

HERITAGE WEEK 2019

PASTIMES/PAST TIMES

Welcome to Heritage Week in Co Monaghan. Coordinated by the Heritage Council, National Heritage Week is part of European Heritage Days which promote Europe's common cultural heritage. Heritage Week, Ireland's most popular cultural event, will see half a million people participate in over 2,200 events in 2019. In Monaghan, the Monaghan County Council Heritage Office helps to facilitate and promote engagement in Heritage Week.

This year's theme "Pastimes/Past Times" has shaped the type of events on offer. There are craft demonstrations and classes to partake in, as well as re-enactments of past times, nature activities and outdoor explorations to enjoy.

In this booklet are details of events that have been generously organised by communities throughout the county; groups that continue to explore and safeguard our heritage for present and future generations. We thank them. Voluntary groups are always looking for new members so be sure to ask the organisers how to get further involved.

We hope Heritage Week helps you connect with our heritage and provides inspiration of how we can all live more sustainably, taking good examples from the past and using this knowledge for our future. Explore and enjoy!

From the Heritage Section of Monaghan Co Council.

Shirley Clerkin, County Heritage Officer

Sandra McQuaid, Assistant Staff Officer

A contact person has been identified for each event and participants are advised to confirm details in advance. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor events. Events are FREE unless otherwise stated.



HERITAGE
WEEK

ART

COMPETITION

CALL IN TO MONAGHAN LIBRARY
FROM AUGUST 12TH, 2019 TO COLLECT
YOUR ART COMPETITION TEMPLATE

Create an image under this years theme

PASTIMES PASTIMES

Then fill in your details on the bottom of the sheet and drop,
or post back, to Monaghan Library, North Road, Monaghan

Closing date for entries is August 26th, 2019

Entries will be displayed in the library after
Heritage Week with winners announced
later that week!

***Please note that photocopies
will not be accepted.***



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

MOUSEWOOD GRAVEYARD

Saturday 17th August

3pm

Mousewood Graveyard, which is situated in the townland of Kilnacloy, is the final resting place of many hundreds of Monaghan people who passed away in the Monaghan Union Workhouse and nearby Fever Hospital during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The small tranquil piece of sloping ground which comprises Mousewood is surrounded by private lands and as such there is currently no public right of way to access the cemetery. Sadly, no public records survive to identify the names or exact numbers of men, women and children who lie buried in unmarked graves in Mousewood.

The Kilnacloy Residents Association, in conjunction with the Old Monaghan Society and the Monaghan Order of the Knights of St Columbanus, plan to unveil an inscribed memorial during the Ecumenical Service to be held on the site of the now demolished Workhouse in Belgium Park. The simple cut-stone memorial was designed using remnant stones retrieved from the ruins of the old Fever Hospital.

Venue: Belgium Park

Organiser: Old Monaghan Society/Kilnacloy Residents Ass.
/Knights of St Columbanus

Email: kegalligan1@hotmail.com

Phone: 047 82836

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

VICTORIAN GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 17th August

5pm - til late

Eat, drink and look like the Victorians did in "Past Times". An event not to be missed! Be escorted to the Walled Gardens in a vintage car to enjoy an evening of entertainment, food and drink. You can also avail of a bus which runs to Rossmore Park from McNally's car park from 5pm that evening. This is a ticket only event.

Venue: Rossmore Park

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council/Friends of Rossmore

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

MONAGHAN WALKING TOURS

Saturday 17th August

11am - 12.30pm

Saturday 24th August

11am - 12.30pm

Enjoy a tour around Monaghan and find out all you ever wanted to know about the towns' heritage. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the walk and wear appropriate walking attire.

Venue: Westenra Hotel

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: patrickjosephsherry@gmail.com

Phone: 087 2525457

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

CLONES LACE EXHIBITION

Saturday 17th August

9.30am - 5pm

Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th August

9.30am - 5pm

Newly opened interactive Museum sharing the story of Clones Lace from the Famine times, along with exquisite antique pieces of lace on display. Situated in a beautiful heritage building with restaurant on site. Large groups welcome by pre-booking.

Venue: Ulster Canal Stores, Clones

Organiser: Ulster Canal Stores

Email: ulstercanalstores@outlook.com

Phone: 086 0875751

• Suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • Parking available

WALKING TOUR OF CARRICKMACROSS

Saturday 17th August

11am - 12.30pm

Saturday 24th August

11am - 12.30pm

The Carrickmacross Walking Tour takes place every Saturday morning at 11am during the summer months. It gives an insight into the history of the Bath and Shirley Estates, Carrickmacross Lace, the Workhouse etc. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the tour and wear appropriate walking attire.

Venue: Carrickmacross Courthouse

Organiser: Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce

Email: info@carrickmacrosschamber.com

• Suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • No parking available

POLL AN AIFRINN TO

ST DYMPNA'S WELL

Sunday 18th August

1pm - 5pm

We will walk to Poll an Aifrinn Mass Rock for a talk on Penal times, followed by a walk to St Dympna's Well. The walk is around 13k. Please bring your own water bottles if you wish to take water from the well. Wear appropriate walking clothes as parts of the walk are uneven and coarse. Meeting point is Sliabh Beagh Hotel.

Venue: Sliabh Beagh Hotel

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT suitable for U12* • *Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies* • *Parking available*

ACROSS AFRICA

Monday 19th August

11am - 12.00pm

Forget space. Forget the deep sea. Forget the South Pole. We go back in time to following the footsteps of the first Irish person to cross Africa - Dr Thomas Heazle Parke, of the General Dispensary in Ballybay, Co Monaghan. Part storytelling, part interactive show, 'Across Africa' evokes a time long gone, where adventurers were the rock stars of the time and most of Africa was waiting to be explored. Booking is essential, please contact the theatre to secure your place.

Venue: Iontas Theatre

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Phone: 042 9753400

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full Wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

'NEVER A DULL MOMENT': THE HISTORY AND CHARACTERS OF CASTLE LESLIE

Monday 19th August

11am

Castle Leslie has been home to successive generations of writers and artists. In the early eighteenth century Dean Jonathan Swift, wrote rather humorously;

"Here I am in Castle Leslie With rows and rows of books upon the shelves Written by the Leslie's All about themselves."

This talk will look at some of the colourful characters in the families' history - those who are well-known and those who are more elusive. A special talk will take place in The Billiard Room. Places are limited. **Booking essential on www.eventbrite.ie.**

Venue: The Billiard Room, Castle Leslie, Glaslough

Organiser: Castle Leslie

Phone: 047 88089

• NOT Suitable for U12 • Parking available • Partial Wheelchair access

HISTORY OF ST SALVATOR'S CHURCH

Monday 19th August

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Built by Bishop John Leslie around 1666 St Salvators Church boasts one of the finest apsidal chancels in Ireland. Meet at the church for an historical talk. Discover how the role of the parish church included being responsible for the welfare of the poor and the maintenance of local roads. View an exhibition of wedding photographs to fit the theme "Past Times".

Venue: St Salvator's Church

Organiser: Diane Kendrick

Email: dianeronk@gmail.com

Phone: 0044 7884411896

• NOT Suitable for U12 • Full wheelchair access • Parking available

ACROSS AFRICA

Monday 19th August

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Forget space. Forget the deep sea. Forget the South Pole. We go back in time to following the footsteps of the first Irish person to cross Africa – Dr Thomas Heazle Parke, of the General Dispensary in Ballybay, Co Monaghan. Part storytelling, part interactive show, 'Across Africa' evokes a time long gone, where adventurers were the rock stars of the time and most of Africa was waiting to be explored. Booking is essential – please contact the theatre to secure your place.

Venue: Garage Theatre

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Phone: 047 39777

• Suitable for U12 • Full Wheelchair access • Parking available

BAT WALK AND TALK

Monday 19th August

7.30pm - 10pm

Join Bat Conservation Ireland to discover the mystery of bats at Lough Muckno. Talk will be at 7.30pm and then go outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear warm clothing and outdoor footwear.

Venue: Muckno Gate Lodge

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• Suitable for U12 • Parking available

HISTORY IN 10 THINGS

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Tuesday 20th August

Clones Library (Phone: 047 74712) **10.30am - 11.30am**

Monaghan Library (Phone: 047 81830) **12.30pm - 1.30pm**

Carrickmacross Library (Phone: 042 9661148) **3pm - 4pm**

We might think that living in the past would have been the same with different clothes! But living in the past everything was different - our community, our streets, our farms - even our homes. Visit the library this Heritage Week and investigate items of from 19th and 20th century home that we no longer use. Booking is essential - please contact the individual libraries to secure your place.

Venue: Council Libraries

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

• Suitable for U12 • Full wheelchair access • Parking available

BRAGAN BUS TOUR

Tuesday 20th August

11am - 4pm

Take a bus tour to Errigal Old Graveyard, St Patrick's Chair and Well, the Fourth Chapel, Penal Cross, American Cross and find out all mysteries surrounding these sites. **Booking is essential, please log on to www.eventbrite.ie to book your seat.**

Meeting point McNally's car park.

Venue: McNally's car park

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• Suitable for U12 • Full wheelchair access • Parking available

CHRIST CHURCH OPEN DAY, BALLYBAY

Tuesday 20th August

11am - 12pm

Wednesday 21st August

11am - 12pm

This Church of Ireland is sited on one of the two highest points in Ballybay – the other is now home to the later Catholic Church. In 1880s the architect John Henry Fullerton did some work on the church. Enjoy a walk around the church and the grounds.

Venue: Christ Church, Ballybay
Organiser: Monaghan Co Council
Email: tanyapratt31@gmail.com
Phone: 086 2633473

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

MONAGHANS RARE BIRDS

Tuesday 20th August

12pm - 2.30pm

Join Dr Marc Ruddock from the Golden Eagle Trust for a talk on Monaghan's rare birds. Afterwards head into the wilderness to see if you can spot a curlew, hen harrier or grouse, to name but a few. Bring your binoculars!

Venue: Sliabh Beagh Hotel, Knockatallon
Organiser: Monaghan Co Council
Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie
Phone: 047 73722

• *Suitable for U12* • *NOT suitable for wheelchairs or buggies* • *Parking available*

YOGA IN ROSSMORE PARK

Tuesday 20th August 1pm - 2pm

Wednesday 21st August 1pm - 2pm

Thursday 22nd August 1pm - 2pm

Yoga has been practiced for thousands of years as a life philosophy to join the individual self with what practitioners call the Divine. Enjoy the art of Yoga outdoors overlooking the lake in Rossmore. Don't forget your mat. Open to all levels of fitness. Strictly no children. Meeting point Rossmore car park. **Booking is essential, please log on to www.eventbrite.ie.**

Venue: Rossmore Park

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT suitable for U12* • *Parking available*

ST MAELDROID'S CHURCH,

CASTLEBLAYNEY - GUIDED TOUR

Tuesday 20th August 3pm - 4pm

Wednesday 21st August 3pm - 4pm

St Maeldroid's Church is a well composed Gothic style church characteristic of the mid nineteenth century. There will be a guided tour of this fabulous historical building.

Venue: St Maeldroids, Castleblayney

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: castleblayneycoi@eircom.net

Phone: 086 8181468

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

CLONES LACE - BEGINNERS

Tuesday 20th August

2pm - 5pm

Clones Lace was introduced to the Clones area in 1847 as a famine relief scheme. Within a few years 1,500 people were crocheting collars and other attire, which were then worn by royalty and became high fashion all over the world. In 1910, Irish Crochet, as it was then known, was introduced to the west of Ireland by the Congested Districts Board and teachers travelled from the North Monaghan/South Fermanagh area to teach it. Booking is essential.

Venue: Muckno Gate Lodge

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Cost: €10 per adult payable in advance for materials

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT suitable for children* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

THE LOST GARDENS OF GLASLOUGH

Wednesday 21st August

11.30am - 1pm

The Walled Garden at Castle Leslie is often overlooked and forgotten. Dating back to the 1860's, the once showpiece of the estates gardens, was 'temporarily mothballed'. We invite the public to take in the beauty of the 'Lost Gardens' for themselves. Due to the uneven outdoor terrain, walking shoes/wellington boots are advised. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue: Front Gate/Garden Lodge

Organiser: Castle Leslie Estate

Email: castlearchive@castleleslie.com

Phone: 047 88089

• *Suitable for U12* • *NO wheelchair or buggy access* • *Parking available*

GO WILD ON 'WILD CHILD DAY'

Wednesday 21st August

10am - 4pm

Wild Child Day is a chance for children to experience the outdoors and discover nature. Activities include pond dipping, electro fishing, nature walks and nature workshops.

Refreshments will be available to purchase or why not bring a picnic and enjoy the atmosphere of the park. Please wear appropriate walking attire. There will be a marquee on site and Civil Defence will be present all day. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL, PLEASE LOG ON TO EVENTBRITE.COM.**

Please note that due to health and safety, participants must have tickets for their chosen activity.

Venue: Rossmore Park, Monaghan Town

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

MULLYASH CAIRN GUIDED WALK

Thursday 22nd August

10.30am - 12.30pm

Meet at Mullyash Community Centre for tea and coffee followed by a guided walk to the Cairn. Mullyash Community Centre is fully wheelchair accessible but the walk is not suitable. Walking boots and suitable clothing are essential.

Venue: Mullyash Community Centre, Castleblayney

Organiser: Clogher Historical Society

Email: info@clogherhistory.ie

Phone: 047 71984

• *NOT Suitable for U12* • *Partial wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

DRAWING ON OUR HERITAGE

Thursday 22nd August

11.30am - 12.30pm

1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Join local visual artist Niamh O'Connor in this hour long trace monotype session. Incorporating wax and encaustic medium you will learn how to use heat and pencil in this technique devised by the artist herself. Beeswax is a natural preservative, impervious to both grime and moisture, and using it in this way both metaphorically and visually preserves our landmarks and local heritage through drawing and mark-making. Celebrate Monaghan's heritage through drawing this Heritage Week. €5 payable in advance for materials. Booking is essential.

Venue: Monaghan Museum

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

OLD TRADITIONAL SKILLS

Thursday 22nd August

10am - 4pm

Step back in time and enjoy some old traditions such as stone masonry, lace making, glass making, basket weaving, story telling and blacksmithing. Have a leisurely walk down memory lane while listening to traditional Irish music.

Picnic benches will be on site, refreshments available to purchase and the Civil Defence will be present all day.

Venue: Gavin Duffy car park

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

MULLAN FACTORY TOURS

Thursday 22nd August

11am - 2pm

Take a walk through the historic village of Mullan (meaning mill in Irish) where you will have the opportunity to reflect back on the village with its flaxmill and boot manufacturing industry through to its current regeneration as a bustling village with a lighting manufacturing industry.

Booking is essential as numbers are limited – please log on to www.eventbrite.ie

Venue: Mullan Lighting Factory

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: edel@mullanlighting.com

Phone: 047 86584

• Suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • Parking available

CORDUFF RAFERAGH LOCAL RAMBLE

Thursday 22nd August

7pm - 10pm

Local walk to places of interest around the area. Refreshments served.

Venue: Corduff Raferagh Community Centre

Organiser: Corduff Raferagh Heritage Group

Email: bmarronruth@gmail.com

Phone: 087 9555762

• Suitable for U12 • NOT suitable for wheelchairs or buggies

• Parking available

CHURCH SERVICE AND

TOUR IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Friday 23rd August

11am

A service similar to "Past Times" will be performed by Rev Iain Berry in St Patrick's Church with accompanying choir.

St Patrick's Church was built in 1936 and is in the centre of Monaghan town. After the service Kevin V Mulligan, historian and author, will give a guided tour where you will learn all about this historical building.

Venue: St Patrick's Church

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• Suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • Parking available

COOLSHANNAGH

MUNICIPAL GRAVEYARD

Friday 23rd August

2.30pm - 4pm

Enda Galligan will give a guided tour of Coolshannagh graveyard where you can learn all about the Monaghan families who are buried here - the Montgomerys of Bessmount, Hazletts of Glaslough St and Givens, Old Cross Square.

Venue: Coolshannagh Graveyard

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• NOT suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • Parking available

THE IRISH ARMY IN THE CONGO

Friday 23rd August

7.30pm - 9pm

Dublin born author and historian John Dorney will offer a talk on the Irish Army in the Congo. John Dorney is an independent historian and chief editor and writer of the Irish story website.

Venue: Ulster Canal Stores

Organiser: Ulster Canal Stores

Email: ulstercanalstores@outlook.com

Phone: 047 52125

• *NOT Suitable for U12* • *Full wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

IRISH TRADITIONAL CURES

Friday 23rd August

7.30pm - 10pm

The tradition of using herbal medicines from the Irish surroundings has a long and fascinating history in Ireland. However, like many other aspects of the Irish culture that got disrupted during an invasion, indigenous cures have been largely lost. Lora O'Brien gives an unusual talk involving the old Irish traditions of cures... not for the faint-hearted!

Venue: Carrickmacross Library

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

Email: smcquaid@monaghancoco.ie

Phone: 047 73722

• *NOT suitable for U12* • *Fully wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

THE BROTHERHOODS OF MONAGHAN

Friday 23rd August

8pm - 10pm

A talk and open discussion on the Fraternal Societies and their contribution to the history and formation of Monaghan society, past and present. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ancient Order of Foresters, Irish National Foresters, Freemasons, Loyal Orders etc. The talk will be given by Eugene P Markey F.S.R.G. The lodge will also be open from 5pm that evening.

Venue: Monaghan Masonic Hall

Organiser: Monaghan Lodge 55

Email: bfebbs@gmail.com

Phone: 086 2480434

- *NOT suitable for U12* • *No wheelchair access*
- *Parking available at rear of hall*

TEA AND TOUR OF BESSMOUNT PARK

Saturday 24th August

10am - 11am

12pm - 1pm

4pm - 5pm

Tour one of Monaghan's hidden gems - a house with a three hundred year history from Georgian to Gothic revival. The Montgomery family are happy to welcome visitors on this rare opportunity during Heritage Week to enjoy fascinating stories of families, architecture, local and social history. Booking is essential as tour numbers are limited.

Venue: Bessmount House

Organiser: Clogher Historial Society

Email: info@clogherhistory.ie

Phone: 047 71984

- *NOT suitable for U12* • *No wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

TYRONE GUTHRIE CENTRE OPEN DAY

Saturday 24th August

10am - 11am

12pm - 1pm

2pm - 3pm

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig is a residential workplace for artists, dedicated to supporting and facilitating creativity within a welcoming, home-like and trusted environment. Here artists can find peace and quiet to develop their work, together with the stimulation of living alongside other artists from all disciplines, enabling a rich cross-fertilization of ideas. **Numbers are limited to 20 for each tour so booking is essential, please log onto www.eventbrite.ie.** Refreshments will be provided. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time. Strictly no children.

Venue: Tyrone Guthrie Centre

Organiser: Monaghan Co Council

• *NOT suitable for U12* • *Partial wheelchair access* • *Parking available*

TAKE A SPLASH

IN THE MOUNTAIN WATER

Sunday 25th August

2pm - 3.30pm

Emyvale Tidy Towns in conjunction with LAWCO will host the Monaghan Water Heritage event this year. Find out more about our Mountain Water. The river flows through our beautiful village of Emyvale. Come along and learn how important it is to care for our river. Find out what lives in and around the area. Take a splash – bring wellies and try catching some small creatures. We might even try some fly fishing (weather permitting).

Venue: Outside Emyvale Enterprise Centre

Organiser: Emyvale Tidy Towns and LAWCO

Email: endafields@eircom.net

Phone: Enda Fields 087 6319298

Gretta, LAWCO 085 8085756

• Suitable for U12 • Partial wheelchair access • Parking available

RETURN OF THE LARAGH SAVAGES

Sunday 25th August

3pm - 5pm

Laragh Heritage, in keeping with this year's Heritage Week theme of 'Past Times/Pastimes', are resurrecting the infamous Laragh Savages football team for an afternoon of fun and games. Find us on google maps using the Tin Church Laragh (approx 54.04 N 6.77 W).

Venue: Larage village, Castleblayney

Organiser: Laragh Heritage

Email: larageheritage@gmail.com

Phone: 086 2572767