

## Wednesday 25 August

16.00–16.45

### Reading Yesterday's News: An Introduction

Venue: Tullamore Library, O'Connor Square, Tullamore.

A demonstration of how to access and use our microfilm newspaper collection.

Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346832

## Thursday 26 August

16.00–16.45

### Downloading Yesterday's News: A Demonstration

Venue: Tullamore Library, O'Connor Square, Tullamore

A demonstration of how to access the Irish Times Archive using the computer facilities of Tullamore Library.

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20.00–22.00

### An Exploration of the Landscape of the Pre-Historic and Early Midlands

Venue: OHAS Research Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore.

Ms. Bernie Moran will give a lecture on "An exploration of the landscape of the pre-historic and early midlands".

Email: info@offalyhistory.com or phone 057 9321421

## Friday 27 August

18.00–20.30

### Knockbarron Eco Walk

Venue: Leaving from Kinnitty Community Centre.

Discover one of the finest and most intact esker systems to be found anywhere in Ireland with your guide John Scully. The walk will be followed by an evening of traditional Irish music at Kinnitty Castle starting at 10.00pm.

Email: info@kinnitty.com or phone 086 2789147

20.00–21.00

### The Life of Edenderry-Born Artist, Thomas Frye

Venue: Edenderry Parish Centre, St. Mary's Road, Edenderry

Celebrating Frye's 300th birthday, Nicola Figgis will talk about the life of Edenderry born artist Thomas Frye who was born in 1710.

Email: edenderryhistory@gmail.com or phone 086 1751686

## Saturday 28 August

14.30–15.30

### Pilgrimage Honouring St. Brendan and Our Christian Heritage

Venue: Gather at St. Brendan's RC Church, Wilmer Road, Birr.

A gentle walk around Birr's Christian sites, with pauses for reflection and prayer. Join us anywhere along the route!

Email: erlibird@gmail.com or phone 057 9120200

## Sat 28 Aug | Sun 29 Aug

15.00–20.00

12.00–16.00

### Offaly Branch of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland/Kilbeggan Harbour Group/Heritage Boat Association – Kilbeggan Challenge

Venue: Ballycommon, Tullamore

Boats and crews gathering at Ballycommon for the Kilbeggan challenge. Annual event to highlight the potential re-watering of the Grand Canal Line from Ballycommon to Kilbeggan Harbour.

Phone: Tim Meehan (086) 8045244

Email: offalyiwai@eircom.net

## Sunday 29 August

20.30–23.00

### Bat Roost and Bat Detecting

Venue: Birr Castle Demesne – meet at Marian Hall carpark adjacent to the Demesne. Noel Bolger and Colm Malone from National Parks and Wildlife Service will lead this visit to see bats. Bring a torch and warm clothes.

Email: bookings@birrcastle.com or phone 057 9120336

14.00–18.00

### Open Day at Bloomville Parkland

Venue: Bloomville House near Geashill (email for directions to find venue). A chance to visit some fine trees, young and old, and adventurous undergrowth attached to a Georgian farmhouse. Not suitable in wet weather.

Email: bloomfettes@eircom.net or phone 057 9343883

14.30–17.00

### Visit to Durrow, Tihilly and Lahinch, Clara

Venue: OHAS Research Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore and Durrow entrance gate.

Visit to the important archaeological sites at Durrow, Tihilly and Lahinch. Depart OHAS at 14.30 and to meet at Durrow entrance gate at 15.00.

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No admission fees to events unless otherwise indicated



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[www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)



## Offaly Event Guide

21.08.2010 – 29.08.2010

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## All-Week Events

### All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

#### Friends of the Leinster Regiment:

#### Display of Military Memorabilia of World War 1

Venue: Birr Library, Wilmer Road, Birr.

A display of military memorabilia focusing on World War 1.

Email: birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9124950

### All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

#### Yesterday's News, Today's History,

#### Tomorrow's Heritage: An Exhibition

Venue: Tullamore Library, O'Connor Square, Tullamore.

A look at the valuable research resource that is our microfilm newspaper collection.

Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346832

### All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

#### Edenderry Heritage Exhibition

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry

Edenderry Heritage

Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie or phone 046 9731028

### All-Week (Library Opening Hours)

#### The Quakers in Edenderry

Venue: Edenderry Library, JKL Street, Edenderry

An exhibition on The Religious Society of Friends in the town of Edenderry.

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### All-Week (Heritage Centre Opening Hours)

#### Tours of Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre

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

Two for the price of one offer when Heritage Week is mentioned.

Tours of the heritage centre all day. (includes audiovisuals and whiskey tasting.

Email: info@tullamore-dew.org or phone 057 9325015

### All-Week (12.00–17.00) (Closed Monday & Tuesday)

#### Belmont Mill & Artist Studios

Venue: Belmont Mill, Belmont

Enjoy a visit to a watermill dating from 1769. Step back in time to when water was used to power machinery. Watch the wheel as it turns the stones that produced flour and oatmeal. See the archive of photos, documents and artifacts.

Email: tom@belmontmill.com

www.belmontmill.com (see website for entry fee)

## Fri 20 Aug | Sat 21 Aug | Sun 22 Aug

20.00

11.00-17.00

11.00-14.00

### Ice Age Two – Exploring Offaly's Geology

Venue: Offaly Historical & Archaeological Society, Bury Quay, Tullamore. Opens on Friday 20th, 8.00pm with introductory talk by John Feehan. Field Trips Saturday and Sunday leaving from Offaly Historical & Archaeological Society.

Email: heritage@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346839

BOOKING  
ESSENTIAL

## Saturday 21 August

14.00–18.00

### Banagher on the Shannon: Irish Myths and Legends

Venue: Banagher Harbour, West End, Banagher

Fancy dress, Irish music and Banagher's heritage. Based on Irish women from mythology who will travel down the river on a barge, accompanied by dancers, singers, BBQ, kids face painting and more.

Email: yvonne\_wds@yahoo.ie or phone 087 2798681

11.00–17.00

### Lough Boora Parklands Wild Child Activity Day

Venue: Lough Boora Parklands, Boora.

Outdoor activities including fishing competitions, guided walks, cycling and music, plus talks on wildlife and flora for adults and children to enjoy.

Email: thomas.egan@bnm.ie or phone 057 9345978

15.00–17.00

### Birr Town Heritage Walk

Venue: Birr Library, Wilmer Road, Birr.

Walk with local guides and people with long memories.

Email: mhogan@eircom.net or phone 057 9120185

## Sunday 22 August

14.00–16.00

### Wildlife Walk at the Slieve Bloom Mountains Nature Reserve

Venue: Wolftrap, Slieve Bloom Nature Reserve.

A look at the ecology of the mountain blanket bog habitat; the plants, insects and birds of the Nature Reserve and ongoing conservation work. Outdoor clothing. Event subject to weather.

Email: jason.monaghan@environ.ie or phone 045 534073

14.30–16.30

### Tullamore – The Other Half

Venue: Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore

A guided walk led by Michael Byrne on the northern side of the town from the Grand Canal as far as Church Street.

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

## Monday 23 August – Friday 27 August

### Office Opening Hours

#### Insect Festival Summer School and

#### Brandon Ballengee Exhibition

Venue: Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore

An exhibition by environmental artist Brandon Ballengee and the children from his summer school, which will mark the completion of his residency in Sculpture in the Parklands.

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## Monday 23 August

20.30–22.00

### Red Grouse in the Slieve Bloom Mountains

Venue: Kinnitty Community Centre

Louise Vaughan will discuss the results of her research examining the Red Grouse in the Slieve Blooms during 2010.

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20.00–21.00

### The Fortunes of Charleville Castle

Venue: Charleville Castle, Tullamore.

The fortunes of Charleville Castle in the mid 19th Century by Ciaran Reilly of Maynooth University.

Email: ciaranjreilly32@hotmail.com or phone 086 1751686

## Tuesday 24 August

18.00–20.30

### Charleville Champion Tree Tour

Venue: Charleville Demesne – Town Gates

David Hutton Bury will lead a guided tour to parts of the Charleville Demesne to see champion tree species.

Wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

Email: heritage@offalycoco.ie or phone 057 9346839

## Wednesday 25 August

19.30–21.30

### The Origins of Daingean Town

Venue: Town Hall, Daingean.

Archaeologist, Caimin O'Brien will give a guided tour to the old fort site. Followed by a talk on life in Daingean in the 16th and 17th Centuries.

Email: daingeandevlopment@gmail.com or phone 087 7476589