

## NORTH-WEST IRELAND with the IRISH GEORGIAN SOCIETY 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

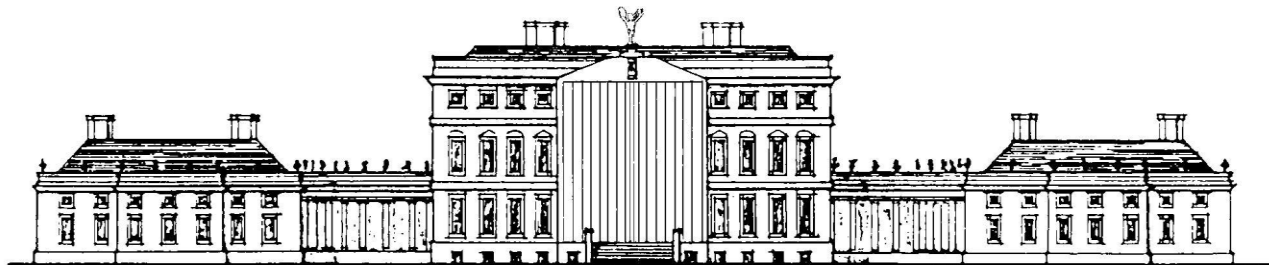
As 20-Ghost Club members will be aware, the first Country House Tour with the London Chapter of the Irish Georgian Society was Oxfordshire in 1978, and these tours soon became a firm fixture in our annual calendar, raising considerable funds for the work of the Irish Georgian Society.

This year's tour is to be in North-west Ireland, and offers as usual a combination of marvellous country houses and other historic buildings with wonderful open scenery and glorious driving on empty roads - what could be better? The itinerary is still to be arranged but, as always, most of the houses we will be visiting are still in private hands, and we will be staying for three days of this 5-night tour in one of them - Markree Castle, just south of Sligo town, which is now a hotel. Houses it is intended to visit include Castle Coole, Florence Court, Bessmount, Lissadell, Coopershill, Bellamont Forest, Crom Castle, and several others. We will also tour of a coal mine in the area - how many members have been down one of these - and a car collection is being identified. The pace of the tour will be somewhat slower than some previous ones to allow for and enjoy some wonderful driving through the stunningly beautiful and relatively deserted countryside of this part of Ireland.

The tour is still being organised, although the accommodation has already been reserved. It will start on Saturday 11th May and finish on Thursday 16th May. Further information, including exactly where to meet on the Saturday morning, will be issued to all participants nearer to the time of the tour. If sufficient members would like to extend their stay in Ireland, a short 'add-on' [perhaps 3 days] of more driving in either Co Donegal or Co Mayo can be arranged, or members can join the RREC's Ireland Section tour from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th May based at Redcastle, Co Donegal - on the Inishowen peninsular, north of Londonderry; details of this will be emailed if requested. Otherwise there will be enough time to return to the UK for the Club's own tour of Kent, starting on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The cost to 20-Ghost Club members will be ST£925.00 OR €1,050.00 per person sharing and will include B&B for the 5 nights from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15th May, lunch and dinner on all 5 days [with drinks at some of these], and all admission fees. Single rooms are available for £ST1,115.00 OR €1,270.00 per person. If anyone requires accommodation at the hotel for the nights on either side of the tours then they will need to make their own arrangements with the hotel. If you choose to pay by ST£, there may be an additional supplement nearer the time if it dips in value against the € before the tour takes place as a consequence of the continuing Brexit issues.

If you would like to come on the tour, please complete the attached application form and return it to Jimmy Valentine, 1 Hobury Street, London SW10 0JD, with a cheque [payment cannot be made by bank transfer, sorry] and email address or SAE, as soon as possible, as the number of places for members of the two societies is limited. For insurance reasons, only members who have already paid their 2019 20-GC subscriptions can be accepted on this tour.



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Please reserve 1/2 place/s at ST£925.00 OR €1,050.00 per person sharing in a double / twin room [circle which required]

Please reserve 1/2 place/s at ST£925.00 OR €1,050.00 per person in a single room.

NAME[S] OF MEMBER[S].....

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Address.....

..... Postcode ..... Tel .....

Email address [legibly in capitals please!] .....

Dietary requirements, if any .....

I/we enclose a cheque made out to **Irish Georgian Society Ltd** for ST£925.00 OR €1,050.00 per person sharing, or ST£1,115.00 OR €1,270.00 per person in a single room.

I confirm that I am a current member of the 20-Ghost Club .....

Yes, I would like details of any 'add-on' tour afterwards .....

**PARTICIPATING CAR:**

Model ..... Year ..... Chassis No. .... Reg. No. ....

Colour ..... Body type ..... Current Coachbuilder [optional] .....

We / I can offer ..... seats in this car to Irish Georgian passengers.

*As a participant in the 20-Ghost Club in consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this tour and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the 20-Ghost Club and all committee members and its representatives from any and all liability and injuries, damage or loss or consequential loss arising from my entry and participation in the event. I confirm that I will have public liability insurance cover in place should I be accepted for this event. I also agree that any information about the participating car, the names of the driver and passengers, including photographs taken during the tour, may be published in the Club's journal, News and Record unless I inform the Editor by email that I do not wish such information and/or photographs to appear.*

[signed] .....

Please return this completed form, together with your cheque for payment and SAE, to  
**Jimmy Valentine, 1 Hobury Street, LONDON SW10 0JD**

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