

CREATIVE KILLEAGH PRESENTS

# MAY SUNDAY FESTIVAL

May 4th - 7th



2018

IN GLENBOWER WOOD &  
AT GREYWOOD ARTS

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# Welcome

The **Creative Killeagh** team has worked tirelessly on the revival of Killeagh's historic May Sunday festival and we are delighted to invite everyone to take part in a robust programme of events inspired by old festival traditions, stories from our community, and Glenbower Wood itself.

Creative Killeagh is a series of artist-led projects in conjunction with **Greywood Arts**, the **Killeagh-Inch Community Council**, **Inch Foróige**, and many more local groups and individuals. In the lead up to the festival, the creative team - visual artist **Carol Ann Connolly**, movement artist **Lisa Cahill**, filmmaker **Kara Sweeney**, and Greywood Arts director **Jessica Bonenfant Coogan** – did a lot of listening.

We visited the Monday Club, walked the wood with the Historical Group, made a documentary with Inch Foróige, facilitated sensory trails, and dialogued with the Glenbower Wood Committee. We experienced incredible generosity from the community in the sharing of their time, memories, and histories, and we deeply appreciate the richness of these exchanges with individuals from the very young to the active retired.

We hope you enjoy the weekend, and welcome your feedback, suggestions, and ideas for future festivals!

## About May Sunday

**Glenbower Wood** is situated on what used to be the estate of the De Cappell Brooke family. In the 1830s, De Cappell Brooke began making improvements to his home, as well as the surrounding lands. This included construction of the bridges. He was so pleased with the improvements, he invited the community to celebrate on the first Sunday in May. The lavish entertainment included music, song and dance – and this was the beginning of the May Day Pattern in Glenbower.

Each year after, people flocked to Glenbower Woods on May Sunday – initially the only day of the year on which the Wood was open to the public. In the 1920s, the festival became very popular, spilling out of the Wood and onto the Main Street. It was a colourful event featuring music, dancing, food, and in later years swing boats, stages on the backs of lorries, and fancy dress parades. The festival continued until 2001, when an outbreak of Foot and Mouth led to the cancellation of events around the country.

May Sunday, perhaps not so coincidentally, aligns with the ancient Gaelic May Day festival Bealtaine (meaning bright fire), which marked the start of summer and encompassed rituals to protect cattle, crops, dairy products, and people from harm – both natural and supernatural.

# Dawn Sensory Trail:

*To celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day*

May Sunday at 6am

You are invited to walk, listen, and immerse yourself in the sounds of Glenbower Woods in the early morning.

Facilitated by Lisa Cahill, the walk is suitable for people of all ages who are interested in discovering the woods at dawn. It will be gentle and encourage us to listen mindfully. We will spend an hour and a half in the woods and return indoors for a warm drink.

Walks will go ahead rain or shine.  
Gather at the playground carpark.  
Please bring suitable footwear for a variety of terrain & rain proof outerwear.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Lisa on 086 4085877 or email [creativekilleagh@gmail.com](mailto:creativekilleagh@gmail.com)



*People of all ages joined movement artist Lisa Cahill on four fantastic and inclusive sensory trails in March & April.*

## Make a May Bush Saturday at 12pm

May Bushes were erected in farm yards and around villages. These normally consisted of hawthorn branches that had been driven into the ground and then decorated with rags and other items.

May flowers, such as primrose, gorse, or hawthorn blossoms, were gathered before dawn and placed in bundles on door posts to ward off evil.

# Glenbower Talks

*A series of public exploratory walks that speak of the history, culture & biodiversity of Glenbower Woods.*

Members of the community & those from further afield who use the wood are invited to join; wanderers, dog owners, flower pickers, playground users, runners, hikers, cyclists, foragers.

## **Botanical Walk in Glenbower Woods**

**Saturday 11am - 1pm**

Finbarr Wallace and Edwina Cole from the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) will hold a walk in Glenbower woods looking at plants large and small, wild and cultivated that are found in this charming woodland. People with all levels of botanical interest welcome.

## **A Woods Through the Ages**

**Saturday 2pm - 4pm**

Join local historian Paudrig Lee in Glenbower Woods on a walk of the woods through the ages. Paudrig will give an overview of the long history of the woods and its relationship with the village of Killeagh through the centuries.

## **Mapping under Trees**

**Sunday 11am - 1pm**

The visual artist behind *Glenbower Talks*, Carol Anne Connolly, will lead an exploratory creative walk for families. Participants will use drawing, mark making and text to illustrate their observations of the woodland and co create a collaborative map of Glenbower; documenting sights and sounds from the smallest detail to the largest tree.

**To book a place  
please visit**

**[www.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

**or email  
[creativekilleagh@gmail.com](mailto:creativekilleagh@gmail.com)**



Walks will go ahead rain or shine.

Please bring suitable footwear for a variety of terrain and rain proof outerwear.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*Walking . . . is how the body measures itself against the earth.*

- Rebecca Solnit, *Wanderlust: A History of Walking*

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# This Neck of the Woods

an exhibition about where we live

*What represents your relationship to Killeagh?*

Locals were asked to consider this question and bring in an object that reflects their connection to where they live. The artefacts, alongside relics from May Sundays past.

**At Greywood Arts**

**Opening: Friday 6pm**

**Saturday 11am - 2pm**

**Monday 1pm - 3pm**



## Did you know?

Visits to holy wells are a traditional May Day ritual. Fainin's Well & Mass Rock is on the rock outcrop north of the Metal Bridge. Rainwater collects in its hollow and is said to be a cure for warts.



## Arboreal Book Club



**Wednesday June 6th at 8pm**

Join Carol Anne Connolly at Greywood Arts for the first session of the Arboreal Book Club to explore ideas and writing on trees and nature.

**To Join:**

email [creativekilleagh@gmail.com](mailto:creativekilleagh@gmail.com)

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# PROGRAMME

FRIDAY MAY 4TH

## OPENING RECEPTION

### THIS NECK OF THE WOODS:

AN EXHIBITION ABOUT WHERE WE LIVE

6pm

*Greywood Arts*

### LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

Make your own lantern to bring on the

7pm

Torchlight Procession - All Ages

*Greywood Arts*

### TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

A revival of an old tradition, we will walk up to the metal bridge at sunset. Bring a torch, lantern, or other light source.

8:30pm

*Glenbower Playground*

SATURDAY MAY 5TH

## MAY DAY WORKSHOPS:

Butter Making

11am *Greywood Arts*

May Bush Making

12pm *Playground*

## GLENBOWER TALKS:

Botanical Walk

*Glenbower Wood*

A Wood Through the Ages

11am - 1pm

2pm - 4pm

## LAND ART WORKSHOP

With the wood as your palette, discover the artistic potential of leaves, stones, twigs and other natural materials. All Ages.

2pm - 4pm

*Meet at Greywood Arts*

## THIS NECK OF THE WOODS:

AN EXHIBITION ABOUT WHERE WE LIVE

11am - 2pm

*Greywood Arts*

*All events are free*

*Details at [www.creativekilleagh.ie](http://www.creativekilleagh.ie)*

# PROGRAMME

## MAY SUNDAY

### DAWN SENSORY TRAIL

To celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day

6am

*Glenbower Playground*

### GLENBOWER TALKS

#### Mapping Under Trees

#### Family Walk

11am - 1pm

*Glenbower Wood*

### NATURE WEAVING

Nature weaving combines creativity & the outdoors, it encourages the exploration of different textures within the natural environment

1pm

*Glenbower Playground*

### OPEN-AIR DANCE &

### FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

2pm - 5pm

*Glenbower Playground*

### TIME OUT IN GLENBOWER

#### For Teenagers

6:15pm

*Glenbower Playground*

### A VILLAGE FULL OF COLOUR

Screening of a documentary film created by Inch Foróige with local filmmaker Kara Sweeney. Also, Doll House, a short film made by the youth group in a one-day Cork Young Filmmakers workshop.

8pm

*Greywood Arts*

### MUSIC IN THE PUBS

Kennedy's Bar

7pm - 9pm

The Old Thatch

10pm

Long's, Mt. Uniacke

10pm

*All events are free*

*Details at [www.creativekilleagh.ie](http://www.creativekilleagh.ie)*

## MONDAY MAY 7TH

### THIS NECK OF THE WOODS:

AN EXHIBITION ABOUT WHERE WE LIVE

1pm - 3pm

Greywood Arts

### MY HEALTHY COMMUNITY

A selection of children's artwork from the GAA Healthy Clubs poster competition will be on display.

1pm - 3pm

Greywood Arts

### LÁ NA gCLUB

GAA Family Fun Day

3pm - 5pm

Páirc Uí Chinnéide



## Lá na gClub

MONDAY MAY 7th

3pm - 5pm



- Mini-Blitz Hurling, Camogie and Football Games
- Poc Fada & Cic Fada, • Penalty Shoot Out,
- Crossbar Challenge • Target Games • Meet your senior club players
- Children's Art Work and Posters on display: "MY HEALTHY COMMUNITY"
- Healthy Food Samples & Recipes
- Refreshments Served

BRAND NEW GAME FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES: FUN AND RUN

FOR ALL IN OUR CLUBS,  
FOR ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY  
FOR ALL AGES



### Did you know?

*May Day traditionally marked the start of summer hurling. Young women would gift homemade sliotars, often made from horse hair, to men as a token of affection.*

*Hurling matches have long been part of the May Sunday celebrations*

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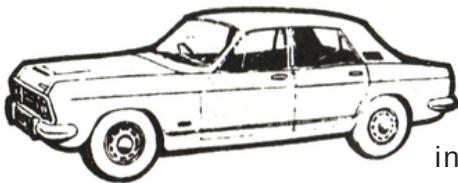


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# Open Air Dance & Fancy Dress

## The Circus Tent

Glenbower Playground

May Sunday 2pm - 5pm



2pm Music From School Groups &  
Monday Club Dancers demonstration

3pm Music with Mick & Mark

4:30pm Prizes for best dressed kids, adults & groups

*There used to be music, dancing & singing in the wood till night fall  
and long after on May Sunday!*

## Time Out in Glenbower for Teenagers 13+

Explore your own creativity in the environment,  
through listening, walking and creative making.

May Sunday:  
6:15pm - 7:30pm

Develop your inner ear with 'found sounds'- find the  
difference between hearing and listening. View and  
record your surroundings in a fun 'forced perspective'.

This workshop is facilitated by  
movement artist Lisa Cahill & filmmaker Kara Sweeney.

Rain or shine!  
Wear suitable footwear  
for a variety of terrain  
& rain proof outerwear.

Booking is essential.  
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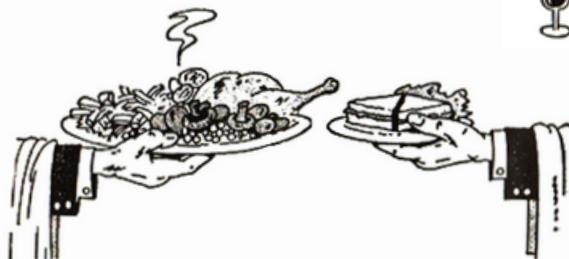
Inch Foróige Film Crew

Following the workshop, we will  
return to Greywood Arts to enjoy  
a warm drink and a snack.

You are invited to stay for  
the film screening of  
**A Village Full of Colour**  
made by Inch Foróige at 8pm.

# The Old Thatch

Proprietors Brian Barry & Debbie Walsh



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May Sunday 1948  
Dancing in Greenpark (where Fitzgibbons is now)  
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## Long's Pub

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Music on May Sunday night!

Kim's People  
10pm - close

## Did you know?

Glenbower gets its name from the Irish “gleann bodhar” or “Deafening Glen” from the noise of the river Dissour.

There was a lake in Glenbower Wood until 1989.

# THANK YOU

to our project partners & generous funders

Greywood Arts

Killeagh Inch Community Council

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Lisa Cahill, Carol Anne Connolly, & Kara Sweeney

Artists in residence Léann Herlihy & Sara French

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The Monday Club

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## The Lakes of Glenbower

Oh, Killeagh is my native habitation  
It's built in the view of the sea  
It's surrounded by shady plantations  
Where the blackbirds warble all day.

There's a nice sacred chapel in Killeagh  
The river Dissour flows beside  
And a cosy thatched cottage in the hallow  
Where honest Ned Conway resides.

The people will make you feel welcome  
To their clean tidy village each day  
And you'll leave then with happy recollections  
With God Bless and God speed on your way.

And when you'll depart for your homeland  
And leave Killeagh far far behind  
You'll remember Glenbower and it's music  
And the people so gentle and kind.

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