

## **Burrenbeo Newsletter June 2007**

### **The Burren: Preserving an outstanding cultural landscape**

In the new edition of Heritage Outlook, Ian Doyle, Archaeology Officer with The Heritage Council, argues for extra resources to map and record the archaeology of the Burren and calls for 'a vision and a strategy for this outstanding cultural landscape ... a well researched and resourced management plan similar to those adopted for other outstanding landscapes in Europe and beyond'. The call comes after the recent publication of a report on the impact of scrub encroachment on the archaeology of the Burren. To download a full pdf version of Heritage Outlook Summer 2007 Edition which includes this article, please click on [www.heritagecouncil.ie/outlook/contents13/index.html](http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/outlook/contents13/index.html)

### **'Conservation grade' Burren Lamb now on sale**

The Burren Beef and Lamb Producers Group (BBLPG) are now offering Burren lamb for sale. The Group, set up with support from the EC funded BurrenLIFE project, are committed to producing quality food from a quality environment, namely the Burren. Livestock are sourced from BBLPG members who farm for conservation in the Burren, thus protecting flora and fauna. Members follow the highest possible animal welfare standards so that their animals enjoy a happy and natural life with feeding based on a nutritious, largely grass-based, diet which is predominately on Burren winterage (upland) areas. Group members strive to supply all produce free from genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Animals are slaughtered and the meat is prepared at a fully organically certified (non-factory) owner-operated local abattoir. If you wish to order meat from the BBLPG (1/2 lamb or full lamb only), please e-mail [burrenproducers@eircom.net](mailto:burrenproducers@eircom.net) or call 065-7089000

### **Cahermacnaghten - The Story of a Burren Townland**

Following a well attended Public Lecture in Kilfenora in early June, the Cahermacnaghten summer field project is now in full swing. Project field work will take place in Cahermacnaghten (a few miles south of Ballyvaughan) from June 18<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday during this period, the project will be open to the public between 2pm and 5pm. The project is being co-ordinated by the Department of Archaeology, NUI, Galway and supported by the Royal Irish Academy and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, For more information and directions to the site, please contact project leader Dr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick at [elizabeth.fitzpatrick@nuigalway.ie](mailto:elizabeth.fitzpatrick@nuigalway.ie)

### **New Appointment for North Clare TD**

Tony Killeen, a native of Kilnaboy in the south Burren, has been appointed Minister of State in the Dept. of the Environment. The new look Department will be headed by Minister John Gormley of the Green Party, and Burrenbeo wishes both men best wishes in their new positions, which are potentially of great significance to the Communities of the Burren and their rich environment and heritage.

### **Café Beo Thursday Sessions**

Over the next ten Thursday evenings Burrenbeo, in conjunction with the Kinvara Area Musicians (KAM) Collective, are pleased to present a series of musical performances by Kinvara's rich array of musical talent. All sessions run from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, and wine, coffee and food will be available. Cover charges apply: 10 euro Adult, 5 euro child. To reserve your place (places limited to 25), please contact [info@burrenbeo.com](mailto:info@burrenbeo.com) or call 091-638096. A must for lovers of good music. Summer sessions start on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Also at Burrenbeo: New Paintings by Mark Dwyer, Free Heritage information courtesy of Clare Biodiversity Group, The Heritage Council, ENFO, Birdwatch Ireland and others.

### **Support Burrenbeo**

Burrenbeo is a non-profit information and education provider dedicated to the sustainable future for the Burren and its communities. You can help us in this important work by promoting the Burrenbeo website [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com) and referring people to the range of quality accommodation and service providers listed on the site - businesses which support the non-profit work of Burrenbeo. We would also welcome any news, information, articles etc to post on the website and are happy to promote local events. Also, please visit us at Café Beo in Kinvara, Open Tues - Sat, 10am - 6pm, Sunday 12 - 5pm.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Carron:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. 6 pm. The Cross Land -a public art project by Deirdre O'Mahony. Opening by Ed Carroll of CityArts Centre in Dublin. Venue: Cassidy's Pub in Carron, Co Clare.

**Burren:** Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am. Burren LIFE Farm Open Day at Slieve Carron Nature Reserve. A unique chance to see the work of BurrenLIFE first hand. [www.burrenlife.com](http://www.burrenlife.com) 065-7089000 for info.

**Kilnaboy:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (afternoon) BurrenLIFE Field Trip. No cost involved, c.3 hours duration. Places limited to a maximum of 20 / 25, pre-booking required. Meeting point details will be provided to those who make a booking. Contact BurrenLIFE at 065 708 9000 or [info@burrenlife.com](mailto:info@burrenlife.com).

**Carron:** Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Sun 15<sup>th</sup> July. Munster Moths Training and Networking Event: Led by Paul Waring (author of Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland). Cost (subsidised): €20 per person.

**What flowers to look out for in the Burren this month:**

Goldenrod (*Solidago virgaurea*), Ladies bedstraw (*Galium verum*), Limestone bedstraw (*Galium sternerii*), Wild thyme (*Thymus praecox*), Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Crested hair-grass (*Koeleria macrantha*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), St. John's Wort (*Hypericum pulchrum*), Tutsan (*Hypericum androsaemum*), Sea plantain (*Plantago maritima*), Dropwort (*Filipendula vulgaris*), Thyme broomrape (*Orobanche alba*), Eyebrights (*Euphrasia* spp), Tormentil (*Potentilla erecta*), Lesser butterfly orchid (*Platanthera bifolia*), Cat's ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Silverweed (*Potentilla anserina*), Common spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*), Bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), Fly orchid (*Ophrys insectifera*), Twayblade (*Listera ovata*), Ox eye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), Burnet Rose (*Rosa pimpinellifolia*), Quaking grass (*Briza media*), Heath spotted orchid (*Dactylorhiza maculata*), Yellow rattle (*Rhinantus minor*), Biting stonecrop (*Sedum acre*), Honeysuckle or woodbine (*Lonicera periclymenum*). **Below (l-r):** Fragrant orchid (*Gymnadenia conopsea*), Yellow rattle (*Rhinantus minor*), Tufted vetch (*Vicia cracca*).

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