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Irish
Georgian
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The Irish Georgian Society promotes awareness and protection of Ireland's architectural heritage and decorative arts. It achieves this through conservation projects that have saved many important historic buildings; through education programs that encompass seminars, publications and specialist tours; and through campaigning for the protection of endangered buildings.

DR. CHRISTOPHER WARLEIGH-LACK, SENIOR CURATOR AT HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES



Dr Christopher Warleigh-Lack is the Curator of Hillsborough Castle, having come to Historic Royal Palaces six years ago from the National Trust, for whom he worked in both Northern Ireland and England. Dr. Warleigh-Lack spent some years with the Limerick Civic Trust, Shannon Heritage, and the University of Limerick. Dr. Warleigh-Lack's PhD examined 18th century architecture.

SECRETS OF THE PALACE; HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE REVEALED

Hillsborough Castle is one of the most beautiful and interesting historic properties in Northern Ireland. It is the official residence of HM The Queen in Northern Ireland and has been the residence of the Secretary of State since the 1970s. Built in the 1770s by Wills Hill, first Marquis of Downshire, the castle was the principal seat of the Marquis for over 200 years. Benjamin Franklin spent five days in Hillsborough Castle as the guest of Wills Hill, Secretary of State for the colonies. The animosity between them is said to have contributed to the American War of Independence. The next chapter in Hillsborough Castle's history has begun... In April 2014 Historic Royal Palaces took over the management of Hillsborough Castle, and since then Historic Royal Palaces has been working with friends, partners and the local community in developing a vision for this beautiful heritage site.

The English-Speaking Union and The Irish Georgian Society
invite you to an illustrated lecture by

Dr. Christopher Warleigh-Lack, Senior Curator at Historic Royal Palaces

Hillsborough Castle

County Down, Northern Ireland

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Reception – 5:30 p.m. • Lecture – 6:30 p.m.

The Woman's Athletic Club
626 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago
Business Attire / Coat & Tie

RSVP by **Tuesday, September 22** online at
www.events.org/HillsboroughCastle
or by phone at 312-772-3782

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