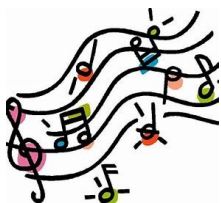




The Committee are delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Tractor Run will be in aid of Baltinglass Hospital Patient Comfort Fund and Kiltegan Community Network.

It is always great to be able to help raise much needed funds for local organisations that effect all our community and can improve the wellbeing of so many and the area that we live in.

## Rathdangan News



**Ramblers Night** in O'Toole Hall Rathdangan on Friday 17th November starting at 8 o'clock. Come along for a great night of music and song. Refreshments served.

## WHIST DRIVE



**Friday 17th November @ 8.00pm.**  
in St Peters Parish Centre Kiltegan.

Come along and enjoy a game or two.



## Christmas Fair 2023

Germaines of Baltinglass  
Sunday 3rd December  
10:30am-6pm  
Local craft, Food, & Gift stalls.  
Raffle prizes to be won on the day.  
€2 Entry Fee.

Hosted by Talbotstown National School



## Donard Christmas Craft Fair

November 19th  
11.00am - 5.00pm  
Donard Hall, Donard  
In aid of Donard National School

Join us for Festive Crafts,  
Tasty Treats and Local Products.  
Monster Raffle also Santa & Mrs. Claus arriving at 1.00pm



The Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) of West Wicklow Community Employment CLG will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November 2023 @ 8pm in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan (supper room).**

## FOUND

A glasses case was found in St. Tegan's Hall after the Halloween Party. It can be collected in the Focus office on the Green.



Contact us at the Focus

Email: [focuskiltegan@hotmail.com](mailto:focuskiltegan@hotmail.com) <http://www.facebook.com> Phone: 059 6473330  
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



19TH NOVEMBER 2023

## TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN

Fr. John McEvoy  
059 9161114

Sunday 19th November Tynock @ 9.30am  
**Anniversaries for: Peter Byrne, Killalesh, Theresa Brady (20)**  
Reader: Lucilla Brophy

Sunday 26th November Talbotstown @ 9.30am  
**Anniversaries for: Robert & Bridie Hickson.**  
Reader: Fiona Kane.

Sunday 3rd December Tynock @ 9.30am  
Reader: Mary Byrne  
**Anniversaries for: Larry Byrne (1st), Colin Foley & Lily Foley**

Sunday 10th December Talbotstown @ 9.30am  
**Anniversaries for: Kitty Farrell (1st), Rosie, Liam & Matt Farrell and all deceased members of the Farrell family.**  
Reader: Breedh Murphy.

Talbotstown & Tynock Church  
Collection:  
Offertory € 139.60 Envelopes €352.59

**To book anniversaries for:**  
Tynock: **Mary—086 2261264**  
Talbotstown: **Josie—059 64 73971**

A sad week for our community and GAA club with the deaths of two iconic gentlemen. John "Tickler" Byrne and Mark Pierce.

We were saddened to hear on Sunday morning of the death of another of our great characters John (Tickler) Byrne.



The community send sincere sympathies to Veronica, Damien, Eugene, Raymond, Shaun, and all John's extended family & friends. John never kicked football or pucked a hurling ball with the GAA club, he was never a member of the committee but the work he did, travelling the length and breadth of the county promoting the club lotto, kick-starting

lotto sales within the Hacketstown, Baltinglass and Rathvilly areas. Every weekend John sold lotto tickets within all the local pubs sharing the craic and banter as he went – always with a great story to tell whilst accompanied by his friendly grin.

John could sell sand to the Arabs. There wasn't a week went by when he wasn't knocking at the door with a 5 week draw card, tickets for a pony or pig, he must have travelled half of Ireland selling lines at 50p for Kiltegan Lord Mayor the late Peter Keogh.

John also put in trojan work over the years helping to prepare and gather lots for Michael Dwyers auctions, following Féile teams nationwide. He drove many team to Féile competitions, and groups to dinner dances and functions some extremely late nights all over the county with Duffy Coach Hire. He could be called upon for help for car parking, events, and any activities where help was needed within our club. John was immensely proud of all his sons' achievements especially in sporting circles both on and off the field. ....»»»»

John was also registrar of our local Tynaclash graveyards for many years, a role which he tended to with care and consideration. A true gentleman, may the sod of Tynaclash lay lightly on his soul. John's funeral took place on Wednesday morning after requiem mass in Tynock Church and he was laid to rest with his daughter Patricia in Tynaclash graveyard. The local GAA and Camogie club provided a guard of honour at the church and cemetery. John (Tickler) will be missed by all who knew him.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.**



Quinn Training

## KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE NEWS



Kiltegan GAA and our entire community were devastated to learn of the sudden death of our friend and team mate Mark Pierce on Sunday night. Our club extend our sincere and heartfelt



sympathies to Mark's heartbroken family, his partner Niki, dad Derek, sister Leona, brothers Daniel & Philip, his son James, brother-in-law John, Daniel's partner Trish and Philip's partner Rachel, nephews and nieces TJ, Ella, Jamie, Katie and Billy and all Mark's extended family and friends. The thoughts of everyone in our area and beyond are with you all.

Mark was a talented dual player with our club which was evident from a very young age. Mark went to school in Talbotstown and spent much of his young and adult life in his second home in Dowling's in Brockna where he was treated as a member of the family. Mark was introduced to hurling & football by the late Peter Keogh. He soon joined up with Kiltegan GAA club, coming up through the ranks of underage, into Michael Dwyers and moving onto play both Junior & Senior hurling and football.

Mark brought sheer intensity and strength to every match he played with clear ability in both codes. Mark's passion and drive was immense and when he hit form, he was unbelievable. Mark was himself and wore his heart on his sleeve, which may not have always brought him out on the right side of his teammates, manager, or man in the middle. Suffice to say, there were times that the referee may have found the need to take out his notebook, and maybe even extract a coloured card. Mark often left matches declaring to teammates and managers, "that's it now, I'm done", but he was always the first in the field for training the next session having the craic and all was forgotten. That's what made Mark Mark. A more honest driven player you wouldn't find and his love for Kiltegan GAA, his teammates and gaelic games was unquestionable.

Mark trained hard and aside from team training he spent hours at the club, kicking, pucking and practising his sidelines. He fancied himself as a great man for a sideline and his favourite line was always "How much would ya give me if I put it over?" – let's just say he didn't get rich! Mark had the kindest heart; a great sense of humour and he would do anything for anyone. He had a natural ability for encouraging and building confidence amongst the younger players coming up through the ranks in our club. It may have been a quiet word to a young lad pucking the ball against the hurling wall or a pat on the back after a game, but he certainly has left a lasting impression on many a young lad in our club. As well as the time he committed as an adult dual player of Kiltegan GAA, he supported our juvenile teams all over the county.

Off the playing field, Mark gave us many's the laugh, off the cuff on nights out. Decked out in his customary check shirt, with the craic flowing, the playing spoons would come out of his pocket and Mark entertained us all. Friends recall the night he walked into "Katie's", chanting repeatedly "Hup, Hup, Hup" and continued to perform a dance over and back across the floor, bringing happiness and good humour in the door with him. This was why Mark was a lovable rogue.

Mark's death has hit hard and leaves a deep void in our club, community and beyond and we are going to miss him terribly. Fly high Mark xx.

Mark will be laid to rest Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**At dheis Dé go raibh a anam.**

## KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE LIP SYNC FUNDRAISER

### Sister Act are selling a limited number of Toy Show Treat boxes

Box includes: fruit Shoot, Popcorn, Haribo Jellies, Hot Chocolate Cone, Kiltegan colouring page, colour pencils, DIY Christmas decoration, plus lots more. Cost per box is €10

Contact Catriona on 087 209 9108 to place your order and for payment details.

Tickets for the **TEEN DISCO** on 1st December are on sale now.

Contact Mary on 087 9286508 to order your tickets and for payment details.

### The Drama Queens & Ben

are hosting A Merry Mince Pie Coffee morning in Ben's house on Saturday the 25th of November



11am-3pm.  
All welcome.  
€5 Donation  
&

"Ben's special raffle" €2 a strip.  
Thank you from Julianna, Valarie, Charlotte, Shelly & Ben.



**St. Peter's Parish Centre  
Wednesday November 29th  
@7:30pm**

Entry on the Night €10

Demonstrations from  
Crimin's Family Butchers  
Daisy Cottage  
Jackie's Florist  
Christmas Craft stalls & raffle on the night.

Also Available Kiltegan GAA crested Christmas Stocking. €12 each.

For information on these or to place your order contact Pat on 087 2364293.

Thank you from  
Nigel, John, Michael, Pat, John & Michael

## PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto  
01, 14, 27, 28

No €15,000 jackpot winner  
10 match 3's €100 each.

Draw takes place each Wednesday  
at 4pm in the  
Parish Centre, Portlaoise.  
Next draw Wednesday 22nd November

Tickets €2 each.  
New promoters welcome.

**Next Weeks Jackpot €16,000**

## GAA LOTTO RESULTS

**5-18-20-26**

No winner €3,000

5 match three wins €40 each  
Madeline seller Madeline Foley  
Aine and Paddy Ward seller Maeve Foley  
Mark Pierce seller Online  
Ed G Slater seller O' Reillys, Baltinglass  
Caroline Kenny seller Martin Nolan

Next week's draw takes place on Monday  
20th of November in  
the Talk of the Town @ 8pm

**JACKPOT €3,200**

**SAMARITANS  
Freephone 116 123**

**TALK TO TOM  
Freephone 0818 303061**

**PIETA HOUSE  
Freephone 1800 247247**

**Or  
Text HELP 51444**