

Sligo Heritage eZine

May 2008

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 June 2008 **Sligo Heritage eZine** please forward your information, before the end of May, 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

AGM - BIRD WATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH)

Wednesday 21st May 2008, 9 pm

Members Night and Reconvened A.G.M.
Venue: Embassy Rooms, Bridge St, Sligo
All members welcome

OUTING – Bird Watch Ireland (Sligo Branch)

Sunday May 18th, 2008, 5.30 am

National Dawn Chorus Day: Outing to Hazelwood
Meet at Half-Moon Bay Car Park, Hazelwood.

OUTING – Bird Watch Ireland (Sligo Branch)

Sunday 8th June

Outing: to Aughris Head
12.15pm. Meet at Collery's Pub, Beltra.

The Bird Atlas 2007-11

The mapping of Ireland's and Britain's Birds continues
[Click here to download information \[PDF 224K\]](#)

SLIGO FIELD CLUB

Field outing - The 'long' Coast of Leitrim

Tuesday 13th May 2008, 6.15pm. Leader: Leo Leydon
Meet at: Bunduff Bridge; bring suitable footwear/weather dependent.

BIODIVERSITY WEEK 2008

May 19-25th is **Biodiversity Week**. Look out for biodiversity events in your area by searching the Notice Nature interactive website at www.noticenature.ie/

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICES (SLIGO EVENTS – BIODIVERSITY WEEK)

LECTURE: TUES. 20TH MAY, 2008

FARMING FOR BIODIVERSITY/ORGANIC FARMING – 8.00 PM

Hans Wieland of the Organic Centre, Co. Leitrim will give a talk in the Education Room, Ballinafad Centre, Ballinafad, Sligo at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

BAT TALK & WALK - WEDS. 21ST MAY, 2008

- SURVEYING FOR DAUBENTON'S BATS – 8.30 PM.

Barbara McInerney, NPWS will give a talk on surveying for Daubenton's Bats and will lead a field trip afterwards with participants. The talk will take place in the Education Room, Ballinafad Centre, Ballinafad, Sligo. Warm clothing required, and bring a torch! All welcome.

LECTURE - THURS. 22ND MAY, 2008

- ORCHIDS OF THE LOCALITY – 7.45 PM

Michael Archer, Botanical Expert will give a talk on Orchids in the local area in the Education Room, Ballinafad Centre, Ballinafad, Sligo.

COUNTY SLIGO COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT AWARDS 2008

The annual Community Heritage Grant Awards 2008 take place on May 21st, 2008 at 7.00 pm. For further information visit: <http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/NewsandEvents/>

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

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

2. HERITAGE NEWS

HERITAGE COUNCIL MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS IN KILKENNY

Áras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny

President of Ireland Mary McAleese opened two historically important sites in Kilkenny, the new headquarters and permanent home for the Heritage Council in the former Bishop's Palace in the Cathedral quarter of the City, and Rothe House gardens. [...more](#)

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SAFE & SOUND' - OWNERS DAY SEMINAR A GREAT SUCCESS



A very successful Owners Day was held on the 25th April, 2008 with over 100 people attending. The information seminar for owners of protected structures was funded by Sligo Local Authorities in partnership with The Heritage Council and was collaboration between the Heritage Office, the Planning Section and Architects Department of Sligo Local Authorities. A full press release will be available shortly on the Sligo County Council website in *'Heritage, News and Events'*.

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ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCH OF NEW 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.

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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

HERITAGE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES IRISH NATIONAL STRATEGIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH (INSTAR) PROGRAMME AWARDS

The Heritage Council has announced details of the first projects to be grant aided under the new Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research (INSTAR) Programme 2008.

The INSTAR Programme is intended to contribute to a better understanding of Ireland's archaeological heritage by tackling key questions about our past. This approach is underpinned by the wider need to place archaeological research into the context of wider public access and life-long learning.

The INSTAR Programme is intended to stimulate research on the major findings coming from the increase in 'Celtic Tiger' development-led archaeology, is intended to bring together research partnerships from the academic and private sectors of the archaeological profession, and encourages a north – south and international dimension to the study of Ireland's archaeological heritage.

Fourteen projects have been approved by the Heritage Council for funding in 2008. These include

- a project from University College Dublin examining life and death in Ireland during the period 500 – 1200 AD by studying the evidence from cemeteries
- a project from the University of Coleraine on the archaeological information provided by new surveys of the seabed off the north coast of Ireland
- a project from Queens University Belfast assessing the evidence for the establishment of farming in Neolithic Ireland.

The INSTAR Programme is being funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government at an initial level of €1m in 2008 with the intention of continuing to roll it out in future years.

[Click HERE](#) to view list of award recipients.

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.

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.

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

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

3. TRAINING

CARING FOR PAPER AND PHOTOS 8TH MAY, 2008

To be held in Northern Ireland Museums Council Offices, Belfast. This is the first of a series of courses for 2008 organised by the NIMC. See their [brochure](#) with booking form for details of all nine courses plus a study trip to Berlin.

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2 DAY BRICKWORK CPD SEMINAR 12/13 MAY

Conservation, Restoration and repair of brickwork – 12th/13th May. Venue Drimnagh Castle. For further details: <http://www.dublincivictrust.ie/newsletter.php>

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MASTERS DEGREE IN ARTS & HERITAGE MANAGEMENT.

A new course commencing in September 2008 at Waterford Institute of Technology. For further details and an application form, please contact Dr. Rachel Finnegan, Head of Creative and Performing Arts, WIT rfinnegan@wit.ie or tel. 051 302281 (*closing date for receipt of applications 6th June, 2008*).

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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

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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TRADITIONAL SKILLS & CRAFT TRAINING

Weekend in the Woods

3rd & 4th May 2008

Beakelly Woods, Tuamgraney, East Clare [...more](#)

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4. JOBS & TENDERS

FIELD MONUMENT ADVISOR: Wicklow County Council,
Closing date for applications is **Wednesday, 12.00 noon, 28th May, 2008.** [...more](#)

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HERITAGE COUNCIL'S PANEL OF BAT EXPERTS

Invitation for expressions of interest [...more](#)
Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest: **5pm Wednesday May 21 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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TENDER

DRAGONFLY SURVEY – CO. MONAGHAN

Monaghan County Council is seeking suitably qualified person(s) to undertake a Dragonfly Survey of selected sites in Co. Monaghan. Closing date for tender submissions: **Friday 9th May at 4.30pm.**

[Click here to download details \[PDF 56K\]](#)

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TENDER

SURVEYS OF BATS IN LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTIES

The Heritage Office of Laois County Council, with the support of the Heritage Council, wishes to contract suitably qualified professionals to undertake a survey of bats in Laois County Council Properties in 2008. Closing date: 16th May 2008...[more](#)

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5. CONFERENCES

LIVING COAST CONFERENCE

on Friday 9th May, Fingal County Council and Gwynedd Council are organising a conference on the INTERREG IIIA Living Coast – Living Sea project in Malahide, Co Dublin. [...more](#)

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‘BRINGING THE BOGS BACK TO LIFE’ – END OF PROJECT CONFERENCE

RESTORING RAISED BOG IN IRELAND - LIFE04 NAT/IE/000121

8th & 9th May, 2008

Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim [...more](#)

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PUBLIC REALM IN HISTORIC TOWNS THEORY AND PRACTICE

Hosted by Cork County Council and Youghal Town Council

15th & 16th May in Youghal, Co. Cork. [...more](#)

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THE 18TH CENTURY DUBLIN TOWNHOUSE: FORM FUNCTION & FINANCE

Friday 26th-27th May, National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin [...more](#)

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

WORKSHOP

BAT DETECTOR WORKSHOP. JUNE 6TH – 8TH 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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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

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.fitzpatrickcastle.com

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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 \[PDF 92K\]](#)
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