

National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

12th-20th August 2023

Kildare Event Guide





Welcome to National Heritage Week 2023

I am delighted to welcome you to this guide for events taking place during National Heritage Week 2023. It is exciting to see events taking place exploring the theme of Living Heritage which celebrate the traditions, skills and practices passed down through generations.

I want to acknowledge the work of local authority Heritage Officers but also the large pool of dedicated volunteers from a variety of communities working in heritage who have created the events listed in this guide. Their efforts ensure not only that our heritage is preserved, but that new generations can explore and learn about our heritage.

Remember, events will still be added up until the start of National Heritage Week on heritageweek.ie, so make sure to visit the website to view all events and online projects for your area. You can also create your own events trail from the website with a personalised calendar of events.

Virginia Teehan

CEO, Heritage Council



Suitable for Families



Partial/Full Wheelchair Accessible



Car Parking Available



Accessible by Public Transport

Welcome to County Kildare Heritage Week Seachtain Oidhreachta 2023 i gCo. Chill Dara

Heritage Week is coordinated by the Heritage Council and Local Authority Heritage Officers and supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. National Heritage Week is Ireland's annual celebration of our built, natural and cultural heritage and is part of a European initiative to encourage people to take an interest in their local heritage.

Many of the events in this guide have been organised by local community and heritage groups who have a passion for heritage which they wish to translate to the people of Kildare.

As we emerge from two difficult years National Heritage Week 2022 is all about engaging with heritage to create a more resilient world, enhancing sustainability and biodiversity.

There is something for everyone to enjoy from open days at historic buildings to hands-on heritage fun for children, exhibitions, activities, talks, craft demonstrations, re-enactments, tours and much more.

The aim of Heritage Week is to foster a greater understanding and awareness of our own local heritage. Kildare County Council Heritage Office has compiled this listing of events. Most events listed here are free. Participants are advised to confirm details of events in advance as some events require booking. Children are welcome to most events, but young children should be accompanied by an adult. Please dress suitably.

Get out and enjoy Kildare's wonderful heritage during National Heritage Week.

Bridget Loughlin, Heritage Officer, Kildare County Council



A message from your Cathaoirleach

Invitation to participate in Heritage Week 2023

As Mayor of County Kildare, I am delighted to invite you to participate in National Heritage Week 2023. Given the last two years when it was difficult to come together to celebrate our county's heritage it has been wonderful to see community groups across Kildare planning their annual Heritage Week events.

This year National Heritage Week 2023 is all about engaging with heritage to create a more resilient world, enhancing sustainability and biodiversity.

From 12 to 20th August, we encourage you to take a stroll through history and explore how our free time has evolved in often fascinating ways. Heritage Week provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups and organisations to showcase their own local heritage, of which they are justifiably proud.

Heritage Week helps to raise awareness of built, natural and cultural heritage, encourages its preservation and seeks to foster a shared pride in our shared heritage.

I would like to congratulate the individuals, heritage organizations, museums, heritage centres and community groups who have organized the fantastic array of heritage events contained in this event guide. The tremendous efforts, often on a voluntary basis, of these enthusiastic and committed people demonstrate that the protection of heritage is a shared responsibility which is taken very seriously by the people of County Kildare.

The number of events organised during Heritage Week in County Kildare continues to grow year on year and I look forward to attending a number of them. I would like to wish everyone well in this year's events and encourage the people of County Kildare to get out and explore Kildare heritage.

Cllr. Daragh Fitzpatrick
Cathaoirleach of County Kildare





County Kildare is situated in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East and has a long and fascinating story. Sometimes known as the Short Grass County, the landscape here is a mixture of fertile plains, rolling hills and extensive bogs, dotted with a range of historic sites. County Kildare is on the doorstep of Dublin and has long been a portal between the capital and the rest of Ireland. This guide will give you a flavour of some of the people and places that have shaped County Kildare.

To download the free audio guide, go to:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

[/kildare-town-walking-tour-audio-guide/](https://www.abartaheritage.ie/kildare-town-walking-tour-audio-guide/)

Situated in the heart of County Kildare, the Curragh is a truly unique landscape. The circumstances by which this remarkable natural feature was created are as fascinating as the land itself and the combined forces of humankind and nature have shaped the Curragh over many millennia. This audio guide was produced by Abarta Heritage in conjunction with Kildare County Council and a panel of local historians and experts.

To download the free audio guide, go to:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

[/the-story-of-the-curragh-of-kildare-audiobook/](https://www.abartaheritage.ie/the-story-of-the-curragh-of-kildare-audiobook/)





The heart of the story of the dawn of Christianity in Ireland and some of Ireland's most famous saints like Brigid, Colmcille and Patrick have strong links with the county.

To download the free audio guide, go to:
<https://www.abartaheritage.ie/kildare-monastic-trailaudio-guide/>



This guide will lead you around the wonderful Heritage Town of Kildare, which has been at the heart of Irish history for millennia. This free to download audio guide was produced by Abarta Heritage in conjunction with Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Kildare Tidy Towns, Cill Dara Historical Society, The Grey Abbey Conservation Project and Kildare County Council.

To download the free audio guide, go to:
<https://www.abartaheritage.ie/kildare-town-walking-tour-audio-guide/>





Hear the story of Celbridge's associations with Arthur Guinness, Jonathan Swift, William Conolly and Henry Grattan with the Celbridge Heritage Trail Audio Guide.

To download the free audio guide, go to:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

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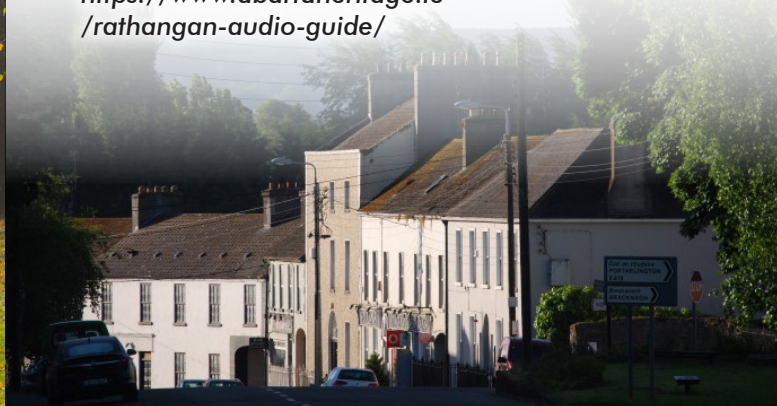
Situated in the northwest of County Kildare and at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East, Rathangan lies on the edge of the vast Bog of Allen and on the banks of the River Slate and the Grand Canal. The town takes its name from the ancient fort that still stands proudly at the north-west of the town. This is a place with a long and fascinating history and the audio guide is filled with stories about ancient Irish tribes, the Norman conquest and the 1798 rebellion.

Over the centuries noteworthy literary and cultural figures have called the town home. On the self guided tour, you will hear of their associations with the area and get an appreciation of their work. Many notable literary figures came from the town, including Maura Laverty and the poet William A. Byrne. This audio guide will walk you through the many stories by visiting the tangible reminders of the town's history and heritage.

To download the free audio guide, go to:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

[/rathangan-audio-guide/](https://www.abartaheritage.ie/rathangan-audio-guide/)





This free audiobook tells the story of the archaeological discovery of a medieval village in the shadow of an ancient royal site at Mullaghmast, Kildare. Remarkable archaeological discoveries were made during works in advance of the M9 Motorway in County Kildare, where archaeologists found the remains of a long forgotten medieval village that lay in the shadow of one of Ireland's ancient royal sites. The excavation at Mullaghmast revealed important new insights into trade, religion, society and everyday life in medieval Ireland. This audiobook draws on the archaeological information and contemporary history to tell the story of life and death in medieval Ireland.

This audiobook accompanies the publication *Colonising a Royal Landscape, the History and Archaeology of a Medieval Village at Mullaghmast County Kildare* by Teresa Bolger. The book will allow you to dig deeper into the remarkable stories of Mullaghmast and to learn more about the archaeology and history of this important site.



To download the free audio guide, go to:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie/mullamast-the-story-of-a-medieval-village-audiobook/>



Dig into the Story with Dr Susan Johnston, Prof. Pam Crabtree, Dr Zenobi Garrett & the excavation team.

Looming large over the plains of Kildare is a large tree-lined hill. This is Dún Áilinne, believed to be one of Ireland's ancient 'royal sites' and a place of significance for millennia. In this episode of Amplify Archaeology Podcast, Dr Sharon Greene climbed the storied slopes to meet the team of archaeologists who are seeking to discover Dún Áilinne's secrets.

Podcast available from Abarta Heritage:

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie>

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Section 482 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, provides tax relief to the owner/occupier of an approved building (including surrounding garden), or an approved garden existing independently, in respect of expenditure incurred on its repair, maintenance or restoration.

One of the conditions of this tax relief is that the properties are open to visitors during Heritage Week. Listed below are the Kildare properties. **Advanced booking is required.** Please contact directly for opening hours. Contact details are provided with each property.

Blackhall Castle

Calverstown, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare
Tel: 087-6771661
Fee: Free

Burtown House and Garden

Athy, Co. Kildare
www.burtownhouse.ie
Fee: adult €10, OAP/student €5, child under €5 free

Coolcarrigan House & Gardens

Coolcarrigan, Coill Dubh, Naas, Co. Kildare
www.coolcarrigan.ie
Fee: adult €8, OAP/student €5, child free

Farmersvale House

Badgerhill, Kill, Co. Kildare
Tel: 086-2552661
Fee: adult €5, student/child/OAP €3,
(Irish Georgian Society members free)

Griesemount House

Ballitore, Co. Kildare
www.griesemounthouse.ie
Fee: adult/OAP/student €5, child €3

Harristown House

Brannockstown, Co. Kildare
www.harristownhouse.ie
Fee: adult/OAP/student €10, child €5

Kildrought House

Celbridge Village, Co. Kildare
Tel: 01-6271206
Fee: adult €6, OAP/student/child €3,
child under 5 years free

Larch Hill

Kilcock, Co. Kildare
www.larchill.ie
Fee: adult/OAP/student €8, child €4,
concession for groups



Leixlip Castle

Leixlip, Co. Kildare

Tel: 01-6244430

Fee: adult €8, OAP/student/child €4,
concessions no charge for school groups

Moone Abbey House & Tower

Moone Abbey, Moone, Co. Kildare

Tel: 087-6900138

Fee: adult €8, OAP/student/child €4

Moyglare Glebe

Moyglare, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Tel: 01-8722238

Fee: adult €6, OAP/student/child €3

Steam Museum Lodge Park Heritage Centre

Lodge Park, Straffan, Co. Kildare

Tel: 01-6288412

www.steam-museum.com

Fee: adult €7.50, OAP/child/student €5,
concession by negotiation



Tour of De Burgh Gardens Naas, Co Kildare. Tours are limited to a maximum of 25 persons, due to the nature of the terrain we cannot accept children under the age of 12, please note that this event would not be suitable for persons with reduced mobility and there are no dogs allowed. Booking required.

Time: Sat 12th, 19th 14.00-16.00
 Sun 13th, 20th 14.00-16.00
 Mon 14th - Fri 18th 19.00-21.00

Email: parks@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 046 980200

Admission: Free

Booking: Tickettailor.com - National Heritage Week
 Tour of De Burgh Gardens Naas
 – De Burghs Gardens Naas, Co. Kildare



For the duration of Heritage Week, Maynooth Castle will play host to talks on a wide range of topics, including the history of medicine, the lost art of Maynooth Castle and the rebellion of 'Silken' Thomas FitzGerald. The castle will be open daily from 10.00am until 5.45pm.

For more details contact Maynooth Castle on 046 9422270 or email maynoothcastle@opw.ie

Time: 10.00-17.45

Email: maynoothcastle@opw.ie

Tel: 046 9422270

Admission: Free





Just 10km from Newbridge and Kildare and 15km from Naas, this magnificent tower was built in 1859 by Sir Gerald George Aylmer. The tower commands extensive views of the surrounding countryside. The Hill of Allen is a volcanic hill surrounded by the Bog of Allen. The Hill of Allen rises to a height of approximately 676 ft. The Tower is also known as 'Aylmer's Folly' and it rises to approximately 60 ft. from the base, it has an internal diameter of approximately 9 ft. The tower is built of limestone, the tower has an internal staircase leading to the top where you enter the upper platform. The names of the men and women who built the tower is inscribed on each step. Steep forested terrain Please note carpark will close at 6pm Cars parked at owners' risk.

Time: 10.00-18.00
Email: regina.heavey@gmail.com
Tel: 087 9327670
Admission: Free



At the Curragh Military Museum, you can visit and explore all aspects of the Curragh - military, civilian, equitation, conservation and archaeology. The museum is sub-divided into three parts. The environment encompassing archaeology, flora and fauna; the British military presence up to 1922 and finally the Defence Forces.

Date: Monday 14th - Thursday 17th August
Time: 10.00-15.00
Venue: Curragh Military Museum, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare
Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 445342
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August
Beekeeping Family Workshop
- Celbridge



Come and see a live hive in Celbridge Library and learn all about beekeeping as part of Heritage upstairs in the library. Drop in and meet our expert Beekeeper and learn all about his bees.

Time: 10.00-12.00
Venue: Celbridge Library, St Patrick's Park, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 VA47
Email: celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 9800994
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August
The Fairy Trail Relaunch

The launch will take place in the Valley Kilcullen. The event will include Face painting, music, Best dressed fairy competition, Goodie bag for the kids and a colouring competition, bring along a painting, pencil art or crayon art picture of your favourite fairy house in the valley and post it into the valley post box on the day. Age groups 3 years to 6 years, 7 years to 10 years. Winners announced Sat the 19th August. Winners will receive a €50 voucher for Woodbines Book Store Kilcullen. It is also the 50th anniversary of the purchase of the Valley, which took place on the 16th of August 1973.

Time: 14.00-16.00
Venue: Valley Kilcullen, Co. Kildare
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August
School Days Revisited



Local authors Margaret Doherty and Emma Jane Leeson in conjunction with St Mochua's Historical Society in Timahoe are proud to present a fun filled workshop for children and their families, in the Old Schoolhouse Staplestown.

This event will incorporate history, storytelling, music and art in this beautiful venue.

Time: 11.00-12.00
Venue: Old School, Staplestown, Co. Kildare
Organiser: Emma Jane and Margaret Doolan
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August
A tour of Kildrought House
& Garden - Celbridge



A house erected for Robert Baillie (d. 1761) who was, as well as being a leading tapestry manufacturer, a land agent for William Conolly (1662-1729) who built Castletown. Tour led by the owner. **Booking is essential.** Only 12 places.

Time: 10:45 - 12:30
Venue: Front Court Kildrought House, Celbridge Village, Co. Kildare, W23 N9P2
Email: junestuart@gmail.com
Tel: 01 6271206/ 087 6168651
Admission: €3



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Saturday 12th August
Bird Walk
 in Mullaghcreelan Woods



Join Kildare Birdwatch in Mullaghcreelan Woods to learn about woodland birds.

Time: 10.30-12.30
Venue: Mullaghcreelan Wood, R418,
 Mullaghreelan, Co. Kildare
Email: birdwatchkildare@gmail.com
Tel: 086 2388664
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August
Introducing Medieval Castledermot



Come along and learn about our medieval past through a local lens. Castledermot has a rich medieval history, so where better to learn about it than walking around the key sites with a local archaeologist. This walking tour aims to introduce the stories of our town to a new audience - whether you are a long-time resident who was always curious or new to the area and want to learn more about your new home. All are welcome!

Time: 11.00-13.00
Organiser: Sharon Greene
Venue: St James' Church
Address: Church Lane, Castledermot, Co. Kildare
Email: castledermothist@gmail.com
Tel: 087 7990867
Admission: Free





Alice Coghlan founder of Wonderland Theatre has a special ability to engage children in a way that is a joy to watch. Under her care the children will be transported through the adventures of Gulliver with story book in hand. The magic she creates will make a lasting memory for your child. In a world saturated with technology you shouldn't miss out on this magical opportunity. The event will be indoors if the weather is bad.

Time: 11.00-13.00
Organiser: Tea Lane Graveyard Committee
Venue: Tea Lane Graveyard
Address: Church Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
Email: breda.konstantin61@gmail.com
Tel: 087 9630719

No Parking at the site. Free parking for this event is at Celbridge Abbey Car park, Clane Road, 7 minutes walk to the venue.



Join the Irish Peatland Conservation Council for a walk to Lodge Bog exploring the biodiversity of this reserve and the peatland conservation skills including how to measure peat depth and monitor water levels. Participants are encouraged to wear strong footwear.

Time: 11.00-13.00
Organiser: Irish Peatland Conservation Council
Venue: Bog of Allen Nature Centre
Address: Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, R51 V293
Email: bogs@ipcc.ie
Tel: 045 860133



Saturday 12th August
**Natural Plant Dyeing
 & Spindle Spinning Workshop**

A New Approach to an Old Craft with Anne Heavey. Dyeing with plants, roots and lichens...how did our ancestors achieve such colour and how did they turn fibre into yarn?

All details from Kildare Town Library 045 520235 / kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Time: 11.00-14.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Library
Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 520235



Saturday 12th August
Guided Walking Tour of Kildare Town



Take a guided walk around one of Ireland's oldest towns, discover Saint Brigid's Monastic Site and features of this medieval town. With our guide you will discover features of Saint Brigid's Cathedral, see her Fire Temple and discuss the Round Tower of Kildare.

Our tours last approximately one hour and are mainly outdoors so this will be a weather permitting event. Please wear outdoor clothes and suitable footwear for your own comfort. **Booking required.**

Time: 13.30-12.30
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House, Co. Kildare, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672



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Saturday 12th August Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct

The Leinster Aqueduct carries the Grand Canal over the river Liffey west of Sallins. Constructed 240 years ago in 1783, this impressive structure is one of the most significant examples of 18 century canal engineering.

The barge cruises from Sallins to the Aqueduct. Passengers will get off onto the towpath for a better view of the scale of the structure and the skipper will give a short history talk before the return cruise to Sallins.

The activity is for small groups, up to a maximum of 12 people. Each group charters the barge exclusively for the allocated time slot which is approx 1 hour.

Time: 13.00-16.45
Venue: Grand Canal Stores, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Email: info@bargetrip.ie
Tel: 087 6465465



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Saturday 12th August Finding Brigid: A Walking Tour of Kilcullen Finding Traces of Brigid in the Landscape & Lore



A walking tour of Kilcullen starting in Kilcullen Community Library and taking in the Church of The Sacred Heart and St Brigid, St Brigid's Well and various other locations in the town. Returning to the library for refreshments. Suitable walking shoes/boots essential for walking through the linear park, the Valley, which may be wet and a little slippery underfoot. This event is being supported by Kildare County Council and is also part of the Brigid1500 Festival.

Time: 14.00-15.30
Meeting Point: Kilcullen Community Library, Co. Kildare
Email: kilcullenlib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 087 1334784
Admission: Free



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Saturday 12th August

Finger Puppet Crafts with Tamzen Lundy & Athy Library



In this fun morning, children will learn the basics of wet felting, the world's oldest form of textile making. This is a fabulous introduction to a very sensory craft, suitable for beginners.

There will be plenty of soapy bubbles and soft fibres. Roll up your sleeves and rub a dub dub! After Tamzen introduces the basics of wet felting she will move on to felting a 3d felt friend, each child will go away with their own finger puppet at the end of the craft. For children aged 8-12 years. **Booking required.**

Time: 11.30- 13.00 and 14.00-15.30
Venue: Athy Library, Co. Kildare
Email: athylib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980555
Admission: Free



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Time: 11.30-12.30
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre,
 Market House, Co. Kildare, R51 T189
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Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free





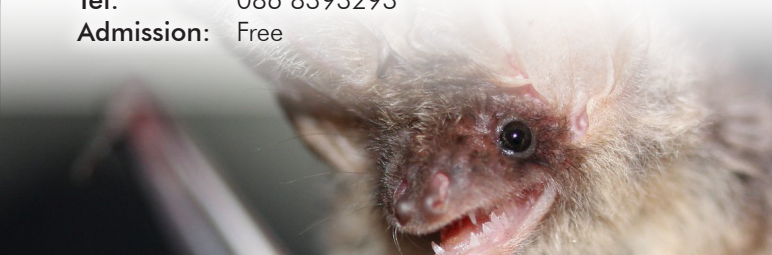
Clane Local History Group will host a photographic exhibition entitled 'Hidden Gems and Forgotten People of Clane' in Clane Community Library courtesy of Mrs Jackie McCabe, Librarian. The exhibition can be viewed during library opening hours.

Time: 10.00
Venue: Clane Community Library
Address: Woods Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare
Email: clanelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 892716
Admission: Free



Enjoy a sunset bat talk & walk along the Green Flag For Parks Liffey Linear Park towpath with Newbridge Tidy Towns & Kildare Bat Group - kindly guided by Anna Collins & her colleagues from the Kildare Bat Group. Learn all about the secret life of bats & have your questions on bats in the locality answered. Then join us on a short walk along the River Liffey to watch & hear some bats while using Heterodyne bat detectors. At a minimum we hope to observe Daubenton's Bat (*Myotis daubentonii*), Soprano pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*), Common pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*), Leisler's bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) & hopefully more species on the night. As the event takes place on the banks of the River Liffey (on a tarmacadam path), children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please wear warm / suitable outdoor clothing. Car parking – including 2 adjacent disabled parking bays on nearby public streets.

Time: 20.45-23.00
Organiser: Newbridge Tidy Towns Association
Venue: The Watering Gates, The Liffey Linear Park
Address: Athgarvan Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Email: newbridgetidytowns@gmail.com
Tel: 086 8393293
Admission: Free



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Sunday 13th August
History of St. Peter's Church,
Donadea



Rev. James Reid will present the history of St. Peter's Church, Donadea from the time of St Patrick through to the present day.

Car Parking available at nearby Donadea Forest carpark.

Time: 14.00-16.00
Organiser: Clane Union of Parishes
Venue: St. Peter's Church, Donadea, W91 VK59
Email: secretary@claneunion.org
Admission: Free



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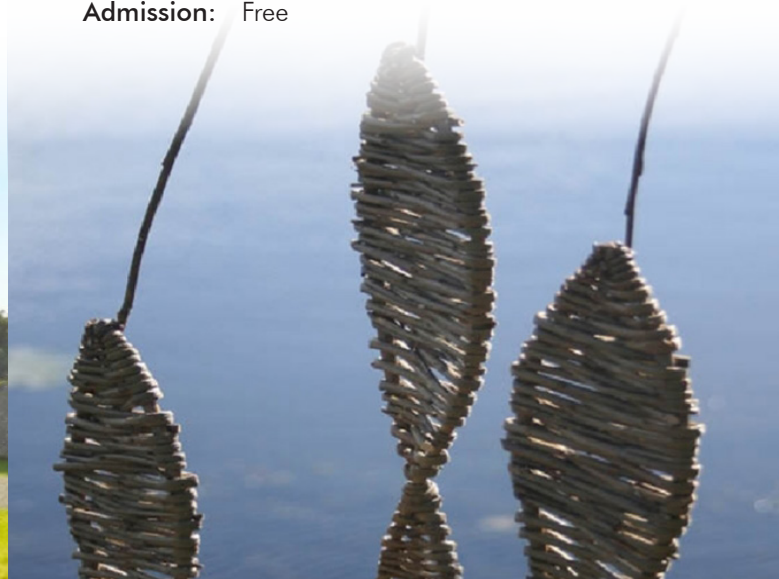
Sunday 13th August
Willow Weaving
at Castletown House



A demonstration of basket weaving, using willow sourced from the Castletown Estate. We will be showing how the estate was self-sufficient in using the natural resources to make baskets. Visit us in the stable wing, try your hand with the willow and see what you can make.

Booking required.

Time: 14.00-15.00
Organiser: Castletown House & Parklands
Venue: Castletown House
Address: Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3
Email: castletown@opw.ie
Tel: 01 6288252
Admission: Free





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Sunday 13th August

New Pastures

- Iron Age Livestock & Lifeways
of The Irish Iron Age

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Monday 14th August

Willow Weaving

at Castletown House



What animal bones tell us about the Iron Age in Kildare and Laois Road schemes and research excavations allow us to paint a picture of life in the Iron Age in Counties Kildare and Laois, that revolved around cattle, sheep and horses. This talk introduces to the Iron Age in this region, why it is of national importance and how the animal bone assemblages recovered from archaeological sites hold the key to understanding people's lives in an otherwise enigmatic period. Archaeologists from UCC will present an approximately 1-hour talk, followed by a hands-on session on zoo-archaeological analysis of animal bone and refreshments. Supported by the Irish Research Council's Coalesce Scheme.

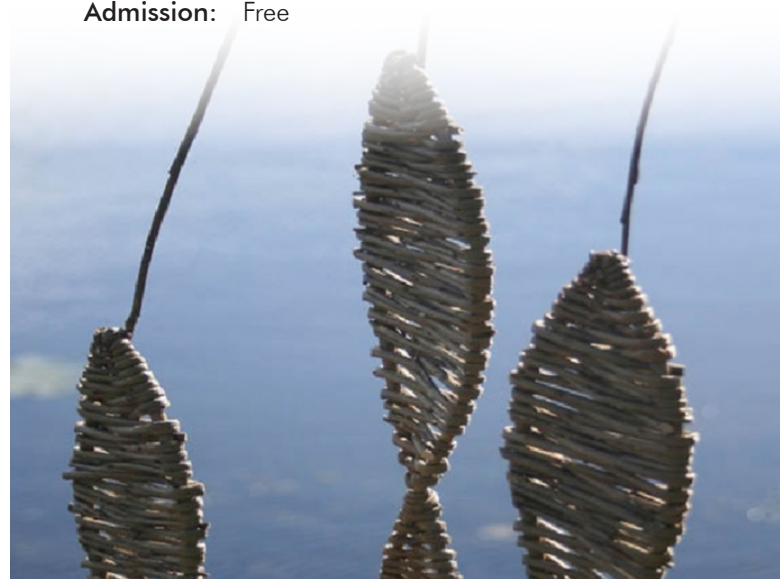
Time: 17.00-18.30
Organiser: University College Cork
Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall and Heritage Centre
Address: Lower Main St, Kilcullenbridge, Co. Kildare
Email: katharina.becker@ucc.ie
Admission: Free



A demonstration of basket weaving, using willow sourced from the Castletown Estate. We will be showing how the estate was self-sufficient in using the natural resources to make baskets. Visit us in the stable wing, try your hand with the willow and see what you can make.

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Admission: Free



Bodentown Cemetery has been a place of worship and burial for several centuries and continues to function as the parish graveyard to this day. Many political groupings pay homage to the tomb of Wolfe Tone each summer and a large 1798 rebellion monument dominates the cemetery. Other notable features include famine era crosses, Viking myths and graves bearing a range of familiar family names and places from the local area. Indeed, the cemetery has many tales to tell. The talk will explore the history of the site along with lore and legends of the surrounding lands. Guests should expect to spend about an hour walking around the site, hearing and sharing stories, whilst paying respects to all of those remembered there. **Booking required as numbers are limited each night.**

Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: James Lawless TD
Venue: Bodentown Cemetery, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Email: james@jameslawless.ie
Tel: 045 898476
Booking Link: Email james@jameslawless.ie
Admission: Free



John Colgan is giving a talk at the Wonderful Barn on the history of the barn at 19:30 on the Monday 14th of August.

Time: 19.30-21.00
Organiser: Leixlip Tidy Towns
Venue: Wonderful Barn
Address: Celbridge Road, Barnhall, Leixlip, Co. Kildare
Email: tony_osull@hotmail.com
Tel: 086 8772994





Kill Local History Group presents a lecture by Kildare's Historian James Durney about local involvement in Kildare's fight for independence. It will cover the men women and children who took part in the struggle during the revolutionary period.

Time: 20.00-21.30
Organiser: Kill Local History Group
Venue: Parish meeting room (beside R.C. Church)
Address: Parochial house, Kill, W91 H6A0
Email: brianfrancis.mccabe@gmail.com
Tel: 087 3513328
Admission: Free



Parent and Children's workshop learning about native flowers. These native flowers will then be picked from the gardens and used to create crafts. This will be held in our Biodiversity Garden at the John Sullivan (Irish Wheelchair Association), Clane, Kildare. The workshop will be run by Kathleen Walsh our Social Therapeutic Horticulture Tutor.

Booking required as numbers are limited.

Time: 11.00-12.30
Organiser: Irish Wheelchair Association Clane
Address: John Sullivan Centre (Irish Wheelchair Association), Ballinagappa Road, Clane, Co. Kildare, W91 YT99
Email: eileen.obrien@iwa.ie
Tel: 087 6426254
Booking: eileen.obrien@iwa.ie
Admission: Free



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Tuesday 15th August
**Butterfly Identification Walk
 & Talk to Lullymore West Bog**



Join the Irish Peatland Conservation Council as we share with your skills in butterfly identification by enjoying a walk and talk to Lullymore West Bog nature reserve. Weather permitting participants may get to observe Brimstone, Common Blue, Peacock, Speckled Wood and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, as this reserve is a butterfly haven with 26 of Ireland's 35 butterfly species recorded on the reserve.

Time: 11.00-13.00
Organiser: Irish Peatland Conservation Council
Venue: Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, R51 V293
Email: bogs@ipcc.ie
Tel: 045 860133
Admission: Free



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Tuesday 15th August
**Tours of the Russell Library
 at Maynooth**



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Time: 11.30-12.15 & 14.30-12.15
Organiser: Maynooth University
Venue: Russell Library, Maynooth University, Co. Kildare
Email: library.russell@mu.ie
Tel: 01 7083890
Admission: Free



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Time: 14.30-17.00
Organiser: Heritage Group Kilcullen
Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre, Main Street, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, R56 X763
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com
Tel: 045 860133
Admission: Free



Join Monasterevin Tidy Towns and the residents of St. Mary's Avenue to discover the diversity of biodiversity in their public garden. This year the groups have worked together to manage the space to maintain and enhance the habitats in the garden.

Time: 18.30-19.30
Organiser: Monasterevin Tidy Towns
Venue: St. Mary's Avenue Garden (located beside St. Peters and St. Paul's Church), Monasterevin, Co. Kildare
Email: bogs@ipcc.ie
Tel: 045 860133
Admission: Free



**Walk and Talk on the Engineering
& Transport History in the Sallins Environs**
Highlighting the 1783/1883/1983 Sequence



Sallins is a bustling town symbolic of the growth of many locations in north Kildare, but behind its suburban modernity are tales of mystery and of history. On this heritage week walk, historian Liam Kenny will highlight the town's links with engineering innovation - canal 1783; railway 1883; and motorway 1983. There will be hints too of intriguing personalities connected with the area including controversial artist Francis Bacon and acclaimed writer James Joyce ... and that's not to forget reflection on a mystery well and an enigmatic bell and the near-unique tin church. St Brigid too will have a place in the story - significant given the upcoming 'Brigid 1500' celebrations

- Time:** 19.00-21.00
Organiser: County Kildare Archaeological Society
Meeting Point: Large car park adjacent to the Church of the Guardian Angel in Sallins
Tel: Liam Kenny 087 2872704
 or Siobhán McNulty 087 6879221
Admission: Free
Parking: Turn off the main street of Sallins at the Railway Inn and you will find the parking a 100 metres on the right hand side.
 W91 HC04 €3 for 3 hours.



The Buildings of Naas Town



Naas Local History Group members Paddy Behan and Ger McCarthy will lead a walk and talk on the historic buildings of Naas Town.

- Time:** 19.30-21.00
Organiser: Naas Local History Group
Meeting Point: Market Square, Naas, Co. Kildare
Tel: 085 1443998
Email: james.durney@yahoo.ie
Admission: Free



Water Heritage Day

Explore the Waterways of Ireland

Sunday 20th August 2023



Our landscape is full of waterways and features. Many are obvious to us while some waterways are hidden from plain sight. Water Heritage Day on 20th August will celebrate the heritage and history connected to our magnificent rivers, lakes, and coastline and more. This water-themed day is organised through collaboration between the Heritage Council and the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO).

This National Heritage Week, you can get involved and explore your local water body. Discover its biodiversity, participate in events or in citizen science projects that record and monitor waterways in your locality.

Celebrate the theme of Living Heritage by exploring our interaction with water and the traditions associated with it.



Find Water Heritage Day events
or projects in your community at
heritageweek.ie

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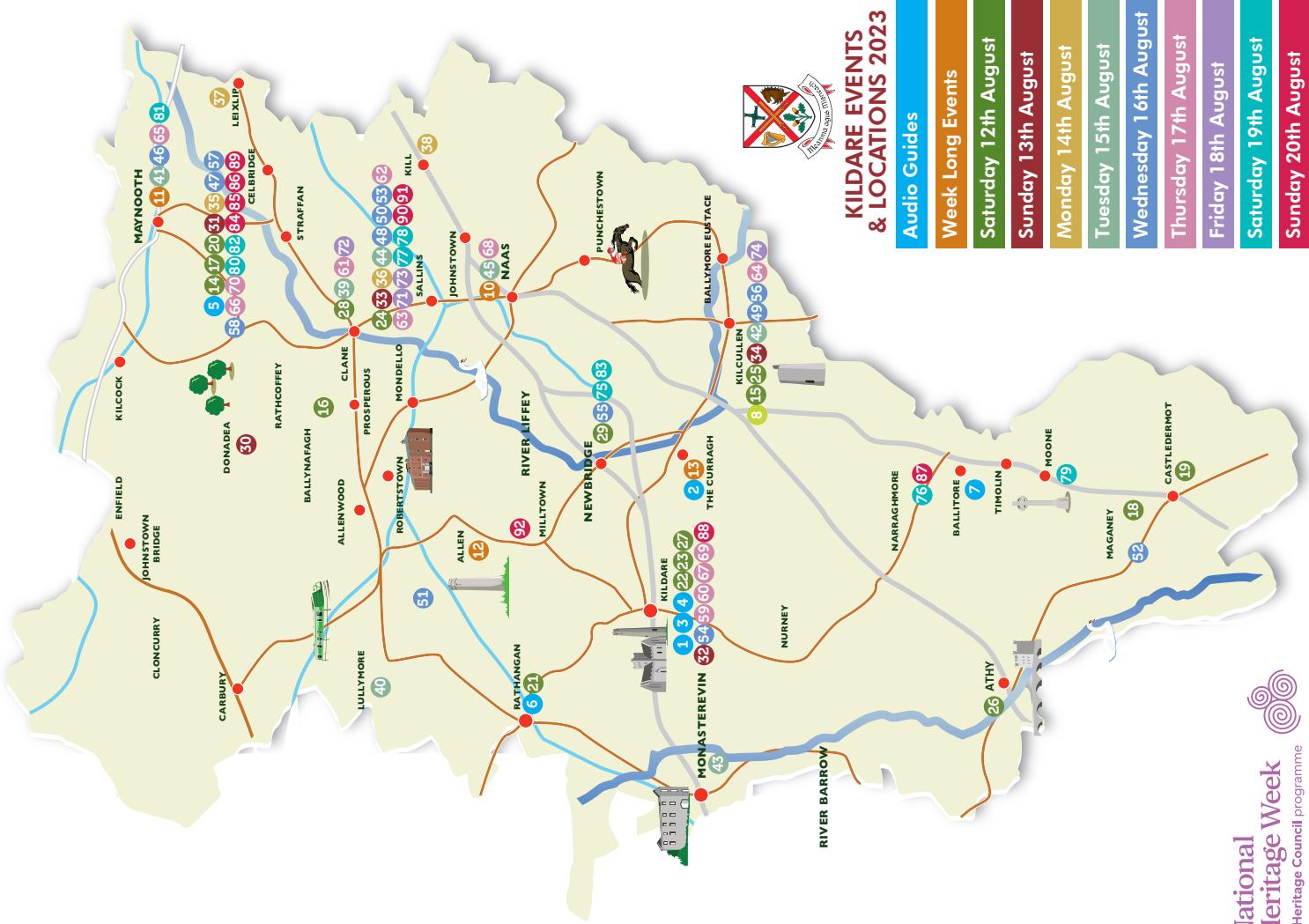
Wednesday 16th August
St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth Tour - A Student of the Sixties



The memories of an almost vanished student lifestyle and environment in the National University and National Seminary in the last years of the 'old regime' are recreated in this presentation by Mr. B. of Ossory, No. 26 in the order of seniority in his class, as he conducts a tour through this historic campus. Jointly organised by St Patrick's College Archives and Maynooth Colleges' Heritage Project Group

Time: 12.30-12.30 and 14.30-15.30
Organiser: St Patrick's College, Maynooth
Venue: Signboard at left of South Campus entrance gate, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Email: archives@spcm.ie
Tel: 01 4747366 & 086 2377996
Admission: Free





KILDARE EVENTS & LOCATIONS 2023

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7. Mullaghmast – The Story of a Medieval Village

Podcast

8. Digging Dún Áilinne

Section 482 Properties in Kildare

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Week Long Events

10. Tour of De Burgh Gardens Naas
11. Maynooth Castle
12. Tower of Allen, Hill of Allen
13. The Curragh Military Museum

Saturday 12th August

14. Beekeeping Family Workshop - Celbridge
15. The Fairy Trail Relaunch
16. School Days Revisited
17. A Tour of Kildrouth House and Garden - Celbridge
18. Bird Walk in Mullaghcreelan Woods
19. Introducing Medieval Castledermot
20. Gulliver's Travels Story Time
21. Sharing Skills in Measuring and Monitoring Lodge Bog
22. Natural Plant Dyeing and Spindle Spinning Workshop
23. Guided Walking Tour of Kildare Town

24. Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct
25. Finding Brigid: A Walking Tour of Kilcullen Finding Traces of Brigid in the Landscape and Lore
26. Finger Puppet Crafts with Tamzen Lundy and Athy Library
27. Guided Walking Tour of Kildare Town
28. Clane Photographic Exhibition
29. Bats About Newbridge at Sunset

Sunday 13th August

30. History of St. Peter's Church, Donadea
31. Willow Weaving at Castletown House
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33. Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct
34. New Pastures - Iron Age Livestock and Lifeways of The Irish Iron Age

Monday 14th August

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53. How a Village is Built
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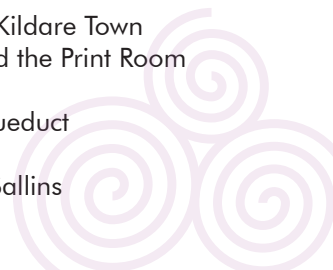
71. Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct
72. Historical Stories of People Buried in Clane
73. How a Village is Built
- The Rise of Industry in Sallins
74. How Ireland Saved Motorsport

Saturday 19th August

75. Pop-Up Forest School
with Kate Maher of Dúlra Forest School
76. Coptic Stitch Bookbinding
77. Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct
78. How a Village is Built
- The Rise of Industry in Sallins
79. Historic Houses of Ireland: Tour of Moone Abbey
including the High Cross of Moone
80. Tour of Hydroelectric Facilities and General
Buildings/Gardens
81. Maynooth Heritage Trail, A Guided Walk around
The Medieval Town of Maynooth
82. Copper Plate Printing and the Print Room
at Castletown House
83. Walk the Story of the Clongorey Evictions

Sunday 20th August

84. Open Day at Batty Langley Lodge
85. Open Day at Castletown Gate House
86. Open Day at Castletown Round House
87. Ink Making Workshop
88. Guided Walking Tour of Kildare Town
89. Copper Plate Printing and the Print Room
at Castletown House
90. Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct
91. How a Village is Built
- The Rise of Industry in Sallins
92. Milltown Canal Festival





The cutting and footing of turf is part of our rural heritage. Travel back in time, to see how turf was cut by a sceán and reared by hand. The whole family and neighbours would converge on the bog during long summer evenings. We will also shine a spotlight on the fauna and flora of our peatlands and their development to promote the future ecosystem and biodiversity of our Irish bogs.

Booking essential. Email: castletown@opw.ie

Time: 14.00-14.45
Organiser: Castletown House & Parklands
Venue: Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3
Email: castletown@opw.ie
Tel: 01 6288252
Admission: Free



The Leinster Aqueduct carries the Grand Canal over the river Liffey west of Sallins. Constructed 240 years ago in 1783, this impressive structure is one of the most significant examples of 18 century canal engineering.

The barge cruises from Sallins to the Aqueduct. Passengers will get off onto the towpath for a better view of the scale of the structure and the skipper will give a short history talk before the return cruise to Sallins.

The activity is for small groups, up to a maximum of 12 people. Each group charts the barge exclusively for the allocated time slot which is approx 1 hour.

Time: 13.00-16.45
Venue: Grand Canal Stores, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Email: info@bargetrip.ie
Tel: 087 6465465



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Time: 14.30-17.00
Organiser: Heritage Group Kilcullen
Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre, Main Street, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, R56 X763
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com
Tel: 045 860133
Admission: Free



Bodenstown Cemetery has been a place of worship and burial for several centuries and continues to function as the parish graveyard to this day. Many political groupings pay homage to the tomb of Wolfe Tone each summer and a large 1798 rebellion monument dominates the cemetery. Other notable features include famine era crosses, Viking myths and graves bearing a range of familiar family names and places from the local area. Indeed, the cemetery has many tales to tell. The talk will explore the history of the site along with lore and legends of the surrounding lands. Guests should expect to spend about an hour walking around the site, hearing and sharing stories, whilst paying respects to all of those remembered there. **Booking required as numbers are limited each night.**

Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: James Lawless TD
Venue: Bodenstown Cemetery, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Email: james@jameslawless.ie
Tel: 045 898476
Booking Link: Email james@jameslawless.ie
Admission: Free





Have a cuppa & Sandwich while you watch turf being cut in the traditional way. We will have a small gift as you return home from Ballyteague Bog. It is free but we will accept small donations to offset expenses.

Time: 18.30-20.00
Organiser: Allen Heritage and History Society
Venue: Ballyteague Bog, Co. Kildare
Email: allenheritageandhistory@gmail.com
Tel: 086 3773715



Dr Fiona Mac Gowan, consultant ecologist will give a presentation on Green heritage in Dunmanoge Graveyard.

Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: Castledermot Local History Group
Venue: Levitstown Community Hall, Maganey, Co. Kildare, R93 KA46
Admission: Free





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Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: Sallins Local History Society
Venue: The Cafe Grange, Church Ave, Sallins, Co. Kildare, W91 DE63
Email: sallinslocalhistorysociety@gmail.com
Tel: 086 3034634
Admission: Free



Community Arts Facilitator Beth Murphy from Willow Wonder has been facilitating this community arts workshop since February 1st, with our Brideog and St Brigid crosses' workshop. This intergenerational group has been exploring the traditions, arts and crafts practices, sharing knowledge and skills passed down through generations in our communities now coming together in the community of Kildare town. The group has brought in many local and ancient skills and crafts such as crochet, embroidery, weaving, felting, sketching, clay and braiding. They have used material such as wool from the Curragh sheep, tapestry, natural material such as grasses and willow and copper. They will present the project to the community and exhibit the skills they have learnt as a group. This event is fully outdoors so we ask that you dress appropriately, with outdoor clothes and waterproof shoes. **Booking required.**

Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Venue TBC please contact us on 045 530672 or email info@kildareheritage.com
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free





What was it like to live in Newbridge one hundred years ago? Relying on newspaper reports, personal testaments, old photographs and public events, this talk will give you a glimpse of what the town was like in 1923. The illustrated talk will take place in Newbridge Parish Centre.

Time: 20.00-21.30
Organiser: Newbridge Local History Group
Venue: Newbridge Parish Centre
Address: Station Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, W12 R662
Email: raphaelryan@yahoo.co.uk
Tel: 086 8159958
Admission: Free



Dr Niamh Wycherley will launch the Federation of Local History Groups lecture series on the Life and Times of St Brigid with lecture each month from August 2023 to February 2024.

Time: 19.30- 21.00
Organiser: Federation of Local History Groups
Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre
Admission: Free



'If These Walls Could Talk' Join us at Colourtrend Paint and Wallpaper Store in Celbridge to hear from local historian, Cathi Fleming about life in the Celbridge Famine Workhouse through stories, pictures and song. Followed by a tour of the paint factory, seeing how the workhouse is being used today.

Time: 17.00 and 18.30
Venue: Colourtrend Paints, Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 X7R8
Organiser: General Paints Group - Colourtrend
Email: info@colourtrend.ie
Tel: 01 628 8224
Admission: Free



Elm Hall Heritage Group is hosting a talk on Donaghcomper House. Donaghcomper House was built in the late 18th century (1770s) and significantly remodeled in Tudor Revival style in the 19th century (1830s). It was primarily associated with the Kirkpatrick family. It was home to Ivone Kirkpatrick (1897–1964), British ambassador in Berlin in the 1930s and eventually Under-Secretary of the British Foreign Office.

The presentation will be provided by Eoghan Corry. Adults only.

Time: 19.30
Venue: Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
Organiser: Elm Hall Heritage Group
Email: annemcneill@yahoo.com
Admission: Free





Creating a Mandela using all natural materials with Social and Therapeutic Horticulturalist, Kathleen Walsh.

This is a group workshop where participants will share their creativity to make a giant mandela which will be displayed in the library for a period of time following the workshop. Booking required.

Time: 11.30-13.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Library
Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 520235
Admission: Free



Transport yourself back in time and try out medieval games, taste medieval food and take part in family arts and crafts area. Visit Kildare Heritage Centre to discover the secret location!! Thursday 17th August 10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm. This event is weather permitting. We intend to have the demonstrations and activities outside the Heritage Centre but can move to the Courthouse in the case of severe weather conditions.

Time: 10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00-18.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House, Co. Kildare, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free



Thursday 17th August
**History and Construction of St Michael
 & All Angels, Millicent, Clane**

James Byrne Built Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist from Southgate Associates Heritage Conservation Specialists will briefly discuss the fascinating history and construction of St Michaels and All Angels, Millicent, Clane. James will also outline the common maintenance issues with a building of this type and age and the types of repairs required to amend these, as well as the general maintenance that should be carried out on a building such as St. Michaels. Southgate Associates are currently compiling a Conservation Management Plan for St. Michaels and All Angels as generously funded by the Heritage Council Community Heritage Scheme 2023. There is limited parking available at the Church.

Time: 12.00-13.00
Organiser: Clane Union of Parishes
Venue: St Michael and All Angels Church
Address: Millicent, Clane, Co. Kildare, W91 NH27
Email: secretary@claneunion.org
Admission: Free



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Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct

The Leinster Aqueduct carries the Grand Canal over the river Liffey west of Sallins. Constructed 240 years ago in 1783, this impressive structure is one of the most significant examples of 18 century canal engineering.

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Email: sallinslocalhistorysociety@gmail.com
Tel: 086 3034634
Admission: Free



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Admission: Free



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Maynooth, Co. Kildare,
Email: library.russell@mu.ie
Tel: 01 7083890
Admission: Free



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The Humble Sod:
Cutting & Footing Turf



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Time: 14.00-14.45
Organiser: Castletown House & Parklands
Venue: Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare,
W23 V9H3
Email: castletown@opw.ie
Tel: 01 6288252
Admission: Free



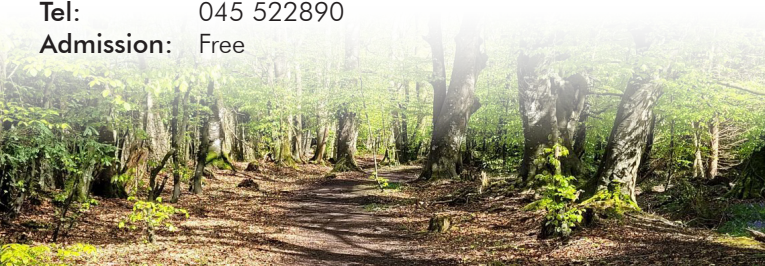
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Thursday 17th August
**A Guided Walk To Discover
 The Ancient Folklore & Mythology of Trees**



From ancient mythology and folklore, we know that our Celtic ancestors worshipped trees long before science discovered the benefits they provide for the environment. Their respect for trees can be seen throughout history. The first European alphabet, the Ogham alphabet, has every letter named for a tree or an important companion of trees. There are over ten thousand places in Ireland that contain a tree in their name. This, of course, includes Kildare, Cill Dara, the church of the oak. In Celtic history the oak, ash and hawthorn trees were held as the most sacred. How well do you know the native trees in your area? Do you know the story and folklore associated with them? Why not join us at Solas Bhríde Centre, Kildare Town where Paddy Gleeson will lead us on a tree and shrub discovery walk through the grounds not only informing us of their environmental significance but also sharing much of the ancient folklore and mythology associated with our native species.

Time: 19.00-21.00
Venue: Solas Bhríde Centre & Hermitage
 CLG Tully Road, Kildare Town, R51 Y281
Email: info@solasbhríde.ie
Tel: 045 522890
Admission: Free



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Thursday 17th August
A French Military Train in Naas



Naas Local History Group members Liam Kenny and James Durney, along with Mick Hanley, of GPX Rail, will explain the origin and restoration of this locomotive. Built in 1960 for the French military, the shunting train worked the Dublin Luas line in 2004 and was recently installed in the new HQ of GPX Rail Ltd.

Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: Naas Local History Group
Venue: Unit 10, GPX Rail Ltd, Osberstown Business Park, Naas, Co. Kildare
Email: james.durney@yahoo.ie
Tel: 085 1443998
Admission: Free





Nature Camp, Scavenger Hunt, Plant ID, Leaf Printing, Nature Crafts, Clay making, Games and Tree planting. This 2-day nature camp is an opportunity for children to connect with nature through fun and interactive games and crafts. Learning ancient folklore, stories and medicinal properties of the flora and fauna in their local area, Connecting with nature evokes empathy for our natural world and when experienced at a young age establishes positive environmental values, We aim to promote a deeper connection with nature that allows the children to develop a new appreciation and respect for nature inspiring them to cultivate long-term sustainable attitudes and beliefs. **Event fully booked.**

Time: 11.00-14.00

Organiser: Dunmurray Rise Residents Association
and Wild Kids Forest School

Address: Dunmurray Rise, Kildare Town, Kildare Town,
R51 HE22

Email: wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com

Tel: 085 1389777



'If These Walls Could Talk' Join us at Colourtrend Paint and Wallpaper Store in Celbridge to hear from local historian, Cathi Fleming about life in the Celbridge Famine Workhouse through stories, pictures and song. Followed by a tour of the paint factory, seeing how the workhouse is being used today.

Time: 17.00 and 18.30

Venue: Colourtrend Paints, Maynooth Road,
Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 X7R8

Organiser: General Paints Group - Colourtrend

Email: info@colourtrend.ie

Tel: 01 628 8224

Admission: Free



Wild Child Day

Discover the Natural World Around You

Saturday 19th August 2023



Wild Child Day encourages children and young people all over Ireland to get outside and explore our natural heritage.

The Heritage Council is encouraging children to look at the world around them differently, to open their eyes to the diverse beauty of the landscape in their area and to get out and explore their locality or even farther afield.

This Wild Child Day, explore your local natural landscapes, learn about how we interact with nature and how we can create a sustainable environment for all flora and fauna.

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Friday 18th August
Cruise to the Leinster Aqueduct

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Time: 13.00-16.45
Venue: Grand Canal Stores, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Email: info@bargetrip.ie
Tel: 087 6465465



Find all events for Wild Child Day 2023 at heritageweek.ie



Join local storytellers as they animate historical events involving people laid to rest around the Friary ruins in the Abbey Cemetery beside the Westgrove Hotel. The outdoor event will then relocate to the graveyard at the Abbey Community Centre to finish the tales by sunset. Do you have a story to share?

- Time:** 19.30-21.00
Organiser: Clane Musical and Dramatic Society & Clane Community Council
Venue: Friary ruins in Abbey Cemetery (beside Westgrove Hotel), Sallins Road, Clane, Co. Kildare
Email: padraigmcevoy@gmail.com
Tel: 086 865 8262
Admission: Free



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- Time:** 9.00-16.30
Organiser: Sallins Local History Society
Venue: The Cafe Grange, Church Ave, Sallins, Co. Kildare, W91 DE63
Email: sallinslocalhistorysociety@gmail.com
Tel: 086 3034634
Admission: Free



Two heritage videos telling the story of the Gordon Bennett Race will be available to view in Kilcullen Heritage Centre. They tell the story of 'How Ireland Saved Motor Sport' and were researched and produced by Blake and Bailey Video Production with funding from the Heritage Council under the Heritage Plan Fund. They are the result of a collaboration between the Heritage Offices of Carlow, Kildare and Laois County Councils. Admission is free, drop by and meet with Kilcullen Heritage Group and enjoy the local memorabilia in the Centre.

Time: 14.30-17.00
Organiser: Heritage Group Kilcullen
Venue: Kilcullen Heritage Centre, Main Street, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, R56 X763
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com
Tel: 045 860133
Admission: Free



To celebrate National Heritage Week, we are delighted to collaborate with Kate Maher of Dúlra Forest School. In these sessions, participants will learn about native flora and fauna through games and interactive resources. They will learn about the food and medicinal uses of native plants and make some small craft items using natural materials. Forest School is a child-led, play-based outdoor education approach, facilitated by trained professionals, that takes place in a wild space. Forest School promotes mental well-being and confidence, builds community and strengthens our knowledge and connection with nature.

Booking required.

Time: 10.30-12.30 Parent & infant (0-5 years)
Venue: Newbridge Community Library
Booking Link: Book your free tickets here:
<https://buytickets.at/newbridgelibrary/961184>
Admission: Free





Learn the Coptic Stitch technique of bookbinding with Angelina Foster at Blueway Art Studio. Angelina will guide you to bind your own fabric-clothed journal or sketchbook. Often associated with medieval bookbinding, Coptic stitch dates from Egypt in the 2nd century (the Copts). With a choice of artist and writing paper, your book is a step in your own story. You will also bind a small single signature softcover notebook, using a choice of naturally dyed botanical covers or feel free to bring your own artwork. All materials included (we will be using a variety of quality recycled papers, Japanese Awagami papers, lined papers, book cloth, waxed thread, non-toxic screen-printing inks & screens, rubber-based letterpress ink).

Booking required and fee.

Time: 10.30-16.00
Venue: Blueway Art Studio, located next door to the Credit Union in Narraghmore
Email: angefoster@gmail.com
Tel: 086 7329680
Booking Link: bluewayartstudio.ie/book-binding/coptic-stitch-bookbinding-workshop
Fee: €85 per person, small group with max of 5



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Saturday 19th August
How a Village is Built
 - The Rise of Industry in Sallins



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Tel: 086 3034634
Admission: Free



Saturday 19th August
Historic Houses of Ireland:
Tour of Moone Abbey including
the High Cross of Moone



Tour of Moone Abbey House and Tower including the walled garden and the High Cross of Moone.

Booking required.

Time: 11.00- 12.00 & 14.00-15.00
Venue: Moone Abbey House, Moone, Co. Kildare, R14 VA40
Email: matuschkaj@gmail.com
Tel: 087 6800138
Booking Link: <https://www.ihh.ie/index.cfm/houses/house/name/Moone%20Abbey>
Admission: Free





Celbridge Mill buildings date back to the 1700's. They are in use now as a Sports, Community and Enterprise Centre catering for the residents in Celbridge and surrounding area. Hydroelectricity is generated on site and is fed into the National grid from the newly refurbished plant. The site includes millraces, generator and turbine and beautiful gardens set beside the river Liffey. Guided Tour will explore areas of public interest and a short historical talk and booklet will be given to participants. Guided Tour of Celbridge Mill including Hydroelectricity Generating facility, Community buildings and riverside gardens.

Booking required.

Time: 11.00- 12.15
Organiser: Celbridge Community Centre CLG
Venue: Celbridge Community Centre, The Mill, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
Email: maireadccbyrne@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2239410
Admission: Free



A guided tour of Maynooth, beginning at Duke's Harbour on the Royal Canal. The town is synonymous with the Fitzgerald family, its medieval quarter contains remnants of the castle. We will bring you on a gentle, leisurely stroll of the town, pointing out buildings and areas of interest, showing the evolution of the town from medieval times to the present day. Guides are volunteers from Maynooth Tidy Towns group. Duration of walk is about 1.5-2 hours. The walk is always on footpath/ street so accessibility should not be an issue. The Maynooth Heritage Trail has been created by Maynooth Tidy Towns, with support and funding from Kildare County Council. **Booking required.**

To register your interest in the Maynooth Heritage Trail guided tour, please contact Maynooth Tidy Towns on Facebook, or email MaynoothTidyTowns@outlook.ie

Time: 11.30-13.30
Organiser: Maynooth Tidy Towns
Venue: Duke's Harbour, Maynooth, on Royal Canal, opposite the train station
Email: maynoothtidytowns@outlook.ie
Tel: 087 2861771
Admission: Free





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Time: 14.00-14.45
Organiser: Castletown House & Parklands
Venue: Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3
Email: castletown@opw.ie
Tel: 01 6288252
Admission: Free



In the 1880s in Clongorey all the land in Clongorey and District is owned by a Trust set up by the local Landlord, who is under financial pressures due to collapse of investments in the Caribbean, added to a big debt from construction of his new mansion in Barretstown. The land is worked by local tenant farmers on a rental basis. Around this time, disastrous weather events destroy the crops and the turf of the tenant farmers two years running. Tension in Clongorey ratchets upwards as the scene sets for 'The Clongorey Evictions' a seismic event in the Irish land wars, achieving local, national and international notoriety as The Plan of Campaign run by locals and the County Kildare branch of The Land League go up against The Landlord and the Government in Westminster Parliament.

Booking required. Limit on the number of tickets available. Free entertainment and free hospitality. Please No Dogs. A Level of fitness is required to walk 5k at a fair pace in a small group and to stand as you listen to the stories. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for weather on the day and walking uneven surface of Bawn and Bog Lanes. Park in field opposite Barretstown Cemetery//St Patrick's Well and bus back to cars.

Time: 14.00-18.00
Organiser: Clongorey Community Association Ltd
Venue: Barretstown Cemetery, Barretstown Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Email: clongoreyanddistrict@gmail.com
Tel: +353860440934
Booking Link: [eventbrite.com/e/walk-the-story-of-the-clongorey-evictions-tickets66993073987?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-the-story-of-the-clongorey-evictions-tickets66993073987?aff=oddtcreator)
Admission: Adults €10. Children and Students Free





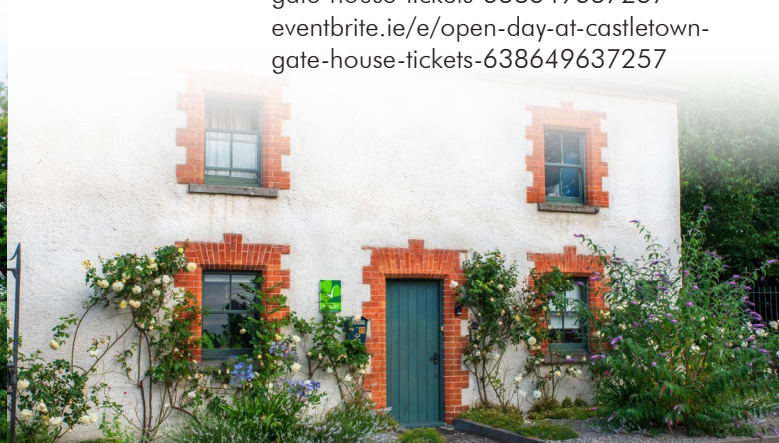
To celebrate National Heritage Week 2023, Batty Langley Lodge will be open on Sunday 20th August 10am-4pm. This is a free event and an opportunity to explore the conservation work of the Irish Landmark Trust. Enjoy a self-guided tour around this restored 18th century romantic gate lodge, now available as holiday accommodation. **Booking required.** Capacity is limited. If you wish to attend, please register for a free ticket at the link provided.

Time: 10.00-16.00
Organiser: Irish Landmark Trust
Venue: Batty Langley Lodge, Celbridge Road, Parsonstown, Co. Kildare, W23 W2K8
Email: bookings@irishlandmark.com
Tel: 01 6704733
Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/open-day-at-batty-langley-lodge-tickets-638647520927
Admission: Free



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Admission: Free
Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/open-day-at-castletown-gate-house-tickets-638649637257
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Sunday 20th August Open Day at Castletown Round House



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Tel: 01 6704733
Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/open-day-at-castletown-round-house-tickets-638653659287
Admission: Free



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Sunday 20th August Ink Making Workshop



Harness the power of botanical plants when you join a botanical ink making workshop at the Blueway Art Studio. This hands-on beginners' workshop is an excellent taster experience if you'd like to learn how to make plant-based sustainable inks. Create your own natural, botanical ink using materials foraged from the local trees and plants. Forage for colour, learn how to forage sustainably, identify key plants for colour, how to start a dye garden and manage invasive native species such as woad. Full details in booking link. **Booking required.**

- Time:** 11.30-15.00
Organiser: Blueway Art Studio
Venue: Blueway Art Studio, Narraghmore, Co. Kildare
Email: angefoster@gmail.com
Tel: 086 7329680
Booking Link: bluewayartstudio.ie/natural-dye-eco-printing/ink-making-workshop





Take a guided walk around one of Ireland's oldest towns, discover Saint Brigid's Monastic Site and features of this medieval town. With our guide you will discover features of Saint Brigid's Cathedral, see her Fire Temple and discuss the Round Tower of Kildare.

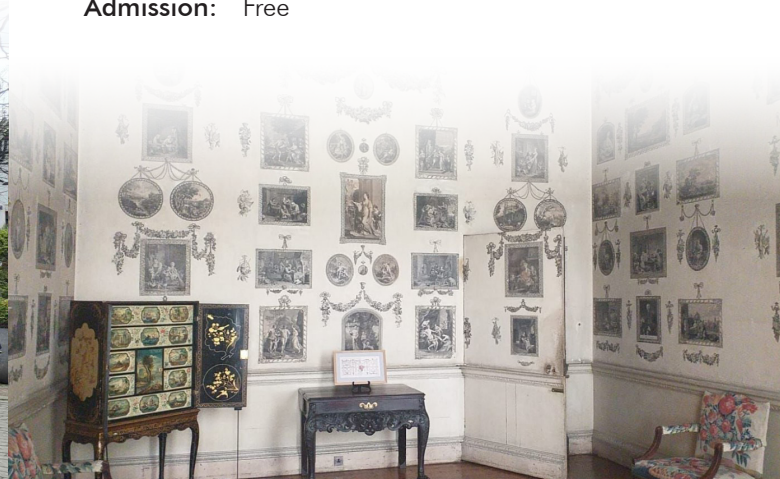
Our tours last approximately one hour and are mainly outdoors so this will be a weather permitting event. Please wear outdoor clothes and suitable footwear for your own comfort. **Booking required.**

Time: 11.30-12.30
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre,
Market House, Co. Kildare, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free



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Email: sallinslocalhistorysociety@gmail.com
Tel: 086 3034634
Admission: Free





A family fun day with activities for all. The event will include boat trips on the canal, vintage tractors and cars, art and photographic displays, face painting, music and song, kiddies disco and bouncing castles, obstacle course and kids's entertainment. Christy Downey World Champion ring player will display his skills. Lots of fun to be had for young and old.

Time: 11.00-17.00
Organiser: Milltown Tidy Towns Group
Venue: Canal Side, Milltown, Co. Kildare
Admission: Free



European Heritage Days
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Did you know that National Heritage Week is part of a wider European Initiative?

The European Heritage Days (EHD), a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events shared by people living in Europe. 50 States, signatories of the European Cultural Convention, take part in European Heritage Days each year.

National Heritage Week is the first event of the European Heritage Days to take place in 2023.

For 2023, Living Heritage is the shared pan-European theme. This theme invites event organisers to think about and explore the rich and diverse European cultural heritage of traditions, skills and practices that are passed down through generations.

Find out more about European Heritage Days at europeanheritagedays.com



National Heritage Week

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Every effort has been made to ensure that the details listed are accurate. However, Kildare County Council does not have control over changes to events planned by other organisations and you are advised to check with the organisation before attending events. Regular updates will be available on the Kildare County Council Facebook page.

Please note that children must be accompanied at all events unless otherwise indicated. Please be aware that photography and video may be taking place at all events during Heritage Week for media and marketing purposes.

National Heritage Week is coordinated in Ireland by the Heritage Council. For further information see www.heritageweek.ie, email: heritageweek@heritagecouncil.ie

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