



Our Wicklow Heritage Community Archaeology Day

Sat 27th May 10am – 4pm Brockagh Centre, Laragh

FREE EVENT – BOOKING REQUIRED

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This is a one day event organised by the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council to reflect the growing interest in archaeological and heritage recording initiatives in county Wicklow, to showcase activity and to provide a networking opportunity for relevant groups and interested individuals to share experiences. The day will include range of illustrated presentations, a short film screening, a workshop session and an optional fieldtrip (see below). The event is one of a series of actions of the county Wicklow Heritage Plan, co-funded by the Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council. All are welcome.

Aims

- To support existing and encourage new, community based archaeological and heritage recording initiatives
- To provide opportunities for various groups to showcase their work and to share information and experiences
- To explore opportunities and mutual challenges for the development of community based archaeology in Wicklow

To Book

This event is FREE of charge however booking is required as places are limited. To book a place click <https://communityarchaeologywicklow.eventbrite.ie>, e mail: dburns@wicklowcoco.ie giving name and contact details or call Deirdre Burns Tel: 0404 20100.

Who should attend?

The event will be of benefit to those individuals and community based groups who are actively involved in researching and recording their local heritage, as well as those who are considering embarking upon such projects in the future. PURE Mile Groups, Tidy Towns Groups, members of historical societies, graveyard committees, academics, students, statutory bodies and local tourism and development agencies are also likely to have an interest in attending.

The Programme

- 10.00 – 10.15 Welcome: Aims & Context, Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Community Archaeology in Fingal**– Christine Baker, Community Archaeologist, Fingal County Council
- 10.30 – 10.45 **The Wicklow Rock Art Project** – Clíodhna Ní Lionain
Q & A
- 11.00 TEA/COFFEE
- 11.30 – 11.45 **Heritage Recording via the PURE Mile** – Glenmalure Pure Mile group
- 11.45 – 12.00 **The Medieval Bray Project** – David McIlreavy
- 12.00 – 12.15 **Spinans Hill Photogrammetry Project** – James O Driscoll
- 12.15 – 12.30 **The Adopt A Monument Scheme:** – Roisin Burke & Neil Jackman
Abarta Heritage
- 12.30 – 12.45 **Glendalough Heritage Forum Collaboration** – Graeme Warren,
School of Archaeology, UCD
- 12.45 – 1.00 **Community Owned Archaeology: a perspective from the field** - Paul
Duffy, Grassroots Archaeology.
- 1.00- 1.45 LUNCH (light lunch included)
- 1.45 – 2.45 **The Preban Graveyard Heritage Project** –Introduced by Yvonne
Whitty & Jack Lynch followed by a film screening (40 mins)
Q & A
- 2.45 - 3.45 Workshop Session: Where to next?
Group exercise and feedback
- 3.45- 4.00 Close and wrap up
- 4.00 Glendalough Graveyard Trail –an optional guided tour led by Joan
Kavanagh. This trail was created by local volunteers in association with
the Glendalough Heritage Forum following their survey of the
graveyard with John Tierney of Eachtra Archaeology



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The Talks

Christine Baker. Fingal County Council is leading the way nationally in piloting a local authority Community Archaeologist in partnership with the Heritage Council. Over the past two years the *Swords Castle: Digging History* project has incorporated community excavation; Swords Archaeofest; Swords Castle: My Castle art project, seminars and events in partnership with the National Museum of Ireland. www.fingal.ie

Clíodhna Ní Lionán set up the Wicklow Rock Art Project (W.R.A.P) as part of her doctoral thesis at the School of Archaeology, University College Dublin (UCD). This pilot explores the potential of photogrammetry in rock art recording. 18 known rock art sites in County Wicklow were recorded using this technique. The www.wicklowrockartproject.com website was launched in 2015 and provides virtual access to known sites and facilitates community involvement in reporting new rock art sites in Wicklow.

Glenmalure PURE Mile Group: The PURE Mile is an initiative of the PURE project (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments) which encourages local communities to adopt a mile of local road, to look after it and to find out more about the local heritage. As part of their efforts, the Glenmalure PURE Mile group uncovered a wealth of information about their local area and were inspired to apply to have the mining crusher house at Barravore included in the Adopt a Monument Scheme in 2016. www.facebook.com/Glenmalurepuremile

David McIlreavy is an archaeologist working in the commercial sector. He established the Medieval Pray Project (MBP) in 2015 as a not for profit research initiative, dedicated to exploring the history and archaeology of Bray. Membership of the MBP is drawn from a range of backgrounds, including professional archaeologists, students, local historical societies and interested individuals in the community. www.themedievalbrayproject.ie

James O Driscoll has carried out extensive study on the Baltinglass Hillfort Landscape in West Wicklow through his doctoral research in the Department of Archaeology, University College Cork. The upcoming Spinans Hill Photogrammetry Project will use drone technology to capture high resolution aerial photographs that will be used to create a three dimensional model of Spinans Hill. The archaeology on Spinans Hill is vitally important both on a national and international level and includes an impressive hillfort (and one of the largest archaeological monuments in Ireland) and rare Early Neolithic enclosure.

Roisín Burke & Neil Jackman are archaeologists with Abarta Heritage, a company specialising in heritage interpretation. Abarta facilitates the Adopt a Monument Scheme on behalf of the Heritage Council by providing, expertise, mentoring, training and support to participating community groups. This scheme was piloted in 2016 and empowers communities to become actively involved in the conservation and interpretation of local archaeological and heritage sites. www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/adopt-a-monument

Graeme Warren is head of the School of Archaeology, University College Dublin and chair of the Glendalough Heritage Forum (GHF). The GHF is a collaboration of academic, community, statutory and non statutory representatives that seeks to increase understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of the Glendalough Valley and to stimulate wider community engagement with this heritage. The GHF organised a successful community excavation in 2016 and has co-ordinated a community survey of the historic graveyards, the development of a graveyard trail and a series of talks and outreach events. www.glendaloughheritageforum.org

Paul Duffy works as an archaeologist in the commercial sector and is founder of the non for profit Grassroots Archaeology initiative. This talk examines the benefits, drawbacks and complications of a bottom-up, group led approach to community archaeology. Experiences in the field with several community groups are discussed, in particular the Grassroots Archaeology project and the Resurrecting Monuments group, with experiences in Wicklow and Monaghan also discussed. <http://grassrootsarchaeology.ie>

Yvonne Whitty & Jack Lynch Yvonne is a licensed archaeologist and director of the Tinahely based *De Faoite Archaeology*. Working with Jack Lynch and other interested individuals in the community they set up the Preban Graveyard Recording committee to conserve and research this historic site in South west Wicklow. Their efforts are captured in a short film and a photographic exhibition produced in association with the Heritage Office of Wicklow Co. Co.

Joan Kavanagh is a local historian and member of the Glendalough Heritage Forum representing the Glendalough Mining Heritage Project. She participated in the volunteer community graveyard project co-ordinated by John Tierney from www.historicgraves.ie in 2015-2016 and helped develop the subsequent trail and brochure.

Deirdre Burns is Heritage Officer with Wicklow County Council. She co-ordinates a programme of initiatives through the Wicklow Heritage Forum to promote understanding and appreciation of the natural, built and cultural heritage of county Wicklow. This community archaeology event is one of the actions of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan, co-ordinated through the Wicklow Heritage Forum and supported by the Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council. www.wicklow.ie/heritage or visit our online community heritage archive for Wicklow at