

GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRISH HISTORIC SETTLEMENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1984.

May 4th-6th.

Murlough House, Dundrum, Co. Down.

The Annual Conference for 1984 will be held at Murlough House, a field centre owned by the Queen's University of Belfast and situated in the Murlough National Nature Reserve, on the shores of Dundrum Bay in Co. Down.

The theme of the Conference is the Anglo-Norman colony in the North, and the area to be studied is the Lecale Peninsula.

Programme

Friday, May 4th

8.30 p.m. Murlough: the site and its history
Mrs. J. Whatmough, National Trust Warden.

Saturday, May 5th

9.30 a.m. Anglo-Norman Ulster
Dr. Brian Graham, Ulster Polytechnic

10.30 a.m. Coffee

11.00 a.m. Isle Lecale: its landscape and history
Dr. R.H. Buchanan, Queen's University, Belfast.

12.00 p.m. Downpatrick: the archaeology of a medieval town
Dr. Nicholas Bannon, Archaeological Survey of Northern Ireland.

1.00 p.m. Lunch

2.30 p.m. Field Excursion through Lecale, led by
Mr. Bannon, Dr. Buchanan and Dr. Graham.

8.00 p.m. Annual Dinner near Downpatrick

Sunday, May 6th

9.45 a.m. Committee Meeting

10.15 a.m. Annual General Meeting

11.30 a.m. Visit to Dundrum Castle

Field Excursions

1. Saturday The field excursion, by private cars, will visit the following sites: Clough Motte and Castle, Downpatrick, Audleystown Court Cairn, Audley's Castle and Castle Ward. Saul and Inch Abbey will also be included.
2. Sunday Depending on the time available, visits will be made to Dundrum Castle, Maghera early church site, Castlewellaan and Drumena Cashel.

Accommodation

The Group will be accommodated in Murlough House Field Centre, a large nineteenth century house, formerly the summer house of the Marquess of Downshire. Accommodation is simple but comfortable, with bunk-beds in rooms which hold 2, 4 or 6 individuals. Room allocation

will be on a first come - first serve basis, but please indicate on the form below the type of room you would prefer not to have allocated to you.

Meals will be served in Murlough House and we ask you to indicate your requirements on the form below.

The Annual Dinner will be held in The Abbey Lodge Hotel, Downpatrick at the end of the Field Excursion and en route back to Murlough House.

Those who prefer Hotel accommodation should make their own arrangements. Nearby hotels include:-

The Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle (phone Newcastle 23681)

The Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle (phone Newcastle 22599)

The Enniskeen Hotel, Newcastle (phone Newcastle 22392)

- NOTE
1. Murlough House is situated to the south of the village of Dundrum, near Newcastle, Co. Down. Leaving Newcastle on the A2 Road, Newcastle - Belfast, take the first road on your right as you enter the village. This road crosses the Inner Bay on a bridge which is visible from the A2. Turn left immediately after you cross the bridge.
 2. The House will be open from 6.30 p.m.