

National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th-25th August 2024

Kildare Event Guide





Welcome to National Heritage Week 2024

I am delighted to welcome you to this guide for events taking place during National Heritage Week 2024. 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 continue to 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
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Car Parking
Available



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County Kildare Heritage Week Seachtain Oidhreachta 2024 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.

The theme of this year's Heritage week is '*Connections, Routes & Networks*'. So, we will be looking at the roads, routes, traditions, species and ecosystems all of which are connected.

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.

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 2024

As Mayor of County Kildare, I am delighted to invite you to participate in National Heritage Week 2024. The theme of 'Connections, Routes & Networks' in 2024, invites us to delve into the various ways we are connected.

From 17th to 25th August, we encourage you to get out and about and visit Kildare Heritage sites and attend the many events organised across the county. Heritage Week provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups and organisations to highlight 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 several 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 Joe Neville Mayor 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/castletown-house-and-celbridge-heritage-trail-audio-guide/>

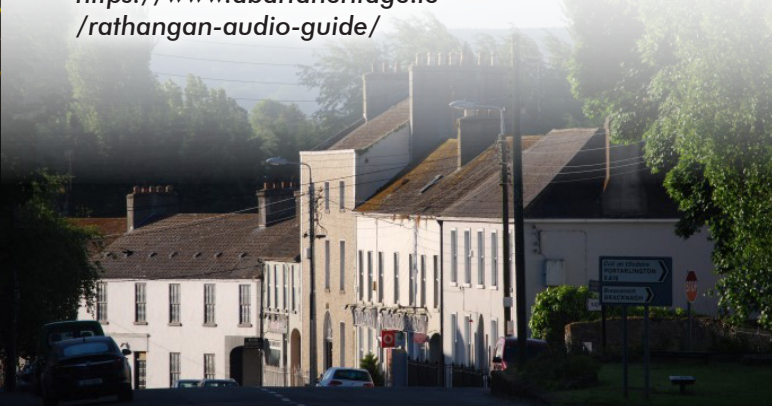


Situated in the northwest of County Kildare and at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East, Rathangan lies on the edge of the vast Bog of Allen and on the banks of the River Slate and the Grand Canal. The town takes its name from the ancient fort that still stands proudly at the north-west of the town. This 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/>





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>

[/digging-dun-ailinne-amplifyarchaeology-podcast-episode-30/](https://www.abartaheritage.ie/digging-dun-ailinne-amplifyarchaeology-podcast-episode-30/)



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. **Advanced booking is required.**

Date: Monday 19th-Friday 23rd
Time: 19.00-21.00
Email: parks@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 046 980200
Admission: Free
Booking: Join the guestlist – National Heritage Week
 Tour of De Burgh Gardens Naas
 – De Burghs Gardens Naas, Co. Kildare,
 Multiple dates and times
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kildarecountycouncilparkssection/1324216>



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.

Date: Saturday 17th-Sunday 25th
Time: 10.00-17.45
Email: maynoothcastle@opw.ie
Tel: 046 9422270
Admission: Free



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Week Long Event
Tower of Allen, Hill of Allen



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 'Alymer'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 and 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 are inscribed on each step. Thank you to Roadstone for making the Tower accessible to the public during Heritage Week. Steep forested terrain. Please note carpark will close at 5pm. Cars parked at owners' risk.

Date: Saturday 17th-Sunday 25th
Time: 10.00-16.00
Email: regina.heavey@gmail.com
Tel: 087 9327670
Admission: Free



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Week Long Event
Tours of Leixlip Castle



Open Days at Leixlip Castle, Leixlip, Co. Kildare. Leixlip Castle was built c. 1172 by Adam de Hereford, a Norman knight who accompanied Strongbow to Ireland. Renovated in the mid-eighteenth century and again in 1837, it incorporates all the different building layers in a remarkably complete 'Georgian Gothick' fusion with a regular four bay front above the river. Leixlip Castle has been home to the Guinness family since 1958. In association with Historic Houses of Ireland.

Booking required.

Date: Saturday 17th-Sunday 25th
Time: Tour times: 10.15am, 11.15am, 12.15pm
Venue: Leixlip Castle
Email: heritage@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 01 6244430
Admission: €8 Adults, €4 Students, Children & OAPs



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Week Long Event The Curragh Military Museum



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 19th-Thursdays 22nd
Time: 10.00-15.00
Venue: Curragh Military Museum, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare
Tel: 045 445342
Admission: Free



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Week Long Event The Steam Museum & Lodge Park Walled Garden



An amazing collection of Model Locomotives and working stationary engines in a Magnificent Victorian Gothic building including the history of Steam. Lodge Park Walled Garden. The 18th Century walled garden was built in 1777 and revived in 1948 and 1980. A verdant oasis bristling with interesting flora consists of several flower areas and long walks.

Date: Saturday 17th-Sunday 25th
Time: 13.00-17.00
Venue: The Steam Museum & Lodge Park Walled Garden, Straffan County Kildare, W23 X8N4

Email: info@steam-museum.ie
Tel: 083 0168338
Admission: Children- Free
 Adults: Museum - No Steam €10
 Museum - With Steam (Sundays) €15
 Garden only - €7 Museum
 Garden no Steam -€15
 Museum Garden with Steam (Sunday) - €20



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Week Long Event

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. **Advanced booking is required.** Only 12 places.

Date: Saturday 17th-Sunday 25th
Time: Tour begins at 10.45 each day
Venue: Front Court Kildrought House, Celbridge Village, Co. Kildare, W23 N9P2
Email: junestuart@gmail.com
Tel: 01 6271206/087 6168651
Admission: €10



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Saturday 17th August

Guided Walking Tour of one of Ireland's Oldest Towns Kildare



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Time: 11.30-12.30
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 5306721
Admission: Free



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Saturday 17th August
Sallins A Local History Exhibition



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Time: 10.00-17.00
Venue: Naas Library & Cultural Centre,
North Main Street, W91 E1RT
Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980795
Admission: Free



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Saturday 17th August
Art Treasure Hunt



Explore the ancient town of Kildare through a series of Artwork and Artifacts. This is a new route showing our connection with St Brigid (in the Year of Brigid 1500) the Horse and more. Visitors will receive a map with hints as to where the Art is located and by following the route engage with some of the rich Heritage of the town in a fun way. En Route they can fill in the exact location of the Art piece and on completion hand the card/map into the Heritage Centre to be entered into a draw. Winners will be notified at the end of Heritage Week. The reason we have put a time on the experience is that part of it involves going indoors which will close at 5pm and where there might be a church service on. Maps will be available in the Heritage centre & the Library (based on opening hours) and in local restaurants.

Time: 10.00-17.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free



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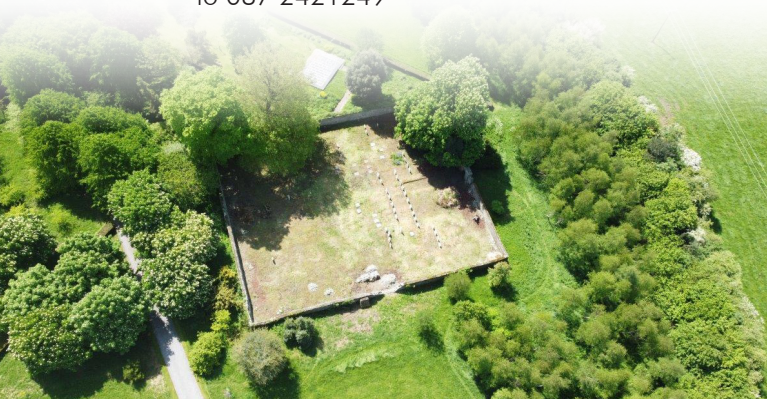
Saturday 17th August

Tour of the Quakers Burial Ground Ballitore



The Quaker Burial Ground in Ballitore dating from circa 1743 is being restored. Work commenced in April 2021. We are offering guided tours of this little gem and time capsule of history. Access is across a beautiful meadow and you will learn the history of the burial ground and see graves of the Shackletons, the Leadbeaters and Abel Strettel, one of the first Quaker settlers in Ballitore. The tours, lasting about 40 to 50 minutes, will be led by a qualified guide and historian and will be restricted to small numbers.

Time: 13.00, 14.30, 16.00
Organiser: Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group
Venue: Quakers Burial Ground Ballitore, Ballitore Hill, Ballitore, R14 AK76
Email: wardellolive@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2421249
Booking: Text Bookings 'Quakers Burial Ground' to 087 2421249



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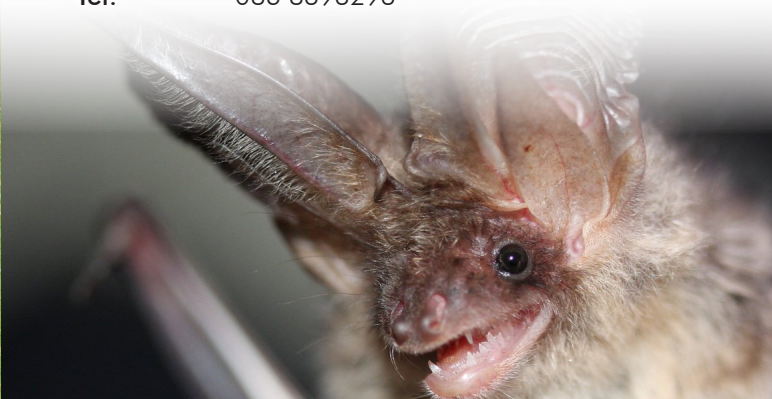
Saturday 17th August

Bats About Newbridge at Sunset



Join Newbridge Tidy Towns & Kildare Bat Group & enjoy a sunset bat talk & walk along the Liffey Linear Park in Newbridge. Commencing at the Outdoor Gym down on 'The Strand' with a presentation from Kildare Bat Group. The event will be guided by experts from the Kildare Bat Group & provides an opportunity to learn all about the secret life of bats & have your questions on bats in the locality answered. This event is an outdoor 'talk & walk' event along a defined footpath in the Liffey Linear Park. As the event takes place in a park running along the banks of the River Liffey, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please wear warm / suitable outdoor clothing.

Time: 20.30-22.30
Organiser: Newbridge Tidy Towns & Kildare Bat Group
Venue: Liffey Linear Park, Newbridge
Email: newbridgetidytowns@gmail.com
Tel: 086 8393293



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Saturday 17th August
Clane - Roots and Routes



A guided talk and walk introducing the story of Clane and its place on the map.

Time: 12.30
Organiser: Clane Community Council
Venue: Parish Hall, Main Street, Clane
Email: ClaneCommunityCouncil@gmail.com
Tel: 086 224176



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Saturday 17th August
Exhibition
'50 Years Fighting for the Liffey'



Ballymore Eustace Trout and Salmon Anglers' Association are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The photographic Exhibition will outline the various activities of the association, in conjunction with other Liffey angling clubs, over the past 50 years in our fight to protect the water quality and biodiversity of the Liffey at Ballymore Eustace and our involvement with the various Authorities. Event supported by LAWPRO.

Time: 16.00-21.00
Organiser: Ballymore Eustace Trout and Salmon Anglers Association
Venue: Resource Centre, Chapel Street, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare
Email: thosdeegan@gmail.com
Tel: 086 224176



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Saturday 17th August
Hidden Gems and Forgotten
People of Clane



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: 10.00-13.00
Organiser: Kildare Libraries
Venue: Clane Community Library, The Woods Centre, Main Street, W91 YW24
Email: clanelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 892716



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Saturday 17th August
Talk - The Royal Dublin
Fusiliers & their contacts with Naas



For Heritage Week 2024, we will host a talk on the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and their contacts with Naas up to 1922 when they were disbanded. The talk will focus on the economic, educational, social and religious effects of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in Naas. It will also emphasise the contacts between St David's Church and the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Time: 15.00-16.15
Organiser: Kildare Libraries
Venue: St David's Church, Main Street, Naas
Email: stephaniejones436@gmail.com
Tel: 087 9386319





Come along to the Wonderful Barn Open Day and learn about the intriguing history of this Kildare Heritage site. There will be a guided tour and talks on the day. Entrance off the R404. Contact Anthony for more information on the phone number below.

Time: 12.00-17.00
Venue: Wonderful Barn, Leixlip
Email: arkinanto@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2128837
Admission: Free



To celebrate 10 years restoration works at Tea Lane Graveyard, you are invited to join us for an Ecumenical Blessing followed by music, refreshments and a guided walking tour of this truly historic graveyard. Among the notable burials at Tea Lane are William and Catherine Conolly of Castletown and Henry Grattan Junior MP. Hear their stories and lots more at the beautiful setting of Tea Lane Graveyard. Free parking for this event is at Celbridge Abbey Car park, a 3-minute signposted walk to the graveyard. There is strictly no parking outside Tea Lane. **Booking required.** Your €10 booking fee on Eventbrite will be returned at the entrance gates. Please note Eventbrite's handling charge of €1.70 is non-refundable.

Time: 14.00-16.00
Venue: Tea Lane Graveyard, Church Rd, Celbridge
Email: breda.konstantin@iol.ie
Tel: 087 9630719
Admission: €10 booking fee on Eventbrite will be returned at the entrance gates
Booking: Eventbrite



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Sunday 18th August

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Admission: Free



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Monday 19th August
Lodge Bog Raised Bog
Plant Identification



Join the IPCC for a walk to Lodge Bog where we will learn about bogland plants and how to identify raised bog flora. Meet at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre (R51V293) at 11am. IPCC recommend participants wear strong footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing. Light refreshments at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre following the walk and talk and fun pond dipping activity for young participants.

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



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Ballinderry House
Archives Project



The Centre for the Study of Historic Houses & Estates at Maynooth University, in collaboration with the Kildare Heritage Office, are currently cataloguing the papers of the Tyrrell family of Ballinderry House, Carbury, county Kildare. This talk by Dr Ciarán Reilly will provide an update on the project & highlight some of the remarkable insights about life in county Kildare that the archive contains.

Time: 19.00-20.00
Venue: Kilshanroe Old School, Kilshanroe, A83 XW11
Organiser: Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses & Estates
Email: ciaran.j.reilly@mu.ie
Admission: Free



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Monday 19th August

Leixlip: Connections through
River, Tolled Road, Stagecoach, Canal, Tram,
and Railway



Come along to the Toll house Leixlip where John Colgan, local historian will explore the different modes of transport and routes into Leixlip Village from bygone days. Only in recent times did we learn that prehistoric, hunting man navigated the Liffey at least as far as the then famous waterfalls. This gave Leixlip its Norse name and the same falls made the town a tourist place as well as a site for an important military settlement at Leixlip Castle. An early government sponsored 'white elephant' was the navigation of the Liffey as far as Kilcullen. followed by a toll road to Kinnegad, complete with a stagecoach business. Hosted by Leixlip Tidy Towns. Venue is not safe for very young children and dogs NOT desired.

Time: 19.15-20.30
Venue: Garden of the Toll House, Leixlip, W23 X0V5
Organiser: Leixlip Tidy Towns
Email: leixliplife@gmail.com
Tel: 087 9676841
Admission: Free



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Monday 19th August
If Maps Could Speak



This talk, by the former Director of Ordnance Survey Ireland, will cover the work of the early Irish map makers, with accounts of their inventions, adventures, endurance and heroism in pre-famine Ireland.

Time: 20.00-21.00
Organiser: Kill History Group
Venue: Parish Meeting Room, Kill, Co Kildare
Email: brianfrancis.mccabe@gmail.com
Tel: 087 3513328



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Monday 19th August
The Routes to Kilcullen's Past
- Castlemartin Revisited



A talk on the history of Castlemartin and New Abbey, by Dr Michael O'Connell, who has studied these places and created the displays to illustrate his talks. This will include the display of 3D reconstructions of several interesting local places in 'The Routes to Our Past', which includes Castlemartin, New Abbey, Harristown, Old Kilcullen, Ballyshannon and Jigginstown in Naas.

Time: 20.00-21.30
Organiser: Kilcullen Heritage Group
Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall & Heritage Centre
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2339610



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Tuesday 20th August

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People of Clane



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: 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-20.00
Organiser: Kildare Libraries
Venue: Clane Community Library, The Woods Centre, Main Street, W91 YW24
Email: clanelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 892716



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Tuesday 20th August

Art Treasure Hunt



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Time: 10.00-17.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free





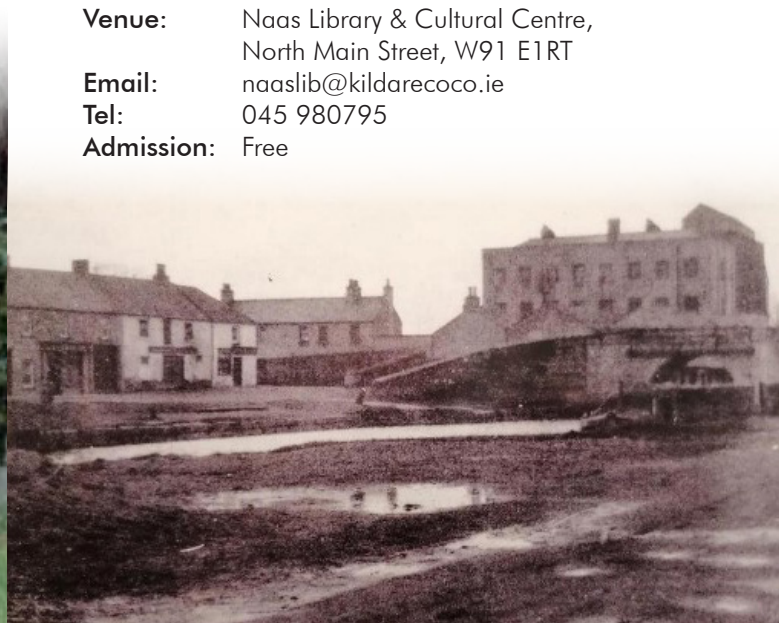
Join Michael Donovan of Athy Historical Society for a tour of St Johns Graveyard Athy. Learn about the interesting Athy people who have been interred in this site. Burial ground dated from the medieval era with eighteenth and nineteenth century grave markers.

Time: 15.00-16.30
Organiser: Athy Historical Society
Venue: St Johns Graveyard Athy,
 Edmund Rice Square
Email: frank@taaffe.ie



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Time: 10.00-17.00
Venue: Naas Library & Cultural Centre,
 North Main Street, W91 E1RT
Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980795
Admission: Free





Join Kate from Dúlra Cill Dara on an age-friendly nature walk especially for little ones, their grandparents and older family members. Take a gentle stroll down along the Liffey, learn about the plants and animals that call it home and find some of nature's treasures. Have fun exploring natural materials, play ring-time nature games and sing summer songs! **Advanced booking is required.** Specifically, an event for children.

Time: 10.30-12.00
Organiser: Newbridge Library
Venue: Newbridge Library
Email: newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 906130
Booking: tickettailor.com/events/
 newbridgelibrary/1290033



Enjoy a guided tour of our peat free and chemical free gardens from 10am exploring its biodiversity followed by a walk to Lullymore West Bog at 11am, IPCC's butterfly reserve, which is home to 26 of Ireland's 35 butterfly species. Light refreshments at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre following the walk and talk and fun pond dipping activity for young participants.

Time: 10.00-13.00
Organiser: Irish Peatland Conservation Council
Venue: Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore,
 Rathangan, R51 V293
Email: bogs@ipcc.ie
Tel: 045 860133



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Tuesday 20th August
Willow Workshop



Join Beth Murphy from Willow Wonder for a Willow Workshop at the John Sullivan Centre (IWA), Clane to learn all about Willow (growing, harvesting and weaving) and the ancient craft of Willow Weaving. Create your own Willow Project. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 11.30-13.00
Venue: John Sullivan Centre (IWA),
 Ballinagappa Road, Clane, W91 TY99
Email: eileen.obrien@iwa.ie
Tel: 045 989604
Admission: Free



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Tuesday 20th August
Guided Walking Tour of one of
Ireland's Oldest Towns Kildare



Explore the rich heritage of one of Ireland's oldest towns, a town of firsts with a local guide, which takes in The Monastic Site of St Brigid (in this the Year of Brigid 1500) a Norman castle and more. This is an opportunity to connect to the past but also to engage with the heritage of the present through different murals & artefacts in the town. Organised by Kildare Town Heritage Centre. For groups **advanced booking is required.** by emailing info@kildareheritage.com or call us on 045 530672

Time: 11.30-12.30
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market
 House, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 5306721
Admission: Free



Water Heritage Day

Explore the Waterways of Ireland

Sunday 25th August 2024



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 25th 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.



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

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Tuesday 20th August
Ballyteague Castle, Co. Kildare



Join us on the banks of the Grand Canal for a talk on the history of Ballyteague Castle, combined with insights on the flora & fauna that can be found in the vicinity. Hosted by County Kildare Archaeological Society.

Time: 19.30-21.00
Venue: Meet at Ballyteague GAA Grounds,
Ballyteague North
Email: meenuisce@gmail.com
Tel: 087 6879221



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Tuesday 20th August

The Darkness Echoing: Ireland's
Places of Famine, Death & Rebellion



It's no secret that the Irish are obsessed with misery, suffering and death. And no wonder, for there is darkness everywhere you look, in cemeteries and castles, monuments and museums, stories and song. Gillian O'Brien will bring you on a virtual ramble around some fascinating locations in Kildare. Alongside some tales of ghosts, wakes and accidental imprisonment the talk will challenge some old tropes about Irish history and question what we really know about our own past and what impact that has on our present and future. Gillian O'Brien is Professor of Public History at Liverpool John Moores University. Her most recent book *'The Darkness Echoing'* takes readers on a journey back in time and across the country as she visits battle sites, famine ships, graveyards and gift shops in search of Ireland's dark history. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 19.15-20.30

Venue: Leixlip Community Library, Captains Hill,
Leixlip, W23 WR96

Organiser: Kildare Libraries

Email: leixlip@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 980844

Booking: buytickets.at/leixliplibrary/1313494



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Tuesday 20th August

PLAY - an intimate immersive experience
in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre



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Time: 19.00-20.15 and 21.00-22.15

Venue: The Moat Theatre, Abbey Street, Naas,
W91 CA43

Organiser: Darn Skippy Productions

Email: darnskippyproductions@gmail.com

Tel: 045 883030

Booking: moattheatre.com

Admission: €20/Concessions €18



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Tuesday 20th August

Unveiling of Famine Box (Bridget Dwyer)



Following on from the screening of *'The story of Bridget Dwyer (Famine Orphan)'* earlier in the year, a replica of her famine box is being unveiled in Celbridge Library. The replica box has been made by a prisoner in Arbour Hill Prison and is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship.

Time: 19.00-20.00
Organiser: Celbridge Library
Venue: Celbridge Library, St Patricks Park, Celbridge, W23 VA47
Email: celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 9800994
Booking: tickettailor.com/events/celbridgecommunitylibrary/1310409

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Tuesday 20th August

The Routes to Kilcullen's Past



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Time: 14.00-16.00
Organiser: Kilcullen Heritage Group
Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall & Heritage Centre
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- Monday 19th August
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2. The Story of the Curragh
3. Kildare Monastic Trail
4. Kildare Town Heritage Trail
5. Castletown and Celbridge Heritage
6. Rathangan Heritage
7. Mullaghmast – The Story of a Medieval Village

Podcast

8. Digging Dún Áilinne

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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. Tours of Leixlip Castle
14. The Curragh Military Museum
15. The Steam Museum & Lodge Park Walled Garden
16. A Tour of Kildrought House & Garden - Celbridge

Saturday 17th August

17. Guided Walking Tour of one of Ireland's Oldest Towns Kildare
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19. Art Treasure Hunt
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21. Bats About Newbridge at Sunset
22. Clane - Roots and Routes
23. Exhibition '50 Years Fighting for the Liffey'
24. Hidden Gems and Forgotten People of Clane
25. Talk - The Royal Dublin Fusiliers and their contacts with Naas

Sunday 18th August

26. Open day at the Wonderful Barn
27. Tea Lane Graveyard Restoration Project
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Monday 19th August

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70. Exploring the 'hidden' archaeology of the Dunmanogue Church & Graveyard

71. Larry Stanley - A Sporting Life

72. Play - An intimate immersive experience in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre, Naas

73. Connecting the Past with the Present

74. The Routes to Kilcullen's Past:

New Abbey, New Thoughts

75. Tunnels from Tintown

76. Tours of Russell Library & Exhibition

77. Meet a Beekeeper

78. St Corban's Cemetery - Naas

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90. Forest School Wild Child Day

91. Summer Storytelling and Stick Along Workshop with Una Woods at Athy Library

92. Tour of the Quakers Burial Ground Ballitore

93. Guided Walk Through Organic Off-Grid Vegetable Farm

Sunday 20th August

94. Native Black Honeybee Information Day

95. Art Treasure Hunt

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97. Open Day at Castletown Gate lodges

98. Batty Langley Lodge Open Day

99. Milltown Canal Festival





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Time: 10.00-17.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672



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Time: 10.00-17.00
Venue: Naas Library & Cultural Centre,
North Main Street, W91 E1RT
Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980795
Admission: Free



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Wednesday 21st August

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Time: 11.30-12.30

Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House, R51 T189

Email: info@kildareheritage.com

Tel: 045 5306721

Admission: Free



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Wednesday 21st August

Traditional Irish Music Workshop with Irish Institute of Music & Song



Traditional Irish Music Workshop with Irish Institute of Music and Song for children and families.

Advanced booking is required.

Time: 15.00-16.00

Organiser: Maynooth Community Library

Venue: Maynooth Community Library, W23 ND79

Email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 980493

Booking: tickettailor.com/events/maynoothlibrary/1313490





Join us for a very special Heritage Week screening of the Hands episode featuring Tuttys Shoemakers of Naas. Michael Tutty, the current manager of the family enterprise, will be in attendance to answer questions and demonstrate some of the tools and materials used to make their bespoke shoes. Unique in Ireland, Tuttys are the only shoemakers of this kind left in the country. HANDS is a unique, multi-award-winning series of thirty-seven documentaries on Irish crafts. Made by the renowned filmmaking team, David and Sally Shaw-Smith, it was originally produced for Irish television (RTÉ). These intimate portraits are as much about the life of the individuals as the crafts they practised. The films capture the essence of Irish heritage, creating a unique archive of life in Ireland at the end of the 20th century. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 18.00
Venue: Naas Library and Cultural Centre
Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980795
Admission: Free



Eoghan Corry will introduce the Slí Mor one of the five ancient highways across Ireland. Featured in the Annals of the Four Masters, Slí Mhór is recognised as being primarily a road for students and pilgrims travelling between these monastic centres and the seaports of Dublin/Howth and Clarinbridge/Kilcolgan. Traders would have used the road frequently, as well as people going to the fairs. Hosted by Elm Hall Heritage Group.

Time: 19.00-20.00
Venue: Elm Hall Golf Clubhouse, Celbridge
Email: annemcneill@yahoo.com
Tel: 01 6288208
Admission: Free



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Wednesday 21st August

**PLAY - an intimate immersive experience
in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre**



An intimate immersive experience taking place in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre - Shakespeare's Hamlet intersects with the fabric of the building, the history of the Moat Club and its members and the echoes of many rehearsals past. As they mark their 70th Anniversary, follow the trail of generations of actors from the Club and hear their memories of how the building brought them together. PLAY is a piece about grief and loss - of your father... or of your friends. It is about the importance of shared identity and a place like the Moat Club for and in a community. **Advanced booking is required.** Patrons will be moving through the building throughout the performance including up and down stairs.

Time: 19.00-20.15 and 21.00-22.15

Venue: The Moat Theatre, Abbey Street, Naas, W91 CA43

Organiser: Darn Skippy Productions

Email: darnskippyproductions@gmail.com

Tel: 045 883030

Booking: moattheatre.com

Admission: €20/Concessions €18



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Time: 14.00-16.00

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This tour of Celbridge Workhouse will be given by local historian Cathy Fleming, who will bring to life the history of the famine workhouse. Book your space at info@generalpaintsgroup.ie

Places are limited to 30 per session and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Not suitable for children under 12.

Time: 17.00-20.30
Organiser: General Paints Group
Venue: GPG Head Office (Cove & Co.),
 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, W23 X7R8
Tel: 01 6288224
Booking: info@generalpaintsgroup.ie



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.

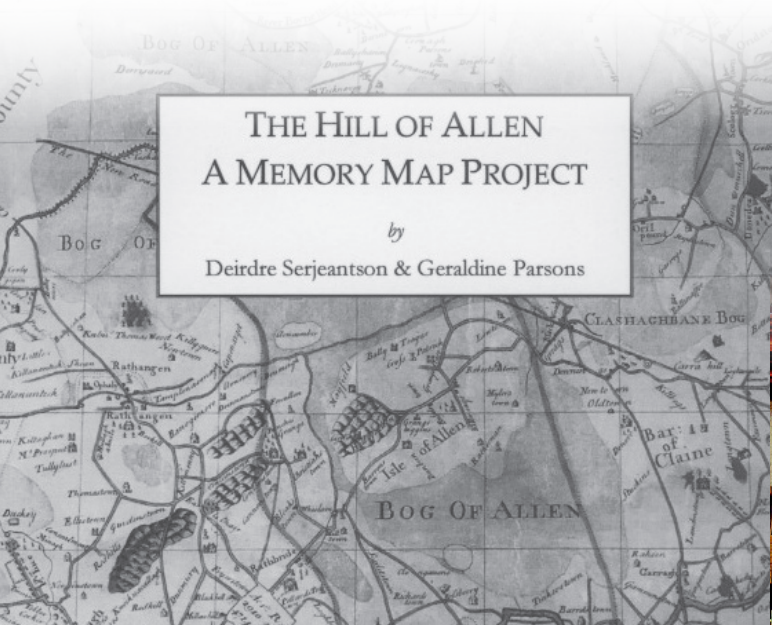
Time: 19.00-21.00
Organiser: James Lawless TD
Venue: Bodenstown Cemetery, Sallins, Co. Kildare
Tel: 045 898476
Booking: james@jameslawless.ie





'The Hill of Allen: A Memory Map Project' is the work of Deirdre Serjeantson (Cambridge University) and Geraldine Parsons (Glasgow University) and they will give an illustrated talk on their work.

Time: 20.00-21.15
Organiser: Newbridge Local History Group
Venue: Newbridge Parish Centre, Station Road, Newbridge
Tel: 086 8159958
Email: raphaelryan@yahoo.co.uk



THE HILL OF ALLEN
A MEMORY MAP PROJECT

by

Deirdre Serjeantson & Geraldine Parsons



Identifying with Books: an exhibition of Bookplates from Maynooth University Library's Special Collections. Come along to the Russell Library in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where we will be hosting scheduled library tours, some family-friendly activities and a special exhibition of Ex Libris bookplates. Entry is free on a drop-in basis during event times. The Russell Library is on the south campus in St Mary's quadrangle. Entering the building by the President's Arch at the back of St Joseph's Square, turn left and follow the cloister. Ring the Russell Library doorbell to gain admittance. Access to the reading room is via four short flights of stairs. Wheelchair access is currently unavailable. For updated times and details, see: https://x.com/SCA_MULibrary or <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library>.

Time: 11.00-12.00 and 14.00-15.00
Venue: Russell Library, St. Patrick's College, South Campus Maynooth University
Tel: 01 7083890
Email: library.russell@mu.ie



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Thursday 22nd August

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Venue: Clane Community Library, The Woods Centre, Main Street, W91 YW24

Email: clanelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 892716



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Tel: 045 980795

Admission: Free



Join Mark Guernon on a tour of Medieval Athy. The Athy we see today is only the current face of an ancient place. The town was always important on the Barrow River, first as a ford, then as a place of religious houses and in one part of its story, as a walled town. Athy was on the Irish frontier and so vulnerable. Historical documents show monies being granted for walls and repairs of defences. The walls were erected in the 1400s and improved in the 1500s. By the 1800s they were all gone.

Time: 14.00-13.30

Venue: Emily Square, Athy

Email: frank@taaffe.ie



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Thursday 22nd August
Mazurka Band In Concert, Gypsy,
French Swing & Tango Music



Come join Tea Lane Graveyard Committee for a fascinating evening of live music at Tea Lane Chapel Celbridge to celebrate the 10th anniversary of commencing Tealane Restoration Project. Don't miss the opportunity to hear 'Mazurka' belt out tunes with influences from Gypsy Music, French Swing and Tango, in the wonderful Graveyard Chapel. Mazurka members include Séan Whelan Guitar, Stéphane Petiet Double Bass, Declan Aungier Accordion and Sébastien Petiet Violin. Each musician is a performing artist. These artists come together just once a year for special occasions. **Advanced booking is required.** Limited spaces. Please note free parking for Tea Lane Chapel events is at Celbridge Abbey Car Park, located on the Clane Road, just 3 mins walk from the Chapel. There is strictly no parking outside the Chapel gates.

Time: 20.00-22.00
Venue: Tea Lane Graveyard, Church Road, Celbridge
Email: breda.konstantin@iol.ie
Tel: 087 9630719
Booking: Book early via Eventbrite
Admission: €10



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Tel: 01 6288224
Booking: info@generalpaintsgroup.ie





Bodinstown 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: Bodinstown Cemetery, Sallins, Co. Kildare

Tel: 045 898476

Booking: james@jameslawless.ie



In September 2023, the Discovery Programme undertook a geophysical survey in the field surrounding Dunmanogue church and graveyard. This was in support of the conservation plan being implemented at Dunmanogue Medieval Church ruins and graveyard by the Castledermot Local History Group. This project is part of the Heritage Council's Adopt a Monument Scheme. Initial results of the survey looked very promising and interesting as it builds on the great aerial photography of Gillian Barrett who has captured the amazing crop marks in the fields surrounding the church. What did they uncover? Come along and find out from the Discovery team themselves and find out what is planned going forward for the site. Event hosted by Castledermot Local History Group.

Time: 20.00-21.30

Venue: Levittstown Hall, Maganey, Carlow, R93 KA46

Email: castledermothist@gmail.com

Tel: 087 2072026

Admission: Free



Wild Child Day

Discover the Natural World Around You

Saturday 24th August 2024



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.

Find all events for Wild Child Day 2024 at heritageweek.ie

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Thursday 22nd August
Larry Stanley - A Sporting Life



Following on from the unveiling of a commemoration to Laurence 'Larry' Stanley in Caragh in June, this talk explores the enduring appeal of one of Kildare's Sporting Greats, Laurence 'Larry' Stanley. John Lawler will speak about his research into the footballer and all-round athlete and why 'Larry' should still be held shoulder high as one of Kildare's Greats!

Time: 19.00-20.00

Organiser: Caragh Local History Group
/Caragh Tidy Towns

Venue: Naas Library, Main Street, W91 E1RT

Email: caraghtidytowns@gmail.com

Tel: 087 7766425

Admission: Free



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Thursday 22nd August

Play - An intimate immersive experience in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre, Naas



An intimate immersive experience taking place in the hidden spaces of The Moat Theatre - Shakespeare's Hamlet intersects with the fabric of the building, the history of the Moat Club and its members and the echoes of many rehearsals past. As they mark their 70th Anniversary, follow the trail of generations of actors from the Club and hear their memories of how the building brought them together. PLAY is a piece about grief and loss - of your father... or of your friends. It is about the importance of shared identity and a place like the Moat Club for and in a community.

Advanced booking is required. Patrons will be moving through the building throughout the performance including up and down stairs.

Time: 19.00-20.15 and 21.00-22.15

Venue: The Moat Theatre, Abbey Street, Naas, W91 CA43

Organiser: Darn Skippy Productions

Email: darnskippyproductions@gmail.com

Tel: 045 883030

Booking: moattheatre.com

Admission: €20/Concessions €18



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Thursday 22nd August

Connecting the Past with the Present



Take a virtual walk through some of the unusual gravestones and burials in Grey Abbey as we search for a new generation of carers for this beautiful graveyard. Muse upon the 1500th anniversary of our patroness - what does it mean to us to live in this year of her anniversary? Cill Dara Historical Society in association with Grey Abbey Conservation Group, Kildare Town Heritage Centre and Kildare Community Library. We would especially like to invite people who might want to take over the caring of Grey Abbey Graveyard.

Time: 18.45-20.00

Organiser: Cill Dara Historical Society

Venue: Kildare Town Community Library, Kildare Shopping Centre, Claregate Street

Email: mariocorrigan@gmail.com

Tel: 086 8913274



The Routes to Kilcullen's Past: New Abbey, New Thoughts



A talk on the history of Castlemartin and New Abbey, by Dr Michael O'Connell, who has studied these places and created the displays to illustrate his talks. This will include the display of 3D reconstructions of several interesting local places in 'The Routes to Our Past', which includes Castlemartin, New Abbey, Harristown, Old Kilcullen, Ballyshannon and Jigginstown in Naas.

Time: 20.00-21.30
Organiser: Kilcullen Heritage Group
Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall & Heritage Centre
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2339610



A short presentation will explore the connections, networks and routes that played a part in the story of the Curragh Internment Camps. The internees were men from all over Ireland who were held in the camps between 1916-1923. Several internment camp autograph books held in Kildare County Archives and Local Studies which contain their signatures and addresses, along with drawings, poems, photographs and artifacts, will feature, as well as the story of the escapes they planned and conducted. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 11.30-12.30
Organiser: Kildare County Archives and Local Studies
Venue: Kildare County Archive, Harbour View, Naas, Co. Kildare
Email: archives@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 906126/906103





Identifying with Books: an exhibition of Bookplates from Maynooth University Library's Special Collections. Come along to the Russell Library in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where we will be hosting scheduled library tours, some family-friendly activities and a special exhibition of Ex Libris bookplates. Entry is free on a drop-in basis during event times. The Russell Library is on the south campus in St Mary's quadrangle. Entering the building by the President's Arch at the back of St Joseph's Square, turn left and follow the cloister. Ring the Russell Library doorbell to gain admittance. Access to the reading room is via four short flights of stairs. Wheelchair access is currently unavailable. For updated times and details, see: https://x.com/SCA_MULibrary or <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library>.

Time: 11.00-12.00 and 14.00-15.00
Venue: Russell Library, St. Patrick's College, South Campus Maynooth University
Tel: 01 7083890
Email: library.russell@mu.ie



See a live colony of bees in an observation hive. Meet a local beekeeper and ask your beekeeping questions.

We will have:

- An observation hive with a colony of bees
- A beekeeper to answer your bee related questions
- An educational hive with graphics depicting how the hive works
- Beekeeping equipment and paraphernalia
- Various bee products

Time: 10.00-12.30
Organiser: Celbridge Library
Venue: Celbridge Library
Email: celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980994
Admission: Free



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Thursday 22nd August
St Corban's Cemetery - Naas



Tour of the cemetery guided by Paddy Behan and Naas Local History Group members who will relate the story of the cemetery and its notable interments.

Time: 19.00-20.00
Organiser: Naas Local History Group
Venue: St Corbans Lane
Email: liamkenny99@gmail.com
Admission: Free



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Friday 23rd August
The Routes to Kilcullen's Past



A display of 3D reconstructions of several interesting local places in 'The Routes to Our Past', which includes Castlemartin, New Abbey, Harristown, Old Kilcullen, Ballyshannon and Jigginstown in Naas. Created by Dr Michael O'Connell will be available in Kilcullen Town Hall and Heritage Centre.

Time: 14.00-16.00
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Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall & Heritage Centre
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Tel: 087 2339610





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Time: 10.00-17.00
Venue: Naas Library & Cultural Centre,
North Main Street, W91 E1RT
Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980795
Admission: Free



Explore the rich heritage of one of Ireland's oldest towns, a town of firsts with a local guide, which takes in The Monastic Site of St Brigid (in this the Year of Brigid 1500) a Norman castle and more. This is an opportunity to connect to the past but also to engage with the heritage of the present through different murals & artefacts in the town. Organised by Kildare Town Heritage Centre. For groups **advanced booking is required.** by emailing info@kildareheritage.com or call us on 045 530672

Time: 11.30-12.30
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House, R51 T189
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 5306721
Admission: Free





Basketmaking Demonstration/Screening with Beth Murphy - The basket weaving episode no. 31 on basketmaking from the 1970/80s RTÉ 'Hands' series will be screened, followed by a demonstration from Beth.

Time: 14.00-16.00
Organiser: Athy Library
Venue: Athy Library, Convent Lane, R14 DK33
Email: athylib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 980555



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Email: darnskippyproductions@gmail.com
Tel: 045 883030
Booking: moattheatre.com
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**Friday 23rd August
Naas Country Market**



Naas Country Market will do a special event for National Heritage Week, exploring the connections between old and new ways of baking and cooking. The country market is a fixture in many towns in Ireland, for decades. A cooperative that sells locally produced, homemade baked goods, vegetables and fruits, jams, flowers, eggs, crafts etc. and promotes community engagement. There is a wealth of knowledge between the producers at the market and this will be showcased on this special market day,

Time: 9.30-12.15
Organiser: Naas Country Market
Venue: The Moat Theatre
Email: naascm52@gmail.com
Tel: 085 7712600



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Saturday 24th August
Hidden Gems and Forgotten
People of Clane



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: 10.00-13.00
Organiser: Kildare Libraries
Venue: Clane Community Library, The Woods Centre, Main Street, W91 YW24
Email: clanelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel: 045 892716



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Saturday 24th August
Art Treasure Hunt



Explore the ancient town of Kildare through a series of Artwork and Artifacts. This is a new route showing our connection with St Brigid (in the Year of Brigid 1500) the Horse and more. Visitors will receive a map with hints as to where the Art is located and by following the route engage with some of the rich Heritage of the town in a fun way. En Route they can fill in the exact location of the Art piece and on completion hand the card/map into the Heritage Centre to be entered into a draw. Winners will be notified at the end of Heritage Week. The reason we have put a time on the experience is that part of it involves going indoors which will close at 5pm and where there might be a church service on. Maps will be available in the Heritage centre & the Library (based on opening hours) and in local restaurants.

Time: 10.00-17.00
Organiser: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre
Email: info@kildareheritage.com
Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free





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Admission: Free





Growing Wild are delighted to present a Day in the Wild for children ages 5-13 years old. Based at our site in Donadea, Co. Kildare, the children will get a chance to experience a Forest School themed session, which allows children connect to nature through child led play. We will be offering time in nature, free play, nature themed crafts, den building, rope work, nature crafts, mud kitchen play, make and create with tools, we also play games to increase our nature connection, these sessions are underpinned by our method which is child led- and choice based, to allow for the holistic development of the child and to facilitate getting kids back to nature, in all weathers.

Advanced booking is required.

- Time:** Group 1:
Age range: 5-8 year olds, time: 10-12pm
Group 2:
Age range: 8-12/13 year olds, time: 1-3pm
- Venue:** Growing Wild, Donadea
- Organiser:** Growing Wild
- Email:** lucy@growingwild.ie
- Tel:** 045 530672
- Admission:** Free
- Booking:** growingwild.ie/courses/forest-school-wild-child-day



Illustrator Úna Woods will demonstrate how to tell a story through pictures by explaining how pictures can be created in lots of different ways, including through collage. She will also be explaining the theme of the picture the attendees will make. Suitable for ages 4-10 years.

- Time:** 12.00-13.00
- Organiser:** Athy Library
- Venue:** Athy Library
- Email:** athylib@kildarecoco.ie
- Tel:** 045 980555
- Booking:** buytickets.at/athylibrary/1303853





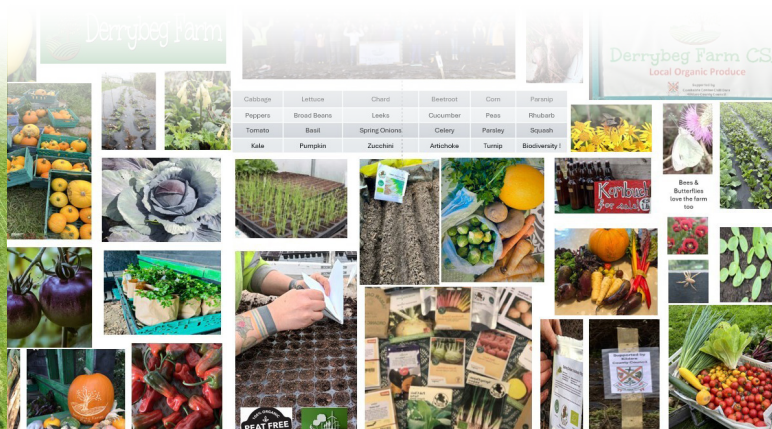
The Quaker Burial Ground in Ballitore dating from circa 1743 is being restored. Work commenced in April 2021. We are offering guided tours of this little gem and time capsule of history. Access is across a beautiful meadow and you will learn the history of the burial ground and see graves of the Shackletons, the Leadbeaters and Abel Strettel, one of the first Quaker settlers in Ballitore. The tours, lasting about 40 to 50 minutes, will be led by a qualified guide and historian and restricted to small numbers. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 13.00, 14.30, 16.00
Organiser: Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group
Venue: Quakers Burial Ground Ballitore,
 Ballitore Hill, Ballitore, R14 AK76
Email: wardellolive@gmail.com
Tel: 087 2421249
Booking: Text Bookings 'Quakers Burial Ground'
 to 087 2421249



A 45-minute guided walking tour through an organic vegetable farm. Focus on how we all connect to each other and to nature as we look at farm methods, crops, carbon footprint and the work to care for the land, the environment, biodiversity and trees. This is outdoors. Wear walking boots and bring a raincoat just in case. Refreshments will be provided. Maximum number of attendees is twenty.

Time: 18.00-18.45
Venue: Derrybeg Farm, Celbridge, Moortown,
 Maynooth Road
Organiser: Derrybeg Farm
Email: derrybegfarm@gmail.com
Tel: 086 2028989
Admission: Free





Join the North Kildare Beekeepers Association at the Purple Lama Market in Celbridge (the market at the gates of Castletown), where we will have our demonstration hive and other information on our native black honeybee.

Time: 14.00-17.00
Organiser: North Kildare Beekeepers Association
Venue: Market at the gates of Castletown
Email: pro@nkbka.com



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Tel: 045 530672
Admission: Free



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Sunday 25th August
Dunmurray Rise Nature Camp



Dunmurray Rise Nature Camp Bug Hunting, Eco Printing, Arts and Crafts, Foraging and much more outdoor fun! A chance for the children of Dunmurray to connect with nature in their estate in a fun and interactive manner.

Time: 11.00-14.00
Venue: Dunmurray Rise, Kildare Town
Email: wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com
Tel: 085 1389777
Admission: Free



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Sunday 25th August
Open Day at Castletown Gate lodges



Open House Event & self-guided tour with the Irish Landmark Trust at Castletown Round House and Gatehouse. Come join us for a day filled with history and charm at Castletown Gate lodges. Explore the rich heritage of this unique location during our open house event. Step inside and discover the stories behind this historical landmark. Our knowledgeable house manager will be on hand to share fascinating insights and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the past and experience the beauty of our heritage up close. See you there. **Advanced booking is required.**

Time: 10.00-16.00
Venue: Castletown Gate lodges, Celbridge, W23 V9H3
Email: bookings@irishlandmark.com
Tel: 01 6704733
Admission: Free





The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd will host a series of open days at a number of properties as part of Heritage Week 2024.

Advanced booking is required.

- Time:** 10.00-16.00
Organiser: The Irish Landmark Trust
Venue: Batty Langley Lodge, Parsons Lane, Leixlip
Email: bookings@irishlandmark.com
Tel: 01 6704733
Admission: Free
Booking: irishlandmark.com/property/castletown-gate-house



As a result of a very successful Canal Festival in 2023, we are running another Canal Festival on Sun 25th of Aug. The theme this year will be 'Routes', Modes of Transport. Back in 1821 horse drawn passage boats travelled from Dublin to Milltown and passengers transferred to horse and carriage for the onward journey to the Curragh Races. This year we are running boat trips from Milltown to the famous Fen. Our festival will include a family fun day with paddleboarding, bouncing castles, music for young and old, art display by local artists, face painting, rings, Irish wolfhounds, wool weaving and old local photo display.

- Time:** 12.00-17.00
Organiser: Milltown Tidy Towns and Heritage
Venue: The Milltown Canal
Email: milltowntidytowns@outlook.com
Tel: 087 2321143
Admission: Free



An exhibition of screenprints, gravestone rubbings, drawings & letterpress bookmarks by St Paul's Transition Year students 2023-24, based on their exploration of two of the oldest graveyards in Monasterevin, The Passlands and St John's. Older members of the community shared stories and memories through recorded interviews which the students illustrated. The recordings will be deposited in the Kildare Co Co Oral History collection for the benefit of future generations. This project was funded by Monasterevin Tidy Towns through a Kildare Heritage grant. Aligning with the Heritage Week Theme of connections, routes and networks, 'The Value of Memory Project' evolved from this, with Angelina Foster of Blueway Art Studio, in collaboration with The Passlands committee. We continue to record the memories of the community with connections to the Passlands and exhibit some memory books created as part of this project. We hope to highlight the value of memories of all ages through this project. Funded by Kildare Heritage Office in partnership with The Passlands Committee.

Dates & Time: 1.30am - 5.00pm; 5.45pm - 8.00pm
Friday 23rd August
10.00am - 1.00pm; 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 24th August
10.00am - 1.00pm; 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Monasterevin Library, Watermill Place,
Monasterevin, Co. Kildare, W34 F6P6



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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



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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

For more information on Heritage in Kildare contact:
Heritage Officer, Kildare County Council,
Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare



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