

Hidden treasures of Carlow and Wexford

On Saturday October 11th there will be a visit to Huntington Castle, Carlow and The Deeps in Wexford.

Originally a plantation castle built in 1625, Huntington, also known as Clonegal, Castle, is still lived in by descendants of the builders. Huntington Castle was the ancient fortress of the Esmonde family. The vine in the Victorian conservatory was grown from a cutting taken from Hampton Court. There is even said to be a ghost! Books, paintings and interesting collections abound. Plus the Temple of Isis.

Home of Peter and Phil Pearson, The Deeps, a Regency villa dates from 1777 and has been painstakingly restored using their extensive collection of architectural salvage. Originally called Newtown Lodge, The Deeps was owned by the Redmond family and at one stage was lived in by John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party in the late 19th Century. We are privileged to be able to visit this interesting home as it is not open to the public.

The visit includes travel in a luxury coach, lunch with wine and tours of the houses, and, weather permitting, the gardens.

Please bring suitable footwear.

The coach leaves at 9am sharp from behind Donnybrook Church.

Priority is given to members, however non-members are very welcome.

Cost: €75 per person payable to The Friends of the National Collections

Please send booking form with either a cheque or Debit/Credit Card payment, together with a stamped addressed envelope, (not required if we can acknowledge by email) to:

The Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, PO Box 11481, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

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Signed: _____

Date