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Wildlife Origami Workshop with George Dempsey at Clara and Tullamore Libraries. Try making an Origami bee, ladybirds, butterflies to play in an Origami wildflower garden with the renowned George Dempsey. This a family event for children aged between 5 - 7 but they must be with a grown up. Booking required. Clara Library - Saturday 19th August

11.30am to 12.30pm. Book by Email: claralibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579331389.

Tullamore Library. Saturday 19th August 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Book by Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 0579346832

Lough Boora Pond Dipping and Eco-Cycle - Saturday 19th August. The Bord na Mona Ecology team will take participants pond dipping at 12pm (sharp) followed by an eco-cycle through the Sculpture Park at a p p r o x i m a t e l y 1.30pm. The team will have a limited supply of pond dipping equipment and will have thirty childrens' bikes free of

charge available for the cycle. Meet at Lough Boora Discovery Park Visitor Centre. - Booking required Email: info@loughboora.com. Telephone: 0579340010 or 0879711658.

Visit to Durrow High Cross - Saturday 19th August at 2.00pm - A visit to Durrow High Cross and Monastic Site presented by Offaly History President Helen Bracken. Meet at Durrow Abbey Church. Email: info@offalyhistory.com Telephone: 0579321421

Charleville Demesne Walk on Sunday 20th August from 2.30pm to

4.30pm - A look at the natural and man-made landscape of Charleville Demesne from the 1500s to the 20th century, with guides Richard Jack, Fergal McCabe and Michael Byrne. Assemble at Charleville Demesne gates. Email: info@offalyhistory.com. Telephone: 0579321421

Revolutionary Walking Tour - Monday 21st August from 7.00pm to 8.15pm - Join Dr Ciaran Reilly of Edenderry Historical Society for a walking tour of 'Revolutionary Edenderry' highlighting the impact of various rebellions locally including the 1798 rebellion; the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence. Meet at Edenderry Town Hall. Email: edenderryhistory@gmail.com. Telephone: 0861751686.

In The Shadow of Giants - Monday 21st August from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This short forest walk will visit a magnificent stand of 80-year-old Sitka Spruce located in a wonderful riverside setting in Glenregan. Meet in Kinnitty Village. Organised by Coillte. Email: richard.jack@coillte.ie. Telephone: 0862502573

Earls of Charleville 1700-1950 - Monday 21st August at 8.00pm at Bury Quay, Offaly History Centre, Tullamore - An illustrated talk by Michael Byrne on the Moore and Bury families who are connected with Charleville Demesne and the building of Charleville Castle over a period of 250 years. Email: info@offalyhistory.com. Telephone: 0579321421

Tour of Crinkill Village with Birr Historical Society Monday 21st August at 7.30pm. Join Brian Kennedy and Jimmy Shortt on a leisurely stroll through the historic village of Crinkill. Discover the

rich and colourful heritage of a village often associated only with its military past. Email: jimmy-maryshortt@eircom.net

Tour of Birr Library - Tuesday 22nd August at 11.00am: Wednesday 23rd 6.30pm: Friday 25th 4.00pm. An hour's guided tour by the library staff of the historical features, artifacts and displays to be seen in Birr Library. Booking required. Email: birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie or Telephone: 0579124950

Classical Favourites with Austin Brennan of Tullamore Gramophone Society - a lunchtime concert at 1.00pm on Tuesday 22nd August in Tullamore Library, O'Connor Sqaure, Tullamore. Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579346832

Talk by Valerie Moffat from the National Gallery on their 20th Century Art Collection on Tuesday 22nd August in Tullamore Library at 6.30pm. - booking required Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579346832

Author Niall Mac Coitir will talk about the 'Folklore of Irish Trees & Wild Plants' on Tuesday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Find out all about the myths, legends and uses of our native plants. In Offaly History, Bury Quay. Organised by the Irish Wildlife Trust Laois Offaly Email: brian.iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com Telephone: 0877829477

Birds in Central Ireland - An illustrated talk by Stephen Heery on 25 years of producing the Mid-Shannon Bird Report. In Crank House, Banagher on Tuesday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Email: heritage@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579346839

Dr Claudia Kinmonth will talk



Offaly Historical Society are hosting a walk to Ballycowan Castle along the Grand Canal Line along the new cycle path route on Sunday 27th. This will pass by Srah Castle which is on private land but visible from the tow path. The walk will be led by brothers John and James Scully and promises to be engaging and informative. TT3006GS

about the Hynes/Egan home in Carrigeen Five Alley on Wednesday 23rd August at 10.00am and 12noon. Dr Kinmonth is the author of Irish Country Furniture 1700 to 1950 and she has been working with the Egan family in 2017 to care for the fixtures and fittings of their family home. Booking essential with heritage@offalycoco.ie Telephone 0579346839. Places limited.

Placenames Workshop for Meitheal Dúchas.ie/Logainm.ie - Wednesday 23rd August 10.30am to 11.30am (Tullamore Library). Wednesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm (Edenderry Library) - Find out how you can contribute to the preservation of Ireland's cultural heritage. Transcribe folklore from the 1930s with Meitheal Dúchas.ie and record minor placenames with Meitheal Logainm.ie. Organised by Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge, DCU. Booking required. Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579346832. Website: duchas.ie/en/meitheal/

Go Wild 'n the Woods at Mount Briscoe on Wednesday 23rd August 10.30am to 2.30pm - booking required. Wild play activities include den building, bushcraft, exploring nature and campfire cooking! Discover the Queen of the bridges to scramble and of course mud!! Child: €5.00. Book via Email: events@mountbriscoe.ie. Telephone: 0872507827. Website: mountbriscoe.ie

Observing Offaly Exhibition featuring photographs taken from "Observing Offaly" book by Veronica Nicholson. This book chronicles the everyday life of one year in her adopted county. Wednesday 23rd August 1.30 to 7.00pm & 6.00pm to 8.00pm in Daingean Library. Email: daingeanlibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579353005.

Nature Art & Craft with Offaly Libraries - Suitable for 8 - 12years olds. - booking required with library branches listed below: Daingean Library on Wednesday 23rd August 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Email: daingeanlibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579353005 Clara Library, on Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Email: claralibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579331389 Birr Library, on Wednesday 23rd 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Email: birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579124950 Banagher Library on Thursday 24th 2.30pm to 3.30pm Email: banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579151471 Kilcormac on Thursday 24th 2.30pm to 3.30pm Email: kilcormaclibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579135086 Tullamore Library on Friday 25th 2.30pm to 3.30pm Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579346832 Fербane Library on Friday 25th 12.00noon to 1.00pm Email: fer-



Above: Gate at Temple Connor at Clonmacnoise. The OPW are hosting an exhibition of Dan Edwards' metal work in Temple Connor during Heritage Week. Dan Edwards made the gate into Temple Connor and the lights for the Church of Ireland in the 1960s. In the 1990s he worked with the OPW to make a commemorative piece for the entrance to the Visitor Centre based on the Clonmacnoise Grave Slab 'Or Ar Fiachraidh'. In 2017 Dan Edwards, The Life and Times of a Craftsman and Artist by Declan Ryan with Dan Edwards was published by Offaly County Council and this exhibition is a unique opportunity to see the range of Dan's work first hand. See www.heritageweek for opening times. Photo by Stephen Callaghan. TT3002GS

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banelibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0906454259

Art & Craft at Edenderry Library - Wednesday 23rd August from 4.00pm to 5.00pm Using old historic techniques we will weave our own crosses and learn to use the ancient Ogham alphabet. - booking required. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0469731028

Wild Play at Mount Briscoe on Wednesday 23rd from 6.00pm to 8.00pm - booking required. A nature walk, talk and play for families with kids aged 5 and up. A series of games & activities where we use all our senses to observe the biodiversity that is everywhere around you. Book via Email: mountbriscoe@gmail.com. Telephone: 087 2507827

Website: mountbriscoe.ie

Talk and Walk at the Grand Canal in

Daingean with James Scully - Wed 23rd August 6.30pm to 7.30pm. James Scully will be the guide with some local notables. Weather permitting, there will be a walk following the talk on the Grand Canal. Meet in Daingean Library. Email: daingeanlibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 0579353005 (Not suitable for Children under 12)

"The health benefits of wild foods around us and how to use them". Talk by Bernard Gibney who is local known for his Garden Preserves. On Wednesday 23rd August 6.30pm to 7.30pm in Edenderry Library. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 046 9731028

Bringing Matters to a Head David Broderick of the Irish Workhouse Centre in Portumna presents a lecture on the burning of Derrylahan House in Rathcabbin, Co. Tipperary -Thursday

24th August from 11.00am to 12.00pm. (Not suitable for children under 12). In Birr Library. Organiser: David Broderick from the Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna. Booking required. Email: kilcormaclibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0579124950

Mountmellick Lace Workshop in Edenderry library on Thursday 24th August 11.00am to 12.30pm. Mountmellick Lace has a long association with the Quakers who fostered this tradition. Booking is essential. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0469731028

Open Day at Charleville Castle - Thursday 24th August 12noon to 4.00pm. Once a year for National Heritage Week Charleville Castle opens its doors free of charge to the public to explore its beauty, admire its unique architectural detail and hear its many ghost stories. Organised by Charleville Castle Heritage Trust. Email: info@charvillecastle.com. Telephone: 057 93 23040

'Elements' Exhibition by Tina Claffey in Kilcormac Library, Thursday 24th August from 1.00pm to 5.30 / 6.00pm to 8.00pm. 'Elements' delves deeper into this natu-

ral wilderness, explores the depths of the mysterious bog pools and captures the effect of the of wind, storms, sunshine with traditional photographic techniques. Email: kilcormaclibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 057 9135086

Belmont Restored 18th century Oat Mill - Thursday 24th August 1.00pm to 5.00pm and Friday 25th August 1.00pm to 5.00pm Take a guided tour of this mill powered by the Brosna River and hear the history of this once very important oat and flour mill in Belmont. Email: sandylloyd60@gmail.com. Telephone: 087 9893805 Website: belmontmill.com

History of Edenderry Quakers in Edenderry Library on Thursday 24th August at 3.00pm. This is a presentation on the history of the Edenderry Quakers. Booking required. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0469731028

Bird Watch Ireland Swift Talk - Banagher Library on Thursday 24th August from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. A bird talk and walk lead by Brian Caffrey of Bird Watch Ireland on one of Banagher's most intriguing urban birds, the swift. Email: banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 057 9151471

Learn More About the Great War -Thursday 24th August 6.00pm to 7.30pm in Tullamore Library - Tullamore Phoenix Militaria Club will provide a free workshop at Tullamore library to help you find out more about relatives who fought in World War 1. Booking required. Email: tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 057 9346832

Badger Watch Evening at Mount Briscoe, Daingean on Thursday 24th August 8.45pm to

11.00pm. Join us as the sun sets on Mount Briscoe to get a closer look at these elusive mammals in their natural habitat. Learn about badgers, foxes, moths, bats and other creatures of the night. Email: mountbriscoe@gmail.com Telephone: 087 2507827 Website: mountbriscoe.ie

Heremon & Heber and Battle of Geashill on Friday 25th August at 8.00pm Talk followed by book launch about the epic saga of the brothers Heremon and Heber and the Battle of Geashill, reputed to be in the year 1699 BC, written by Clemens Von Ou. This story is documented in many ancient medieval Irish books. In St. Mary's Hall, Geashill and organised by Geashill Tidy Towns.

Wildlife of Clara Bog, meeting at the Clara Boardwalk (Rahan Road) on Friday 25th August 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Have you ever wondered what a living bog is

Come and discover the flora and fauna of a living bog as National Parks and Wildlife guides introduce you to some key features that can be observed from our 1km boardwalk. Email: claraguides@ahg.gov.ie. Telephone: 057 9368878

Bat Walk by the Shannon in Banagher on Friday 25th August from 9.30pm to 10.30pm. Discover what bats live in Banagher. Hear their feeding frenzy brought to life using bat detectors. Meet at Banagher Park (Galway side). Email: banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 0868650133

Fortress Banagher Tour on Saturday 26th August from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. The history and architecture of Fort Eliza, the Bridge Barrack, Cromwell's Castle and Fanesker Martello Tower, presented by Eoghan

Broderick, Tony Cormican and James Scully. Car pooling essential! Assemble inside Crank House, Main St, Banagher. Email: info@offalyhistory.com. Telephone: 057 932 1421

Grand Canal Walk to Ballycowan Castle and Back on Sunday 27th at 11.00am to 3.30pm. Expert guiding from John and James Scully with some mystery guests. Assemble outside Offaly History Centre, Bury Quay, Tullamore at 10.45am. Email: info@offalyhistory.com. Telephone: 057 9321421

Clonbullogue Annual Steam Threshing on Sunday 27th August 2.00pm to 6.00pm. This is the 43rd year of the threshing festival in Clonbullogue and will commence with a parade of vintage cars & machinery. Organised by Clonbullogue Development Association, Admission: Adult: €5.00, Children free. Email: mauraallen1@eircom.net. Telephone: 086 8512918

The Irish Mountain Hare - A walk and talk by Noel Bugler, wildlife ranger with NPWS, to see hares in their natural habitat. Meet at Teach Lea Community Centre at Boora at 11.00am on Sunday 27th August. Booking essential. Email: heritage@offalycoco.ie or Telephone: 0579346839.

Week Long Events

Ballycumber Discovery Walk - The Ballycumber Discovery Walk is a self-guided 5km loop of Ballycumber Village, Grogan, Liss, Prospect and Twickenham to return to Ballycumber on Public roads. Start in Ballycumber Village. Pick up a copy of the tour in the Barracks or purchase a copy in Ballycumber Post Office in Gussies Supermarket and in



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Flynn's of Grogan. (10) Organiser: Ballycumber GAA History Group. Email: eamlark@gmail.com

Heritage Week Trail in Banagher Library. Search the library to find pictures of sites, monuments and icons to complete the Quest! You have one hour to complete the quest to gain your questor's certificate, wristband and treat! Email: banagherlibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 0579151471

Heritage Quest 2017 at Birr Library This children's challenge will take about an hour during library opening hours. Organiser: Offaly Library Service. Email: birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie Telephone: 057 9124950 Website: offaly.ie/libraries

Display of a historical Quaker book and artifacts on loan from the Edenderry Quakers in Edenderry Library Organised by Offaly Library Service. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0469731028

Landscape by Anna Trojanowska exhibition of her Irish Landscapes in mixed media oils, graphics

and photographs. In Edenderry Library - library opening hours. Email: edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie. Telephone: 0469731028

Local Biodiversity Junior Nature Photo Exhibition at Tullamore Library. This exhibition celebrates local biodiversity as well as the talent of junior photographers. All photos taken by children aged 5-12. Organised by Irish Wildlife Trust (Laois/Offaly Branch) Do check www.heritageweek.ie for more details and for any events that may have been posted recently.

Fancroft Mill will open on Saturday 26th August at 2.00pm with two talks, guided tour of the mill conservation project and access to the gardens with some light refreshments with a focus on 'Fancroft Makes a home for Milling Association's Archival Material'. Speakers Tom Lonergan, Archivist and Marcus Sweeney Mill Owner. Booking is essential.

Places are limited (and always go fast!) Email: millgardens@gmail.com or Telephone 0505 31484



George Dempsey workshops will be held in Clara and Tullamore libraries on Saturday 19th August. TT3004GS

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Battle of Geashill remembered in new publication

Editor's Choice

The Tribune spotlights one of the events which takes place during Heritage Week in Offaly

Ger Scully

A BLOODY battle between two brothers to decide the ownership of Ireland in ancient times has been chronicled in a new publication to be launched during Heritage Week in Offaly.

"Heremon and Heber; the Battle of Geashill" is published by local historian Clemens Von Ow and will be launched on Friday, August 25 at 8.00 pm in St Mary's Hall, Geashill.

The battle reputedly

took place in the year 1699 B.C. and is believed to have been fought on a site on the esker near modern day Geashill village.

The book charts the lead up to the dispute between the two brothers, Heremon and Heber, culminating in the epic battle between them and their followers.

The brothers were sons of Milesius, who led his people to Ireland from Spain and defeated the Tuatha de Danann to gain possession of the island.

The book has been

a labour of love and fascination for Clemens, a tillage farmer who has devoted many months study to the publication.

It is presumed that the battle is mythological, pointed out Clemens, who added that the ancient records chronicling it had been transcribed by medieval monks and thus preserved for antiquity.

Clemens publication is a careful compilation of details relating to the brothers' feud and the history of Ireland leading up to the confrontation gleaned from a whole host of ancient texts.

These include the Annals of

Clonmacnois, the Book of Ballymote, Geoffrey Keating's "Foras Feasa ar Eireann" as well as the 19th century Ordnance Survey letters of Dr John O'Donovan.

"All the details have been taken from these manuscripts but in my version I have rephrased sentences into more digestible English," explained Clemens.

He added: "The period is so long ago and is probably mythological though it was believed to be actual history for a long time."

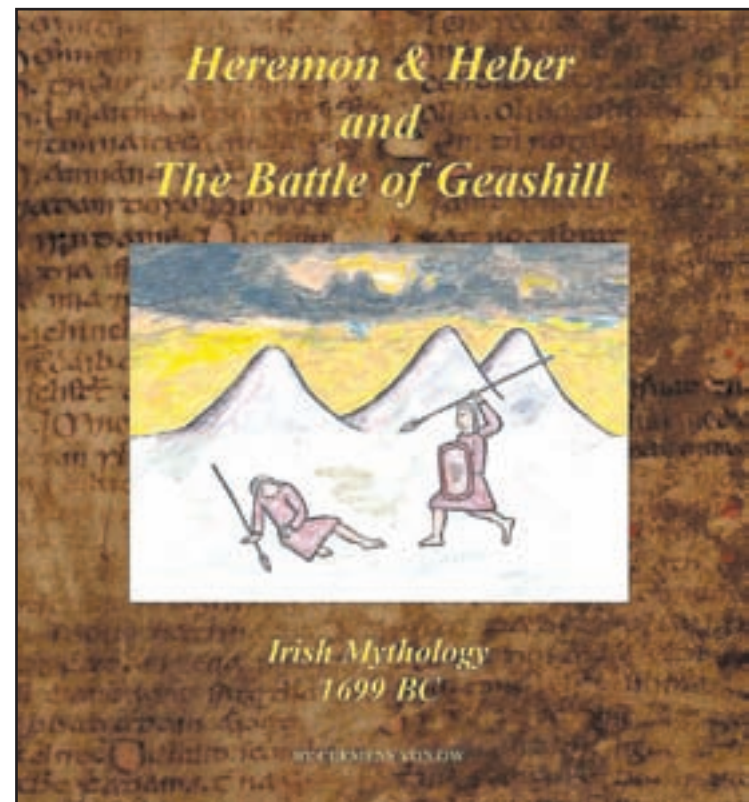
"O'Donovan went searching everywhere for the grave of Heber but couldn't find it," he said.

Clemens speculated the probable site of the battle was somewhere behind Geashill Castle near St Mary's Church.

The launch will be preceded by a talk on the battle and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Geashill Tidy Towns.

Also at the launch local musicians will perform the work composed by the late Johnny Brady, "The Battle of Geashill", inspired by the book's subject matter.

Born in Dublin, Clemens is of German extraction with his parents having immigrated here from Bavaria in the early 1960s.



The cover of the new publication which will be launched during Heritage Week in Offaly: "Heremon and Heber; the Battle of Geashill". TT3007GS

Nature the theme of Heritage Week

HERITAGE WEEK takes place from Saturday 19th August to Sunday 27th August. Heritage Week is a wonderful annual opportunity to explore heritage nationally and to see parts of your county with a guide or to get to see places not always available.

This supplement is a summary of what is on and new events may be seen on www.heritage-week.ie. The vast majority of events are hosted by community groups, individuals, the library network and societies reflecting the interest in heritage throughout the county.

All events are free unless stated. Do check which events you need to book. Do check ahead with organisers of events for details. More details are available on www.heritageweek.ie.

This year's theme is Nature and here are some of the events available

The Irish Wildlife Trust Laois Offaly branch is going from strength to strength in the past couple of years and they are hosting two events for Heritage Week. Niall Mac-

Coitir author of 'Folklore of Irish Trees & Wild Plants'. will give a talk based on his well-known book. He will talk about the myths, legends and uses of our native plants on the subject. The IWT have also organised the Local Biodiversity Junior Nature Photo Exhibition at Tullamore Library. This exhibition celebrates local biodiversity as well as the talent of junior photographers.

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and has an unrivalled knowledge of the forests and paths.

Banagher is the location for three wildlife events. Stephen Heery has been bird watching and collating records in the midlands for over 25 years and will talk about Birds In Central Ireland a publication he co-ordinates and producing the Mid Shannon Bird Report. It is an important event for all those interested in birds which will be held in Crank House on Tuesday 22nd.

This will be followed on Thursday by Bird Watch Ireland's Brian Caffrey talking about the swift that comes to Ireland to nest. The swift has an extraordinary life - they winter in tropical Africa and they start to arrive in Offaly from the end of April onwards and most will have departed by mid-late August, a considerably shorter stay than the swallow. They are about the same size as a swallow, but dark all over. They spend virtually all of their life airborne and don't rest on wires, as swallows and martins fre-

quently do. It is one of the fastest flying birds in Ireland.

You will hear much more about these extraordinary birds and have a chance to see them flying around Banagher town with their distinctive high-pitches cream.

On the Friday night Banagher Tidy Towns are hosting a bat walk and will have bat detectors available on the night to hear their calls while they are coming out to feed. There are nine species of bats in Ireland and several can be found in Banagher. Bats are fascinating mammals.

Lough Boora Parklands has an extraordinary range of flora and fauna developing on the cut-away peatland and we are lucky that Bord na Mona's ecology team are based at Boora and are very familiar with the species that can be seen. They are hosting pond dipping and an ecocycle at Lough Boora (12noon to 3.00pm on Saturday 19th). They even have up to 30 bicycles to hire for free so book early! info@lough-boora.com

Wildlife Origami Workshop with George Dempsey of Mojo Creations at Clara and Tullamore Libraries. George has always enjoyed transforming paper into animals long before he heard of origami. His true passion is creating and teaching Origami combining his craft skills and training as in artist and graphic designer with the 'Art of Japanese Paper Folding'. For Heritage Week George will work with children to make bees, ladybirds, butterflies from paper to play in an Origami wildflower garden in both Clara and Tullamore Libraries. This is likely to be very popular so book now!

Mount Briscoe, just outside Daingean, is a beautiful house and demesne.

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Older children will find it great to be out at dusk for the Badger Watch Evening at Mount Briscoe, Daingean on Thursday 24th August. Many animals just come out at dusk and this evening will talk about badgers, foxes, moths, bats and other creatures of the night as the sun sets on Mount Briscoe providing a closer look at these elusive mammals in their natural habitat.