

March Heritage News

County Kildare Archaeological Society Seminar- Remembering 1916 Seminar

County Kildare Archaeological Society is hosting a seminar on 1916 in Killashee House Hotel, Saturday 12th March. To book:

www.kildarearchsoc.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/CKAS-2016-Seminar-Booking-form.pdf

Kildare County Council Community Grants

The KCC Community, Festival and Heritage grant Schemes are now open. The application form and various scheme details are available on KCC website. The closing date is Friday 18th March 2016. Please note there are three grant schemes but one application form so if you are applying for two separate schemes there must be a separate application form and you must indicate which grant scheme you are apply for on each individual form. Each scheme has its own specific guidelines which are attached to the application form. Please ensure you have met the criteria and specifics of each scheme.

Kildare Biodiversity Week

Kildare Biodiversity week will run from Sunday 22nd May to 29th May. We are currently putting together a programme of events. If group including Tidy Towns groups would like to organise/host an event please contact me.

Heritage Week- Time to Start Planning

National Heritage Week takes place from 20th to 28th August. Some of you may already have events scheduled, for others this may be your first year getting involved. We're here to help, whether you're an old hand or a newbie.

To help you plan your events, the Heritage Council is organising free training days for event organisers in either Dublin or Galway. Topics will include reaching new audiences, networking, resources and event management. The full programme of speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Dublin - [Register Now](#) Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Thursday 14 April, 10am - 4pm

Galway - [Register Now](#) Druid Theatre, Flood Street, Wednesday 27 April, 10am- 4pm

Places are limited so please book early.

This year's theme

This year the Heritage Council has chosen the theme 100 Years of Heritage for National Heritage Week. We will be focusing on how people make places and what that has meant for Ireland's built, natural and cultural heritage over the last 100 years.

County Kildare Decade of commemorations celebration 1916

A huge range of local, national and international events are planned for the centenary of the Easter Rising. Details of events are available

on www.facebook.com/kildaredecadeofcommemorations or www.kildare2016.ie/

The Road to Rebellion Concerts

A number of concerts featuring songs from the Rising are being organised throughout the county from

26th March to 24th April. The booking for the five concerts is being done via Riverbank Arts Centre's box office in Newbridge, so to book go to: www.riverbank.ie/

The tickets are free of charge but a ticket will be needed to attend a concert.

26.03.2016 Riverbank Arts Centre, **Newbridge** 7.30 p.m.
28.03.2016 Carton House, **Maynooth** 3.30 p.m.
02.04.2016 **Athy** Arts Centre 7.30 p. m.
23.04.2016 Castletown House, **Celbridge**, 7.30 p.m.
24.04.2016 Town Hall, **Naas** 7.30 p.m.

Kildare BirdWatch Ireland

- **March Outing Saturday 12th March:** Annual outing to Lough Boora Discovery Park, Co Offaly. Meet at the main car park at Boora at 10:00am

All Ireland Junior Pollinator Plan launched

A junior version of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is launched to bring this important message to the next generation: http://ark.ie/downloads/Junior_Pollinator_Plan_for_Web2.pdf

In order to encourage participants of all levels of skill and ability to take part, teams will be allocated at their request into one of two groups:

Category A (i.e. 'experienced' teams)

Category B (i.e. 'beginners / improvers' teams)

There are prizes for teams in each category with the highest number of species recorded. Bird racing is simply great craic and a good way to start off the new birding year. Furthermore, records from the day will be compiled and entered into BirdTrack.

Irish Georgian Society Series of Talks

“CONSERVING YOUR DUBLIN PERIOD HOUSE COURSE 2016”

The Irish Georgian Society and Dublin City Council have assembled a team of conservation experts to present a series of talks on the history and significance of Dublin's period houses and practical advice on their conservation. Attendance at the talks will prove invaluable for owners of all periods and types of houses, from the modest Edwardian artisan dwelling to the substantial red-bricks of the Victorian suburbs and the fine townhouses of our Georgian city squares, providing an A to Z for their care and conservation. These talks will also benefit building professionals and practitioners and are approved for CPD by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, Engineers Ireland, the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland, the Irish Planning Institute and the Heritage Contractors.

Talks, which will commence on Tuesday 1st March 2016, and continue for 12 weeks, will take place from 1pm to 2pm, in the Helen Roe Theatre, RSAI, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. The talks are priced at €15 each, payable at the door, or booked in advance at a reduced rate of €125 for all twelve talks.

Click here <http://www.igs.ie/events/detail/conserving-your-dublin-period-house-course-spring-2016> to download the full programme and book for the course on-line.

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Please circulate. If you wish to be removed or added to the Kildare Heritage Office mailing list let me know by return email or if you have a heritage event you would like to publicise let me know.

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