

# Clare Event Guide

## National Heritage Week



COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR  
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL



National  
Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

17th - 25th August 2024

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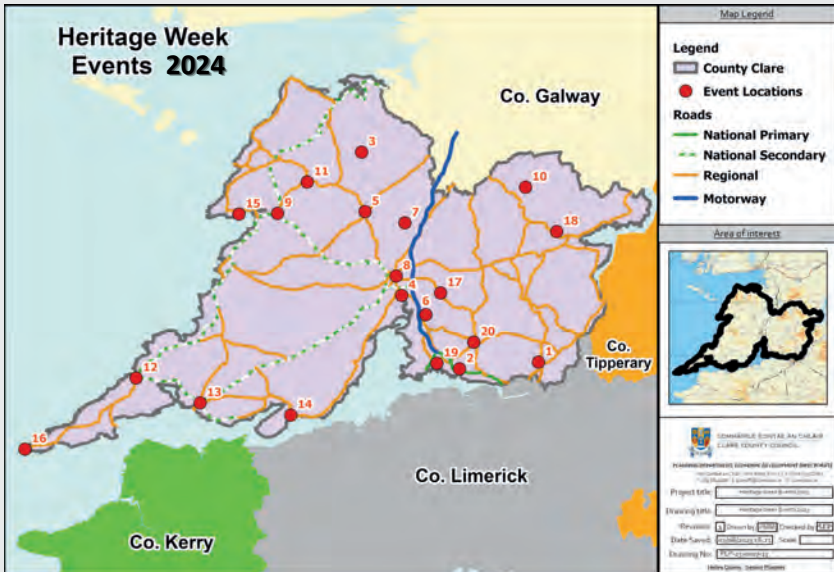
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Clare County Council and the Heritage Council extend their sincere gratitude to all individuals and community groups participating in and facilitating events during Heritage Week in Clare in 2024. We particularly acknowledge the significant contributions of those dedicated to preserving and promoting the diverse aspects of heritage within their communities and across the County.

Heritage Week is coordinated by the Heritage Council with the support of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and Fáilte Ireland. It is part of the European Heritage Days, a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union.

The primary objective of Heritage Week is to raise awareness of our built, natural, oral, and cultural heritage, thereby fostering its conservation, preservation, and enjoyment.



**County Clare boasts a diverse and significant heritage, which you are encouraged to discover by engaging in the events organised during Heritage Week.**

*Please also take time to view our new County Heritage Plan & Biodiversity Plan Issues Paper which are available to view online at [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie) and in all public libraries throughout County Clare.*





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## Famine Walk "The Geography of Human Suffering - a Famine Relief Road Walk"

An X-PO Heritage walk, guided by Tony Kirby. Free of charge, but numbers are limited. Sunday, 18th August at 10 am. Booking via X-PO email.

The location and historical context bring to life the Great Hunger, and the prevailing ethos that made relief to the destitute available, only in return for hard labour. The indelible marks of these organised relief works remain in the landscape.

**Organiser:** X-PO Kilnaboy

**Venue:** The Burren, Co Clare, to be announced on booking Co. Clare

**Address:** The Burren

**Email:** [kilnaboyxpo@gmail.com](mailto:kilnaboyxpo@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** [0877597307](tel:0877597307)



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	11.30

## A Trip Back In Time

Photographer, local historian and author Jackie McCarthy Elger collects and restores old photographs and videos of Co Clare and posts them on her Facebook/Instagram page The Vintage Lens - Looking at Times Past in Co Clare.

Take a trip back in time with her on the 18 August when she will present a selection of photographs and video clips in relation to transport in Co Clare - from the humble donkey and cart to the iconic West Clare Railway and much more. Guests are encouraged to bring along their own old photographs of Co Clare (not just related to transport) and share some of their memories.

**Organiser:** Lily de Sylva

**Venue:** Banner Books

**Address:** Frances Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V15 PW83

**Email:** [silverwoodevents@gmail.com](mailto:silverwoodevents@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** [0892440068](tel:0892440068)



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	17.00	19.00



**A Walking Tour of Frances Street with Kilrush and District Historical Society**

Kilrush and District Historical Society is glad to announce a guided walking tour of Frances Street, Kilrush. A step onto Frances Street in Kilrush is a step back in time. This grand, 30-metre-wide thoroughfare runs straight down to the harbour; but it is also, it seems, a direct line to Kilrush's past as a port town and market hub. We have some fascinating facts to share about its former residents and businesses!

Meet at Jellyfish Marketplace, at the lower end of Frances Street, where you can pick up refreshments to bring with you on our walk. As this event takes place outdoors, please dress for the weather.

**Organiser:** Lily de Sylva  
**Venue:** Jellyfish Marketplace  
**Address:** Merchant's Quay Business Quarter, Frances Street, Kilrush  
**Eircode:** V15 PW83  
**Email:** silverwoodevents@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0892440068



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	17.00

**Annual Scattery Island Graveyard Mass**

Scattery Island's annual graveyard mass takes place on Sunday August 18th at 3.15pm. and will be celebrated by the Bishop of the diocese of Killaloe Fintan Monahan

Please note ferry boat departs from Kilrush Marina and charge applies.

**Organiser:** Scattery Island Tours  
**Venue:** Scattery Island  
**Address:** Kilrush, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V15 AD62  
**Email:** info@scatteryislandtours.com  
**Telephone:** 0852550514, 0852550512



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	13.30	18.00



## Tales of Irish Mythology

Our event will give an opportunity to locals of all ages to interact with old skills, trades, games and customs. There will be a photographic display, interactive events for all ages and a chance for the older generation to catch up, have tea and share their stories.

Also:

Our museum and archive collection will be on display.

We will have the official launch of our website.

We will be unveiling our historical patchwork quilt that many locals have contributed to.

There is something for everyone whether it is learning old card games, exploring old newspapers, trying your hand at writing with an old pen and ink, making griddle bread, playing marbles or just listening to stories.



**Organiser:** Killimer Local History Group

**Venue:** St Senan's Hall

**Address:** St Senan's Hall Knockerra, Knockerra, Kilrush, Co.Clare

**Eircode:** V15 VK23

**Email:** [killimerlocalhistory@gmail.com](mailto:killimerlocalhistory@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** [0877599034](tel:0877599034)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	17.00



### Basket Making with Master Artisan Michael Foudy

Discover the timeless craft of basket weaving with master artisan Michael Foudy, as he showcases the intricate art of transforming reeds into stunning traditional baskets. Using locally sourced materials like hazel, Michael's demonstrations bring to life the rich heritage and skill involved in this ancient practice. Experience the beauty and functionality of these handcrafted pieces, each one a testament to the quality and sustainability of locally sourced natural resources.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
**Eircode:** V95 AD7E  
**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)  
**Telephone:** 061 711222



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Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00

### Butter Making

Join Geraldine as she creates real Irish butter using the traditional practice of butter churning. Using a hand operated traditional churn, witness Geraldine turn cream sourced from local farmers into butter using a churn and paddles.

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Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	16.00	16.30
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## Celtic Folklore & Mythology

Drawing inspiration from Ireland's rich oral tradition, Balor O'Brien masterfully weaves tales of the past, linking them to the world around us today. Having spent his life collecting folklore, Balor takes you on a journey into hidden corners of Ireland you never knew existed.

By remembering past local events, Balor reveals how these tales have shaped the very fabric of the country we live in, offering a deeper appreciation of our heritage and its influence on the present. Join us for an unforgettable experience that bridges the ancient and the modern, bringing Ireland's storied past to life.

**Organiser:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park  
**Venue:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park  
**Address:** Bunratty  
**Eircode:** V95 TY02  
**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)  
**Telephone:** 061 711222



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## Crafting and Playing Frame Drums

Immerse yourself in the world of rhythmic frame drums. Join us for a captivating demonstration led by our expert Arno, as he reveals the intricate process of crafting frame drums and drum beaters. Discover the art and skill involved in creating these musical instruments, from selecting materials to assembly. Arno will then bring the drums to life with various drumming techniques and entertaining rhythms.

Perfect for anyone interested in the craftsmanship and artistry of percussion.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
**Eircode:** V95 AD7E  
**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)  
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## Bat Walk of St Flannan's Graveyard and Killaloe Canal

To celebrate Heritage Week 2024, and in recognition of Community Heritage Funding received to restore the gates at St Flannan's Cathedral and Graveyard, there will be a Bat Walk guided by Anna Collins of Bat Conservation Ireland & Kildare Bat Group on Saturday 24th August at 8.30pm. This event will commence in St Flannan's Cathedral with a brief talk about the wonder of bats and the equipment we will use to detect them on the walk. It will then progress through St Flannan's Graveyard and all along the Killaloe Canal, learning as we go about these fascinating flying mammals, detecting them with bat detectors and sighting the different species as they go out foraging for the night. This will be a 60+ minute walk over some waterside bumpy terrain at dusk and in darkness, waterproof walking wear is recommended. It is not suitable for any wheeled modes of transport such as bicycles or scooters as noise from these will be picked up by the bat detectors. The walk is not suitable for young children due to its proximity to the waterside in low light conditions.

Spaces are limited to 30 persons for more information re booking please email

**Organiser:** Tidy Towns Killaloe

**Venue:** St Flannan's Cathedral

**Address:** Royal Parade, Killaloe, Co Clare

**Eircode:** V94 FD36

**Email:** tidytownskillaloe@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0868334433



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	08.30	10.30

## Ennistymon Shopfront Heritage Walk

This is a walk of Ennistymon Town which is renowned for its traditional shopfronts. The walk explores the different shopfronts and their occupants based on the 1901 and 1911 census. This unique Heritage walk is given by Town Planner Artist and musician Brendan P Lynch with many decades of experience working in The field of Vernacular Architecture.

**Organiser:** Ennistymon Vernacular Architecture (EVA)

**Venue:** St Flannan's Cathedral

**Address:** Falls Hotel Ennistymon Town, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 D2PC

**Email:** bplynchehotmail.com

**Telephone:** 0863473069

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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	12.00
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	12.00
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	12.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	12.00



### Bicentenary of Bealaclogga Bridge in Spanish Point

Spanish Point Community Group is holding a talk on Saturday August 17th to commemorate the bicentenary of Bealaclogga Bridge in Spanish Point. Building of the bridge commenced in 1822 and it was commissioned in 1824. It was designed by John Killaly and Thomas Morony. This lancet arch bridge is an impressive feat of engineering. As a result of its existence the coast road to North Clare was developed which was instrumental in the development of tourism in the area at the time. Today, this bridge continues its vital role along the Wild Atlantic Way. It links North Clare to West Clare and provides a connection for both locals and tourists, as it has for the last two hundred years. A commemorative limestone plaque will be unveiled adjacent to the Bellbridge Hotel. An Audio Guide, developed by Spanish Point Community Group, provides the complete history of the bridge. A QR code to access the audio guide is also at this location. Light refreshments will be available in the Bellbridge Hotel afterwards.

**Organiser:** Spanish Point Community Group  
**Venue:** Bellbridge Hotel Car Park  
**Address:** Spanish Point, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V95V4XK  
**Email:** [visitspanishpoint@gmail.com](mailto:visitspanishpoint@gmail.com)  
**Telephone:** [0860613208](tel:0860613208)



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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	13.30	14.30

### Caherconnell Furnace Festival

The last of this Summer's Furnace Festivals. This festival will feature a replica of a Chinese Cupola Furnace for converting wrought to cast iron. The extended Open Air Museum will feature the history of iron production in Ireland.  
[www.furnacefestival.ie](http://www.furnacefestival.ie)

**Organiser:** Irish Iron Heritage Foundation CLG  
**Venue:** Caherconnell Stone Fort  
**Address:** Caherconnell, Kilfenora, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V95 YK31  
**Email:** [prondelez@yahoo.com](mailto:prondelez@yahoo.com)  
**Telephone:** [085 123 9550](tel:0851239550)



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Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	18.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	18.00



## **Ardnacrusha: Tour of ESB Hydro-Electric Station**

Visitors are welcomed to the Ardnacrusha Experience at the visitors' centre before going out on site to view the impressive headrace canal, locks and tailrace. Once inside the station, the living heritage of the Shannon Scheme is brought to life through a series of animations which celebrate the history and impact of this iconic project. Visitors are given access to the very heart of the station with unique views of the turbine hall and a visit to the original control room.

The 90-minute tour of Ardnacrusha hydro-electric station takes visitors on a journey which began in 1925 with an ambitious vision to harness the power of water to electrify the fledgling Irish State. The tour demonstrates the transformative role electricity has played in enhancing Irish life since construction of the station was complete almost a century ago, and highlights how the ESB, through its Driven to Make a Difference: Net Zero by 2040 strategy, is embracing the next generation of renewables, including the development of onshore and offshore wind projects, continuing the legacy of Ardnacrusha by creating a brighter future for all.

Things to note before booking an Ardnacrusha Experience Tour.

Ardnacrusha is a working hydro station which will be operational on the day of your visit.

Visitors should observe the signage in place and follow the guidance of their guide and station staff at all times.

Parents will be responsible for their children at all times.

During your visit you will be required to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) including a hi-vis jacket, safety hat and safety glasses. These will be provided.

Some of the tour takes place out-of-doors, please wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the Irish weather!

The tour is only partially accessible for wheelchair users or persons with limited mobility as there are over 100 steps to be negotiated.

People with Hearing or Visual Impairment may not be able to access all activities however, the overall tour should still provide an enjoyable experience.

Visitors should arrive around 10 minutes before their scheduled tour time.

Parking is provided on site.

**Organiser:** ESB, Ardnacrusha Hydro-Electric Station

**Venue:** Ardnacrusha Hydro-electric Station

**Address:** Castlebank, Ardnacrusha

**Eircode:** V94 VROK

**Email:** [carolyn@aikenpr.com](mailto:carolyn@aikenpr.com)

**Telephone:** 0872409209



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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	14.30
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	14.30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	14.30
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	14.30
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30	14.30



## Practices in Lime Mortar and Vernacular Buildings of North Clare



Join us at the Courthouse Gallery & Studios (CHG&S) in Ennistymon for a unique event led by Eóin Madigan, a sixth-generation stonemason and lime practitioner from North Clare. This free demonstration will focus on pointing techniques using traditional lime mortar, providing practical insights into sustainable mortar techniques.

Eóin will use the Courthouse as a backdrop and examples from its upcoming façade restoration, funded by The Heritage Council. This event offers a rare opportunity to observe sustainable mortar techniques in action and learn from a master craftsman dedicated to conserving built heritage.

Attendees can choose either a morning or afternoon session, with both sessions covering the same content. This demonstration is ideal for homeowners, professionals, students, and anyone interested in traditional building practices and architectural conservation. This event is kindly funded by The Heritage Council.

**Organiser:** The Courthouse Gallery & Studios (CHG&S)

**Venue:** The Courthouse Gallery & Studios (CHG&S)

**Address:** Parliament Street, Ennistymon Co.Clare

**Eircode:** V95D791

**Email:** [info@thecourthousegallery.com](mailto:info@thecourthousegallery.com)

**Telephone:** [0657071630](tel:0657071630)



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Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	13.30
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	15.30

## Antiques Rock Show

Camán to the Burren on Onday 19th August as we celebrate the 140th anniversary of the formation of the GAA where Michael Cusack was born. Tours from 10 am to 4 pm.

Bring your Burren Rocks and Fossils to the "Antiques Rock Show" for assessment by Dr Eamon Doyle, Leading Geologist of the Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark 11 am to 12.30 pm.

**Organiser:** Michael Cusack Heritage Centre

**Venue:** Michael Cusack Heritage Centre

**Address:** Carron, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 HP08

**Email:** [info@michaelcusack.ie](mailto:info@michaelcusack.ie)

**Telephone:** [0657089944](tel:0657089944)



Date	Start Time	End Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.30



## Daily Guided Tours of Scattery Island

Free tours given by OPW guides of Saint Senan's 6th century monastic settlement including our famous high round tower, ruins of 6 churches and the highest church ruins of Ard Na Naingéal where the views are breathtaking and St. Senan's holy well. Check out our recently renovated cottages and post office in the village street where the islanders would have lived all those years ago and enjoy a 20 minute walk to Scattery Island's working lighthouse and also our very well preserved 200 year old Napoleonic gun battery.

Please note ferry boat departs from Kilrush Marina and boat charge applies

**Organiser:** Edel Barry  
**Venue:** Kilrush Marina  
**Address:** Kilrush, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V15 AD62

**Email:** [info@scatteryislandtours.com](mailto:info@scatteryislandtours.com)  
**Telephone:** [0852550514](tel:0852550514), [0852550512](tel:0852550512)



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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12.30	18.00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.45	17.00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.45	17.00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.15	17.00
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00	17.00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.45	17.00
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	17.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.15	18.45



### Clare Annual Bat Meeting 2024

An amusing, yet informative, talk especially for children and their parents, which then moves out the area around Dromoland Castle to hear (with bat detectors) and see the bats as they come out to feed at dusk.

Following the talk, the walk in the woods may last beyond 9:30pm, depending on sightings etc..

**Organiser:** Clare Association of An Taisce, the National Trust for Ireland

**Venue:** The Inn At Dromoland (NOT Dromoland Castle Hotel)

**Address:** Latoon North, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 EPF5

**Email:** [clare.antaisce@gmail.com](mailto:clare.antaisce@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** [086-349 7946](tel:086-349 7946)



Date	Start Time	End Time
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	07.30	09.30

### Connecting Labasheeda by Water

This event is a journey back in time to explore the tradition of boating on the Shannon estuary. Labasheeda is a peninsula and before modern transportation methods, the people of the area used boats to cross the Shannon estuary to Co. Limerick and Co. Kerry to shop, trade and socialise. This was easier than travelling the primitive road structure to the nearest towns. The price of progress is that this boating tradition is now gone and we know less about our neighbours on the Limerick and Kerry side than we did sixty or seventy years ago. Two steps forward, one step back!

All are welcome to experience the quiet, rural and scenic village of Labasheeda on the Shannon estuary in Co. Clare.

**Organiser:** St. Kieran's Community Centre

**Venue:** Craggaunowen

**Address:** Main Street, Labasheeda, Kilrush, Co. Clare.

**Eircode:** V15 CF85

**Email:** [liamdonalwoulfe@gmail.com](mailto:liamdonalwoulfe@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 0872220289



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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	13.00	14.30



## Crochet & Cross Stitching in the 19th Century

Step into the rich history and intricate beauty of crochet and cross-stitching with our resident artisan, Liv. This captivating demonstration unveils the story of crochet, introduced in Ireland as a famine relief scheme in the mid-nineteenth century.

Within a few short years, the craft was taught across the country, transforming women and children into skilled artisans whose work reached markets in Dublin, London, Paris, Rome, and New York. During famine times, low-income households sold their exquisite shawls, blankets, and lacework to wealthy ladies, blending necessity with artistry.

Join us as Liv shares her passion for crochet and cross-stitching. Marvel at her intricate creations and immerse yourself in the stories woven into every stitch. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a curious beginner, this demonstration is a journey through the ages that will inspire and captivate.

**Organiser:** Bunratty Castle and Folk Park

**Venue:** Bunratty Castle and Folk Park

**Address:** Bunratty East, Co. Clare.

**Eircode:** V95 TY02

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

**Telephone:** 061 711222



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## Connecting Our Stories

From 11.30 am and throughout the day, Banner Books will be hosting a social space for local people to take their ease and share their memories of Old Kilrush. Explore local history books, with local writers, and share your own family stories and photographs. Photographs can also be dropped off for recording and restoration by Jackie McCarthy Elger of The Vintage Lens.

Visitors are welcome to bring refreshments with them, available from our neighbours at Jellyfish Marketplace and other nearby businesses.

This is an intergenerational event, and older people with their families or carers are especially welcome.

**Organiser:** Lily de Sylva

**Venue:** Banner Books

**Address:** Frances Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V15 PW83

**Email:** [silverwoodevents@gmail.com](mailto:silverwoodevents@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 0892440068



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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	17.00





### Dementia Friendly Guided Tour

Dementia friendly guided tour of the 13th c friary for people living with dementia and their family carers or supporters.

Come and join us for a quiet stroll around the oldest building in the town of Ennis. View our 15th century stone carvings and hear the stories of the different people who lived and worked here in days gone by.

For anyone who has their own stories of the friary in more recent times, we would be happy to hear those too.

Numbers will be limited to facilitate our participants, please book by phone or email:

065 6829100

ennisfriary@opw.ie

The site is accessible by wheelchair. There are however some uneven areas that may present a difficulty with spatial awareness. There are no toilet facilities on site.

**Organiser:** OPW Ennis

**Venue:** OPW Ennis Friary

**Address:** Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 AN28

**Email:** ennisfriary@opw.ie

**Telephone:** 065 6829100



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Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.00	12.45

### Tour of St Cronán's 10th Century Church

To celebrate Heritage Week 2024, and in recognition of Community Heritage funding received for a Conservation Management Plan for St Cronán's, we are giving a guided tour of this 10th century church. This is a most historic building, believed to be the only church in Ireland in continuous use for over 1000 years. It is an important part of the area's rich royal heritage with its links to King Brian Ború and the Uí Bhriain Clan. The event will start with a short audio visual presentation explaining the church's history followed by a tour of the interior and exterior examining the architectural features of this fascinating heritage building.

**Organiser:** Inis Cealtra Parish

**Venue:** St Cronán's Church

**Address:** Tuamgraney, Co Clare

**Eircode:** V94YK40

**Email:** anguslevie@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0877761357

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Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	15.00



## Dying & Spinning on a Drop Spindle

Join our animator Geraldine as she discusses and performs the ancient Irish craft of wool spinning on a traditional spindle.

Wool Spinning is the processing of the fleece of a sheep. This craft has been practiced in Ireland since sheep were first introduced by Neolithic farmers over 6000 years ago. Originally, women spun the wool using nothing more elaborate than a spindle with a weight attached. Later, spinning wheels became more widespread and these simple devices enabled the spinner to twist the fibres into a single continuous thread more efficiently.

**Organiser:** Shannon Heritage

**Venue:** Craggaunowen

**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE

**Eircode:** V95 AD7E

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## Food Displays & Baking Bread

### Food Display and Bread Baking

Locally sourced seeds, grains and oats would have been used in ancient Ireland for the making of bread and oat cakes. Our animators at Craggaunowen still practice this skill daily in the ringfort. Witness Annika as she grinds oats in the tradition way with a smooth rock and a patient hand and bakes bread over an open campfire.

### Traditional Butter Making

Join Ciara as she creates real Irish butter using the traditional practice of butter churning.

Using a hand operated traditional churn, witness Ciara turn cream sourced from local farmers into butter using a churn and paddles.

**Organiser:** Shannon Heritage

**Venue:** Craggaunowen Castle and Crannóg Craggaunowen

**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE

**Eircode:** V95 AD7E

**Email:** adrienne.oflynn@shannonheritage.com

**Telephone:** 061 711222



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30	15.30
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30	15.30
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30	15.30
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30	15.30



## Watery Connections

Philippine history tells us that wayfarers used crudely made maps and tides and currents to navigate the seas between islands. We want to re-enact this by bringing people out in currachs and asking them to close their eyes and giving them pens and paper asking them to draw their journey and route, by feeling the ocean beneath them they will get a deeper connection and understanding of nature and the ocean. There will also be informal chats with locals about the currachs. Wear warm clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet

**Organiser:** Kilkee sub aqua club  
**Venue:** Kilkee slipway  
**Address:** Kilkee pier, Eastend, Kilkee, Co. Clare  
**Email:** jckmcgrth@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0857866239

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	13.00



## Guided Land Based Whale Watch at Loophead, Co. Clare

Join us for a guided land-based watch at Loophead which provides IWDG researchers, whale enthusiasts and citizen scientists alike with a unique overview of whale and dolphin activity on the day. You can play an important part by joining us and watching with us. While there are of course no guarantees of sightings, given reasonable weather you have a good chance of seeing some of the marine species that can be viewed locally.

We advise participants to dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day. Please note, there are no boats involved and no bookings necessary. There may be a short, elevated walk from the meeting point to your watch site, so sensible footwear is recommended.

This event is suitable for all ages and is aimed at everyone from the novice wildlife enthusiast to more experienced naturalist, with a keen interest in marine wildlife and biological recording.

**Organiser:** Irish Whale and Dolphin Group  
**Venue:** Loophead Lighthouse  
**Address:** Loophead, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V15 T292  
**Email:** [enquiries@iwdg.ie](mailto:enquiries@iwdg.ie)  
**Telephone:** 065 905 1763



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	14.00



## Forestry & Water Quality - The Physical & Cultural Connections

**FREE**

This Heritage Week event is aimed at forestry practitioners, forestry owners and landowners. The event is being delivered jointly by Ruairí Ó Conchúir (Local Authority Waters Programme) and Dermot Houlihan (Association of Irish Forestry Consultants) together with local forestry owners in West Clare, incl. forestry owners involved in the Inagh EIP.

The free event will include a networking & classroom element (with tea/coffee on arrival), incl. presentations on scene setting, forestry and water quality, agro-forestry, and the forestry & water quality policy context, but the bulk of the day will be spent in the field, visiting various forestry sites, and a packed lunch (excluding drink) will be provided. Please respect that No Dogs Are Allowed.

This event is focused on reviewing best practice in the Upper Inagh River Catchment. It will explore how forestry practitioners / owners can explore ways of reducing impacts. It will review project work implemented as part of the Inagh EIP and related work on nearby forestry sites. It will review how forestry can play a positive role in restoring, protecting and enhancing local water quality, instream habitat and the riparian biodiversity of local waterbodies and play a leading role in mitigating the impacts of poorly selected forest sites. It will examine tree species, buffer zones and practices that can support environmental benefits along watercourses to provide the shade to protect fish from thermal stress and how a well-designed plan for riparian trees can also provide a buffer from the impacts of other land use practices.

This free event will include both a classroom and field element to demo sites in the Upper Inagh River Catchment, West Clare. The total number attending will be capped and car pooling will be recommended. Tea / coffee will be provided on arrival and a light packed lunch (excluding drink) will also be provided for the field trip element of the day.

Please bring your own drink for the field trip. Please bring suitable clothing.

Please respect that No Dogs Are Allowed.

**Organiser:** Local Authority Waters Programme

**Venue:** To Be Confirmed For Those With Confirmed Booking, Co. Clare

**Email:** [roconchuirelawaters.ie](mailto:roconchuirelawaters.ie)

**Telephone:** 0858083715

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	15.00



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## Graveyard Survey Training at St Fachnan's Cathedral, Kilfenora

**FREE**

The graveyard at St Fachnan's Cathedral has a long history of use; the earliest part of the present Cathedral building was built in 1189, on the site of an early ecclesiastical foundation which was established by St Fachnan in the 6th century. It remains in active use as a burial ground for the local community. This year, a graveyard survey and conservation management plan is being carried out, the aim of which is to document, map, and assess the condition of graves and markers on the site. Graveyard surveys serve as an invaluable tool for the preservation of historical and cultural heritage, as well as broadening our understanding of our local history. During Heritage Week, we will provide two training workshops for members of the public, showcasing graveyard recording techniques, data recording protocols, and safety procedures. This training will be led by local archaeologist Edel Barry, and Elaine Lynch, Field Monument Advisor for Co. Clare. This event will provide an opportunity for the local community to learn more about the history of the graveyard, and about the survey process. This event is free, but booking is essential via Burrenbeo Trust (email [karen@burrenbeo.com](mailto:karen@burrenbeo.com) to reserve a place).

Meeting point is at the Square in front of the Burren Centre at 10am and 12pm.

This project has been co-funded by the Heritage Council under the Community Grant Scheme 2024, in collaboration with the BurrenBeo Trust.

**Organiser:** Drumcliffe Union of Churches  
**Venue:** St Fachnan's Cathedral  
**Address:** The Square, Kilfenora, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V95 A786  
**Email:** [edel.barry.heritage@gmail.com](mailto:edel.barry.heritage@gmail.com)  
**Telephone:** [0879784116](tel:0879784116)



Date	Start Time	End Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	11.30
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	13.30



## IWDG Wild Child Day on board RV Celtic Mist

This event transforms our research vessel into a dynamic learning environment, utilising every part of the boat—from the deck to the cabin, and even the galley—to showcase our research and conservation work and offer a glimpse into life at sea.

Centered around the theme of "Connections, Routes, and Networks," the guided tour aims to deepen students' understanding of our close link to the ocean. Children will have the opportunity to delve into marine biology, discover the vital role of cetaceans in Irish waters, and see firsthand how research on board contributes to a broader network of environmental stewardship. By highlighting Celtic Mist's research trips and the crucial data we collect, we aim to inspire the next generation of marine biologists and environmental scientists.

The details of this event will be posted on the IWDG website at [iwdg.ie/events](http://iwdg.ie/events) closer to the date. Registration is required, but the event will be free of charge.

**Organiser:** Irish Whale and Dolphin Group

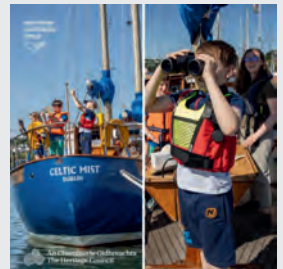
**Venue:** Loophead Lighthouse

**Address:** Loophead, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V15 T292

**Email:** [enquiries@iwdg.ie](mailto:enquiries@iwdg.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 905 1763



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1100	14.00

## Guided tour of the 13th century Ennis friary

Come and join the friary guides for an interesting tour around the oldest building in the town of Ennis. Hear about the site of the origins of the town of Ennis and view the wealth of 15th c sculptures. Take a turn around the cloister walk. View the magnificent five lancet east window and the barrel vaulted sacristy ceiling. Read the interesting memorial and grave slabs and perhaps locate your family name. An informative tour around this beautiful historic building - once a Franciscan friary, then a courthouse and finally a Church of Ireland parish church, today an OPW Heritage site. Self guiding option available all day - from 10.00am to 5.00pm

**Organiser:** OPW Ennis

**Venue:** OPW Ennis Friary

**Address:** Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 AN28

**Email:** [ennisfriary@opw.ie](mailto:ennisfriary@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 6829100



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	12.45
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	12.45



**Heritage in Action - Rekindle festival of lost skills festival**

REKINDLE Festival Day will return to Parliament Street, Ennistymon on the 16th and 17th of August as part of National Heritage Week.

- A Dance Workshop with Dancer Louise O'Connor on Parliament Street followed by a Céilí Mór for the community where participants can test out their new steps to live music from our local musicians.
- A heritage trail brought to life around the town with the brilliant local businesses, many steeped themselves in heritage.

- Traditional skill-sharing demonstrations at the Courthouse Gallery
- Our Rekindle Makers Market on Parliament Street, with products made by hand and with traditional methods

The festival day will be followed by a song and story session in Ennistymon at 6pm: There is a rich history of song collecting and sharing and storytelling in west Clare, this event will give those interested in song + story an opportunity to share from the floor and will have a particular focus on the storytelling + songs in the Irish Language. This will be a free event with all welcome to participate.

A Live Music and dance Performance - 16th August - 7pm Ennistymon

Lasraí is an intergenerational event featuring Irish traditional music and traditional music from further afield and will feature local + international musicians based in Ireland Stephanie Keane, Mohammad Syfkan, Louise O Connor, Aindrias De Staic and Citadel + more.

Rekindle is an intergenerational micro-festival of Lost Skills, focusing on rekindling and celebrating arts and traditional music, skills and practices of the past often held by older people. An opportunity to reconnect the generations and share the stories, techniques and tools our elders used to live sustainably - through a series of live music events, demonstrations, workshops, talks and exhibitions.

**Organiser:** Common Knowledge Centre

**Venue:** The Courthouse Gallery

**Address:** Parliament Street Ennistymon  
Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 D791

**Email:** [aoife@ourcommonknowledge.org](mailto:aoife@ourcommonknowledge.org)

**Telephone:** [0834425819](tel:0834425819)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	19.00





## Kilfenora - The City of Crosses - Village Tour

Join us at The Burren Visitor Centre for a free guided walking tour of the ancient 'city' of Kilfenora.

Take a fascinating historic journey through the life of this community, its roots as a farming community in Neolithic times, its Ecclestial development, its survival through times of conflict and famine to its revitalisation through trade, education and music.

The walking tour will take approximately 1 hour and starts at The Burren Visitor Centre daily at 11am.

**Organiser:** The Burren Visitor Centre

**Venue:** The Burren Visitor Centre

**Address:** The Square, Kilfenora

**Eircode:** V95 W523

**Email:** [info@theburrencentre.ie](mailto:info@theburrencentre.ie)

**Telephone:** (065) 708 8030

Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.00
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.00
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Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00	12.00
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	12.00



## Lecture on "The Industrial History of Sixmilebridge"

The Sixmilebridge Bridge Historical Society, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare are hosting a lecture on Friday 23rd August 2024 for National Heritage Week. This lecture will be on "The Industrial History of Sixmilebridge".

Sixmilebridge has a long history as a market town with the Earl of Thomand acquiring a market patent for the village as far back as 1618 on the western side of the river and followed by Henry levers in 1678 when he acquired a market patent on the eastern side of the river. Not alone was the area a bustling market town it was also famous for it's Mills. Due to Sixmilebridge's strategic position along with it's mills and markets, the village attracted many settlers from England, France and Holland. The arrival of these settlers had a strong influence on the village and increased the population significantly. T his lecture will be an interesting and informative delve into times past and will impart the influences that the industrial past has on the village that we see today. The use of historical maps, historical accounts and historical research will be used giving all present an insight into the industrial significance of Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare.

**Organiser:** Sixmilebridge Historical Society

**Venue:** Bridge Active Building

**Address:** Cappagh Lodge, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95X886

**Email:** [orla.guinan@gmail.com](mailto:orla.guinan@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 086-8488000

Date	Start Time	End Time
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	18.30	20.00







## Legends & Tales with Tommy Lanigan

Discover the magic of Irish storytelling, where ancient legends and modern tales intertwine to captivate the soul.

Let Tommy bring you on a journey through a rich heritage of folklore and myth, where the lines between reality and fantasy blur in the most delightful ways. Feel the magic as stories of legendary heroes, mystical creatures, and timeless adventures unfold before your eyes.

A fun experience for all the family where imaginations will soar and the enchantment will linger long after the tale has ended.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
**Eircode:** V95 AD7E  
**Email:** reservations@shannonheritage.com  
**Telephone:** 061 711222



Date	Start Time	End Time
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	17.00
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00

## Log Splitting

Discover the ancient art of log splitting, where wood was processed without the use of metal tools. Join Sean at the Crannog for a hands-on demonstration and experience the first steps of timber processing using traditional beetles and wooden wedges. From creating Pagan idols to making firewood, this is your opportunity to step back in time and learn the skills of our ancestors.

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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	17.30
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### **Maire Rua and her Castles in Clare**

Maire Rua is a legendary figure in Co. Clare, particularly associated with Leamanagh Castle, a National Monument on the border between Kilnaboy and Kilfenora. In this area Maire Rua has achieved a degree of notoriety, with many myths being told of her cruelty and cunning. In reality Maire Rua was a powerful woman in 17th century Ireland, a time of great social upheaval. She was a member of the Gaelic Irish aristocracy, born to the McMahon clan and marrying into the Neylon family at Dysart O'Dea. Her second husband, Conor O'Brien of Leamanagh, died fighting against Cromwellian forces, and shortly thereafter she married a Cromwellian officer, in an expedient attempt to save her estate at Leamanagh for her son. She had also managed the estate of her first husband until her eldest son from her first marriage came of age, proving her abilities and prowess at a time when society was dominated by men.

Risteard (Dick) UaCroinin, who restored Dysert O'Dea Castle in 1985-6, served as Clare County Archaeologist and Architectural Conservation Officer from 2000 until his retirement in 2019. He now works as an architectural heritage consultant. He will tell the story of Maire Rua and her connection to five different castles in Co. Clare in this fascinating presentation during Heritage Week.

Entry fee is €5, with concessions of €3

Admission €10, Concessions €7

**Organiser:** Kilfenora Development

**Venue:** Kilfenora Hall

**Address:** Main Street, Kilfenora, Co. Clare

**Email:** edel.barry.heritage@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0879784116



Date	Start Time	End Time
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	20.00	21.30

### **Open Day at Inchiquin House**

Open House Event & self-guided tour with the Irish Landmark Trust at Inchiquin House. Come join us for a day filled with history and heritage at Inchiquin House. 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!

This event is free but booking is required.

**Organiser:** Irish Landmark Trust

**Venue:** Inchiquin House

**Address:** Off Kilfenora/Ballyvaghan Road, Corofin, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 X2ON

**Email:** bookings@irishlandmark.com

**Telephone:** 01 6704733



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	16.00



## Ogham Trail

Join Stefan as brings you on a trail exploring the ancient Irish writing tradition of Ogham. An Early Iron age Alphabet used primarily to write the early Irish language and later used in the old Irish language. There are roughly 400 surviving orthodox inscriptions on stone monuments throughout Ireland.

**Organiser:** Shannon Heritage  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
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**Email:** adrienne.oflynn@shannonheritage.com  
**Telephone:** 061 711222



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**Organiser:** Kilfenora Development Community Group  
**Venue:** Kilfenora Hall  
**Address:** Main Street, Kilfenora, Co. Clare  
**Email:** edel.barry.heritage@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0879784116



Date	Start Time	End Time
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	16.00
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## Monastic Touring Route Along the Wild Atlantic Way

Connections, Routes and Networks.

Priories, friaries, island monastic sites, cathedrals and churches.

If you are travelling on a route along the Wild Atlantic Way, through the western counties of Sligo, Galway, Clare and Kerry, why not connect with our monastic heritage via this network of OPW sites. Join a guided tour with our knowledgeable OPW guides. Hear the stories of the saints and sinners that walked these paths before you and view the wealth of medieval carvings on display within. Search for the additional carved features of knots, inverted heads, griffins, wyverns, and a green man, which can be found on several of these special sites. Extra events, free admission days, access to some unguided sites as well as guided tours available during Heritage Week.

For details of events and free admission days, plan your tour to any or all of these seven fascinating sites here: <https://bit.ly/3yoWHwE>

Guided tours available daily at: Sligo Abbey, Ennis Friary, Scattery Island, Ardfert Cathedral & Skellig Michael.

Special access for Heritage Week to:

Athenry Priory via Athenry Castle

Portumna Priory via Portumna Castle

Ardfert Friary via Ardfert Cathedral

Please Note:

Boat trip with commercial operator required to visit Scattery Island & Skellig Michael.

For trips to Skellig Michael early booking is required & safety video in advance of visit on [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

**Organiser:** OPW Ennis

**Venue:** OPW Ennis Friary

**Address:** Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 AN28

**Email:** [ennisfriary@opw.ie](mailto:ennisfriary@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 6829100



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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.15
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.15
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.15
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## Whale Watch Ireland 2023

This is an opportunity to hear the story of Hastings Farmhouse and the project to restore it as a community heritage venue. You will see a demonstration of traditional mud wall building and lime rendering in action. Hastings Farmhouse is a traditional nineteenth century farmhouse built using a combination of mud, stone and brick. The restoration project is under the guidance of conservation professionals who have produced a specification for the reconstruction of the mud walls of the farmhouse and outbuilding. The Heritage Week event will feature a demonstration of the methodology to be employed in the rebuilding of the mud wall. The demonstration will preview the techniques to be offered in two mud wall building and lime render workshops which will take place on 2nd to 4th and 9th to 11th of September. The Sixmilebridge Folk group will provide traditional music entertainment and light refreshments will be served. This is a family event to learn about life in Shannon before the building of the modern town. All are welcome.

The Hastings family took up residence at the farmhouse in Tullyvarraga in 1847 at the height of the famine. The farmhouse was surrounded by a c. 30 acre farm and the traditional way of life it represented remained virtually unchanged throughout the next hundred and twenty years. Successive generations of the Hastings family farmed the surrounding land and probably fished in the estuary less than 100 metres to the south.. There was no electricity or running water; cooking was done over the open fire and light provided by candle or kerosene lamps. Water was fetched from a nearby well. The Hastings family played a part in the War of Independence and the house served as a safe-house for the Irish Army. General Lucas, a high ranking British General who was captured in Cork spent part of his captivity under guard at Hastings Farmhouse. Hear the story of that event and how his granddaughter visited Hastings Farmhouse in 2012.

This event is organised by Dúchas na Sionna (Hastings Farmhouse) CLG and the Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society. Hastings Farmhouse is located between Shannon Crematorium and Illaunamanagh Cemetery and parking for the event is in the car park at the entrance to the access road to the cemetery.

**Organiser:** Dúchas na Sionna (Hastings Farmhouse)CLG, Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society

**Venue:** Hastings Farmhouse, Shannon. Between Shannon Crematorium and Illaunamanagh Cemetery

**Address:** Tullyvarraga, Co. Clare

**Email:** duchasnasionna@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0857107581

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	16.30





## Introduction to Bladesmithing

As part of the Island wide August Craft Month and the National Heritage Week we will be offering a series of introductory bladesmith courses aimed at diversifying the stereotypical smithing community. We are hoping to attract interest from a new generation of smiths or feed the dreams of anyone who has wishes to try their hands at making their own knife - we can cater for the total beginner to more experienced looking to deepen their understanding about this ancient craft. Taught by RDS Crafts Award winning bladesmith Sam Gleeson from his forge in Clare and supported by Ennistymon Arts Trail and The Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths. Working with hand tools to shape hot metal, fire quenching and grinding and sharpening - all the skills of the bladesmith will be explored and explained to give all participants the chance to leave with a knife made by their own hands. Light lunch and refreshments provided, on site parking and facilities available.

**Organiser:** Sam Gleeson

**Venue:** thisiswhatido Workshop

**Address:** Bushyvale House, Moughna, Milltown Malbay, Co Clare

**Eircode:** V95N5F3

**Email:** [hello@thisiswhatido.ie](mailto:hello@thisiswhatido.ie)

**Telephone:** 0871676997



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	17.30

## Open Day at Loop Head Lightkeeper's House

Open House Event & self-guided tour with the Irish Landmark Trust at Loophead Lightkeeper's House. Come join us for a day filled with history and heritage at Loophead Lightkeeper's House. Step inside and discover the stories behind this historical landmark. Our knowledgeable housemanager 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!

This event is free but booking is required.

**Organiser:** Irish Landmark Trust

**Venue:** Loop Head Lightkeeper's House

**Address:** Loop Head

**Eircode:** V15 T292

**Email:** [bookings@irishlandmark.com](mailto:bookings@irishlandmark.com)

**Telephone:** 016704733



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	16.00



## Oral Histories of Clare Women - a Public Interview with Kitty Leyden

This is a public interview with Kitty Leyden from Tulla, Co. Clare, by broadcaster and Cuimhneamh an Chláir project manager, Paula Carroll.

88 year old Kitty Leyden embodies an important aspect of the oral histories of Co. Clare. She was the youngest of 11, born on a small farm in West Clare. She emigrated to New York and lived her young years in that teeming city. Returning home, she settled in Tulla, and raised 8 children. Hers is the story of the ordinary joys and hardships of women's lives in mid-20th century rural Ireland. The difference is that she tells it with great humour and insight, and a turn of phrase that only the gifted storyteller has. Whether it's bareback donkey-riding, West Clare house dances, or living the emigrant life in New York, Kitty Leyden's stories help us connect with our own social history and cultural identity.

This is a live recording for The Clare Oral History Podcast, produced by Cuimhneamh an Chláir. (<https://tinyurl.com/y99ket3h>).

There will also be a demonstration of Cuimhneamh an Chláir's Oral History collection at the Digital Repository of Ireland, and how to access the diverse stories of ordinary Clare life recorded in the last 15 years.

The event is free but ticketed. Please see booking link below for tickets. Doors open at 6.30pm. Light refreshments served. Interview starts 7pm sharp. All welcome.

**Organiser:** Cuimhneamh an Chláir  
**Venue:** Cnoc na Gaoithe Cultural Centre  
**Address:** Chapel St, Tulla, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V95 Y5N5  
**Email:** [info@clarememories.ie](mailto:info@clarememories.ie)  
**Telephone:** 0863170334



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	21.00



## Religion, Magic and The Cure - The Holy Wells of the Burren

There over 3,000 holy wells in Ireland. Pre-Christian in origin, the well was a vibrant theatre of indigenous spirituality and colourful folk medicine in pre-Famine times. Some sites still attract significant numbers of devotees today. The Burren is home to almost fifty wells, several of which will feature in this presentation, including new information on St Fachnan's Well, Kilfenora.

This talk by Tony Kirby draws on recent research and includes new insights into the history, geography, folklore and hydrogeology of Burren holy wells, as well as contextualising the "Irish martial arts" and faction fighting which took place at some of the sites.

Tony Kirby is a full-time and well-known Burren walk guide. He recently completed an audit of almost forty holy wells in North Clare as part of the Clare Holy Wells Project under the auspices of the Heritage Council and Clare County Council. Tony is the author of "The Burren and the Aran Islands - A Walking Guide".

**Organiser:** Kilfenora Development Community Group

**Venue:** Kilfenora Hall

**Address:** Main Street, Kilfenora, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95W523

**Email:** info@kilfenoradev.ie

**Telephone:** 0657088030



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	15.00

## Roisin's Robe Theatre Performance

Roisin's Robe is an adaptation of a play by former Clare TD Patrick Hogan. The play was originally scheduled to be performed on Easter Sunday, 1916 in Dublin but events overtook it and it never saw the light of day. This summer, members of Clare Youth Theatre have revisited the play in a contemporary context.

**Organiser:** Clare Youth Theatre

**Venue:** Glor

**Address:** Causeway Link, Ennis, Co.Clare

**Eircode:** V95 VHP0

**Email:** clareyouththeatre@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 065 689991



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	20.30





## Placemaking Heritage around the Cliffs of Moher, Liscannor, Co. Clare

Placemaking Heritage day capitalises on our local community's historical assets, inspiration, and potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that improve urban vitality and promote people's health, happiness, and well-being. This is our third year and we present to you the following Heritage programme:

2:00pm.

Make a historic Submarine from Clay with local Artist, Ann Daly.

2:30pm.

Rock Painting Castles, with Architectural Heritage Consultant, Thomas Quinlan. Acrylic paints preferred.

3:00pm.

Historic walk with Heritage Specialist, Martina McCarthy,

"Liscannor through the ages" Join Heritage Specialist Martina McCarthy to celebrate National Heritage Week 2024 by delving into the past and discovering the enduring legacy of Liscannor, a coastal village where connections, routes, and networks have continually shaped its identity and heritage. This immersive walk through time will uncover the fascinating stories of saints, seafarers, shipwrecks, and the stone industry, painting a vivid picture of Liscannor's rich and diverse heritage.

Discover the ancient routes and spiritual pathways carved by saints whose legacies continue to inspire. Trace the paths navigated by seafarers and the dramatic tales of shipwrecks that are part of Liscannor's maritime legacy. Learn about the networks of trade, communication and craftsmanship that powered the local stone industry, contributing to the village's economic and cultural development. Discover how the intricate connections between people, places, and events have woven together the vibrant heritage of Liscannor and defined this community through the ages.

4:30pm.

Connecting the past to the present. The evolution of John Phillip Holland, Submarine Inventor, to today's Marine Drones, presented by Prof. Ger Dooly and Dr. John Treacy, Clare County Interim Heritage Officer.

Pre-registration for Childrens events and Historic Walk, and general booking advised for all events.

Contact: 086 3475972

**Organiser:** Liscannor Heritage Group

**Venue:** Liscannor Community Hall.

**Address:** Main Street, Liscannor

**Eircode:** V95 VX56

**Email:** [Quinlanthomas@gmail.com](mailto:Quinlanthomas@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 086 3475972



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	18.00



## River Biodiversity: A Walk & Talk on Restoration Plans For The Ballymacraven River, Ennistymon

Following a major fish kill on the Ballymacraven River in May 2023 significant activity has taken place to help restore, enhance and protect the river for and by the local community of Ennistymon and North Clare. Much of this activity has been undertaken by the volunteer members of the Restore Ballymacraven River Association.

This Heritage Week event which will be delivered jointly by the Restore Ballymacraven River Association and the Local Authority Waters Programme. The event will be suitable for children and families and will review the wonderful biodiversity of the Ballymacraven River and the planned work to continue to restore, protect and enhance the river and its riparian zone. The event will explore the sights and sounds of a river and the ecosystem services this river provides to us all.

This event will be suitable for people of all ages and will follow a river path down the Inagh River and along the Ballymacraven River and up the beautiful mature riparian zone of The Glen. It promises to be a very special event to explore the wonderful biodiversity of the Ballymacraven River.

This is a free event and all welcome. Please bring suitable clothing and footwear.

**Organiser:** Kilrush and District Historical Society

**Venue:** Below the front of the Falls Hotel

**Address:** Ennistymon Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 D2PC

**Email:** roconchuir@lawaters.ie

**Telephone:** 0858083715

**FREE**



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	11.30

## Daily Guided Tours of Scattery Island

The theme of Heritage Week 2024 is Connection. Here on Scattery Island we have reconnected with a former Scattery Island guide, storyteller and crafter Ruth Marshall who will show us the route from raw fleece to fine yarn and will be happy to tell us about the plants—roots, leaves and flowers that she uses to produce beautiful natural dye colours. She might even tell a yarn[story] or two... remember that one about the princess who fell asleep for 100 years when she pricked her finger on a spindle.

This event will take place in the recently renovated Brennan family cottage in the village street on Scattery Island.

Please note ferry boat departs from Kilrush Marina and charge applies

**Organiser:** OPW Scattery Island

**Venue:** Kilrush Marina

**Address:** Kilrush, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V15 AD62

**Email:** info@scatteryislandtours.com

**Telephone:** 0852550514, 0852550512



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12.30	18.00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.15	14.45



## Stone Carving & Masonry with a Master Stonemason

Explore the rich history and timeless art of stone masonry, a craft that has shaped the landscape for centuries. This age-old craft has been passed down through generations, preserving the techniques and traditions that have built some of the country's most iconic structures.

Delve into the story of Irish stone masonry with our visiting Stone Mason, Dominic Keogh. Dominic is a multidisciplinary stonemason and conservation worker. He specialises in traditional stonemasonry, letter cutting, monumental masonry, traditional lime mortars, craft training and the conservation and restoration of vernacular structures.

An experienced craft trainer who uses his wealth of knowledge to inspire other people to begin their own journey into working with stone, Dominic is bringing the beauty of carved stone to life at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park.

**Organiser:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

**Venue:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

**Address:** Bunratty

**Eircode:** V95 TY02

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

**Telephone:** 061 711222



Date	Start Time	End Time
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00	16.00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.00	16.00

## Stories Through Generations with Ciara Carew

To celebrate National Heritage Week, Ciara Carew, a storyteller with an MA in History, invites you to an enchanting afternoon of stories, folklore, and legends passed down through generations. Ciara will delve into old Irish mythology, beliefs, and customs specific to County Clare, exploring characters like Máire Rua, the legendary warrior Cú Chulainn, and the mystical Irish fairies. This is an intergenerational event, suitable for children, parents and grandparents and free to attend.

Places are limited so booking is required.

Please email [claremuseum@clarecoco.ie](mailto:claremuseum@clarecoco.ie) to book. Telephone bookings will not be accepted.

**Organiser:** Clare Museum

**Venue:** Clare Museum

**Address:** Arthur's Row, Ennis, County Clare

**Eircode:** V95EC92

**Email:** [tcarmodyoshea@clarecoco.ie](mailto:tcarmodyoshea@clarecoco.ie)

**Telephone:** 0656823382



Date	Start Time	End Time
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	15.30	16.30



### Take a local link to the past for Heritage Week

The Transport for Ireland Local Link Service is part of The Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan which is a major national transport initiative developed and funded by the National Transport Authority, with the aim of increasing connectivity and a sustainable method of travel, particularly for people living outside major cities and towns.

As this year's theme of National Heritage Week is based on Connections, Routes and Networks, the OPW want to incentivise visitors to use the Local link to access many of our OPW sites and Ennis Friary is happy to participate with this initiative to give free admission to visitors who take this service during Heritage Week from Monday Aug 19th to Friday Aug 23rd. Please present your local link ticket at reception to receive free admission on these dates during Heritage Week. For Clare routes see <https://www.localinklc.ie/clare-routes/>

An Initiative brought to you in association with Transport for Ireland Local Link and The Office of Public Works

**Organiser:** Office of Public Works

**Venue:** OPW Ennis Friary

**Address:** Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 AN28

**Email:** [ennisfriary@opw.ie](mailto:ennisfriary@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 682910



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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	17.00
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	17.00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	17.00



### **Mud, Lime and Timber: Building a house 200 years ago**

This is an opportunity to hear the story of Hastings Farmhouse and the project to restore it as a community heritage venue. You will see a demonstration of traditional mud wall building and lime rendering in action. Hastings Farmhouse is a traditional nineteenth century farmhouse built using a combination of mud, stone and brick. The restoration project is under the guidance of conservation professionals who have produced a specification for the reconstruction of the mud walls of the farmhouse and outbuilding. The Heritage Week event will feature a demonstration of the methodology to be employed in the rebuilding of the mud wall. The demonstration will preview the techniques to be offered in two mud wall building and lime render workshops which will take place on 2nd to 4th and 9th to 11th of September. The Sixmilebridge Folk group will provide traditional music entertainment and light refreshments will be served. This is a family event to learn about life in Shannon before the building of the modern town. All are welcome.

The Hastings family took up residence at the farmhouse in Tullyvarraga in 1847 at the height of the famine. The farmhouse was surrounded by a c. 30 acre farm and the traditional way of life it represented remained virtually unchanged throughout the next hundred and twenty years. Successive generations of the Hastings family farmed the surrounding land and probably fished in the estuary less than 100 metres to the south.. There was no electricity or running water; cooking was done over the open fire and light provided by candle or kerosene lamps. Water was fetched from a nearby well. The Hastings family played a part in the War of Independence and the house served as a safe-house for the Irish Army. General Lucas, a high ranking British General who was captured in Cork spent part of his captivity under guard at Hastings Farmhouse. Hear the story of that event and how his granddaughter visited Hastings Farmhouse in 2012.

This event is organised by Dúchas na Sionna (Hastings Farmhouse) CLG and the Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society. Hastings Farmhouse is located between Shannon Crematorium and Illaunamanagh Cemetery and parking for the event is in the car park at the entrance to the access road to the cemetery.

**Organiser:** Dúchas na Sionna (Hastings Farmhouse)CLG, Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society

**Venue:** Hastings Farmhouse, Shannon

**Address:** Between Shannon Crematorium and Illaunamanagh Cemetery  
Tullyvarraga, Co. Clare

**Email:** [duchasnasionna@gmail.com](mailto:duchasnasionna@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 0857107581

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	16.30





## Past by a Traditional Irish Seanchaí

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of traditional Irish folklore with storytelling sessions by our Seanchaí. This captivating performance brings to life the vibrant culture and history of Ireland, passing down wisdom and wonder from generation to generation through the magic of spoken word.

**Organiser:** Shannon Heritage  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
**Eircode:** V95 AD7E  
**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)  
**Telephone:** 061 711222



Date	Start Time	End Time
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	17.30
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30	17.30

## Tales of Irish Mythology

Join our costumed character, Stefan, as he delves into Irish Mythology and enthral you with tales of Ireland that have been preserved in the oral tradition and later transcribed in the manuscripts of early Celtic Christianity. The Ancient Gaels were a Celtic people and their mythology developed from the diverse beliefs and stories told by the Celts. Since the Irish recorded many of their old stories, Irish mythology is the form of Celtic mythology that is best known to us

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Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	11.00
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	11.00



### Stone Forts in the Quin Area

Quin Heritage is hosting a visit to one of the many stone forts in the Quin area on Sunday August 17th as part of Heritage Week. John Power has kindly offered a chance to see the fort at Creevagh Beg. This combines a short chat on stone forts, and the opportunity to view the structure. We also want to share some of the stories of these archaeological gems in the local landscape and look at their history, occupancy and eventual demise.

Parking is limited in the area. We would ask people to double up when travelling by car and ensure the local road is not affected.

This is a free event, open to all.

**Organiser:** Quin Heritage

**Venue:** Creevagh Beg Fort

**Address:** Quin, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 FPX5

**Email:** [quinheritagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:quinheritagegroup@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 0876628194



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	14.30	16.00

### The Benefits of Biodiversity on the Farm (Biodiversity Talk)

To celebrate National Heritage Week, Ecologist Sean O'Farrell will give a talk on the Benefits of Biodiversity on the Farm at Scarriff GAA Hall (Eircode: V94 CA47) at 7pm on Tuesday, 20th of August 2024.

The talk will cover pond creation, hedgerow management for wildlife, soil health and aquatic ecology and ways to protect rivers. This event is organised by Clare County Council's Biodiversity Officer

**Organiser:** Clare County Council

**Venue:** Scarriff GAA Hall

**Address:** Church Street, Fossa Beg, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V94 CA47

**Email:** [boloughlin@clarecoco.ie](mailto:boloughlin@clarecoco.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 6846408



Date	Start Time	End Time
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	17.00	20.30



## The Ecology of Bats

To celebrate National Heritage Week and the Return to Nature Church Biodiversity Project, Bat Specialist Tina Aughney will give a talk on the Ecology of Bats at Inagh Community Hall (Eircode: V95 R793) at 8:30pm on Monday evening, 19th of August 2024.

The talk will include an indoor session at Inagh Community Hall and then an outdoor session using a bat detector around Inagh Church grounds and Inagh River Path.

The event will finish at approximately 10pm. As places are limited, please email [biodiversity@clarecoco.ie](mailto:biodiversity@clarecoco.ie) to book your place. This event is organised by Clare County Council's Biodiversity Officer.

Please bring warm clothing for the outdoor session. This event is aimed at adults only and not suitable for children

**Organiser:** Clare County Council

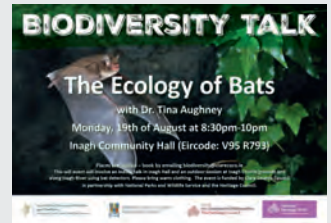
**Venue:** Inagh Community Hall

**Address:** Inagh, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 R793

**Email:** [boloughline@clarecoco.ie](mailto:boloughline@clarecoco.ie)

**Telephone:** 065 6846408



Date	Start Time	End Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	20.30	22.00

## The harp - the story of Ireland's national instrument

The harp is an ancient instrument, with many variants around the world. The Irish harp (cláirseach) and its 'Celtic cousins' in Scotland, Wales and Brittany have existed in some form for some 2000 years – and the harp became a heraldic symbol for Ireland as long ago as the 1300s.

The story of the harp in Ireland is a fascinating one, and is intrinsic to the development of what is now termed Irish traditional music – although as a demanding instrument, it is less commonly played than the fiddle, flute and whistle. The harp repertoire has evolved from the ancient traditions of celtic bards through the renaissance and classical periods – epitomised by Ireland's most famous composer, the blind harper Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738) – and on into more experimental use in modern times. Aisling Lyons will take us on a journey through the history of the harp, demonstrating its versatility through her own playing. Aisling is an award-winning musician and composer from County Clare, described as 'the finest Irish harper at work today' by Songlines Magazine after the release of her debut album 'Aistear' (2021). She is the holder of 8 All-Ireland titles and has performed around the world both as a soloist and band member.

**Organiser:** Kilfenora Development Community Group

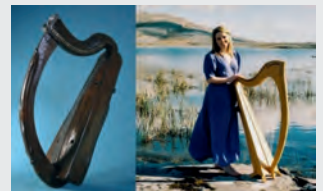
**Venue:** Burren Centre Kilfenora

**Address:** The Square, Kilfenora

**Eircode:** V95 W523

**Email:** [info@kilfenoradev.ie](mailto:info@kilfenoradev.ie)

**Telephone:** 0657088030



Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	16.00





## A Trip Back In Time

Join musician and historian, Peadar McMahon, for a performance of music, stories and song, that celebrates the works and remarkable life of Ireland's greatest songwriter. And of course, no Kilrush performance would be complete without French's celebration of our own West Clare Railway! Percy French entertained audiences in small village halls all over Ireland from the 1890's until the time of his death in 1920. While most Irish audiences have grown accustomed to hearing his songs performed by Irish Tenors, they were originally composed by Percy French for his banjo and relaxed baritone. Peadar MacMahon's folk arrangements pay tribute to how they were originally performed.

A Limerick native, Peadar now lives in Kilrush. His performances are charming, heartfelt, engaging and educational. He offers his audience a greater connection to the songs through the telling of their stories and his own.

**Organiser:** Lily de Sylva

**Venue:** Banner Books

**Address:** Frances Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V15 PW83

**Email:** [silverwoodevents@gmail.com](mailto:silverwoodevents@gmail.com)

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### The Legacy of Percy French

Stories and Song with Peadar McMahon  
1.00 pm Saturday 17th August  
Banner Books, Frances Street, Kilrush

Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	13.00	13.45

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John Glynn, who was born in Kilrush, has a keen interest in local history and photography. His 2023 talk on Harry Clarke Studios stained-glass windows in Kilrush is available on the Kilrush and District Historical Society YouTube channel.

Meeting point: St Senan's Catholic Church, Toler Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare, V15 NW42. Time: 1:00 pm (after 12:00 mass) on Sunday 18 August 2024.

**Organiser:** Lily de Sylva

**Venue:** St Senan's Church

**Address:** Toler Street, Kilrush

**Eircode:** V15 NW42

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### The Stained Glass of St Senan's Church

With John Glynn, Kilrush and District Historical Society  
1.00 pm Sunday 18th August  
St Senan's Church, Toler Street

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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	13.00	14.00





## The Story of a Country Chapel: A talk on the history Little St. Senan's Church, Monmore.

A talk on the history of Moanmore Chapel since its opening in 1894. The talk will focus on the beautiful and unique Johnny Murphy windows and the stories depicted in them particularly those of the local saints depicted: St. Senan, St. Imy, St. Cannera and St. Flannan. There will be a get together for those who attended the church and a chance to reminisce and share memories over a cup of tea.

**Organiser:** Friends of Moanmore Chapel

**Venue:** Little St. Senan's Church, Monmore

**Address:** Monmore, Kilrush, County Clare

**Eircode:** V15 NW42

**Email:** mccarthyrita99@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 0879731162



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	17.00

## Thomas Westropp – the master discoverer of the Burren

This presentation by Liam Irwin will shine a light on one of Ireland's most remarkable experts on ancient monuments. Thomas Johnson Westropp (1860-1922) remains the primary source of archaeological information on counties Clare and Limerick – and especially the Burren – such was the excellence of his discovery work. He was a leading figure at the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and appointed its president in 1916.

Westropp's many publications – containing hundreds of his sketches and photographs – cover megalithic tombs, iron age forts, castles, religious buildings, and also folklore and custom relating to monuments, lakes, rivers and wells. (The Burren Visitor Centre has several items of Westropp memorabilia on display.)

Liam Irwin recently retired as Head of the Department of History, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick. He is the author of many papers and books, including writing and presenting on the remarkable story of Thomas Westropp.

**Organiser:** Kilfenora Development Community Group

**Venue:** Burren Centre Kilfenora

**Address:** The Square, Kilfenora

**Eircode:** V95 W523

**Email:** info@kilfenoradev.ie

**Telephone:** 0657088030



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Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	15.00



### Tour of St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe

To celebrate Heritage Week 2024, and in recognition of Community Heritage Funding received to survey the library at St Flannan's Cathedral, a guided tour of the ground floor of St Flannan's Cathedral Killaloe will take place, free of charge, on Saturday August 24th at 6pm. This cathedral is unique in that its footprint has remained largely unaltered since its construction in the early 13th century. It is still a place of worship as it was 800 years ago and an architectural treasure in the Lough Derg Region. Come along and hear about its history, its artefacts and the stories of some of the interesting families associated with the building.

No booking needed, all are welcome.

**Organiser:** St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe  
**Venue:** St Flannan's Cathedral  
**Address:** Royal Parade, Killaloe, Co Clare  
**Eircode:** V94 FD36  
**Email:** stflannanscathedral@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0868334433

Date	Start Time	End Time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	19.00

### Traditional Basket Weaving

Join us for an engaging demonstration on Traditional Basket Weaving, where you'll witness the meticulous craft of creating a variety of baskets such as bread, egg, and shopping baskets. This session will explore the rich history and techniques of basket weaving, showcasing the intricate process of selecting natural materials, shaping them with skill, and transforming them into functional and beautiful baskets.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE  
**Eircode:** V95 AD7E  
**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)  
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## Traditional Blacksmithing

Join our resident blacksmith, Tony, for a captivating demonstration of traditional blacksmithing techniques. Showcasing the artistry and skill involved in forging metal, our expert will guide you through the rich history and mythology surrounding this ancient craft. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness the power of fire and metal and hear the stories that have shaped the legacy of the blacksmith.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen

**Venue:** Craggaunowen

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## Unique Sounds of the Medieval Bagpipes

Step back in time with a demonstration of the medieval bagpipes, one of the most ancient instruments in the world. Listen to the unique sounds and discover the historical significance of this instrument which spans back to the beginning of civilisation. Set against the backdrop of Craggaunowen Castle and Crannóg, our talented bagpiper, Arno, will captivate you with beautiful melodies and enchanting tunes.

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## Traditional Blacksmithing

Join our resident blacksmith, Tony, for a captivating demonstration of traditional blacksmithing techniques. Showcasing the artistry and skill involved in forging metal, our expert will guide you through the rich history and mythology surrounding this ancient craft. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness the power of fire and metal and hear the stories that have shaped the legacy of the blacksmith.

**Organiser:** Craggaunowen

**Venue:** Craggaunowen

**Address:** CRAGGAUNOWEN, SIXMILEBRIDGE, CO CLARE

**Eircode:** V95 AD7E

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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	17.30
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	17.30
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	17.30

## Unique Sounds of the Medieval Bagpipes

Step back in time with a demonstration of the medieval bagpipes, one of the most ancient instruments in the world. Listen to the unique sounds and discover the historical significance of this instrument which spans back to the beginning of civilisation. Set against the backdrop of Craggaunowen Castle and Crannóg, our talented bagpiper, Arno, will captivate you with beautiful melodies and enchanting tunes.

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## Water is Life, a talk by Ruairi Ó Conchúir

This illustrated talk will highlight the critical role local water bodies play in supporting all forms of life, including human life and well-being. The speaker, Ruairi Ó Conchúir has for more than 25 years worked in the field of integrated river catchment management. He has spent over 10 years in multi award winning projects such as BurrenLIFE and MulkearLIFE and brings to this presentation a wealth of experience.



**Organiser:** Kilkee Civic Trust  
**Venue:** Cultúrlann Sweeney  
**Address:** O Connell St. Kilkee, Co Clare  
**Email:** [secretary@kilkeecivictrust.org](mailto:secretary@kilkeecivictrust.org)  
**Telephone:** 086 8343019

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	20.00	21.00

## Weaving Through The Ages & Weaving on a Warp Weighted Loom

Join us for an engaging demonstration and talk on the ancient art of weaving as our expert guides you through the history of this timeless craft. Watch as the weaver meticulously interlaces threads, creating intricate patterns using age-old methods including a demonstration on a warp-weighted loom, a traditional type of loom which dates back to 700 BCE. This type of loom showcases the craftsmanship of our ancestors, connecting us to a rich history of textile arts.

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Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	15.30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	15.00	15.30
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	15.00	15.30



## Willow Weaving Workshop

Tom Delaney, the talented craftsman behind Ould Crafty, will be sharing his knowledge at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park in this delightful Willow Weaving Workshop for children. Tom has made several television appearances and throughout National Heritage Week, he will be offering his skills to children in his highly popular Willow Weaving Workshops.

Children will explore their creativity, learn the basics of willow weaving and take home a handmade treasure. All materials are provided and this workshop provides a welcoming space to learn and create while having fun with nature and art.

Based in Mayo, Tom is carrying on a tradition of basket making his grandfather, David Delaney, started a long time ago. It's not all about baskets though; Tom makes willow domes and tunnels for gardens. He recently created a boat made of willow called a coracle covered with animal hide which he launched on the river Moy.

All of his pieces are made from locally sourced willow in his native Mayo. His craft development is all about connecting with people of all ages and occupations and he delights in bringing his craft to a whole new generation.

**Organiser:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

**Venue:** Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

**Address:** Bunratty, Co. Clare

**Eircode:** V95 TY02

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Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	17.00





### Visit the 13th century Ennis Friary

Come and explore the site of the origins of the town of Ennis. Visitors can view the wealth of 15th c sculptures. Take a turn around the cloister walk. View the magnificent five lancet east window and the barrel vaulted sacristy ceiling. Read the interesting memorial and grave slabs and perhaps locate your family name. Challenge yourself to locate some of our lesser known features such as our inverted heads, decorative knot and our mysterious wyverns. Kids trails available.

**Organiser:** OPW Ennis  
**Venue:** OPW Ennis Friary  
**Address:** Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare  
**Eircode:** V95 AN28  
**Email:** ennisfriary@opw.ie  
**Telephone:** 065 6829100



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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	17.00

### Woodturning on a Traditional Pool Lathe

Witness the ancient skill of timber craftwork on the traditional pole lathe with our animator Jack. A pole-lathe is a wood-turning lathe that is operated manually. Pressing on a foot treadle pulls on a cord that is wrapped around the piece of wood being turned. Watch our master craftsman create wonderful wooden implements and objects on this traditional apparatus.

**Organiser:** Shannon Heritage  
**Venue:** Craggaunowen  
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Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	17.00



## Wild Seed Saving for Biodiversity

A practical workshop introducing the participants to the joy of saving seeds from local wild plants, helping to support the regeneration of our precious indigenous flora species, providing suitable floral resources for wild pollinator species and helping to protect Ireland's indigenous genetic diversity.

The workshop will be based on recommended best practice for saving seeds from the wild. We will look at the Flora Protection Order, 2015 and the conservation status of wild plants. The participants will be introduced to a simple wild seed saving protocol that protects both the plants and their habitats.

We will explore why it is important to save local indigenous wild seed for conservation, for community ecology and habitat regeneration projects. We will also explore why we need to stop introducing non- native wild flower seed mixes into wild habitats, ecosystems and private gardens. Practical sessions will include: identification of native wild plants; saving seeds from common wild herbaceous plants; identifying when seeds are ripe for harvesting; best practice for collecting, processing, storing and sowing seed; and what is needed for a basic seed saving toolkit. This workshop will be facilitated by ecologist Áine Ni Fhlatharta, MSc. and hosted by the team of Lough Graine Nature Sanctuary.

This is a free public workshop.

Supported by the Heritage Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024.

Places are limited, please book early.

This event will include an indoor presentation and an outdoor field trip.

Please check the weather forecast and wear appropriate clothing.

**Organiser:** Lough Graine Nature Sanctuary

**Venue:** Flagmount Community Hall, followed by a field trip

**Address:** Flagmount, Co. Clare

**Email:** [aine@greenguide.ie](mailto:aine@greenguide.ie)

**Telephone:** 0871626760



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	16.30



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**ROUTES  
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# Heritage Awards

## 2024



Cistithe ag

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council

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

The 2024 award categories are as follows:

**National Heritage Hero Award:** Awarded to an individual or organisation that has demonstrated – over a substantial period of time – an outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of heritage. This award is based on nominations from the public.

**Living Heritage Award:** Awarded to the event or project that successfully encouraged a greater appreciation of an element of our Living Heritage- traditional crafts, skills and practices.

**Wild Child Award:** Awarded to an event or project that successfully encouraged children and families to get outdoors and enjoy and explore the heritage and biodiversity in their locality; to look at the world around them differently; to open their eyes to the diverse beauty of the landscape in their area.

**Water Heritage Award:** Awarded to an event or project that best explored how a canal, river, lake or sea shaped the heritage of a locality or celebrates water as an integral part of our natural heritage, as well as being a vital part of our future, or reflects on what more we can do to conserve this valuable resource. The Water Heritage Award is in association with the Local Authority Water Programme.

**Inclusive Event Award:** Awarded to an event or project that made a special effort to share heritage with everyone in the community across age groups, including those who are; new to heritage; those who do not have local roots; those who have additional accessibility needs.

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**Irish Language Award:** Awarded to an event or project that took place through the Irish Language and/or encouraged participation or activity in the Irish language.

**Sustainability and Climate Award:** Awarded to an event or project that made a special effort to incorporate environmentally friendly practices to reduce our carbon footprint and impact on the natural world OR an event that provided education on the impact of climate change and good sustainability practice.

**County Award:** Awarded to the best event or project in each Local Authority area based its ability to: maximise the involvement of a community in developing the project; include all age groups in your community in the project development / execution; grow awareness of an aspect of heritage in a community; or build on an existing heritage project, or heritage network in a community and consider the themes of sustainable heritage and/or biodiversity.



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