

## **Most comprehensive ever programme for Heritage Week in Clare**

Week includes presentations on new archaeological discoveries along River Fergus and at Poul nabrone Portal Tomb

**County Clare, IRELAND** - Details have been announced of the most comprehensive ever programme of events for County Clare during National Heritage Week 2013 from August 17-25th.

More than 80 separate events focusing on County Clare's built, natural & cultural heritage will take place during the week which is co-ordinated by Clare Local Authorities and The Heritage Council with support from the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Fáilte Ireland. Heritage Week is part of European Heritage Days, a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union.

Some of the highlights of Heritage Week include a talk detailing new information gathered from an excavation of Poul nabrone Portal Tomb, a presentation on archaeological discoveries during the ongoing River Fergus Flood Relief Scheme Project, a presentation of a Green Infrastructure Plan & Design Guide for Shannon, a celebration in Killaloe/Ballina focusing on the lives of Brian Boru and St Flannan, a harvest celebration in Miltown Malbay, and a talk exploring the impact of information technology on heritage promotion.

**Mayor of Clare, Cllr. Joe Arkins** said Heritage Week focuses on getting people involved in the heritage of the Clare and "particularly the heritage of the local community, making it accessible to everyone".

"I would urge people to support the events happening in their community and learn a little about their heritage and history. Whether you are a resident or a visitor to Clare there are many and varied heritage events to choose from, including night-time bat walks, historical lectures, traditional music sessions, storytelling, and community walks and talks. Many events organised are free of charge and National Heritage sites also offer concession rates during the week itself," added Mayor Arkins.

Speaking ahead of Heritage Week 2013, **Clare Heritage Officer Congella McGuire** stated: "We were delighted by the response we received following our appeal in May to the people of County Clare to get involved in National Heritage Week 2013 by organising an event in their community to showcase their local natural and cultural heritage. Clare County Council, The Heritage Council and Clare Heritage Forum wish to thank all the individuals and community groups who are taking part and facilitating events during the coming week."

Download the free "National Heritage Week" App for iPhone or Android smartphones at [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie), For further information contact Congella McGuire, Heritage Officer, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co.Clare, at Tel: 065-6846408 / Email: [cmcguire@clarecoco.ie](mailto:cmcguire@clarecoco.ie).

## **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, HERITAGE WEEK 2013**

### **All Week Events:**

- Dolphin watching in the Shannon Estuary (9.00am to 6.00pm) - [www.dolphinwatch.ie](http://www.dolphinwatch.ie)
- Guided tours of Ennis Friary (10.00am-5.00pm) – Free
- Cliffs of Moher; Discover the Roots of Your Family Name (9.00am-8.00pm) - [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie)
- Historic Buildings, Gardens & Parks, Feakle (12.00-18.00pm)
- Historical walk of the seaside resort of Kilkee (7.00-8.00pm) - [www.thelongwayaround.ie](http://www.thelongwayaround.ie)
- Vandeleur Walled Gardens & Exhibition, Kilrush (12.00-4.30pm) - [www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie](http://www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie)
- Tulla Arts Trail (8.00am-11.00pm) - Free, [www.tulla.ie](http://www.tulla.ie)
- Guided Tour of the Monastic Trail taking in the History and Ecology of Scattery Island (10.15am-6.00pm) - Free
- Guided Tour of Historic Buildings, Gardens & Parks, Castlebawn Island (2.00-6.00pm, 20–24th August) - [www.castlebawn.com](http://www.castlebawn.com)
- Geopark Heritage Walking Trails around towns and villages in the Burren (10.00am-5.00pm) – Free
- Exhibition on architectural, economic and social heritage of Ennistymon at The Courthouse Gallery (12.00-5.00pm, 17th & 20-24th August) - Free
- Quin Friary History Tour (11.00am-1.30pm, 17-18th August & 24-25th August) - Free
- Kilcredaun Heritage Walk, Loop Head Peninsula (11.00am-1.00pm 17-20th August & 22-25th August) - [www.thelongwayaround.ie](http://www.thelongwayaround.ie)
- Exhibition by Hilary Gilmore, The Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon (12.--5.00pm 17th & 20-24th August) – Free
- Exhibition of the Canon Dwyer Collection, Clare Museum (09.30am-5.30pm, 17th & 20-24th August) - Free

**Saturday, 17 August 2013:**

- Killilagh Church: Its History and Its People, Doolin (11.00am-12.00pm) - Free, [www.facebook.com/groups/KillilaghChurchProject](http://www.facebook.com/groups/KillilaghChurchProject)
- The Clune Family Gathering, Quin and Ennis – Free

**Sunday, 18 August 2013:**

- Whale Watch Ireland at Loop Head Lighthouse (2.00-5.00pm) - Free, [www.iwdg.ie](http://www.iwdg.ie)
- Birdwatching Walk – An Introduction to the Birdlife in the Burren National Park (09.00-10.00am) - Free, [www.burrennationalpark.ie](http://www.burrennationalpark.ie)
- Guided Botanical Walk, Cross (3.00-6.00pm) - [www.carmelmadigangallery.com](http://www.carmelmadigangallery.com)
- Looking at the Burials to Trace the Past at Ennis Friary (2.00-3.00pm) - Free
- Whale Watch Ireland at Black Head Lighthouse (2.00-5.00pm) - Free, [www.iwdg.ie](http://www.iwdg.ie)
- Guided Archaeological Tour of Caherconnell (2.30-4.30pm)
- Heritage Walk on Riverside Trail, O'Briensbridge (11.00am-12.30pm) – Free
- Guided Tour of the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre, Corofin (2.00-3.00pm) - Free, [www.clareroots.com](http://www.clareroots.com)

**Monday, 19 August 2013:**

- Lecture: Archaeology of Flood Relief Scheme in Ennis, Civic Room, Ennis Town Council (8.00-9.30pm) – Free
- Guided Rock Shore Exploration, Loop Head (11.00am-2.00pm) - [www.carmelmadigangallery.com](http://www.carmelmadigangallery.com)
- Heritage Week Folk Concert: Celtic Traditions, St. Cronans Church, Tuamgraney (8.00pm-9.30pm) - [www.eastclareheritage.com](http://www.eastclareheritage.com)
- Biodiversity Monitoring – Bumblebees and Butterflies, Querrin (2.00-4.00pm) - Free, [www.purecamping.ie](http://www.purecamping.ie)
- Bat Walk, Quin Friary (9.00-10.30pm) - Free

### **Tuesday, 20 August 2013:**

- Lecture: Discovering Medieval Ennis, Civic Room, Ennis Town Council (8.00-9.30pm) – Free
- Poul nabrone – A Tomb for the Ancestry, Carron (7.30-9.00pm) - Free, [www.michaelcusack.ie](http://www.michaelcusack.ie)
- Heritage Harvest Open Day, Kilrush Community Centre (5.00-8.00pm) – Free
- Shannon Green Infrastructure Plan and Design Guide 2012, Shannon Library (7.30-9.00pm) – Free
- Guided historical tour of Clonrush cemetery (7.00pm) - Free
- A Harvest Celebration, West Clare Resource Centre, Miltown Malbay (11.00am-4.00pm) - Free

### **Wednesday, 21 August 2013:**

- Walk and Talk to the Scattery Island Napoleonic Battery (2.00-6.00pm)
- Burren Archaeology – A Talk by Hugh Carthy, Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin (7.30-8.30pm) - Free, [www.burrennationalpark.ie](http://www.burrennationalpark.ie)
- A nature walk along the Flaggy Shore (11.00am-3.30pm) - Free, [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com)
- Shannon Dolphins – 20 years of Study, Kilkee Bay Hotel (8.00-9.30pm) - Free, [www.kilkeecivictrust.org](http://www.kilkeecivictrust.org)
- Tour of Historic Country Houses in the Ennis Area (7.00-9.00pm) – Free
- Victorian Day at the Seaside, Kilkee (12.00-8.00pm) - Free, [www.thelongwayround.ie](http://www.thelongwayround.ie)
- Clare's Natural Heritage in Ten Objects – An Illustrated Talk, Civic Room, Ennis Town Council (8.00-9.30pm) – Free
- Family Bat Talk and Bat Walk, The Inn at Dromoland (7.15-8.45pm) – Free
- Vanishing Heritage – Heritage Discussion and Film, The Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon (8.00-10.00pm) - Free, [www.thecourthousegallery.com](http://www.thecourthousegallery.com)
- Guided Tour of the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre, Corofin (2.00-3.00pm) - Free, [www.clareroots.com](http://www.clareroots.com)

### **Thursday, 22 August 2013:**

- Explore Burren Landscapes, Burren Outdoor Education Centre, Bell Harbour (10.00am-9.00pm) - Free, [www.burrenoec.com](http://www.burrenoec.com)
- The Effectiveness of iPhone and Android Phone Applications to Promote Heritage in Co Clare, Civic Room, Ennis Town Council (8.00-9.30pm) – Free
- Famine Memorial Mass, Tuamgraney (7.00-8.00pm) - Free, [www.eastclareheritage.com](http://www.eastclareheritage.com)
- Dan Furey Weekend: Tribute Night to Michael Tubridy (the Chieftains), St Kieran's Community Centre, Labasheeda (9.00-11.00pm) - Free
- Ennistymon Town Walk (11.30am) - Free, [www.thecourthousegallery.com](http://www.thecourthousegallery.com)

### **Friday, 23 August 2013:**

- Guided Walk and Talk – Templemaley Church and Graveyard and Ballyhee Cutting (7.00-8.30pm) – Free
- Dan Furey Weekend: Céilí with Johnny Reidy Céili Band, St Kieran's Community Centre, Labasheeda (10.00-11.30pm)
- Dan Furey Weekend : Celebrating 200 years of the Napoleonic Fortress at Kilkerrin (8.00-10.00pm)
- Renewable Energy – An Illustrated Talk, De Valera Public Library (12.00-1.30pm) - Free, [www.clarelibrary.ie](http://www.clarelibrary.ie)
- Guided walk by wildlife enthusiast Paddy Madden focusing on local wildlife/plantlife, Dromaan harbour (7.00PM) - Free

### **Saturday, 24 August 2013:**

- Fossils, Flowers and Farming by the Seashore, Murroghtoughy Layby, Blackhead (2.00-6.00pm) - [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com)
- Dan Furey Weekend: Set Dancing Workshop, St Kieran's Community Centre, Labasheeda (10.30am-2.00pm)
- Dan Furey Weekend: Set Dancing Workshop with Michael Tubridy, Labasheeda National School (10.30am-2.00pm) - Free
- Dan Furey Weekend : Céili, Brian Boru Band and Abbey Céili Band (3.00-5.00pm)
- Tours of The Merchant's House, The Merchant's House, The Market Square, Kilrush (12.30-3.30pm) - Free, [www.facebook.com/themerchantshouse](http://www.facebook.com/themerchantshouse)

- Killaloe Ballina Heritage Week Events (10.00am-6.00pm) - Free, [www.killaloeballina.ie](http://www.killaloeballina.ie)
- Hands on Pottery, Ballymorris Pottery, Cratloe (12.00-6.00pm) - [www.ballymorrispottery.ie](http://www.ballymorrispottery.ie)
- Traditional Skills Day, Scarriff Community College (1.00-6.00pm) - Free, [www.eastclarecoop.com](http://www.eastclarecoop.com)
- Burren Wild Child – Treasure Hunt and fun with Flowers, Caves and the Sea Shore, Doolin (11.00am-1.00pm) - [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com)
- Readings and Seminars: Exploring the Literary Heritage of North Clare, The Salmon Bookshop & Literary Centre, Ennistymon (10.00am-6.00pm) - Free, [www.salmonpoetry.com](http://www.salmonpoetry.com)

### **Sunday, 25 August 2013:**

- Killaloe Ballina Heritage Week Events (10.00am-6.00pm) - Free, [www.killaloeballina.ie](http://www.killaloeballina.ie)
- Walk and Talk on the Late Bronze Age Mooughan Hillfort, Newmarket on Fergus (2.00-3.30pm) – Free
- Dan Furey Weekend: Céilí and Fancy Dress and Float Parade, Battery Castle and Labasheeda (11.00am-1.00pm)
- Mooghaun Family Heritage Day (1.00-5.00pm) – Free
- Open Day at Loop Head Lightkeeper’s House (10.00am-4.00pm) - Free, [www.irishlandmark.com](http://www.irishlandmark.com)
- Walking Tour of Kilrush Great Famine Sites (2.30-5.30pm) - Free, [www.kdhs.ie](http://www.kdhs.ie)
- Lay Piety in Medieval Clare, Ennis Friary (2.00-3.30pm) – Free
- Aviation Show, Atlantic Air Venture Aviation Museum, Shannon (11.00am-4.00pm) - [www.atlanticairventure.com](http://www.atlanticairventure.com)
- Butterfly Hunt in the Burren National Park, Kilnaboy (2.00-3.00pm) - Free, [www.burrennationalpark.ie](http://www.burrennationalpark.ie)
- Guided Tour of the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre, Corofin (2.00-3.00pm) - Free, [www.clareroots.com](http://www.clareroots.com)
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