

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

WEEK-END OUTING 2018

EAST ULSTER

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. On Sunday 20th and Monday 21st May 2018, the Society will visit locations in Downpatrick, Dundrum, Ballykinlar, Belfast, Newtownards and Grey Point.

Please note that the prices quoted for the hotel package are in pounds sterling (BP£) whereas all other prices are in euro (€).

2. **Programme:** (timings based on coach movements)

Sunday 20 May 2018

10.00 hrs Depart Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines, Dublin by coach.
12.00 hrs Arrive at Dundrum Castle¹ for talk on the East Ulster Lordship.
12.45 hrs Depart for Downpatrick.
13.15 hrs Lunch in Museum and Interpretative Centre.
14.15 hrs Visit Downpatrick Museum and Interpretative Centre.
15.00 hrs Talk at Downpatrick Cathedral on Battle of Downpatrick, 1177.
15.30 hrs Depart for Ballykinlar.
15.45 hrs Arrive at Ballykinlar; talk on history of the camp by Dr Pat McCarthy
16.30 hrs Depart for The Strangford Arms Hotel, Newtownards.
19.00 hrs Communal Dinner in hotel

Monday 21 May 2018

09.15 hrs Depart hotel.
10.00 hrs Arrive at HMS Caroline² Belfast. Self-guided tour of ship.
11.45 hrs Lunch on board ship.
12.45 hrs Depart for Somme Interpretative Centre.
14.00 hrs Visit Somme Museum.
15.00 hrs Tea/Coffee at Somme Museum Café.
15.30 hrs Depart for Grey Point.
16.00 hrs Arrive Grey Point Fort for talk by Dr Pat McCarthy on the fort.
17.00 hrs Depart Grey Point for Dublin.
19.45 hrs Arrive Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin.

ADMINISTRATION

3. Coach: The engaging of a coach will depend on there being sufficient demand. The cost per person is €35. Those travelling by coach may park their cars in Cathal Brugha Barracks provided that car registration numbers are included on the application form. (Based on AA website, the cost of petrol for a car would be in the region of €63 return from Dublin).

4. Private cars: For those travelling in private cars, the rendezvous will be: Dundrum Castle (north of Newcastle, Co Down) on **Sunday** at 11.45hrs; and at HMS Caroline on **Monday** at 09.45hrs.

5. Accommodation: The Society has booked a limited number of rooms at The Strangford Arms Hotel at a discounted price. The cost is BP£60 per person sharing in double room for one night bed and breakfast and a communal dinner. Rates per person, including communal dinner, for Single room is BP£85.

¹ Dundrum Castle is on a hill and there is a steep walk up from the car park which may not suit everyone. However, there are picnic tables in the car park. Also, the information booth may be open.

² Note that there are steep stairs, trip hazards, low ceilings, narrow & low doorways, decks can be slippery when wet, low light levels and uneven surfaces on board the ship.

Early booking (you to hotel) is advised. Telephone (048) 9181 4141 from RoI or +44 9181 4141 otherwise, and quote '**Military History Society of Ireland**' when booking. **Rooms held for the MHSI at the discounted price will be released by the hotel on 20th April to the general public at normal rates, if not already booked by members of the Society.**

6. Meals:

Lunch

Sunday: Downpatrick Museum.
Monday: HMS Caroline café.
Monday: Afternoon tea/coffee, Somme Museum.

Dinner

Sunday: Communal Dinner in Strangford Inn hotel. In accordance with custom, Sunday evening dinner will be communal. Cost is included in the hotel package price. For those staying elsewhere, the cost of dinner in the hotel for this occasion is €29.00 **payable to the Society** with the application attached.

Dress Jacket and tie for communal dinner.

7. Registration:

Week-end: €35. Students under 21/children: €15. Registration for part of the weekend tour is €20; students/children €10. Registration includes entry fees to HMS Caroline, The Somme Interpretative Centre, Somme Museum, afternoon tea/coffee/ on Monday in addition to the usual overhead and administrative costs.

8. **Dress:** Moderate walking. Rainwear and comfortable shoes advised. For HMS Caroline, wear flat soled footwear. Also, see note on page 1 about conditions on HMS Caroline.

9. **Badges/Car stickers:** Badges will be issued to all who register. Car stickers will be issued for those who require entry to Cathal Brugha Barracks by car.

11. **Non-members:** Are welcome and may apply in the usual way.

12. **Cancellations:** Refunds for cancellations will not be considered, save in exceptional circumstances, after Friday 11th May

13. **Application form:** An application form is enclosed. Cheques/POs should be made payable to: **MHSI**. Applications should be with the organiser by Friday 27th April.

14. **Annual subscription:** If unpaid, your annual subscription to the society may be included with your remittance.

15. Application to be returned to:

Comdt Paul Mullally
11 Ashton Grove
Knocklyon
Dublin
D16 KT10

to reach him NOT later than Wednesday 27th April.

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1. I require:

Registration for _____ adult(s) @ €35 for week-end (€20 for part of weekend) € _____

Registration for _____ student(s) under 21 /children @ €15 p.p. (€10 for part w/e) € _____

Lunch for _____ person(s), Sunday @ €9.50 p.p. € _____

Lunch for _____ person(s), Monday @ €10.00 p.p. € _____

Coach for _____ person(s) @ €35 p.p. for full tour € _____

Coach for _____ persons @ €20 p.p. for part of the tour € _____

Communal dinner for _____ person(s) @ €29.00 p.p.
 (do NOT include this if you booked the package in The Strangford Arms Hotel). € _____

I wish to purchase a Military History tie _____ @ €12 each € _____

2. I enclose annual subscription, €32.00 (Tick if already paid) € _____

3. I enclose cheque/postal order (payable to **MHSI**) for €

4. To assist the organiser, please state the accommodation arrangements you have made:-

Name: (Block capitals) _____ Rank/Title _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Car registration _____ Make/Model/Colour _____

Any medical dietary requirements _____

Please complete and return to Comdt Mullally so as to reach him NOT later than Friday 27th April.

ⁱ Only state your email address if you do not receive emails from the Society from time to time or you have changed your email address recently.