III funded exhibition put together by the pupils of Downpatrick Primary School, Our Lady & St Patrick Primary School and Millisle Primary School which displays items selected by the students, with accompanying text written by the students themselves. A booklet will also be produced to accompany this exhibition.

***Treasures of Medieval Poland***

**14th June onwards**

A travelling exhibition from the National Archaeology Museum of Poland in Warsaw, which will include a breathtaking range of jewellery and decorative items. The processes used by the medieval craftspeople are explained and demonstrated and there are accounts of where in Poland these examples of the best in medieval production were found.

For more information on exhibitions and other events going on at the Museum, please contact them on the phone number below.

Down County Museum, The Mall, English Street, Downpatrick -

Tel: 028 44 615218 - [www.downcountymuseum.com](http://www.downcountymuseum.com)

## Marriages & Birth Records for Saul RC Chapel

The following internet link was provided by Society member Tim FitzSimons in the USA. It has RC marriages from 1785 to 1857 & births 1785 to 1819 for Saul parish.

Information is in a PDF file so it is searchable.

The website is: [www.alecbanmacconaille.org/Saul.pdf](http://www.alecbanmacconaille.org/Saul.pdf)

This can be a valuable source for anyone researching their ancestry.

Thank you Tim