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NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2018 18-26 AUG

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HERITAGE WEEK 2018:

MAKE A CONNECTION

National Heritage Week takes place from the 18th to 26th August 2018. This year's theme is ***Make a Connection – Sharing Stories***.

Heritage Week is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council, in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and is part of European Heritage Days, which is celebrated in 40 countries across Europe.

National Heritage Week is a fantastic opportunity for people to see, learn and discover more about their local environment and is also an opportunity to raise awareness of County Meath's built, cultural and natural heritage.

This year's theme of ***Make a Connection*** gives a unique opportunity to deepen the connection between people and heritage, and build a legacy of increased public engagement. The week is a chance to share heritage stories in new ways, with new people. Heritage Week is asking everyone from young people, to new arrivals to Ireland, to retired people, to share their stories.

The week is a chance to take a break, learn more about heritage and make a connection with the wonderful Meath landscape. Numerous events including walks, talks, exhibitions, family activity/fun days, living history displays and a community archaeology dig will take place throughout Meath – so whatever your interest you will find an event to suit.

This brochure, produced by the Heritage Office of Meath County Council, provides details of events taking place around the county and will help you to plan your itinerary to celebrate Heritage Week 2018 in Meath. For more information about these events or other Heritage Week events please visit www.heritageweek.ie.

A special thanks to the organisers of all the events, without their work and dedication Heritage Week would not be possible.

I hope you all enjoy this year's Heritage Week.

— Loreto Guinan, Meath Heritage Officer











website: www.meathheritage.ie email: heritage@meathcoco.ie

INTRODUCTION

A comprehensive programme of events is planned in County Meath giving you an opportunity to experience and enjoy its fascinating heritage. Most events are free. Children are welcome, but should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Outdoor events may be cancelled because of weather, so you should check with the contact if you are concerned. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing for outdoor events, such as guided walks. Event organisers are responsible for safety and insurance of each event.

Full descriptions of each event are available on **www.heritageweek.ie**. Please note that the responsibility for hosting events lies with the event organiser and they should be contacted directly for event queries.

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EVENT SYMBOLS KEY



Suitable for Children



Full Wheelchair Access



Partial Wheelchair Access



Car Parking Available



Booking Required

ARCHAEOLOGY

Blackfriary Community Archaeology Dig

Join us as we uncover the Monastic Gardens at the Blackfriary. Come along and be an archaeologist, guided by professional archaeologists, and discover the joy of digging.

Venue: Blackfriary Archaeology Site, Griffin Park, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Blackfriary Community Archaeology Heritage Project (BCHAP)

Email: info@bafs.ie

Telephone: 087 6849964

Website: www.bafs.ie

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Sat 18th Aug.	10:00	16:30
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The Devenish Lands at Dowth

See the archaeological excavation at the Devenish Lands at Dowth which is being opened to the public for the first time for Heritage Week by Devenish in partnership with UCD School of Archaeology.

Venue: The Devenish Lands at Dowth, Dowth

Cost: Free

Organiser: Devenish in partnership with UCD School of Archaeology.

Website: www.heritageweek.ie/whats-on/event/the-devenish-lands-at-dowth

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EXHIBITIONS

Photographic Exhibition: Navan in the 1900s

Come along to this photographic exhibition of Navan Town in the 1900's. Launching on Saturday 18th August at 5pm in the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan.

Venue: The Solstice Centre, Navan.

Cost: Free

Organiser: Clare Ryan/Navan and District Historical Society

Email: clyan@ucd.ie

Telephone: 087 3070300

Website: www.navanhistory.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 18th Aug.	17:00	18:30



Connecting Threads

Oldcastle Kraft Kaffee Quilting Group will hold an exhibition of their work in Oldcastle Library entitled 'Connecting Threads'.

Venue: Oldcastle Library, Millbrook Road, Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Kathleen O'Reilly, Kraft Kaffee, Oldcastle

Email: kraftkaffee@gmail.com

Telephone: 049 8542645

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Sat 18th Aug.	10:00	13:00
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Oldcastle: Lives & Livelihoods

A photographic exhibition celebrating the history of some of the commercial premises in Oldcastle through the memories of former owners and people who worked in them.

Venue: Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Sue Russell

Email: OldcastleLives@gmail.com

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Sat 18th Aug.	07:00	23:45
Sun 19th Aug.	07:00	23:45
Mon 20th Aug.	07:00	23:45
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Sat 25th Aug.	07:00	23:45



Exhibition of Paintings by Thomas Ryan

Exhibition of paintings and sketches of the Ashbourne area by renowned Irish artist Thomas Ryan.

Venue: Parish Hall, Frederick Street, Ashbourne

Cost: Free

Organiser: Ashbourne Historical Society

Email: info@ashbournehistoricalsociety.com

Telephone: 087 9243722

Website: www.ashbournehistoricalsociety.com

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Sat 18th Aug.	14:00	18:00
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Photo Exhibition & Launch of the Traveller Cultural Information Pack

Open day and photo exhibition cataloguing the lives of Travellers over the past six decades, their struggles and achievements and the launch of our Traveller Cultural Information Pack. Light refreshments served.

Venue: Meath Travellers Workshop, CYWS Hall, Fairgreen, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath Travellers Workshop

Email: Marina.travellerheritage@gmail.com

Telephone: 046 9027801

Website: www.travellerheritage.ie



Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 24th Aug.	10:00	14:00



HISTORIC PROPERTY

Visit St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Julianstown

St. Mary's Church of Ireland is a well-known landmark in the beautiful village of Julianstown. The present church was built in 1770 and enhanced in the years since.

Venue: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Julianstown

Cost: Free

Organiser: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Julianstown

Telephone: 041 9829962

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 25th Aug.	11:00	15:00



Open Afternoon at Agher Church

In Agher Church (c. 1904) stands a rare example of an 18th century painted enamel stained glass window by the Irish artist Thomas Jervais (d. 1799), which underwent urgent conservation works in 2016.

Venue: Agher Church, Summerhill

Cost: Free

Organiser: Irish Georgian Society

Email: zoe.coleman@igs.ie

Telephone: 01 6798675

Website: www.igs.ie



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 25th Aug.	12:00	16:30



Historic Old Donore Cemetery

Old Donore Cemetery dates from Medieval Times. Here you will see a Cistercian church ruin, many ancient headstones, the oldest inscribed in 1609 and panoramic views of the Boyne Valley.

Venue: Old Donore Cemetery

Cost: Free

Organiser: Old Donore Cemetery

Email: patrickfullam@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 2459300 or 087 2205222

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Sat 25th Aug.	12:00	18:00
Sun 26th Aug.	12:00	18:00



OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

Our Local Orchards - Old and New

At this event we talk about our local orchards, where they are located and the varieties of apples growing in them. We will have a cider tasting session of the cider made with last year's harvest.

Venue: Euro Mart, Dunshaughlin

Cost: Free

Organiser: Tidy Towns Dunshaughlin

Email: fi.mc.auley@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 2335826

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	14:00	15:30



Bee A Wild Child at Bee Wise

Explore 5 acres of woodland to learn about wildlife. Take part in a nature activity trail. Study the bees in a large observation hive to learn the inner workings. A demonstration on honey extraction will take place.

Venue: Bee Wise Garden Walk, Crerogue, Kilmessan

Admission: Adult: €4.00, Child: €5.00, Family: €15.00

Organiser: Bee Wise Garden Walk

Email: beewisegardenwalk@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3446791

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 22nd Aug.	10:30	13:00



Boyne Currach Centre Open Day

All welcome to join us here at the Boyne Currach Centre, where you will learn about the tradition of currach making, help carve a paddle and take a trip down the canal in a leather skinned currach.

Venue: Boyne Currach Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Boyne Currach Heritage Group

Email: boynecurrach@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3577002

Website: www.boynecurrach.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	11:00	16:00



Story of Honey from Flower to Pot

Visit our 5 acre bee friendly woodland garden. See bees in a real working observation hive, complete a nature activity trail. Watch the extraction of honey from uncapping to spinning for a full visual.

Venue: Bee Wise Garden Walk, Crerogue, Kilmessan

Admission: Adult: €5.00, Child: €3.00, Family: €15.00

Organiser: Bee Wise Garden Walk

Email: beewisegardenwalk@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3446791

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	14:00	17:00



Summer in the Mossy Bog

This event will include Sphagnum identification memory tricks, pond dipping and a bog walk. IPCC will discuss results from our Birds n Bogs survey. Family friendly event. Strong footwear required.

Venue: Causey Farm, Girley

Cost: Free

Organiser: Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Email: bogs@ipcc.ie

Telephone: 045 860133

Website: www.ipcc.ie



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Sun 26th Aug.	14:00	16:00



Paddle a Game of Thrones Currach

Take to the Boyne River canal for a tour in handcrafted traditional Kerry Naomhog currachs that have starred in the TV hit – Game of Thrones; paddling through 5,000 years of Ireland's Ancient East.

Venue: Boyne Canal, Battle of the Boyne Site, Oldbridge, Drogheda

Admission: Adult: €20.00, Child: €10.00, Family: €50.00

Organiser: Boyne Boats

Email: info@boyneboats.ie

Telephone: 086 3616420

Website: boyneboats.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 20th Aug.	11:00	12:30



Ballivor Bat Walk

We will explore the twilight life of the Ballivor Bats with Bat expert, Dr. Tina Aughney. A fun, free event, where we will discover what type of bats inhabit the village of Ballivor.

Venue: Entrance to Church

Cost: Free

Organiser: Ballivor Tidy Towns

Email: noeltrim@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 8053293

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 23rd Aug.	20:45	21:45



Free admission to Loughcrew Cairn T

Enjoy free admission to one of Ireland's most ancient monuments.

Venue: Cairn T Loughcrew

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

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Ashbourne Guided Heritage Trail Walk

Guided walking tour of the heritage sites of Ashbourne as described in our Heritage Trail booklet and on the information board at the library.

Venue: Parish Hall, Frederick Street, Ashbourne

Cost: Free

Organiser: Ashbourne Historical Society

Email: info@ashbournehistoricalsociety.com

Telephone: 087 7865124

Website: www.ashbournehistoricalsociety.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 18th Aug.	11:00	13:00



Medieval Family Day

Join us at the Blackfriary Archaeology Site for a Medieval Family Fun Day! Tours of the archaeology excavation and 'mock dig' for kids. This is your opportunity to ask the excavators about their findings.

Venue: Blackfriary Archaeology Site, Griffin Park, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Blackfriary Community Heritage and Archaeology Project

Email: info@bafs.ie **Telephone:** 085 7563671

Website: www.bafs.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 18th Aug.	12:00	16:00



Display of Falcons, Hawks and Owls

See these wild birds up close and personal.

Venue: Hill of Tara

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	12:30	16:30



Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages

An interactive storytelling event for kids about the Vikings and the Middle Ages in Ireland with Michael Moylan.

Venue: Ashbourne Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie **Telephone:** 01 8358185

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 20th Aug.	11:00	12:00



Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages

An interactive storytelling event about the Vikings and the Middle Ages in Ireland with Michael Moylan.

Venue: Dunboyne Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 01 8251248

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 20th Aug.	15:00	16:00



Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages

An interactive storytelling event about the Vikings and the Middle Ages in Ireland with Michael Moylan.

Venue: Navan Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 046 9021134

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 24th Aug.	11:00	12:00



Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages

An Interactive storytelling event about the Vikings and the Middle Ages in Ireland with Michael Moylan.

Venue: Trim Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 046 9436063

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 24th Aug.	15:00	16:00



A Fun Day for all in Balrath Wood

You will learn and be entertained with poetry, music, storytelling, woodland walk, bush craft, pop up ecology, pop-up geology, children's activities and much more.

Venue: Balrath Wood, Balrath, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Balrath Woods Preservation Group

Email: devofficemail@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 8398178

Website: www.balrathwood.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	14:30	17:30



Beekeeping in Meath

An informative event for children and adults on beekeeping in Meath with a live hive. The event will look at the life of bees and how we can support them.

Venue: Dunboyne Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 01 8251248

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 22nd Aug.	10:30	11:30



Beekeeping in Meath

An informative event for children and adults on beekeeping in Meath with a live hive. The event will look at the life of bees and how we can support them.

Venue: Oldcastle Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: mmurphy@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 049 8542084

Website: www.meath.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 24th Aug.	13:00	14:00



Broadmeadow River Project – Family Fun Day

Water Day on the Broadmeadow River, recycling event, river clean, biodiversity walk and Inland Fisheries Ireland River Quest.

Venue: Playground, Castle Street, Ashbourne

Cost: Free

Organiser: Ashbourne Tidy Towns

Email: Alan.tobin@members.meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 087 6117669

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	10:00	16:00



Weapons Week

Hands on display with medieval weaponry for both children and adults. Hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and feel real chain mail. Set in the shadow of Trim Castle.

Venue: Trim Visitor Centre, Castle Street, Trim

Admission: Adult: €1, Child: €1, Concession: €1, Family: €4

Organiser: Trim Medieval Armoury/Trim Tidy Towns

Email: trimmedievalarmoury@gmail.com

Telephone: 085 2723858

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Mon 20th Aug.	10:00	14:00
Tue 21st Aug.	10:00	14:00
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PERFORMANCE OR RE-ENACTMENT

Ardee Concert Band Recital

Come hear the award winning Ardee Concert Band perform a variety of lively tunes at the largest Anglo Norman Castle in Ireland.

Venue: Trim Castle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: trimcastle@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9438619 **Website:** www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	15:00	16:00



Feis Teamhra; A Turn for Tara

Join Susan McKeown and Paul Muldoon for their annual Feis Teamhra celebrating Tara in music and words.

Venue: Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works/Poetry Ireland

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	15:00	16:00



TALKS

Graveyard and Headstone Recording, Tour and Talk

Join us on a tour of Kilberry graveyard to launch our graveyard recording project. Learn about the tales behind the headstones, the meaning of their carvings and the history of some of the families.

Venue: Kilberry Graveyard, R163

Cost: Free

Organiser: Kilberry Amenity and Heritage Group

Email: kilberryamenitygroup@gmail.com

Telephone: 085 1673463

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 22nd Aug.	19:30	20:30





The Megalithic Art of County Meath

There are over 1000 stones in County Meath decorated with Megalithic Art making it the richest source of Stone Age art anywhere in Europe.

Venue: OPW Headquarters, Jonathan St, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 942600

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

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Mon 20th Aug.	10:00	16:00
Tue 21st Aug.	10:00	16:00
Wed 22nd Aug.	10:00	16:00
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Story of Historic Graveyard Mapping

Castlekieran Graveyard has 3 high crosses, ruins of an 8th century church & an Ogham Stone. The committee will present story of mapping & uploading gravestone photos & details to historic graves website.

Venue: Castlekieran Graveyard, Castlekieran, Carnaross, Kells

Cost: Free

Organiser: Castlekieran Graveyard Committee

Email: farnanjane@hotmail.com

Telephone: 086 3450636

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 20th Aug.	19:00	20:00



Meet the Flint Knapper

Dr. Bernard Gilhooly (UCD) will give a flint knapping and stone working demonstration, highlighting the range of methods prehistoric Irish people used to manufacture stone tools and objects.

Venue: Newgrange and Knowth via Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Admission: Adult: €7.00, Child: €4.00, Concession: €6.00, Family: €16.00

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 24th Aug.	11:00	12:00
Fri 24th Aug.	14:00	15:00



A Geological Extravaganza

Join Dr Robert Meehan for an informal talk on the geology and landscape of the Loughcrew Hills.

Venue: Cairn T Loughcrew

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 25th Aug.	15:00	16:00



Meath in 12th Century Ireland

Learn how the Anglo-Norman invasion and conquest placed the province of Meath at the top of the political hierarchy.

Venue: OPW Headquarters, Jonathan St, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9426000

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 21st Aug.	16:00	17:00



Let the 7 Arch Bridge Carry You

The 7 Arch Bridge is probably the only Pack Horse Bridge in Ireland. It consists of six land based stone arches, with the final 20' arch over the Knightsbrook River. We plan to explore its purpose.

Venue: OPW HQ Jonathan Swift Street, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Scurlogstown Olympiad Ltd

Email: paulkerr.j@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 6441182

Website: www.trimhaymakingfestival.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 22nd Aug.	17:00	19:00



The Battle of Tara 1798 - Talk

220 years ago the United Irishmen chose the Hill of Tara as their last stand during the 1798 Rebellion. Learn all about rebels, Redcoats and how Irish history is far from black and white.

Venue: OPW Headquarters, Jonathan St, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 942600

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 23rd Aug.	16:00	17:00



History of St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Navan

St. Mary's Church of Ireland, built between 1815-18, is a treasure trove of history and part of Navan's rich local heritage. It has early associations with the Beaufort family.

Venue: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Navan & District Historical Society

Email: bob.dier@gmail.com

Telephone: 046 9021898

Website: www.navanhistory.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	15:00	16:30



Wildlife Photography Talk

Free Wildlife Photography Talk by award winning wildlife photographer Andrew Kelly. A wonderful opportunity if you are interested in wildlife and/or photography to come and learn from an expert!

Venue: Ashbourne Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland

Email: office@wri.ie

Website: www.wri.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 23rd Aug.	19:00	20:00



The Battle of Dungan's Hill

A presentation on the "Rebellion of 1641", which will include the hugely influential (local) "Battle of Dungan's Hill", will be given by Dr. Padraig Lenihan, NUI Galway.

Venue: Summerhill Community Centre, Summerhill

Cost: Free

Organiser: Summerhill History Group

Email: aidanjohnholmes@hotmail.com

Telephone: 087 6788941

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	16:00	18:00



The Boyne Valley Free Audio Guide

Free self-guided audio tour to help you discover some of Ireland's most iconic heritage sites. The Boyne Valley has an unparalleled wealth of stories. Visit our website to access your free audio guide.

Venue: Your self-guided tour begins at the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Abarta Heritage

Email: info@abartaheritage.ie

Website: www.abartaheritage.ie/product/boyne-valley-audio-guide/

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Kells Heritage Free Audio Guide

Free self-guided audio tour to the heritage town of Kells. The guide will help you to discover the fascinating stories of this historic town. Simply visit our website to access your free audio guide.

Venue: Your self-guided tour begins at the Old Courthouse, Headfort Road, Kells

Cost: Free

Organiser: Abarta Heritage

Email: info@abartaheritage.ie

Website: www.abartaheritage.ie/product/kells-heritage-town-audio-guide/

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The River Connection

Martry Mill will be opening its doors for tours and talks by our miller, James, on the history of our 300-year-old mill and its unique connection to the River Blackwater and its inhabitants.

Venue: Martry Mill, Martry, Kells

Admission: Adult: €5, Child: €5

Organiser: Martry Mill

Email: hello@martrymill.ie

Telephone: 086 8173205

Website: www.martrymill.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 18th Aug.	11:00	17:00



Free Hill of Slane Tours

Where St Patrick began his missionary work, later site of a great monastery, and the first Slane castle! There is much more than meets the eye at this historic site.

Venue: Tours leave from the car park on the Hill of Slane

Cost: Free

Organiser: Hill of Slane Guides

Email: hillofslanetours@yahoo.ie

Telephone: 041 9824000

Website: www.hillofslane.wordpress.com

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Sat 25th Aug.	14:00	15:00
Sun 26th Aug.	14:00	15:00



Free guided tours of the Hill of Tara

The Hill of Tara is renowned as the seat of the High Kings of Ireland. It is an archaeological site of international importance. Come and learn about its long history.

Venue: Hill of Tara

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	10:00	17:00
Sun 26th Aug.	10:00	14:00



Free guided tours of Trim Castle

Enjoy a free guided tour of Ireland's largest Anglo Norman Castle

Venue: Trim Castle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: trimcastle@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9438619

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	10:00	16:00



Tour of the Garden of Remembrance, Drumconrath

Aodh Mac Domhnaill, Irish poet, 1802; Patrick Reilly, poet, 1825; Pat Ward, Piper, 1847; Máire Ní Raghallaigh, 1867 and Fr. M Saul S.J., 1884, Irish language enthusiasts and Drumconrath GFC.

Venue: Drumconrath Garden of Remembrance

Cost: Free

Organiser: Drumconrath Cultural & Heritage Society

Email: drumconrathchs@gmail.com

Telephone: 041 6854161

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	15:00	17:00



WORKSHOPS

How to Photograph a Monument

Con Brogan, Senior photographer for the National Monuments Service for many years shares some of his secrets.

Venue: Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	10:30	13:30



Ogham Workshop at Knowth

Learn about Ogham. Try your hand at writing your name in Ogham.

Venue: Knowth via Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Admission: Adult: €6.00, Child: €4.00, Concession: €4.00, Family: €14.00

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 19th Aug.	14:00	16:00



A Neolithic Afternoon Out

Meet the Flint Knapper, try your hand at grinding corn on a quern, handle Stone Age tools, build your own small tomb and much more.....

Venue: Cairn T Loughcrew

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 26th Aug.	15:00	16:30





HERITAGE COMPETITION

Win a two night Original Irish Hotels B&B Break

To celebrate Heritage Week, Original Irish Hotels are offering one lucky winner and guest a fantastic two night B&B break, including dinner on one evening, in one of their unique owner-run hotels located in Ireland's most outstanding destinations.

How to enter:

Visit heritageweek.ie and click on the competition area to submit your answers. This is an online competition.



Terms and Conditions

- The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 31 August 2018 and entries may only be submitted online via www.heritageweek.ie
- The winner will be randomly selected from entries with all 3 correct answers
- The winner of the competition will be contacted by the Heritage Council
- The prize is for two night B&B break, including dinner on one evening, in one of the luxurious Original Irish Hotels around Ireland. Transport and other costs

associated with taking the prize are not included

- It is the responsibility of the winner to redeem their prize directly with Original Irish Hotels
- No alternative prize will be offered
- There is no cash redemption value for the prize
- Prize winners will have a choice of hotels depending on availability and at the discretion of Original Irish Hotels

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Prize is subject to availability.

To be in with a chance to win, correctly answer these 3 questions at heritageweek.ie

Q1. In what county is Knockranny House Hotel?

- a. Meath
- b. Monaghan
- c. Mayo

Q2. Which Original Irish Hotel has a recently restored walled garden?

- a. Dingle Benners Hotel
- b. Knockranny House Hotel
- c. Ballynahinch Castle Hotel

Q3. What festival is hosted by the Seaview House Hotel during Heritage Week?

- a. The Ellen Hutchins Festival
- b. The Loughrea Medieval Festival
- c. Festival of Early Irish Harp

COUNTY MEATH HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS DAILY TIMETABLE:

Full descriptions of each of these events is available on www.heritageweek.ie.

Event	Sat 18	Sun 19
ARCHAEOLOGY		
Blackfriary Community Archaeology Dig 2018	10.00:16.30	10.00:16.30
The Devenish Lands at Dowth	09.30:16.00	09.30:16.00
EXHIBITIONS		
Photographic Exhibition: Navan Town in the 1900s	17.00:18.30	
Connecting Threads	10.00:13.00 14.00:17.00	
Oldcastle: Lives & Livelihoods	07.00:23.45	07.00:23.45
Exhibition of Paintings by Thomas Ryan	14.00:18.00	11.00:14.00
Photo Exhibition & Launch of the Traveller Cultural Information Pack		
HISTORIC PROPERTY		
Visit St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Julianstown		
Open Afternoon at Agher Church, Summerhill		
Historic Old Donore Cemetery		
OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE		
Our Local Orchards - Old and New		
Bee A Wild Child at Bee Wise		
Boyne Currach Centre Open Day		
Story of Honey from Flower to Pot		
Summer in the Mossy Bog		
Paddle a Game of Thrones Currach		
Ballivor Bat Walk		
Free Admission to Loughcrew Cairn T	10.00:17.00	10.00:17.00
Ashbourne Guided Heritage Trail Walk	11.00:13.00	
FAMILY FUN		
Medieval Family Day at Blackfriary Archaeology Site	12.00:16.00	
Display of Falcons, Hawks and Owls at the Hill of Tara		12.30:16.30
Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages, Ashbourne Library		
Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages, Dunboyne Library		
Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages, Navan Library		
Stories: Vikings & the Middle Ages, Trim Library		

SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2017

Please note that the responsibility for hosting events lies with the event organiser and they should be contacted directly for event queries.

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Event	Sat 18	Sun 19
A Fun Day for all in Balrath Wood		
Beekeeping in Meath, Dunboyne Library		
Beekeeping in Meath, Oldcastle Library		
Broadmeadow River Project – Family Fun Day		
Weapons Week – Hands on Display with Medieval Weaponry		
PERFORMANCE OR RE-ENACTMENT		
Ardee Concert Band Recital, Trim Castle		15.00:16.00
Feis Teamhra; A Turn for Tara, Hill of Tara Visitor Centre		
TALKS		
Graveyard and Headstone Recording, Tour and Talk, Kilberry Graveyard		
The Megalithic Art of County Meath		
Story of Historic Graveyard Mapping, Castlekieran Graveyard		
Meet the Flint Knapper		
A Geological Extravaganza		
Meath in 12th Century Ireland		
Let the 7 Arch Bridge Carry You		
The Battle of Tara 1798 — Talk		
History of St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Navan		
Wildlife Photography Talk		
The Battle of Dungan's Hill		16.00:18.00
TOURS		
Boyne Valley Free Audio Guide & Tour	09.30:17.00	09.30:17.00
Kells Heritage Free Audio Guide, Old Courthouse, Kells	09.30:17.00	09.30:17.00
The River Connection, Martry Mill	11.00:17.00	
Free Hill of Slane Tours	14.00:15.00	14.00:15.00
Free Guided Tours: Hill of Tara		10.00:17.00
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HERITAGE AWARDS 2018

The Heritage Council is once again delighted to announce the Heritage Awards, showcasing the best of National Heritage Week and recognising the fantastic work of work of heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



The 2018 award categories are as follows

Heritage Hero

Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile for heritage? Nominate an individual or organisation who makes an outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of heritage in your local area. Anyone can nominate a Heritage Hero.

Hidden Heritage

Did your event shine a light on Ireland's hidden heritage? This award is open to event organisers who successfully explored lesser known aspects of Ireland's heritage during National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

Heritage Communities

Did your event reach across your community? Maybe you worked in partnership with other community groups or encouraged young people to take part. This award is open to event organisers who brought their community together to celebrate National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

Cool for Kids

Did your event help children learn about and enjoy heritage? This award is open to event organisers who encouraged children and families to participate in National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

Le Cheile san Eoraip Awards

The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 will see the launch of a new Heritage Award that recognises event organisers who showcase heritage links with other places in Europe. Did your event highlight a person, place or event with a European dimension? Maybe you explored European influences on architecture or archaeology, technology or crafts, or explored migrations of people, plants and animals, or trade links and pilgrim paths. Three prizes of €1,000 will be awarded to the organisers of events that best represent heritage links with Europe.

All National Heritage Week and European Year of Cultural Heritage Event Organisers can enter.

The closing date for entries is Friday the 14th of September 2018 and entry is free. Recipients will be honoured at a Heritage Council Awards Day.

Find out more at www.heritageweek.ie

European Heritage Days 2018



European Year of Cultural Heritage: The Art of Sharing

European Heritage Days (EHDs), a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events shared by the citizens of Europe.

Over 70,000 events are organised every year in order to help raise awareness of Europe's common heritage and the continuous need for its protection.

This year, the countries taking part in European Heritage Days are celebrating the European Year of Cultural Heritage through the common theme of The Art of Sharing.

EHDs events take place in the 50 countries party to the European Cultural Convention. During this time, doors are opened to numerous monuments and sites, allowing Europe's citizens to enjoy free visits and learn about their shared cultural heritage and encouraging them to become actively involved in the safeguarding and enhancement of this heritage for present and future generations.



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