



Kilkenny

Sunday 11th October
KILKENNY DAY

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Kilkenny Day is about celebrating everything that is wonderful about Kilkenny city and county; our communities, our heritage, our environment, our commerce, our creativity, our food, our hospitality, our sport and above all, our people. A new umbrella website kilkenny.ie and branding for Kilkenny will be launched in the run up to Kilkenny Day which communicates, in a structured and consistent way the best of Kilkenny from a tourism, food, craft, enterprise and investment perspective.

For Kilkenny Day, we encourage you to get out to discover and enjoy new places and activities in the city and county, wear black and amber with pride and show that you ARE Kilkenny! It is fitting that the day falls on the feast day of the 6th century St. Canice, from whom Kilkenny derives its name - *Cill Channigh - the Church of Canice*. We would like to thank everyone who has participated in this initiative and hope to build on this in future years. We have so much to be proud of in Kilkenny so let's celebrate it together. *Is mise,*

Andrew McGuinness.

Cathaoirleach Kilkenny County Council

Please note – Kilkenny Day is cognisant of our current Covid-19 restrictions and we ask everyone to adhere to the guidelines.

'OWN BLACK & AMBER'

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The first Kilkenny Day will take place on Sunday 11th October and will consist of a programme of events that will run across the city and county, showcasing the very best the county has to offer. But before we give you the line-up of events, let us remind you that people are being asked to 'don' black and amber on the day to demonstrate pride in the county colours, so whether it's a gaa shirt or a colourful holiday shirt that's been lying in the wardrobe, there are no excuses! ...embrace our place!

Let's show how proud we are to BE Kilkenny!

Let's own black and amber for the day! Dress yourself, your home, your street, your village and your pets in black and amber on Sunday 11th October. Upload your photo to our facebook page and tag **#kilkennyday**. The photo with the most number of likes wins a Kilkenny Day prize in the following categories!

- *Best dressed Kilkenny Man*
- *Best dressed Kilkenny Women*
- *Best dressed Kilkenny Cat*
- *Best dressed Kilkenny Dog*
- *Best dressed Kilkenny Community*

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RING THOSE BELLS!

To celebrate 'Kilkenny Day' and to acknowledge the wonderful work of our fantastic frontline workers we are asking all the churches, chapels and places of worship in the City and County to ring their bells at 3pm on Sunday 11th October. We are encouraging everyone in Kilkenny to join in – Ring a bell at your home or place of work and wear black & amber with pride and show that we are all at one with our frontline workers. Upload your photos to our facebook page and tag **#kilkennyday**. Minister Noonan, *Minister for State Department of Culture Heritage & the Gaeltacht* along with Cllr Andrew McGuinness will join in the City and County bell ringing at 3pm in the Market Yard.

OUR ELDERS, OUR HEROES

For Kilkenny Day we are bringing music into the grounds of our City and County Nursing Homes. Kilkenny musicians and Civil Defence volunteers will do a tour of the City and County on 'Kilkenny Day' to play a few lively uplifting tunes. This is to acknowledge the patience and understanding of the fantastic residents and their families who have had to contend with challenging times over the past seven months. They have shown such grace and dignity. We also want to commend the great work of all that staff that care for the residents. We hope that the sound of music in the air will lift all of their spirits!



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LOCAL FOOD SHOWCASED

So that you can stock up on great local ingredients ahead of 'Kilkenny Day' we have organised an online 'showcase' of the tasty range of food products made by our fabulous artisan producers across the County. At 11 am on Kilkenny Day log on to our Kilkenny Day facebook page to join the effervescent, life-loving Kilkenny culinary duo, *Edward Hayden* and *Anne Neary* who will take a virtual food tour of the County and chat about what makes Kilkenny such a great foodie destination. Anne will also tell us about her involvement in *Neighbour Food*, the great new food distribution initiative.

LET'S TASTE KILKENNY

Kilkenny is home to many of Ireland's finest food growers, producers and retailers. We also have some of the best chefs and cooks in the country who take our beautiful ingredients and convert them into amazing dishes. For 'Kilkenny Day' we have asked all Kilkenny City and County eateries to select their favourite Kilkenny ingredients and create a special 'Kilkenny Day' dish or menu. Participating restaurants, hotels, cafés and gastro pubs will share their menus on our 'Kilkenny Day' Facebook page so you can order it as a takeaway or create it at home yourself.



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KILKENNY CONVERSATIONS

For Kilkenny Day, *Edward Hayden* has very kindly agreed to host a series of chats with some very interesting Kilkenny people whose life stories have not been heard before. Edward is a skilled broadcaster and interviewer and always manages to put his guests at ease. He unwinds their lives and get to know them, their passions and their challenges. Join Edward and his guests online at 6pm every day (*in the week leading into Kilkenny Day*) to hear the interviews pre-recorded in the beautiful '*Duchess Board Room*' at the Parade Tower of Kilkenny Castle. Follow our Kilkenny Day facebook page to hear our guest list.

CREATIVE KILKENNY

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SENSES TRAIL - ONLINE

Connect with your surroundings and explore nature through sound, smell and touch. With our Sense Trail, take time to explore and connect with nature through these easy activities. Grab a blindfold or simply close your eyes • A few sheets of paper • pencil • crayons. Available to be downloaded from *NDCG.ie*

RECORD YOUR OWN SOUNDSCAPE

Identify the characteristics of your location through sound. Our soundscape activity sheet encourages you to stop for a moment, listen, and immerse yourself in the acoustic environment. We have included suggested ways to record your soundscapes, be them urban, rural, natural or human. Submit your soundscape recording to *events@ndcg.ie* to have your recording uploaded on *NDCG.ie*

RECONSTRUCT

Artist *Rachel Burke* is going online for this Tony O'Malley family workshop. Get all the family making artworks from recycled materials inspired by *Tony O'Malleys Constructions*. Join Rachel by Zoom at 2pm on Sunday 11th October. Book today on *www.butlergallery.ie*. Tickets €15 plus booking fee. This workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities. (*On booking, a materials list will be sent to families.*)



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LET'S SHOP KILKENNY

Kilkenny is a great place to shop with an array of fabulous clothing, jewellery, gift, household, craft and hardware shops to choose from throughout the City and County. For Kilkenny Day, we have asked all the shops to do something special, so watch out for incentives and discounts available on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October. Participating shops will display their offers in their shop window and will share their offers on our **'Kilkenny Day' Facebook page**. For anyone looking for style advice, *Siobhan Donohoe*, a Kilkenny woman who loves fashion will be available for one to one style online advice. To book a slot with Siobhan please email her on styleadvicekk@gmail.com

KNOW THE NORE

For Kilkenny Day, come & join the 'Nore Vision' team and discover the beautiful river Nore. There are two trail options, a 12km moderate walk from Kilkenny to Bennettsbridge or a shorter 2.5km Canal Loop walk (Lacken/Canal/John Street). Meet at tennis court in the County Council carpark John Street. Starting at 10am (to 11am) walkers will set off every 15 minutes after their introductory talk on *The Nore Vision Project*. Get a lovely jute bag in exchange for a bag of litter picked while on the walk (optional). *Due to covid-19, we cannot provide transport from Bennettsbridge. Please arrange for transport or walk back to Kilkenny.* **BE EQUIPPED!** Wear comfortable footwear and bring rain gear and don't forget to wear the black and amber. Email info@norevision.ie or call Nore Vision on 089 6124914 to book.



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KING OF THE CATS

For 'Kilkenny Day' create your own village cat, ideally using recycled materials! We are looking for towns, villages and neighbourhoods across the city and county to create and display a Kilkenny Cat that is fitting of the title 'King of the Cats'! Upload your King Cat to our facebook page before October 11th and tag **#kilkennyday**. The most creative cat wins a wild flower meadow for their community.

CAT'S EYES

How well do you know Kilkenny people who are in the 'public eye'? With masks being a feature of life at the moment we all must become better at recognising people by their eyes! We will show you six pairs of eyes and you must guess who's eyes they are!

YOUNG SOLDIER TRIBUTE

Thomas Woodgate from Mill Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny was only 14 years old when he died in October 1918. He was the youngest official Irish casualty from the 26 Counties who died as a result of enemy fire in World War 1 1914 - 1918. Thomas Woodgate drowned along with 500 other souls when the *RMS Leinster* was struck by three torpedoes fired from the German Submarine, UB 123, just off the Kish lighthouse on October 10th 1918 at almost a month to the day before the end of the war. The Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee are unveiling a new sculpture dedicated to Thomas Woodgate. Be sure to look out for it in the Market Yard when out and about in Kilkenny.



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OWN YOUR COUNTY, KNOW YOUR COUNTY

Our city and county has some of the most amazing places to see and things to do; activity centres, heritage sites, visitor centres, gardens, parks and exhibitions. For 'Kilkenny Day' be an online tourist in your own city and county and take a virtual tour of all the fabulous attractions that you haven't visited before. See our Kilkenny Day Facebook page and YouTube channel. Get all the family dressed up for Kilkenny Day - Wear black and amber with pride and to be in with a chance to win 'best dressed local virtual visitor'.

(Upload your photos to our Facebook page and tag **#kilkennyday**)

WALKING TOUR

The trail opens up heritage gardens and courtyards at the heart of Kilkenny, and encourages participants to rediscover the city through fresh eyes. Beginning from the courtyard of Castle Yard and the Butler House Gardens, you'll walk through Kilkenny Castle Park, Medieval Mile, and the Butler Gallery at Evans' Home, as well as taking in art at shopfronts, hotels and unexpected locations. Explore over 30 works by makers - guided walking tours will commence from The Kiosk on the Parade 11am and 2pm. *To participate in the guided tour walk, booking essential via our **Kilkenny Day facebook page**.* If you would prefer to do the trail in your own time, download a trail brochure on *NDCG.ie*. Don't forget to view the fabulous Sculpture Trail video developed by Kilkenny County Council Arts Office for Culture Night and to do a virtual tour.



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LITERARY KILKENNY

Library Podcast 1 - WHO WAS ST. CANICE?

Historian and author *Eoin Swithin Walsh* investigates the story of St. Canice, the Derry-born Saint that Kilkenny City and County is named after. Much that we know is hear-say and mythological – this podcast will explore what is recorded about his life and legacy. Very fitting given that Kilkenny Day is on the feast of St. Canice.

Library Podcast 2 - KILKENNY FACTS THAT MAKE IT UNIQUE & SPECIAL

To mark 'Kilkenny Day', Historian and author *Eoin Swithin Walsh* will introduce listeners to a compendium of Kilkenny facts, figures and trivia, the things that make Kilkenny city and county unique. Tune in to hear these fabulous podcasts organised by Kilkenny Library Services. Available on the Kilkenny Digital Archive and www.kilkennylibrary.ie

KILKENNY BORN AUTHORS

"A Chapter of Kilkenny Authors Map" - from the Banim brothers in Kilkenny City to the O'Leary clan in Graiguenamanagh, discover a number of interesting authors from Kilkenny City and County. This is a digital interactive map of authors which has been devised in conjunction with the GIS section in Kilkenny County Council. Travel around the county, digitally - each location has images and a short biography of local authors. Further works by these authors are available through the Library Service Local Studies Department. www.kilkennylibrary.ie

Image: Top L-R Francis McManus, Mary Eustace, John Banim, **Bottom L-R** Mary Purcell, George Berkeley, Hubert Butler.



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RAFFLE FOR CANCER

'Relay for Life' Kilkenny Committee are organising a very exciting raffle to raise much needed funds to support the ongoing work of the Irish Cancer Society. The money raised will be used locally to fund night nurses, caring for patients in their home at end of life, and to provide transport for patients attending hospital. First prize is a beautiful framed painting, titled "Castle Pink" painted and donated by the very talented Kilkenny artist *Mike Cantwell*. Second prize is a Liverpool jersey, signed by *Steven Gerrard*, professional football manager and former Liverpool player. Tickets: €6 each / 3 for €10. See Relay For Life Kilkenny facebook page for details. The Committee is very grateful for the ongoing support we receive every year.



WOLFWALKERS

To celebrate the success of Kilkenny based 'Cartoon Saloon's latest animated feature, *WolfWalkers*, *Kilkenny Animated* in conjunction with *Faite Ireland* have organised a month long series of outdoor and indoor exhibitions and events throughout October. Set in Kilkenny in 1650 'WolfWalkers' animation features Kilkenny Castle, the old Market Cross and the streetscapes of medieval Kilkenny. For Kilkenny Day on 11th October keep an eye out on our social media pages for some really special treats, including *WolfWalkers* Kilkenny Castle projections. Kilkenny is so proud to be home to Cartoon Saloon - a four-time Academy Award nominated studio (*Secret of Kells*, *Song of the Sea*, *The Breadwinner*, *Late Afternoon*).



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1,000 BIKES TO SCHOOL

To mark Kilkenny Day, primary schools in the city and county are being asked to encourage their pupils to cycle to school on Friday 9th October. Students who cycle to school will enjoy a 'No Uniform Day' and the school will benefit too! There will be a sapling tree donated for EVERY bike cycled to school. Share with us your school name and the number of bikes cycled to your school. Upload your photos to our facebook page and use the tag **#kilkennyday**.

BLING YOUR BIKE!

For Kilkenny Day, on Sunday 11th October get out and about on your bike and discover your city and county on wheels. Wear black and amber and 'bling your bike' too! Upload your photos to our facebook page and use the hashtag **#kilkennyday**. We have a fantastic prize of a City Cycling Tour for a family of 6 with Kilkenny Cycles for the best dressed rider & bike! .