

HERITAGE WEEK 2009

IN COUNTY KILDARE

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SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST TO SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2009

Kildare County Council
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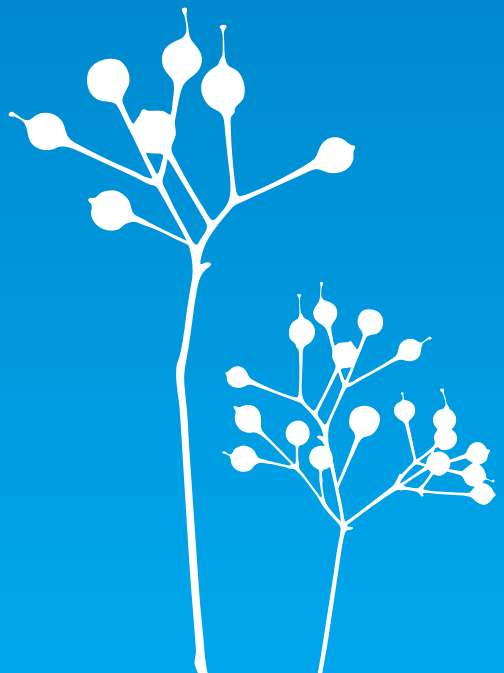




HERITAGE WEEK IS A PART OF A EUROPEAN INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THEIR LOCAL HERITAGE.

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 (YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT).





01 KILDARE TOWN HERITAGE CENTRE, KILDARE TOWN.

Located in the restored Market House opposite St. Brigids Cathedral is an Exhibition telling the story of Kildare past and present.

Date: Sat 22nd August – 29th August
Time: 9.30am - 5pm
Contact: Mary Stones
Venue: Kildare Town Heritage Centre.
Adm: Free
Tel: 045-530672
Email: Kildaretownheritgecen@Ireland.Com

02 RESTORATION WORKS AT LODGE BOG SOUTH WEST Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Volunteer Days at Lullymore West Bog, Co. Kildare. Work with the IPCC to help block drains that were opened during the development of this peatland in the past. The drain blocking will help us to preserve the habitat of the endangered marsh Fritillary butterfly. Bring wellies and packed lunch.

Date: Sat 22nd August – Sun 30th August
Venue: Bog of Allen Nature Centre
Contact: Cillian Breathnach
Tel: 045-860133
Adm: Free
Email: Bogs@ipcc.ie





03 TOURS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

Leixlip Union Parish

The Church was built 1179 and destroyed by the Bruce forces in 1317. The Church and Tower were not restored until mid 15th Century.

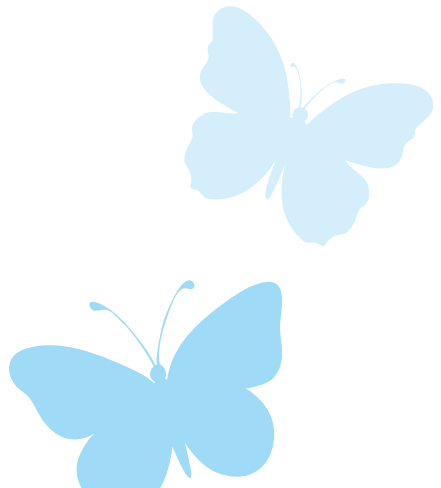
Date: Sat(S) 22nd & 29th Aug Also Tue 25th & Thurs 27th Aug
Time: 10.00am – 1pm
Venue: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Main Street, Leixlip,
Tel: 01-6240976
Contact: Helen Ryan
Email: Stag@Indigo.le

04 MAYNOOTH CASTLE- FAMILY FUN DAY

The Office of Public Works

Family day on Sat 22nd (Heritage day) with music from Push for Porter, face painting and kids games in the afternoon.

Date: Sat 22nd August
Time: 10am
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth
Contact: Donna O'connor
Tel: 01-6286744
Adm: Free
Email: Maynoothcastle@Opw.le





05 MAYNOOTH CASTLE- GUIDED TOUR

The Office of Public Works

In 1176 Strongbow granted the manor of Maynooth to Maurice Fitzgerald who erected a castle for protection against the native Irish. In 1426 the sixth Earl of Kildare enlarged and rebuilt the castle. In the latter half of the fifteenth century, Maynooth Castle became the centre of the Geraldine powerbase

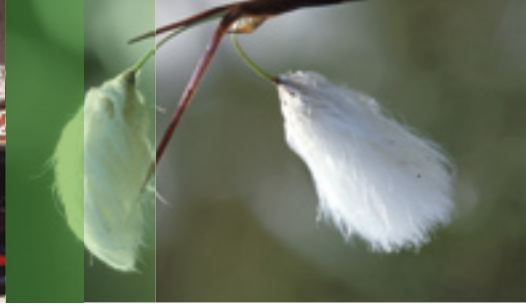
Date: Sat 22nd August - Sun 30th August
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth
Time: 10am - 5pm - Fri 28 Aug 10am - 16pm
Contact: Donna O'connor
Tel: 01-6286744
Adm: Free
Email: Maynoothcastle@opw.ie

06 'GORE AND GARDEROBES GALORE' - Guided tour of Maynooth Castle for children

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Date: Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd And Sat 29th
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth
Contact: Donna O'connor
Tel: 01-6286744
Adm: Free
Time: 11am -10.30am & 1pm- 1.30pm 10am – 5pm, Friday 28 August 10am - 4pm
Email: Maynoothcastle@opw.ie



07 ARCHIVAL VIEWS OF FITZGERALD CASTLES AND BUILDINGS

The Office of Public Works

A photographic exhibition of some of the many castles and buildings associated with the Fitzgeralds, Earls of Kildare and Dukes of Leinster.

Date: Sat 22nd August - Sun 30th August

Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth

Time: 10am – 6pm

Contact: Donna O'Connor

Tel: 01-6286744

Adm: Free

Email: Maynoothcastle@opw.ie

08 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Naas Local History Group

An exhibition of people, places and events from old and modern Naas.

Date: Sat 22nd August - Wed 29th August

Venue: Naas Library, Basin St., Naas

Time: 10.00am - 6pm: Wed 29th 10am - 1pm

Contact: Larry Breen

Tel: 045-897445

Adm: Free

Email: larrybreen8@eircom.net

09 WALK & TALK COMMEMORATING THE FITZGERALD HERITAGE IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth Local History Group

Short talk at St. Mary's Church followed by walk through Maynooth town & Carton Avenue to FitzGerald burial plot at Carton House for second talk.

Date: Sat 22nd August

Venue: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Maynooth & Carton House, Maynooth

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Contact: Rita Edwards

Tel: 01-6016332

Adm: Free

Email: ritaedwards@eircom.net



13 ARCHIVAL VIEWS OF FITZGERALD CASTLES AND BUILDINGS

Office of Public Works

A photographic exhibition of some of the many castles and buildings with connections to the Fitzgeralds, Earls of Kildare and Dukes of Leinster.

Date: Sat 22nd August – Sun 30th August
Time: 10am – 6pm
Venue: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth. **Tel:** 01-6286744
Adm: Free **Email:** maynoothcastle@opw.ie

14 ATHY HERITAGE CENTRE – MUSEUM

The Heritage Centre-Museum houses exhibitions and audio visuals which focus on Ernest Shackleton, Gordan Bennett Race, WW1, Canals among others. 25% off admission prices during Heritage Week.

Date: Sat 22nd August – Sun 30th August
Time: 10am – 1pm closed for lunch. Open 2pm– 5pm
Adm: €2 Adults. Children free during Heritage Week.
Venue: Museum situated in the early 18 century town hall.
Contact: Margaret Walsh
Email: athyheritage@eircom.net **Tel:** 059-8633075

15 NATIONAL SCIENCE MUSEUM - MAYNOOTH

See the largest collection of scientific instruments on public display in Ireland. The Scientific artefacts include the apparatus of the renowned Fr. Nicholas Callan, inventor of the induction coil.

Date: Sun 23rd Aug, Tue 25th Aug, Thurs 27th Aug & Sun 30th Aug
Time: 2pm – 4pm Sun, 2pm – 4pm Tue & Thurs day
Venue: National Science Museum, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth
Contact: Dr. Niall McKeith **Tel:** 01-7083780
Adm: Free **Email:** niall.mckeith@nuim.ie



16 HISTORIC TOWN GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Kildare Heritage Company

Discover this historically important Irish town and learn about the mythology of Fionn MacCumhaill & St. Bridid patroness of the Gaels. Walk led by Mario Corrigan, local historian.

Date: Sun 23rd & 30th August

Time: 1pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Outside Kildare Town Heritage Centre, Market House,
Market Sq., Kildare Town.

Contact: Mary Stones

Tel: 045-530672

Email: kildaretownheritagecen@ireland.com

17 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION – “ASPECTS OF MAYNOOTH”

Maynooth Local History Group

Third photographic exhibition; showing aspects of Maynooth life in times past.

Date: Mon 24th August - Fri 28th August

Time: 9.30am – 5pm – Mon 24th 2pm – 8pm

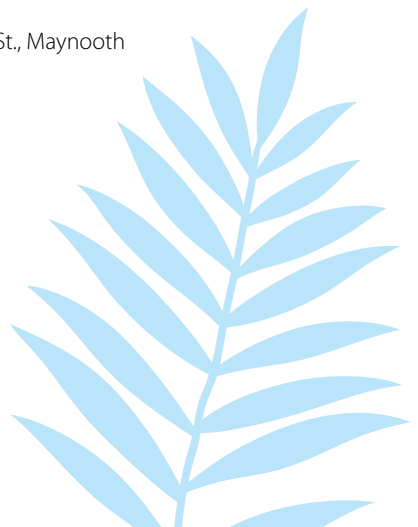
Adm: Free

Venue: Maynooth Community Library, Main St., Maynooth

Contact: Fergus White

Tel: 01-6286557

Email: ferguswhite@yahoo.com





18 RADIO TALKS: 'YOUR PLACE-YOUR HERITAGE'

County Kildare Federation of Local History Groups

Daily radios talk on various aspects of County Kildare history and heritage narrated by local writer and poet Mae Leonard.

Date: Mon 25th August - Friday day 29th August
Time: 9.00am – 12.00am
Venue: KFM Radio, M7 Industrial Park, and Naas.
Contact: Larry Breen
Tel: 045-897445 **Email:** ibreen8@eircom.net

19 TALK ON THE CUTAWAY PEATLANDS OF IRELAND

Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Talk will include the uses of peat, the loss of peatland biodiversity and the future options for Ireland's cutaway peatlands. The evening will finish with a guided tour of a cutaway in Lullymore Bog.

Date: Tue 25th August
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue: Bog of Allen Nature Centre
Contact: Cillian Breathnach **Tel:** 045-860133
Adm: Free **Email:** bogs@ipcc.ie

20 'ARCHAEOLOGY UNCOVERS'-LECTURE

Athy Heritage Centre & Museum

Archaeology Uncovered highlights the various treasures found in the County of Kildare

Date: Tue 25th August
Time: 19.30pm – 20.30pm
Venue: Athy Heritage Centre & Museum.
Contact: Karen Woods **Tel:** 059-8633075
Adm: Free **Email:** athyheritage@eircom.net



21 '150 YEARS OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE BIG HOUSE'

Kilcullen Heritage Group

Lecture by Coletee Jordan, Historical Researcher on Duchesses of Leinster who resided in Carton House

Date: Wed 26th August
Time: 8pm – 9.30pm
Adm: Free
Venue: Kilcullen Town Hall & Heritage Centre, Lower Main St., Kilcullen
Contact: Nessa Dunlea
Tel: 087-2339610
Email: nessadunlea@gmail.com

22 "CREATIVE MINDS: PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURING AND INVENTION IN ANCIENT IRELAND"

NRA on Archaeological Finds on Road Schemes

The National Roads Authority's annual seminar this year will examine the archaeological evidence for production, manufacturing and invention discovered on national road schemes in recent

Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Date: Thurs 27th August
Time: 9.30am registration
Adm: Free
Venue: Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin.
Contact: Lillian Butler
Tel: 01 6602511
Email: lbutler@nra.ie





23 **'LEIXLIP & GUINNESS 250'**
Leixlip Community Library

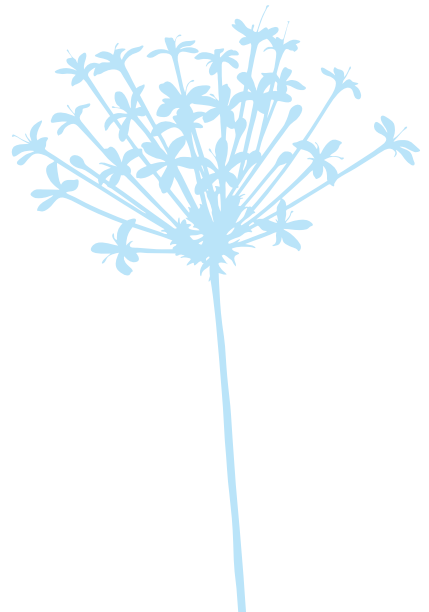
Presentation by Patrick Guinness on the history of Guinness brewing in Leixlip including a presentation on Arthur Guinness and maps of Leixlip.

Date: Thurs 27th August
Time: 7.30pm- 9.30pm
Venue: Leixlip Community Library, Captain's Hill, Leixlip
Contact: John Duggan
Tel: 01-6060050
Email: leixlip@kildarecoco.ie

24 **'ASPECTS OF CASTLETOWN'- TALK – Speakers John Olley and Dr Patrick Walsh**
Castletown House

This is a free ticketed event so booking is required.

Date: Thurs 27th August
Time: 8pm
Adm: Free booking is required.
Venue: The Long Gallery
Contact: Clare Hickey
Tel: 01-6288252
Email: Castletown@opw.ie





25 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION – ST PATRICK’S CHURCH CELBRIDGE
Celbridge Library

Photographs depicting the history of St Patrick’s, church Celbridge

Date: Thurs 27th August - Friday 11th September
Adm: Free
Venue: Celbridge Public library
Contact: Marianne Heffernan
Tel: 01-6272207
Email: celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

26 ‘ONLY A WOMAN’S HAIR’ – JONATHAN SWIFT
Celbridge Community Council

Join noted author Pat Dunne perform this piece as Jonathan Swift.

Date: Friday 28th August
Time: 7.30pm – 9pm
Adm: Free
Venue: Kate Walsh House, The Mill, Main St., Celbridge
Contact: Rhoda Judge
Tel: 01-6279145
Email: judge@live.ie





27 VISIT THE ROUND HOUSE AND GATE HOUSE

Castletown, Celbridge The Irish Land Mark Trust

Visitors have the opportunity to come and view the work of the Irish Land Mark Trust. The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. was founded in 1992 with a remit to save interesting and unusual 'landmark' properties throughout the whole of Ireland and to re-use them, once restored, as good quality self catering holiday accommodation. At its heart is the principle that the structure itself is of prime importance and any interventions must respect this.

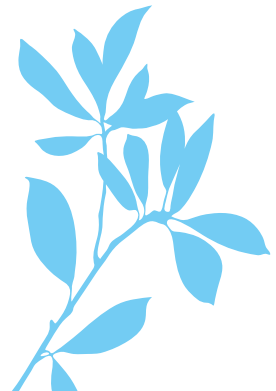
Date: Sun 30th August
Time: 10am – 4pm
Venue: The Round House & Gate House, Castletown, Celbridge
Adm: Free
Contact: Louise Wogan
Tel: 01-6704733
Email: bookings@irishlandmark.com

28 WELLY WALK THROUGH CASTLETOWN HOUSE PARKLANDS

Celbridge Community Council

Join Cathriona Russell, Horticulturist, on this wonderful nature walk for all the family to enjoy.

Date: Sun 30th August
Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm
Adm: Free.
Venue: Castletown House, Celbridge
Contact: Rhoda Judge
Tel: 01-6279145
Email: judger@live.ie





29 CASTLETOWN HOUSE- GUIDED TOURS

Date: Sun 30th August
Time: 10am – 4.45pm
Venue: Castletown House, Celbridge.
Contact: Claire Hickey
Adm: Free

Tel: 01-6288252
Email: castletown@opw.ie

30 AFTERNOON MUSICAL RECITAL – “SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES”

Castletown House

Date: Sun 30th August
Time: 2pm-4pm
Venue: Castletown House Entrance Hall, Celbridge
Contact: Claire Hickey
Adm: Free

Tel: 01-6288252
Email: castletown@opw.ie

31 TALK AT JIGGINSTOWN HOUSE, NAAS

County Kildare Archaeological Society

A talk by Ms Anna Dolan, Snr. Architect with the OPW on the conservation work being carried out on the building. Began in 1636-7 by Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, Lord Deputy of Ireland from 1633 to 1640 but never finished. The house was one of the first ones built with red-brick in Ireland

Date: Sun 30th August
Time: 3pm- 4.30pm
Adm: Free
Venue: Jigginstown House, Newbridge Road, Naas
Contact: Mary Glennon
Tel: 045-876243
Email: secretary@kildarearchsoc.ie

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