

**What:** Enniskerry Victorian Field Day  
**When:** 11th September, 2011  
**Where:** Knocklinn Farm, Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow

On **Sunday September 11th 2011** The ***Enniskerry Victorian Field Day*** will take place at Knocklinn Farm, Ballyman Road, just minutes from Bray and Enniskerry in Co. Wicklow. This beautiful setting which overlooks the seaside town of Bray and presents picturesque views of the Sugarloaf Mountain is the home of the Heatley family who have farmed here for almost a century.

Highlights of the day will include The Powerscourt Ploughing Society's Annual Match, Steam Threshing, a Vintage Car and Tractor display as well as Sheaf Pitching, Tug of War and a Dog Show.

This special event is being run in support of MS Ireland and the Joint Parishes, Enniskerry.

This action packed day promises plenty of attractions for all ages and will make for a great family outing!

### **Ploughing Match**

The Powerscourt Ploughing Society is one of the oldest Ploughing Societies in Ireland. In the past it has produced many All-Ireland Champions and two 'Queens of the Plough' and even a World Ploughing Champion. It has played a major part in the running of the National Ploughing Championship in Enniskerry. The Powerscourt Ploughing Society is over 100 years old and this year's ploughing match will be a celebration of this with the usual ploughing competitions, vintage ploughing competitions and horse drawn ploughs.

### **Steam Threshing**

Another major attraction will be the Elizabeth, a magnificent 101-year-old Foden compound steam engine powering a Ransome 54 inch heavy mill. As the last steam threshing took place on the farm over 60 years ago the scene should evoke many memories of what was a very common sight and provide a rare opportunity for the younger generation to see steam power at work.

### **Sports**

Sheaf pitching and Tug Of War were hugely popular sports a century ago and will undoubtedly be another great spectacle on the day.

### **The Victorian Festival**

Celebrating our heritage and history is a long-standing tradition in Enniskerry. As part of this wonderful day out there will be traditional games for children, facepainting, pony trap rides and an old fashioned toy competition.

An immensely popular part of the festival in previous years has been the costumery and this year will no doubt see some splendid outfits being worn to help everyone get into the spirit of things.

There are some fantastic prizes to be won for those dressed in period costumes on the day. These include overnight breaks at local hotels, dinners and Sunday lunches, family passes for local attractions and many more delicious and pampering spot prizes!

### **Vintage Cars and Tractors**

The event will incorporate a large display of vintage cars, motorcycles and tractors. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to best car and best tractor of the show. The organizers are inviting not only vintage clubs to exhibit but also all private enthusiasts who may have vintage agricultural machinery, cars and memorabilia. All entries are free of charge.

Anyone who wishes to do so should contact the organisers in advance – See details below.

### **Artisan Food and Crafts Fair**

There will be a wide range of stalls selling artisan food produce, arts, crafts, antiques, handmade childrens toys, soft furnishings and more - all presented for sale by local businesses.

### **Entertainment**

For your enjoyment the event will be accompanied by live music with performances by local musicians throughout the day. We will also see the launch of The Enniskerry & Powerscourt Gazette, a mock newspaper, which will be especially printed for the day and report the news and gossip of the area from 150 years ago!

### **Catering**

A wide selection of local produce will be available throughout the day ranging from organic soups and seasonal salads through to spit-roast pork and homemade ice-creams. There will of course be the usual fast food fare for those who really love their traditions!

### **Accessibility**

Designated parking and wheelchair accessible toilets will be available onsite.

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