

Sligo Heritage eZine

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ARCHAEOLOGY – ARCHITECTURE – BIODIVERSITY - LANDSCAPES - SEASCAPES - GEOLOGY, HERITAGE GARDENS AND PARKS – PLACENAMES – FOLKLORE - TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS, MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES - LOCAL HISTORY - TRADITIONS.

Welcome to the **Sligo Heritage eZine**, which has been compiled by the Heritage Office of Sligo County Council. The objective of the Heritage eZine is to encourage heritage activity and provide support for heritage initiatives in County Sligo. It is hoped that the monthly Heritage eZine will facilitate greater access to heritage news, events and information across the county.

If you are an organisation, community group or individual with an interest in Sligo's heritage, the Sligo Heritage Office is keen to hear about forthcoming heritage projects, news and events to include in the monthly Sligo Heritage eZine.

To have your event/news listed in the September 2008 **Sligo Heritage eZine** please forward your information, before the end of August, to heritageezine@sligococo.ie for inclusion.

Please forward to anyone you feel may be interested in the **Sligo Heritage eZine**.

If you wish to be removed from this monthly eZine please email to heritageezine@sligococo.ie with 'Remove' in the subject box.

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1. EVENTS

HERITAGE WEEK IN COUNTY SLIGO - 24TH - 31ST AUGUST, 2008.

Heritage Week celebrates who we are and where we've come from. Heritage Week is part of European Heritage Days, a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union. Check the Heritage Week website now to see what events are planned for your local area!

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/HeritageWeek-EventsinSligo/>

For Heritage Week 2008 events throughout the country click on the link www.heritageweek.ie

WHALE WATCH IRELAND 2008 **Sunday August 24th – Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo.**

Why not take part in national whale watch day on Sunday 24th August by joining the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group on one of 16 land based whale watches from headlands around the Irish coast between 2 and 5pm.
Please contact your local organiser for further details of events in Sligo (Miriam Crowley 087-6171377) or visit www.iwdg.ie

BIRD WATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH) **25th August 2008**

Birdwatch Sligo River Walk, Sligo Town

BirdWatch Sligo will run a guided river walk along the Garvoge River in Sligo town. Meet at the bronze sculpture in Quay St Car Park at 7 pm.

This is a Heritage Week outing. Heritage Week runs from 24th to 31st August 2008

[HTTP://WWW.SLIGOBIRDING.COM/](http://www.sligobirding.com/)

SLIGO FIELD CLUB

For a full list of Sligo Field Club activities during Heritage Week 2008 and the Autumn/Winter timetable click link below.

[HTTP://SLIGOFIELDCLUB.IE/](http://sligofieldclub.ie/)

THE BIRD ATLAS 2007-11

The mapping of Ireland's and Britain's Birds continues.

[Click here to download information \[PDF 224K\]](#)

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/>

NATURE SURVEYS

Make sure the nature you see doesn't go unnoticed! Take part in one of the many nature surveys happening around Ireland. Click [here](#).

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EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

The National Museum of Ireland (NMI) has extensive collections, exhibitions, outreach and Education programmes. It is a resource for people of all ages providing a wide range of opportunities for life long learning and for the discovery and enjoyment of Ireland's rich heritage. The National Museum is located on four sites, three in Dublin and one in Co. Mayo. For further information on current events and activities check out the following websites:

NMI– Archaeology & History, Kildare Street, Dublin www.museum.ie/archaeology
NMI – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin www.museum.ie/decorative/
NMI – Country Life, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. www.museum.ie/countrylife

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YEATS: THE LIFE AND WORKS OF WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

The exhibition, *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*, which has been described in *The Irish Times* as "one of the most important literary exhibitions yet staged internationally," opened to unanimous acclaim on May 25, 2006. The exhibition continues at the National Library of Ireland, Dublin.

Further details at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/udlist/current-exhibitions.aspx>

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2. HERITAGE NEWS

RECORDING SLIGO'S TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS

An action of the County Sligo Heritage Plan 2007 – 2011 is the recording of the traditional skills and crafts of County Sligo. This important project is now in under way. For full details please read the PDF link below.

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THE MOYLROUGH BELT SHRINE EXHIBITION – MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE, TURLOUGH, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO

The Moylough Belt Shrine, found in a bog in Sligo in 1945, contains a leather belt that was a relic associated with an unknown early saint. The Moylough Belt Shrine was found in Moylough, Co. Sligo by local man John Towey when he was cutting turf. The belt consists of four hinged sections made of bronze that contain fragments of a leather belt. The Shrine was decorated with silver, glass and enamel. The Moylough Belt Shrine dates from the eighth century and is one of the greatest treasures of medieval Ireland.

An exhibition of the Moylough Belt Shrine was opened in the Museum of Country Life, Turlough, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on the 26th June, 2008 and was attended by members of the Towey family together with the County Manager of Sligo County Council, Mr. Hubert Kearns, Cllr. Michael Fleming, Cllr. Seamus Kilgannon, Cllr. Gerry Murray, Siobhán Ryan, Heritage Officer, Sligo County Council and Bartley Gavin, A/DOS Sligo County Council. A number of education activities will take place in Autumn 2008 to complement the exhibition. Activities are free, but booking is required.

For further details contact Bernie Byron. Tel: +353 (94) 903 1773 - email: bbyron@museum.ie or visit: www.museum.ie/en/intro/country-life.aspx

IRELAND'S FLORA : DOCUMENTING, TRACKING & PROTECTING

26TH-27TH AUGUST

2nd Annual Recorder's Event at the National Biodiversity Data Centre

>> [Further information](#)

ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ARCHAEOLOGY WEBSITE

The National Monuments Service website (www.archaeology.ie) of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has been recently updated with detail from the Archaeological Survey of Ireland records. The descriptions of monuments contained in a number of published archaeological inventories have been uploaded to the website, including those for the Archaeological inventory of County Sligo.

CLEAN UP THE WORLD WEEKEND

19 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2008

Clean Up the World Weekend is the focal point of the Clean Up the World campaign where year-round environmental programs are celebrated and is a time of action when millions of volunteers undertake activities such as removing rubbish from the world's streets, parks, beaches and forests and planting trees. From national clean up campaigns to community recycling and water reuse projects, volunteers conduct a variety of environmental projects throughout the year with activities culminating over Clean Up the World Weekend, this year celebrated on 19 - 21 September 2008. Clean Up the World, held in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Programme, mobilises an estimated 35 million volunteers from more than 120 countries annually to clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment. For further details [click here](#)

MUSEUM AWARDS 2008 - 2009

The Heritage Council of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Museums Council are happy to announce the reinstatement of the Museum Awards. Full application forms and detailed information will be available shortly at: www.museumsireland.ie For further information contact: The Heritage Council on + 353 (0) 56 7770777 / martina@heritagecouncil.com The Northern Ireland Museums Council: +44 (0) 28 90550215 / info@nimc.co.uk

BAT CONSERVATION IRELAND

Bat Conservation Ireland (BCI) is a Charity dedicated to the conservation of Ireland's bats. It promotes conservation of bats by disseminating educational materials, giving talks and leading bat walks, carrying out nationwide surveys and monitoring of bats, acting as an umbrella group for the local bat groups and providing a central repository for bat records.

Bat Conservation Ireland, Office 8, Unit 8D, Dunshaughlin Business Park, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. Tel: 01 8011474 <http://www.batconservationireland.org>

For details of upcoming events visit: <http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/events.php>

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NEW CONSERVATION ACTION PLANS FOR BATS AND RARE FERN

The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government has recently published new conservation action plans for bats and the Killarney Fern. For further details check the following link: [Click Here](#)

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MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTRYSIDE PILOT PROJECT

The Heritage Council has announced funding for a pilot project designed to significantly improve the way we manage and plan for development and economic growth in the countryside.

>> [Further information](#)

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NATIONAL BUTTERFLY MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR IRELAND

The National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is co-ordinating a National Butterfly Monitoring Programme for Ireland. These animals are useful indicators of changes in our environment and biodiversity and, also, indicators of climate change. There is a severe lack of long-term data on Ireland's biodiversity and this programme will fill some of this gap, providing important information on the state of Ireland's butterflies.

There are 32 species in Ireland and they are relatively easy to identify. Monitoring butterflies by the transect method involves a fixed-route walk (45-60 minutes) with recordings being taken on a weekly basis during the summer. It is essential that the walk is a fixed route, as this enables direct comparisons and trends of butterfly occurrences on a year to year basis.

If you are interested in setting up a transect in your area, please contact Stefanie Fleischer at sfleischer@biodiversityireland.ie or Eugenie Regan at eregan@biodiversityireland.ie for more information. www.biodiversityireland.ie

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NATURE'S WEB NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2008

The **Summer 2008 Issue** of the **Nature's Web Newsletter**, an exciting newsletter for children, has been posted on the web. www.naturesweb.ie

The newsletter is produced by Sherkin Island Marine Station, Sherkin Island, Co. Cork, Ireland www.sherkinmarine.ie and sponsored by **PharmaChemical Ireland**.

NPWS - BALLINAFAD EDUCATION CENTRE, COUNTY SLIGO

For upcoming activities visit:

<http://www.npws.ie/en/EducationCentres/BallinafadEducationCentre/>

TREE DAY 2008 - Lá na gCrann 2008

Thursday, 9 October 2008 - Déaraoin, 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2008

"Year of the Alder" - "Bliain na fearnóige"

For more information visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_programmes.htm

For Tree Day resources visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_downloads.htm

INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

The Irish section of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (I.E.E.M.) will hold its annual conference on *Monday, 13th October 2008 at the Marine Institute, Co. Galway*.

The theme of this year's conference is "Coastal and Marine Environment: Biodiversity, Management and Protection". This will focus on coastal and marine biodiversity around Ireland, and associated management and protection issues.

For further information log onto www.ieem.net. We would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of those who might be interested in attending.

IRELAND'S HISTORIC CHURCHES AND GRAVEYARDS

INFORMATION POSTER

Downloadable from the Heritage Council website

> > Further information

3. TRAINING

CONSERVATION ACCREDITATION

As part of its ongoing support for raising standards in Irish conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council actively supports accreditation of conservators. To that end it is anxious to provide financial support for those, on its panel of conservators, actively seeking accreditation and needing support for the process. For further information please contact:
hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com

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CONSERVATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of its ongoing support for Irish Conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council is anxious to provide CPD bursaries for all practicing conservators (members of IPCRA) to attend CPD and related courses at West Dean College, West Sussex. Details of courses are available at: www.westdean.org.uk

Course at other institutions, of good standing, may also be considered. For information on the financial support available please contact: hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com.

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CONSERVATION GRANTS INTERNSHIPS, ACCREDITATION, CONSERVATION BURSARIES, TRAVEL GRANTS

As part of its commitment to supporting object based conservation in Ireland, the Heritage Council supports a number of projects and grants awards schemes.

> > [Further information](#)

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ARCHITECTURE - CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Courses now available with Dublin Civic Trust.
For information visit: <http://www.dublincivictrust.ie/newsletter.php>

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DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2008-2012

Full details on
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/NationalParksandWildlife/Biodiversity/PublicConsultation/Publications>

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ALL IRELAND INVASIVE SPECIES INITIATIVE

BEST PRACTICE MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE
Guidance documents can be downloaded from the Invasive Species Ireland website.

> > [Further information](#)

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4. JOBS & TENDERS

INVITATION TO TENDER

PROJECT MANAGER – SLIGO CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAMME

Sligo County Council in association with the County Sligo Heritage Forum and The Heritage Council, invites tenders from suitably qualified professionals for the contract of Project Manager for the Sligo Conservation Plan Programme

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD TENDER DOCUMENT \[PDF 84K\]](#)

Tender proposals must be submitted by 4.00pm on Friday 22nd August 2008.

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NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICES

NATURAL SCIENTIST PANEL

The National Parks & Wildlife Service regularly requires the service on contract of scientists, in a wide range of disciplines relating to the conservation and protection of Ireland's flora and fauna and their habitats. Accordingly, NPWS maintains a panel of suitably qualified scientists.

For further information see <http://www.npws.ie/en/WorkwithNPWS/NaturalScientistPanel/>

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5. UPCOMING EVENTS

NRA NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY SEMINAR

28th August 2008

The Archaeology Section of the National Roads Authority's annual National Archaeology Seminar, which coincides with Heritage Week will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. Admission is free but booking is essential. Further details from www.nra.ie/Archaeology/

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WOOD ENERGY CONFERENCE

DATE: 10 SEPTEMBER 2008

VENUE: WESTPORT WOODS HOTEL, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO

Conference Fee:

€60 per person for the full day (this includes all refreshments and lunch on the day together with a proceedings CD after the event and coach transfers etc.)

€40 per person for the half day conference or forestry trip.

http://www.teagasc.ie/events/2008/Wood_Energy_2008_programme.pdf

<http://www.teagasc.ie/events/2008/20080813.htm>

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LIME WORKSHOP

CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK ESTATE YARD, CASTLECOMER DEMENSE, KILKENNY

12-13TH SEPTEMBER, 2008.

For further details contact 056 7794153 or e-mail aine.doyle@kilkennycoco.ie

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THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK LIFE STUDIES –

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Muckcross House, Killarney, Republic of Ireland 18th – 21st September 2008

Click [HERE](#) to download draft programme and booking form [PDF 92K]

MUC MHARA - IRELAND'S SMALLEST WHALE 2ND IWDG INTERNATIONAL WHALE CONFERENCE 19-21 SEPTEMBER 2008

FITZPATRICK CASTLE HOTEL, KILLINEY, CO DUBLIN

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group are pleased to announce their forthcoming conference on Ireland's smallest whale - Muc Mhara or the harbour porpoise. Bookings will be taken from mid-March but you can register your interest in the conference by e-mailing us at conference@iwdg.ie

For those interested in staying at the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel please contact them directly to arrange a booking at 01 230 5556 or by e-mail reservations@fitzpatrickscastle.com or on their website www.fitzpatrickscastle.com

THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT HISTORY OF CLARE ISLAND, CO. MAYO, C.4000 BC TO 1900 AD

**Paul Gosling, *Member*, Department of Humanities,
Galway Mayo Institute of Technology**

25 September 2008

Lectures are held at 7.30 in the Helen Roe Lecture Theatre, Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

For further information visit: www.rsai.ie/index

SLIGO FIELD CLUB

SEPTEMBER LECTURE: THE DOWNFALL OF HAGAN: SLIGO RIBBONISM IN 1842

Lecturer: Jennifer Kelly, Dept. of History, NUI Maynooth

A book in the NUIM series to be launched Summer '08

Date: Friday, 26th September at 8.15pm

Venue: Sligo Education Centre

WORKSHOP

TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT - CLIMATE CHANGE, FUTURE TRENDS WORKSHOP.

1st October 2008 in Clontarf Castle Hotel, Clontarf, Dublin 3

A one day workshop 'Tourism and the Environment - Climate Change, Future Trends' will be held on **Wednesday, 1st October** at Clontarf Castle Hotel.

Speakers at this event include Dr Paul Epstein, Harvard University and Dr Rowan Fealy, NUI Maynooth, who will address the issue of climate change in the context of international and domestic tourism. The workshop is part of The International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators 2008 Annual Conference.

The deadline for receipt of registrations is Monday, 15th September 2008. Payment (by cheque, made payable to the 'International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators') must be received by Friday, 19th September 2008.

For more information on ISTTE and attending the full conference, please visit the conference website www.istte2008.org and the ISTTE website www.istte.org

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE: ACROSS THE NARROW SEA: PLANTATIONS IN ULSTER

VENUE: Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town.

DATE: November 7th and 8th, 2008.

This Conference is being organised by the Ulster Local History Trust. Monaghan County Council, as part of the County Monaghan Heritage Plan

You can register your interest by email to aidanwalsh50@eircom.net. Telephone: +353 (0) 44 96 62912. A booking form will be forwarded in early September.

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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

CONNECTING NATURE, PEOPLE & PLACES

The conference takes place on 4th and 5th November 2008 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin.

For further details email: Patrick.Lonergan@fingalcoco.ie

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HOME & DRY - CONFERENCE:

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS

"Quality Street" Mending Terraces.

Belfast, 28th November, 2008.

For further details visit: <http://www.homeanddry.info/>

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