Fingal County Council is delighted to present an exciting and varied programme of events for Heritage Week 2018. The annual Heritage Week programme which runs from 18-26 August is a great opportunity to learn more about your local heritage and make connections with new people and stories while shining a spotlight the great work that is carried out in all communities in Ireland to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage. To find out what is happening in Fingal visit our website www.fingal.ie or see www.heritageweek.ie

Fingal Libraries will present a series of talks including one on the Bremore Castle Restoration and Reconstruction Project by Fingal County Council's Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin J. Halpenny in Balbriggan Library on Thursday 23 August @ 6.30 pm. Other talks will include Sam Green on Dunsink Observatory, author visit and nature talk by Pádraic Fogarty and family history workshops with Fiona Fitzsimons of Eneclann.

There will be a bilingual event at lunch time in Swords castle hosted by Bernie Kelly, Irish Officer and Christine Baker Community Archaeologist on Tuesday 21st as well as the annual Fingal Heritage Network get together as various Historical Societies share stories on Wednesday 22nd. Newbridge House will host a family event on Sunday August 26th with a range of fun and cultural events and Ardgillan Castle will have free tours daily on the hour from 11am to 4pm.
On Saturday the 18th in collaboration with the CHERISH Project, Fingal's Community Archaeologist Christine Baker will be undertaking an archaeological survey at Bremore, Balbriggan including a tour of the megalithic tombs and she will also be engaging with communities in a number of areas in Fingal through the Fingal Geophysical Survey Project – What Lies beneath.

There are a host of other activities taking place within the county for Heritage Week and this is a great opportunity to engage with the Heritage that surrounds us. Fingal has a rich natural, built and cultural heritage and this can be explored all year round whether by visiting our many heritage properties or getting involved in a group in your area or just getting out and enjoying what your community has to offer.

Here is a selection of the events happening:

- **Fingal Heritage Network event**
  At this event members of various Fingal historical societies will give short accounts of how chance encounters, either verbal or written, can lead to exciting new discoveries. Event takes place Wednesday 22 August, 8pm - 10pm St. Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide further information malahidehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

- **Stáir agus Gaeilge Caisleán Shoirid**
  Bilingual event hosted by Bernie Kelly Irish Officer and Christine Baker Community Archaeologist in the Chapel Swords Castle. Come along at lunch time on Tuesday August 21st from 1 to 2 for a lunchtime chat as Gaeilge and learn about the history of the Castle and the recent Digging History Community Archaeology Project. Bígí linn don imeacht saor in aisce seo. Soláistí ar fáil. Refreshments provided.

- **What Lies Beneath - Fingal Geophysical Survey Project**
  This project is a means to engaging communities with an overlooked archaeological resource within their open spaces. During heritage week a geophysical surveyor and community archaeologist Christine Baker, along with the local communities will be targeting the open space of Rosepark estate Balrothery (Saturday 25 August), Chapel Farm , Lusk, (Friday 24) St Columba's Swords (Thursday 23) as well as Corduff Park, Dublin 15 (Wednesday 22) to uncover what lies beneath. All welcome

- **Archaeological survey at Bremore, Co. Dublin led by the CHERISH Project, The Discovery Programme and Fingal County Council**
  In collaboration with the CHERISH Project, Fingal's Community Archaeologist will be undertaking an archaeological survey at Bremore, including tour of the megalithic tombs, walkover survey of the fields and artefact and feature identification. Taking place 18 August 11am-2pm. This event will teach the basic
skills in archaeological walk survey and artefact/feature identification. Participants may expect to come across a variety of artefacts as Bremore is a multiperiod site with megaliths dating back to 5000 BC and later historic settlement dated to the 16th century with an associated harbour.

Events in Fingal Libraries

**Natural Heritage Workshop for children with the Rediscovery Centre**
Through fun activities and games we will investigate food chains, create our own food web and learn all about camouflage and survival in the wild! Booking Essential
Donabate Library: Monday 20 August @ 2.30 pm – 4 pm
Swords Library: Wednesday 22 August @ 3 pm – 4.30 pm
Ballydowle Library: Thursday 23 August @ 2.30 – 4 pm

**Talk on Bremore Castle Restoration and Reconstruction Project**
Join Fingal County Council's Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin J. Halpenny for a talk on this Restoration and Reconstruction Project. All Welcome
Balbriggan Library: Thursday 23 August @ 6.30 pm

**Whittled Away - Ireland’s Vanishing Nature’ - Author Visit and Nature Talk**
Author and ecologist Pádraic Fogarty will give a talk based on his book ‘Whittled Away - Ireland's Vanishing Nature’.
Howth Library: Wednesday 22nd August @ 6.30 pm
Malahide Library: Thursday 23rd August @ 6.30 pm

**Talk on Dunsink Observatory by Sam Green**
Sam Green PhD student at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies gives a talk on Dunsink Observatory.
Blanchardstown Library: Thursday 23rd August @ 6.30 pm

**How to find my soul a home: marriage sources for family history - workshop by Fiona Fitzsimons of Eneclann**
Using case-studies, Fiona will explore where evidence can be found and how to use it to build your research and write your family history narrative. All welcome
Balbriggan Library: Saturday 25th August @ 10.30am – 12.30pm Tel: 01 870 4401 / Email balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie

**Notify next of kin: sources for family history - workshop by Fiona Fitzsimons of Eneclann**
Using case-studies, she will explore where evidence can be found and how to use it to build your research and write your family history narrative. All welcome
Blanchardstown Library: Saturday 25th August 2.30pm – 4.30pm Tel: 01 890 5563 / Email Blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

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