

#### WEST WICKLOW COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

#### **CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Environmental Worker - Knockananna

Ref:#CES2376394

Hall Maintenance Worker - Rathdangan

Ref:#CES-2376386

Sports Ground Worker - Baltinglass Golf Club

Ref:#CES-2376389

Cleaning Operative/Caretaker- Kiltegan

Ref:#CES-2364836

Gardener/Environmental Worker -Kiltegan

Ref:#CES-2376837

Cleaning Operative - Baltinglass Badminton Club

Ref:#CES-2372790

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.

## **FILL A BAG WEEKEND!**



In aid of West Wicklow Day Care Centre

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March Times: Fridays at 9.30am -12.00pm and 2.30pm - 5.00pm. Saturdays at 10.00am-2.00pm.

Get Spring cleaning and tidy out that hot press. Bring all your unwanted clothes, shoes, sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, curtains and towels and drop them off at the Old Ambulance Depot

at Baltinglass Hospital.

Please no dirty garments, or garments not suitable for re-wearing. NO duvets, pillows, rugs, blankets or carpets.

Looking forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support.

## WEST WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

West Wicklow Day Care committee invites you to attend their AGM on Tuesday 11th March at 8.00pm in the Day Care Centre Baltinglass. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

### FOR SALE

Scheppach Panel Saw & Dust Extractor. €800 or nearest offer. Pictured Below.

Contact 087 2586698





## Ads for The Focus Kiltegan can be:

Email: focuskiltegan@hotmail.com http;//www.facebook.com Phone: 059 6473330

Ads can also be dropped into the post box

@ West Wicklow Community Employment Office, The Green, Kiltegan. To place a small ad costs €2.00 per week.

All notices to be received by 1.00pm on the Wednesday for inclusion that week.

# FOCUS KILTEGAN



9th March 2025

## St. Tegan's Hall

There was a great sense of joy and community spirit around St Tegan's Hall in Kiltegan when the hall committee held their annual senior citizens' party.

Over 110 guests were welcomed into the hall for a sumptuous dinner cooked by the talented team from the Green Lemon Cafe and Bakery in Rathvilly, before attendees chatted the evening away, singing along to a few favourite

tunes and taking part in a huge raffle that raised €800 towards next year's party.

Thanking the guests and caterers for making it a magical evening, special mention was given to Kiltegan Camogie Club, which raised €400 for the party during the halftime raffle at their club fundraiser in December.

They will beholding fundraising events throughout the year to raise much need funds towards next years event and are calling on everyone to support them where possible.

## Kilfegan Tidy T www.

Kiltegan Tidy Towns committee elected Lee Clynch as their Chairperson for the coming year, Aine O'Leary as Secretary Maureen Murphy as Assistant Secretary, Danny Byrne & John Timmins as joint Treasurers. The meeting was held on Thursday night and plans have been put in place for the coming year it is hoped that more people might come out and help to keep our village looking clean and tidy.



The committee are looking for an old bicycle, they want to up cycle and place on the turn at Beal's cross. If anyone has one they would like to donate please contact any member of the Tidy Town's committee.

#### TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN Fr. John McEvoy — 059 9161114

Sunday 9th March Tynock @ 9.30am Anniversary for: Patsy Power (1st) Reader: Conor O'Leary.

Sunday 16th March Talbotstown @ 9.30am Anniversaries for: Sean Furlong (2nd), Paddy Finn (29th), Sean Farrell (27) Englishtown Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Monday 17th March Tynock 9.30 am St Patrick's Day Reader: Mary Byrne.

Saturday 22nd March Tynock @ 6.00pm Anniversary for: Nat Pearson (1st) Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

Sunday 30th March Talbotstown @ 9.30am Reader: Siobhain Doyle.

Sunday 6th April Tynock @ 9.30am

Anniversaries for: John & Dorothy Moriarty.

Reader: Nigel Byrne

Palm Sunday 13th April Talbotstown @ 9.30am Reader: Joe O'Brien.

Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April Talbotstown @ 6.00pm

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Tynock @ 6.00pm

Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April Rathvilly @ 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Tynock @ 9.30am

Offertory €193.15 Envelopes €346.40

To book anniversaries for Tynock or Talbotstown please call: Mary on 086 2261264; Josie on 059 6473971.



#### KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS



**Our Senior Football** team hosted Rathnew on Sunday morning in the County Senior Football League and they gave us a lesson on how to kick points, as they outpointed us on a score line of Kiltegan 0-09 Rathnew 0-20. We were under strength with county commitments, and injuries. We put in a reasonable performance in the first half and were loosing 0-09 to 0-06 at the break. But this was as good as it got. Rathnew got a run at us after the restart and kicked four points in a row to our one from a free after only ten minutes. This trend continued for the rest of the half as had no answer to their swift attacking moves. We were out played in every sector of the field and could only manage three points from free in the second half. Overall a very poor performance, but Rathnew continues with a full strength team to call on with no players on the county panel.

Our scores came from: Seanie Furlong 3pts, Jack O'Toole, Brandon Ryan 2pts each, Daniel Byrne, Kieran Harmon 1pt each. Next up Greystones away on Friday night.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our entire community, GAA & Camogie clubs mourned the loss of one great character and loyal supporter with the passing of Brian Byrne or The Bull as he was known to many, a nickname he inherited from his family in Hacketstown many years ago. Brian was a great supporter of both GAA and Camogie teams even though he never played with the club. He was very proud of his son Alans achievements on the playing field with Kiltegan and also of his daughters Elaine, Selina and Andrea achievements on the camogie field. With his wife Eileen he promoted the lotto every week for the past thirty years selling two books every week. When he was part of the Community Employment scheme in the village he built stone walls and helped to enhance the village and surrounding area. Brian was a wonderful neighbour and friend to everyone in Hill View, cutting grass, painting, no job was to big or to small.

The large turn out at Brian's wake and funeral was testament to the high esteem he was held in, the local Gaa & Camogie clubs formed a guard of honour at the church in Tynock and at the Tynaclash cemetery where he was laid to rest.

We offer our deepest sympathies to Brian's wife Eileen, son Alan, daughters Elaine, Selina and Andrea and their partners, to his grandchildren Lily, Fia, Darragh, Willow, Theo and Kayce, to Brian's brothers and sisters, mother-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbours.

You are all in our thoughts at this very difficult time.



With Brian's recent passing, we've lost the man we called "The Bull",
One happy character was Brian, living his life to the full.
Full of family and friends he loved, and the craic he had galore,
You never quite knew what devilment, Brian Byrne had in store.
The banter, the smile, always messing to the fore,
No better man than "The Bull" to cause laughter and uproar.
A genuine hard worker, no job ever too much chore,
Hands put to anything, as he'd holler through the door.
His pints, sur he loved 'em, in the Talk of The Town too,
Stopping off for the banter and a top-class good brew.
Brian fought his tough journey, with positivity shining thru,
Soar high now Brian, rest easy as Kiltegan bids you adieu.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

#### **LOOKING BACK TO 1975**

At a committee meeting in the little lounge in the talk of the Town Paudie Doyle proposed to the committee that we should run a junior football tournament to raise money and benefit the football team who were making great progress on the playing field. Paudie told the meeting he would put up a cup and medals or trophies for the competition. It was a great event. Seven teams Knockananna, Shillelagh, Clonmore, Rathvilly, Ballymanus, Castledermot, Tinahealy and Kiltegan would be the eight team. The Talk of the Town Cup was the name of the tournament. Kiltegan beat Knockananna in one semi final 1-14 to 1-05, and then went on to beat Shillelagh in the final 1-10 to 0-05.

Team: Peter Keogh, Larry Daly, Pa Leary, Michael Farrell, Nat Pearson, Matt Finn, Michael Foley, Sean Keogh, Pat Foley, Tom Pearson, Padar Daly, Richard Harmon, Mick Foley, Tynock, John Finn, Michael Boland, Subs; Martin Coleman, Paudie Doyle, Barney Power, Pat Hourigan, Walter Cummins and Noel Farrell.

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## Kiltegan GAA Lotto Results 02-09-10-22

No Winner €12,600
5 match 3 wins €40 each
Margaret Harmon, Tynaclash
seller yearly Lotto
Seamus Keogh seller Online
Larry Daly, Donard seller On Line
Richard Collier, Perth seller Online
Selina & Mick seller Eileen Byrne.
Next week's draw Monday 10th March
in Talk of the Town

JACKPOT €12.800

## GAA FIXTURES FOR COMING WEEK

## Senior Football League

Friday 7th March @ 7.30pm Kiltegan v Éire ÓG Greystones

In Greystones.

## Kiltegan Camogie Club

Juvenile medal Presentation Sunday 9th March @ 6.00pm In St Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan. Join us as we celebrate the U6,U8,U10,U12 & U14

players at our 2024 presentation.

## **Social Dancing Classes**

starting in

O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan from 25th March for 6 weeks only.

€10 per night
8.00pm to 9.30pm.

Contact Mary on 086 8153033
or John on 086 8177382.

#### RATHDANGAN DRAMA GROUP



presents a hilarious comedy

## "Separate Beds" By Sam Cree

Directed by John Rossiter
For 6 nights in March
at O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan
Friday 14th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th,
Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd,
Sunday 23rd March.

Tickets are €10 each and available from:
Angela 087 6440 751,
Teresa 087 6173 879,
Filie 085 1009 244.

#### **SOCIAL DANCING**

In O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan on Saturday 8th March. Music by The Wicklow Man. Dancing from 9.00pm to 12.00am. Refreshments served.

## **Rathdangan Local History Group**

Are organising two events in March in O'Toole Memorial Hall, Rathdangan. Both events are free and all are welcome. On Friday, March 7th at 7.30 pm Robert Hanbidge will give a presentation on Kilranelagh graveyard including his recent assessment of the archaeology on the site.

We have a second presentation on Friday, March 28th at 7.30pm by Dr. Greta Byrne, manager of the Céide Fields visitors centre in Co. Mayo. She will give a presentation on Neolithic Farming in Ireland and the significance of the Céide Fields discovery. Dr. Greta, originally from Ballybrack, has been with the development of the Céide Fields from the very beginning.