

Burrenbeo Trust Monthly e-Newsletter July 2010 (No. 43)

AN APPEAL

The Burrenbeo Trust needs help from our supporters towards meeting a shortfall in our core funding for 2010.

Over the last couple of years, we have been able to rely on a number of generous private donations which allowed us to deliver our work programme. While we receive grants towards some of our projects, the funds provided are only sufficient to meet the out of pocket costs and make no contribution to our overhead costs. We are constantly working to raise funds to meet these costs but this has become more difficult in the current economic climate. As a result, we need to raise an additional €20,000 to allow us to meet our goals for 2010.

Can you help us?

As our short term fundraising options are limited, we decided to start with a direct appeal to the 3,000 members, friends and supporters around the world to whom this monthly newsletter is sent free of charge. If each of you made an online donation of €10, we would cover our projected shortfall for the year in one go! Hopefully some of you will be able to give more. You can make your donation by following the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO THE BURRENBEO TRUST](#)

Please help us to secure this important work and allow us to continue providing education and information on all aspects of the Burren for all those who live in, and visit, this special place.

Thank you, The Burrenbeo Trust

Burren News

Ecobeo 2010 The Burrenbeo Trust is delighted to announce the graduation of over 70 new young 'Burren experts' as part of its Ecobeo Heritage Education Programme 2010. The aim of this ten-module heritage course was to open up the Burren's vast and varied heritage to local children, the future custodians of this magnificent landscape. Carron, Northampton (seen, right, on their field trip to Cahercummaun fort),



Ruan and Ballinderreen National Schools participated in the 2010 programme learning about the geology, archaeology, history, culture, flora, fauna and farming traditions of the Burren region.

Eco Beo 2010... by working with these local school children, the Trust has helped to instil a sense of informed pride, ownership and responsibility in the local natural and cultural heritage which will hopefully continue to develop into their adulthood and will spread amongst the local people and visitors of the Burren that they come into contact with. Burrenbeo Trust is grateful to various heritage experts who gave their time including Ronan Hennessy, Gordon D'Arcy, Eugene Lambe, Zena Hoctor, Brendan Dunford, Brigid Barry and Sarah O'Malley in making this course such a huge success. EcoBeo 2010 was carried out on a shoe-string budget and largely through time volunteered on behalf of the course tutors and the prizes donated by Aillwee Caves, Cliffs of Moher and Burren Centre. Burrenbeo Trust is presently seeking means through which the 2011 EcoBeo course to be extended to other schools in the Burren. If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring a school or a module in 2011 contact us. Below - some artwork and stone age weaponry created by the new Eco Beo Burren Experts from Carron NS.



Clare Farm Heritage Tours Farming in the Burren has a rich and intriguing history that extends over 5,500 years. A new Burren venture initiated by a group of local farmers offers people a fantastic opportunity to delve into the Burren's rich farming heritage and visit places off the 'beaten track'. All of the farms in this new initiative have a variety of fascinating heritage features - even more interesting when interpreted by the farmers who have managed these sites for generations. To celebrate the launch of the Clare Farm Heritage Tours Coop the Burrenbeo Trust have asked co-op members Frank O'Grady and Michael Killeen to carry out the Burrenbeo July Trust walk on Sunday July 4th at 2pm. For more details on this wonderful initiative, call 065 7089944 or email heritagetours.co.op@gmail.com

Medieval Day Out at Caherconnell The first annual Spraoi Heritage Weekend will take place at Caherconnell Stone Fort on the 10th & 11th July this year. Come and meet the old-world characters as they guide you through the day-to-day workings of Irish Medieval Society in Caherconnell Stone Fort. Age-old skills such as pole-lathe wood-turning, black-smiting, Bronze Age pottery making and cooking will be displayed on both Saturday and Sunday. From 11-5pm each day. Adult €5, Family - €14 Tel. 065 708 9999 www.burrenforts.ie

Lios An Rú & 19th century deserted villages around Ballyvaughan

A team of Irish and US archaeologists have started work at a deserted village at Lios an Rú, on the farm of JJ Keane, on the hill above Newtown castle in Ballyvaughan, as part of a major multi-annual project to investigate the lives and work of women, children and men in the Burren before and after the Famine. The archaeologists include US Professor Charles Orser, an esteemed expert on this period, as well as archaeologists from NUI Galway including Dr. Maggie Ronayne. The project will have a number of elements including research, education and community archaeology and the researchers would love to hear from people with stories from these deserted villages. Contact trust@burrenbeo.com for more info.

Burren bumblebee blitz The Burren is hotspot for bumblebee species in Ireland, and is a key location for some of our rarest species. The Shrill Carder bee and the Great Yellow bumblebee are both threatened with extinction from Ireland, but still exist in small numbers in the Burren. The National Biodiversity Data Centre is carrying out a Bumblebee Blitz to survey how many bumblebee species exist in the Burren, how widespread they are across the region, and exactly how many populations of the very rare species remain? As part of the event, the NBDC is hosting free beginner walks on 'Identifying Burren Bumblebees'. Friday 23rd July at 2pm and Saturday 24th July at 2pm. Meeting at NUIG Field Research Station in Carron (51 R 287 992) and lasting approximately one hour. For more information, contact info@biodiversityireland.ie

Fun nature activities at Coole Park this summer On Wednesdays during July and August, from 2.30 to 4pm nature activities for children aged 5 to 10 years are being offered again at Coole Park, near Gort. Exploring with NPWS staff children will discover the wonderful world of nature. There is no charge but booking is essential and children must be accompanied by an adult. Enquiries to 091 631804. Coole Park, Gort; info@coolepark.ie. www.coolepark.ie

Burren Marathon mania The 32 County Marathons Challenge in aid of Irish Autism Action will take place on July 12th in Ballyvaughan. If you are interested in signing up for the 32 County Challenge in Clare, contact Pauline on 087 6936898 or visit www.32marathons.com for more information and training plans.

Meanwhile, the Great Burren Run will take place in Fanore on August 21. The Great Burren Run offers participants a full, half marathon or 10k run and will be the first marathon to be held in Fanore. Scenic routes will bring runners, joggers, walkers along by the shore line of Galway Bay before taking to the mountain road at Blackhead. For full information on the Fanore marathon, www.fanore-info.com or contact Kevin on 086 3272472.

Also, there will be a triathlon event in Ballyvaughan on Sat July 3rd conor@dolmenevents.ie

Sky Ride Etape Hibernia - 22nd August 2010 Still on a recreational theme, following the huge success of the recent Burren cycle event which attracted 1700 cyclists, another major cycling event will take place in August. The inaugural Sky Ride Etape Hibernia (the second closed road cycling event in the Etape series) will take place on the breathtaking West Coast of Ireland in County Clare. To experience 82 miles of unique closed road cycling, in stunning scenery with thousands of fellow cyclists, please visit www.etapehibernia.com to enter now. The event will start (Information Age Park) and finish in Ennis (The Market area) and take in Burren villages of Corofin, Carron, Ballyvaughan, Fanore, Doolin and Lahinch.

Below (l -r) fly orchid, butterfly orchid and bee orchid currently in bloom in the Burren



Burrenbeo Trust Events Calendar for July 2010 (print and post!)

Sat. 3rd July. Ballyvaughan. *The Burren Sprint Triathlon.* conor@dolmenevents.ie

Fri. 2nd July – 29th July Ennistymon Art Exhibition: 'Ennistymon Horse Fair' by Michael Hanrahan, studio artist at the Courthouse Gallery. Michael studied at NCAD and at the Burren College of Art. Also showing LANDSCAPES OF N & W CLARE in the Main Gallery of the Courthouse. 065 707 1630 or mail ennistymoncourthousegallery@gmail.com

Sun. 4th July. Kilnaboy. Burrenbeo Trust July walk *Farming in the Burren through the ages* with Frank O'Grady and Michael Killeen of the Clare Farm Heritage Tours @2pm at Ballincasheen Cross (OS51 251 925). trust@burrenbeo.com or 091-638096.

Mon, 5th-9th July. Lahinch. Surf'n'turf summer camp. A surfing and soccer skills camp for 12-15 yrs old. From 10.30-3.30pm every day. Call 065 6865434 for more information.

Sun, 11th July. Clarinbridge. A Free Mid-Summer Garden Party at Kilcornan Walled Garden in Clarinbridge. Music, storytelling, arts for all the family from 2pm. Call Joe on 086 3858536.

Sun, 11th July. Oranmore. The Marine Institute is holding its summer fete between 1pm-5.30pm. This is a Family Fun Pirate Day! Free admission with all money raised going towards the Galway Lifeboats. To be held at Renville, Oranmore. For more information phone 091 387 200.

Mon, 12th-16th July. Turlough. Summer camps for 10-14 years old at the Burren Outdoor Education Centre. For more information contact Joanne on 065 7078066

Mon, 12th-15th July. Aillwee Caves and Lisdoonvarna. Gerbola Circus comes to the Burren for four shows. For more information go to www.circusgerbola.ie

Mon. July 13th to July 23rd 5 Rhythms Movement Mediation Practice 11th Summer School at the Boghill Centre, Kilfenora, Co. Clare with Caitríona Nic Ghiollaphádraig, 5 Rhythms teacher with 13 years experience. Fee: €675 incl. meals, materials, tuition. 095 34664. www.deorade.com

Thu, 15th July. Kinvara. The Burrenbeo Trust July talk is at 8.30pm with Noel Healy on *A Critique of Protected Area Planning in Ireland.* trust@burrenbeo.com or phone 091 638096.

Sat & Sun 17th-18th July. Carron. *Introductory Burren Heritage Course* for adults. Fee €125 with 10% discount for Trust members. To book, contact trust@burrenbeo.com or phone 091 638096.

Fri, 23rd July. Carron. *Identifying Burren Bumblebees* walk @2pm with Una Fitzpatrick from Carron Field Station (51 R 287 992). For more information, contact info@biodiversityireland.ie

Sat, 24th July. Carron. *Identifying Burren Bumblebees* walk @2pm with Una Fitzpatrick from Carron Field Station (51 R 287 992). For more information, contact info@biodiversityireland.ie

Sun, 25th July. Kilnaboy. Clare Archaeological and Historical Society are meeting at Kilnaboy's old church to walk nearby heritage areas at 2pm. For more information contact 065 6864749.

Fri, 30th July. Ballyvaughan. Free lunchtime music session with in the Ballyvaughan Community Hall from 1pm-2pm. Email admin@richesofclare.com for more information. *Below: Mountain avens*



Burrenbeo Trust News & Updates

St. Tola and Cafébeo. Cafébeo are grateful to St.Tola in supporting the work of the Burrenbeo Trust by providing the cafe with goat's cheese free of charge for our menu - so do come in and try it! Thanks St.Tola, support like this really helps the work of the Trust. Cafébeo is open Tues - Saturdays 10am-5pm, and Sunday 11am-4pm. Drop in and support this 100% non-profit conservation café and don't forget to ask for your 10% discount if you are a Trust member!

Weekend Burren Heritage Course The Burrenbeo Trust is offering a training course for adults on Burren heritage between the 17th and 18th July. The course will cover geology, archaeology, history, culture, flora, fauna and farming. The course will have experts on the Burren teaching; Dr David Drew, Dr Marion Dowd, Eugene Lambe, Dr Sharon Parr, Gordon D'Arcy and Dr Brendan Dunford. This course is at an introductory level, with half classroom and half field training. It is open to everyone for a fee of €125 which includes lunches and an introductory pack. It will be based in Carron. There is a 10% discount for Trust members. Spaces are limited, to register your interest please contact Brigid immediately on trust@burrenbeo.com or phone 091 638096 for more information.

Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers - plotting a piece of prehistory! The Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers are grateful to Christine Grant for her great work in training the volunteers for the June conservation action day in mapping prehistoric settlements. Thanks also to the Davoren family for allowing us on their land. The volunteers learned how to plot and map settlements a couple of thousand years old. This training will be helpful for future days out helping with archaeological work. Well done to all the volunteers that were out. With each piece of training we are more skilled as a unit to have an impact in conservation the Burren! The next outing is at Mullaghmore on the 10th July addressing hazel encroachment with Dr Sharon Parr. Everyone welcome, though please register with trust@burrenbeo.com so you are included in the volunteer mail outs. BCVs is a LA21-funded group set up by the Trust to tackle key conservation issues around the Burren.

Burren Wednesday Walks The Burrenbeo Trust is carrying out *Introduction to the Burren* walks each Wednesday for the rest of the summer. The meeting spot is the Burrenbeo Trust Building, Kinvara @ 3.30pm every Wednesday. Children welcome, dogs on leashes only. Walks are free for Trust members and a donation from non-members. For more info on these walks or on organising an educational walk or talk for any visiting group, contact Brigid on 091 638096.

Trust's Monthly Talk This month's talk is with Noel Healy from NUI Galway on *A Critique of Protected Area Planning in Ireland*. Free to Trust members, donation from non-members. For more information contact trust@burrenbeo.com or 091 638096. The Trust is grateful to Maria Long who carried out a fascinating talk on *Biodiversity in the Burren - change at a snail's pace*.

Trust's Monthly Walk This month's walk is with Frank O'Grady and Michael Killeen on *Farming in the Burren through the ages* Sunday, 4th July at 2pm. Meet at Ballycasheen Cross between Lemaneah Cross and Kilnaboy (OS51 251 925). This walk is open to everyone. It is free for Burrenbeo Trust members and is a donation for non-members. For more information please email trust@burrenbeo.com or phone 091 638096. We are grateful to Jesmond Harding for carrying out the June walk on *Butterflies in the Burren*.

Are you on Facebook? Why not become of a friend of Burrenbeo Trust and be kept up to date regularly on what's happening with us.

