

Successful 'Summer in the Woods'

Thanks to all involved in Summer in the Woods over 22 / 23 / 24 July. Apologies once more for delay at registration - it was a bit of a fluster with so many arriving at once - we are adjusting our system to avoid such delays in future, and request all participants to let us have full payment in advance if possible, or at least try to arrive early and be sure to have sent in deposit and membership (if applicable). Otherwise feedback has been very positive and people seemed to enjoy the weekend - the good weather helped, especially for those taking a dip in the lake ! Some great work was done on various building projects and we were pleased to see many people taking home excellent pieces of furniture, utensils, jewellery, wood carving, longbows, etc.

Weekend in the Woods - 7th / 8th October - Bealkelly Wood, Tuamgraney, Co.Clare - choice of 16 courses in traditional skills / crafts

Details now on the website (see below) - many of the same popular courses available - book on-line now!

Canoe building course - 4 weekends starts 26 / 27 August - Build your own canoe - timber frame covered with canvas proofed with linseed oil and painted (or can be fibre-glass covered if preferred). Alternatively build a simple wooden boat (similar to the old traditional turf boat). 4 consecutive weekends with optional free extra weekend if needed to complete the work (or if a weekend unavoidably missed). Course fee 400 euros plus membership (15 euro) if applicable and estimated 150 - 180 euros for materials. Participants should have basic woodworking skills. To book, send deposit 100 euros plus contact details and what you want to build. Phone Del Harding 061-923041 for further info

CELT Open Day - Sunday 3rd September - 1pm to 6pm - Bealkelly Wood, Tuamgraney, Co.Clare

As a contribution to Heritage Week, CELT will provide traditional skills demonstrations, displays about woodland / wetland ecology / biodiversity and guided walks through the woodland and by the holy well, stream, ponds and lakeshore. No official cover charge, but donations welcome towards CELT environmental education and training programmes.

Directors' comments:

We are lucky to have the cooperation of Del Harding and use of his beautiful woodland and ask that all visitors to our events please respect the place and use facilities with care - also remember that the animals have a greater right to be there than we do. Please take litter home or at least use marked bags for recycling and please ensure that the gate is kept shut at all times. The woodland is private and not open to the public when events / courses are not in progress.

It is part of CELT ethos to keep events affordable to the less well-off, at the same time we need to pay staff, rent, insurance, buy tools and equipment, etc - much help towards this has been through funding from the Heritage Council, LEADER, Clare VEC and other sponsors. We still have to struggle with only part-time and volunteer staff so anyone who can help source funding / sponsorship - your help will be greatly appreciated by the hundreds of people who take part in our events and projects.

We are currently doing a project to improve biodiversity in an interesting wetland / stream / pond / lakeshore part of Bealkelly Wood - part funded by the Biodiversity Fund through the Heritage Council. Anyone who is interested in helping with this, please get in touch.

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