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Ballyvaughan VILLAGE

CAPITAL OF THE BURREN

Ballyvaughan village is situated between the hills of the Burren and the southern coastline of Galway Bay. Ballyvaughan (O'Behan's Town) developed as a fishing community from the 19th century. A castle site and celtic ringfort hint at earlier habitation of this sheltered bay.

Today this community welcomes visitors to the Burren region. Each year, botanists and naturalists roam this lunar landscape searching for the Arctic, Alpine and Mediterranean plants which grow in profusion over the limestone pavements.

The Burren is renowned for its archaeology. Ballyvaughan is surrounded by megalithic tombs such as Poulabrone Dolmen, celtic ringforts, medieval churches and castles.

From Ballyvaughan visitors can explore this unique landscape by car or bicycle or by hiking over its many hills. The karst terrain hides caves and caverns, such as Aillwee Cave, which is open to the public all the year round. The beaches and coastline around Ballyvaughan are ideal for swimming, kayaking, boating and are rich fishing grounds. The village and its surroundings offer exclusive and comfortable accommodation to relax in and there are numerous fine restaurants for dining and pubs where regular traditional Irish music sessions can be enjoyed.

Many visitors come to Ballyvaughan to stroll along its shorelines and its many 'green roads,' and absorb the living spirit and peaceful solitude of Ireland's most scenic



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Photos courtesy Shannon Development

This is a community led project by the Ballyvaughan Development Group.

For more information, contact the local
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The Burren in Bloom Team

We look forward to welcoming you to Ballyvaughan in May 2010.

But get going...accommodation books up fast...

of the many friendly pubs and inns at the end of the day.

With all of this activity, make sure you leave time to visit the Aillwee Cave and new Birds of Prey Centre. Reward yourself with dining in our range of eateries, finding that something special in our bijoux shops and relaxing in one

Marathon invites you to get in shape and join the hundreds of walkers on May 22nd.

Exciting Festival of the Valleys, celebrating Celtic and Mediterranean Cultural Fusion. The hugely popular Burren

Each weekend has something new to offer, beginning with the Burren Law School and culminating in the

enlightened by the series of lectures and talks to deepen your understanding and knowledge of this unique area.

The 2010 programme is filled with events and activities to get you out and about in this incredible landscape.

capital of the Burren.

Welcome to Burren in Bloom, our village festival celebrating the arrival of Summer in Ballyvaughan, the



May 2010 Programme

Burren in Bloom



Ballyvaughan Celebration

Burren in Bloom - May 2010

Admission to the talks and walks is free but donations to offset the expenses of Burren in Bloom are always very welcome.

Venue & times of walks. If you know the Burren, the actual venue is named (+ map reference, OS Sheets 51 and 52 as appropriate). Please go straight there for a start 30 minutes later than that stated here. If you do not know the Burren or need a lift, please assemble on the car park opposite Ballyvaughan church ready for a prompt departure at the stated time – please do not be late as others will be awaiting our arrival at the venue. Walks last 2 to 4 hours. Walking boots recommended.

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER / LEADER	BOOKING	VENUE	TOPIC
Apr. 30 - May 2	Friday to Sunday		Law School	The Burren Law School at Newtown Castle.	www.burrencollege.ie	Burren College of Art	A contemporary and Brehon perspective on the theme "Power - its uses and abuses"
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER / LEADER	COMING FROM	VENUE	TOPIC
May 4	Tues	afternoon	Launch	Michael Canavan / Brendan Dunford / Ecobeo experts	Ballyvaughan National School & Burrenbeo Trust	Ballyvaughan National School	The Blooming Burren Free Linalla ice-creams courtesy BiB
4	Tues	afternoon	Judging	Michael Canavan / Brendan Dunford / Ecobeo experts /	Ballyvaughan Filling Station	Ballyvaughan Main St.	Best dressed Burren in Bloom window
4	Tues	8.30 pm	Talk	Professor John Sweeney	National University of Ireland Maynooth	Burren College of Art	Climate change and the Burren
5	Weds	2.00 pm	Walk	Stephen Ward / Emma Glanville	Burrenbeo Trust & Nat. Parks & Wildlife Ser.	Slieve Carran Nat. Nature Res. 52M 335 035	Flowers & Management of the Burren
6	Thurs	8.30 pm	Talk	Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington	NUI Galway	Burren College of Art	Disappearing lakes – Burren turloughs
8	Sat	6.30 pm	Barbeque	"Gregans Gourmet Garden Gathering"		Gregans Castle Hotel. Booking Essential. Tel. 065 7077005.	A stylish alfresco feast of local produce, organic wines and gentle music.
9	Sun	2.00 pm	Walk	Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington	NUI Galway	Burren National Park Gortlecka 51R 319 945	Disappearing lakes – Burren turloughs
11	Tues	8.30 pm	Talk	Simon Berrow	Irish Whale & Dolphin Group, Kilrush	Burren College of Art	Whales & Dolphins off the Burren
12	Weds	2.00 pm	Walk	Stephen Ward / Emma Glanville	Burrenbeo Trust & National Parks & Wildlife Service	Burren National Park Coolorta 52R 342 967	Flowers & management of the Burren. Walk along a famine Road
13	Thurs	8.30 pm	Talk	Una Fitzpatrick	National Biodiversity Centre, Waterford	Burren College of Art	Burren Bumblebees
16	Sun	5.15 am	Walk	Gordon D'Arcy	Ballindereen	Meet outside Ballyvaughan Spar Village Store	Dawn chorus
16	Sun	2.00 pm	Walk	Stephen Ward / Sharon Parr	Burrenbeo Trust	Berneens 51M 225 027	Flowers & farming in the Burren
18	Tues	8.30 pm	Talk	Mike Simms	Ulster Museum	Burren College of Art	Exploring the Limestone Landscapes of the Burren
19	Weds	2.00 pm	Walk	Mike Simms / Stephen Ward	Ulster Museum & Burrenbeo Trust	Black Head 51M 147 107 lay-by 2km south of lighthouse	Rocks, flowers & lichens of the Burren
20	Thurs	8.30 pm	Talk	Matthew Jebb Joint event with Burrenbeo Trust	National Botanic Garden Glasnevin	Burren College of Art	Wild flowers in a Limestone Landscape
22	Sat	10.30 am & 2.00 pm	Walk	Matthew Jebb	National Botanic Garden Glasnevin	Burren National Park am: 51R 310 945 pm: 52R 342 967	Wild flower hunt on International Biodiversity Day
22	Sat	9.00 am	Marathon	Ballyvaughan-Fanore Walking Club		Ballyvaughan seafront	www.ballyvaughanfanorewalkingclub.com
23	Sun	2.00 pm	Walk	Vivienne Campbell	Kilfenora	Meet on Burren College of Art car park	The Burren's Medicinal Herbs
25	Tues	7.00 pm	Walk & Talk	Michelle Comber	NUI Galway	Caherconnell [just beyond Poulabrone]	Who lived at Caherconnell, long, long ago?
26	Weds	2.00 pm	Walk	Stephen Ward	Burrenbeo Trust	Meet on Burren College of Art car park	Flowers of the Burren
27	Thurs	8.30 pm	Talk	Emma Glanville	National Parks & Wildlife Service	Burren College of Art	Ranging over the Burren
28-30	Fri.-Sun.		Festival	The Festival of the Valleys,	www.festivalofthevalleys.com		A weekend of music, song, dance and sporting events celebrating Celtic and Mediterranean cultural Fusion.
29	Sat	8.30 pm	Walk	Sharon Parr/Mikey Irwin /Ken Bond/Kevin Hannan/Penny Bartlett	Burrenbeo Trust, Ballyv. /NUI Cork/Limerick/Nat. Parks & Wildlife Service	Meet outside Ballyv. Spar Village Store	Setting live moth traps
30	Sun	9.00 am	Walk	As above	As above	Meet where traps set previous night	Identification and release of overnight trapped moths
30	Sun	2.00 pm	Whale watch	Simon Berrow & Sabine Springer	Irish Whale & Dolphin Group, Kilrush	Black Head 51M 147 107 2km south of lighthouse	Whales & Dolphins off the Burren
July 23	Fri	2.00 pm	Walk	Una Fitzpatrick & Andrew Byrne	National Biodiversity Data Centre	UCG Field Research, Station 51R 287 992	Identifying Burren Bumblebees
July 24	Sat	2.00 pm	Walk	Una Fitzpatrick & Andrew Byrne	National Biodiversity Data Centre	As above	Identifying Burren Bumblebees