

COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Trustees` Annual Report

**For the year ended 28 February 2024
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 107216)**

Introduction

The Trustees of Coleraine Historical Society (NIC 107216) present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2024.

Governance and Review

Following the AGM held in March 2023, a comprehensive review of the Society's constitution and procedures and policies, was conducted. In Quarter 4 of 2023, the Code of Good Conduct was implemented. To support this governance review, a solicitor was engaged to provide legal guidance, and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) was notified of the review's progress.

Trustees

Trustees that served during the period 16 March 2023 until 28 February 2024 were:

- Neal Anderson
- Geoff Warke
- Helen Perry
- Sarah Carson
- Dr. Niall Comer
- Stephen McCracken
- Alistair Kennedy
- Loretto Blackwood
- Fiona Pegrum
- Aaron Callan
- Sharman Finlay
- Joseph McCoy
- Alan Millar
- Dr. Frank Ferguson, and

- Michelle Knight-McQuillan.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The purposes of Coleraine Historical Society are to

1. To promote the study of, and public interest in, the history, antiquities, and folk-life of the Greater Coleraine area, and
2. To work for the preservation of built heritage, and presentation of information and items of historical interest in the area.

All Trustees are committed to the Commission's Public Benefit Requirement and adhere to its Statutory Guidance.

Activities and Achievements

- Regular talks delivered by experts.
- Distribution of members' newsletters.
- Engagement through social media for promotion, discussions, and updates.
- Publication and sale of the Society's annual journal, *The Bann Disc*, locally and internationally.

Highlights of the Year

- **April 2023:** Talk by Dr. Niall Comer.
- **May 2023:** Talk by Fiona Pegrum.
- **October 2023:** Talk by Grainne Milner-McLoone.
- **November 2023:** Launch of *The Bann Disc Volume 29* and talk by Kenneth Wood.
- **January 2024:** Talk by Dr. Peter Wilson.
- **February 2024:** Talk by Alan Millar.

Below are a selection of images and articles from these.

April 2023: Dr Niall Comer

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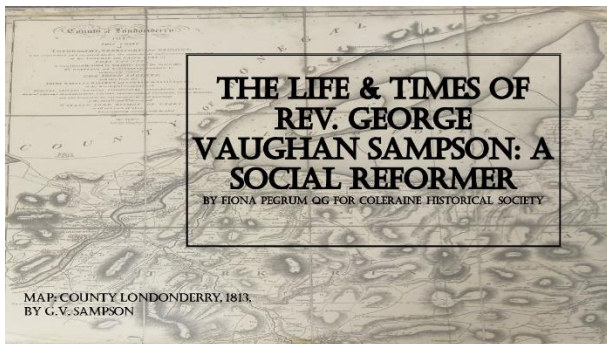
Learn about where your surname comes from with Coleraine Historical Society

By Una Culkin

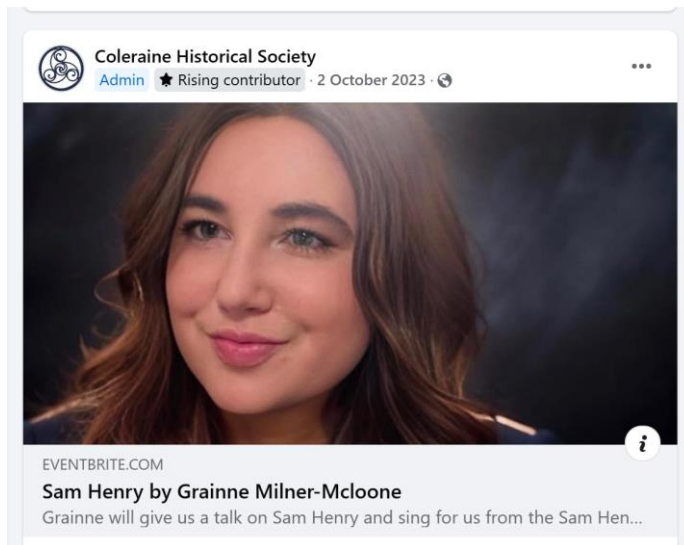
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May 2023: Fiona Pegrum



October 2023: Grainne Milner-McLoone



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Sam Henry by Grainne Milner-McLoone
Grainne will give us a talk on Sam Henry and sing for us from the Sam Hen...

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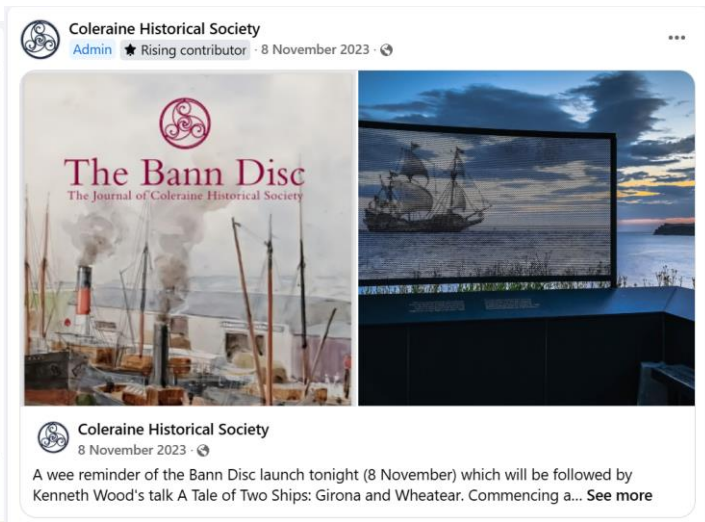
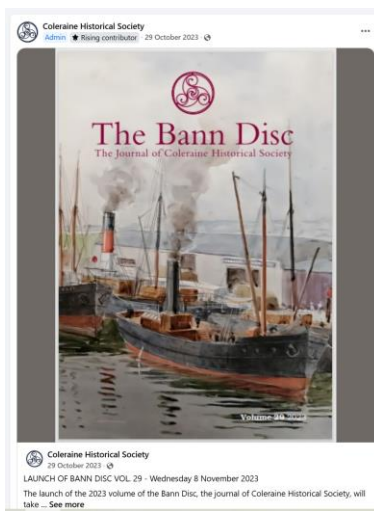
Historian Sam Henry is subject of Coleraine Historical Society's first talk of the season

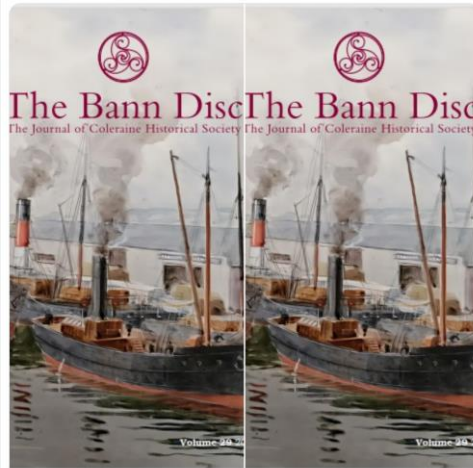
GRAINNE MILNER-MCLOONE TALK EXPLORES CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LOCAL PLACE, NATURE AND SONG CULTURE



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COLERAINE Historical Society's first talk of the season welcomes Sam Henry historian Grainne Milner-McLoone
The talk takes place at the Mount Sandel Centre in Coleraine this Wednesday, October 18 at 7pm
Sam Henry, an active member of the Coleraine community in Northern Ireland, worked as a pension officer for the government and journalist for the Northern Constitution newspaper.
He ran a weekly newspaper series known as Songs of the People where he gathered and published the folk songs known, played and sung by people across the north of Ireland between 1920-1939.
With little interference of his own, Henry's intent was to publish the songs as original as possible and therefore his series captures and reflects important aspects of Irish culture at a crucial time of political and demographic change, following the establishment of Northern Ireland in 1921.
The collection of over 600 songs covers a wide array of themes from local villages and rivers, to versions of folk songs which exist in popular culture today, often with varying lyrics.
As such, the lyrics published by Henry can reveal a lot about the sense of place, space and community in which the songs were situated.
This talk explores how the themes and lyrics of the collection construct, challenge or expand cultural identity across Northern Ireland, and looks at the connection between local place, nature and song culture, particularly across songs of the Causeway Coast and Glens.
Grainne Milner-McLoone is a PhD Researcher at Ulster University whose interdisciplinary AHRC Northern Bridge Collaborative project explores the cultural geography of the ballad collector Sam Henry.
A gifted singer and musician, she has recently recorded and released an album of recordings of songs associated with her PhD, The Songs of Sam Henry (2022), which was nominated for NI music prize 'Album of the Year'.
Her music and research have appeared on BBC Radio Ulster, Raidió Fáilte and LUTV's Mahon's Way.

November 2023: the launch of Bann Disc Volume 29 and talk by Kenneth Wood





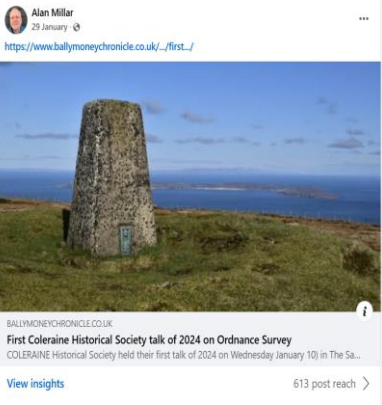
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17 November 2023

A REMINDER FOR TOMORROW 18 NOVEMBER 2023 Waterstones in Coleraine are hosting an in-store event from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 18 November with the opportunity to... See more

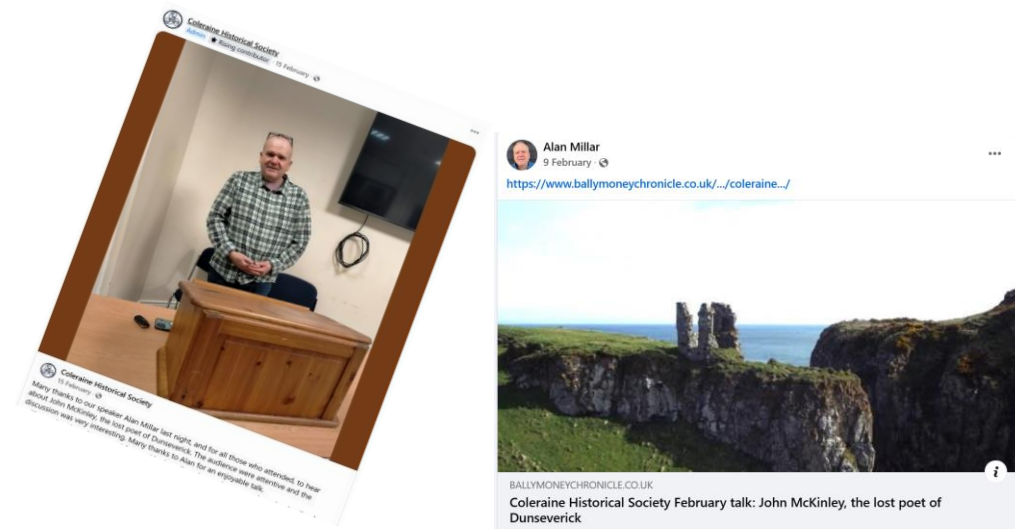




January 2024: Dr Peter Wilson



February 2024: Alan Millar



As of 28 February 2024, the Society has no funds in material deficit. The Society's financial position as at 28 February 2024 is:

Balance as at year end: £10,938.89

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Fiona Pegrum

Chairman