

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

**PUBLIC
MEETINGS
RE: LEADER
PROG.**

**DUHALLOW'S
HISTORIC
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MAY 2015

LEADER 2014- 2020 Planning Stage

IRD Duhallow will hold a series of **public consultations meetings** during May to give people an opportunity to express their ideas and plans for our next LEADER Programme. Please note LEADER funding has been cut by over 70% . However, we still want to hear what your plans are. Everyone from the business community, community organisations, farming sector, environment groups, sporting organisations, youth and actively retired clubs are invited to attend and input:

Wednesday 6th May Boherbue/Kiskeam in Boherbue Parish Hall @ 8pm
Monday 11th May Rockchapel & Knockaclarig in Bruach na Carraige @ 8pm
Monday 11th May Millstreet/Aubane/Ballydaly/Rathcoole in Millstreet Community Hall @ 8pm
Tuesday 12th May Castlemagner/Cecilstown in Castlemagner Community Centre @ 8pm
Wednesday 13th May Ballydesmond in Ballydesmond Community Centre @ 8pm
Thursday 14th May Tullylease & Freemount in Freemount Heritage Centre @ 8pm
Monday 18th May Newmarket/Lismire/Meelin/Taur/Glash in James O'Keeffe Institute @ 8pm
Tuesday 19th May Kanturk /Kilbrin in Edel Quinn Hall @ 8pm
Tuesday 19th May Cullen in Cullen Community Centre @ 8pm
Thursday 21st May Bweeng/Laharn Bweeng in Community Hall @ 8pm
Thursday 21st May Gneeveguilla/Toureencahill in Teach Failte Gneeveguilla @ 8pm
Mon. 25th May Donoughmore/Firmount/Fornaught/Stuake/New Tipp. - Donoghmore Hall 8pm
Tuesday 26th May Banteer/Lyre/Nadd/Kilcorney in The Glen Theatre @ 8pm
Wednesday 27th May Dromtariffe in Dromtariffe Hall @ 8pm
Thursday 28th May Rathmore & Shrone in Rathmore Community Centre @ 8pm

Historic Graves of Duhallow,

Community Perspective on Duhallow's Historic Graveyards

The current phase of training in Duhallow and will hold a **closing event on Wednesday 27th of May at 7.30p.m. in the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket.** We will present an exhibition of some of the results of the training project. As part of this exhibition we aim to illustrate stories, print rubbings and digital photographs outlining the key iconographic elements of the Arma Christi headstones of Duhallow.

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1916 Commemoration Forum- Has been established to plan for 2016. For further details contact James at 029-60633.

Duhallow Community Laundry - has been put in place to assist the elderly, low income households and carers. Duhallow Community Laundry has been set up in the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket. Laundry can be dropped into Duhallow Community Laundry, Mon. to Fri. from 9.00am to 5.30pm or we can arrange for laundry to be collected & brought back to households who have transport difficulties. **For further details contact Helen at 029-60633.**

IRD Duhallow Domestic Violence Support Helpline is operated by locally trained volunteers who provide support and information to both men and women who are sufferers of Domestic Violence. **Domestic Violence Helpline 087-7733337 Mon. to Sat. 10am - 10pm.**



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Bealtaine Programme of Events 2015

Friday, 1st May

1. May Day Mass

The Annual May Day Evening Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place at Tureencahill Grotto at 8.00pm.

2. International Choral Concert

Enjoy an evening of magnificent Choral Music at Duhallow's International Choral Concert on Friday the 1st of May. Held as part of the Cork Fringe Festival Programme, our own Duhallow Choir join with the Danish Choir Húsakórid for a once in a life time performance in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Boherbue at 7.30pm. Tickets €10. Reserve yours by contacting Louise on 029-60633.

Saturday, 2nd May

3. Castlemagner Dawn Chorus

Castlemagner Sinsir Club will be hosting their annual Dawn Chorus Walk on Saturday the 2nd of May. The group will be assembling at Ballyhass N.S. at 5am. There will be a BBQ Breakfast served in the Community Centre afterwards. Fee is €10. To register please contact Kathleen on 086-8521808.

Sunday 3rd May

4. Donoughmore Country Western Social Dance

Donoughmore Active Retired group are organising a Country Western Themed social dance on Sunday the 3rd of May at 8.30pm in Donoughmore Community Centre. Music by Marino Sound. Tea, Cakes and Sandwiches served. Admission €10. For further information contact Monica Kelleher on 021-7337101.

Monday 4th May

5. Alzheimers Tea Party

There will be an Alzheimers Tea Party held in Kilbrin Social Club from 6.30pm – 8pm on Monday the 4th of May. All money raised will be used within services in Cork county, so please support.

Tuesday, 5th May

6. Irish Night in Sandpit House

There will be an Irish night in the Sandpit House at 9.30pm on the 5th of May. This lively event is open to all on the first Tuesday of each month, featuring traditional singing, and music. Admission is free, so bring your voice, instruments, stories and songs and refreshments are served. For more information contact Dick O'Sullivan on 029-78171 or 087-2320167.

Wednesday, 6th May

7. Millstreet ARA Waltzing Competition

Meelin ARA are hosting a Waltzing Competition in Meelin Community Hall at 2pm on Wednesday the 6th of May. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Admission €5.

8. Dromtariffe Pattern Day Mass

Mass will be held at the Holy Well at 8pm to celebrate Pattern Day. Projects from the local primary school will be on display in the local Hall after the well mass. Followed by a talk from a local Historian. Refreshments served. Enquiries if any, to Mary O'Sullivan 087 2408363.

9. Traditional Evening

Cluid Housing will be hosting a traditional evening of Music and Song at 6.30pm. Led by Noreen O'Connor and her students of the Cork School of Music, there will be fun for everyone. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Register with Denise on 087-9208660.

Thursday, 7th May

10. Two is Company Tea is a Party

IRD Duhallow is hosting a Tea Party Morning in aid of the Alzheimers Society on Thursday 7th of May in the James O'Keefe Institute, Newmarket, from 10am. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

11. Introduction to Pitch and Putt

Ever wanted to learn the skill and art of Pitch and Putt? Well now is the time to get started! This introduction to pitch and putt course is suitable for the very beginner. 11am – 1pm in the Newmarket Pitch and Putt Club. Registration is essential by contacting Gerald at 029-60633

12. Photo Editing Course

Learn how to save your images to your computer, Crop and straighten images, Adding adjustments to improve the quality of the image - contrast, brightness, Adding creative adjustments - black and white etc., preparing your images for viewing and print. The cost will be approx. €80 for 4 weeks. To express an interest, please ring **029-60633**.

Sunday, 10th May

13. Duhallow Walks and Trails

Source of the Blackwater

Enjoy a brisk Sunday afternoon walk at the Source of the Blackwater. Meeting at the trail head at 1pm. Register on 029-60633.

Island Wood, Newmarket

Get fit and active with a walk through the Island Wood. Meeting in the Car Park at 1pm. Register on 029-60633.

Monday, 11th May

14. Kilshannig Bus Tour

Kilshannig Actively Retired are taking a trip down memory lane with a historic bus tour of the parish. The group are meeting at Laharn Heritage Centre at 9.30am and will be accompanied by two local historians providing information as they pass each notable sites in the districts of Laharn, Dromahane, Glantane and Bweeng. The group will stop for lunch at and the trip will conclude at Laharn Heritage Centre at 2.30pm. Register with Mary on 086-3607213.

Tuesday, 12th May

15. Tea Afternoon

The Ladies of Kanturk Open Door Women's Group invite you to join them for afternoon tea in Kanturk Trade Union Hall on the 12th of May at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Wednesday, 13th May

16. Millstreet ARA Table Quiz

Get exercising your brain at the Millstreet Actively Retired Table Quiz in the Wallis Arms at 8pm. Fun questions and a friendly atmosphere. €20 per table of 4.

Thursday, 14th May

17. Introduction to Pitch & Putt

This second day of our introduction to pitch and putt course is suitable for the very beginner. You don't even need to have your own clubs, we can provide those for you. 11am – 1pm in the Newmarket Pitch and Putt Club. Registration is essential by contacting Gerald at 029-60633.

Friday, 15th May

18. Millstreet Gramophone Circle

Millstreet Gramophone Circle will be hosting a special Bealtaine Event on the 15th of May 2015 at 8.15pm in the Canon O'Donovan Millstreet Day Care Centre. Admission is Free. For further information contact Sean Radley on 086-8250074.

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celebrating creativity as we age

Bealtaine Programme of Events 2015

19. Pride of Duhallo Concert

Freemount Heritage Centre will host the Second 'Pride of Duhallo Concert' on the 15th of May. Every song, story, or piece of music played will have some significance to Duhallo and the region and in the words of Duhallo's renowned Seanchai Eamon Kelly 'the storyteller will be there with his comic or tragic tale, we will have music, song, dance and costume.' So make your way to this night of local historical significance at 8.30pm. Admission is €10.

Sunday, 17th May

20. IRD Duhallo Dawn Chorus

Calling all wildlife enthusiasts the length and breadth of Duhallo. Set your alarm clocks a little earlier than usual and go out to enjoy a morning of beautiful birdsong. Meeting in the James O'Keeffe Institute at 3.45am. Registration is essential with Sheila O'Keeffe on 029-60633.

Tuesday, 19th May

21. Mystery Tour

Following on from the success of last year's Mystery Tour, SAOI Network's Chairman; Jack Roche is organising another day trip and once again, the destination is unknown. The only comment he will give us is that a great social day is guaranteed with fun for all and that there are a number of stops along the way. Buses will leave at 8am and won't return until late that night. The cost is €55 and that includes lunch and a 3 course meal on the way home. Registration is essential contact 029-60633.

Wednesday, 20th May

22. Boherbue Social Afternoon

Boherbue ARA will be hosting a social afternoon with Bingo followed by a tea dance on the 20th of May, with Music by the Ramblers. This afternoon of entertainment will be held in Boherbue Parish Hall, at 2.30pm. Admission Fee €10.

23. Reminiscence Evening with Alice Taylor

Alice Taylor will be visiting the SAOI Network to lead discussions on a reminiscence evening and read extracts of her latest book 'Do You Remember.' The event will be held on the 20th of May in the James O'Keeffe Institute at 8pm. Registration is essential contact 029-60633.

24. Kanturk Historical Tour

Kanturk ARA will be hosting a walking tour of the town on the 29th of May. Pat O'Sullivan a local Historian, will lead the group giving an overview of the layout of the town, information on the streets, principal buildings, rivers and parks. The tour will commence in the Church Carpark at 2.30pm. A cup of tea will be provided in Linn Gorm afterwards. Admission is free.

Friday, 22nd May

25. Castlemagner Sinsir Talent Exhibition

Castlemagner Sinsir Club will be organised their second Senior Citizens Talent Showcase event. This entire concert performance will feature local third age performers; playing music, solo singing, choral music and giving recitations. With many well known faces in the line up, it is a night not to be missed and a fantastic night's entertainment is guaranteed. The show begins at 8pm sharp and tickets are €10.

26. How to Achieve a Balance in your everyday lives.

Renowned motivational and inspirational speaker Sr. Antoinette Dilworth will be giving a seminar on 'How to achieve Balance in our Everyday Lives in spite of the CHAOS of Modern Living.' This will be held in the James O'Keeffe Institute from 7-9pm. Admission is €5. Registration essential on 029-60633.

Wednesday, 27th May

27. Rolling through the Years

Paddy Buckley will be releasing another DVD of wonderful memories entitled 'Rolling through the Years' featuring local events and happenings over the past few decades. This will be held in the Glen Theatre at 8pm. Admission will be free and light refreshments served afterwards.

28. Historic Graves Exhibition

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Thursday, 28th May

29. Seniors Expo

The SAOI Network is organising a Seniors Expo on Thursday the 28th of May from 2-5pm in the James O'Keeffe Institute. Here, a number of companies and service providers who offers supports to senior citizens will have stands to which you can wander around and meet and discuss with them about issues of concern ranging from security to health and even travel opportunities. For further information contact 029-60633.

30. Old Skills and Crafts Day

Take a trip down memory lane at the Old Skills and Crafts Day. Look at vintage machinery, and visit an old milking parlour. This event will happen from 2-5pm. For further information contact 029-60633.

Friday, 29th May

31. Rambling House

There will be a rambling house in Bruach na Carraige, Rockchapel from 9pm on Friday the 29th of May. Admission is free and all are welcome! Please bring your instruments, stories and vocal chords.

32. Traditional Irish Night

Kilbrin Social Club will be hosting a traditional Irish night for young and old on the 29th of May at 9pm. Come along and join in for a sing song and a session with local musicians and singers. A great night of entertainment assured.

Sunday, 31st May

33. Laharn Cross Roads Dancing

Laharn Cross 2015 Season commences on Sunday 31st of May 2015 from 8-10pm and its a hive of activity for both young and old. Live bands will play traditional music for all to dance away on the specially erected timber platform so all are encouraged to come and enjoy this unique tradition which is alive and well at Laharn Cross. Admission is free. For further information contact John Paul on 086-8903154.

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IRD Duhallow LIFE + Project

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IRD DuhallowLIFE End of Project Conference on 21st May 2015 (Natura 2000 day): Almost 4.5 years on and the IRD DuhallowLIFE project will soon come to an end. The lessons learnt and restoration work carried out has been substantial. Over 40km of river bank and drains treated for invasive species, 30km of river bank fenced, 1000's of native trees planted, to name but a few works carried out and not to mention all of the nature awareness raising and troubleshooting. To celebrate this we are holding a conference in the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket on 21st May 2015 to mark the end of the project. The conference will cover the activities carried out by the project and all of those who helped out in so many ways. We will also feature speakers from other EU LIFE projects from both within and outside Ireland: 3WatersLIFE (Belgium), AquaLutraLIFE (Slovenia), Pearls in Peril UK LIFE (England/Scotland/Wales), Hen harrierLIFE (UK) and MulkearLIFE(ROI). This will be followed by live music and a banquet. If you are interested in attending please contact Kieran or Nuala at 029-60633. Booking is essential.

RaptorLIFE Project Launch on 22nd May 2015: The launch of the new *RaptorLIFE* project will take place at the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket on 22nd May 2015. This exciting new LIFE project builds on the previous project, focusing on the upper portion of the River Backwater and the surrounding hilly areas, which are designated as Special Protected Areas for Birds. The project aims to improve the conservation of Hen harrier, Merlin, Atlantic salmon and Brook lamprey by carrying out a range of on the ground conservation measures, such as planting trees and the removal of invasive species in a range of habitats and along the roadways. The project aims to work closely with people on the ground with designated lands to develop long term solutions for everybody's benefit. There will also be presentations on the project itself including contributions from Local Authorities, Bird NGOs and local participants in our projects. Contact the LIFE project at IRD Duhallow if you are interested in attending please contact 029-60633.

Conservation Plan for the upper River Blackwater SAC

IRD Duhallow are developing a Conservation Plan for the Upper Blackwater Special Area of Conservation. We are liaising with key stakeholders in the area and members of the public. A draft copy of the report is available for comment, for a copy of the draft report please contact Kieran at 029-60633 or duhallow@eircom.net.

Schools "nature detective programme" get off to a good start

This hugely popular "Species Recording Programme" or "Nature Detective Programme" is now underway in the national schools in Duhallow. This programme encourages school children to take an active part in the recording of wildlife in their locality which is then put onto an online map. With the assistance of Mary Immaculate College (UL) we are analysing the trends from the nature recordings collected by the children to date and are finding out some interesting facts. Why not check out our online Wildlife species recording map at www.duhallowLIFE.com.

Otter Log Piles

We are delighted that all of the planned 28 otter log piles are now in place along the River Allow and its tributaries. These log piles are comprised of tree logs cut and placed following the recommendations of international Otter experts. Sort of like little homes for animals, they provide refuge for otters and other mammals to hide along the river banks. We have already constructed and placed 10 artificial otter holts thereby improving otter habitat in Duhallow.

National Hen Harrier Survey

The 2015 National Hen Harrier Survey is now underway and IRD Duhallow are assisting the survey coordinators (Golden Eagle Trust and Bird Watch Ireland), with survey work in Duhallow. It is important that these surveys are accurate and that good information is collected as Hen harriers numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years here in Duhallow. For more details on Hen harriers and the work that we are doing contact the LIFE project at IRD Duhallow at 029-60633.

Forum for Hen Harriers and Farmers

At a recent meeting IRD Duhallow and the Irish Farmers with Designated Lands have agreed to work together with other stakeholders to explore issues affecting both farmers and Hen harriers in designated areas. The aim is to try and identify opportunities for the farming community whilst also maintaining the habitats of rare birds such as Hen Harrier and Merlin. This should also compliment the pending Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan which Ireland is required to produce.

Take a walk along the new Pitch and Putt course and appreciate the nature

The Pitch and Putt course and amenity walkway at the James O'Keeffe Institute, are ready for business for all of you walkers, pro and not so pro golfers. Well if you do take a chance to swing a club or go for a walk, why not take some time out to appreciate nature colonising the new ponds and the restored stream running along the boundary of the greens. The restoration work was inspired by surveys and techniques developed by the LIFE project and are worth a look. Frogs have recently spawned in the ponds and the beautiful Yellow Flag Iris are now in full bloom along the waters edge. If you look closely you should be able to see brown trout darting about in the newly constructed pools in the restored stream, which prior to the restoration work was nothing more than a neglected drain. Nature is wonderful indeed and a little helping hand goes a long way. Why not do something to help nature in your "Neighbourhood"?

