

# HBA 10 @ Banagher - programme for the week - May/June 2011 [updated Apr 2011]

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## HBA 10 @ Banagher

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Heritage Boat Association, a week to celebrate our tenth anniversary

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May 28th to June 6th 2011

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In May 2001 the HBA was launched at the World Canal Conference in Dublin. In Banagher, once the centre of a prosperous river business and a vital stop for barges and boats on the Dublin to Limerick navigation, the HBA will host a week long event to celebrate their anniversary.

During the Anniversary Week, talks will take place at the Crank House, Main Street, Banagher (just up from the Harbour)

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Date

Speaker

Subject

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Mon

May 30

Stephen Heery

Shannon Callows, a view from the land

Tue

May 31

Donal Lynch

## Historic Boats of the Shannon and County Galway

Wed

Jun 1

James Scully

Tour of Banagherâ€™s waterside heritage

Thu

Jun 2

Declan Ryan

Defences on the Shannon

Fri

Jun 3

Christy Cunniffe

Clonfert on the Mid-Shannon

Sat

Jun 4

Brian J Goggin

Loop Head to Liverpool, early Shannon steamers & the great trade route

Sat

Jun 4

Andy Roche

The Heritage Boat Association - a perspective

Sun

Jun 5

Mark Maguire

History of hire vessels on the Shannon

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During the week, you will have the opportunity

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- to see over twenty ex-working barges and canal boats moored up in Banagherâ€™s historic harbour

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- to observe 45M, built in Dublin in 1928, and carefully maintained in its original working condition. This barge was recently featured in the TV series Three Men go to Ireland

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- to watch a demonstration of a working Bolinder engine, a must for vintage engine enthusiasts

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- to talk to traditional boat construction experts who will be in attendance

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- to reminisce with some of the retired Canal Boatmen about their lives on canal boats in the 1950â€™s

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- to talk to members of the Heritage Boat Association about their experiences of owning old barges and boats

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- to talk about and view the building methods used in the traditional coracle

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In addition

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- local coracle building teams are being arranged under the auspices of Newgrange Currach. [Take a look at what they do on their weekends after building the boats Currach Adventures]

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- an invitation has been extended to local people to bring their old river photos to us for scanning and displaying at the event

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- a heritage boat will enter Banagher lock, a system not used since before the 1840s

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- the Crank House will also host

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o A display of canal artefacts and barge models

o audio visuals of the canal and the history of the Heritage Boat Association

o a nature display by Birdwatch Ireland

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- Silverline Cruisers are organising boat trips with a Birdwatch Ireland guide on board

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- fishing competitions are being arranged by local anglers

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