

NEWS

Postcards, walks, talks and stories help bring heritage to life

- Be part of Heritage Week in person or online

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Galway's rich heritage is being celebrated in a range of events across the city and county as part of National Heritage Week which runs from now until August 22.

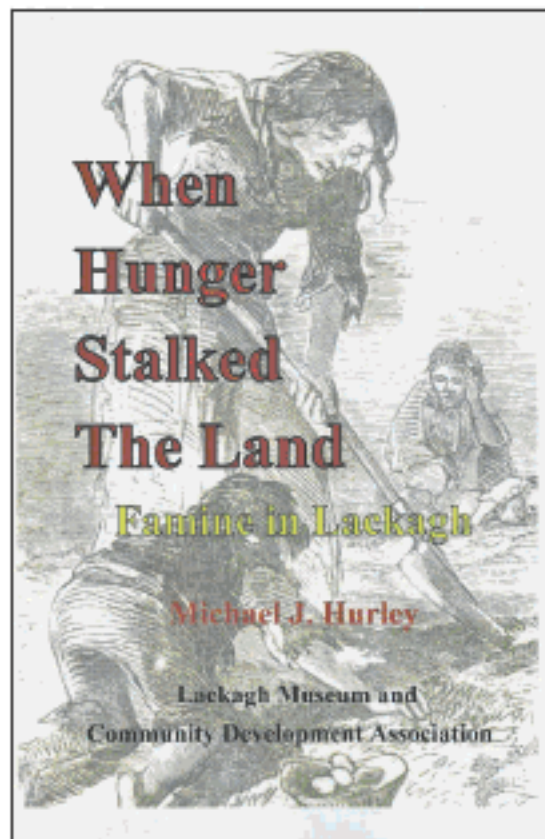
There are many different events planned from Dunmore to Portumna and from Inisbofin to Athenry. The programme features a wide range of topics and interests and takes in everything from walled garden tours to talks on local GAA football history and from digital storytelling to water projects.

Many of the projects wouldn't be possible without the input and expertise of local volunteers in various heritage and community groups, who would all love for people in the area to either attend an event in person or to watch their offering online.

Galway County Heritage Officer Marie Mannion said Heritage Week shows communities at their best and highlights the great work being done by volunteers who have all come up with innovative projects, in particular for an online audience.

"There are some really beautiful projects to look at this year with plenty of variety. We have between 50 and 60 projects overall around the county, which is really great," Marie Mannion told The Tuam Herald.

The full details of all events that are happening in person and online are available at www.heritageweek.ie along with details on how to book etc. Groups also



have until August 30 to upload their projects and there will be Heritage Awards taking place later in the year.

Here we provide details of some of the local highlights; however, there are many more events taking place around the county and in the city for the remainder of the week and weekend.

17TH CENTURY WALLED GARDEN TOUR PORTUMNA

An hour-long tour of the walled garden with the craft gardener. The beautiful 17th-century kitchen garden contains an organic and biodiverse array of fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Wednesday 18th 12 pm, Thursday 19th 12 pm, Friday 20th 12 pm and 2 pm, Saturday 21st 12 pm and 2 pm. Pre-booking essential: email portumnacastle@opw.ie.

A DIGITAL STORY MAP OF DUNMORE

This is a taster of the Digital Story Map of Dunmore which is currently under construction.



PEOPLE can enjoy a tour of the Walled Gardens in Mountbellew this weekend.



MILLTOWN is a role model community for showcasing its heritage.

PHOTO RAY RYAN

It will highlight the history and development of Dunmore town from Medieval times to the present day. The story will include aspects of the ecclesiastical, medieval, architectural history of the town, the natural history of its setting and the stories and cultural connections of its people.

The user will click on any of 15 highlighted locations and text, photographs, music and film will be activated to relay the town's story. From a burial mound associated with King Turlough O'Connor, the medieval Dunmore castle and Friary, the growth of the market town, the milling industry of the 18th and 19th centuries, the houses of the landed gentry, vernacular shopfronts, commerce, fairs and markets right up to today's vibrant community life, it's an action-packed story!

When complete the interactive StoryMap will be hosted on Galway County Council Heritage Office Geographical Information System and showcased on the Dunmore Page of the Galway Community Heritage website.

There are three trailer videos available for Heritage Week at www.heritage.ie and the full project will be launched in October.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF CORRANDULLA CEMETERY

This booklet by Annaghdown

Heritage Society presents a complete transcription of all extant tombstone inscriptions at Corrandulla Cemetery. Together with a plan of the cemetery and a surname index, the group hopes it will be an invaluable genealogical and local history resource for the Annaghdown community and diaspora.

The booklet is available for purchase at <https://annaghdownheritage.ie/shop/> and costs €5.

A SLIDESHOW ON GLENAMADDY'S PAST

This is a slideshow presentation compiled by Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project for Heritage Week 2021 based on Glenamaddy's past. It shows items used in the past from a Milk Separator to the pots and delph used in the kitchen. It looks at the past fondly and remembers the days of old.

GALWAY CAMOGIE NEWSPAPER REPORTS, 1906-1932

Sport, insofar as it engaged women in the late 19th century, was almost exclusively a middle-class or upper-class affair. Women's sport was often confined to cycling, hockey, tennis and golf but the growth of the GAA would dramatically change matters.

While under-represented at the end of the 19th century, it

appears that the GAA was a more welcoming place for women in the earlier part of the 20th century. The role of the Gaelic League and universities in its growth was considerable.

Women would become more active participants as the twentieth century progressed and, in 1906, the first Galway camógaíocht clubs were established in Ballygar, Oughterard, and the City. Interestingly, 'all ladies' cricket matches were also now reported upon in the county.

This booklet by Steve Dolan of Galway Heritage provides a guide to early camogie activity drawn from match reports. It will hopefully bring more attention on the early pioneers of camogie in the county; from the establishment of Galway's first clubs up to the county's first All-Ireland final in 1932. Full proceeds are donated to Ballyglunin Station.

ATHENRY MEDIEVAL MARKET'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ATHENRY CASTLE

This podcast tells the story of Athenry's medieval market and the people who used the market. It tells the story of the Market Cross and the relationship of the market to the Norman castle.

GREETINGS FROM MILLTOWN

To celebrate Heritage Week 2021, Milltown Heritage Group