

Tuesday 9 August 2011

Culture and Diversity: Archives reveal our Irish and British stories

The [Archive Awareness Campaign](#) unveils its *Culture and Diversity* theme today, inviting the public to celebrate culture, diversity, the arts and creativity. The Campaign is honouring local artists who have made an impact on the history of our communities, and also brings to light stories and artefacts from the places, people and cultures that make up the UK today.

Coinciding with the 60th anniversary of The *Festival of Britain* (nationalarchives.gov.uk/imagelibrary/festival-of-britain-showcase.htm) *Culture and Diversity: What's Your Story?*, has been inspired by the Festival's attention to the arts, design, architecture and culture of post-war Britain. The Festival was designed to be a celebration of all things British, both historic and contemporary. By its very nature, it was diverse representing the varied communities and social and economic classes involved in the celebrations.

Geoff Pick of the Archives and Records Association (UK & Ireland) said: *"It's great this year's campaign is happening in the anniversary year of the Festival of Britain. Uniquely, it told the story of contemporary culture and diversity in the ways different communities marked the occasion. Now this campaign offers everyone the opportunity to explore the rich resources and discover the fascinating quality of the UK's cultural heritage. It is paying homage to the arts, contemporary culture and the hidden stories of cultural groups across the country"*.

Museums and archives are participating in a wide range of activities to commemorate the *Festival of Britain*. Highlights include:

- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) will be running an exhibition *A century of change conflict and transformation Northern Ireland*. The exhibition uses PRONI archives to explore themes such as economy, society, leisure and governance. It will also feature a display on the Blitz experience in Northern Ireland.
- Norfolk Record Office will be holding a twilight event where visitors can participate in a live exhibition and view footage of the Festival of Britain celebrations. The Record Office will also explore the 1950s celebrations of the Queen's coronation.
- The Victoria and Albert Museum is staging *Inside Outing*, which will involve an Open Day with a morning of speakers and an afternoon tour at the Southbank's Museum of 1951, plus an exhibition utilising its collection of Festival of Britain material.

Institutions are also honouring Irish and UK history and heritage:

- The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland will explore their collections of heritage material relating to art and diversity in Irish medicine.
- Johnston Central Library, in Co. Cavan will be holding *Global Gaeilge: The Case Of The Irish Language In Canada*. The event will look at the historical accounts of Irish migrations to Canada and also examine the part that the Irish language played in the lives of these migrants.
- The stories of servant George Africanus, local Olympic sportswomen Denise Lewis and Tessa Sanderson are told in a display at Wolverhampton Archives.
- Greater Manchester County Record Office, Manchester Archives and the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) are celebrating Manchester's Chinese community with the *Manchester Chinese Archive Community exhibition*. The exhibition explores the community's impact on the cultural richness of Manchester and looks at the daily life, business, festivals and rituals of the community.

- A collection of previously forgotten recipes and foods from across the generations, and cultures in Scotland will be tried and tested at the Scottish Council on Archives.
- Cornwall Record Office will be launching a series of exhibitions looking at Cornish culture, its arts, festivals, and lifestyle.

Angela Owusu of Archive Awareness Campaign said:

As part of this year's Campaign, archives across the country are hosting special events to celebrate the fantastic wealth of their collections. Diverse activities are being held all over, from exhibitions, talks and competitions to an archive feast where the public will have the chance to taste a Regency era seed cake, which once doubled as a cure for madness!

Culture and Diversity: What's Your Story? events will take place in communities across the country; keep up with these at www.archiveawareness.com/events.

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For free postcards on this year's theme, further details, spokespeople or images on the Archive Awareness Campaign, please contact **Angela Owusu** on **0208 392 5237** or email Angela.Owusu@nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Notes to Editors

- The Archive Awareness Campaign (AAC) is spearheaded by the Archives & Records Association (ARA) www.archives.org.uk and funded by The National Archives nationalarchives.gov.uk and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council www.mla.gov.uk.
- Archive Awareness Campaign www.archiveawareness.com is an ongoing celebration of all kinds of fascinating archive treasures. It celebrates and promotes local and national archives. Throughout the year archives across the country open their doors to showcase history, hold open days and present workshops to help the public discover a piece of their own history.

***Culture & Diversity: What's Your Story?* events highlight in Ireland:**

Ireland

Archives and libraries across the region will also be hosting various events as part of this year's theme, information can be found at www.learnaboutarchive.ie or

www.archiveawareness.com/events/. Log onto www.heritageweek.ie for AAC events taking place during Heritage Week (20-28 August). As shown below:

DUBLIN

- **RCPI Open Day: Art and Diversity in Irish Medicine**
Explore the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland's collections of heritage material relating to art and diversity in Irish medicine. The Open day display will be held within the College's home and visitors will partake in tours and watch films throughout the day. Further details are available on the RCPI website at www.rcpi.ie.
Location: Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2
Dates: 23 August, 11:00-20:00
Admission: Free, places on tours need to be booked
Organiser: Harriet Wheelock, harrietwheelock@rcpi.ie, 01 6698817
- **The Big House in Fingal: Past, Present & Future**
A day of talks on various 'Big Houses' in Fingal, from the well-known to the lesser-known. Organised by Fingal Local Studies & Archives, details of programme and speakers to be announced closer to the day.
Location: Newbridge House, Donabate, Fingal
Dates: 20 August, 09:15-17:00
Admission: Free, booking essential
Organiser: Colm McQuinn, Fingal County Council, colm.mcquinn@fingalcoco.ie,
Contact: 01 870 4496
- **Skerries 1911 Festival**
Recreate the atmosphere of living in Skerries 100 years ago in 1911. A mixture of historical and fun events. Festival was inspired by Census 1911 going online, and is based on information from census and Historical Society archives.
Location: Various venues in Skerries
Dates: 20 – 28 August
Admission: All events are free
Organiser: Bob Laird, boblaird@gmail.com, 087 2301415
- **Family History and Genealogy**
Opening of society archive. Family history, research and enquiries. Start your own family tree!
Location: Genealogical Society of Ireland, Carlisle Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.
Dates: 20 August, 13:00-16:30; 21 August, 13:00-18:00; 22 – 27 August, 13:00-16:30; 28 August, 13:00-18:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Eddie Gahan, eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com, 087 2486878
- **Tracing your ancestors at Dublin City Library and Archive**
Find out where to begin your family history search and explore the available resources at Dublin City Library and Archive. Lecture by Dr. Máire Kennedy, Divisional Librarian, Dublin City Public Libraries.
Location: Marino Library, Marino Mart, Dublin 3
Date: 20 August, 20:00-20:30; 23 August, 14:30-15:30
Admission: Free
Organiser: Development Office, Dublin City Public Libraries
Contact: marinolibrary@dublincity.ie or 01 8691414

- Registry of Deeds Archives**
 Registry of Deeds has over 5 million records of land transactions dating from 1708. Archives housed in the south wing of King's Inns, which is the 3rd and last of the great Gandon public buildings. It is the only one of his buildings not to have been destroyed and reconstructed in his lifetime. Tour also includes a display of memorials of famous public figures.
 Location: Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1
 Dates: 22-26 August, 10:00-15:30
 Admission: Free, but places are limited so booking is essential
 Organiser: Daire Guidera, Registry of Deeds daire.guidera@prai.ie,
 Contact: 01 8716518
- Exhibition: Irish Traditional Music on Long Playing Discs**
 Exhibition: Irish traditional music on long playing discs. The exhibition will allow people to handle LPs as well as listening to some rare recordings.
 Location: The Irish Traditional Music Archive, 73 Merrion Square, Dublin 2
 Dates: 22 – 27 August, 14:30-16:30
 Admission: Free
 Organiser: Joan McDermott, joan.mcdermott@itma.ie,
 Contact: 01 661 9699
- Airfield Heritage Talk**
 Talk on the restoration of the Victorian Glasshouse at Airfield and History of the Overend sisters with photographs.
 Location: Airfield, Kilmacud Road Upper Dundrum Dublin 14
 Dates: 23 August, 11:30-12:30; 25 August, 14:30-15:30
 Admission: Free, booking essential
 Organiser: Bernadette Larkin, Airfield, bernadette@airfield.ie,
 Contact: 01 2984301
- Memory Lane: Recollections of Dublin in the Rare Oul' Times**
 The public will enjoy a nostalgic hour sharing their memories of the city through old photographs from the Libraries Collection.
 Location: Drumcondra Library, Millmount Avenue, Dublin 9
 Date: 23 August, 14:30-15:30
 Admission: Free, booking essential
 Organiser: Development Office Dublin City Public Libraries, openlearning@dublincity.ie
 Contact: drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie, 01 8377206
- 'The vestry records of the parish of St Bride, Dublin, 1662-1742'**
 Lecture by Mr Ronnie Wallace on 'The vestry records of the parish of St Bride, Dublin, 1662-1742' which he has edited for publication in the RCB Library Texts and Calendars Series. This will be published by Four Courts Press in the autumn.
 Location: Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2
 Date: 23 August, 18:30
 Admission: Free, first come first served
 Organiser: Dr Raymond Fefausse, Representative Church Body Library, raymond.refausse@rcbdub.org,
 Contact: 01 4723979
- Introduction to the National Library Of Ireland**
 Learn how to access the collections at the National Library of Ireland.
 Location: National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2
 Date: 24 August, 11:00-11:30
 Admission: Free

Organiser: Sarah O'Connor, National Library of Ireland, soconnor@nli.ie,
Contact: 01 6030317

- **Memory Lane: Recollection Of Dublin in the 'Rare Oul' Times'**

Visitors will enjoy a nostalgic hour sharing their memories of the city through old photographs from the Library's Collection.

Location: The Central Library, ILAC Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1

Date: 24 August, 13:00-14:00

Admission: Free, booking essential

Organiser: Development Office Dublin City Public Libraries,
openlearning@dublincity.ie

Contact: 01 873 4333

- **Guided Tour of the Cathedral Manuscripts With Dr Raymond Refausse**

A tour of the cathedral's fascinating manuscript collection with Church of Ireland Archivist, Dr Raymond Refausse. Tours are limited to 25 participants, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Location: Christ Church Cathedral, Christchurch Place Dublin 8

Date: 24 August, 13:15-14:00

Admission: Normal cathedral admission charges apply: €6 adults, €4 seniors, €3 students, €14 family - the tour itself is free

Organiser: Lesley-Anne Carey, lesley-anne@cccdub.ie,

Contact: 01 677 8099

- **Garda Photographic Collection: A Talk By Paul Maher, Sgt. Garda Museum**

A collection of previously unseen Garda photographs is being brought back into the light by Detective Garda Ian Redican. An exhibition featuring selected images from the collection will be on display in Cabra Library during the month of August.

Location: Cabra Library, Navan Road, Dublin 7

Date: 24 August, 18:30-19:30

Admission: Free, booking essential

Organiser: Dublin City Public Libraries

Contact: cabralibrary@dublincity.ie, 01 8691414

- **Memory Lane: Recollection Of Dublin in the 'Rare Oul' Times'**

The public will partake in a nostalgic hour sharing their memories of the city through old photographs from the Libraries Collection.

Location: Finglas Library, Main Centre, Jamestown Road, Finglas, Dublin 11

Date: 25 August, 11:00-12:00

Admission: Free, booking essential

Organiser: Development Office Dublin City Public Libraries,
openlearning@dublincity.ie 01 873 4333

Contact: finglaslibrary@dublincity.ie, 01 8344906

- **'Quills, Inks and Vellums': Lunchtime Lecture by Tim O'Neill**

A lunchtime lecture by Tim O'Neill on 'Quills, inks and vellums: practical aspects of manuscript production.

Location: Royal Irish Academy Library, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Date: 25 August, 13:00-14:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Royal Irish Academy

Contact: Bernadette Cunningham, b.cunningham@ria.ie, 01 6762570

- **Open Afternoon – Monkstown Parish Church**
 The Church is providing a self-guided tour of historic church, information on monuments and windows, display of church archives as well as quizzes for adults and children.
 Location: Monkstown Parish Church, Monkstown, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown
 Date: 25 August, 14:00-18:00
 Admission: Free
 Organiser: Etain Murphy, etainmurphy@msn.com,
 Contact: 01 2845043
- **Irish Architectural Archive Open Day**
 The Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, is open for guided tours of the largest terraced house on Merrion Square and an opportunity to see the exhibition **Pier Luigi Nervi: Project and Structure** presented in association with the Italian Institute of Culture.
 Location: Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2
 Date: 27 August, 10:00-17:00
 Admission: Free
 Organiser: Irish Architectural Archive, info@iarc.ie
- **Launch of New Online Resources for Family History**
 Includes speaker Brigid Hourican, one of the 'Ambassadors of a Thousand Welcomes' and also introduces the libraries' photographic collection. A new online resource for family history will also be launched.
 Location: Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2
 Date: 27 August, 14:00-16:30
 Admission: Free, booking essential
 Organiser: Development Office Dublin City Public Libraries
finlaslibrary@dublincity.ie,
 Contact: 01 834 4906
- **Public Sinners: Reports By Parish Priests Of Dublin To The Archbishop of Dublin On The Morals Of Young People In The 1850's**
 Reports by Parish Priests of Dublin to the Archbishop of Dublin on the Morals of Young People in the 1850's.
 Location: Donaghmede Library, Donaghmede Shopping Centre, Dublin 13
 Date: 28 August, 18:30-19:30
 Admission: Free, booking essential
 Organiser: Development Office, Dublin City Public Libraries
 Contact: donaghmedelibrary@dublincity.ie, 01 8482833
- **Conservation of plate-glass negatives: a Reading Room display**
 Location: The Reading Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, D2
 Date: 6 - 30 September
 Admission: Free
 Organiser: Ellen Murphy, Dublin City Library and Archive,
ellen.murphy@dublincity.ie,
 Contact: 01 6744848
- **Dublin in the 1930s – photographs from the Dublin Evening Mail: a Digital Display**
 Location: The Reading Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, D2
 Date: 6 -30 September
 Admission: Free
 Organiser: Ellen Murphy, Dublin City Library and Archive,
ellen.murphy@dublincity.ie,
 Contact: 01 6744848

- **Celebrating family history on Culture Night**

Location: The Dublin Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, D2
Date: 23 September, 18:00-21:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Ellen Murphy, Dublin City Library and Archive, ellen.murphy@dublincity.ie,
Contact: 01 6744848

CAVAN

- **Global Gaelige: The Case Of The Irish Language In Canada**

A summary of the historical accounts of Irish migrations to Canada and an examination of the part that the Irish language played in the lives of these migrants. This event has been organised in conjunction with Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, running in Cavan from August 13th to 22nd 2011. Location: Johnston Central Library, Farnham Centre, Farnham Street, Cavan Town, Co. Cavan.
Date: 22 August, 20:00-21:30
Admission: Free
Organiser: Mortas an Cabháin & Glór Bhréifne in assoc with Cavan County Library Service
Contact: Emma L Clancy, eclancy@cavancoco.ie, 049 4378500

CLARE

- **The Elections Of Clare**

The exhibition will feature material from the Archives relating to elections and events in Clare's political history. Material conserved through Heritage Council Funding will also be on display.

Location: Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Clare
Dates: 22 - 26 August, 09:30-17:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Rene Franklin, Clare County Archives, archivesrecords@clarecoco.ie,
Contact: 065 6846414

- **Open Hearth Local Folklore Workshop And Lecture With Audio-visual Illustrations**

A lecture workshop that will be based on the local folk heritage of county Clare. They will use audio sample from their archive to illustrate. The event is part of a series being run in 2011 by Cuimhneamh an Chláir. For more details see www.clarememories.ie
Date: 25 August, 19:30-21:00
Admission: €5
Organiser: Cuimhneamh an Chláir the Clare Oral History and Folklore Group
Contact: Tomás Mac Conmara, clarememories@eircom.net, 087 9160373

CORK

- **Tomás MacCurtain, Terence MacSwiney and the Burning of Cork, 1920**

Exhibition about Lord Mayors Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney and the burning of Cork in 1920.
Location: Cork City and County Archives, Seamus Murphy Building, 33a Great William O'Brien St, Blackpool, Cork City
Dates: 22 – 26 August, 09:00-17:00
Admission: Free

Organiser: Brian McGee, Cork City and County Archives, archivist@corkcity.ie
Contact: 021 4505876

DONEGAL

- **Taispeánais Pictiúirí / Photographic Exhibition**

An exhibition of photographs of Kilcar factories and factory workers from the beginning of the twentieth century.

Location: Áislann Chill Chartha, Chill Chartha (Kilcar), Donegal

Dates: 20 August, 19:30-22:00; 22-26 August, 09:00-22:00; 27 August, 10:00-18:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Seán Ó Beirne, Áislann Chill Chartha, eolas@aislann.ie,

Contact: 074 9738376

GALWAY

- **Exhibition of Galway's Cycling Heritage**

An exciting exhibition about people and bicycles!

Location: Galway City Library, St. Augustine Street, Galway

Dates: 22 August, 14:00-17:00; 23-25 August, 11:00-20:00; 26 August, 11:00-17:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Galway City Council Heritage Office & Galway Transportation Unit

Contact: Jim Higgins, planning@galwaycity.ie, 091 536547

KERRY

- **Tracing Your Family: All Day Advice on Getting Started**

Drop in information service on using local history resources to trace your ancestors.

Location: Local History and Archives Section, Kerry Library, Moyderwell, Tralee, Kerry

Date: 25 August, 10:00-17:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Ann Fitzgerald, Kerry Library, afitzgerald@kerrylibrary.ie, 066 7121200

- **After Hours Opening: Kerry Lives 1953-1970**

Exhibition: Kerry Lives, a portrait of the County from the Kennelly Archive, at a late opening of the Museum. Kerry County Museum has been voted Ireland's Museum of the Year 2009.

Location: Kerry County Museum, Ashe Memorial Hall, Denny Street, Tralee, Kerry

Date: 25 August, 17:30-18:30

Admission: Free

Organiser: Claudia Kohler, Kerry County Museum, education@kerrymuseum.ie,

Contact: 066 7127777

KILDARE

- **Forgotten Voices: the Great Irish Famine revealed through the Strokestown Estate Archive**

An exhibition focusing on the importance of estate collections as sources for local history research in Ireland, using the rich and varied archive of Strokestown Park House in Co. Roscommon, as a case study.

Location: Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Date: 20-28 August, open during Castletown's opening hours, Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 5pm, Sunday: 10am to 6pm, Monday: Closed

Admission: Free
Organiser: OPW-NUI Maynooth Archive & Research Centre at Castletown
Contact: Roisin Berry, roisin.berry@nuim.ie

KILKENNY

- **Visit KAS Library At Rothe House & Garden**

Visit the Kilkenny Archaeological Society Library, and view ancient maps, archive papers and books.

Location: Rothe House & Garden, Parliament Street Kilkenny, Kilkenny

Date: 21 August, 15:00-17:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Roisin McQuillan, Rothe House & Garden, roisin@rothehouse.com,

Contact: 056 7722893

LIMERICK

- **Ballyhoura Architectural Survey Open Day**

The Ballyhoura architectural files and projects will be on display and the co-ordinator will be available to answer any queries. Tea and coffee will be available.

Location: Ballyhoura Architectural Project, John the Baptist School, Knockainey Road, Hospital, Limerick

Dates: 21st August 14:00-16:30

Admission: Free

Organiser: Margaret Barry, ballyhouraarchitecturalsurvey@eircom.net, 061 383989

LONGFORD

- **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Continuing their series of Kenagh Evenings on local heritage. Author and broadcaster, Aidan O'Hara discusses family names associated with Kenagh and Longford. Of great interest to all Kenagh natives.

Location: Corlea Trackway, Keenagh, Longford

Date: 24 August, 19:30-20:30

Admission: Free, booking essential

Organiser: Corlea Trackway and the OPW

Contact: Mary Forbes, corlea@opw.ie, 043 33 22386

LOUTH

- **Archival Treasures of County Louth**

A display of historic archives relating to the political, social and cultural history of County Louth.

Location: Louth County Archives Service, Old Gaol, Ardee Road, Dundalk, County Louth

Dates: 22 – 26 August, 09:30-16:30

Admission: Free

Organiser: Jayne Hutchinson, Louth County Archives Service, archive@louthcoco.ie,

Contact: 042 933938

MAYO

- **Exhibition of Photographs from Pontoon And Foxford 1911-1914**

Exhibition of photographs by John Cooper Ashton of scenes of everyday life and fishing trips in and around Pontoon and Foxford, Co. Mayo, 1911-1914

Location: Foxford Woollen Mills, Foxford, Mayo

Dates: 20 August, 10:00-18:00; 21 August, 12:00-18:00; 22-27 August, 10:00-18:00; 28 August, 12:00-18:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Deirdre Cunningham, Mayo County Council,
dcunningham@mayococo.ie,
Contact: 094 9047984

MEATH

- **Resources for family history in Meath County Archive and Local Studies**

Interested in your family genealogy? An illustrated talk by Mr Tom French, Executive Librarian will enable visitors to find out how they can avail the extensive archives in Meath County Library, Navan.

Location: Teach Raithneach Heritage & Cultural Centre, Starinagh Collon, Meath
Date: 23 August, 20:00-21:00
Admission: Voluntary donation
Organiser: Maura Roche, Bloomfield & District Residents Association,
mauraderoiste@eircom.net,
Contact: 086 8091819

OFFALY

- **Photographic Exhibition of Birr in the early C20th**

Images from the Lawrence Collection & the Gaynor Collection will be on display in Birr Library. These photographs will cover the early 20th Century.

Location: Birr Library, Wilmer Road, Birr, Co. Offaly
Dates: 20 August, 09:30-13:00; 23 August, 09:30-17:30; 24 August, 09:30-20:00;
25-26 August, 09:30-17:30; 27 August, 09:30-13:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Noirin Owens, Birr Library, nowens@offalycoco.ie, 057 912 4950

ROSCOMMON

- **Newspaper Digitisation Project**

Launch of the online Roscommon Herald & Roscommon Champion newspaper service project.

Location: King House, Boyle, Roscommon
Date: 24 August, 15:00-16:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Richie Farrell, Roscommon County Council, rfarrell@roscommoncoco.ie
Contact: 090 6637271

- **Local Government in Ireland**

Development of Municipal Government in Roscommon. Lecture by Dr. Matthew Potter, History Department, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick.

Location: King House, Boyle, Roscommon
Date: 25 August, 19:00-20:00
Admission: Free
Organiser: Richie Farrell, Roscommon County Council, rfarrell@roscommoncoco.ie
Contact: 090 6637271

WATERFORD

- **IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: Family Portraits from the Annie Brophy Photographic Collection, 1920s-1970s**

This exhibition will feature an all new selection of images of families from the huge Annie Brophy Photographic Collection.

Location: Christ Church Cathedral, Cathedral Square Waterford, Waterford

Dates: 20 August, 10:00-16:00; 21 August, 12:00-16:00; 22 -26 August, 09:00-18:00; 27 August, 10:00-16:00; 28 August, 12:00-16:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Donal Moore, Waterford City Archives; dmoore@waterfordcity.ie;

Contact: 051 843123

- **Scout Museum and National Scout Archives**

Museum display of memorabilia from 103 years of Scouting in Ireland, and the national archives of historical Scout material. Mount Melleray is app 6km north of Cappoquin, off the R669 towards Clogheen and Cahir.

Location: Mount Melleray Scout Centre, at entrance to Mount Melleray Abbey, near Cappoquin, Waterford

Date: 20 August, 12:00-18:00; 21 August, 10:00-14:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Sean Farrell, sfarrell@imagine.ie,

Contact: 085 1206552

WESTMEATH

- **Museum Open to the Public**

Moate Museum will open from 3pm to 6pm during National Heritage Week. The Museum has over 1000 artefacts covering the Folk History of the town and the surrounding countryside in the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. Displays include farm tools and equipment, an old farm kitchen, church and school through the years, a jail room, an archaeology room, the Old Forge, Tradesmen's Tools and a documents archive.

Location: Moate Museum, The Courthouse, Moate, Westmeath

Dates: 20 – 28 August, 15:00-18:00

Admission: Free, donations accepted

Organiser: Yvonne Lane, moatehistory@gmail.com, 087 4126939

WEXFORD

- **What's New In Wexford County Archives**

County Archivist Grainne Doran will guide visitors through the latest additions to the archive collection. Other topics discussed will include recent conservation and preservation projects in the county archive and for projects on behalf of local organisations and parish groups.

Location: Bunclody Library, Mill Wood, Carrigduff, Bunclody, Wexford

Date: 25 August, 19:00-20:00

Admission: Free, booking essential

Organiser: Trish Keenan, Wexford Public Libraries, patricia.keenan@wexfordcoco.ie,

Contact: 053 9375466

WICKLOW

- **Meet the Genealogist: Advice On Starting Your Family History Research**

Meet with Wicklow County Council's genealogist Catherine Wright, Manager of the Wicklow Family History Centre, Wicklow County Archives.

Dates: 20 August, 15:00-17:00, Blessington Library; 22 August, 18:30- 20:30, Carnew Library; 25 August, 18:30-20:30, Greystones Library
Admission: Free
Contact: wfh@eircom.net, 0404 20126

- **Newspapers of Yesteryear: Wicklow's Past In Newsprint**

With expert guidance from historian Jim Rees, explore the fascinating resource of Wicklow's newspaper archive. Wicklow County Council Library Service's newspaper archive spans over 150 years of local and regional news, a resource open to all.

Location: Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray, Wicklow

Date: 24 August, 19:00-20:30

Admission: Free

Organiser: Ciara Brennan, Wicklow County Library Service,
cbrennan@wicklowcoco.ie,

Contact: 01 2723205

Online Events

- **The Art of Conservation: Wide Street Commission Maps Project Online Exhibition**

Online exhibition showing conservation work on nineteenth century Wide Street Commission Maps of Dublin, part funded by Heritage Council of Ireland

Location: www.dublincityarchives.ie

Date: 20-28 August

Admission: n/a

Organiser: Ellen Murphy, Dublin City Library and Archive,
ellen.murphy@dublincity.ie,

Contact: 01 6744848

- **A Day In The Life Of Celbridge**

A Day in the Life of Celbridge – the public are being invited to take to the streets of Celbridge with their camera on Sat 20th Aug. Photographs can be taken at anytime of the day or night, in any location in or around Celbridge and of anything (within reason) as long as the photo is taken on Sat 20th Aug 2011. Details of how and when to upload photos to Celbridge Community Council Facebook can be found on their website. (Note: The Council reserve the right to exclude any Images that we deem inappropriate).

Location: www.facebook.com/CelbridgeCommunityCouncil

Date: 20 August, 08:00-23:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Yolande Barrett, Celbridge Community Council,
info@celbridgecommunitycouncil.ie

Contact: 087 0911571

- **Kilkenny Design Workshops Archive – Online exhibition and blog**

National Irish Visual Arts Library presents an exhibition on Facebook from the Kilkenny Designs Workshops Collection Management Project in conjunction with a KDW blog.

Location: NIVAL on Facebook, nationalirishvisualartslibrary@facebook.com

Dates: 22 -26 August, 10:00-17:00

Admission: Free

Organiser: Donna Romano, National Irish Visual Arts Library, romanod@ncad.ie,

Contact: 01 6364347

Culture & Diversity: What's Your Story? events highlight across the UK:

Northern Ireland

- **Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)** will be running an exhibition *A century of change conflict and transformation Northern Ireland, 1911-2011* until 2013. The exhibition uses PRONI archives to explore themes such as economy, society, leisure and governance. It will also feature a display on the Blitz experience in Northern Ireland. Visit the PRONI website www.proni.gov.uk for further details.

London

- **Autograph ABP** is holding exhibitions, seminars, Talks as well as film screenings on art, debate and diversity until August. See www.rivingtonplace.org for more details.
- **The Scout Association** has a number of activities until the end of summer including tours of Gilwell Park, web exhibitions on *Diversity*, including the fascinating story of Hélène Vagliano and the Association's contribution towards the Festival of Britain. Tours can be booked at www.scoutsrecords.org/tours.php and the exhibitions can be viewed at www.scoutsrecords.org/exhibitions.php.
- On Saturday 13 August **The British Postal Museum & Archive** will hold an archive Open day. The Post Office/BT Art Club will have a display of documents relating to culture and diversity. Behind the Scenes tours will be available throughout the day. Find out more here www.postalheritage.org.uk.
- **Brent Archives** will be putting on an arts and culture display utilising materials from a number of local sources in the borough. In addition, throughout August, the Archives will collaborate with Brent Museum as part of the Museum of London's (MoL) Story of London project. The Museum will feature boards on the main Festival of Britain activities at Southbank and nationwide, and the local celebrations in Brent. The display will also include images and information from the Brent Archives local history collections. Other activities:
 - On **Wed 24 August**, the Museum will hold an 'indoor street party', celebrating the street parties of 60 years ago (mostly held in torrential downpours in Willesden!). There will also be a display of folk dancing from a local dance school, reflecting the folk dance displays held in local parks for the Festival of Britain.
 - On **Sunday 28 August**, the Museum and the folk dancers will be at the Southbank, where they will hold a workshop and dance display.See www.brent.gov.uk/archives for details.
- **Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A)** will be holding *Inside Outing* in September. The event will involve a morning of speakers, a display of the Festival of Britain material from the V&A's collection, and an afternoon tour at the South Bank Museum of 1951. Visit www.vam.ac.uk/resources/archives/ for details.
- On 22 September, **The Guardian News & Media Archive** will hold a talk and tour of the Guardian and Observer's archive collections at GNM's main offices in Kings Place, London. A website showcasing some of the vast collection of photographic work held in the GNM Archives will also run during the month. See www.guardian.co.uk/gnm-archive for more details.
- **Black Cultural Archives (BCA)** will be holding *Gems of Black Cultural Archives* exhibition in October to celebrate BCA, and showcase its collection of historical artefacts, objects and projects. See www.bcaheritage.org.uk for more details.

South East

- As part of the BBC's Reel History film series, **Hampshire Archives Record Office** will be showcasing a short compilation of amateur films showing local celebrations around the Festival of Britain. There will also be a small exhibition with displays on cinemas and early films in September. Visit www3.hants.gov.uk/archives for more details.

South West

- **Cornwall Record Office** is launching a series of exhibitions in November using their resources, as well as those of their partners in the Cornish Archive Network (CAN). The exhibition content will delve into Cornish culture, traditions, arts and festivals. It will also incorporate a diary of a school-trip to the Festival of Britain. See www.cornwall.gov.uk.

Midlands

- **Wolverhampton Archives & Local Studies** *Culture and Diversity* exhibition is telling the stories of servant George Africanus, local Olympic sportswomen Denise Lewis and Tessa Sanderson, as well as bands such as Slade and One Direction, and other local heroes. The exhibition will showcase archival material, including newspaper articles and photographs until the end of September. They will also be holding a prize giving event at the Molineux Hotel on Wednesday 28 September to announce the winner of Wolverhampton's next Black Country bard competition. Entrants will be invited to read their work. Further details can be found here www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/leisure_culture/libraries/archives/new/events.htm.
- Between September and December **Herefordshire** will be celebrating the work of local artists and writers. For example, **Herefordshire Archives** will be holding an exhibition on knitting and wool, particularly celebrating the pattern book of Ursula Frances Bund. **Herefordshire's Museum Learning and Resource Centre** will also display knitting and wool related items in October. Visitors will be invited to knit items including baby's hats from a Victorian pattern. The hats will then be on display for a time before going to the County Hospital maternity unit. Find out more here www.herefordshire.gov.uk/archives.

North West

- **Wigan Archive Service** will be holding events around Open Heritage weekend in September. In addition, there will be an Art Factory event with Turnpike Gallery in Leigh and an interactive exhibition www.wlct.org/Arts-and-Festivals/turnpike-gallery/turnpike-gallery.htm inspired by art and artists until August. See www.wlct.org/heritage-services/wigan-archives-service.htm for more details.
- January 2012, the Manchester Chinese Archive Community Exhibition will tell the story of Greater Manchester's large and vibrant Chinese community at the **Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)** www.mosi.org.uk/whats-on/manchester-chinese-archive-community-exhibition.aspx. The Manchester Chinese Archive is available to view at **Greater Manchester County Record Office (with Manchester Archives)** www.manchesterchinesearchive.org.uk/. Also, as part of the city's Pride celebrations Manchester Archives will be launching the reprint of its LGBT History Source Guide with a talk by Jeff Evans on the 1880 Manchester Drag Ball on 24 August at City Library. See www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries/arl for more information.

Yorkshire

East Riding of Yorkshire Archives and Local Studies Service is holding an Open day at The Treasure House on Saturday 22 October. *Get Creative. What's Your Story?* will enable the public to see behind the scenes at the Archives and explore family and local history. There will be an exhibition of local archives and books on creativity, literature, art and music; children's activities and competitions; a quill pen writing and conservation demonstrations. See www.eastriding.gov.uk for more information.

East Anglia

- During October and November, **Norfolk Record Office** will be running a number of events on the 1950s celebrations of the Queen's coronation and the Festival of Britain. The first event will be a twilight session to coincide with the BBCs Reel history season. Visitors will be invited to find out how Norfolk took part in the celebrations by listening to experts, watching archive footage and reminiscing about the celebrations in their area. In November, the Record Office will hold a talk on celebrations (including the Festival of Britain) in Norwich over the past 900 years. See www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/nroindex.htm for more details.

Scotland

- **Scottish Council on Archives (SCA)** will be staging *The Edible Archive* feast – see the SCA website www.scoarch.org.uk for details and updates. Archives and members of the public across Scotland will contribute recipes from their collections and personal cookbooks. Contributions will be included in an archival cookbook, *The Edible Archive*. *The Edible Archive* cookbook will represent the diversity of the region, communities and archival collections across Scotland. Selected recipes from the cookbook will be brought to life by the SCA for the Edible Archive feast. See www.scoarch.org.uk or www.scottisharchives.org.uk for information.

Wales

- **Pembrokeshire Record Office** will be holding a small exhibition *Culture and Diversity: Pembrokeshire's Story* at Pembrokeshire Record Office from 3 October until December 2011. The exhibition will include facsimiles of famous links to the county in the field of art, architecture, music, literature, poetry, theatre, film and photography. For example, documents will include the baptisms of artists Augustus and Gwen John; letters from astronomer Sir Patrick Moore, wildlife photographer Eric Hoskings and writers Dick Francis, Auberon Waugh and Norman Mailer; photographs of a local production of 'Our House'-a *Madness* musical at the school where Suggs attended as a pupil; poems in the original hand of Welsh poet Waldo Williams; plans of Martletwy primary school by architect Thomas Ellis Owen and press cuttings relating to the filming of 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'. Find out more here www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/archives.

Archive Facts

- There are over 2000 archives in the UK.
- Local archives in the UK surveyed around 16,084 reader visitors in 2009 (PSQG Survey 2009).
- Between April 1994 and 31 March 2010 the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded £284m to archives.
- According to TNA's self-assessment for local authority archives (nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/our-services/self-assessment-results.htm) which showed that 27 local authority archive services now have the top (4

star) rating for the quality of service they provide across the board, including several who have recently opened new buildings such as Glamorgan Archives and Hull History Centre.

- In 2009 the length of time visitors spent in archives increased by 22%, with 55% staying for over 3 hours.
- In 2009, 78% of visitors surveyed agreed that archives contribute to society by “preserving our culture and heritage”. Over 62% also agreed archives have an important role in providing opportunities for learning. (PSQG Survey 2009)
- Programmes such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* have helped to boost audience interest in archives and family history.
- There are about 69,500 cubic metres of archival holdings (not including record management holdings) in local authority archives in England and Wales (CIPFA stats 2006 - 07).