

WINE GEESE FESTIVAL 2025


EVENT BOOKING GUIDE


CALLING ALL BARTONS


If you are a Barton or related, please email

Kesh2Cask@outlook.com

We have added Events for the Barton diaspora.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Formal Dining
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 014
DESCRIPTION	Formal lunch at Blakes of the Hollow, with Barton wines
Guide Price UK £	120
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please send an email to Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Church Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh
START DATE	Sunday 1 st June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	14:00 hours
END TIME	17:00 (approx.)


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Visit to the Enniskillen Military Museum
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 028
DESCRIPTION	Visiting this museum complements the Bartons @ War exhibition, because it holds the insignia of the local regiments mentioned in the exhibition.
COST IN £ STERLING	5.00 (approx.) – there are different prices of admission depending on status – for example: senior citizens
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please pay at the entrance to the museum complex
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The Visitors' Centre of the Enniskillen Castle Museum, Lough Shore Road.
START DATE	31 May 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	10:00
END TIME	16:30
NOTES	Monday - Saturday

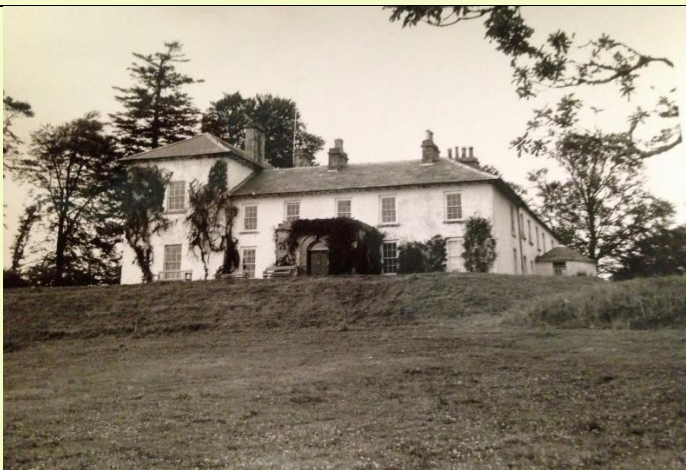
THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Pub Crawl
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 036
DESCRIPTION	A visit to 3 bars along Enniskillen's ' <i>wild goose trail</i> '. Visitors will be guided by locals
COST IN £ STERLING	Free to join. If you wish to buy drinks in any of the bars, please bring a credit or debit card – and just 'tap'.
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com Depending on the numbers, we will be allocating Visitors to successive groups of 10.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The Diamond, Enniskillen. This main square is opposite Enniskillen Townhall.
START DATE	05 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event, but if popular we will run the pub crawl again (in June).
START TIME	For those wanting a meal first: 18:00 hours, otherwise: 19:00 hours
END TIME	22:00 hours (approx.)
NOTES	18 and over only please. We will collect you from the Diamond

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Visit to the Artists' Quarter
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 042
DESCRIPTION	Enniskillen's Artists' Quarter comprises artist studios where Visitors can see paintings of Co. Fermanagh scenes as well as scenes in the West of Ireland
COST IN £ STERLING	Free to visit
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Not required
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Enniskillen Buttermarket, just off High Street and Church Street
START DATE	31 May 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	10:00
END TIME	17:00
NOTES	There is also an excellent café in the Buttermarket: Rebecca's


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Visit to Ballyshannon
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 053
DESCRIPTION	Ballyshannon – Ireland’s oldest town – is synonymous with the Barton’s, as you will see. This is a GUIDED tour
COST IN £ STERLING	Guide price: £UK 45, but determined by your precise requirements
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Outside Ballyshannon Museum on the High Street
START DATE	03 June 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	To be agreed between yourselves and the guide. 10:00 is a valid suggestion.
END TIME	12 Noon
NOTES	This is a cross-border tour so you may need additional hire car insurance.

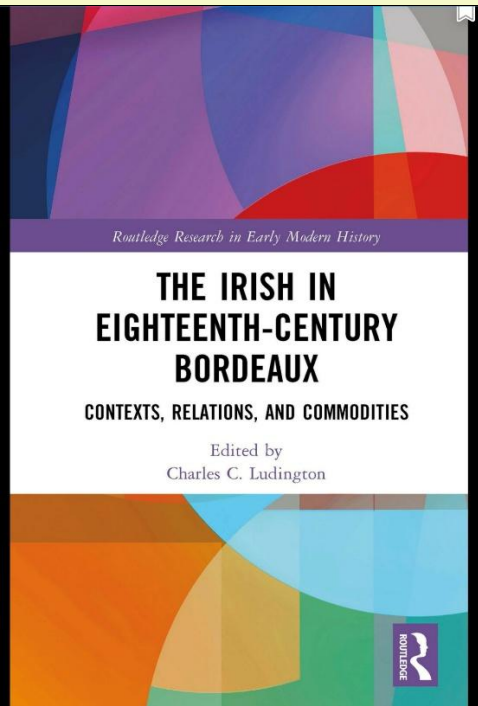
THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Ballyshannon Tour – Self-directed
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 081
DESCRIPTION	We will provide you with Visit Notes for Ballyshannon so that on your own you can visit places with a strong link to the Bartons.
COST IN £ STERLING	£ 0 (no charge).
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com and we will send you the Visit Notes.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Suggest that you start outside Ballyshannon Museum on High Street.
START DATE	3 June 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	Suggest 10:00 hours
END TIME	12 Noon
NOTES	<p>This is a cross-border event so you may need to amend your hire car insurance.</p> <p>Please check the Museum's opening hours and days of the week.</p> <p>Sunday and Monday are best avoided for this tour.</p>


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	The Tubrid Tour - Guided
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 061
DESCRIPTION	You will be taken on a tour of sites in North Fermanagh/South Donegal of direct relevance to the Barton dynasty.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The main car park in KESH Co. Fermanagh. This is on Muckros Road, where you will be collected and given a pre-briefing by your Guide.
START DATE	09 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	12 Noon at the car park
END TIME	Approx. 15:00 hours
NOTES	You will be expected to have or to hire your own mode of transport for this cross-country tour. As it is cross-border you may need to amend your hire car insurance,

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Visit to Waterfoot House - Guided
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 038
DESCRIPTION	A visit to the farmstead of French Tom Barton, the place from which he emigrated on 01 June 1725
COST IN £ STERLING	Free to join
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The main car park in KESH, Co. Fermanagh. This is on Muckros Road Kesh.
START DATE	04 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	12 Noon at the car park
END TIME	Approx. 15:00 hours
NOTES	This is a cross-border event so you may need to amend your hire car insurance. You are expected to provide your own transport.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Barton Great Houses – Southern Tour
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 033
DESCRIPTION	This is a self-directed tour in the footsteps of the Barton dynasty, which left admirable legacy items such as Straffan House (above).
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com We will send you're a documented tour guide booklet with locations to visit.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Your choice – but the directions begin at the Enniskillen Castle Museum Visitor Reception Centre on Lough Shore Road.
START DATE	03 June 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	Suggest 09:00 hours
END TIME	21:00 hours, depending on where you want to spend the night.
NOTES	This is a cross-border event so you may need to amend your hire car insurance. As it is self-directed, you are expected to provide your own transport.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Kesh2Cask Exhibition
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 099
DESCRIPTION	Come and see an exhibition regarding the relationship between Kesh Forest and, the Bordeaux Wine Geese. It focuses on the Barton Family of French Tom.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Not necessary; simply turn up
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	PARKING: Kesh's main car park on Muckros Road. Parking is free. The Kesh Courthouse Café is a short walk up main street,
START DATE	16 June 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	Normal café hours: 10:00
END TIME	Around 16:00 each day on which the café is open (Monday – Saturdays)
NOTES	There is an excellent café on the GROUND floor. The exhibition is in the First Floor gallery.


THEME			
EVENT TITLE	New book launch		
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 44A		
DESCRIPTION	The above paperback is to be formally launched at this Festival. The event will explain the relative importance of this seminal book.		
BOOK COST IN £ STERLING	Guide price – depending on the particular buying channel - £40. You are under no obligation to buy a copy.		
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com Guide Price to attend: FOC (free of charge)		
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen. The digital display board in the foyer will indicate the room.		
START DATE	10 June 2025		
END DATE	A one-off event		
START TIME	19:00 hours		
END TIME	21:00 hours (approx..)		
NOTES	This is the same event as the Formal Festival Lecture.		


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	The Festival's Formal Lecture
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 44B
DESCRIPTION	Lecture title: The Bartons' Wilderness Years
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen. The digital display board in the foyer will indicate the room.
START DATE	10 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	19:00 hours
END TIME	21:00 hours (approx..)
NOTES	This is the same event as the Book Launch.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Opening Ceremony – Wine Geese Festival 2025
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 001
DESCRIPTION	The Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will formally open the festival. There will be a brief speech before visitors can see the exhibition.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge, but:-
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	By invitation only owing to restricted capacity.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Visitors' Centre at Enniskillen Castle Museums, Lough Shore Road Enniskillen
START DATE	30 May 2025
END DATE	A one-off
START TIME	19:00 hours
END TIME	20:00 hours (approx.)


THEME		
EVENT TITLE	The Bartons @ War Exhibition	
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 077	
DESCRIPTION	<p>The history of the British Isles is synonymous with that of the Barton dynasty. They were always there at historically significant events. Roughly 1 in 3 of the Barton men served in the armed forces. Many of them died in battle and so gained little recognition.</p>	
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge	
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Not necessary, simply turn up	
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Enniskillen Library, Halls Lane, Enniskillen	
START DATE	31 May 2025	
END DATE	28 June 2025	
START TIME	09:30 hours	
END TIME	16:35 (approx.)	
NOTES	<p>This exhibition is produced in tandem with the Enniskillen Military Museum on Lough Shore Road. We recommend that you visit both. There is parking adjacent to the library.</p>	


THEME	Association of Friends of Fermanagh County Museum
EVENT TITLE	Wine Tasting Event for Friends of the Fermanagh County Museum society
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 029
DESCRIPTION	Self-explanatory
COST IN £ STERLING	TBD
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com We will forward your request accordingly.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Visitors' Centre at Fermanagh County Museum, Lough Shore Road Enniskillen
START DATE	TBD (in June)
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	19:00
END TIME	21:00
NOTES	As soon as the above details are confirmed, we can update those who expressed interest in attending. Parking is available.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	The Barton Great Houses – Southern Tour (Guided)
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 043
DESCRIPTION	A visit to places and houses linked to the Barton dynasty
COST IN £ STERLING FOR GUIDANCE ONLY	£200, depending on your precise requirements, such as overnight stays.
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email your expression of interest to Kesh2Casdk@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Visitor Reception Centre at Enniskillen Castle Museum, Lough Shore Road
START DATE	05 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	09:00 suggested
END TIME	22:00
NOTES	Travel arrangements to be discussed with your guide. There is a tour pack of information including way points and distances. This is a cross-border tour.

THEME	 <p>1862 Margaret Irvine 1864 Thomas Gordon (House rebuild 1890 in progress) 1960s/1970s Hamiltons 2018 - Breen car care</p> <p>1862 Thomas Gordon 1898 John + Fred Gordon 1909 Harry + Fred Gordon 1919 John I Little 1960s/1970s Chambers S D Kells</p> <p>William Ball 1862 Thomas Gordon 1880 John + Fred Gordon 1900 Harry 1909 + Fred 1960s/1970s - Irvine Chemist 2018 - S D Kells</p> <p>1862 Irvine A Darragh 1864 Irvine Alexander Darragh 1879 Eliza Darragh 1892 Joseph Meyers 1891 Thomas Gordon 1892 Mrs Crawford 1896 Thomas Gordon 1897 Henderson + Eadie and others 1960s/1970s/2018 2018 - Golden Needle</p> <p>1862 James Coulter 1882 William Morrison 1892 Geo Elliot 1923 James A Forster 1927 Plunkett Ltd 1939 M Marchini 1960s - Derby Cafe 1970s - Sports Shop 2000s McElwaine 2018 Vacant</p> <p>1862 George Black 1885 Charles M Stewart 1909 Rich Clingen 1940 Frank McGovern 1944 Charlie Burns 1960s /1970s/2018 - Charles/White Star</p>
EVENT TITLE	Enniskillen Streetscapes II
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 111
DESCRIPTION	What was our old town like at the time of the Bartons? Using old records and photos, we have re-created 18 th - 19 th Century Enniskillen
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply turn up during opening hours
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Enniskillen Library, Halls Lane Enniskillen
START DATE	31 May 2025
END DATE	28 June 2025
START TIME	09:30
END TIME	16:35
NOTES	<p>Please check the NI Libraries website for its opening hours.</p> <p>There is parking available adjacent to the library.</p>


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Barton Great Houses – Northern Tour (Guided)
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 303
DESCRIPTION	A tour starting in Enniskillen to the northernmost Great House at Portsalon Co. Donegal
COST IN £ STERLING	£ 150, depending upon your individual requirements esp. overnight stays.
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email your expression of interest to Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Suggested: The Visitors' Reception Centre at Enniskillen Castle Museum
START DATE	04 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	Suggest 09:00 hours
END TIME	Depends on your chosen accommodation. 22:00 hours estimated
NOTES	This is a cross-border event so you need to factor this in. If you are travelling by hire car you may need to amend its insurance policy. There is parking at the Museum car park.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Opening Ceremony – Kesh 2 Cask Exhibition
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 004
DESCRIPTION	Self-explanatory
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Not required, simply turn up
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Kesh Courthouse Café, Main Street Kesh town, Co. Fermanagh
START DATE	Monday 16 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	12 Noon
END TIME	12:20 hours (approx.)
NOTES	<p>The exhibition adopts the same opening hours as the ground floor café. Generally apart from Holidays: Mon-Sat and 10:00 – 16:30</p> <p>There is free parking at the Muckros Road car park a short walk away, just off main street.</p>


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Cine Vine
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 080
DESCRIPTION	<p>The world premiere of a new film from Director Frank Mannion. It is entitled 'A sip of Irish'.</p> <p>The film concerns the Irish Wild Geese of Bordeaux, and French Tom Barton in particular.</p> <p>Barton wine is served during the performance.</p>
COST IN £ STERLING	£13 per person. Please pay at the desk adjacent to the viewing room
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	<p>Please email an expression of interest to Kesh2Cask@outlook.com</p> <p>We will then add you to the list.</p>
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place Enniskillen. There is car parking adjacent to the building. There is a digital display board in the foyer to indicate the room.
START DATE	04 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	Doors open 18:00 and the film starts at 19:00 hours followed by a Question & Answer session with Frank Mannion
END TIME	21:00 approx.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Visit to the Barton boys' school: Portora Royal Sch.
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 066
DESCRIPTION	Over the roughly 300 years they were here, the males of the Barton families went to a variety of schools – including Portora Royal School in Enniskillen. This guided tour will examine both the school's history as well as list some of the Bartons who went there.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge. A contribution towards the School's charity would be appreciated. Details will be provided.
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email an expression of interest to Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Please meet up at the Round 'O' jetty close to the school, where you will be picked up for the tour. There is ample car parking available.
START DATE	07 June 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	11:00 hours
END TIME	12:15 approx.


THEME	 <p>Fermanagh Wine Geese Festival 31 May – 28 June. See Fermanagh Lakelands website for individual events</p> 
EVENT TITLE	The Wine Geese Exhibition
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 073
DESCRIPTION	The main exhibition regarding the Irish Wine Geese of 1715
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply turn up
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Visitors' Reception building at Enniskillen County Museum, Lough Shore Road Enniskillen
START DATE	31 May 2025
END DATE	15 June 2025
START TIME	10:00 hours
END TIME	16:45
NOTES	1 st Floor via the stairs or lift. There is a café as well.


THEME	
EVENT TITLE	ArtNic 25
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 075
DESCRIPTION	Members of <i>CancerConnect NI</i> will bring their artwork to the Charity's facility at Moonlight Bay to be judged. There will also be a picnic.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge, though contributions to CCNI would be welcome
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com indicating your interest in attending
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	CCNI facility at Moonlight Bay. This is close to Portora Castle.
START DATE	TBD
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	19:00 hours
END TIME	21:00 hours
NOTES	As soon as all the details have been agreed we will email anyone who has expressed an interest.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Enniskillen Dragon Boat Race
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 037
DESCRIPTION	Self-explanatory. The boats are owned and run by the Charity: CancerConnect NI.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge although a contribution to CCNI would be welcome
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	It will be broadcast via as many media channels as possible including the Fermanagh Lakelands website. You are also welcome to drop us an email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The race begins at Moonlight Bay on Lower Lough Erne, close to Portora Castle, and finishes at the jetty at the Round O park at The Brook, in Enniskillen
START DATE	TBD (in June 2025)
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	TBD
END TIME	TBD
NOTES	Based on weather forecasts, we will inform local people of exact details.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	The self-directed Tubrid Tour
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 006
DESCRIPTION	You can follow a pre-planned route through South Donegal/North Fermanagh that is linked to the history of the Barton family – including churches where ancestors are remembered.
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply email us at Kesh2Cask@outlook.com We will send you the way points and tour highlight destinations to follow in your own time.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	Your choice, but the briefing papers assume a start from Muckros Road Car Park in Kesh town.
START DATE	3 June 2025
END DATE	29 June 2025
START TIME	Suggest Noon of your chosen day
END TIME	17:00 approx.
NOTES	This will be a cross-border tour so you may need to amend your hire car insurance.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Opening Ceremony for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartons @ War Exhibition • Enniskillen Streetscapes II exhibition
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 071
DESCRIPTION	Self-explanatory
COST IN £ STERLING	Free of charge
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Simply turn up at the time
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The entrance foyer at Enniskillen Library, Halls Lane Enniskillen
START DATE	31 May 2025
END DATE	A one-off event
START TIME	11:00 hours
END TIME	11:15
NOTES	There is a car park adjacent to the library

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	VIA SENSORIA
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 066
DESCRIPTION	A tour of Bordeaux from where the Bartons emerged as a force, in the wine trade
COST IN £ STERLING	Guide price, depending on preference: £400
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kesh2Cask@outlook.com If you are interested in this Enniskillen to Bordeaux trip.
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The Visitors' Centre, Fermanagh County Museum, Lough Shore Road, Enniskillen, BT74 7HL
START DATE	20/June/2025
END DATE	22/June/2025
START TIME	12 Noon (depending on which flight)
END TIME	20:00 hours
NOTES	If you would like to visit Bordeaux's two historic wine museums, please contact us above. We will arrange specific coaches, flights and hotels based on your preferences.

THEME	
EVENT TITLE	Meet the Maker
REFERENCE NO.	WGF 086
DESCRIPTION	A chance to meet the owner of <i>Chateau Langoa Barton</i> which has considerable local relevance
COST IN £ STERLING	Guide Price: £70
HOW TO BOOK EVENT	Please email Kest2Cask@outlook.com Organised by the Cassidy Hospitality Group
LOCATION OR RENDEZVOUS POINT	The Gourmet Grocer 10 High Street ENNISKILLEN BT74 7EH
START DATE	TBD. w/c 01/June/25
END DATE	Same date
START TIME	19:30
END TIME	21:00
NOTES	In addition to a choice of wines (TBD) there is also a 5-course tasting menu included.