

## Sligo Heritage eZine

March 2008

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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 April 2008 **Sligo Heritage eZine** please forward your information, before the end of March, to [heritageezine@sligococo.ie](mailto: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](mailto:heritageezine@sligococo.ie) with 'Remove' in the subject box.

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## 1. EVENTS

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### **OUTING - BIRD WATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH)**

Sunday 9th March, 2008 at 12.00 noon  
Meet at Village Inn Car Park, Cartron Point, Sligo

### **LECTURE – BIRD WATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH)**

(NPWS EVENT)

#### **‘New Atlas of Breeding & Wintering Birds’**

An Illustrated Talk

Lecturer: Brian Caffrey of BirdWatch Ireland.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.45pm

Venue: NPWS, Field Study Centre, Ballinafad, Co. Sligo

### **LECTURE - SLIGO FIELD CLUB**

#### **The Monastic Estate of Holy Trinity Abbey**

Lecturer: Miriam Clyne, Archaeologist

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 at 8.15pm

Venue: Sligo Education Centre, IT Sligo, Ballinode, Sligo

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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](http://www.museum.ie/archaeology)

NMI – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin [www.museum.ie/decorative/](http://www.museum.ie/decorative/)

NMI – Country Life, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. [www.museum.ie/countrylife](http://www.museum.ie/countrylife)

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### **MARCH 2008 - LECTURE**

#### **LANDSCAPES OF ICE AGE IRELAND PROFESSOR CHRIS D. CLARK**

This public lecture is part of the GSI/The Irish Examiner “Planet Earth” Lecture Series. The speaker will be Chris Clark, Professor of Palaeoglaciology at the University of Sheffield, who will give an interesting talk about Ireland in the Ice Age

##### **Dublin**

Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 1800

Trinity College Dublin

##### **Enniskillen**

Thursday 13th March 2008 at 19:30

Portora Royal School

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## 2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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### COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR & BURIAL GROUND GRANT SCHEMES 2008

COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE OFFICE, SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL.

Applications are invited from County Based Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations for:

- a. Sligo County Council's Community and Voluntary General Grant Scheme 2008:  
The aim of the scheme is to support and encourage the work and activities of Community and Voluntary Organisations throughout the County.
- b. Sligo County Council's Burial Ground Grant Scheme 2008:  
The aim of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to Burial Ground Committees who work to enhance and maintain their local burial ground.

Application forms and details on both schemes are available from:

Rosaleen Keane, Community and Enterprise Office, Development Centre, Cleveragh Road, Sligo. Telephone No: 071-9111803 or Email: [rosaleenkeane@sligococo.ie](mailto:rosaleenkeane@sligococo.ie)

Closing date for receipt of applications for Grant Schemes is 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 at 4.00pm.

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### B&Q's One Planet Living awards open for entries



DIY and garden centre retailer B&Q is offering awards of between £1,000 and £10,000 (€1,500 and €15,000 in the Republic of Ireland) of its products to voluntary organisations in its new One Planet Living Awards for 2008.

The awards are open to environmental groups, community organisations, schools, charities or sports clubs who are helping to regenerate local areas, support local culture/heritage projects, or supporting wildlife, natural habitats and energy saving activities.

The awards are part of B&Q's new partnership with environmental impact experts BioRegional which aims "to help B&Q reduce its ecological footprint and help their customers do the same".

B&Q is also offering two awards of £5,000 combined cash/product to schools who submit "innovative science-based proposals, showing a real understanding about the environment and the importance of tackling climate change".

Applications will be accepted between 28 January and 28 March 2008, and application forms are available for download from B&Q at [www.diy.com/awards](http://www.diy.com/awards)

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### Heritage Council - Buildings at Risk Programme - 2008

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

The Heritage Council Buildings at Risk Programme seeks to safeguard buildings which are at serious risk, but are not yet in a ruinous state. At the present time, Council is considering essential roof repairs only for funding in 2009. A grant allocation can cover up to 50% of the project cost and can be used in conjunction with grants from other sources.

For further details click on the following link:

[http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/grants/grants2008/pdfs/BAR\\_2007.pdf](http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/grants/grants2008/pdfs/BAR_2007.pdf)

**Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**

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## **Heritage Council announces Traditional Farm Building Grants Scheme**

The Heritage Council in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will administer a grants scheme to REPS 4 participants for the conservation and repair of Traditional Farm Buildings. A total of €5,000,000 will be made available over the next five years. Grants will be available to carry out approved conservation works to the exterior of farm outbuildings (roof, outside surface of walls, windows and doors) and associated structures (historic yard surfaces, landscape features around the farmyard e.g. walls, gate pillars, gates). The grant will not be for more than 75% of the cost of the works. The minimum amount offered will be €5,000 and the maximum €25,000. Further details and application forms are available from The Heritage Council, Kilkenny - Tel: 056-7770777 or email [tfb@heritagecouncil.com](mailto:tfb@heritagecouncil.com)

The closing date for the 2008 grant scheme is the end of April 2008 – for confirmation of closing date please check with the Heritage Council. For more details see [www.heritagecouncil.com](http://www.heritagecouncil.com)

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### 3. HERITAGE NEWS

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#### SPRING WATCH 2008

#### Hedgehogs & Frog Spawn Sightings wanted.

[read more »](#)

Visit the Biology website at <http://biology.ie/> to register your sightings and view other spring time activities.

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#### NOTICE NATURE

Notice Nature is Ireland's public awareness campaign on biodiversity. To find out what's on and participate in supporting biodiversity in your county you can visit [www.noticenature.ie/](http://www.noticenature.ie/)

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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](mailto:sfleischer@biodiversityireland.ie) or Eugenie Regan at [eregan@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:eregan@biodiversityireland.ie) for more information.

The NBDC is holding two one-day workshops for volunteers at the Phoenix Park in Dublin on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maria Walsh at [mwalsh@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:mwalsh@biodiversityireland.ie). There is no cost, however, there are limited places and booking is essential.

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#### NATURE'S WEB NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2008

The **Spring 2008 Issue** of the **Nature's Web Newsletter**, an exciting newsletter for children, has been posted on the web. [www.naturesweb.ie](http://www.naturesweb.ie)

The newsletter is produced by Sherkin Island Marine Station, Sherkin Island, Co. Cork, Ireland [www.sherkinmarine.ie](http://www.sherkinmarine.ie) and sponsored by **PharmaChemical Ireland**.

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## **SLIGO BENEFITS FROM HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANTS PROGRAMME 2008**

The following 2008 grant recipients have just been announced by the Heritage Council under the following grant schemes: Architecture Research, Buildings at Risk, Local Heritage Grants, Museums and Archives and Wildlife. A total of €74,900 has been allocated by the Heritage Council in County Sligo for 2008.

Further details can be accessed on [www.heritagecouncil.com](http://www.heritagecouncil.com).

### **Architecture Research**

David Lemasney	€4,000
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### **Buildings at Risk**

St. Johns COI Cathedral, Sligo	€19,000
Templehouse Coachyard	€13,000
Thatch, Durmford Cross	€10,000
Thatch, Carrownagleragh	€ 7,500

### **Local Heritage Grants**

Enniscrone Tourist Office/Craft Shop	€ 1,000
Moygara Castle Research Project	€5,000

### **Museums and Archives**

The Model Arts and Niland Gallery	€10,000
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### **Wildlife**

Brian Halpin	€5,400
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## **TREE WEEK EXHIBITION**

This year Tree Week will be celebrated in ENFO by the display of “Crann Beatha” a photography series by Moira Sweeney, the poster which won the Tree Week poster competition 2008 and Our Native Trees an exhibition by The Tree Council of Ireland. The exhibition will explain to the visitor the importance and the uses of native woodland habitats. The aim of National Tree Week is to raise awareness about trees and encourage local communities and local authorities to participate in over 300 events which will take place around the country during the week.

For further information: [www.crannbeatha.ie](http://www.crannbeatha.ie)

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## **ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **LAUNCH OF NEW ARCHAEOLOGY WEBSITE**

A new dedicated archaeology website developed by the National Monuments Section of the DEHLGt <http://www.archaeology.ie> was launched earlier this week. The site contains useful information and advice for the public and archaeology professionals as well as access to national archaeological records and a facility for making on-line archaeological licence applications. This new website will assist with the Department's efforts in raising awareness of our precious heritage resource and its significance to communities and to the national psyche.

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

## 4. CONFERENCES

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### CONFERENCE

#### **WET, WINDY & WONDERFUL**

##### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION IN IRELAND**

An all-Ireland conference hosted by the Heritage Council and Countryside Access and Activities Network (NI) to be held March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Lough Erne Golf Resort in Enniskillen Co Fermanagh.

Dr. Conor Murphy (ICARUS-NUIM) will give an overview of the latest climate change science and implications for Ireland. Topics to be covered include surfing, coastal recreation, coastal erosion, wildlife, inland waterway navigation, archaeology and recreation, impacts on coastal communities, uplands erosion with case studies of the Giants Causeway and experience of the Peak District.

Please contact CAAN (Belfast) for brochure and booking information.  
Tel: 00 44-28-90-303930  
Email: [sylvia@countrysiderecreation.com](mailto:sylvia@countrysiderecreation.com).

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### WORKSHOP

#### **CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ICZM**

##### **WORKSHOP ON COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2008, CORK**

The event, sponsored by the Geography Department and the Port of Cork Company, is targeted at coastal professionals including academic and research organisations, as well as agencies and individuals from the coastal science, land use and planning, heritage protection and tourism sectors.

[Click HERE to download programme \[PDF 1.9MB\]](#)

[Click HERE to download speaker information \[PDF 20K\]](#)

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### CONFERENCE

#### **SECOND ANNUAL INVASIVE SPECIES IN IRELAND FORUM - CONFERENCE**

##### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS GLASNEVIN.**

For more information please see the News pages of the website <http://www.invasivespeciesireland.com/news/default.asp>) and also the registration pages ([http://www.invasivespeciesireland.com/news/forum\\_reg.asp](http://www.invasivespeciesireland.com/news/forum_reg.asp)).  
Registration is free and lunch is provided.

## 5. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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### A FREE WORKSHOP – CSR4U

#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

The City and County Enterprise Boards in association with the Irish Exporters Association are running a series of events across the country on Corporate Social Responsibility. The EU define CSR as '*a concept whereby companies integrate social and environmental concerns in their business operations and in their interactions with their stakeholders on a voluntary basis*'

A **free** workshop will take place in the **Clarion Hotel on Thursday 13th March, 9.30 - 1.15** entitled **CSR4U**

The workshop will be of interest to:

- SME business owners or representatives
- Charity representatives
- County Council members
- Academics/students
- Citizens with an interest in CSR

Attached is a flyer FYI. Further details and to book a place phone Mary at 071 9144779 or e-mail [admin@sligoenterprise.ie](mailto:admin@sligoenterprise.ie).



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## 6. UPCOMING EVENTS

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### CONFERENCE

#### ALL IRELAND CONFERENCE ON BIRD CONSERVATION 2008 (BWI)

**EVERYONE COUNTS: THE POWER OF CITIZEN SCIENCE**  
**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

BirdWatch Ireland and RSPB Northern Ireland are pleased to announce that their 41st All Ireland Conference on Bird Conservation will take place from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008. As part of the festivities, BirdWatch Ireland will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The venue will be the new Parkview Hotel in Newtownmountkennedy in Co. Wicklow, just off the N11. (see [programme](#))

To download a conference booking form, please click [here](#).

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### CONFERENCE:

#### WATER: THE CHALLENGES FOR USERS

This is Sherkin Island Marine Station's 24th Annual Environmental Conference and it is being held on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th April 2008** at the **Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co Cork.**

See attached PDF for more details or visit [www.sherkinmarine.ie/conferences.htm](http://www.sherkinmarine.ie/conferences.htm)

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### CONFERENCE:

#### ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY - PUTTING WORDS INTO PRACTICE CAUSEWAY MUSEUM SERVICE 24<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The conference will look at:

What does community engagement mean for your museum?

Is it about chasing the latest funding agenda or does it represent a real opportunity for museum practice?

How do you translate ideas about being open, responsive and inclusive into your management structure, strategic planning and programming?

How can you show that working with your community is worthwhile?

This major national training seminar focuses on partnership work with adult community groups. You will have the opportunity to learn from best practice across the UK and Ireland and, more importantly, how to put ideas into practice in your own context.

For more information or to make a booking:

Tel: (028) 7034 7234

Email: [cms@colerainebc.gov.uk](mailto:cms@colerainebc.gov.uk)



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Booking Form.pdf

## SEMINAR

### HOW TO EXTEND YOUR LISTED BUILDING

#### Co. ARMAGH, 16TH MAY 2008

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (UAHS) provides advice and guidance for owners of historic buildings. They are presenting a seminar on extending a listed building and for more details you can visit their website on [www.uahs.co.uk](http://www.uahs.co.uk)

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## WORKSHOP

### BAT DETECTOR WORKSHOP. JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> 2008

Bat Conservation Ireland's hugely popular Bat Detector Workshop which is held over a weekend in early June will be held in 2008 in Rathdrum, County Wicklow. This is a training course designed to introduce you to Irish bats. Talks and tutorials in bat identification and survey methods are held during the day, but a large component of the course is night-time field work to help gain an understanding of how to identify bat species using detectors. Suitable for beginners and those wishing to update their bat detecting skills. **To download the booking form please click here**

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### WAC-6 SIXTH WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, DUBLIN (29 JUNE TO 4 JULY, 2008)

At the upcoming World Archaeological Congress (WAC) to be held in Dublin members of the Discovery Programme, in association with international partners, are hosting of a number of sessions across a range of themes. For more information on individual sessions click on the links below:-

*'Revealing relict landscapes in Europe's North Atlantic fringe'* Rory McNeary & Brian Shanahan

*'Out of the Shadows: 3D capture technology in Archaeology'* Anthony Corns & Robert Shaw

*'The archaeology of depositions in lakes, rivers and bogs'* Christina Fredengren; Sophie Bergerbrant

*'Wetland archaeology and movement I: travel, trackways and platforms in bogs, mires and marshes'* Ingelise Stuijts; Andrea Vianello; Nora Bermingham; Cathy Moore; Claire Anderson

*'Wetland archaeology and movement II: travel and communications along waterways'* Andrea Vianello; Ingelise Stuijts; Nora Bermingham; Cathy Moore; Claire Anderson

*'Medieval Materializations'* Niall Brady; John Soderberg

For more information on the World Archaeological Congress 2008 click on the links below:-

[WAC-6 Homepage](#)

[WAC-6 Paper proposals](#)

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**CONFERENCE**

**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. The harbour porpoise is the smallest of all Irish cetaceans and the most abundant and widespread. Harbour porpoise can be seen in all Irish coastal waters including off Howth and Bray Heads and Killiney Bay/Dun Laoghaire in Co Dublin. The harbour porpoise is recognised within Europe as being a species of major conservation concern and hence is included on Annex II of the EU Habitats Directive, which requires member states to designate sites for its protection. Despite this, little is known about their ecology and due to their small size and elusive nature its' conservation importance is often overlooked bookings will be taken from mid-March but you can register your interest in the conference by e-mailing us at [conference@iwdg.ie](mailto: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](mailto:reservations@fitzpatrickscastle.com) or on their website [www.fitzpatrickcastle.com](http://www.fitzpatrickcastle.com)

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**CONFERENCE**

**THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK LIFE STUDIES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Muckross House, Killarney, Republic of Ireland 18th – 21st September 2008**  
[Click HERE](#) to download draft programme and booking form [PDF 92K]