

We are so thrilled to welcome you to Bandon for our 13th Walled Town Festival.

We have once again compiled a range of activities for all ages and interest, from historical talks and guided walks, to workshops, fun and games.

It is with the wonderful support of the Heritage Council, Irish Walled Town Network, Cork County Council and our local sponsors that we are able to provide a host of free entertainment for all.

We are looking forward to holding our Heritage Family Fun day in Riverview Shopping Centre this year, and would like to extend a thank you to our hosts and to all the performers, entertainers and traders who have come along to make this day the fun it is.


Before 1600, there was no town where Bandon now stands. Taking its name from the River, the town was established as a colony at the southern frontier of the Munster Plantations. Walls six feet thick were built around Bandon as the colonists came under persistent counter-attack by the Irish. Though you can still see remains of the wall standing today, the greater part fell in 1689.

Note all dates and times are correct at time of print please check social media and website for any changes.



for more information on our festival & Bandon town visit our website: bandonhistory.com

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HISTORY TALKS BANDON TOWN HALL

Monday 19th August
8:00 p.m.

A history of the Jeffers in Bandon

Isla Jeffers gives an overview of the Jeffers family in Bandon.

From 1855 to the present day, they have been one of Bandon's longest running employers, including a bakery and West Cork's first supermarket.

Wednesday 21st August
8:00 p.m.

A Social History of the Bernards of Castle Bernard

Catherine Fitzmaurice gives an overview of the history of the Bernard family of Castle Bernard and their connection to the town.

Thursday 22nd August
8:00 p.m.

Distilling history from the Midleton Archive.

Join head of archives Carol Quinn, at Irish distillers Pernod Ricard on a deep dive through the origins of the modern Irish Whiskey Industry.

Friday 23rd August
8:00 p.m.

Cures of Ireland

Cecily Gilligan will talk about her book Cures of Ireland, which is an exploration of the traditional cures that have survived.

BANDON WALLED TOWN FESTIVAL

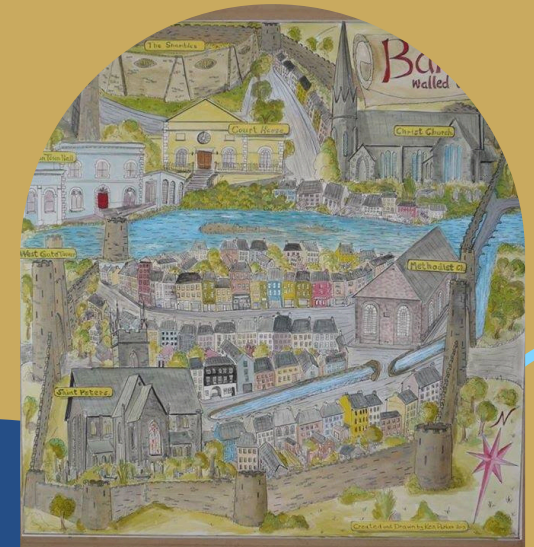
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17th - 25th August

Family Fun Day

25th August

@ Riverview Shopping
Centre



ALL WEEK

BANDON

- SEE CAN YOU FIND ALL THE BIRDS ON BEAG'S BIRDS OF THE BRIDWELL SCAVENGER HUNT
(BOTH AVAILABLE AT BANDON LIBRARY OR @BANDONHISTORY.COM/DOWNLOADS)
- POP INTO WEST CORK HERITAGE CENTRE AND LEARN ABOUT LIFE IN THE PAST

FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

14:30 HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BANDON LIBRARY

JOIN US AT BANDON LIBRARY AS LOCAL LIBRARY STUDIES STAFF TALK YOU THROUGH HOW TO START RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY.

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST FREE FAMILY FUN DAY 1-5 PM TIMED EVENTS

1:00 PERFORMANCE BY BANDON CONCERT BAND

2:00 BATTLE REENACTMENT
FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN'S REENACTMENT
(SUITABLE FOR 7-10 YEAR OLDS)
TAKE UP YOUR SWORD WITH BRAN DUBH
- LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE.

2:45 ALCHEMY ARTS CIRCUS MAGIC SHOW

1:30 & 3:15 PUPPET SHOW

STORY TELLING WITH RAE MCKINLAY
ALL AGES

4:15 COMHALTAS

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

15:00 BIODIVERSITY OF STONE WALLS BANDON LIBRARY

JOIN MARCUS COLLIER PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCES IN TCD AS HE DISCUSSES THE BIODIVERSITY OF STONE WALLS. WEATHER PERMITTING THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WALK AND TALK
ORGANISED BY BANDON TIDY TOWNS AND BEAG,
FUNDED BY POBAL
CONTACT BANDON.BEAG@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK.

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

12:00 HARP RECITAL BANDON METHODIST CHURCH

REIDUIN SCHLESINGER BRINGS THE UNIQUE SOUNDS OF EARLY IRISH HARPERS TO BANDON. ALSO FEATURING PERFORMANCE BY THE TEAPE SISTERS, AINE ON HARP AND LUCY ON FLUTE.
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY HARP WORKSHOP
COME AND TRY TO PLAY A HARP - AND EXPLORE MUSIC OF TIMES PAST

12:00 STORYTELLING WITH RAE MCKINLAY @RIVERVIEW SHOPPING CENTRE

JOIN RAE AS SHE WEAVES TALES OF YESTERYEAR, TALES OF WHISPER, SHE WHO SEES THE HERON, THE FOLKLORE OF OUR LANDSCAPE.
FOR FAMILIES AGES 7 AND UNDER

15:00 HORRIBLE HISTORIES AND HARMONIES @RIVERVIEW SHOPPING CENTRE

CORK BAROQUE PLAYERS PRESENT AN INTERACTIVE CONCERT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG AUDIENCES. CONNECTING WITH HISTORY AND LEARNING ABOUT MUSIC FROM DIFFERENT CENTURIES AND THE ROLE IT PLAYED IN THE WORLD.

16:30 GUIDED WALKING TOUR - FOOTSTEPS IN THE PAST MEET AT ST. PETER'S GATE

JOIN CLAIRE MCCUTCHEON ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST AS WE TAKE IN POINTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST IN OUR TOWN.

19:30 CORK BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

JOIN CORK BAROQUE ORCHESTRA FOR A MAGICAL MUSICAL INTERLUDE AS WE CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OF YESTERYEAR.
TICKETS €15 FROM O'FARRELLS, HICKEYS, BANDON BOOKS PLUS AND POWERTIK@BANDONHISTORY.COM

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

14:00 TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

'WHAT LIVES IN OUR RIVER?' IN ASSOCIATION WITH WISE WATER ACADEMY
COME ALONG FOR A FAMILY DAY KICKSAMPLING, EXAMINING THE MICRO INVERTEBRATES THAT LIVE IN OUR RIVER, AND MORE.
ORGANISED BY CREATIVE BANDON THROUGH CREATIVE IRELAND FUNDING
BOOK WITH ELAINE AT 0867325680



TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

19:30 GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CONNECT WITH THE FOUNDATION OF BANDON TOWN AS WE TAKE A FOOTSTEP THROUGH THE DOORS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH WITH ANDREW COLEMAN



ONGOING

THE BIG DIG

JOIN THE IRISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND TAKE PART IN THE BIG DIG.

THIS EXCAVATION SITE OF A REPLICA VIKING HOUSE ALLOWS CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS TO EXPLORE THE VIKING WORLD - WHO KNOWS WHAT ANCIENT TREASURE YOU MIGHT FIND!
WORKSHOPS MUST BE BOOKED VIA EVENTBRITE
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

LONGBOW DEMONSTRATION ANCIENT WARFARE

COMBAT IN A 1600'S BATTLEFIELD! RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, WEAPONRY, CLOTHING, FOOD. LEARN ABOUT IT ALL HERE.

HERITAGE SKILLS DEMONSTRATIONS:
WOODTURNING, BLACKSMITH
SPINNING COOPER
COIN-MAKING, PRINTING PRESS

CRAFT AND FOOD FAIR

ANIMAL MAGIC - JOIN ANIMAL ROADSHOW AS THEY SHOWCASE EXOTIC ANIMALS....

BALLOON MODELLING
FACEPAINTING
CIRCUS TRICKS AND SKILLS