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Event Guide

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WEEK-LONG EVENTS

Longford Library - St. Mel's Cathedral Exhibition

22nd - 26th August: 10:00 - 17:00

An exhibition telling the story of the history of the stunning cathedral, the tragic fire and the ongoing restoration works. Longford Branch Library, Longford Town. Free admission. heritage@longford-coco.ie / (043) 3321124

Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - Corlea Crafffest

20th - 28th August: 10:00 - 17:00

Celebrate The Year of Craft with exhibits by local crafts people, Michelle Cassins, Una Clarke, Brendan Collum & Patricia O'Flaherty. Children must be supervised whilst viewing exhibits. Free admission. Corlea@opw.ie / (043) 3322386

Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - Excavation Of Ederclon Trackways Exhibition

20th August - 28th August: 10:00 - 17:00

Exhibition of photos & information on this fascinating wetland excavation near the N4 Roosky/Drumsna bypass. Authors: N.R.A., Leitrim Co.Co. & C.R.D.S. Free admission. Corlea@opw.ie / (043) 3322386

Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre - Arts, Crafts & Creativity Workshops

22nd-26th August : 12:00 - 15:00

Bringing the history & heritage of Ardagh to life through a range of arts-based workshops including: painting, drawing, sewing, drama, story-telling & creative writing. Children welcome. Free admission. Situated in the Ardagh Heritage Centre. Booking recommended. www.creativeardagh.blogspot.com.

Once upon a time...

National Tell Tale Storytelling Competition

Win a luxurious break away at Kinnitty Castle with Discover Ireland.ie & celebrate National Heritage Week with The Heritage Council by taking part in the Tell Tale Storytelling Competition!

Visit www.heritageweek.ie for more information

National Heritage Week Photography Competition

A picture tells a thousand words. Take a photo that sends a message about our heritage for a chance to win some great prizes. Visit www.heritageweek.ie for more details.

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26th August

19:30 - 20:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre -

Excavations Of The Heart

Local writers read from prose & poetry close to their heart. Free admission. Booking advised. Corlea@opw.ie / (043) 3322386.

27th August

13:00 - 14:30: Irish Wildlife Trust -

Wild Watch Walk Longford Glen Lake

Noreen McLoughlin will lead a walk exploring the environs of Glen Lake to discover its wildlife. Meet in the carpark at Glen Lough, 3km from Edgeworthstown. Free admission. Wear suitable walking shoes & outdoor clothing. Booking advised. enquiries@iwt.ie

19:30 - 21:00: Kenagh District Development Association -

Walking Tour of Historic Kenagh

Discover the history and stories behind the buildings of Kenagh's village centre. Meeting at St. Dominic's Church carpark. Free event. Please wear appropriate walking shoes and outdoor clothing. heritage@longfordcoco.ie

28th August

12:00 - 17:00: County Longford Harvest Festival

Taking place in Rathcline, Lanesboro, this is a celebration of Longford's rich rural past, with historic farm machinery & demonstrations of traditional agricultural skills and traditional crafts. Suitable for all the family. Admission: €10.

14:00 - 15:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre -

Presentation Of Art Winners

Presentation of prizes to winning Children's Heritage Week Art Competition entries. Free admission. Corlea@opw.ie / (043) 3322386.

15:00 - 16:30 Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre -

Teogolin's Tales

Unique storytelling with tales of Fionn mac Cumhaill & Tom Connor's Cat! A real treat for all the family featuring specially-created masks bringing characters to life. Free admission. Booking recommended. Corlea@opw.ie / (043) 3322386.



20th August

10:00 - 16:00: Ballinamuck Enterprise Group - *Ballinamuck Visitors Centre Open Day*

Visit the historic Ballinamuck Visitors Centre, ('98 Memorial Hall, Main St., Ballinamuck), to retrace the famous Battle of Ballinamuck & 1798 Rebellion. Also, trace your Ballinamuck ancestors on the 1911 Census. Children welcome. Free admission. (043) 3324355
splennon@hotmail.com/ heritage@longfordcoco.ie

12:00 - 15:00: Ballinamuck Enterprise Group - *Guided Bog Walk of Edenmore Bog*

Explore the beautiful Edenmore Bog with commentary on its flora & fauna. Meet at the Ballinamuck Visitors Centre, ('98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck) at 12pm. Wear appropriate walking shoes & clothing. Children welcome. Free admission. (043) 3324355/
splennon@hotmail.com/ heritage@longfordcoco.ie

12:00 - 17:00: Ardagh Heritage & Creativity Centre - *Grand Opening Family Day*

Launch of Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre. Family Fun, Story-Telling, Arts & Crafts, Face-Painting. Children welcome. Free admission. www.creativeardagh.blogspot.com

13:00 - 17:00: Fr. Manning Gaels GAA Club - *Fair Day In Ballinamuck*

With vintage vehicles & machinery display. Traditional skills demonstrations including butter churning & boxty making with tea & cakes. Part of the *Marquee in Drumlish & Fair Day in Ballinamuck Festival* (18th-21st August 2011) www.themarqueeindrumlish.ie. Children welcome. Variable admission. 087 7611883/
secretary.frmanninggaels.longford@gaa.ie

15:00 - 16:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Tell A Tale Day: The Magic Story Bag*

Celebrate "Tell a Tale Day" with the guides. Create your own story for the Tallest Tale Competition and win a prize, (7-12 years). Storytelling fun & games. Booking & Adult Supervision required. Free admission. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

16:00 - 19:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *"Sweet Auburn" music performance*

Enjoy the unique harmonies of the renowned ladies barbershop group. Free admission. Children welcome. Booking recommended. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

21st August

14:00 - 15:00: County Longford Bee-keepers Association - *Visit to the Apiary, Farraghroe.*

Visit the Association apiary and learn about bees and beekeeping. Meeting at Cullyfad Church carpark at 2pm sharp. Limited protective suits available, please bring your own if possible. 087 9691176/ heritage@longfordcoco.ie

16:00 - 17:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Peatland And Garden Birds*

Alex Copland (Birdwatch Ireland) discusses how to attract birds to your garden & to identify garden & peatland birds. Free admission. Children welcome. Booking recommended. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

22nd August

11:30 - 12:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *B Is For Bats!*

Learn about bats & how to make a bat box with Áine Fenor. (8-12 years). Free admission. Booking essential & parental supervision required. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

12:00 - 15:30: NPWS-North Midlands Region - *Nature Walks At Glen Lake*

Nature walks of this remarkable habitat at 12pm and 2pm. Duration: 1.5 hrs. Follow signage from Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford. Free admission. Children welcome. Wear appropriate walking shoes and outdoor clothing. julie.kearney@environ.ie / (071) 9666704.

19:30 - 20:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Andrius & Co*

A distinctive blend of voices, music & nationalities perform "Airs on a G-string" to "Basin St. Blues." Not suitable for children. Free admission. Booking recommended. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

19:30 - 21:00: Edgeworthstown Development & Heritage Group *Unveiling of Historical Plaques*

Unveiling of plaques at Edgeworthstown House, The Rectory & St. John's Church to commemorate the Edgeworth Family. Meet at St. John's at 7.30pm. Free event. Wear appropriate shoes & clothing. Refreshments served. edgelocdev@eircom.net / (043) 6671801

19:30 - 21:00: Ardagh Tidy Towns Committee - *Tour of Ardagh Graveyard*

Learn about the history and stories of those interred in the historic graveyard in Ardagh. Free event. Wear appropriate shoes & clothes. heritage@longfordcoco.ie / (043) 3340731 for details.

23rd August

11:30 - 13:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Do You Dig Archaeology?*

Become a dirt detective & learn about archaeology (8-12 years). Why not dress up for the part? Dress for Mess. Free admission. Booking essential. Places limited to 15. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

19:30 - 20:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *The Fadden More Psalter-Medieval Manuscript*

Learn the secrets between the covers of this astonishing bog treasure with Rolly Read, National Museum of Ireland. Free admission. Booking essential. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

24th August

11:30 - 13:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Ooey, Gooley, Nature!*

Have fun investigating the squishy, slimy, yucky side of nature. Dress for Mess. Only for the very brave! Booking essential: places are limited to 15 (8-12 years only). Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

15:00 - 16:30: Granard Library - *A Tale of Two Soldiers Archaeology Workshop*

Help uncover the story of two soldiers lives through the artefacts they left behind (Ages 8-12). Free admission. Booking required. heritage@longfordcoco.ie / (043)6686164.

19:30 - 20:30: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Continuing a series of Kenagh Evenings on local heritage. Author & broadcaster, Aidan O'Hara discusses the family names of Kenagh & Longford. Of great interest to all Kenagh people. Free admission. Booking essential. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.

25th August

10:30 - 17:00: Ballymahon Heritage & Market Day

Street market, traditional crafts demonstrations, talks, children's storytelling, walking tours and much more. See event brochure more details or contact Ballymahon Library at (090) 6432546 or visit www.longfordlibrary.ie

15:00 - 16:00: Longford Library - *"Bunnyhop Introduces Cornelius Rabbit of Tang"*

Storytelling with Bunnyhop, introducing the antics of his friend Cornelius Rabbit of Tang. (Suitable for young children) Free admission. Booking required. (043) 3321124.

19:30 - 21:00: Ballymahon History Group - *"Leo" Casey Evening*

An evening of poetry, song & story in Ballymahon Library, to celebrate the work of John Keegan "Leo" Casey, the well-known writer with strong ties to Ballymahon. Free admission. Contact Ballymahon Library at (090) 6432546 or heritage@longfordcoco.ie

26th August

08:30 - 11:00: Granard County Market - *Country Market Heritage Day*

Showcasing our traditional range of baking, as well as craft demonstrations, buttermaking, needlecraft & boxty making at the Granard Market House, Main St. Free admission. margaret@kjsblues.com / 086 3029045

14:00 - 17:00: Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre - *Memories & Music*

Special event for senior citizens who are invited to bring along old photos & share stories. Noel Carberry provides the music. Free admission. Booking advised. Corlea@opw.ie/(043) 3322386.