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| <p>11th SEPTEMBER 2019</p> | <p>CHARLES FRIEL</p> | <p>STEAMING AROUND Co. DOWN – A step back in time when for many taking the train was the main mode of travel whether it was for work or recreation. The Belfast and County Down Railway (BCDR) opened the first line in 1848, investment during the following 20 years resulted in a network of lines that linked many towns and villages in Co. Down</p> |
| <p>9th OCTOBER 2019</p> | <p>BILLY M^cCULLAGH</p> | <p>TICKETS PLEASE - remembering some Belfast cinemas during the 1940s, 50s and 60s. This will not be a talk on the history of the cinema, rather a nostalgic walk down memory lane recalling those idols and magic moments of the silver screen.</p> |
| <p>13th NOVEMBER 2019</p> | <p>GORDON MILLINGTON</p> | <p>LIGHTHOUSES OF THE IRISH COAST – tonight’s speaker is a retired civil engineer whose life’s hobby is sailing from which has he has developed a fascination and keen interest in lighthouses. We will be introduced to some of the more interesting structures close by such as Donaghadee and the Copelands as well as a few others elsewhere around the world.</p> |
| <p>11th DECEMBER 2019</p> | <p>ROBIN MASEFIELD</p> | <p>HELEN’S BAY AND CRAWFORDSBURN – the speaker will share some of his extensive knowledge of both villages and the surrounding area. In particular, the growth and development over several centuries that should add greatly to our knowledge of Helen’s Bay, Crawfordsburn and the history of North Down.</p> |
| <p>8th JANUARY 2020</p> | <p>CLIVE SCULAR</p> | <p>MATHEW & FOSTER IRISH SOCIAL REFORM – Theobald Mathew was a teetotalist reformer who set out to purge Ireland of the scourge of drink and Vere Foster sought to improve education in Ireland. The lives and achievements of both men will be presented in a clear and interesting way.</p> |
| <p>12th FEBRUARY 2020</p> | <p>ROBBIE PEEL</p> | <p>IRISH & BRITISH COLONIAL POLICING – the 19th century saw the organisation and development of police forces throughout Britain and Ireland. As the century progressed, police forces were introduced into the colonies of the British Empire. This talk will focus on the growth of these forces and the role that they played in maintaining law and order throughout an empire that covered one quarter of the globe.</p> |
| <p>11th MARCH 2020</p> | <p>Dr. ANN M^cVEIGH</p> | <p>WORKHOUSE SYSTEM IN IRELAND – the Irish Poor Law Act of 1838 divided the country into a number of Poor Law Unions each with it’s own workhouse where poor able bodied people with neither work nor home were forced to live. Some 183 workhouses were built in Ireland and we will learn about their function, life of the inmates and the impact that the poor law system had in dealing with poverty in Ireland.</p> |