

LOCAL HISTORY

Kilranelagh Graveyard is situated on a hill looking towards the Blackstairs Mountains and local folklore suggests it dates to pre Christian times. The site includes the cemetery, the foundations of a church, St Brigid's holy well, a couple of small stone crosses, several interesting grave slabs and a pair of unusual orthostats.

The two large upstanding stones or 'orthostats' are orientated in a south-easterly direction with a small stone lying between them. In line with the western orthostat is another smaller slab. It became a local custom to carry the coffin between these two portal stones before being interred in the cemetery. This entrance was known as the '**Gates of Heaven**' as it was believed that passing the deceased through this gate insured that they would go straight to heaven.

Kilranelagh is the final resting place of the Irish Patriot Sam Mac Alastair who died trying to defend Michael Dwyer, a hero of the 1798 rebellion. Dwyer led a guerrilla warfare campaign in the Wicklow Mountains until December 1803, and after Robert Emmet's rebellion in Dublin failed, Dwyer and his group of thirty men represented the only rebels still fighting in Ireland.

There is a legend that Aedh Mac Ainmire, High King of Ireland in the 6th century is buried in the graveyard, after being killed in a battle close by.

Nearby, is a very extensive hillfort complex that occupies the whole of the Spinans Hill-Brusselstown hilltop. A hillfort is a type of earthworks used as a fortified refuge or defended settlement, located to exploit a rise in elevation for defensive advantage. The hillfort on Brusselstown Hill (known as Brusselstown Ring) is enclosed by a collapsed rampart made of limestone boulders. It has been dated to the Iron Age. The interior rises towards several high points marked by limestone outcrops. Two hut sites have been identified within Brusselstown Ring and another 22 are on the south slopes outside the rampart.

Approximately 1.5km to the northwest is the Spinans Hill hillfort. It comprises an irregularly shaped area enclosed by a peat-covered earthen bank, best preserved at the north and east and was mostly levelled over the remainder of its course. A large cairn and five smaller ones lie within the hillfort. At a lower level another outer rampart has been identified which encloses a roughly L-shaped area and encompasses both Spinans Hill and Brusselstown Hill. The enclosing element consists in part of a double rampart with intervening fosse faced with stone in some areas.



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Ads can also be dropped into the post box @ The Community Employment Office in Kiltegan.

To place an ad costs €2.00.

All notices must be received before 3pm on Wednesday for inclusion that week.

FOCUS KILTEGAN



3rd July 2022

CRUTHÚ and GLEN ART GROUP EXHIBITION



Cruthu and the Glen Art Group are having their first ever exhibition in Horan's Baltinglass from the 6th – 9th July.

It will be an art exhibition with paintings, photographs and crafts so it would appeal to a wide audience.

All the artists live and work locally. There will also be a reading by Aisling Creegan of her new book.

VENUE: Horan's Pub & Restaurant,
Main St. Baltinglass

DATE: Wednesday 6th July—Saturday 9th July

TIME: Wednesday 6pm—8pm

Thursday—Saturday 12pm—7pm

Contact details eamonnarts@gmail.com
cruthuart@gmail.com

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE



Tour of Killarney 17th July
staying in the Gleneagle Hotel.

Tour to Donegal August 8th
for 4 nights.

For further details contact

Duffy's Coach Hire on

087-2543235 or 059-6471681

Tynock & Talbotstown

Fr. Pat O'Brien – (059) 6473211

**Mass in the Oratory Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday @ 9.30am**

Saturday 2nd July @ 6.00pm Talbotstown
Reader: Fiona Kane

NO 9.30 MASS in TYNOCK on JULY 3rd
Tynaclash Cemetery Mass July 3rd @ 7pm.

Readers: Mary Kelly & Nigel Byrne
Anniversary for Jack Kenny

Saturday 9th July @ 6.00pm Tynock

Reader: Lucilla Brophy

Sunday 10th July @ 9.30am Talbotstown

Reader: Breedh Murphy

Saturday 16th July @ 6.00pm Talbotstown

**Mass for all those interred in Kilranelagh
Cemetery.**

To book anniversaries for:

Tynock: Mary -086 2261264

Talbotstown: Josie -059 64 73971

Talbotstown & Tynock Church Collection

Offertory: €111.39 Envelopes: €345.50



St. Patrick's Missionary Society

Family Day (July) in St. Patrick's,
Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, will not take
place this year. Our apologies for the
disappointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.
We look forward to next year.



KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE NEWS



Our Junior football team had a convincing win over Stratford/Grangecon on Thursday evening in Kiltegan in the division 5 West League. The final score Kiltegan 2-12 Stratford/Grangecon 0-3. The result of this game was never in doubt as we lead through-out and leaves us in second place in the league table with two matches to play.

Our Senior hurling team played Naas in a challenge match on Sunday morning last and came away with the win. Kiltegan 3-23 Naas 1-6.



The Senior hurlers are in a County hurling league final as a result of Glenealy drawing with Bray Emmetts on Saturday. We play Glenealy in the final on a date to be decided by the County CC committee.

Our Senior football team play Hollywood in the last match of the senior league on Sunday. As we are already safe from relegation this will be a warm up for the championship.

Fixtures

Division 1A football League: Sunday 3rd July Kiltegan v Hollywood @11am in Hollywood.

Junior hurling League: Wednesday 6th July Kiltegan v Knockananna @ 7.30 in Kiltegan.



Camogie games resumed after the break for exams on Monday evening when our club hosted Arklow Rocks in a top of the table clash in the Co. Junior camogie league. Our unbeaten run came to an end as we lost by 3 points.

Final score Kiltegan 4-4 Arklow Rocks 6-1. The age old story goals win matches was the case on Monday evening, Arklow Rocks were leading at half time. Try as we might, we were unable to level with them at any stage. We were missing a couple of experienced players but it was great to see some of the u16 girls coming on to the team for the first time this year.

Our scores came from Leah Furlong 3-1, Kate Hanbridge 1-0, Miriam O'Keeffe 0-2, Amber House 0-1.

Fixtures

Tuesday 5th July Kiltegan v Bray @ 7.45 in Bray.

**Football is like life · it requires
perseverance, self-denial,
hard work, sacrifice,
dedication and respect for authority.**



West Wicklow Community Employment Scheme Current Opportunities:

Gardener/Environmental Worker
(Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow)
#CES-2227206

Caretaker (Baltinglass)
#CES-2227207

The Hub Shop & Café Assistant
(Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow)
#CES-2227208

Environmental Worker
(High Park, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow)
#CES-2227209

Cleaning Operative/Caretaker (Kiltegan)
#CES-2227210

**For further information on any of the above
positions please contact:**

Paula Boland (087) 140 4508.

Olivia Cooney (087) 449 7731

Tinkerbell Pre-school

Looking to recruit : **Childcare Practitioner.**
Minimum: Level 6 in Early Childhood
Care and Education.
Hours: **9.30am to 12.30pm**
Start date **23/08/2022.**
Please send CV to
Mary at maryan2286@yahoo.ie or
phone 0879079657



CHILDMINDERS REQUIRED

In Kiltegan/Rathdangan area,
2/3 days per week
For further details contact
Linda on 085 7128326

**ALSO In Kiltegan/Rathdangan area
Childminder required**

In Kiltegan/Rathdangan area,
duties to include school drop and collection,
please contact
086 3950097 for further details.



3-12-27-28

No winner €11,600
1 match 3's receives € 200

Niamh Farrell seller Online

Next draw Monday 4th July in Kiltegan Hall
@ 8.00pm

Jackpot €11,800

PARISH LOTTO
(Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto)

3-14-17-19

€10,000 jackpot winner

21 Match 3's €48 each one local winner.

Kitty Kennedy
seller Kitty Kennedy

Draw takes place each Wednesday at 4pm in
the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Next draw Wednesday 29th June.

Tickets €2 each.

New promoters welcome.

Jackpot €11,000



Happy Fourth of July to all our
American friends,
we hope you have a wonderful day.