

Press Release - Vintage Cars & Heritage Boats converge on Nore - Jul 2011

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A MEETING OF MINDS!

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Vintage Cars and Heritage Boats to converge on the banks of the River Nore

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A truly amazing gathering will take place this weekend in the historic town of Inistioge. It is unlikely that circumstances will conspire to facilitate a similar event for many years, so this is definitely a weekend "not to be missed". Heritage cargo boats will sail up the Nore valley on a rising tide from New Ross as they did for hundreds of years before the road and rail networks made them redundant. Their destination is Inistioge, the venue for the Inistioge Vintage Rally, and it is here that the boats will rub shoulders, or should that be wheels and fenders, with the mighty machines at the Vintage Rally. The Irish Vintage Society (IVS), the Heritage Boat Association (HBA) and the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) confirmed today that a combined gathering of vintage cars, heritage boats and other boats will take place in Inistioge over the weekend commencing Saturday July 30th. HBA and IWAI boats will arrive in the morning and the vintage cars in the early evening. John Madden, President of the IVS, will escort the cars through the village at 18:30 with his bagpipes.

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On Sunday, starting at 10.00 vintage cars, tractors, oil engines and mills will be on display with live music and dancing and a selection of stalls. Presentation of the Leslie Rothwell Trophy for the Best Vintage Exhibit will take place. Children's activities will include the Duck Derby on the canal and the ever popular Dog Show. Down by the river on both Sunday and Monday there will be the opportunity to view the history of the heritage boats and the site for the proposed Inistioge Moorings.

The HBA's Three Sister Fleet is celebrating the 220th anniversary of the Barrow Navigation, which when first created linked the Grand Canal with the rivers Barrow, Nore and Suir and opened up a large area of the hinterland to the ports of Dublin and Waterford. In the Fleet are two barges, 68M and 72M that in their earlier lives carried cargoes along Irish rivers, lakes and canals.

The HBA, the IVS and the IWAI welcome this opportunity to work with the local community highlighting the village, the fabulous River Nore and the campaign to enhance the Inistioge area with safe moorings and boating amenities.

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