

News from Bantry House 2010

Banner of the Bantry Cavalry Restoration

May Berkouwer, textile conservationist, was commissioned to restore a banner hanging in Bantry House. This banner is the Colour made for the Bantry Cavalry in 1796. The Cavalry was raised by Richard White to defend against the planned invasion by the French Armada, which was foiled by bad weather.

West Stables Restoration

We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Heritage Council for structural work on the West Stables, balustrading on the roof and work on the Gatelodge. Work is being carried out this October and November under the direction of Paul Arnold Architects and by Aidan McCarthy of Caislean Stonemasons.



Cycling for Cystic Fibrosis

Cathal Phelan and Conor Doyle are currently cycling around Ireland's coastline raising money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Happy to support both the boys and such a worthy cause, we were delighted that they chose to stay with us for their Schull to Sneem leg. We wish them the best of luck with the rest of their journey.

Nationwide visit

Nationwide (RTE One) visited Bantry House in September to interview Egerton and Sophie Shelswell-White. It is part of the "Nationwide Re-visited" series and will be aired from the end of October for a 4-episode run. Look out for us! It is due to be aired on Thursday 18th November.

Bantry Show 2010

Sophie and Lorna represented Bantry House at this year's Bantry Agricultural Show on September 5th. Although it rained throughout the day the turn out was very good and we had lots of visitors to our stand. We had some little ducklings on display, along with vegetables, flowers and herbs from the garden, honey, a hive and a bee suit for people to look at. We were there to promote Bantry House and especially to let people know about the country courses we are running through out the year. The courses include beekeeping, vegetable growing, working horses and many more.



Bantry Hospice Official Opening

Bantry Hospice Project officially opened their palliative care unit at Bantry Hospital on Tuesday 17th August 2010. Hundreds attended with the official opening being made by Graham Norton. Everyone then proceeded to Bantry House for a drinks reception.

National Learning Network Fundraiser

National Learning Network West Cork held a fundraising dinner hosted by Bantry House on 15th July 2010. The evening was catered for by Annie's of Ballydehob. The event was very well attended.