



*Royal Kilmainham Hospital – North front with Master's Garden*

## ROYAL HOSPITAL KILMAINHAM

Most significant 17th century building in Ireland, the RHK was designed by William Robinson and built 1680-84 on the site of the Priory of the Knight's Hospitallers. Based upon Les Invalides, it has a closed courtyard plan, arcaded covered walks, master's lodgings, great hall and chapel with domestic quarters and lodgings for 300 army veterans. Remained in continuous use until 1927 and after period of neglect was restored 1975-85, becoming the 'Irish Centre for Culture'. It is home of the Irish Museum of Modern Art.



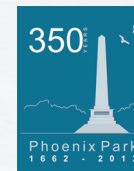
*Royal Kilmainham Hospital – South front*



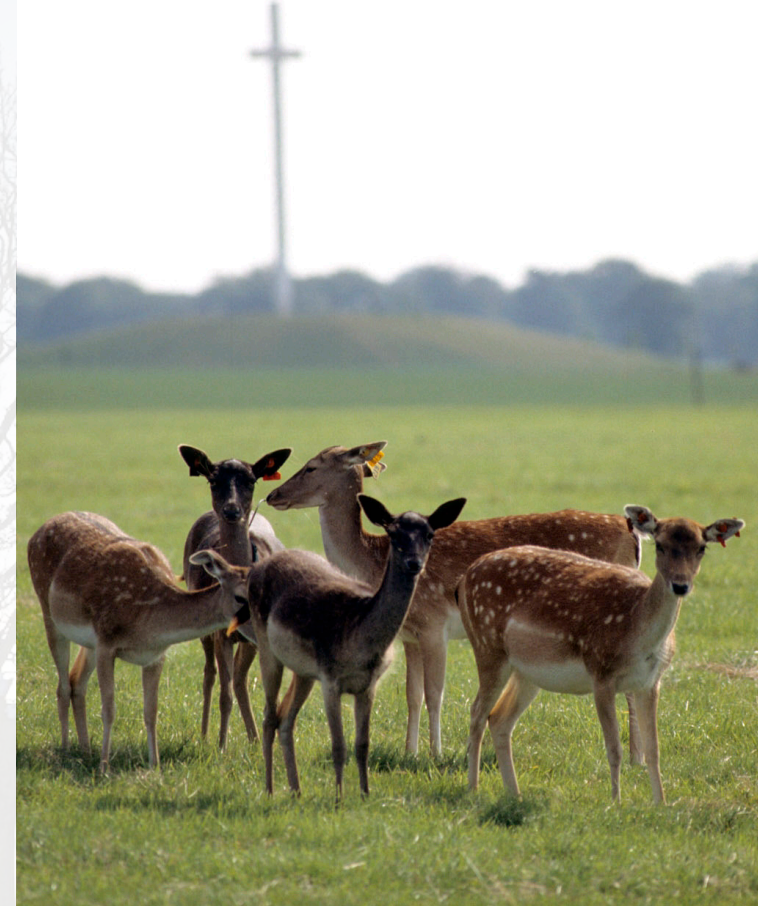
*Aerial View of the Phoenix Park*

## PHOENIX PARK

Europe's largest public park, the Phoenix Park comprises 707ha, bounded by a wall 11km in length. It contains important residences and institutions, including Ashtown Castle (the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre) and Áras an Uachtaráin, formerly the Viceregal Lodge and now the residence of the Irish President. Among its monuments is the Wellington Testimonial, built in 1817 and the largest obelisk in Europe. Established by the Duke of Ormonde as a Royal Deer Park in 1662, the Phoenix Park was re-designed in 1740-60 and again remodelled 1832-49 with assistance of Decimus Burton. The Zoological Gardens, noted for their picturesque layout, were established in 1831. Later additions included the People's Flower Gardens in 1864.



# ROYAL PARKS PAST AND FUTURE *Conference*



THE ROYAL HOSPITAL  
KILMAINHAM  
DUBLIN

5th, 6th & 7th October 2012



## FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER

**5.30pm** Registration, Reception and Refreshments

**7.00pm** Welcome by **David Gilliland**,  
Chairman NIHGC

Address by **Brian Hayes, TD**,  
Minister of State at Office of Public Works

**Terence Reeves-Smyth**  
*From Glencree to Glenveagh:  
Eight Centuries of Deer Parks in Ireland*

## SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

**9.15am** **John McCullen**  
*The Phoenix Park – catering for the  
Nobility and Tag, Rag and Bobtail*

**10.45am** **Mike Fitt**  
*London's Royal Parks – the Past and  
the Present*

**11.30am** **David Rae**  
*Making collections fit for purpose*

**12.15pm** **Glynn Percival**  
*Current and potential pest and disease  
threats facing UK and Ireland trees*

**2.00pm** Site Visit  
The Phoenix Park

**Andrew Potter** of Bartlett Tree Experts  
Co Ltd will give a practical demonstration  
during our tour of the park

**7.30pm** Dinner

Venue: Royal Hospital Kilmainham  
Great Hall

**Speaker: Matthew Jebb**  
*Botanical Collections as Entertainment*

## SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER

**9.30am** **Margaret Gormley**  
*The Phoenix Park – making a 350 year  
old park relevant for present and future  
generations*

**11.00am** **Mark Flanagan**  
*Gardens in Royal Landscapes – the Savill  
and Valley Garden*

**11.45am** **Debs Goodenough**  
*Three decades of gardening at Highgrove*

**12.30pm** **Finola Reid**  
*Old Deer Parks in Ireland – surviving the  
past*

**2.00pm** Site Visit  
Private Garden, Co. Wicklow



*The Glen in the Savill Garden*

## BOOKING FORM

Conference fee: £200 or €220  
Including coffee/tea, luncheons, dinner and visits

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Most speakers and members of the committee will be  
staying at the Hilton Hotel, opposite gates to RHK