

# Newtownbarry House History



Newtownbarry House is a Victorian classical house designed by Sir Charles Lanyon and partners. It is built in an 18/19th Century garden of a previous house and is surrounded by ancient trees. There is a large sunken garden with abundantly planted flowers and shrubs and also

features two grottos as well as a fountain. The lake, on the left as you are coming up the Avenue, has been restored in 1996. It was originally designed in 1890 by damming up the stream and it now hosts a multitude of wildlife.

The house, still home to the original family who built it, has retained much of its furniture, artifacts and historical books. The new tearooms are situated in the old Servant's Hall.



The house was built in 1863-69 by the Hall Dare Family who came to Ireland in the 1840s. The great-grandmother of the present owner, Mrs Clody Norton, established the Newtownbarry Lacemaking School during the late 19th Century. Another member of the family married well known explorer and archeologist Theodor Bent. The couple wrote and produced many books and diaries of historical interest. Molly Keane, well known Irish writer, was a frequent visitor to the house. For more detailed facts book a historical house tour. See details how to book for that on the events page.

## Events

### Celtic Ais and Graces

A concert with internationally acclaimed Flautist **Karen Litner** from Vienna and Irish Harpist and TV presenter **Cormac de Barra**

MARCH

**28**  
Sat 8pm

### Carlow Garden Festival

**A garden walk with Seamus O'Brien**  
Curator of National Botanic Gardens and author of "In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry".

JULY

**26**  
Sun 12noon

### A garden walk with Dermot O'Neill

Author and presenter of RTE's "Dermot's Secret Garden" and editor of "Garden Heaven", broadcaster and garden author.

AUGUST

**01**  
Sat 3pm

## Exhibitions

### Bob Lynn "New Work"

Bob Lynn is a well known Scottish Wicklow based painter who has shown internationally and all over Ireland.

MAY

**31-28**  
JUNE

### Sarah Rogers "Recent Works"

**Sarah Rogers** is an English painter and print maker who lives in Co. Wicklow. She has exhibited in the RA and the RHA.

JULY

**05-03**  
AUG

### Summer Show

A mixed show of painters and print makers.

AUG

**07-30**  
AUG

**Open: Tue-Sun**  
**30 May - 30 Aug**

12noon-6pm

Closed Mondays except  
Bank Holidays

**House Visits:**

€4 per person

**Garden Visits:**

€4 per person

KIDS UNDER 12 FREE



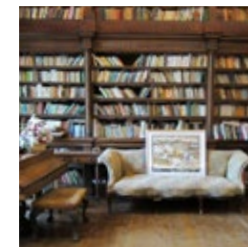
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## Farm Cafe, Gallery & Craft Shop

- May 30th - August 30th 12-6pm, Tue-Sun
- Open all bank holiday Mondays
- Open all heritage week including Monday, Sat 22nd August - Sun 30th August 2015

We will now be serving light lunches in the Cafe as well as our homemade cakes and Tea, Coffee etc.



## Newtownbarry Gardens

### The Rose Garden



Restored about 12 years ago by Frances and Ian McDonald. This makes for a beautiful start to your garden visit with its formal beds of roses surrounded by box hedges.

### The Sunken Garden



This garden was restored in 2004. It is on about a two acre, walled flower garden that includes a formal oval pool, a fountain and a series of sweetly-scented flower beds filled with shrubs

and herbaceous perennials and enclosed by lines of neatly-clipped dwarf box hedging. It also has a red border running along the top. There are stone grottos at either end of the sunken Garden which date back to the 18th century and the walls were added in the 19th century.