

**FRIENDS OF THE CRAWFORD ART GALLERY**

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**LUNCHTIME LECTURES**

THE THEME FOR THIS SERIES OF LECTURES IS THE HISTORY, RESTORATION AND ART OF SOME OF OUR OLDEST HOMES AS TOLD BY THOSE WHO LIVE IN THEM.

ALL LECTURES WILL BE HELD IN THE GALLERY LECTURE THEATRE

AND WILL RUN FROM 1.00 - 2.00 P.M.

ADMISSION FEE IS €5.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH**



**BLARNEY CASTLE**

**SIR CHARLES COLTHURST**

**BLARNEY CASTLE** was built in 1446 for Cormac McCarthy, King of Munster but a castle at this site dates from 1200. Sir Charles Colthurst whose family have lived at Blarney since 1846 tells the story of this world-renowned castle whose history spans over 600 years.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH**



**GLENSTAL ABBEY AND CASTLE**

**DOM MARK PATRICK HEDERMAN OSB**

**GLENSTAL CASTLE** is a Norman Revivalist Castle built by the Barrington family in the 1830s. The Benedictine monastery at Glenstal Abbey was founded in 1927. Former headmaster of the school Dom Mark Patrick Hederman is now Abbot.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH**



**CASTLETOWN HOUSE AND LEIXLIP CASTLE**

**THE HON. DESMOND GUINNESS**

**Leixlip Castle** is one of the oldest continuously inhabited buildings in Ireland. Now home to the Hon. Desmond Guinness founder of the Irish Georgian Society.

**Castletown House** Ireland's finest Palladian building, was bought in 1967 by Desmond Guinness and saved from destruction. It became the flagship for the Georgian Society and was donated later by him to the state.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**



**THE HON. DESMOND FITZGERALD  
KNIGHT OF GLIN**

**PETER MURRAY**

**DIRECTOR**

**PETER MURRAY** will pay tribute to the 29th Knight of Glin, last heir to one of Ireland's oldest titles, highlighting his work with the Irish Georgian Society and his contribution to Irish art and culture.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH**



**LISMORE CASTLE  
LORD WILLIAM BURLINGTON**

**LISMORE CASTLE** has been the Irish home to the Cavendish family for over 250 years following the marriage of the fourth Duke of Devonshire in 1748 to Lady Charlotte Boyle daughter of the fourth Earl of Cork. There has been a castle at Lismore since 1185 and much of the present castle dates from the time of the first Earl of Cork.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND**



**BIRR CASTLE AND DEMESNE  
THE EARL OF ROSS**

**Birr Castle** is the home of the seventh Earl of Rosse. Fourteen successive generations of the Parsons family have lived at Birr Castle from 1620.

The Earl of Rosse will talk about the rich heritage of the castle and its demesne. The gardens have become famous for their exotic tree and plant collections.