



**SEAMUS HEANEY:**

**THE HEDGE SCHOOL  
OF GLANMORE**

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The Ashford Community & Heritage Centre is a not for profit community based initiative, reliant on fundraising, voluntary efforts and the goodwill of visitors. All events are being held FREE of charge, unless otherwise stated.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go towards sustaining the ongoing running costs of the centre and our future exhibitions and activities.

The exhibition and programme of events is funded by The Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council as an action of the County Heritage Plan.



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## Programme of Events

**18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

The Ashford Community & Heritage Centre is delighted to host a programme of events throughout the Summer to complement our exhibition and to highlight the rich natural and cultural heritage of the local Ashford area. For updates and new events please check our website – [ashfordheritage.ie](http://ashfordheritage.ie)

### WEDNESDAY TALKS AT 8PM

**27<sup>th</sup> May John Synge- Playwright of Glanmore**  
Nicholas Grene, Professor of English Literature at Trinity College Dublin, is a Wicklow resident with extensive published work including "J.M. Synge, Travelling Ireland; Essays 1898- 1908. He will tell the story of another renowned artist with strong connections to the local area.

**24th June Seamus Heaney's Approach to Trees and Woodlands**

Donal Magner, Wicklow resident, forester, journalist and author of several publications including "Devils Glen Sculpture in Woodland" will give his insights to the poet's close connection with the natural environment.

**26th August Wicklow Through the Artists Eye**  
Patricia Butler is an art historian and lecturer living close to Ashford. She has authored a number of publications relating to Irish art, the most recent being "Wicklow Through the Artists Eye" with Mary Davies. This illustrated talk will focus on areas surrounding Ashford which influenced the poet, together with a brief history of several local historic demesnes and gardens such as Killruddery, Kilmacurragh, Powerscourt and Mt. Usher

### Opening Hours:

**Tuesday – Sunday 11 to 4 pm.**

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## WALKS IN GLANMORE

Join guided walks, along the Heaney Walk in nearby Devil's Glen, a Coillte owned woodland.

**Sunday 19th April**, with Donal Magner leaving from the main car park at Devils Glen @ 2.30pm. Taking approximately two hours you are advised to wear walking shoes and appropriate clothing for weather conditions.

*Regular walks are planned for every Sunday at 2.30pm from 7th June to 30th August.*

**Directions:** Take the road signed for Glendalough (R763) from Ashford, the Devils Glen Woodland entrance is located about 3 km from Ashford. Follow the forestry track for 1 km to the main car park.

### WORKSHOPS

*Children's Art Illustration*  
workshops inspired by the poems of Seamus Heaney and the natural environment of trees and wildlife, with Alan Nolan – Children's author and graphic novel illustrator.

**Date:** Saturday 6th June.

**Times:** *Session 1:* 11.00 – 12.15  
Ages 5-10 and *Session 2:* 12.30- 1.45  
Ages 11 +. Places limited, €3.00 charge per child payable on the day. Advance booking essential

### Celtic Script Calligraphy

**Heritage Week FREE Event**

Workshops inspired by Heaney's Early Irish Translations with Oona Tully

**Date:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

*Session 1:* 12- 1.00pm Children Age 8 +  
*Session 2:* 2.-3.00 pm Adults  
Places Limited, booking essential

