



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

# County Galway - Chontae na Gaillimhe

## EVENT GUIDE 2019

Heritage Week 2019: Pastimes | Past Times



**NATIONAL  
HERITAGE  
WEEK 2019  
17-25 AUG**



**Seachtain Oidhreacht Chontae na Gaillimhe - Treoir na nImeachtaí**

Is iad tionscnóirí na n-imeachtaí ar leith a sholáthair gach eolas don treoir seo.

Is iad na tionscnóirí ar leith atá freagrach as gach gné de na himeachtaí a luaitear.

Tabhair ar aird, le do thoil, go bhféadfadh athrú a theacht ar mhionsonraí na n-imeachtaí.

Ba chóir mionsonraí gach imeacht ar leith a fhíorú trí theagmháil a dhéanamh leis an tionscnóir sula bhfreastalaítear ar an imeacht.

Tá nuashonruithe faoi imeachtaí na Seachtaine Náisiúnta Oidhreachta ar fáil ar [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)

Maidir le gach imeacht faoin spéir, bí ar d'aire faoi cheisteanna Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta, cúrsaí aimsire, riochtaí ar an talamh agus na contúirtí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith romhat.

Déan réamhchúram cuí agus úsáid do chiall. Caith éadach agus coisbheart oiriúnach.

Fan leis an ngrúpa an t-am ar fad. Tuismitheoir/caomhnóir a bheidh freagrach as leanaí agus ní mór do thuismitheoir/chaomhnóir a bheith in éineacht le leanaí an t-am ar fad.

### Galway County Heritage Week Event Guide

All information in this guide has been provided by the individual promoters.

Responsibility for all aspects of the events listed lies with the individual promoters.

Please be aware that event details are subject to change.

Details of the individual events should be verified in advance of visits by contacting the promoter.

Updates on National Heritage Week events are available on [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)

For all outdoor events please be mindful of Health and Safety issues, the weather conditions, the ground conditions and consider what hazards you are likely to encounter. Take appropriate precautions and exercise common sense. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Stay with the group at all times and children are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and must be accompanied at all times by the parent/guardian.

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Stone in Oranmore's Heritage

**17 & 20 & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 11am - 5pm**

**21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am - 8pm**

**24 August, 11am - 3:30pm**

**An exhibition celebrating Oranmore's association with this local resource from neolithic times right up to the present. Puiríns, bee boles and tower houses are among the stone items in our community.**

**The National Museum of Ireland holds a collection stone axe-heads recovered from fields in the locality and over the intervening millennia we continue to find uses for stone. From stone walls to bridges, stepping-stones to mile-stones, townland names to myths and legends associated with remarkable stones, mill-stones to jostle-stones and the mundane use of crushed stone on our road surfaces - these are some of the ways that stone has imbued itself into the heritage of the Oranmore hinterland.**

**Organiser: Oranmore Heritage**

**Venue: Oranmore Library, Oranmore, Co. Galway**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **No Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **091792117**
- **[oranmorelibrary@eircom.net](mailto:oranmorelibrary@eircom.net)**
- **[galwaylibrary.ie](http://galwaylibrary.ie)**

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## The Boats & Barrels of Ballinasloe

**17 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**Walk back in time to discover the life & workings of the former Grand Canal & Guinness Storehouse in Ballinasloe. Fun for all the family through an interactive exhibition.**

**Learn what Ballinasloe would have looked like when the Grand Canal came right into the town and how local men found their livelihood in unloading the barrels of Guinness off the boats from Dublin to distribute them to Ireland's West. The exhibition will include traditional games for children and there will be free tea & coffee served onsite.**

**Organiser: Ballinasloe Christian Fellowship**

**Venue: The Storehouse, Ballinasloe, H53 YD51**

**Admission & Booking: Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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**[timquinlan@live.ie](mailto:timquinlan@live.ie)**

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## FESTIVAL



### Cairde na Coille

**17 August, 11am - 4:30pm**

**A heritage event in the surrounds of our historic All Saints Heritage Centre to be enjoyed by all, showcasing all we have to offer in Clonbur/ An Fháirche in the heart of Joyce Country. Failte roimh!**

**Enjoy our local craftspeople displaying traditional crafts and taste our local produce cooked from recipes handed down through the generations. Help us build a cock of hay or stack a reek of turf, try basket making or even give hand shearing a try. Watch the wool from the fleece being spun on a traditional spinning wheel and then dyed with all natural dyes. Learn basic survival skills from firefighting to bread making in our bush craft workshop. This will be an event for all ages.**

**Organiser: Clonbur & Cloughbrack Community Council**

**Venue: All Saints Heritage Centre Clonbur/ An Fháirche Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking- Adult: €5.00 Child: €2.00 Family: €10.00**

**Access & Parking**

**Suitable for Children under 12/ Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

**Tel: 087 9065252**

**[clonburcommcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clonburcommcouncil@gmail.com) [clonburcloghbrack.ie/community-council/](http://clonburcloghbrack.ie/community-council/)**

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



## Go Wild with Éanna Ní Lamhna

**17<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30am - 12:30pm**

**Join radio and television presenter, author and educator, Éanna Ní Lamhna for a walk along the Gort River.**

**Organiser: Gort Tidy Towns River Walk Group**

**Venue: Gort, Aldi car park, Co. Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

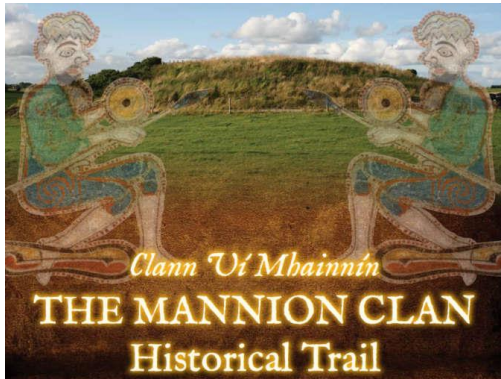
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- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



## Mannion Clan Historical Trail

**17 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Join us for a guided tour of the principal sites associated with the ancient Ó Mainnín Clan of County Galway, led by Clan historian, Dr Joe Mannion, and NUI Galway archaeologist, Dr Mags Mannion.**

The guided tour of The Mannion Clan Historical Trail on Saturday 17 August is on Day 2 of the 2019 Mannion Clan Gathering. Day 1, Friday 16, will focus on the village of Menlough, originally known as Mionlach Uí Mhainnín, after the Ó Mainnín chieftains who erected their principal castle here in medieval times. Members of the global Mannion Clan will gather in Thompson's Lounge Bar, overlooking the castle site at 7.00 pm for an evening of talks on Clan history and DNA, plus Irish music and song.

**Organiser: The Mannion Clan Association**

**Venue: Meet at Mannion's Bar Car Park, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- Not suitable for Children under 12
- Car Parking Available

**Further Information**

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- [joe@mannonclan.org](mailto:joe@mannonclan.org)
- [mannonclan.org](http://mannonclan.org)

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



## Geology Walk and Walk: Clonbur Wood

**17 August, 4pm - 6pm**

**Enjoy a leisure walk while learning how the local geology interacts with the lake, and the hidden story locked in the rocks themselves.**

**The Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark Project geologist Benjamin Thébaudeau will tell the geological story of the area and how rocks influence our landscape, biodiversity and culture. Discover the fascinating habitat that is the Lough Mask limestone pavement and hear what makes Joyce Country special.**

**Organiser: Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark Project**

**Venue: All saint's church, Clonbur/An Fhairche**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **0949544295**
- **[icwlgeologist@gmail.com](mailto:icwlgeologist@gmail.com)**
- **[joycecountrygeoparkproject.ie](http://joycecountrygeoparkproject.ie)**

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## TALK



## Our Irish Women Talk

**17 August, 7:30pm - 9:30pm**

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**Organiser: Moycullen Heritage / Cumann Staire Ruaidhrí Uí Fhlaitheartaigh with Moycullen ICA**

**Venue: Moycullen National School, Church Road, Moycullen**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information      0879508087**

**[moycullenheritage@gmail.com/moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org](mailto:moycullenheritage@gmail.com/moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org)**

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### Castleblakeney Horse Racing 1740s

**17, 24 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**A talk about Castleblakeney horse fairs and horse racing during the 1740s; as well as about the Blakeney Family and their history in the Battle of Culloden (1746).**

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**Organiser: Castleblakeney Church Restoration Association**

**Venue: Castleblakeney Heritage Centre, Castleblakeney**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - [blakeneyfas@eircom.net](mailto:blakeneyfas@eircom.net)

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Folk & Farm

**17 August, 2pm - 4pm**

**A short talk by Dr. Christy Cunniffe, Archaeologist, in The Studio at Thoor Ballylee. Exploration of old farming techniques followed by walk to the Mill by the river.**

**Organiser: Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society**

**Venue: Thoor Ballylee, Gort**

**Admission & Booking: Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

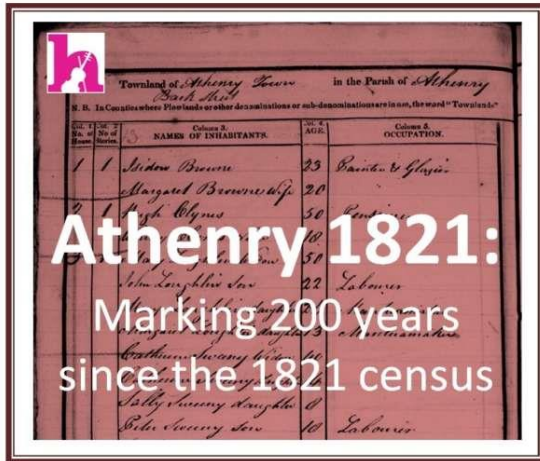
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **091631436**
- **[yeatsthoorballyleesociety@gmail.com](mailto:yeatsthoorballyleesociety@gmail.com)**
- **[yeatsthoorballylee.org](http://yeatsthoorballylee.org)**

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Athenry 1821

**17 August, 4pm - 5pm**

**A lecture [Free] and book launch [€10] by historian Steve Dolan to mark the bicentenary of the 1821 census. Full proceeds go to Galway Autism Partnership.**

**Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre / Athenry Heritage Centre**

**Organiser: Athenry Heritage Centre**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- Car Parking Available

### Further Information

- 0909759200
- [info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie)
- [irishworkhousecentre.ie](http://irishworkhousecentre.ie)

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#### **Admission & Booking**

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#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
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- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - [blakeneyfas@eircom.net](mailto:blakeneyfas@eircom.net)

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## TOUR



## Coole Demense: A Working Estate

**17 August, 11am - 12:30pm**

**Discover Coole as it was in times past, when it was a working estate. Visit what remains of the original buildings including the bailiff's house, coach houses, stables, lime kiln and horse pump.**

**This is a free guided leisurely walk. No dogs except guide dogs.**

**Organiser: Coole Park**

**Venue : Coole Park Visitor Centre, Co. Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **091631804**
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- [coolepark.ie](http://coolepark.ie)

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**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
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  - [\*\*claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](http://claregalwaycastle.com)

# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



## Communicating in the Past

**17 August, 12pm - 1:30pm**

**Exploring the ancient Irish alphabet of ogham and the pagan links to the Celtic tree-lore by using the medium of art. Teaching and engaging children in a creative bookmark crafting session.**

**Organiser Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

**Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre – Portumna, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking**

**Child: €2**

**Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

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- **[info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie)**
- **[irishworkhousecentre.ie](http://irishworkhousecentre.ie)**

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**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full) / Car Parking Available**

**Further Information :0879508087**

**[moycullenheritage@gmail.com/moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org](mailto:moycullenheritage@gmail.com/moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org)**

# **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

## **FESTIVAL Athenry Walled Towns Day**



### **Athenry Walled Towns Day      1pm - 5pm**

**Athenry Walled Towns Day is a free family fun day that celebrates the rich medieval history of Athenry. The programme of events illustrates the pastimes & past times of Anglo-Norman life.**

**Enjoy a free family fun day in the medieval town of Athenry and experience a world of children's craft activities, battle reenactments, have a go archery, medieval circus skills, music, craft exhibits, displays of weaponry and living history presentations. The programme of events is suitable for all ages and reflects the rich history of the medieval town. The event will be held in Athenry park and the Athenry Heritage Centre.**

**Organiser: Athenry Arts & Heritage Centre & Galway County Council**

**Venue: Athenry Park, Athenry Heritage Centre**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **091844661**
- **[athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com](mailto:athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com)**
- **[athenryheritagecentre.com](http://athenryheritagecentre.com)**

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

## OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITES



### Behind the Scenes at the Museum

**18 August, 1pm - 2pm**

**Come to the Irish Workhouse Centre to see our new museum and experience a behind-the-scenes look at how the museum operates. We will also discuss and examine some of the main workhouse artefacts.**

**Venue/ Organiser: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

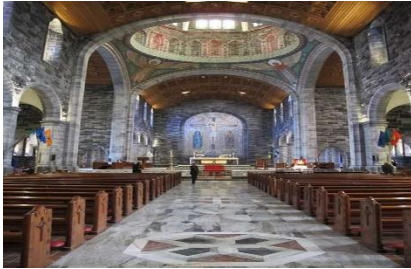
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **09097 59200**
- **[info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie)**
- **[irishworkhousecentre.ie](http://irishworkhousecentre.ie)**

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### **Geology Exhibition: Decorative and Building Stone of Galway**

**17 - 25 August, 9am - 5:30pm**

**An exhibition of images and specimens highlighting quarrying and working of two iconic Galway stone types: Connemara Marble and black Galway Limestone, and where their use for building and decoration.**

Ireland's rocks have been used for building and decorative purposes for over 2500 years. Until the mid-1900s native stone imparted a local flavor to buildings, villages and towns, and strong communities of craftsmen sprung up around quarry settlements. Stone is versatile and may be given different surface finishes. Stonebuilt Ireland is a Trinity College Dublin project working with government agencies documenting the history of quarrying and use of Ireland's building and decorative stone.

**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

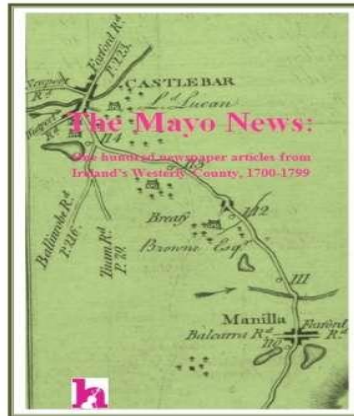
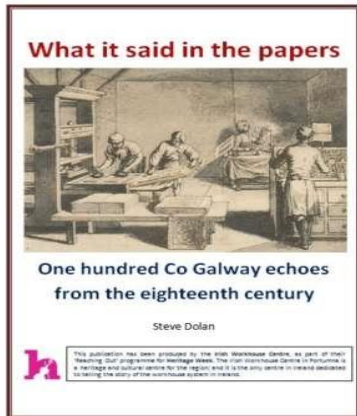
**Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

**Further Information: 01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**

o [wysjcknp@tcd.ie](mailto:wysjcknp@tcd.ie) : [connemaranationalpark.ie](http://connemaranationalpark.ie)

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Galway-Mayo: Eighteenth Century News

18 August, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Lecture [Free] and booklets [€5] launch of booklet on 18th century newspaper reports from Galway and Mayo. All proceeds on the day go to charity.

**Organiser:** Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna

**Venue:** All Saints Heritage Centre, Clonbur

### Admission & Booking

- Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- Car Parking Available

### Further Information

- 09097 59200
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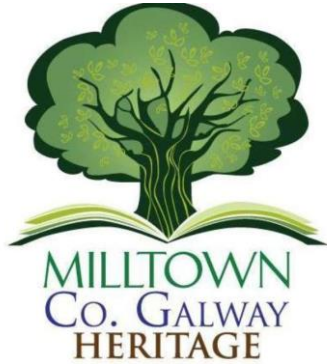
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
  - [\*\*info@claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](mailto:info@claregalwaycastle.com)
  - [\*\*claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](http://claregalwaycastle.com)

# Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Milltown Museum

**19 - 23 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**Our heritage room located in our local community centre is home to our extensive collection of artefacts and memorabilia gathered over the past 60 years.**

**Organiser: Milltown Heritage Group**

**Venue: Milltown Community Centre, Milltown**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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  - [milltownheritage@gmail.com](mailto:milltownheritage@gmail.com)
  - [milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org](http://milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org)

# Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Images of Galway Landed Society

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, August, 9am - 5pm  
24<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 2pm

Images of houses and documents relating to landed estates in County Galway will be on display.

The James Hardiman Library Archives and Special Collections at NUI, Galway holds over 20 collections of manuscript and printed material relating to landed estates in the West of Ireland. Images of letters, rentals, personal recollections and maps as well as photographs of houses from the county will be included in this exhibition.

**Organiser:** James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway

**Venue:** O'Donoghue Building, National University of Ireland

**Admission & Booking :** Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Not suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- No Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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- 
- [marie.boran@nuigalway.ie](mailto:marie.boran@nuigalway.ie)

# Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Gardening Tour with Lynn

19 August, 11am - 12pm   19 August, 2pm - 3pm  
20 August, 11am - 12pm   20 August, 2pm - 3pm  
22 August, 11am - 12pm   22 August, 2pm - 3pm

Walk with OPW Craft Gardener, Lynn O'Keefe through the gardens of Portumna Castle and let her enlighten you about the past, present and future plans of the gardens.

Lynn O'Keefe, OPW Craft Gardener, will guide you through the Formal and 17th Century Walled Kitchen Garden and tell you of the history, present plantings and future plans of the gardens....walking through the gardens with Lynn is a treat for all of the senses.

**Organiser/ Venue: Portumna Castle & Gardens, Office of Public Works, Portumna Castle Gardens**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

#### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- Car Parking Available

#### Further Information

- 0909741658
- [portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie)
- [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

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**Access & Parking: Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**
- [wysjcknp@tcd.ie](mailto:wysjcknp@tcd.ie) : [connemaranationalpark.ie](http://connemaranationalpark.ie)

# Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT



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**Organiser: Woodford Furnace Festival Group**

**Venue: Next to the Bay, centre of Woodford, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

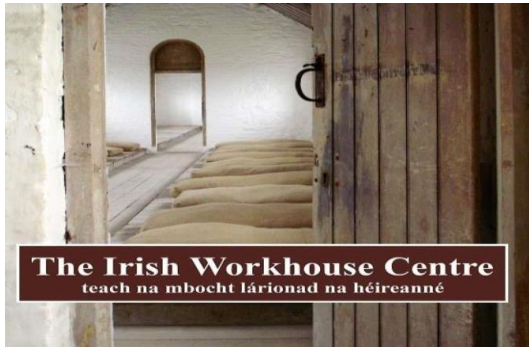
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
- **[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Lá Gaeilge

19 August, 11:30am - 3:30pm

A day dedicated to the Irish Language, ag labhairt the cupla focail. Guided tours through Irish.

Organiser/ Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna

### Admission & Booking

- Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Partial)
- Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



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#### **Further Information**

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# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

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**Organiser: Oranmore Heritage**

**Venue: Oranmore Library, Oranmore, Co. Galway**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

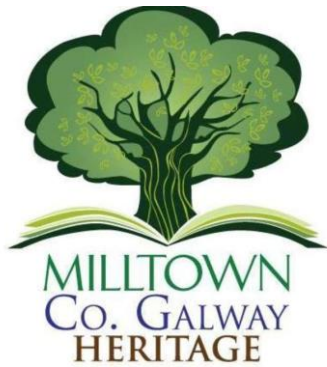
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **No Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **091792117**
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- **[galwaylibrary.ie](http://galwaylibrary.ie)**

# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Milltown Museum

**19 - 23 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**Our heritage room located in our local community centre is home to our extensive collection of artefacts and memorabilia gathered over the past 60 years.**

**Organiser: Milltown Heritage Group**

**Venue: Milltown Community Centre, Milltown**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **09351876**
- **[milltownheritage@gmail.com](mailto:milltownheritage@gmail.com)**

**[milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org](http://milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org)**

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**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

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- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information: 087 633 1852**

**[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Tracing Your Family History

**20 August, 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Monica Hynes, MA will give a presentation on ‘Tracing Your Family History’ using the main sources including: church, state and land records. She will also provide advice on how to start research.**

**Organiser: East Galway Family History Society CLG**

**Venue: Woodford Heritage Centre**

### Admission & Booking

- **Admission Free**

### Access & Parking

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### Further Information

- **+353 (0) 909749309**
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- **[galwayroots.com/east/home](http://galwayroots.com/east/home)**

# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK

### Genealogy Talk by Martin Curley

**20 August, 8:45pm - 9:30pm**

**Genealogy talk by Martin Curley on tracing immigrants to the area.**

**Genealogy Talk: Tues, Aug 20- 8.30pm facilitated by Martin Curley.  
General talk on tracing local roots and emigrants at the Forge  
Museum/Walled Garden.**

**Organiser: Mountbellew Heritage & Tourism Network**

**Venue: The Demesne, Mountbellew**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

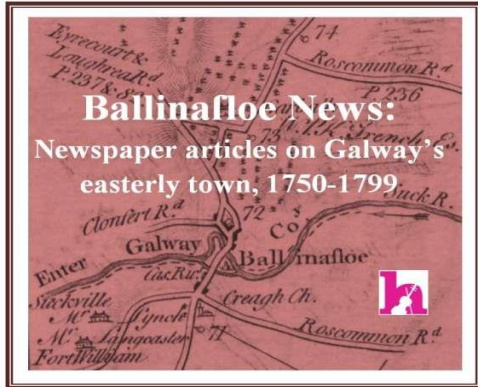
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
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- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0861696594**
  - [mountbellewheritageandtourism@gmail.com](mailto:mountbellewheritageandtourism@gmail.com)
- - [mountbellewheritagetourismnetwork.wordpress.com/](http://mountbellewheritagetourismnetwork.wordpress.com/)
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# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Eighteenth Century Ballinasloe

**20 August, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Lecture [Free] and limited edition booklet launch [€5] by Steve Dolan on 18th century newspaper reports from Ballinasloe. All proceeds go to the Friends of Portiuncula charity.**

**Organiser: Irish Workhouse Centre**

**Venue: Ballinasloe Library, Ballinasloe**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Life and Death in the Workhouse

**20 August, 1pm - 2pm**

**Let's go back 145 years and meet the inmates of the workhouse. Where were they from? How did they live? What happened to bring them to this place?**

**Organiser / Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

### **Admission & Booking**

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# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Images of Galway Landed Society

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Images of houses and documents relating to landed estates in County Galway will be on display.

The James Hardiman Library Archives and Special Collections at NUI, Galway holds over 20 collections of manuscript and printed material relating to landed estates in the West of Ireland. Images of letters, rentals, personal recollections and maps as well as photographs of houses from the county will be included in this exhibition.

**Organiser:** James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway

**Venue:** O'Donoghue Building, National University of Ireland

**Admission & Booking :** Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Not suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- No Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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- **[galwaylibrary.ie](http://galwaylibrary.ie)**

# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Coole Wild Child Event

**21 August, 11am - 12:30pm**

**Fun nature walk with activities and games for children aged 5 to 12. Learn about the plants and animals that live here in the nature reserve. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Organiser: National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Coole Park Visitor Centre, Gort**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

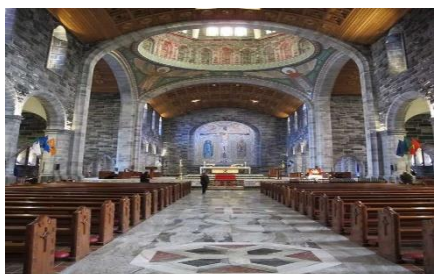
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **091 631804**
  - [coolepark@chg.gov.ie](mailto:coolepark@chg.gov.ie)
  - [coolepark.ie](http://coolepark.ie)

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**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

**Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

**Further Information:** 01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)

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### **Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
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# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## TOUR



## Guided tour of Claregalway Friary

**21 August, 7pm - 8:15pm**

**Guided tour of Claregalway Friary. The friary was founded for the Franciscans in 1252 by John de Cogan I, one of the early Normans. It was in use on and off up to the mid-1800s.**

**Organiser: Claregalway Historical and Cultural Society**

**Venue: Meet at the Cemetery Car Park adjacent to the Friary, Claregalway**

**The friary is very well preserved with interesting historical and archaeological features.**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **0863891251**
  - [claregalwaymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:claregalwaymuseum@gmail.com)
  - [claregalway.galwaycommunityheritage.org](http://claregalway.galwaycommunityheritage.org)

# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## TALK

### Life in a Medieval Monastery

**21 August, 8pm - 9:30pm**

**Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB, Glenstal Abbey is a renowned medieval historian specialising in the history of Irish monasticism and religious practice.**

**This is an excellent opportunity to hear one of the foremost scholars on medieval Ireland. Br Colmán is the author of several publications including The Friars in Ireland 1224-1500, awarded the 2013 NUI Prize for Irish Historical Research. The event includes the "Our Irish Women" exhibition courtesy of the Museum of Country Life, Castlebar.**

**Organiser: Moylough Resource Centre**

**Venue: Moylough Community Centre**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0873480583**
  - [mrc@moylough.com](mailto:mrc@moylough.com)

# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## TOUR



## Claregalway Castle Tours

**17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Exploring Claregalway castle and its environs through a guided tour, visitors can find out about its fascinating six-hundred-year history and discover some of the castle's secrets.**

**Organiser: Claregalway Castle**

**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
  - [\*\*info@claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](mailto:info@claregalwaycastle.com)
  - [\*\*claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](http://claregalwaycastle.com)

# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



## Living & Learning with Irish Craft

**21 August, 11am - 4pm**

**The public will be invited into our weaving and hand spinning studio to observe and participate in crafts such as hand spinning, weaving and felting, which have been Irish traditions for generations.**

**All ages should be encouraged to learn about traditional Irish fibre crafts, we feel, and so adults and children alike can come and try their skill at these crafts. Irish farming is an integral part of life in Ireland, and we are passionate about sourcing wool from Irish farms, paying farmers a good price for this versatile natural product, and we are dedicated to raising the positive profile of Irish sheep and alpaca fleece.**

**Organiser : Irish Fibre Crafters**

**Venue: Irish Fibre Crafters, The Square, Ardrahan**

**Admission & Booking: Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

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- **[irishfibrecrafters.com](http://irishfibrecrafters.com)**

# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



## Wild Flower Day

**21 August, 1pm - 2pm**

**Children will learn about biodiversity and our native Irish wild flowers through the much-loved pastime of flower-pressing, and then share in old actives such as daisy chains and flower crowns.**

**Organiser:/ Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Child: €2**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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# Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION

### Family History Workshop

**21 August, 7pm - 9:30pm**

**The Western Family History Association will provide one-to-one guidance on how to start tracing your family history and will attempt to answer your queries if you have encountered problems.**

**Organiser: Western Family History Association**

**Venue: Carnoneen Parish Centre, Lackagh**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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**Admission & Booking :** Admission Free

### Access & Parking

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- No Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITES



### Portumna Temporary Famine Workhouse

**22 August, 7pm - 8pm**

**Join us for the fascinating story of the temporary Portumna workhouse and its associated burial ground by local historian David Broderick.**

**Organiser:/ Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

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**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking: Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

### Further Information

- **01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**
- [wysjcknp@tcd.ie](mailto:wysjcknp@tcd.ie) : [connemaranationalpark.ie](http://connemaranationalpark.ie)

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Gardening Tour with Lynn

19 August, 11am - 12pm   19 August, 2pm - 3pm  
20 August, 11am - 12pm   20 August, 2pm - 3pm  
22 August, 11am - 12pm   22 August, 2pm - 3pm

Walk with OPW Craft Gardener, Lynn O'Keefe through the gardens of Portumna Castle and let her enlighten you about the past, present and future plans of the gardens.

Lynn O'Keefe, OPW Craft Gardener, will guide you through the Formal and 17th Century Walled Kitchen Garden and tell you of the history, present plantings and future plans of the gardens....walking through the gardens with Lynn is a treat for all of the senses.

**Organiser/ Venue:** Portumna Castle & Gardens, Office of Public Works, Portumna Castle Gardens

**Admission & Booking :** Admission Free

#### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- Car Parking Available

#### Further Information

- 0909741658
- [portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie)
- [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT



## Woodford Furnace Festival 2019

**19 - 25 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Making iron and steel from local materials as seen on Nationwide. A perfect combination of spectacle, heritage and learning. Iron objects made from iron ore by skilled smelters and blacksmiths.**

**Woodford, Co. Galway is one of the only surviving towns built to make iron. In 1681, a water-powered blast furnace was built there. To celebrate this history, the town is the setting of the yearly Furnace Festival. Groups from all over the world smelt iron from iron ore and skilled blacksmiths make anything from tools to art. Includes an exhibition, guided tours and much more!**

**Organiser: Woodford Furnace Festival Group**

**Venue: Next to the Bay, centre of Woodford, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
- **[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## TALK



## Greet the Growers

**22 August, 2pm - 3pm**

**Christiana, our long time supporter from Ability West will speak to us about growing your own herbs & vegetables. Hang around after to sample some scones Brooklodge jam in our pop up "Castletown" cafe**

**Keep an eye on our website for other events we are hoping to schedule around Heritage week, such as a dawn chorus with guided meditation.**

**Organiser: Ballyglunin Community Development Company**

**Venue: Ballyglunin Train Station**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **0864564566**
- **[mmconlon@hotmail.com](mailto:mmconlon@hotmail.com)**
- 
- **[ballyglunin.com/](http://ballyglunin.com/)**

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## TALK

### Clonfert & Clontuskert Guided Visit

**22 August, 3:30pm - 7am**

**The fabric of faith: Medieval religion as exemplified in Clonfert Cathedral and Clontuskert priory, by medieval historian Colmán O' Clabaigh OSB & Galway County archaeologist Christy Cunniffe.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the marriage of the two great disciplines of archaeology and history. Colmán O'Clabaigh OSB and Christy Cunniffe, Galway County Archaeologist, renowned experts in their fields, possess the knowledge, passion and enthusiasm for their subjects to vividly bring the past to life in a lively, informative and entertaining manner. An unmissable experience. Meeting Clonfert Cathedral at 3.30pm and Clontuskert Priory at 5.30pm.**

**Organiser: Moylough Heritage Society**

**Venue: Clonfert Cathedral/ Clontuskert Priory**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0873480583**
  - [mrc@moylough.com](mailto:mrc@moylough.com)



# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## TALK

### Walter Macken Commemorative Talk

**22 August, 8pm - 9pm**

**Ultan Macken will give a talk on his late father, Walter Macken's, last published book 'Brown Lord of the Mountain' (1966) and illustrate real life events which inspired the writing of the story.**

**Ultan Macken, born in 1943, is the second son of Walter and Peggy Mahon. After attending UCG he worked as a Journalist in the Irish Press Group and RTE. He lives in Galway and has several published books to his credit. Suitable for adults only.**

**Organiser: Oughterard Heritage Group**

**Venue: Oughterard Court House**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- - **Adult: €5**
  - **Child: €5**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **091557589**
  - [\*\*tornaservices@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:tornaservices@gmail.com)
- - [\*\*oughterardheritagegroup.org\*\*](http://oughterardheritagegroup.org)

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## TOUR



## Claregalway Castle Tours

**17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Exploring Claregalway castle and its environs through a guided tour, visitors can find out about its fascinating six-hundred-year history and discover some of the castle's secrets.**

**Organiser: Claregalway Castle**

**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
  - [\*\*info@claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](mailto:info@claregalwaycastle.com)
  - [\*\*claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](http://claregalwaycastle.com)

# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



### Annaghdown History in Objects

**22 August, 8pm - 10pm**

**Bring along an artefact, item or document connected to the history of a family, house, business, village or townland and tell its story to the gathering. Fáilte roimh chách!**

**Organiser: Annaghdown Heritage Society**

**Venue: Old Girls' School, Corrandulla**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - [info@annaghdownheritage.ie](mailto:info@annaghdownheritage.ie)
- - [annaghdownheritage.ie](http://annaghdownheritage.ie)
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# Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



### Open Forge in Loughrea

**19 - 24 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Take a look inside a modern working forge. See the tools and technique from a past era used in modern contemporary work.**

**Organiser: Stephen Quinn Blacksmith**

**Venue: The Forge Dartfield Museum**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Admission & Booking**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0871203496**
  - [stephenquinn@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenquinn@hotmail.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Stone in Oranmore's Heritage

**17 & 20 & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 11am - 5pm**

**21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am - 8pm**

**24 August, 11am - 3:30pm**

**An exhibition celebrating Oranmore's association with this local resource from neolithic times right up to the present. Puiríns, bee boles and tower houses are among the stone items in our community.**

**The National Museum of Ireland holds a collection stone axe-heads recovered from fields in the locality and over the intervening millennia we continue to find uses for stone. From stone walls to bridges, stepping-stones to mile-stones, townland names to myths and legends associated with remarkable stones, mill-stones to jostle-stones and the mundane use of crushed stone on our road surfaces - these are some of the ways that stone has imbued itself into the heritage of the Oranmore hinterland.**

**Organiser: Oranmore Heritage**

**Venue: Oranmore Library, Oranmore, Co. Galway**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **No Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **091792117**
- **[oranmorelibrary@eircom.net](mailto:oranmorelibrary@eircom.net)**
- **[galwaylibrary.ie](http://galwaylibrary.ie)**

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Images of Galway Landed Society

**19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, August, 9am - 5pm**  
**24<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 2pm**

**Images of houses and documents relating to landed estates in County Galway will be on display.**

**The James Hardiman Library Archives and Special Collections at NUI, Galway holds over 20 collections of manuscript and printed material relating to landed estates in the West of Ireland. Images of letters, rentals, personal recollections and maps as well as photographs of houses from the county will be included in this exhibition.**

**Organiser: James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway**

**Venue: O'Donoghue Building, National University of Ireland**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **No Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **091493476**
- **[marie.boran@nuigalway.ie](mailto:marie.boran@nuigalway.ie)**

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## The Workhouse Cookbook

**23 August, 1pm - 2pm**

**Food in the workhouse was often sub-standard, and was deliberately kept as tasteless as possible. Come and find out about the diet in Portumna workhouse and its evolution over the nineteenth century.**

**Organiser: Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

### Admission & Booking

- **Admission Free**

### Access & Parking

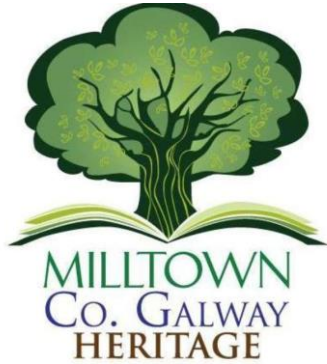
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### Further Information

- - **09097 59200**
  - [info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie)
- - [irishworkhousecentre.ie](http://irishworkhousecentre.ie)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Milltown Museum

**19 - 23 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**Our heritage room located in our local community centre is home to our extensive collection of artefacts and memorabilia gathered over the past 60 years.**

**Organiser: Milltown Heritage Group**

**Venue: Milltown Community Centre, Milltown**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **09351876**
  - [milltownheritage@gmail.com](mailto:milltownheritage@gmail.com)
  - [milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org](http://milltown.galwaycommunityheritage.org)

# **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

## **FESTIVAL-Loughrea Medieval Festival**

### **Echoes of the Past: Medieval Mass**

**23 August, 6pm - 7pm**

**Enjoy a rare treat of a Medieval Mass and step back in time!**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: St.Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0868109185**
  - [loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com)
- - [loughreamedievalfestival.com](http://loughreamedievalfestival.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## FESTIVAL

### Traditional Music Night

**23 August, 7pm - 12:30pm**

**Organised by Mary MacDermott in conjunction with Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project with local children playing traditional music from 7pm-9pm followed by adults playing from 9pm-12.30pm.**

**As part of Glenamaddy two day Mini-Fest run by Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project. This event is been organised by Mary MacDermott. This event follows a Nature Walk and Talk which is been organised by Glenamaddy Tidy towns and the final event will take place in Glenamaddy Town Hall Theatre on Saturday night 24th August at 8pm called Heritage Pastimes and Days Gone Bye which will involve local stories, folklore etc.**

**Organiser: Mary MacDermott**

**Venue: Jim Petes Pub, Kilkerrin Rd, Glenamaddy**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0949659029**
  - [gbhp.info@gmail.com](mailto:gbhp.info@gmail.com)
- - [Glenamaddyheritage.com](http://Glenamaddyheritage.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Bat Walk in Coole Park

**23 August, 8:30pm - 10:30pm**

**Learn all about the mysterious life of bats on this night time walk around Coole Park with National Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger, Raymond Stephens.**

**Please wear warm clothes, strong footwear and bring a torch. If it's too wet the walk won't go ahead.**

**Organiser: National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Coole Park Visitor Centre**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **091 631804**
  - [Niall.O'Reilly@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Niall.O'Reilly@chg.gov.ie)
  - [coolepark.ie](http://coolepark.ie)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

### Nature Walk and Talk in Glenamaddy

**23 August, 5pm - 6:30pm**

**A nature walk and talk led by Community Waters Officer, Catherine Seal and organised by Glenamaddy Tidy Towns in conjunction with Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project.**

**The nature walk and talk will take place as part of the Glenamaddy two-day mini-fest, run by Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project.**

**Organiser: Glenamaddy Tidy Towns Committee**

**Venue: Gortnagier, Glenamaddy**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0949659029**
  - [gbhp.info@gmail.com](mailto:gbhp.info@gmail.com)
- - [Glenamaddyheritage.com](http://Glenamaddyheritage.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Geology Exhibition: Decorative and Building Stone of Galway

**17 - 25 August, 9am - 5:30pm**

**An exhibition of images and specimens highlighting quarrying and working of two iconic Galway stone types: Connemara Marble and black Galway Limestone, and where their use for building and decoration.**

Ireland's rocks have been used for building and decorative purposes for over 2500 years. Until the mid-1900s native stone imparted a local flavor to buildings, villages and towns, and strong communities of craftsmen sprung up around quarry settlements. Stone is versatile and may be given different surface finishes. Stonebuilt Ireland is a Trinity College Dublin project working with government agencies documenting the history of quarrying and use of Ireland's building and decorative stone.

**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking: Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**
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# **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

## **Loughrea Medieval Festival**

### **PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT**

#### **Echoes of Our Musical Past**

**23 August, 7:30pm - 9:30pm**

**Step into our medieval musical past and enjoy the sounds of an era gone by. Set in the Old Church which is now the library.**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: Loughrea Library, Church Street**

**Admission & Booking**

**Booking Required : to book contact 0868109185**

- **Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

- - [loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com)
  - 
  - [loughreamedievalfestival.com](http://loughreamedievalfestival.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

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**Organiser: Woodford Furnace Festival Group**

**Venue: Next to the Bay, centre of Woodford, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
- **[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## TALK

### Talk: Hidden Gems in Dunmore

**23 August, 7:30pm - 8:30pm**

**To celebrate the launch of Dunmore Heritage Group, Dr. Christy Cunniffe, Galway Community Archaeologist will present a talk on "An exploration of hidden cultural gems in the Dunmore area".**

**Organiser: Dunmore Heritage Group**

**Venue: TBC**

**Refreshments will be provided.**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **086 4097837**
  - **[howlo@hotmail.com](mailto:howlo@hotmail.com)**

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## TALK



## Pastimes: Times of our Past

**23 August, 7pm - 8:30pm**

**An illustrated presentation on the history of pastimes, with emphasis on local pursuits and leisure. Interactive displays.**

**Organiser: Portumna Castle, Gardens and Tea Rooms, OPW**

**Venue: Portumna Castle Exhibition Area**

### **Admission & Booking**

**Booking Required to book contact [portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie) or 0909741658**

**Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **0909741658**
  - [portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie)
- - [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## TALK

### Alex Nimmo and the Western District

**23 August, 8pm - 9pm**

The talk will give an overview of Nimmo's work in the west and the impact it had on developments there in the first half of the 19th century.

Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill is a native of Clifden and the author of several books and numerous articles on the history of West County Galway. Her work is based principally on primary sources, from public archives and private collections. In recognition of her contribution to the heritage of the county, she has received two Heritage Awards from Galway County Council and an honorary Master of Arts degree from NUI Galway.

**Organiser: Oughterard Heritage Group**

**Venue: Court House Oughterard**

#### Admission & Booking

- - **Adult: €5**
  - **Child: €5**
  - **Concession: €5**

#### Access & Parking

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### Further Information

- - **091557589**
  - [tornaservices@gmail.com](mailto:tornaservices@gmail.com)
- - [oughterardheritagegroup.org](http://oughterardheritagegroup.org)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## TOUR



## Claregalway Castle Tours

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**Organiser: Claregalway Castle**

**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
  - **[info@claregalwaycastle.com](mailto:info@claregalwaycastle.com)**
  - **[claregalwaycastle.com](http://claregalwaycastle.com)**

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



## Heritage Craft Day

**23 August, 10am - 5:30pm**

**Take in demonstrations of traditional crafts, including: knitting, crochet, spinning and bobbin lace. Basket making at 3pm with a demonstration on how to weave a traditional Irish Donkey Creel.**

**A family friendly day with the Country Market open all day. Call in at any stage to experience crafts of present and past times.**

**Organiser: Dunmore Heritage Group**

**Venue: Seomra Eile, High St, Dunmore**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **087-2638753**
- [salmce@live.com](mailto:salmce@live.com)

# Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



### Open Forge in Loughrea

**19 - 24 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Take a look inside a modern working forge. See the tools and technique from a past era used in modern contemporary work.**

**Organiser: Stephen Quinn Blacksmith**

**Venue: The Forge Dartfield Museum**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Admission & Booking**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0871203496**
  - [stephenquinn@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenquinn@hotmail.com)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Stone Age Oughterard

**24 August, 8pm - 10pm**

**Archaeologist Bill Daly will present his research, aided by replica material, in relation to the Mesolithic and Neolithic phases around Oughterard.**

**Organiser: Oughterard Heritage Group**

**Venue: Oughterard Court House**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0879239194**
  - [tornaservices@gmail.com](mailto:tornaservices@gmail.com)
- - [oughterardheritagegroup.org](http://oughterardheritagegroup.org)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Galway Estates from the Archives

**24 August, 9:30am - 1:30pm**

**Historians who have used estate archival collections in their research will provide insights into the information they have uncovered and how it has assisted them.**

**The James Hardiman Library at NUI, Galway holds over 20 collections of archives relating to landed estates in County Galway. Researchers have used our Landed Estates archives to find out more about the histories of their area as well as houses and families. Other participants will show how they have used the Landed Estates database, hosted by the Moore Institute at NUI, Galway, to introduce the history of landed society in schools and to heritage groups.**

**Organiser: James Hardiman Library, NUI, Galway**

**Venue: O'Donoghue Theatre, National University of Ireland**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free - Booking Required :**

**to book contact [marie.boran@nuigalway.ie](mailto:marie.boran@nuigalway.ie) /[eventbrite.ie/e/landed-estates-heritage-week-seminar-tickets-61241142907?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://eventbrite.ie/e/landed-estates-heritage-week-seminar-tickets-61241142907?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12      Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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**email: [marie.boran@nuigalway.ie](mailto:marie.boran@nuigalway.ie)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Back to Nature

**24 August, 3pm - 5pm**

**Would you like to have hens/free-range eggs? Visit our model Community Hen House in Abbey. Grow-your-own veg, no chemicals/pesticides - see produce from our permaculture garden and listen to the bees.**

**Each day during Heritage Week you can visit our exhibition of photographs in Abbey Community Centre, illustrating activities and experiences from the past that can influence our future. Our walkabout and talk on Saturday 24th August in this historic village setting will provide you with ideas for sustainable living projects that you too can develop. You will be encouraged to contemplate the past and see how a simpler but rewarding way of life can be incorporated into your current busy lifestyle.**

**Organiser: AbbeyHeritage/Tidy Towns Group**

**Venue: Abbey Community Centre**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Museum Exhibition

**24 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Explore the Clonfert Diocesan collection with Colman Shaughnessy and Joe Loughnane, Loughrea Memorial Group. View ‘Our Lady of Gyor’, or the ‘Irish Madonna’,**

**Also, chasubles from the late 15th century, carved painted wooden figures including the Kilcorban Madonna (c.1180 AD) and the 500-year-old ‘Matheus Macraith’ chalice. Please wear suitable outdoor and walking gear. This fantastic event is FREE!!!**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: St. Brendan's Cathedral, Barrack St, Loughrea**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Stone in Oranmore's Heritage

**17 & 20 & 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 11am - 5pm**

**21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am - 8pm**

**24 August, 11am - 3:30pm**

**An exhibition celebrating Oranmore's association with this local resource from neolithic times right up to the present. Puiríns, bee boles and tower houses are among the stone items in our community.**

**The National Museum of Ireland holds a collection stone axe-heads recovered from fields in the locality and over the intervening millennia we continue to find uses for stone. From stone walls to bridges, stepping-stones to mile-stones, townland names to myths and legends associated with remarkable stones, mill-stones to jostle-stones and the mundane use of crushed stone on our road surfaces - these are some of the ways that stone has imbued itself into the heritage of the Oranmore hinterland.**

**Organiser: Oranmore Heritage**

**Venue: Oranmore Library, Oranmore, Co. Galway**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **No Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- **[galwaylibrary.ie](http://galwaylibrary.ie)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Images of Galway Landed Society

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, August, 9am - 5pm  
24<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 2pm

Images of houses and documents relating to landed estates in County Galway will be on display.

The James Hardiman Library Archives and Special Collections at NUI, Galway holds over 20 collections of manuscript and printed material relating to landed estates in the West of Ireland. Images of letters, rentals, personal recollections and maps as well as photographs of houses from the county will be included in this exhibition.

**Organiser:** James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway

**Venue:** O'Donoghue Building, National University of Ireland

**Admission & Booking :** Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Not suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- No Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## FESTIVAL



## Féile na bhFlaitheartach: 2019

**24 August, 12pm - 10pm**

**Celebrate our most passionate writers, Liam & Tom O'Flaherty. A time now lost can be relived through familiarity with their work. Visiting Aran with such knowledge makes for a rewarding experience.**

**Events:** 1) the launch of a collection of short stories by Tomás Ó Flaithearta, 2) lecture on the social influence of Tom O'Flaherty during his time in the United States, 3) discussion on the relevance of Tom O'Flaherty's writing in today's world, 4) reading of O'Flaherty stories at the O'Flaherty homestead in Gort na gCapall, 5) a dramatic presentation based on Liam Ó Flaithearta's work, with supporting music, 6) seminar on the connections between Liam Ó Flaithearta and Padraic Ó Conaire.

**Organiser:** Cumann Liam agus Thomáis Uí Fhlaithearta / The Liam and Tom O'Flaherty Society

**Venue:** Kilmurvey House (Seomra Feidhme), Gort na gCapall, Inis Mór, Árann

### Admission & Booking

**Adult:** €15.00      **Child:** €0.00      **Concession:** €10.00      **Family:** €15.00

**Access & Parking:** Car Parking Available

**Not suitable for Children under 12 / Wheelchair Access (Partial)**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## FESTIVAL

### Heritage Pastimes and Days Gone By

**24 August, 8pm - 10:30pm**

**This event is been organised by Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project as part of a two-day Heritage Mini-Fest. It will be an evening of local stories, folklore and lectures.**

**As part of Glenamaddy two day Heritage Mini-Fest run by Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project. This is the final event of the Mini-Fest. It proceeds a nature walk and talk and a traditional night of music on Friday 23rd of August.**

**Organiser: Glenamaddy Boyounagh Heritage Project**

**Venue: Glenamaddy Town Hall, Glenamaddy**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - **[gbhp.info@gmail.com](mailto:gbhp.info@gmail.com)**
- - **[Glenamaddyheritage.com](http://Glenamaddyheritage.com)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITES



### Oranmore Castle Heritage Fair

**24 August, 11am - 5pm**

**A heritage fair with stalls, garden produce and fun workshops for children. This special event in Oranmore Castle is in its third year and promises to be the biggest and best yet.**

**There is no parking at the venue but plenty of options near by. No tours of the Castle will be taking place as part of this event. The bay surrounding Oranmore Castle is home to seals, otters a rich array of birds, and is a Special Area of Conservation. The distinct heritage of the castle and its environment will be the focus of the day's activities.**

**Organiser: Venue: Oranmore Castle, Oranmore, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking: Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **No Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- **[oranmorecastle.com](http://oranmorecastle.com)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### A Walk Along the Killagoola Loop

**24 August, 11:30am - 2:30pm**

**Walk the Killagoola Loop and visit the ruins of Teampall Eanna (built in the 5th century by St. Enda), the famine village ruins and the Geoghegan Monument, while taking in the river side views.**

**Organiser: Moycullen Heritage / Cumann Staire Ruaidhrí Uí Fhlaitheartaigh**

**Venue: Moycullen Village**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - [moycullenheritage@gmail.com](mailto:moycullenheritage@gmail.com)
- - [moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org/](http://moycullen.galwaycommunityheritage.org/)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

### Archaeological Field Trip

**24 August, 11:30am - 1:30pm**

**Field-Trip around Oughterard, led by archaeologist Bill Daly, to look at potential sites that have come to light in the recent research on the Mesolithic and Neolithic landscapes in this area.**

**Organiser: Oughterard Heritage Group**

**Venue: Oughterard Court House**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- - [oughterardheritagegroup.org](http://oughterardheritagegroup.org)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Geology Walk and Talk: Mám Éan

**24 August, 4pm - 6pm**

**Enjoy a brisk walk up to the old pass while learning about the fascinating local geology and ecology. Meeting at the car park for Mám Éan, on Maam side, south of Cur Hill.**

**The Joyce Country and Western Lakes geopark project geologist Benjamin Thébaudeau will tell the geological story of the place while walking up the mountain pass. He will be joined by Rory Hodd, ecologist working in mountain environments, who will talk about the habitats and species present. Discover how rocks influence our whole landscape, biodiversity and culture and what's special about Joyce Country.**

**Organiser: Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark Project**

**Venue: Mám Éan**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## Loughrea Medieval Festival

### OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

#### Down To Earth Crafte Club

**24 August, 1pm - 5pm**

**Come along and enjoy this free event in Loughrea. It promises to be a fun-filled day of enjoyment and entertainment.**

**Explore Ireland's heritage with Down to Earth Forest School. Join in the hands-on craft activities: exploring with clay, Hapa Zome, leaf and flower print flags, willow crowns, and nature painting.**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: Loughrea Library, Church Street**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

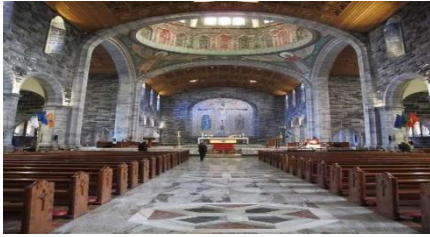
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



## Geology Exhibition: Decorative and Building Stone of Galway

**17 - 25 August, 9am - 5:30pm**

**An exhibition of images and specimens highlighting quarrying and working of two iconic Galway stone types: Connemara Marble and black Galway Limestone, and where their use for building and decoration.**

Ireland's rocks have been used for building and decorative purposes for over 2500 years. Until the mid-1900s native stone imparted a local flavor to buildings, villages and towns, and strong communities of craftsmen sprung up around quarry settlements. Stone is versatile and may be given different surface finishes. Stonebuilt Ireland is a Trinity College Dublin project working with government agencies documenting the history of quarrying and use of Ireland's building and decorative stone.

**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

**Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

**01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland);**

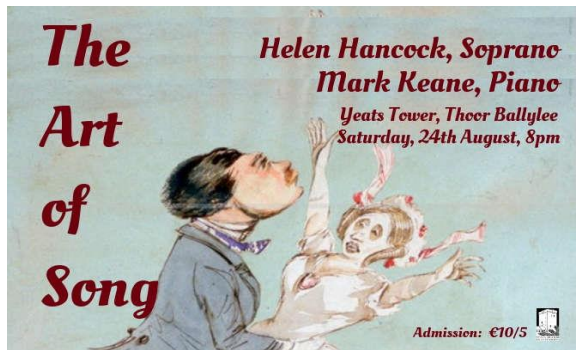
**095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**

**[wysjcknp@tcd.ie](mailto:wysjcknp@tcd.ie)**

**[connemaranationalpark.ie](http://connemaranationalpark.ie)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT



### The Art of Song

**24 August, 8pm - 9:45pm**

**An evening of song with soprano Helen Hancock and Mark Keane on piano. From Baroque and Opera to Art Song.**

**In a friendly atmosphere we will present the stories behind each song so that the music comes to life. There will be an interval with refreshments.**

**Organiser: Venue: Yeats Tower Thoor Ballylee, Gort**

#### Admission & Booking

- **Adult: €10**
- **Child: €5**

#### Access & Parking

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### Further Information

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- 
- **[yeatsthoorballylee.org/contact-us/](http://yeatsthoorballylee.org/contact-us/)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT



## Woodford Furnace Festival 2019

**19 - 25 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Making iron and steel from local materials as seen on Nationwide. A perfect combination of spectacle, heritage and learning. Iron objects made from iron ore by skilled smelters and blacksmiths.**

**Woodford, Co. Galway is one of the only surviving towns built to make iron. In 1681, a water-powered blast furnace was built there. To celebrate this history, the town is the setting of the yearly Furnace Festival. Groups from all over the world smelt iron from iron ore and skilled blacksmiths make anything from tools to art. Includes an exhibition, guided tours and much more!**

**Organiser: Woodford Furnace Festival Group**

**Venue: Next to the Bay, centre of Woodford, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
- **[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK

### Lecture and Brochure Launch: A Snapshot of Portumna

**24 August, 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

**A lecture and launch of a brochure providing a snapshot of Portumna Town in 1791, by Steve Dolan. Full proceeds of all brochure sales will go to Portumna Lions Club.**

**Organised in partnership with The Irish Workhouse Center, Portumna, Co. Galway.**

**Organiser: Portumna Castle/Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna**

**Venue: Portumna Castle & Gardens**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - **[portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie)**
- - **[heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK

### Battle of Aughrim: Game Changer

**24 August, 11:30am - 5pm**

**The 1691 Battle of Aughrim: Ireland's Game Changer. An afternoon of talks followed by a guided walk through the Battlefield itself in the footsteps of both armies.**

**An afternoon of talks covering many different aspects of the Battle; it's background and mechanics, the trials the ordinary soldier would have faced, and the songs and stories that have sprung up around it in the intervening centuries. Refreshments will be provided.**

**Venue: Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre**

**Organiser: Battle of Aughrim Visitor Centre, Aughrim**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

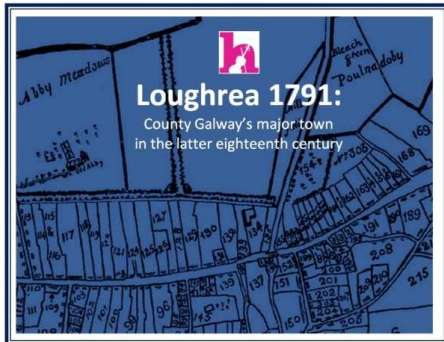
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **0909678161 / 0862133727**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Cuddehy's Loughrea 1791

**24 August, 12pm - 1:30pm**

**A lecture [Free] and booklet launch [€10] on County Galway's major town in the latter eighteenth century. Full proceeds from the books go to the LARC [Loughrea Town Hall] group.**

**Venue: Loughrea Library, Loughrea**

**Organiser: Irish Workhouse Centre**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

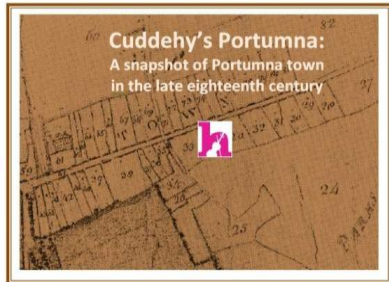
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Cuddehy's Portumna, 1791

**24 August, 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

**A lecture [Free] and booklet [€5] launch providing a snapshot of Portumna town in 1791 by historian Steve Dolan. Full proceeds go to Portumna Lions Club.**

**Venue: Portumna Castle, Portumna**

**Organiser: Irish Workhouse Centre**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK

### Castleblakeney Horse Racing 1740s

**17, 24 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**A talk about Castleblakeney horse fairs and horse racing during the 1740s; as well as about the Blakeney Family and their history in the Battle of Culloden (1746).**

**Weather permitting, the event will include a walk around Castleblakeney Village to show where the racing took place. A cup of tea/coffee will be offered at the end of the event.**

**Organiser: Castleblakeney Church Restoration Association**

**Venue: Castleblakeney Heritage Centre, Castleblakeney**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK

### O'Kelly Lordship Ui Maine: 1100-1600

**24 August, 2pm - 3pm**

**Enjoy a free talk about Archaeology with Daniel Curley. There will be a chance after for a chat and Q&A with Daniel, which should make for a very interesting afternoon.**

**Daniel Curley is a native of Taughmaconnell, Co. Roscommon. Daniel is a 2nd Year PhD candidate in the Department of Archaeology, National University of Ireland, Galway and manager of Rathcroghan Visitor Centre in Tulsk, Co. Roscommon. He has a research interest in the prehistoric and medieval archaeology of Roscommon and east Galway, while his doctoral research is focused particularly the archaeology of the later medieval O'Kelly Lordship of Uí Maine. Enjoy!**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: Loughrea Library, Church Street**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Not suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- 
- **[loughreamedievalfestival.com](http://loughreamedievalfestival.com)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK / EXHIBITION



### The Mass Paths of Lackagh Parish

**24 August, 8pm - 9:30pm**

**Dr. Hilary Bishop of Liverpool John Moores University will speak about the history and heritage of mass paths in Ireland. Photographer Caitriona Dunnet will hold an exhibition of mass paths photos.**

**Lackagh Parish has 15 recorded mass paths. Lackagh Museum is participating in a countrywide project by Dr. Bishop which aims to explore the role played by mass paths in articulating Catholic identity throughout the centuries and asks what the nature and location of these paths can tell us about the Catholic communities of the Penal era and today. The project will culminate with the publication of a book in 2020.**

**Organiser: Lackagh Museum and Community Development Association**

**Venue: New Parish Centre (Carnoneen), Lackagh**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- [lackaghmuseum.ie](http://lackaghmuseum.ie)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TALK



## Summer School - Life and Pastimes

**24 August, 10am - 1pm**

Over consecutive weekends beginning August 24th, from 10am to 1pm, the centre is holding a free 'Summer School' on the history, folklore and culture of the region. Day one focuses on Pastimes.

**Organiser: Venue: Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

### Admission & Booking

- Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Not suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Full)
- Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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- - [irishworkhousecentre.ie](http://irishworkhousecentre.ie)

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Claregalway Castle Tours

**17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Exploring Claregalway castle and its environs through a guided tour, visitors can find out about its fascinating six-hundred-year history and discover some of the castle's secrets.**

**Organiser: Claregalway Castle**

**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

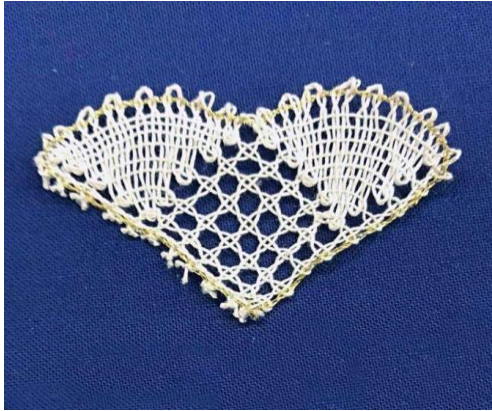
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



### Lace Making & High Tea

**24 August, 2pm - 4pm**

**An afternoon of lace-making demonstrations and High Tea. The history of bobbin lace making has come alive and we want to share it with you. Please join us!**

**The Headford Community Garden is located beside the Mart just off the N84 (Galway Rd), 25 min from Galway. Entry is through the first gate and will be well sign-posted. This event is weather dependent.**

**Organiser: Venue: Headford Community Garden, Headford**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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- **[seancait@gmail.com](mailto:seancait@gmail.com)**
- **[headfordlaceproject.ie](http://headfordlaceproject.ie)**

# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION

### Echoes of the Past: Down to Earth

**24 August, 1pm - 5pm**

**A drop-in hands-on workshop, with Down to Earth Forest School, introducing children to the various foods and plants that grow in Ireland.**

**Get messy and make paints from the marvellous colours that food has! The children can then create their own image, as well as making quills to paint with. Masterpieces will be created on fabric and canvas for the children to bring home.**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street, Loughrea**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

## WORKSHOP OR DEMONSTRATION



### Open Forge in Loughrea

**19 - 24 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Take a look inside a modern working forge. See the tools and technique from a past era used in modern contemporary work.**

**Organiser: Stephen Quinn Blacksmith**

**Venue: The Forge Dartfield Museum**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Admission & Booking**

**Free entry to forge, museum has a charge.**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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  - [stephenquinn@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenquinn@hotmail.com)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Presentation and Exhibition: Ancient Music Ireland

**25 August, 2:30pm - 5pm**

**A presentation and exhibition celebrating the evolution of music and instruments from the Stone Age to Early Medieval Ireland. A variety of instruments will be present to play and discuss.**

**Ancient Music Ireland will stage a presentation/performance in a light up-beat fashion that both children and adults will enjoy equally. The story will be told by Simon and the exhibition will include a variety of instruments from the Stone Age to Early Medieval Ireland these will be present to play and discuss with visitors. Tailored to suit all ages.**

**Organiser: Portumna Castle & Gardens, Office of Public Works**

**Venue: Portumna Castle & Gardens**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

**Further Information**

- **090 9741658**   [portumnacastle@opw.ie](mailto:portumnacastle@opw.ie)   [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### A Taste of the World

**25 August, 2pm - 5pm**

**Celebrate food and games from the diverse groups of people who now call Ballinasloe home.**

**Modern day Ireland is truly diverse with many of us having friends and neighbours from around the world. This is a day to come and discover more by sampling food, learning a new game or a new phrase in a different language from non-Irish friends who now call Ireland home.**

**Organiser: Ballinasloe Christian Fellowship**

**Venue: The Storehouse, Ballinasloe, H53 YD51**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION



## Exhibition of Furniture

**25 August, 10am - 5pm**

**End of Year Exhibition of furniture and other wooden objects made by student of GMIT Letterfrack.**

**Organiser: Venue: GMIT Letterfrack**

### Admission & Booking

- **Admission Free**

### Access & Parking

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### Further Information

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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## EXHIBITION

### Stone Age Oughterard

**24 - 25 August, 11am - 5pm**

**Organiser: Oughterard Heritage Group**

**Venue: Oughterard Court House**

**Display of Mesolithic (8000-4000 BC) and Neolithic (4000 -2500 BC) replica material used by Archaeologist Bill Daly in his research and presentation on the stone age landscape of Oughterard.**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

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# **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

## **LOUGHREA MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL**

### **Echoes of the Past: Loughrea 1pm - 5pm**

**Organiser:** Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee **Venue:** Fairgreen,

### **Butter and Cheese Making**

**Butter & Cheese Making Demonstration.** Food historian Anna O'Donnell will focus on the importance of dairy products in medieval times with a demonstration of butter and cheese making. Fun filled free event for all the family to enjoy. It is on the Fairgreen in Loughrea and will be held in a Marquee but please wear suitable outdoor clothing.

### **Down To Earth Craft Club**

Enjoy a rush mat weaving demonstration with carol Barrett and Kerry Walker at this Down to Earth craft club. Enjoy this free event and learn about your history at the same time.

### **Weaving Workshop**

Enjoy this highly interesting weaving workshop while exploring our past with hosts Sandra and Susan. Fun for all the Family. This is an outdoor activity so please dress appropriately.

### **Glass Bead Making**

Join glass bead artist, Dr Mags Mannion, a PhD graduate on glass beads with the Department of Archaeology, NUIG, as she demonstrates the techniques of the ancient craft of glass bead making. This exciting demonstration will include examples of pre-Christian decorative designs and later prayer beads. It is sure to be a fun filled day for all!

### **Medieval Basket Making**

Enjoy an exciting workshop and learn how to make baskets from the past with Niall Murphy. A free event.

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### **Hands-On Archaeology**

**Calling all budding archaeologists! Join Dr. Christy Cunniffe where you'll be digging deep into Loughrea's medieval past, uncovering hidden treasures and artefacts and maybe even a 'medieval body'. Free event for all the family to enjoy.**

### **Medieval LEGO Workshop**

**Join Bricks 4 Kidz for a fun-filled medieval LEGO workshop and build your own medieval masterpiece. Get hands-on and showcase your LEGO building skills based on the Nexo Knights and Clash of Clans.**

**Join Bricks 4 Kidz for a fun filled workshop and build your own medieval masterpiece. Fun for all the family!**

### **Straw Craft**

**Learn the ancient craft of weaving with golden stalks of wheat in this straw craft workshop. Melanie Lorient will demonstrate and encourage participants of all ages to make small items to take home.**

**Discover the many fascinating ways people have used this simple, natural material, the ancient Irish folklore and customs associated with each different design, and take your work home.**

### **Hemp making workshop**

**Enjoy a fascinating workshop with Steffi Otto and learn how to work with hemp in this fun and free event.**

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### **Custard Pie Puppet Show**

**Custard Pie Show:** enjoy a puppet show that is 45 minutes of entertainment, with lots of audience participation. A free event that will be fun for all!

### **Medieval Music**

Enjoy some medieval music and get the vibes of the past!!

### **Irish Living History & Military Heritage**

Step back in time and join the Irish Living History & Military Heritage.

Discover the dedicated arms and armour display, allowing people to take a closer look at the weapons of medieval warriors. Don't miss 'Dressing a Knight', a talk on the armouring of 13th ~ 15th century knights, demonstrating the massive change over 300 years, how the armour is attached, the multiple layers of defence and how they combine to make them all but invulnerable on the battlefield.

### **Re-enactments of our Medieval Past**

#### **Medieval Combat**

Fun-filled free day out for all the family. Step back in time and enjoy Medieval Combat and demonstrations.

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITES



### New Thatch Roof on Miller's Cottage

**25 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**The beautiful new thatched roof on the Miller's Cottage at Templetogether is being shown to the public for the very first time. Also exhibitions, music, storytelling, refreshments etc**

**This is the final major piece in the jigsaw at the unique location known as Williamstown Heritage Area. Along with the mill, the kiln, the forge, the old farm machinery, the vegetable garden, the landscaped grounds and the native trees, the collection is now complete. Be among the first people to see this latest development and also enjoy the day's activities.**

**Organiser: Williamstown Heritage Society**

**Venue: Templetogether Heritage Area, Williamstown,**

**Admission & Booking: Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Geology Exhibition: Decorative and Building Stone of Galway

**17 - 25 August, 9am - 5:30pm**

**An exhibition of images and specimens highlighting quarrying and working of two iconic Galway stone types: Connemara Marble and black Galway Limestone, and where their use for building and decoration.**

Ireland's rocks have been used for building and decorative purposes for over 2500 years. Until the mid-1900s native stone imparted a local flavor to buildings, villages and towns, and strong communities of craftsmen sprung up around quarry settlements. Stone is versatile and may be given different surface finishes. Stonebuilt Ireland is a Trinity College Dublin project working with government agencies documenting the history of quarrying and use of Ireland's building and decorative stone.

**Organiser: Stonebuilt Ireland, Trinity College Dublin in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Connemara National Park, Letterfrack**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

**Access & Parking:** Suitable for Children under 12 /Wheelchair Access (Full)/ Car Parking Available

#### Further Information

- **01-8961477 (Stonebuilt Ireland); 095 41054 (Connemara National Park)**
- [wysjcknp@tcd.ie](mailto:wysjcknp@tcd.ie) : [connemaranationalpark.ie](http://connemaranationalpark.ie)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

## **OUTDOORS & ACTIVE**



### **Discover the Heritage of Clare River**

**25 August, 6pm - 8pm**

**The Clare River is the heart of Milltown. Come along to the Heritage Park to celebrate Water Heritage Day. Discover the natural and cultural significance and find out why it is worth conserving.**

**The Clare River is an important habitat for many protected species such as salmon, kingfishers and otters. We owe a great deal to the river and the wildlife it supports. Find out about the deep-rooted local traditions and connections with the river. It is a source of water for the community. Find out how Milltown got its name. Many of the local angling spots have colourful names including Poll a tSagart, and the Blue Pig River.**

**Organiser: Milltown Community and the Local Authority Waters Programme**

**Venue: Heritage Park Milltown**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- [info@milltowngalway.com](mailto:info@milltowngalway.com)    [milltowngalway.com](http://milltowngalway.com)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



## Horseshoe Throwing Competition

**25 August, 1pm - 4:30pm**

**'BobbyJo' -Annual Horseshoe Throwing Competition.**

**BobbyJo Horseshoe Throwing Competition: Sun, Aug 25, the Forest Green in the Demesne, Mountbellew. Registration 1 pm (on the day).**

**Organiser: Mountbellew Heritage & Tourism Network**

**Venue: The Demesne, Mountbellew**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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- - [mountbellewheritagetourismnetwork.wordpress.com/](http://mountbellewheritagetourismnetwork.wordpress.com/)
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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Coole Turlough Event

**25 August, 7am - 7am**

**Coole Turlough is a unique landscape feature of international importance. Discover why it is so special. Learn about our most precious resource - water, and how water quality is vital to life itself.**

**Presentations and walk by expert guest speakers. This free event is a collaboration between the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Local Authority Water and Communities Office.**

**Organiser: National Parks and Wildlife Service**

**Venue: Coole Park, Gort**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- **091631804**
- **[coolepark@chg.gov.ie](mailto:coolepark@chg.gov.ie)**
- 
- **[coolepark.ie](http://coolepark.ie)**

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## OUTDOORS & ACTIVE



### Walk, Talk & Play

**25 August, 1pm - 4:30pm**

**Walled Garden-walk around 4.2 acre site. Vintage car and tractors on display.**

**Walled Garden walk, Sun, Aug 25, throughout the afternoon. Vintage Car & Tractor Display, Sun, August 25, courtesy of Mountbellew Vintage Club -throughout the afternoon.**

**Organiser: Mountbellew Heritage & Tourism Network**

**Venue: The Demesne, Mountbellew**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT



## Woodford Furnace Festival 2019

**19 - 25 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Making iron and steel from local materials as seen on Nationwide. A perfect combination of spectacle, heritage and learning. Iron objects made from iron ore by skilled smelters and blacksmiths.**

**Woodford, Co. Galway is one of the only surviving towns built to make iron. In 1681, a water-powered blast furnace was built there. To celebrate this history, the town is the setting of the yearly Furnace Festival. Groups from all over the world smelt iron from iron ore and skilled blacksmiths make anything from tools to art. Includes an exhibition, guided tours and much more!**

**Organiser: Woodford Furnace Festival Group**

**Venue: Next to the Bay, centre of Woodford, Co. Galway**

**Admission & Booking : Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- **087 633 1852**
- **[woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com/](mailto:woodfordfurnacefestival@gmail.com) [furnacefestival.org](http://furnacefestival.org)**

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

### Storytelling with Eddie Lenihan

**25 August, 4pm - 5pm**

Storyteller and folklorist Eddie Lenihan will share stories of old Irish tales.

**Organiser: Athenry Castle/OPW**

**Venue: Athenry Castle**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - **091 844797**
  - [athenrycastle@opw.ie](mailto:athenrycastle@opw.ie)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Claregalway Castle Tours

**17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 August, 12pm - 4pm**

**Exploring Claregalway castle and its environs through a guided tour, visitors can find out about its fascinating six-hundred-year history and discover some of the castle's secrets.**

**Organiser: Claregalway Castle**

**Venue: Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Adult: €4**
- **Child: €3**
- **Concession: €3**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

- - **091799666**
  - [\*\*info@claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](mailto:info@claregalwaycastle.com)
  - [\*\*claregalwaycastle.com\*\*](http://claregalwaycastle.com)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR

### Tour of Athenry Priory

**25 August, 2pm - 2:45pm**

**Tour of Athenry Dominican Priory.**

**Join our guide for a free fascinating tour of Athenry's Dominican Priory.**

**Organiser: OPW**

**Venue: Athenry Priory**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

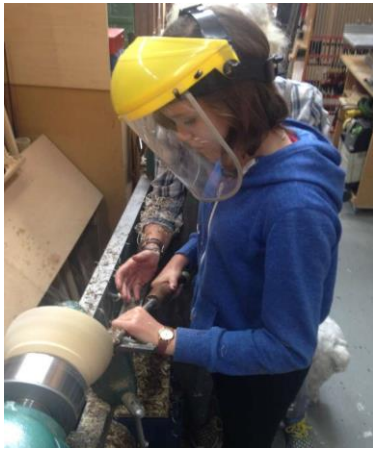
- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Partial)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Open Workshop: Letterfrack

**25 August, 10am - 5pm**

**Open day and guided tour of Conservation Letterfrack with demonstrations of traditional woodworking techniques and furniture conservation and restoration projects.**

**Organiser: Conservation | Letterfrack**

**Venue: Conservation | Letterfrack workshop**

### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

### **Further Information**

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  - [janet@conservationletterfrack.ie](mailto:janet@conservationletterfrack.ie)

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR - Loughrea Medieval Festival

### Explore Our Medieval Heritage

**25 August, 1pm - 2:30pm**

**Explore the Clonfert Diocesan collection with Colman Shaughnessy and Joe Loughnane, Loughrea Memorial Group. View ‘Our Lady of Gyor’, or the ‘Irish Madonna’, and much more.**

**This is free event and is suitable for all ages. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing as it is a walking tour outside. Fun for all the family while learning our Ecclesiastical history.**

**Organiser: Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee**

**Venue: St. Brendan's Cathedral Grounds, Loughrea**

#### **Admission & Booking**

- **Admission Free**

#### **Access & Parking**

- **Suitable for Children under 12**
- **Wheelchair Access (Full)**
- **Car Parking Available**

#### **Further Information**

- - [loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com)
  - 
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# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## TOUR



## Heritage Day

**25 August, 10am - 3pm**

To mark the final day of Heritage Week, the Irish Workhouse Centre are offering free guided tours for families on August 25th. Tours take place every hour on the hour from 10am to 3pm.

**Organiser: Venue: • Irish Workhouse Centre - Portumna**

### Admission & Booking

- Admission Free

### Access & Parking

- Suitable for Children under 12
- Wheelchair Access (Partial)
- Car Parking Available

### Further Information

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