

Wednesday 24 August

19.30–20.30

NEWBERRY BEFORE NEWBERRY: THE MAKING OF A KILDARE LANDED ESTATE

Venue: Edenderry Parish Centre, St. Mary's Road, Edenderry
This lecture will trace the making of Newberry Estate by the Pomeroy family in the 18th Century.
Contact: edenderryhistory@gmail.com or phone 086 1751686.

Thursday 25 August

20.00–22.00

LECTURE ON HERBAL MEDICINE IN OFFALY

Venue: OHAS Research Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore
Informative talk on the history and current practice of herbal medicine in Co. Offaly.
Contact: info@offalyhistory.com or phone 057 9321421.

Thursday 25 August

15.00–16.00

KID'S ARCHITECTURAL BINGO

Venue: Clara Library, Ferbane Road, Clara
Take part in architectural bingo and be in with a chance of winning an Offaly heritage poster. Suitable for kids from 8–12 years old.
Contact: clarylrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9331389

Friday 26 August

10.30–12.00

LEARN TO DRAW WILDLIFE

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry
Workshop with wildlife artist Gordon Darcy on how to draw wildlife using art as a focus for learning. Aimed at children aged 8–12 years.
Contact: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 046 9731028.

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Friday 26 August

14.30–16.00

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Friday 26 August

20.00–21.30

DAINGEAN TOWN HALL – PLANS FOR RESTORATION

Venue: Daingean Town Hall, The Square, Daingean
Publication of plans for the restoration of the Town Hall and discussion.
Contact: janettemccormack1@gmail.com or phone 057 9353415

Fri 26 Aug | Sat 27 Aug | Sun 28 Aug

20.00–22.00 | 10.00–16.00 | 10.00–14.00

GEOLOGY WEEKEND ON THE UPPER CARBONIFEROUS

Venue: Kinnitty Community Centre, Kinnitty. (as a base)
John Feehan will lead a three day programme exploring the upper Carboniferous geological period with field trips to Offaly and Laois.
Contact: heritage@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346839.

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Saturday 27 August

10.00–11.00

BASKET WEAVING

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry.
An interactive demonstration of basket weaving.
Contact: mwilliams@offalycoco.ie or phone 046 9731028.

Saturday 27 August

12.00–13.00

SPINNING

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry.
A traditional craft that involves changing fleece (sheeps wool) into yarn.
Contact: mwilliams@offalycoco.ie or phone 046 9731028.

Saturday 27 August

14.00–15.30

TOUR OF THE UNIQUE NAPOLEONIC FORTIFICATIONS OF SHANNONBRIDGE

Venue: Old Fortifications, Shannonbridge.
Guided Tour.
Contact: phone 086 8064253

Saturday 27 August

20.30–22.00

GO BATS IN DAINGEAN: WALK AND TALK

Venue: Daingean Town Hall, Daingean.
A talk and presentation on the habits of bats in and around Daingean followed by a walk around the town with bat detectors. Bring a torch and warm clothes.
Contact: daingeandevelopment@gmail.com or phone 087 7476589

Saturday 27 August

21.00–22.30

A HISTORY OF BOHER CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM 1861–2011

Venue: Boher Catholic Church, Boher, Ballycumber
History of the Church and the site of St. Manchan's Shrine by Stephen McNeill.
Contact: info@offalyhistory.com or phone 057 9321421

Sunday 28 August

14.30–16.00

TOUR OF TULLAMORE ON BICYCLE

Venue: Departing from Tullamore Town Park Car Park.
A bicycle tour of Tullamore Town. Tour guide is Michael Byrne.
Contact: info@offalyhistory.com or phone 057 9321421.

Sunday 28 August

19.00–20.00

RAHAN CHURCH SERVICE AT THE EARLY CHRISTIAN SITE

Venue: Rahan Church of Ireland, Rahan, Tullamore.
All are welcome to this service being held in the centre of Rahan Monastic Site in the church. Parking strictly on roadside. The land in the enclosure is farmed. Please walk across and keep all gates as you find them.
Contact: tullamore@meath.anglican.org or phone 057 9321731.

Saturday 3 September

10.00–16.30

ST BRENDAN OF BIRR

Admission: €15.00

Venue: Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Oxmantown Mall, Birr.
Lectures by Máire Herbert, UCC, Dáithí O'Cróinín, NUIG and Caimín O'Brien, Archaeologist, followed by a visit to St. Brendan's Well.
Contact: mhogan@eircom.net or phone 057 9120185

No admission fees to events unless otherwise indicated

Full event details on: www.heritageweek.ie
or see booklet in local library.



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Offaly Event Guide

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All-Week Events

All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

ENGAGE WITH ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION

Venue: Clara Library, Ferbane Road, Clara.

Exhibition focuses on profiling some of Offaly's protected structures featuring an exhibition, models and jigsaws.

Children's architectural bingo on 25 Aug. at 3pm.

Contact: claralibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9331389.

All-Week (11.00–17.00)

CELEBRATING THE FLOATING HERITAGE OF THE IRISH INLAND WATERWAYS

Venue: Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore.

A display featuring heritage boats to be found on Irish Inland Waters.

Contact: paul@comma.ie or phone 087 2523908.

All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

MAPPING EDENDERRY IN 18th CENTURY: AN EXHIBITION

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry.

An exhibition of maps of Edenderry in the 18th century.

Contact: mwilliams@offalycoco.ie or phone 046 9731028.

All-Week (10.00–17.00)

VARIOUS EVENTS

Venue: Clara Bog Visitor Centre, Clara
Various events to be announced.

Contact: claraguides@environ.ie or phone 057 9368878

All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF BIRR IN THE EARLY 20th CENTURY

Venue: Birr Library, Wilmer Road, Birr
Images from the Lawrence Collection and the Gaynor Collection.

Contact: nowens@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9124950

Saturday 20 August

10.30–17.30

HARRY CLARKE AND HIS STUDIO'S WINDOWS IN OFFALY TOUR

Venue: Bus departing from Bury Quay, Tullamore.

Visit the Harry Clarke and studio windows in Offaly at Mount St. Joseph, the West Offaly cluster and Tullamore. Bring your own picnic.

Contact: heritage@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346839

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Saturday 20 August

14.00–15.00

IRISH WILDLIFE TRUST WILD WATCH WALK: CANAL CRITTERS

Venue: Whitehall Bridge, Tullamore.

Joanne Pender will lead some family fun netting for insects and looking at trees, flowers and birds.

Contact: enquiries@iwt.ie or phone 01 8602839.

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Saturday 20 August

12.00–17.00

LORE AND LAUGHTER IN THE PARKLANDS.

Venue: Lough Boora Parklands, Boora, Leabeg, Tullamore.

Outdoor fun, activities and storytelling in the beautiful setting of Lough Boora Parklands. Event includes storytelling, nature trails, fishing and cycling with bicycle hire available plus lots more for all ages to enjoy.

Contact: thomas.egan@bnm.ie or phone 086 2896397.

Sunday 21 August

14.00–18.00

OPEN DAY AT BLOOMVILLE PARKLAND

Venue: Bloomville House, Geashill (email for directions).

A chance to visit some fine trees, young and old, and adventurous undergrowth attached to a Georgian farmhouse. Quiz sheet available for children. Not suitable in wet weather.

Contact: bloomfettes@eircom.net or phone 057 9343883

Sunday 21 August

15.00–17.30

CLARA BOG AND ESKERS WALK (nominal charge for bus hire)

Venue: Clara Bog Visitor Centre car park (beside Library), Ballycumber Road, Clara

Guided walk that includes part of the eskers in the area, crossing the Clara Bog via the boardwalk and through Doory Wood.

Contact: claraactionplan@gmail.com or phone 085 1740453

Sunday 21 August | Thursday 25 August

14.00–16.00

LEMANAGHAN BOG HERITAGE TALK AND TOUR.

Admission: €5.00

Venue: Old Schoolhouse, Lemanaghan

A fascinating talk on excavations in the surrounding bogs followed by a walking tour of Lemanaghan. Pre booking advisable.

Contact: j_whitaker@adsireland.ie or phone 086 6012040.

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Sunday 21 August

14.00–18.00

CLONONY MEDIEVAL TOWER HOUSE

Admission: None but donations to conservation work appreciated.

Venue: Clonony Castle, Cloghan to Shannonbridge Road.

The bawn, ground floor and first floor are available for viewing.

Contact: clononytower@yahoo.co.uk or phone 090 6457896.

Monday 22 August

18.30–20.30

TALK ON LOCAL FLORA AND GUIDED TOUR OF THE SHANNON CALLOWS

Venue: Crank House, Main Street, Banagher.

Talk with colourful images of local wild plants, botanical chat and plant folklore. Guided walk afterwards which is weather permitting. Wear appropriate footwear/clothing.

Contact: falurumfalah@yahoo.ie or phone 086 8650133/057 9151437

Monday 22 August

20.00–22.00

ILLUSTRATED TALK ON EDENDERRY TO SHANNONHARBOUR ON THE GRAND CANAL BY JAMES SCULLY

Venue: OHAS Research Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore.

Talk covers an armchair tour on the Grand Canal through Co Offaly from Edenderry to Shannonharbour.

Contact: info@offalyhistory.com or phone 057 9321421.

Tuesday 23 August

16.00–16.45

BANAGHER'S JOSTLE STONES AND OTHER OLD STREET FURNITURE

Venue: Banagher Library, Main Street, Banagher.

George Smith, local historian, will give a talk on Banagher's Jostle Stones and other old street furniture.

Contact: banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9151471.

Tuesday 23 August

20.00–21.30

THE MEDIEVAL CASTLE IN GEASHILL

Venue: Old School House, The Green, Geashill.

Caimin O'Brien from the Archaeological Survey of Ireland will present the fascinating history of medieval Geashill Castle.

Contact: geashilltt@gmail.com or phone 086 3267857

Tuesday 23 August

20.00–21.15

TULLAMORE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Admission: €10.00 (€6.00 concession rate).

Venue: Church of the Assumption, Patrick Street, Tullamore.

Johannes Trummer of Austria will give a mid-summer recital on the magnificent Frobenius organ in the Church of the Assumption.

Contact: bridbroderick@gmail.com

or phone 086 3185447/057 9341372

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PRESIDENT OBAMA TOUR OF OFFALY.

Venue: Bus leaving from Bury Quay, Tullamore (17.00 sharp) and Emmet Square, Birr (17.30 sharp).

Visit Shinrone and Moneygall, the key sites connected to President Obama's relations. Limited to 30 persons. Refreshments in Hayes's bar, Moneygall is at participants' expense.

Contact: heritage@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346839.

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(18.00–20.30)

SHOWING OF 'THE FIELD' BY JOHN B. KEANE

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry

A showing of the film by J.B. Keane 'The Field'.

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