



# *The Big Lamp*

## *Newsletter*

*Carrickfergus & District Historical Society*



In partnership with Carrickfergus Museum

### Upcoming Talks and Tours

**Wednesday 28th July, 7pm**

#### **Town walls tour with Ruairí Ó Baoill**

Why not come along and walk the town walls with the man who literally wrote the book on Carrickfergus. The tour of the walls will describe how and why they were constructed and the role that they have played in the history of Carrickfergus. The many excavations that have taken place within Carrickfergus over the last 50 years will also be discussed and how these have helped us to understand the development of the Town, and the people who lived in it, since it was established more than 800 years ago.

**Wednesday 25th August, 7pm**

#### **Visit to Sails and Tales Maritime exhibition**

Join us for a special tour of the new 'Sails and Tales' exhibition at Kelly's Coal Office. This project was developed by Positive Carrickfergus, and thanks to funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the group was able to deliver a community designed exhibition. From the arrival of the Anglo-Normans, right through to shipping industries of the 1960s, this exhibition provides the visitor with a snap shot of Carrick's maritime heritage. Why not come along to hear how it was developed and their plans for the future.

**Wednesday 29th September, 8pm – online**

#### **Outrunning the Wolf pack: Lough Foyle and the battle of the Atlantic with Ronan McConnell from the Tower Museum, L'Derry.**

Using collections and archives from the Tower Museum, Ronan will be highlighting the impact the city had on the Battle of the Atlantic following the large influx of troops and sailors. He'll also be showcasing artefacts from the U-boat Surrender at Lisahally in 1945.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 8pm, Town Hall**

#### **"Ireland's Bastilles" or "Paupers' Palaces"? The poor and the workhouse in late nineteenth-century Ulster.' With Dr Olwen Purdue of QUB**

Olwen will explore the development of the workhouse system in late nineteenth-century Ulster, focusing in particular in the workhouses of County Antrim. Drawing on a range of primary sources, she will examine the ideas behind the workhouse system before going on to explore the various ways in which Ulster's poorest families used the institution as an important means of survival.

**Booking essential for all talks and tours**

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