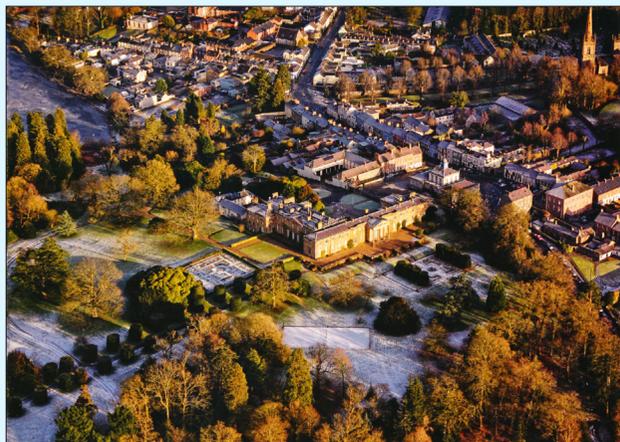


HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE

Until the early 1920s this was the seat of the Hill family, Marquises of Downshire. Subsequently home of the Governor, later Secretary of State of Northern Ireland and de facto royal residence. In April 2014 responsibility for the property was assumed by Historic Royal Palaces who are undertaking a major restoration of its park and walled garden. The grand reception rooms, including the Throne Room, of this late 18th century mansion, will be the venue of our 24th annual conference.



Lady Alice Temple



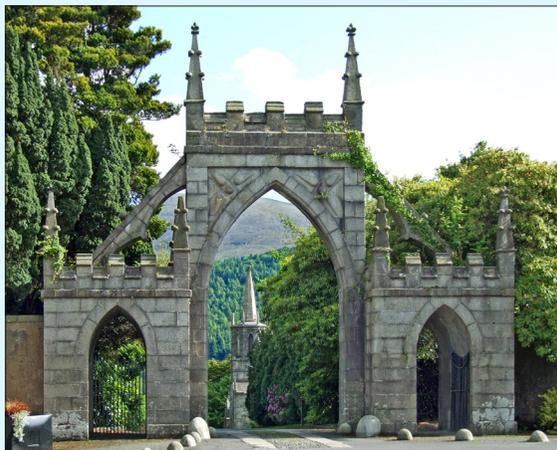
Aerial view of Hillsborough Castle and village in winter

TOLLYMORE PARK

In the shadow of the Mourne Mountains, this is one of the most beautifully situated demesnes in Ireland. In the 1790s Thomas Milton wrote that it was 'a wild and rocky tract, exhibiting scenes of singular beauty in the romantic style'. This beauty is much enhanced by fantastical ornamental buildings or fabriques, many the work of Thomas Wright, the Wizard of Durham, built for the Earls of Clanbrassil from c1750-90. We shall be visiting the park on conference Sunday.



The Clanbrassil Barn (1757), Tollymore



The Bryansford Gate (1787) by Thomas Wright

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9th, 10th & 11th October 2015

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FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

6.00pm Registration, Reception and Refreshment

7.30pm Welcome by the chairman

James Howley

Architectural Folly – A thirty Year Odyssey

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

9.15am **Richard Wheeler**
Reading the landscape – understanding the 18th century garden

10.45am **Trevor Proudfoot**
Statuary care and preservation in defiance of time and decay

11.25am **Michael Walker**
Enhancing historic gardens through creative design

2.00pm Site Visit

Hillsborough Castle Garden Gardens
Tour of extensive restoration/conservation works with Historic Royal Palaces staff

7.30pm Dinner
Venue: Throne Room, Hillsborough Castle

Speaker: **Robert O'Byrne**
Building, contents, demesne. Understanding the Holy Trinity of the Country House

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

9.30am **Michael Tooley**
Gertrude Jekyll and Claude Monet. The gardens of Munstead Wood

11.00am **Primrose Wilson**
The role of the Follies Trust in preserving architecture in historic garden design

11.45am **John McCullen**
Borrowed landscapes and restoration at Heywood Gardens

2.00pm Site Visit

Tollymore, Co. Down
Tour of demesne follies will be led by Terence Reeves-Smyth



Detail of Ashford's painting of the Lady Anne Temple, Castle Ward, 1787 © National Trust

BOOKING FORM

Conference fee: £150.00 €190.00

Including coffee/tea, luncheons & dinner.

Conference fee excluding dinner: £125.00 €175

Students fee excluding dinner £50 (€70)

(A limited offer to those who can demonstrate they are registered on an approved course in horticulture/architecture/landscape design)

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