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# Kildare Event Guide

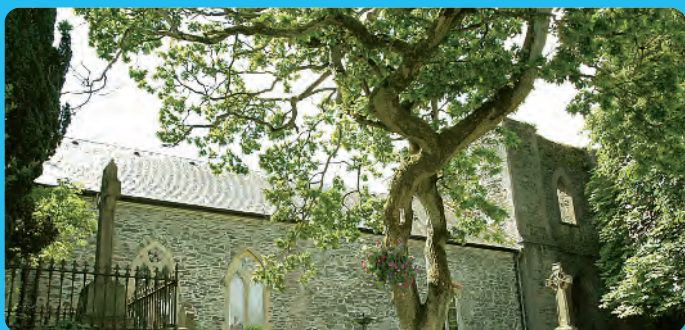
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# Heritage Week 2012 in County Kildare

**Saturday 18 August to Sunday 26 August 2012**

**H**eritage Week is part of a European initiative to encourage people to take an interest in their local Heritage.

The aim of heritage week is to foster a greater understanding and awareness of our own local heritage.

This listing of events has been compiled by Kildare County Council.

Most events listed here are free.

Children are welcome but young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Please dress suitably.







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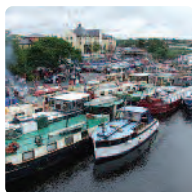
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**Telephone:** 087-2840752  
**Email:** regina.heavey@gmail.com



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**Telephone:** 087-0507881  
**Email:** joetreacy@eircom.net



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**Telephone:** 01-6288252  
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**Telephone:** 01-6286744  
**Email:** maynoothcastle@opw.ie



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**Time:** 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Celbridge Lodge, Church Road,  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** €5  
**Contact:** Henry McDowell  
**Telephone:** 01-6288347



## How to Trace Your Family Tree

An introduction on how to trace your family tree with Mario Corrigan, Karel Kiely and James Durney.

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Venue:** Newbridge Library,  
Athgarvan Road,  
Newbridge, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Suzann Smyth  
**Telephone:** 045-448353  
**Email:** newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie



## Naas Town Hall Public Opening

**Naas Town Hall (1792) recently renovated, including lift and full wheelchair access to historic Council Chamber. Guided tours of Historic Town Hall & Council Chamber by local historian Paddy Behan at 3pm and 4pm.**

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 2.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** Naas Town Hall,  
Main Street, Naas, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Patrick Behan  
**Telephone:** 087-2853792 or 045-876365  
**Email:** pccbehan@eircom.net



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## Visit to Courtown House, Kilcock

**Courtown House and Demesne is a superb Georgian period residence, which was built c. 1815 by the Aylmer family. Visit by kind invitation of owners. During the 1950s John Heuston and his daughter Angelica who lived there entertained such stars as Maureen O'Hara, Gregory Peck, John Wayne and others. The Group will meet at the Aldi car park in Clane at 14.30 where travel can be organised for those requiring same.**

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Courtown House,  
Kilcock, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Pat Given  
**Telephone:** 086-2432359 or 045-868089  
**Email:** patkgiven@eircom.net



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## Guided Tour of Kildrought House

**Guided Tour by the owner. Limited number of guests permitted - so please book in advance to secure a place. Kildrought House is a Dublin Merchant's house from 1719 in the heart of Celbridge.**

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** Kildrought House, Main Street,  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Sean Darcy  
**Telephone:** 087-2552468  
**Email:** sean.darcy@ie.dsv.com



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**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Killadoon House, Clane Road,  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Sean Darcy  
**Telephone:** 087-2552468  
**Email:** sean.darcy@ie.dsv.com



## The Designed Landscape of Castletown Demesne: It's reality and it's Representation in Paintings, Drawings and Maps

**Dr. John Olley will give a short talk in the Stable Wing Coach House, Castletown House, followed by conducted walk. Wear footwear and clothing suitable for walking in the parklands.**

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Coach House, Stable Wing,  
Castletown House,  
Castletown, Celbridge,  
Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Pauline Kennedy  
**Telephone:** 086-6062729  
**Email:** Pauline.kennedy@opw.ie



## Bones & Stones South Kildare Medieval Festival

Events and exhibitions, showcasing our historical and cultural heritage through a programme of public lectures, walking tours, workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations and living history display. Hands on workshops in archaeology, digging and recording for young and old. Demonstrations and displays illustrating and exploring aspects of medieval life, including the ever popular armaments, archery display and much more.

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**Contact:** Margaret Walsh

**Telephone:** 059-8633075

**Email:** Margaret@athyheritagecentre-museum.ie

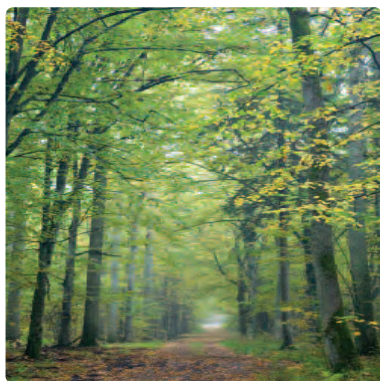


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## Kids Birdwatching Event

This fun, interactive event includes a short introduction to bird identification followed by a Bird Race where children can try out their new skills

**Date:** Saturday 18th August  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Venue:** Donadea Forest Park, Donadea, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free. There is a €4 charge  
for parking in Donadea  
**Contact:** Deirdre Moran  
**Telephone:** 087-9935207  
**Email:** deirdremoran1@gmail.com



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**Telephone:** 01-6288347



## Embracing your Local History & Heritage

A brief talk on the history of Rathcoffey National School and Church will be given. Information panels and photographs of interest & memorabilia displayed throughout the Church.

**Date:** Sunday 19th August  
**Time:** 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Rathcoffey Church, Rathcoffey, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Mary Weld  
**Telephone:** 086-3614387  
**Email:** mary.weld@nuim.ie



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## Irish Handball Alleys: Unique Irish Architecture

A walk and talk to a surviving example of a purpose-built 20th c. Handball Alley; the history and role of handball in Irish sport, culture and politics. Walking to a perfect surviving example of unique Irish architecture, discussing its role in Irish history, culture, sport and diaspora.

**Date:** Sunday 19th August  
**Time:** 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** St.Patrick's College, Maynooth,  
Meet at Main gate of  
St.Patrick's College,  
Maynooth, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Declan O'Connor  
**Telephone:** 086-8636249  
**Email:** kilvic@eircom.net



## Guided Walk through Medieval Castledermot

A tour of the sites of Castledermot with stories ranging from early Christian origins to its importance in medieval and later times. Please find parking in the vicinity of Main Street. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This tour will include the site of the original early Christian monastery and then proceed to visit the later religious houses and town wall remains of the medieval town.

**Date:** Sunday 19th August  
**Time:** 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Castledermot, Tour starts  
at gate of St James' (C of I)  
Church on Church Lane,  
just off the Main St. of  
Castledermot, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Sharon Greene  
**Telephone:** 087-7990867  
**Email:** castledermothist@gmail.com



## Kildare's Natural Heritage: Biodiversity Bus

**Celebrate Co. Kildare's Natural Heritage by joining us on a Biodiversity Bus tour visiting a variety of natural habitats within the county. Strong footwear and outdoor clothing recommended. Limited places available. Advanced booking essential.**

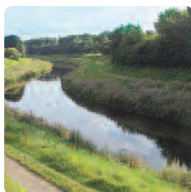
**Date:** Sunday 19th August  
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**Venue:** Kildare Town Heritage Centre,  
Market Square  
Kildare Town  
**Admission:** €5  
**Contact:** Kildare Town Heritage Centre  
**Telephone:** 045-530672  
**Email:** bogs@ipcc.ie



## Wild About Clane: Nature Walk by the Liffey

**Join experts from Kildare Bat Group and the Kildare Branch of Bird watch Ireland for a leisurely nature walk by the Liffey. All are welcome.**

**Date:** Sunday 19th August  
**Time:** 8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Abbeylands Shopping Centre  
Car Park, Inner Relief Road,  
Clane, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free.  
**Contact:** John Kennedy  
**Telephone:** 087-1336093  
**Email:** ClaneCommunityCouncil@gmail.com



## National Science Museum at Maynooth

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**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Niall McKeith  
**Telephone:** 01-6286550  
**Email:** niall.mckeith@nuim.ie



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## Children's Arts And Crafts Workshops

Free, arts & crafts class. Advanced booking and adult supervision required. Suitable for children 5-12 years of age.  
[www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)

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Time: 11.00 a.m. – 12 noon  
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Co. Kildare  
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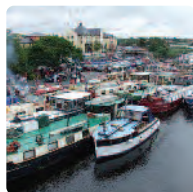
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## Talk on 1932 Eucharistic Congress & Launch of County Kildare Federation of Local History Groups

Illustrated account of 1932 International Eucharistic Congress including local and national events by Paddy Behan. Talk will be preceded by the launch of the new website for the Kildare Federation of Local History Groups.

Date: Tuesday 21st August  
Time: 7.45 p.m. – 9.45 p.m.  
Venue: Naas Community Library,  
The Harbour, Naas, Co. Kildare  
Admission: Free  
Contact: Paddy Behan  
Telephone: 045-876365 or 087-2853792  
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## Talk by James Durney on Newbridge Social Housing

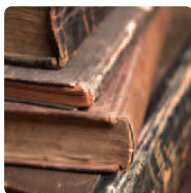
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## Main Street Clane: Its buildings and its people

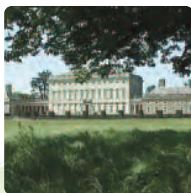
**A talk on Main Street Clane, its buildings, and people will take place in Clane Library.**

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Clane, Co. Kildare  
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**Contact:** Jacqueline McCabe  
**Telephone:** 045-892716  
**Email:** clanelib@kildarecoco.ie



## The significance of The Horse & Hound in the 18th Century at Castletown

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**Telephone:** 01-6286744  
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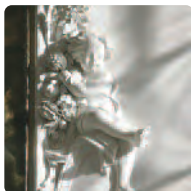
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**Enjoy an evening tour of the beautiful interior rooms of Castletown House. Guided tours available 17.30, 18.15 and 19.00. Advanced Booking Essential. Places limited.**

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**Telephone:** 01-6288252  
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## Aspects of Castletown

**“A Virtual Tour of Celbridge” by Eoghan Corry. Advanced booking is required to attend the lecture. The lecture will take place in the Stable Wing, Hunting Room. [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)**

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## Bryophytes of Ballynafagh

**A morning walk to introduce the bryophytes (mosses and liverworts) of Ballynafagh Lake and adjacent fen habitats. Beginners welcome. Booking is essential. Numbers will be limited as this is a sensitive site.**

**Date:** Wednesday 22nd August  
**Time:** 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Ballynafagh Lake, Kildare.  
Directions will be given on booking.

**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Dr. Joanne Denyer  
**Telephone:** 086-2379153  
**Email:** [joanne@denyerecology.com](mailto:joanne@denyerecology.com)



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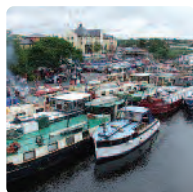
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Largest collection of scientific instruments on public display in Ireland and mostly manufactured in Ireland from 1880.

Callan collection on view. Ecclesiastical collection of vestments, plate, penal crosses, etc. displayed. Empress of Austria vestments on view.

Date: Thursday 23rd August  
Time: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Venue: National Science Museum  
At Maynooth, St. Patrick's  
College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare  
Admission: Free  
Contact: Niall McKeith  
Telephone: 01-6286550  
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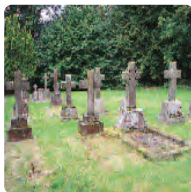
Naas Branch Canal one of the most scenic stretches of the Grand Canal system. History walk along Naas Branch Canal.

Date: Thursday 23rd August  
Time: 7.30 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.  
Venue: The Canal Harbour, Naas,  
Co. Kildare  
Admission: Free  
Contact: Ger McCarthy  
Telephone: 045-879108  
Email: [geralddmccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:geralddmccarthy@gmail.com)



## Tour of Confey Cemetery & Medieval Church

**Date:** Thursday 23rd August  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** Confey Municipal Cemetery,  
Confey Rd, Leixlip, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** John Colgan  
**Telephone:** 085-1007369  
**Email:** johncolgan@iol.ie



## Kildare Country Market with Traditional Crafts

The craft is knitting, showing basic first steps in knitting for children and anyone who has not yet learned the skill, but would like to participate in a craft demonstration. There will be a demonstration of traditional brown bread making as well.

**Date:** Thursday 23rd August  
**Time:** 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Venue:** Friary Hall, Carmelite Church,  
Kildare Town, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Ruby Johnston  
**Email:** rubyjohnston@eircom.net



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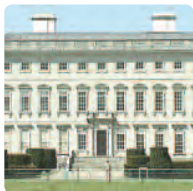


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**Contact:** Nessa Dunlea  
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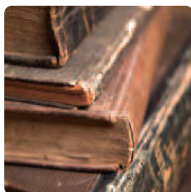


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## Genealogy Taster Sessions

**Come and talk to an experienced genealogist about starting to research your Kildare roots. The Kildare county genealogist will be available to advise people on how to start to trace their ancestors and explain the sources available.**

**Date:** Saturday 25th August  
**Time:** 11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Kildare Town Heritage Centre,  
The Square, Kildare Town,  
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**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Karel Kiely  
**Telephone:** 045-448350  
**Email:** kildaregenealogy@iol.ie



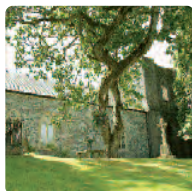
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**Time:** 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Presbyterian Church,  
Main Street, Naas, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Ger McCarthy  
**Telephone:** 045-879108  
**Email:** geraldmcCarthy@gmail.com



## Walking Tour of Celbridge Historic Sites

**Date:** Saturday 25th August  
**Time:** 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** Castletown Gates, Main Street,  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Sean Darcy  
**Telephone:** 087-2552468  
**Email:** sean.darcy@ie.dsv.com



## Display of Cars and Motorcycles of a type that would have raced at the Curragh between 1947 and 1967

**Display of Sports/racing cars. Car and Motorcycle races were held regularly at the Curragh "Short" Circuit from 1947 to 1954, and motorcycles continued to race there occasionally until 1967. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Date:** Saturday 25th August  
**Time:** 11.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** Lumville House Hotel,  
Lumville, Curragh, Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Oliver McCrossan  
**Telephone:** 045-431769 or 086-8322426  
**Email:** olivermccrossan@eircom.net



## Guided Local History Bus Tour

**Guided by local historians, visiting 10 local historical & heritage sites. Opportunity for refreshments. Ticket pre-booking required.**

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## Sow and Grow at The Mill

**Learn how to sow some seeds - places strictly limited - please book in advance. Suitable for children 6 to 12 years.**

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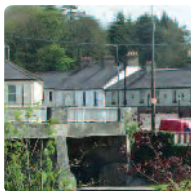
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## Robertstown, The Grand Canal & Lowtown Lock: A Guided Walk led by Karen Gorey

**A guided walk to take in the archaeological, historical and ecological aspects of the Grand Canal and Lowtown Lock area of the village of Robertstown. Meet at the Holiday Village Car Park, Robertstown. Please wear suitable shoes for walking on uneven ground.**

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**Venue:** Robertstown Village,  
Robertstown, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Connelly  
**Telephone:** 045-437321  
**Email:** [secretary@kildarearchsoc.ie](mailto:secretary@kildarearchsoc.ie)



## Country Market & Craft Fair

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## Summer Sunday Series

**Free recitals with the Dublin Male Voice Choir held on Sundays throughout June, July, August & September. Refer to [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie) for programme. No booking required.**

**Seated Event.**

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## Open Day at The Batty Langley Lodge

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**Venue:** The Batty Langley Lodge, Castletown Estate, Leixlip, Co. Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Caroline Crowley  
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## Sphagnum Moss Open Day at The Bog of Allen Nature Centre

Explore Ireland's peatland heritage and learn about Sphagnum mosses the 'Bog Builders'. Guided walk included. Participants should bring rain gear, strong footwear such as wellies and a picnic.

**Date:** Sunday 26th August  
**Time:** 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore,  
Rathangan, Kildare  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact:** Catherine O'Connell  
**Telephone:** 045-860133  
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