

## Burrenbeo Newsletter July 2007

### **Burren producers capture the imagination**

The innovative work of the Burren Beef and Lamb Producers Group (BBLPG) has recently been featured in the Irish Examiner (19-7-07) and the Irish Farmers Journal (14-7-07). The Group, set up with support from the EC funded BurrenLIFE project, are committed to producing quality food from the quality environment of the Burren. If you wish to order meat from the BBLPG (1/2 lamb or full lamb only), please call 065-7089000 or e-mail [burrenproducers@eircom.net](mailto:burrenproducers@eircom.net)

### **Butterflies and moths**

Several butterfly enthusiasts from Northern Ireland will be visiting the Burren region on Sat. 4th & Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> August next to see the Brown Hairstreak and other butterflies. All are welcome, though as this is a private event any participants take part at their own risk. Admission is free, but please bring waterproof clothes, stout footwear or wellingtons, as well as a packed lunch. Binoculars are strongly recommended, and butterfly nets, Burren maps and Moth traps would be useful. Meeting point: The small car park by Lough Bunny, on the R460 at 10.00 am. For more info contact [jimrippey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jimrippey@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 048 38 333927.

### **Get healthy – join a local club**

*Ballyvaughan Fanore Walking Club, Co. Clare.* Founded in March 2006, the club provides members with an opportunity to meet and participate in walks. Currently 80 members, affiliated to the Mountaineering Council of Ireland. [www.ballyvaughanfanorewalkingclub.com/](http://www.ballyvaughanfanorewalkingclub.com/)

*The Burren Cycling Club, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare.* Formed in 2003 to promote cycling in the beautiful picturesque area of the Burren. Currently 50 members, the club hold a number of events including the annual 'Tour de Burren'. For more info visit [www.burrencyclingclub.com](http://www.burrencyclingclub.com)

### **Call for Burren stories**

The 2008 Burren Spring Conference will explore the significance of narratives and stories, told and untold of the Burren. Stories of people and place in the Burren are invited from all interested. Please contact Anne Byrne at [ceibh@eircom.net](mailto:ceibh@eircom.net) for guidelines for sending stories.

### **Burrenbeo Thursday Talks**

Every Thursday in August, the Burrenbeo Resource Centre in Kinvara will host an Illustrated Talk on the Burren. Starting at 8.30 pm and lasting 40 minutes, the talks will offer an introduction to the extraordinary heritage of the Burren covering areas such as geology, archaeology and ecology. Admission is free but pre-booking is recommended on 091-638096 or through [info@burrenbeo.com](mailto:info@burrenbeo.com). Also at Burrenbeo: Free Heritage information courtesy of Clare Biodiversity Group, The Heritage Council, ENFO, Birdwatch Ireland and others.

### **Burren Website Resources**

A new website dedicated to the Burren National Park has gone on line. Managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service the site address is [www.burrennationalpark.ie/](http://www.burrennationalpark.ie/)

An exceptional community based web resource for the East Burren and Slieve Aughty region is now also on line – [www.aughty.org](http://www.aughty.org) for more info.

Another community orientated web resource is Clare Focus which connects communities through the provision of a local information and networking service. [www.clarefocus.ie/](http://www.clarefocus.ie/)

Also, the Burrenbeo Flora Checksheet for August 2007 is now available! This is the fifth and final in the series of Checksheets which are available to download and print. [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com)

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Carron:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm at the Old Schoolhouse, Carron (BurrenLIFE Project Office). Free Guided walk (2-3 hours) on the theme of 'Burnt Mounds, Lazy Beds and Wild, Wild Flowers'. Further info at: 065 708 9000, 087 292 54 87, or [info@burrenlife.com](mailto:info@burrenlife.com)

**Ballyvaughan:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 – 2pm. Lunchtime concert of traditional Irish music with Chris Droney, Jerry Lynch & Michael Kelleher. Venue: Community Centre. [www.richesofclare.com](http://www.richesofclare.com)

**Corofin:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Seisiúin - Traditional Irish Nights at 9pm at Teach Cheoil, Corofin. €10 including tea and light refreshments. Tel 065 6837762 or 065 6837676 for info.

**Ennistymon** August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Seisiúin. Traditional music, song, dance and storytelling at 9pm at Teach Cheoil, Ennistymon. €10 including tea and light refreshments. Tel 065 7071467 for info.

**Kinvara** August 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Crinniú na mBád Kinvara, Traditional boat festival with Galway Hookers and Currach. Music, family events and much, much more. For more details visit [www.kinvara.com/](http://www.kinvara.com/)

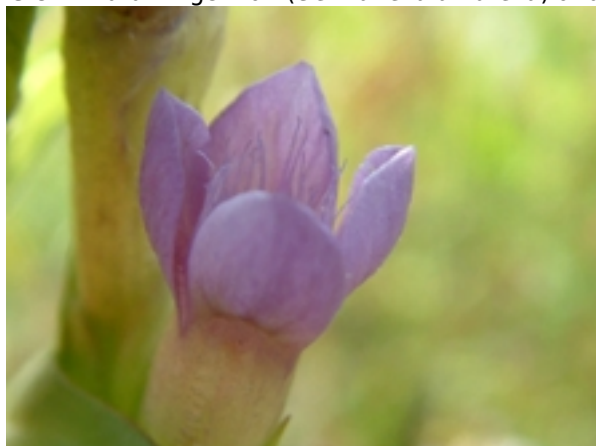
**Lisdoonvarna** August 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Merriman Summer School. Theme 'Mór idir na haimsiribh. The past: another country'. For details contact 086 3820671 or [www.merriman.ie](http://www.merriman.ie)

**Burren:** August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A number of events – talks, walks and much more – will be held all across Ireland to celebrate Heritage Week 2007. Visit [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) for details.

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

Field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), Greater knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*), Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*), (*Blackstonia perfoliata*), Common centaury (*Centaureum erythraea*), Carlina thistle (*Carlina vulgaris*), Squinancywort (*Asperula cynanchica*), Devil's but scabious (*Succisa pratensis*), Common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), Fairy flax (*Linum catharticum*), Goldenrod (*Solidago virgaurea*), Ladies bedstraw (*Galium verum*), Wild thyme (*Thymus praecox*), Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Sneezewort (*Achillea ptarmica*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Eyebrights (*Euphrasia* spp), Yellow rattle (*Rhinantus minor*), Biting stonecrop (*Sedum acre*), Marsh ragwort (*Senecio aquaticus*) and Autumn Lady's Tresses (*Spiranthes spiralis*).

**Below:** Autumn gentian (*Gentianella amarella*) and Grass of Parnassus (*Parnassia palustris*).



### **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 – 7pm, Sunday 12 – 5pm.