

Workmen's Boat Club

The Workmen's Boatclub have launched a dvd of their minute books from 1910 – 2010 to celebrate their 100 year anniversary in December 2010.

They are also hoping that early in the New Year will see the publication of Margaret O'Grady's book on the Workmen's Boat Club 'Reading between the Lines', a study of the club in the first 10 years of its recorded history as revealed in the minutes.

Visit: www.riversuir.ie for more information on Workmen's Boat Club and Glenbawn Walks.

Glenbawn Walks

Workmen's Boat Club and Two Bridges Partnership are developing walks within the Glenbawn wood near Marlfield, Clonmel with international volunteers.

This collaborative project is further developing walkways in tandem with the South Tipperary Voluntary Centre and European International Learning. A work camp of two weeks duration saw students from Bonn clear some 400m of laurel to open up an old walk along the river, making it possible for the first time in decades to now walk from Sandybanks, Marlfield to Glenbawn along the river bank. A further work camp will commence in early Feb 2011 with other student volunteers.

River Suir News



South Tipperary County Council is one of 17 European partners in an INTERREG IVC project – Waterways Forward looking at the Heritage Tourism potential of the River Suir.

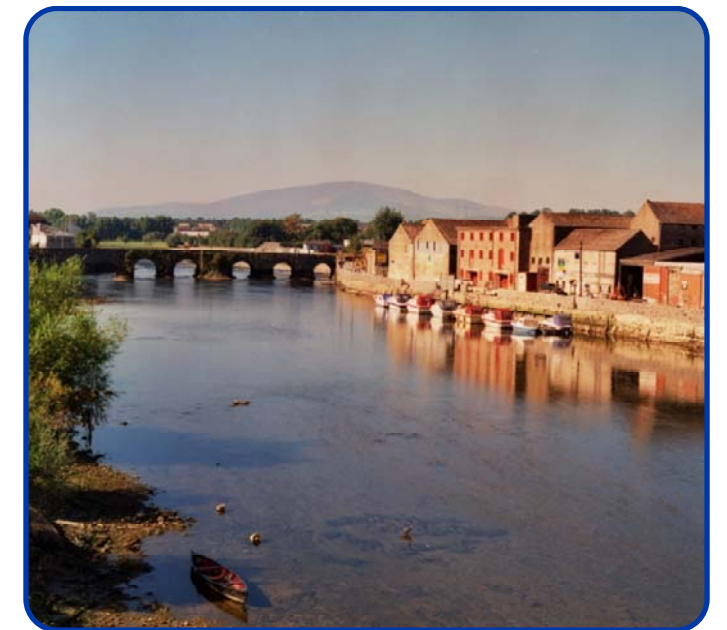
The €2.8m project runs for 3 years from 2010 to 2012. South Tipperary County Council will receive €84,000 in grant aid from Europe over the duration of the project. The key themes of the project are Governance; Environment & Climate Change; and Economy.

This project seeks to investigate how the multi-functional use of regional waterways can be further developed, while minimising potentially negative impacts on the quality of the environment. Indeed the project will consider how the natural environment, ecology and cultural heritage of waterways can be enhanced and how inland waterways can contribute to the challenges posed by climate change. Through the sharing and transfer of good practices, integrated regional strategies and actions, plans will be created to support the on-going development of the multi-functional use of Europe's inland waterways, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life of its citizens.

The main objective of Waterways Forward is to improve the management of regional inland waterways and the regions adjacent to them by promoting an integrated, sustainable and participatory approach, taking account of the multi-functional role of waterways.

The main objective for South Tipperary County Council is to look at the heritage tourism potential of the river and its hinterland.

There are short, medium and long term goals: Promotion of existing walking routes along the river; developing the tow path as a public amenity and in the long term looking at the navigational potential of the river for shallow draught craft.



Carrick-on-Suir Quayside

As part of this process a Regional Analysis was undertaken of the River Suir and its stakeholders by South Tipperary County Council Heritage Office. Our main study area is the stretch of river between Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel. This is available to download:

www.southtipperheritage.ie/riversuir

Events

Heritage Boat Association Three Sisters Expedition
In summer 2011 members of the Heritage Boat Association will bring their converted barges to Carrick-on-Suir. The visit will be part of a tour of the Barrow and Suir Navigations. About twenty barges and other boats are expected to take part.

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www.heritageboatassociation.ie

Launch of Cruiskeen website
The Workmens Boat Club have launched a new Cruiskeen website. The site traces the story of the boat in a highly visual way from the Find, to the boats conservation and display in the County Museum and the part played by the WBC in that story. DVD to follow.

www.cruiskeen.ie and www.riversuir.ie

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The River Suir is 184km long (114 miles).

There is a 20km tow path along the north bank of the river between Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel which was laid down in 1750. It was built so horses could haul boats laden with goods between the two towns.

South Tipperary County Museum has over 5,000 artefacts relating to the River Suir!

The Workmen's Boat Club have launched a new website www.cruiskeen.ie

Waterford, on the banks of the River Suir, is Host Port for the Tall Ships Race in July 2011.

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Heritage Tourism Potential of River Suir

A heritage survey has been conducted along 33km of the River Suir, highlighting the built, cultural and natural heritage features along its route.

The survey was undertaken by South Tipperary County Council's Heritage Office, partly funded by the Heritage Council. It covered the river and its banks from Tinhalla Bridge, downstream of Carrick-on-Suir, upriver to Knocklofty Bridge upstream of Clonmel.

The survey highlighted the extent to which the Suir affected patterns of settlement, transport routes (both along and across the river), agriculture and industry. It also provided resources itself, for example water, sand, fish and osiers.

The survey showed that an understanding of the Suir's influence is essential to a full appreciation of the heritage of the area. The next step is to make the information available to those who live here and to visitors.

Our new interactive website focuses on places to which there is public access. Users can explore the site by

theme or by place; they can download information to mobile devices and consult it when visiting the area.



Bend in the River Suir at Poulakerry

The first phase covers Carrick-on-Suir, Kilsheelan, Clonmel, Cahir and Golden. See www.southtipperheritage.ie for more details.

Museum's River Suir Education Packs

South Tipperary County Museum will launch its River Suir Educational Resources which includes a colourful series of themed education packs on the landscapes of the River Suir in February 2011.

The themes relate to the River Suir's Archaeology, Geology, Industry, Biodiversity and Recreation. The packs are bright, fun and engaging and bring you, the visitor on a virtual journey along the River Suir. The concept was developed to encourage an interest and awareness of

Heritage Tourism along the river.

Visitors to the museum can soon turn the lever of a fully operational 'interactive mill' model to learn how millstones operate and to discover the industry of milling along the River Suir.

The Educational Department of the Museum and South Tipperary County Council's Heritage Office strive to promote our natural and built heritage. These projects were funded by South Tipperary County Council and the Heritage Council as part of the County Heritage Plan Programme.

Visit: www.southtippcoco.ie for more information.



Recreational walking routes along river

Go and explore one of a number of fabulous river side Tipperary walks being marketed by the new Tipperary Tourism Company.

- Walk in the footsteps of Kings from Golden to the Rock of Cashel. Follow the Tipperary Heritage Way along the banks of the River Suir, past ancient ruins and prepare to see the Rock of Cashel on your horizon. This is one of the icons of Ireland and the only way to see it.
- Take time out to walk the Glenbawn Loop Trail, a hidden gem on the outskirts of Clonmel - an extremely pleasant 5k ramble, near the River Suir.

The area is rich in biodiversity and a sanctuary for birds.

- Ramble along the banks of the River Suir, on the Tipperary Heritage Way, between Cahir Castle and Swiss Cottage, a romantic, breathtaking folly, built for Lord Cahir as a Hunting and Fishing Lodge in 1812.
- Following the famous East Munster Way, walk from Ormonde Castle, the famous Butler home, in Carrick-on-Suir, along the tow path to Kilsheelan.

For more info see: www.discoverireland.ie/tipperary and www.irishtrails.ie/trails.aspx?c=Tipperary