

European Lock Collectors Meeting - Dublin 2013

Joe Wyse has kindly offered to host the 12th meeting of our collectors group in Dublin on 6th, 7th & 8th September 2013.

Most of you will already have these dates in you diary and this email is to answer one or two questions you may have.

Accommodation - the meeting is based at the Bewley's Hotel Ballsbridge (there are four Bewleys Hotels in Dublin - so make sure it is the Ballsbridge one), this is a beautiful hotel with historical interest, located in the embassy area of Dublin, 15 minutes from the city centre
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The following programme is being planned

Friday 6th September –

12 pm to 1.00 pm - Assemble at the hotel for light lunch

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm - Lectures & discussions including William Wallace: My Collection. Joe Wyse: Rim locks of the Georgian period. Chris Taylor: Chatwood combination locks. Heinrich Meyer: Locks of Tibet (to be confirmed)

5.00 pm to 7.30pm and after dinner - Dealers market in the hotel (Thomas Prior Hall)

8.00 pm to 10.00 pm - Dinner in the Thomas Prior Hall

After dinner - a quiet drink in the bar, a nightcap in local Ballsbridge or hit the city and paint it red!

Saturday 7th September –

10.30 am - depart hotel by coach to Collins Barracks National Museum

11.00 am - Arrive at museum for guided tour and private inspection of locks & keys, including a collection of coffers, chests and caskets

2.00 pm to 5.00 pm - 3 Options

Option 1 - Guided tour of Dublin city (perhaps by private bus)

Option 2 - Walk through the antique dealers district (Frances Street) - Joe will visit the dealers, tell them we are coming and ask them to display items of interest to us

Option 3 - Visit to the Guinness Store House Museum (and see them make the black stuff)

7.00 pm to 11.00 pm - Assemble at the Old Jameson Distillery museum for private guided tour followed by 4 course dinner and "Shindig" night of music & craic (a word you will hear many times in Dublin and it means fun)

11.00 pm to ? - Temple Bar is only a short walk from the distillery so some may wish to jump in and have a good time - it's a lively district with lots of craic

Sunday 8th September –

11.00 pm to 1.00 pm – 3 Options

Option 1 - Visit the National Museum of Ireland in Kildare Street

Option 2 - Visit the National Art Gallery in Clare Street of Kildare Street

Option 3 - Visit St Patrick's Cathedral - a popular place to visit and we may be able to listen to the choir - Joe is making enquiries

So - we hope this programme will give you a taste of what Joe and Dublin has to offer - it will be updated before September but the important thing is to book the hotel and your transport now (to try and give details of air and ferry services would take too long - Dublin is served by many of the low cost airlines and ferries across the Irish Sea leave from England and Wales)

See you in September

Peter