



WEST WICKLOW COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Worker - Knockananna
Ref:#CES2361989

Hall Maintenance Worker/Caretaker - Rathdangan
Ref:#CES-2351831

Sports Ground Worker - Baltinglass Golf Club
Ref:#CES-2364834

Cleaning Operative/Caretaker- Kiltegan
Ref:#CES-2364836

Gardener/Environmental Worker - Kiltegan Tidy Towns
Ref:#CES-2351833



The successful candidate will receive One To One Career Support & Training in their chosen career area including CV writing/Interview skills and full support in their position. WWCE have excellent training & progression plans in place for all participants.

Excellent opportunities in these positions for training & developing whilst on the CE scheme. To check your eligibility or to apply for any of these positions please attend the INTRO Office in Baltinglass (beside Borza) and provide the job reference number above.

For further information on any of the above positions please contact:
Sondrine Byrne (087) 449 7731

HOW TO AVOID STRESS WHILE OUT SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS!

Determine how much you can spend. Most importantly, set a budget for Christmas spending—not just for gifts, but for food, travel, charitable offerings, and holiday events.

Don't feel obligated to buy for everyone. Families and friendship circles grow. Discuss drawing names or doing a gift exchange with friends and family, instead of buying individual gifts for every person. Chances are you're not the only one trying to stick to a budget.

Make a list—and check it twice. Planning your shopping out in advance can make you less likely to fall victim to impulse purchases. Make a list of gift recipients, set a spending limit for each, and determine what you'd like to buy, and—most importantly—stick to that list.

Use cash, not credit. Track your cash by having envelopes for each recipient to help you stay on budget, instead of using credit cards where spending can sometimes get out of hand, leaving you with significant debt to pay off after the holiday. If you do use credit cards, be sure to pay them off as soon as possible.

Keep an eye out for the best deals. Don't buy in a rush. Comparing prices can save you more than money—knowing you're getting the best possible deal and keeping to your Christmas budget can reduce some of the stress of holiday shopping.

Use online shopping to your advantage. When shopping online, be sure to include shipping costs when comparing prices. Many stores also have free shipping offers and discount codes that you can use at checkout.

Think of creative (and inexpensive) gift ideas. Consider inexpensive gifts you can make at home. Bake something tasty to give to friends and family or create a personalized gift using craft supplies you already have. Save on gift wrap by using brown paper and string. Then you can use any remaining paper for wrapping other gifts throughout the year.

FOCUS KILTEGAN



15th December 2024

RURAL REVIVAL

LIVE CRIB

LIVE CRIB



@ RURAL REVIVAL
DEC 23RD & 24TH 2-5pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7pm

Church Lane, Baltinglass, W91YH72

Special Thanks

A big thank you to Martin, John and Michael who put up the crib and decorated the Christmas tree so beautifully in Tynock. Well done it was much appreciated.

Thanks also to everyone who contributes in any way to the Focus Newsletter. To our promoters, distributors and readers a big thank you it is very much appreciated.



TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN
Fr. John McEvoy — 059 9161114

Christmas Penance Service
St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly Thursday 19th
December @ 7.30pm
Baltinglass Church, Friday 20th
December @ 7.30pm

Sunday 15th December Tynock @ 9.30am.
First Communion Mass.
Anniversary for: Breda Cremin, Graigue.
Reader: Fiona Kane.

Saturday 21st December Talbotstown
@ 6.00pm
Anniversaries for:
Kathleen Keogh(12th) her husband John
whose anniversary occurs around this time,
Kathleen Boland.
Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Christmas Eve 24th December:
Vigil Mass in Tynock at 8.00 pm .
Anniversary for: John & Catherine Grant.
Richard Donegan
Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

Christmas Morning 25th December
Talbotstown at 10.00 am.
Reader: Fiona Kane.
Sunday 29th December Tynock @ 9.30am.
Reader: Mary Byrne.

Sunday 5th January Talbotstown @ 9.30am
Reader: Breedh Murphy

Monday 6th January Feast of Epiphany
Talbotstown @ 9.45am.

Collection
Offerory €83.50 Envelopes €210.10

To book anniversaries for:
Tynock or Talbotstown please call
Mary — 086 2261264 Josie—059 64 73971



KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS



LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS TO 1974

In 1974 the club had a good number of under 15/16 footballers with no competition for them to compete in, in the West. A good friend of the club at the time Sargent Gerry Moran was running a successful league in the South for this age group, so the late Hugh Rafferty, Peter Keogh and John Timmins attended a South Board meeting in Tinahealy hall by candle light due to a storm and power outage. So the three of us put our case to the board and after a long debate we were accepted into the South League, but with one big exception. The Rathdangan players would have to play with Knockananna. A line was drawn in the middle of the village. The Whelan brothers Pedar, Martin and Larry of Bawnogue could play with Kiltegan. Mick O'Toole, Michael "Flash" Byrne and any other active players from that area played with Knockananna. This left Kiltegan a weakened team and down in numbers. So Donal Foley & John Timmins looked to the borderline clubs like Rathvilly & Baltinglass as they were organising and looking after the team. We recruited players like Pat O'Neill, Michael Kelly, Michael Timmins, Philip Kerwin, Jim Lennon, Jhonny Farrell, Michael Phelan and Garry Hegarty.

A team beaten by Avoca in Avoca lined out as follows: Pat O'Neill, Michael Cremin, Tom Brophy, Mick Bowes, Wattie Cummins, Mick Foley, Michael Farrell, Richard Harmon, Jhonny Farrell, Mick Byrne, Pader Whelan, John Lawlor, Martin Whelan, Jimmy Kelly, Ned Bowes.

Players who played against Knockananna were Michael Timmins, Michael Phelan, Jim Lennon, Philip Kerwin, Tommy Malone, Garry Hegarty, Tom Foley and Pat Cremin.

This team fulfilled all the fixtures winning some losing some but most importantly it fulfilled its purpose in the development of a number of players who were to make up the Crawl Cup team and the championship break through and woke up the west Juvenile Board and the neighbouring clubs to get competitions for young players.

50 YEARS of Kiltegan Camogie



In 1974 Baltinglass Vocational School made history by bringing the first Senior & Junior Vocational County titles to the school back boned by the success of the Kiltegan club. Mary Lawlor captained the Senior team and Patrica Kelly captained the Junior team, Ann Aspill and Hugh Rafferty helped Sister Catherine coaching the teams. They beat Wicklow Vocational school in both finals. Patrica Kelly was named Wicklow People Player of the Year for 1974 for up and coming stars. Wicklow Camogie Junior team reached the Leinster Semi Final when they defeated Laois 3-01 to 1-01, again Kiltegan players were to the fore. Mary and Ann Lawlor, Ann Aspill, Marjorie Hughes, Margret Whelan, Elish Doody. Unfortunately, they lost this game in the Boardroom as Ann Aspill's inter county transfer was questioned, Leinster Council ruled that Wicklow never applied to have the player regraded from senior to junior and awarded Laois the match.

SYMPATHY

Kiltegan Camogie Club would like to send their deepest sympathy to Ciara, Killian, Lucy and Emma Doyle on the sad passing of Ciara's mother, Kathleen Casey in Monaghan. Thinking of you all at this sad time. May Kathleen Rest in Peace.

Kiltegan GAA and Camogie Club would like to send deepest sympathy to sons Trevor & Philip, daughters Janet & Alison, daughters in law Heather & Deirdre, son in law David, grandchildren, relatives and a wide circle of friends on the death of their mother Joan Culbert, Kiltegan.

Joan passed away at her residence on 9th December and was laid to rest following service in St Peter's Church, Kiltegan on Friday.

May Joan Rest in Peace.



The Christmas Cup
Kiltegan Camogie Club
NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY
Kiltegan Club Grounds
12PM WELLIE-OFF
Donation on Gate

RUDOLPH RACERS VS SANTA DASHERS
 aka Mothers & Others vs aka Dads & Lads
 Wellies & Xmas Jumpers for Dads and lads

ALL PROCEEDS TO KILTEGAN CAMOGIE CLUB WITH RAFFLE ON THE DAY IN AID OF KILTEGAN SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Back by popular demand!

Following the success of the Rudolph Racers Vs the Santa Dashers last St Stephens Day we're sleighing up for another round this year. After some dubious tackles there will be scores to settle this time round with @kiltegancamogieclub taking the reins this year. 12pm wellie off, mark it in the diaries now

Kiltegan GAA Lotto Results 03-13-18-21

6 match 3's €35 each
Tony Murphy seller Online
Mary Lennon seller John Lennon
Niall Gartland seller Yearly Lotto
Harry Hanbidge seller Yearly Lotto
Joey Germaine seller Christy O'Toole
Alice Lennon seller Ben Lennon.

Next week's draw takes place on Monday 16th in the Talk of the Town. Tickets on sale in the local community and surrounding towns. For €2 you could win this week's jackpot of **€10,400** which would set you up nicely for Christmas.

Social Dance



in O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan on Saturday 14th December at 9pm. Music by the Wicklow Man. Refreshments will be served. Free Raffle on the night also.

Scoil Treasa Naomha Tynock

present Christmas with the Krackers St Tegan's Hall Tuesday, Dec 17th at 7pm All Welcome.



St. Peter's Parish, Kiltegan,

are holding a Carol Service On Sunday 15th December @ 7.00pm in St Peter's Church.



Followed by refreshments All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!



- What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him? The cold shoulder.
- How did the reindeer learn to play piano? He was elf-taught.
- What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? "Get out of my face."
- What do you call an old snowman? Water.
- Why shouldn't you lend money to elves? They're always short.
- Why are mummies such big fans of Christmas? Because they enjoy wrapping.