



The Exhibition and associated demonstrations and lectures will take place in Castletown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

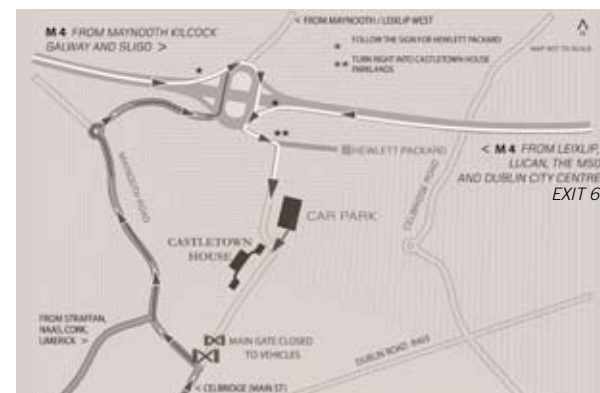
Castletown is Ireland's largest and earliest Palladian house. Built in the 1720s for William Conolly, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons and the wealthiest commoner in Ireland. In the 1960s the future of the house was in jeopardy until the Hon. Desmond Guinness, founder of the Irish Georgian Society, purchased it. Since 1994 the house has been in the management of the OPW, who have undertaken extensive conservation works.

Tours: OPW guided tours of Castletown house throughout the weekend. Irish Landmark Trust's newly restored Batty Langley Lodge and Round House open. Respective conservation practices, Blackwood Associates Architects & Cathal Crimmins Architect on hand to interpret works.

Parking: Free parking is available at Castletown.

Food: Enjoy gourmet food at the CHC restaurant at The West Wing or sample other fine food from the cookout teams in the Courtyard.

Directions: The house is located 20km from Dublin off M4 Sligo/Galway Road. Take *exit 6* off the M4 and follow the signs to Castletown. Bus 67/67A from Westmoreland Street to Celbridge Village. The Celbridge Avenue is pedestrian access only.



More information on Castletown is available at:
www.castletown.ie or call 01 628 8252.

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Irish Georgian Society & Kildare County Council in association with the Office of Public Works presents the **Traditional Building & Conservation Skills in Action Exhibition**



Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June 2010
at Castletown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
10.00am - 5.00pm daily

ADMISSION FREE



Traditional Building Skills on Show

Don't miss the opportunity to see:

- Thatching
- Stonecutting
- Restoration of timber sash windows
- Traditional ironwork restoration
- Decorative plasterwork restoration
- Traditional slate dressing
- Use of lime-based mortars and renders
- Building of traditional stone walls
- Pole lathe turning
- Traditional wallpaper making

Visit conservation stands by:

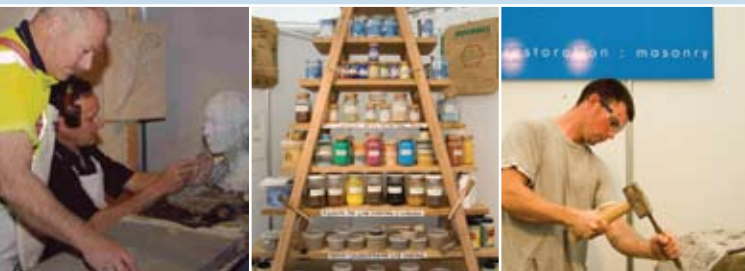
- Building Limes Forum Ireland
- Irish Antique Dealers' Association
- Irish Georgian Society
- Kildare County Council
- The Heritage Council

Hear conservation lectures:

Conservation talks throughout the weekend at Castletown. Admission free. No booking required. Feel free to bring photographs of your building to gain more meaningful conservation advice.

Family Friendly Event

Free Bouncy Castle all weekend & face painting for children on Saturday and Sunday from 12.00pm - 3.00pm.



Talks on Traditional Building Skills

Launch

The exhibition will be launched by Ciarán Cuffe, Minister of State with special responsibility for Sustainable Transport, Horticulture, Planning and Heritage at 12 noon on Saturday 26th June 2010.

Saturday 26th June

- 11am My House is a Protected Structure: what does this mean?**
Jacqueline Donnelly, Architect, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, DoEHLG
- 12pm The Significance & Conservation of Kildare's Thatch Buildings**
Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer, Dublin City Council
- 1pm Making & Using Lime: A Practical Demonstration**
Edward Byrne, Traditional Lime Company (*in farmyard*)
- 2pm Conservation in the Limelight**
Ivor McElveen, Chairman of The Building Limes Forum Ireland
- 3pm A Legacy of Light: the history & conservation of windows**
Nessa Roche, Architectural Advisor, Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, DoEHLG
- 4pm Conservation of Irish Decorative Ironwork**
Ali Davey, Head of Technical Outreach & Education, Historic Scotland

Sunday 27th June

- 11am Grant Aid for your Protected Structure: how to apply & what to consider**
Peter Black, Conservation Officer, Kildare County Council
- 12pm Peeling Back the Years: Historic Irish Wallpapers**
David Skinner, Historic Wallpaper consultant
- 1pm Making & Using Lime: A Practical Demonstration**
Edward Byrne, Traditional Lime Company (*in farmyard*)
- 2pm Taking Care of your Old Roof**
Colm Murray, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council
- 3pm 'A Stitch in Time Saves Nine': the importance of preventative maintenance**
Frank Keohane, Associate, Paul Arnold Architects
- 4pm The Dos and Don'ts of Plasterwork Conservation**
Andrew Smith, plasterwork conservation consultant

Sponsors

This exhibition has been made possible through funding and support of The Heritage Council's *Heritage Education, Communications & Outreach Grants Scheme 2010*, Kildare County Council & the Office of Public Works.

The following conservation companies have kindly supported the exhibition:

Blue Bangor Company www.bluebangor.com

Conservation & Restoration www.stoneddevelopments.ie

George O'Malley Plastering www.omalleyplastering.com

Stoneware Studios www.stonewarestudios.com

The Traditional Lime Company www.traditionallime.com

The Old Builders Company www.oldbuilders.com

W&J Bolger Traditional Sash Restoration www.wjbolger.ie

Irish Georgian Society

The Irish Georgian Society has a remit to promote and protect Ireland's built heritage & decorative arts. It is a charitable organisation founded in 1958 with 2,800 members. Everyone is welcome to join & by joining you support our conservation and education work. Members have the opportunity to avail of a first rate events programme, which includes access to significant historic buildings and gardens often closed to the public.

Kildare County Council

Kildare County Council has a strong commitment to the conservation and promotion of the county's cultural heritage. Kildare County Council employs a Architectural Conservation Officer, Peter Black and a Heritage Officer, Bridget Loughlin whose work ensures that there is an enhanced level of understanding, conservation and preservation of the county's natural and built heritage. This exhibition is an action of the County Kildare Heritage Plan.

RTE's *Nationwide* will be reporting on the event.

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