

# National Heritage Week



Generations exploring heritage together



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## Kilkenny Event Guide

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### Key



Family Event / Suitable for Children



Parking Facilities



Full Wheelchair Access



Partial Wheelchair Access

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult to all events

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# National Heritage Week 2014

Heritage Week is a nationwide celebration of our natural, built and cultural heritage. National Heritage Week is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council, in conjunction with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and is part of European Heritage Days.

2014 is the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations 'International Year of the Family' and to tie in with this, the theme for National Heritage Week 2014 is 'Family...generations exploring heritage together'.

A new initiative this year is the launch of the European Heritage Days portal which maps thousands of heritage events in 50 countries, including Ireland, across Europe. For details see [www.europeanheritagedays.com](http://www.europeanheritagedays.com)



## Exploring Kilkenny's Heritage Together

This brochure, produced by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council, provides details of all events taking place around the city and county of Kilkenny to celebrate Heritage Week 2014.

In-keeping with this year's theme of 'Family...generations exploring heritage together' I have included a feature on some of the projects that we've been working on in the Heritage Office which address this. See 'Did You Know?' pages 4 to 7.

There is a great interest in the Decade of Commemorations and our Irish and European military heritage and this is reflected in this year's programme. There are numerous talks and guided walks across the city and county which commemorate and remember the lives of those who played a part in our military heritage.

Our heritage is what makes County Kilkenny such a special place, and it is the key resource for our tourism industry. Kilkenny Tourism recognises this and has over the years worked closely with the heritage sector to promote this. See the feature on page 8.

Finally, thanks to all the organisers of events in the county. Without their hard work and voluntary commitment this week wouldn't be possible.

I hope that you enjoy this year's Heritage Week. If you have any comments or feedback we'd be delighted to receive them.

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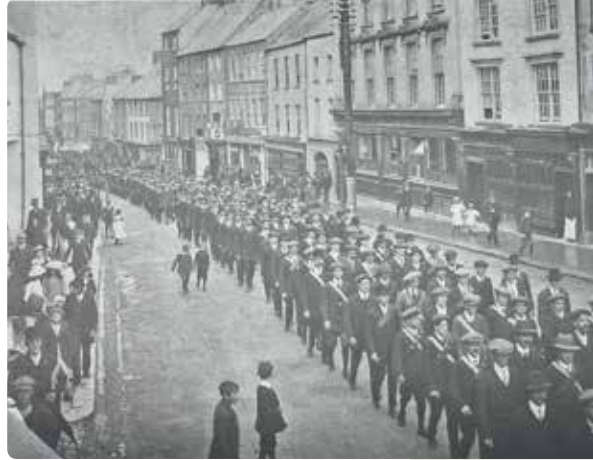
# Did you know?

Find out about what's happening with Kilkenny's heritage

## Kilkenny Military Heritage Project – Commemorating and Remembering

As we enter a Decade of Commemorations in Irish and European military history, Kilkenny County Council Heritage Office, in collaboration with James Stephens Barracks Museum, have collaborated to compile information about and stories of soldiers who took part in military events in Kilkenny, and natives of Kilkenny who served in various armed forces overseas. Visit our new website at [www.kmhp.ie](http://www.kmhp.ie) to read stories of Kilkenny's military past.

Also listen to current and past members of the Irish Defence Forces read memorial inscriptions, and view headstones in graveyards throughout Kilkenny commemorating men and women who served in armed forces and campaigns in Ireland and abroad, at the Kilkenny Military Heritage and Graves Project at [historicgraves.com/project/kilkenny-military-heritage-and-graves-project](http://historicgraves.com/project/kilkenny-military-heritage-and-graves-project).



There are many events commemorating our military heritage taking place during Heritage Week in Kilkenny City, Gowran and Johnstown.



Look out for a number of exhibitions of fieldnames recorded from around the county during Heritage Week.

## Kilkenny Fieldname Recording Project

The Kilkenny Field Name Recording Project has, with the help of local communities and volunteers, mapped and recorded over 3500 field names to date throughout the county. Farmers and landowners are kindly passing on the old names and stories of their fields to the project's volunteers and these are all being mapped and recorded in a digital archive which can be accessed by members of the public from anywhere in the world.

Have you heard about the man with a tail buried upside down in a field near Muckalee? Or about a field known as Parnell's Garden? These secrets of place, along with other stories and facts, have been recorded by the project. For further information see [www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/Kilkenny\\_Field\\_Name\\_Recording\\_Project.html](http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/Kilkenny_Field_Name_Recording_Project.html).





### Granny and Grandad

Let's walk with granny and grandad,  
 They always and always are there,  
 They hold my hand as  
 They walk with me.

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### My Nanny

My nanny has many stories, songs and songs,  
 She knows all the things that were long ago,  
 She works in the town at day long,  
 She brings that bag of Lifford's lighting,  
 She works in the fields among other people,  
 My nanny always is there,  
 My nanny is so nice.

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## 'My Heritage' Write a Poem

My Heritage Write a Poem competition is a primary school poetry competition jointly co-ordinated by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council and the Kilkenny Education Centre.

Over 2,400 children submitted poems on four different heritage themes: My Nature; My Ancestors; My Waterways and Rivers; My Architecture. The volume and standard of the poems and artwork submitted to the competition was astounding. The result is a beautiful and thought provoking book of poems and drawings created by 4 year old to 12 year old children celebrating heritage. To find out more and to download a copy of the book, see <http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/My-Heritage-Write-a-Poem-Competition.html>

# Heritage

Heritage is important  
 it teaches you and me,  
 what life 100 years or over  
 Really used to be.

Like a castle near my granny  
 Built by ancient Celts,  
 Though not much more than rubble  
 it gives great historical help.

Heritage is important  
 it completes you and me,  
 'Cos without all those ancient toads  
 we simply wouldn't be.

Pádraig Pempsey, St. Brendan's N.S.,  
 Mullinavat, 6th Class

## St. Lachtain's – Unearthing Freshford's Forgotten History

St. Lachtain's church with its iconic Hiberno Romanesque church doorway was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century and there are headstones dating back to the 1600's in the adjacent graveyard.

The Freshford Graveyard Recording Group, with support from Eachtra Archaeology and the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council, has recently completed recording, mapping and photographing over 270 headstones in St. Lachtain's graveyard, Freshford and has produced a book of their results.

This comprehensive book, which will be an invaluable resource for local historians and people searching for their ancestors buried in the graveyard, will be launched during heritage week.



To read the inscriptions  
of the headstones see  
[http://historicgraves.com/  
graveyard/st-lachtain-s/kk-stlt](http://historicgraves.com/graveyard/st-lachtain-s/kk-stlt)

These projects, and many others, are actions of the Kilkenny Heritage Plan. They are co-ordinated by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council, in partnership with the Kilkenny Heritage Forum, with co-funding from the Heritage Council.

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Kilkenny's heritage is what makes Kilkenny such a special place, and is one of the key reasons tourists visit Kilkenny. Kilkenny Tourism is proud to have so much built, cultural and natural heritage to embrace, conserve and promote, and is proud to support Kilkenny Heritage Week.


Feel energised with wonderful walking and cycling routes through Kilkenny City and County. Feel the passion of past generations and reconnect with nature in the stunning settings of Woodstock Estate, Dunmore Caves and Castletomer Demesne.

Enjoy the past echoes in every footstep as you walk through a city boasting 'Ireland's Medieval Mile', from majestic Kilkenny Castle, and Rothe House to the glory of St. Canice's Cathedral. Visit also the many archaeological and architectural gems throughout the county.

Kilkenny's cultural heritage is elevated through the Butler Gallery, and Kilkenny's history is commemorated in the Nore View Folk & Heritage Museum and Gairdin An Ghorta.

To find out more visit:

 [www.visitkilkenny.ie](http://www.visitkilkenny.ie)

 [kilkennytourism](https://www.facebook.com/kilkennytourism)

 [@LoveKilkenny](https://twitter.com/LoveKilkenny)





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## Exhibition of Photographs and Prints

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
10:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Exhibition is free, but normal admittance fee to the cave applies.

**Event Description:** An exhibition of photographs and memorabilia relating to Dunmore Cave. The exhibition includes photographs by the late Tom Timmons, the Brennan Family and by Tom Brett.

**Event Organiser:** Dunmore Cave

**Venue:** Dunmore Cave, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Telephone:** 056 7767726

**Email:** [dunmorecaves@opw.ie](mailto:dunmorecaves@opw.ie)

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## Free Guided Tour of Dunmore Cave

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 11:00 to 17:00  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 11:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Free guided tour of Dunmore Cave. Suitable for children over the age of 4. Consisting of a series of chambers formed over millions of years, the cave contains some of the finest calcite formations found in any Irish cave. Including the largest stalagmite in Ireland.

**Event Organiser:** Dunmore Cave

**Venue:** Dunmore Cave, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Telephone:** 056 7767726

**Email:** [dunmorecaves@opw.ie](mailto:dunmorecaves@opw.ie)

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## Nore View Folk and Heritage Museum

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 18:00

**Admission:** (Adult): €5.00,  
(Family Concession): €15.00

**Event Description:** Enjoy browsing through this museum housing 12,000 items of local and national interest, including a history of Penal Times, the Great Famine, 1916 Rising and the War of Independence. Historical monuments are also on display. There is also a library of old history books and items from the stone age.



**Event Organiser:** Seamus Lawlor

**Venue:** Nore View Folk and Heritage Museum, Danesfort Road, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Telephone:** 056 7727749

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## Famine Walk

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
18:00 to 20:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Guided walk from Callan Workhouse to Pauper burial ground at Cherryfield. Approx 2 kilometres. Access road to graveyard is rough and can also be muddy. Please wear appropriate footwear.



**Event Organiser:** Callan Heritage Society

**Venue:** Workhouse, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** giraldusj@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 087 6216470

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## Fieldnames Exhibition: Firoda and Smithstown

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10:00 to 13:30

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 20:30

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 13:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A display of maps showing field names as recorded for the townlands of Smithstown and Firoda, Castlecomer.



**Event Organiser:** Fassadinin History Society

**Venue:** Library, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Telephone:** 056 7727749

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Castlecomer  
Discovery Park  
Tours to enjoy



## Woodland Bat Walk with Lorcan Scott

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

20:45 to 22:15

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Join Lorcan Scott, from the National Parks and Wildlife Service for an exciting family friendly event as we take off through the woodlands on a Bat Walk, searching for bats. This is an outdoor event; suitable clothing and footwear are needed. Booking is required as places are limited.



**Event Organiser:** Castlecomer Discovery Park

**Venue:** Visitor Centre, The Estate Yard, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [info@discoverypark.ie](mailto:info@discoverypark.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 4440707

**Website:** [www.discoverypark.ie](http://www.discoverypark.ie)

[castlecomerdiscoverypark](https://www.facebook.com/castlecomerdiscoverypark)

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## Deerpark Colliery Tour with Seamus Walsh

(Local Historian/Ex-Miner)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
10:15 to 11:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Follow Seamus back in time as he leads you to the mouth of the tunnel, and hear about Castlecomer Colliers and the 600 miners who worked there. Follow out to Deerpark Colliery entrance (10min drive - own transport is essential) Booking is required as places are limited.



**Event Organiser:** Castlecomer Discovery Park

**Venue:** Visitor Centre, The Estate Yard, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [info@discoverypark.ie](mailto:info@discoverypark.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 4440707

**Website:** [www.discoverypark.ie](http://www.discoverypark.ie)

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## A Picture Tells a Thousand Words

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 20:00  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 13:00  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 13:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Intergenerational project exploring the past. Primary school pupils were asked to chat with their elders, to find an interesting photograph, and to describe what is happening. Over 70 photo-essays on display. Event takes place from Aug 26<sup>th</sup> - Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Morrissey

**Venue:** Castlecomer Library, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 4440561

**Website:** [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

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## The Golden Era of Céilí Music and Dance by Brian Lawler

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
19:00 to 20:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Mr. Brian Lawler, founder of the Ardellis Céilí Band will give a presentation about the Golden Era of Céilís and Céilí music. Brian Lawler recorded interviews with 70 people including céilí band founders and members, promoters, dancers and radio personnel.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Morrissey

**Venue:** Castlecomer Library, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 4440561

**Website:** [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

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## Introduction to Kilkenny County Library's Local History and Genealogical Sources

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
10:30 to 12:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Introduction to sources and services of Kilkenny County Library's Local Studies' services.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny County Library



**Venue:** Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank Shopping Centre, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie)

**Telephone:** 051 897200

**Website:** [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)



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## 'Hidden Gems & Forgotten People' and Fieldnames Exhibition

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00

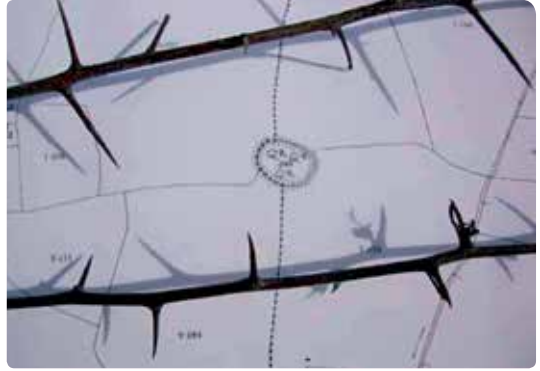
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 19:00

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Exhibition of maps from the Fieldnames Project, run by Kilkenny County Council Heritage Office and 'The Hidden Gems and Forgotten People' project organised by the Federation of Local History Societies.



**Event Organiser:** South Kilkenny Historical Society

**Venue:** Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** edsynnott@yahoo.co.uk

**Telephone:** 086 8124349

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## Leaded Glass Workshop with Yvonne Kearney

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 13:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Leaded glass workshop provides participants with a background knowledge of lead profiles and colour film. All materials are provided including a plain piece that each person will decorate and take home. A fun relaxing and educational way to create a stained glass effect work of art.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny County Library

**Venue:** Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes – maximum of 10 people

**Email:** ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie

**Telephone:** 051 897200

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## Unearthing Freshford's Forgotten History

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
14:00 to 18:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Unearthing Freshford's forgotten history by taking a look at the lives of those laid to rest in St. Lachtain's old graveyard. Launch of the records of St. Lachtain's Old Graveyard inscriptions. Talks by Dearbhala Ledwidge, Ned Kennedy and Michael Maher.



**Event Organiser:** St. Lachtain's Church of Ireland and Old Graveyard

**Venue:** St. Lachtain's Church of Ireland, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [evadarver@yahoo.ie](mailto:evadarver@yahoo.ie) or [cormackfreshford1@eircom.net](mailto:cormackfreshford1@eircom.net)

**Telephone:** 086 8072040 or 086 3535293

**Website:** [www.historicgraves.ie](http://www.historicgraves.ie)

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## Open Day at Clomantagh Castle

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** An opportunity to see the conservation work of the Irish Landmark Trust. Enjoy a self-guided tour of this 15<sup>th</sup> century tower house and 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse now available for holidays. Leaflets about the property will be provided.



**Event Organiser:** The Irish Landmark Trust

**Venue:** Clomantagh Castle, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [caroline@irishlandmark.com](mailto:caroline@irishlandmark.com)

**Telephone:** 01 6704733

**Website:** [www.irishlandmark.com](http://www.irishlandmark.com)

**Facebook:** [theirishlandmarktrust](https://www.facebook.com/theirishlandmarktrust)

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## The Village Creamery Exhibition

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
14:00 to 18:00

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 12:00 to 21:00

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 18:00

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 21:00

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 12:00 to 18:00

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 14:00 to 18:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** The exhibition will portray the people and the struggle to establish a village creamery in Goresbridge in 1914. Butter-making and the utensils employed will also be demonstrated.



Aspects of village life will be portrayed in photographs, stories and artefacts in a pleasant surrounding.

**Event Organiser:** Barrowvale Local History Group

**Venue:** Ionad Dara Centre, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** enmoran@hotmail.com

**Telephone:** 087 3179442

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## Exploring Gowran's Contribution to the Great War

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Three lectures examining the connections with Gowran and WWI. Padraig Yeates will outline the situation in Ireland during the War years at 2pm. This will be followed by Alyson Gavin who will speak about her quest for Aubry White; the soldier who is commemorated in the beautiful stained glass window in St Mary's Church. At 3.30pm military historian Gordon Power will hold a talk and workshop on associated memorabilia.



The NLI exhibition Gallant Sons will be in the church on Sat. and Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. If you have any medals or photos of ancestors who served that you would like to know more about why not send your query to us in advance?

**Event Organiser:** The Office of Public Works

**Venue:** St Mary's Church, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** jerpointabbey@opw.ie

**Telephone:** 056 7726894

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## Hill Walk – Brandon Hill Archaeological Field Monuments Tour

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
10:30 to 16:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Hill walk to visit some of the Brandon Hill suite of archaeological field monuments. Required: strong footwear, waterproofs, packed lunch. Car pooling from Kilkenny City meeting point. Main meeting point is at Kilkenny Omniplex Cinema. Option to meet in Graiguenamanagh by arrangement.



**Event Organiser:** Tyndall Mountain Club

**Venue:** Kilkenny Omniplex Cinema, Gaol Road, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [tyndallmountainclub@gmail.com](mailto:tyndallmountainclub@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 056 7761044

**Website:** [www.tyndallmountainclub.com](http://www.tyndallmountainclub.com)  
[tyndallmountainclub.blogspot.com](http://tyndallmountainclub.blogspot.com)

[tyndall.mountainclub](https://www.facebook.com/tyndall.mountainclub)

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## Mini Beasts Hunt

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
11:00 to 12:30  
14:00 to 15:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Be a nature detective for a day and join our wildlife experts in a hunt for insects amongst the trees and gardens in Woodstock. Learn also about foraging for wild food and identifying edible plants. Suitable for children aged 7 and over. Booking is essential as numbers are strictly limited.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny County Council

**Venue:** Woodstock Gardens, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes. Spaces are limited

**Email:** [woodstock@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:woodstock@kilkennycoco.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7794373 or 056 7794366

**Website:** [www.woodstock.ie](http://www.woodstock.ie)

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## Guided Walking Tour of Inistioge

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:15

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Local historian, Michael Tennyson will lead a walk around this beautiful village on the banks of the River Nore. He will explain its historic development and its significance as a National Monument.



**Event Organiser:** Inistioge Tidy Towns

**Venue:** The Square, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Website:** [www.inistioge.ie](http://www.inistioge.ie)

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## We Will Remember Them

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
20:30 to 22:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** An evening of remembrance for the local men who fought in World War I. John Kirwan, archivist & author, will speak on the subject. There will be an exhibition of memorabilia from the Great War.



**Event Organiser:** Johnstown Heritage Group

**Venue:** St Kieran's Community Hall, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [johnstownheritagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownheritagegroup@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 086 3272288



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## Public access to The Abbots Tower, Kells Priory

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
10:30 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Public access to the beautifully restored Abbot's Tower, within the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Kells Priory. Numbers will be strictly limited to 10 at one time. OPW staff will be on hand to answer questions. The steps leading up into the Tower are very steep and are unfortunately not suitable for people with limited mobility.



**Event Organiser:** K.R.E.E. Ltd.

**Venue:** Kells Village Hall, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [vincent@barnstorm.ie](mailto:vincent@barnstorm.ie)

**Telephone:** 087 2746036

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## Guided Tours of Kells Priory

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
11:30 to 12:45 and 14:00 to 15:15



**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A guided tour of the extensive 12<sup>th</sup> Century Kells Priory. Led by Albert Smith, this tour will include access to the recently refurbished Abbots Tower, with OPW staff on site to answer questions.

**Event Organiser:** K.R.E.E. Ltd.

**Venue:** Mullins Mill, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Booking advisable

**Email:** [vincent@barnstorm.ie](mailto:vincent@barnstorm.ie)

**Telephone:** 087 2746036

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## Walking Tour of Kells village

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
14:00 to 15:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A guided walk through Kells village led by Susan Smith & Siobhan Tulloch, outlining the history of the buildings and the families who lived there. Numbers limited to 30, on a first come, first served basis.



**Event Organiser:** K.R.E.E. Ltd.

**Venue:** Kells Village Hall, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [vincent@barnstorm.ie](mailto:vincent@barnstorm.ie)

**Telephone:** 087 2746036

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## Exploring Our Military Heritage

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
10:30 to 15:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** An exhibition of military heritage spanning across three centuries. The items on display help visitors to have a better understanding of our history and heritage in the South East.



**Event Organiser:** James Stephens Barracks

**Venue:** James Stephens Barracks, Ballybought Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [jasstephensk@gmail.com](mailto:jasstephensk@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 087 3875753

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Kilkenny  
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Kilkenny Military Heritage Project

## Kilkenny and the Great War

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
18:00 to 19:15

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A walking tour of Kilkenny City telling the story of Kilkenny peoples' participation in 'the war to end all wars'. We will visit the streets which help us understand the effects the war had from 1914. Please take into account that while this walk is a short one there are a lot of steps/stairs along the way.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Military Heritage Project

**Venue:** St. Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** jasstephensk@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 087 3875753

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## Kilkenny's Independence Story

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
16:00 to 17:15

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** This is the third year of this walking tour which aims to give people an understanding of the events as they happened in County Kilkenny during the period 1913-1923. Special emphasis will be placed this year on weapons procurement and the split which occurred in the Irish Volunteers in 1914.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Military Heritage Project

**Venue:** Town Hall, High Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** jasstephensk@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 087 3875753

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## Kilkenny on the Eve of the Great War

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9:00 to 17:00

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Launch and distribution of a commemorative brochure detailing Kilkenny City in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century up to the outbreak of the Great War.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny County Library

**Venue:** John's Green House, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [info@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:info@kilkennylibrary.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7794166

**Website:** [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

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## An Evening of Military Heritage

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

19:30 to 20:45

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** There will be two talks given this year. The topics are WW1: The Kilkenny Missing; The Civil War Executions in Kilkenny.



**Event Organiser:** Larry Scallan

**Venue:** James Stephens Barracks, Ballybought Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [jasstephensk@gmail.com](mailto:jasstephensk@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 087 3875753

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## The Marble City

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
13:00 to 14:50

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** The RPSI will visit Kilkenny City on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August with Steam Locomotive No. 461 and approx. 300 passengers. The conservation of this locomotive was part funded by the Heritage Council. The train will be in Kilkenny for approx. 2 hours, so come down and see a real life working steam locomotive looking resplendent in its new green livery. Bring your children who have never seen a steam engine in action and enjoy the smell, sound and steam from the loco as it moves around the station.



**Event Organiser:** Railway Preservation Society of Ireland

**Venue:** Kilkenny Railway Station, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** rpsitrains@hotmail.com

**Website:** [www.steamtrainsireland.com](http://www.steamtrainsireland.com)

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## Free Admission to Kilkenny Castle

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9:00 to 17:00  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Free admission to Kilkenny Castle on certain days during National Heritage Week. Visit of Kilkenny Castle is self-guided. Parts of the Castle may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)



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## Family Heritage Card Daily Draw

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
9:00 to 17:00



**Admission:** (Adult): €6.00, (Child): €2.50,  
(Family): €14.00

**Event Description:** For the duration of National Heritage Week, with every admission there will be free entry to a daily draw for a chance to win a family heritage card. Visit of Kilkenny Castle is self-guided. Parts of the Castle may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. Parking available near site.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Music, Motion & Magic with Mini Musos

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
10:30 to 11:15 (Ages 4 to 7)  
12:00 to 12:45 (Ages 8 to 14)



**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Musical workshop for children with special needs. Come and join Karen on a fun musical journey. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Each child needs to be accompanied by an adult. Parking is available near site.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Guided Tour with the Butler of the House

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 15:00  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 15:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Let the Butler of Kilkenny Castle guide you through this beautiful Victorian Home and experience castle life in the Victorian age. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Parts of the castle may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** john.burke@opw.ie

**Telephone:** 056 7704106

**Website:** www.kilkennycastle.ie

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## Kilkenny Families in the Great War

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
 14:30 to 15:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** An illustrated look at some Kilkenny families and the contribution they made towards the war effort by John Kirwan, author of 'Kilkenny Families and the Great War'. This event is on a first come first served basis. The Parade Tower has a capacity of 120 pax. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** kilkennyguides@opw.ie

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** www.kilkennycastle.ie

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## From Strongbow to the I.R.A

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Patrick Mannix, historian and author, will give a talk on the siege of Kilkenny Castle in May 1922 by the anti-treaty forces. The event is on a first come first served basis. The Parade Tower has a capacity of 120 pax. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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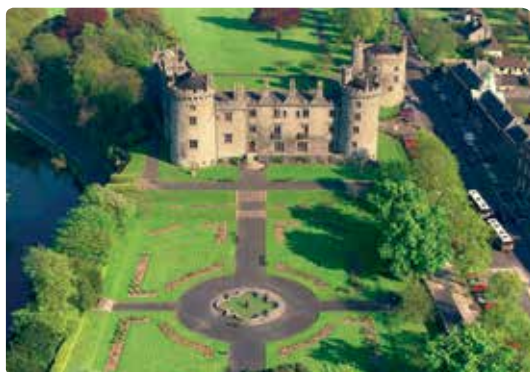


## Medieval Revival or Artistic Rebellion

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A new look at the history of, and influences on, the great painted ceiling at Kilkenny castle with Bettina Norton. Parts of the castle may not be suitable for people with limited mobility. Parking available near site. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Picture Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## A Fight with Fate

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Lori Comerford-Moriarty will examine a little known case of Victorian fraud perpetrated against the Marquis of Ormonde in 1863 which inspired the drama 'A Fight with Fate'. The event is on a first come first served basis. The Parade Tower has a capacity of 120 pax. Parking is available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## The Early Theobalds

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Peter Kenny will discuss the origin of the Butler Family and the early Earls of Ormond. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Medieval Room, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Victorian Photography & The Butler Family

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Lori Comerford-Moriarty will examine the development of photography over the Victorian period and the Butler family's relationship with this new medium of representation. The event is on the first come first served basis. The Parade Tower has a capacity of 120 pax. Parking is available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Celtic Drummers

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
14:00 to 15:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Celtic drummers will perform a fusion of modern and tribal rhythms, creating an unforgettable and explosive performance. Parking available near site. This is an outdoor event and will be weather dependent.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Courtyard, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704100

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)



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## Sketching in The Picture Gallery

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Kilkenny Castle is opening the Picture Gallery free of charge to artists who wish to sketch paintings from the Ormonde Picture Collection. Advance booking is required. Artists must agree to Kilkenny Castle sketching guidelines. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Picture Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

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**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Kilkenny & The Great War

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
9:00 to 17:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Photographic exhibition commemorating Kilkenny Families in the Great War. Parking available near site.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Picture Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Art Detective Workshop

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 to 11:00

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 11:30 to 12:30



**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Become an Art Detective in Kilkenny Castle. Discover clues hidden in paintings to learn more about some of the portraits of the Ormonde Picture Collection. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Workshop is tailored for children aged between 8 and 12. Parking available near site.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

14:00 to 14:45



**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Kilkenny Castle is delighted to host puppeteer Miriam Lambert and her production of the classic fairy tale 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. Booking is essential as numbers will be limited. The puppet show is suitable for children from 4 years upward. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking available near site.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Castle OPW

**Venue:** The Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [kilkennyguides@opw.ie](mailto:kilkennyguides@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7704105

**Website:** [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

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## ‘Circle In The Square’ - Children’s Art Workshop

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
11:00 to 12:30

**Admission:** (Child): €5.00

**Event Description:** Butler Gallery invites children aged 5-12 years to explore explosive colour, playful pattern and fascinating form at Marilyn Lerner’s exhibition. After learning about the artist’s working process, participants will have a chance to make their own art using a variety of innovative techniques and materials.



**Event Organiser:** Butler Gallery

**Venue:** Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** pauline@butlergallery.com

**Telephone:** 056 7761106

**Website:** www.butlergallery.com

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## Free Bookable Tours of ‘Circle in The Square’

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Why not come and explore Marilyn Lerner’s exhibition ‘Circle In The Square’ with Butler Gallery’s free, bookable tours.



Marilyn Lerner,  
Centerpoint, Oil on  
Wood 101.6 x 76.2  
2011

**Event Organiser:** Butler Gallery

**Venue:** Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** pauline@butlergallery.com

**Telephone:** 056 7761106

**Website:** www.butlergallery.com

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## Kilkenny Pop-Up Museum

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Chat to archaeologists, handle artefacts, enjoy the 10 minute medieval plays by the Barn Owls, see the Cartoon Saloon artists on site interpreting our archaeological stories...all while you munch on a medieval pie! Runs every Thursday in August.

See full details of the programme on our Facebook page.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Teehan and Kilkenny Archaeology

**Venue:** The Castle Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No, but spaces limited for the plays so come early

**Email:** myteeahan@gmail.com

**Telephone:** 086 8257450

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## Children's Workshop

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
10:30 to 12:30

**Admission:** (Child): €8

**Event Description:** A creative workshop with a nature theme for children involving arts and crafts, fun and games. Advance booking for this workshop is strongly recommended. Booking can be made by contacting Rothe House & Garden or by visiting reception.



**Event Organiser:** Rothe House and Garden

**Venue:** Rothe House & Garden, Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** reception@rothehouse.com

**Telephone:** 056 7722893

**Website:** www.rothehouse.com

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## Medieval Kilkenny: Sand Pit Excavation

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11:00 to 13:00  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** The theme this year is exploring the medieval history of Kilkenny through archaeological excavation in a fun and friendly manner. There are two workshops lasting 2 hours each. Booking is essential as these workshops are very popular. Suitable clothing may be required as participants may get a little wet and muddy.



**Event Organiser:** Dig it Kids

**Venue:** Rothe House & Garden, Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [enquiries@digitkids.ie](mailto:enquiries@digitkids.ie)

**Telephone:** 01 2968190

**Website:** [www.rothehouse.com](http://www.rothehouse.com)

[rothehouse](https://www.facebook.com/rothehouse)

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## Open Day at KAS Library in Rothe House & Garden

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
14:00 to 18:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Come and see the large and impressive selection of books, records and papers relating to Kilkenny's past in the beautiful setting of Rothe House.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Archaeological Society

**Venue:** Rothe House & Garden, Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [atkilkenny@gmail.com](mailto:atkilkenny@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 056 7722893

**Website:** [www.rothehouse.com](http://www.rothehouse.com)

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## Guided Tour of Rothe House and Garden by Colm Murray

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 15:30  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 16:00 to 17:30

**Admission:** (Adult): €3.50

**Event Description:** Colm Murray of the Heritage Council will guide visitors through the rich and varied history of Rothe House and Garden.



**Event Organiser:** Rothe House & Garden

**Venue:** Rothe House & Garden, Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [reception@rothehouse.com](mailto:reception@rothehouse.com)

**Telephone:** 056 7722893

**Website:** [www.rothehouse.com](http://www.rothehouse.com)

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## Object Conservation Leaflet

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
 10:00 to 17:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** The Design & Crafts Council of Ireland are delighted to offer a free object conservation leaflet to all our visitors designed to support good conservation practice for objects in the home environment. This leaflet is aimed at taking care of domestic craft and design objects that have a heritage value.



**Event Organiser:** Design & Crafts Council of Ireland

**Venue:** National Craft Gallery, The Castle Yard, The Parade, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [events@nationalcraftgallery.ie](mailto:events@nationalcraftgallery.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7796151

**Website:** [www.nationalcraftgallery.ie](http://www.nationalcraftgallery.ie)

 [NationalCraftGallery](https://www.facebook.com/NationalCraftGallery)

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## Guided tour of Canice's Cathedral

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
9:00 to 10:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Hear about some important historical figures associated with the medieval Cathedral. See the medieval burial stones and effigies of the Anchoress, the Kytler Family, the Butler Family and Bishops.



**Event Organiser:** St Canice's Cathedral and Round Tower, Kilkenny

**Venue:** St Canice's Cathedral and Round Tower, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [info@stcanicescathedral.com](mailto:info@stcanicescathedral.com)

**Telephone:** 056 7764971

**Website:** [www.stcanicescathedral.com](http://www.stcanicescathedral.com)

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## High Nelly Cycle History Tour

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
13:00 to 17:30

**Admission:** (Adult) €5.00

**Event Description:** High Nelly cycle through Kilkenny City to vintage show, James park, with re-enactments about local history on the way and later High Nelly tea, music and song in Egans Bar. Cyclists are asked to cycle High Nelly vintage bicycles and dress in vintage period or traditional costumes. There will be a prize for best costume and bike. All style bikes are welcome if you don't have a vintage one, we just ask you don't dress in Lycra.



**Event Organiser:** The Flying Column, High Nelly Club

**Venue:** Egans Bar, John Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [flyingcolumn@live.com](mailto:flyingcolumn@live.com)

**Telephone:** 087 4141306

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## Kilkenny Book & Coin Fair

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
10:30 to 17:00



**Admission:** (Adult): €2 (Child): Free with adult.

**Event Description:** The annual August fair will be held to coincide with Heritage Week 2014. Book and coin dealers will be here with thousands of interesting and rare titles to suit local and general interests. Proceeds from this annual fair are for Cancer Care.

**Event Organiser:** Mary Flood

**Venue:** Club House Hotel, Ormonde Road Jctn Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kilkennyfamilyhistory@rothehouse.com](mailto:kilkennyfamilyhistory@rothehouse.com)

**Telephone:** 087 2286686

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## Research Your Family Tree

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 12:40



**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Research your family tree using RootsIreland website. This extensive database holds church records, census, land and ship passenger lists. 20 minute one on one sessions available but must be pre-booked.

**Event Organiser:** Aisling Kelly, Kilkenny County Library


**Venue:** City Library, John's Quay, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [citylibrary@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:citylibrary@kilkennylibrary.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7794174

**Website:** [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

 [pages/Kilkenny-County-Library/150354328360198](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kilkenny-County-Library/150354328360198)

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## Walking tour of St. Mary's Church & Graveyard, Kilkenny City

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
11:00 to 12:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Cólín Ó Drisceoil will lead this tour of the church and graveyard which contains a nationally significant collection of medieval and renaissance burial monuments. The repair, conservation and re-presentation of the monuments is part of a larger on-going programme of works at St. Mary's to



develop a civic museum in the church and graveyard which is currently underway.

**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny County Council

**Venue:** Town Hall Forecourt, High Street, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** Yes

**Email:** [evelyn.graham@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:evelyn.graham@kilkennycoco.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7794028

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## First Irish screening of Project Wild Thing

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
19:00 to 21:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Project Wild Thing is a film led movement to get more children and their families outside and reconnecting with nature. Project Wild Thing is more than a film, this is a growing movement of organisations and individuals who care deeply about the need for nature connected, free range, roaming and outdoor playing children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Project Wild thing has been screened in the UK, USA and Canada and will now have its premier Irish screening in Kilkenny.



**Event Organiser:** Gretta Murphy, Kilkenny County Childcare Committee

**Venue:** Heritage Council Office, Aras an hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [kkccc@eircom.net](mailto:kkccc@eircom.net)

**Telephone:** 056 7752865

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## Demonstration of Traditional Lime Kiln in Production

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 15:00 to 20:00

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 20:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A unique demonstration of a lime kiln in operation. Kiln is situated on the lands of Mr Michael Bergin (Sr. and Jr.) which is near Swifts Heath on the Ballyragget Road. Suitable footwear and/or clothing may be required depending on the weather.



**Event Organiser:** Kilkenny Archaeology Society

**Venue:** Michael Bergin, Near Swifts Heath, Ballyragget Road, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [reception@rothehouse.com](mailto:reception@rothehouse.com)

**Telephone:** 056 7722893

**Website:** [www.rothehouse.com](http://www.rothehouse.com)

[kasociety](https://www.facebook.com/kasociety)

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## My Townland

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
11:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** My Townland – an exhibition of local history, folklore, field names, maps, oral histories and photographs celebrating the history and heritage of the townlands of Lisdowney Parish and surrounding area.



**Event Organiser:** Lisdowney Heritage Group

**Venue:** Lisdowney GAA Club, Lisdowney, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Telephone:** 086 0616133



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## A walking tour of the Famine Garden

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
8:00 to 19:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A walking tour of the Famine Garden. Take a walking tour of our Famine Garden and see the cause of the great famine of 1845-1850. All walking tours of our Famine Garden can be done without a tour guide. Just take a tour brochure at the start of your walk and you can walk and read your way through our beautiful famine memorial garden.



**Event Organiser:** Gáirdín an Ghorta Committee

**Venue:** Newmarket, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** williebarron1@eircom.net

**Telephone:** 086 8394349

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## A Short Introduction to Early Christian Ireland

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 11:00 to 11:20  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 15:30 to 15:50

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Katriona Burke will give a brief introduction to early Christian Ireland. This 20 minute talk will occur twice during the day, followed by question time.



**Event Organiser:** Office of Public Works

**Venue:** The Chapter House, Jerpoint Abbey, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** jerpointabbey@opw.ie

**Telephone:** 056 7724623

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## Sow & Grow

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
10:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Hands on gardening for children. Get your hands dirty and bring home the fruits of your labour! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Event Organiser:** Office of Public Works

**Venue:** The Chapter House, Jerpoint Abbey, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [jerpointabbey@opw.ie](mailto:jerpointabbey@opw.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7724623

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## Free Admission and Guided Tours

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
9:30 to 16:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Free admission to this outstanding 12<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian monastery.

**Event Organiser:** Office of Public Works

**Venue:** Jerpoint Abbey, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [jerpointabbey@opw.ie](mailto:jerpointabbey@opw.ie)

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## Killeen Cemetery at Mount Juliet

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
20:00 to 21:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** A guided tour of Killeen Cemetery at Mount Juliet, led by Dessie McGrath. Burials in Killeen Cemetery include five Earls of Carrick. Gather at Mount Juliet Hotel car park at 20:00.



**Event Organiser:** Duchas Tullaherin Heritage Society

**Venue:** Mount Juliet, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [info@mountjuliet.ie](mailto:info@mountjuliet.ie)

**Telephone:** 056 7773000

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## Guided Heritage Tours

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10:30 to 12:30  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 14:00 to 16:00  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10:30 to 12:30  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Guided Heritage Tour of the footprints of a deserted 12<sup>th</sup> C. Medieval Town called Newtown Jerpoint plus the Tomb Effigy of St. Nicholas. Guided Heritage Tours take approx 1.5 hours, and suitable footwear is recommended.



**Event Organiser:** Jerpoint Park

**Venue:** Jerpoint Park, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [info@jerpointpark.com](mailto:info@jerpointpark.com)

**Telephone:** 087 6216470

**Website:** [www.jerpointpark.com](http://www.jerpointpark.com)

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## River Barrow Way: Ready-to-go Guided Tour

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
All day

**Admission:** Download the app tour

**Event Description:** Walk, cycle or canoe a short stretch for an hour or an afternoon, or spend a tranquil week exploring all of the gentle Barrow Way. Discover history, heritage and wildlife along the idyllic towpath. The history and stories of the wonderful Barrow River and Canal in an audio guided tour. Featuring stories, commentary and a boatman's song, and packed with information, and covering the 114km from Lowtown to St Mullins.




**Event Organiser:** Ingenious Ireland

**Venue:** Download the App tour

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** ingenious.ireland@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.ingeniousireland.ie/barrowriver](http://www.ingeniousireland.ie/barrowriver)

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## Official Opening of Heritage Week in Tullahought

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August,  
20:00 to 23:45

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Lecture by Richard Hyland, Kilkenny entitled 'Slatequarries, 1820 to 1827 – Hyland Family Connection' followed by night of music, song and storytelling by Cois Siure and friends.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Tullahought Community Centre, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

**Email:** [eganmary2@gmail.com](mailto:eganmary2@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 051 648070 / 087 9174354

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## Photography Exhibition

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
15:00 to 22:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Exhibition of old photos of local events and Tullahought in general with particular reference to 2013's Gathering and School Reunion.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Tullahought Community Centre, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

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## Opening of Quern Stone Sculptures

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
20:00 to 21:30

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Opening of Quern Stone Sculptures followed by Lecture by Dr. Barry O'Reilly, Fethard entitled 'Domestic Milling in Ireland'.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Tullahought Community Centre, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

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## Mike Williams Shield Tournament

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
11:00 to 13:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Hurling and Camogie Under Age Blitz for Mike Williams Shield.



**Event Organiser:** Seamus Power

**Venue:** Tullahought Sportsfield, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

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## Kilmacoliver Loop Walk

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Starting at Tullahought Community Centre 5km walk through country roads, grassland and woodland with views of adjoining counties Part of Trials Kilkenny and Faite Ireland Walks.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Tullahought Community Centre, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

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## Traditional Skills Demonstration and Vintage Car Display

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
14:00 to 16:00

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Demonstration of traditional skills and games. There will also be a vintage car display.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Tullahought Community Centre, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.

**Booking Required:** No

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## Traditional Music and Song

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Power's Pub)  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Power's Pub and  
Delaney's Bawnreigh)  
22:00 to 23:45

**Admission:** Free

**Event Description:** Traditional music and song in traditional pubs. Saturday and Sunday will be held in Power's Pub, Tullahought and Sunday will also be held in Delaney's, Bawnreigh. Come join in the fun.



**Event Organiser:** Mary Egan, Tullahought Community Development Ltd.

**Venue:** Power's Pub Tullahought and Delaney's Bawnreigh

**Booking Required:** No

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# Kilkenny City



**Kilkenny**  
Living Heritage, Living Culture

THE WATERSHED 2000  
INTERNATIONAL TITLE

**Map Legend**

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- Cinema
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- Train Station
- Bus Stop

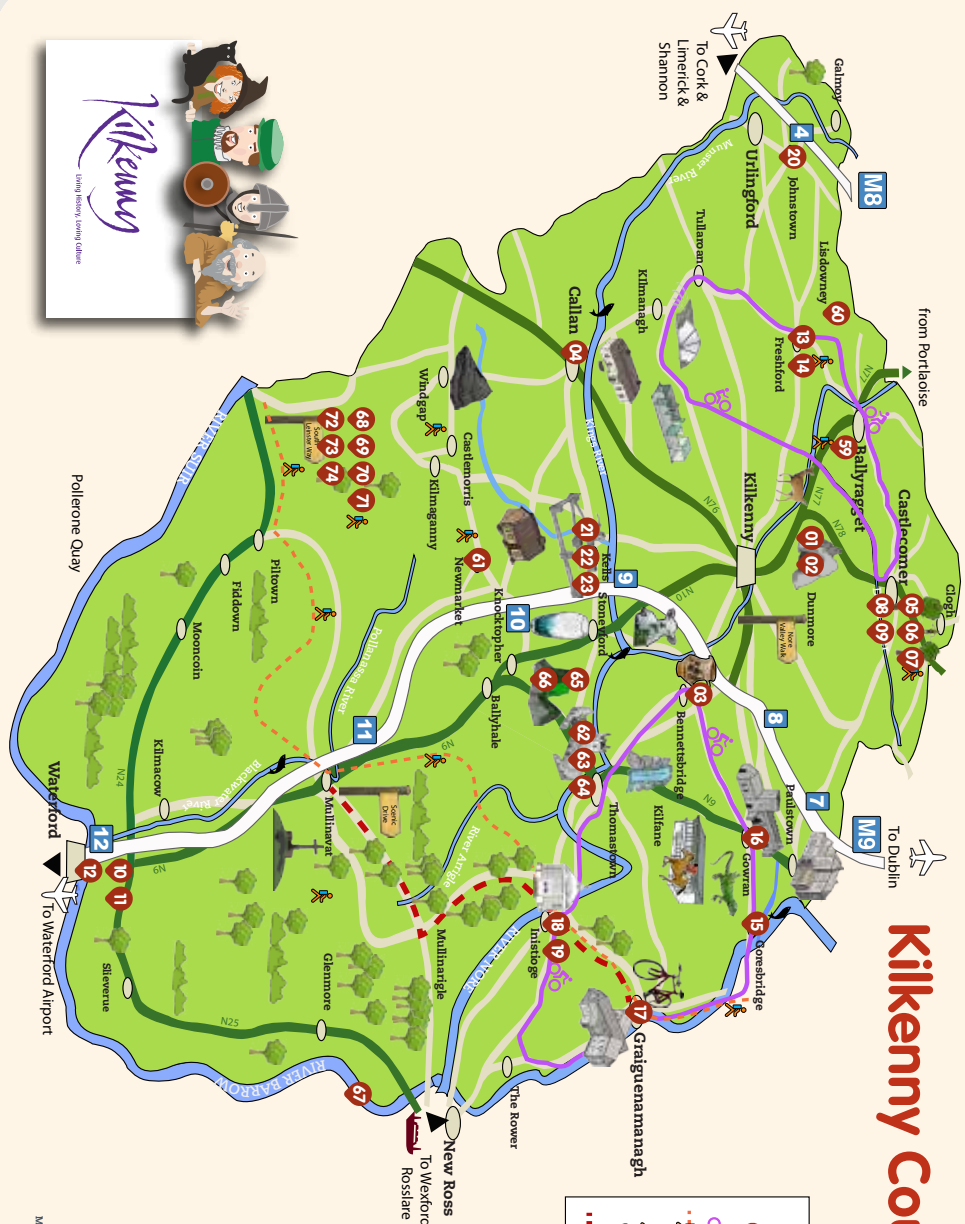
**City Wall**

- Variable Wall
- Lines of Original Wall
- Site of Tower
- Site of Gate

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**The Watershed 2000**

# Kilkenny County



**Map Legend**

- Event Locations
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- Angling
- Scenic Driving Route



Map courtesy of Kilkenny Tourism



# National Heritage Week



Generations exploring heritage together

23<sup>rd</sup>– 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014

For further information on Kilkenny Heritage Week events see [www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/heritage](http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/heritage)

Callsave 1850 200 878  
[www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)



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