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Visit to Ely House, 2, Ely Place, Dublin 2.

The Order of the Knights of Saint Columbanus

Wednesday May 22nd, 2024 at 11am

Ely house was built in 1771 by Henry Loftus, Earl of Ely, whose family seat was at Rathfarnham Castle. The house was a centre of 18th Century social life in Dublin when the wealthy land owning families came to the capital city for a social season revolving around the pursuit of pleasure. The Loftus family had been in Ireland since 1560 and included among its members a Protestant Archbishop of Armagh founder of Trinity College and Lord Chief Justice. The house remained in private ownership until Lady Aberdeen secured the lease for use as the Women's National Health Association headquarters circa 1908. In 1923 the present owners, the Knights of St. Columbanus, acquired the building. The builder was Michael Stapleton a noted Dublin stuccadore whose work is evident in the delicate interior plasterwork. The external brickwork came from Bridgewater as ballast in ships.

€25 per person. Please book no later than May 10th

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Booking form for the Visit to Ely House Wednesday May 22nd, 2024

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Signed _____ Date _____

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