

# Laragh & Glendalough News

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## St. Kevin's Day

To celebrate St. Kevin's Day 2015, the Glendalough Hermitage team will offer a varied programme of walks, workshops and speakers on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

10.30 am	Registration at the Brockagh Centre, Laragh
11.00 am	Celtic Spirituality – <i>Padraigín Clancy</i>
12 noon	Celtic Monasticism in our World Today – <i>Fr. Fintan Lyons</i>
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Gentle Walk along the Green Road led by <i>Fr. Michael Rodgers</i>
	or
2.15 pm	Centering Prayer Workshop
2.15 pm	Sacred Movement Workshop
4.00 pm	Concluding Rite for Workshop Participants
7.00 pm	Mass in St. Kevin's Parish Church

The cost of the day is €25 and includes tea/coffee. For further details or to book, contact Glendalough Hermitage Centre at 087-9356696 (please indicate your preference for afternoon activities).

## Concert in Aid of the Light of Maasai

On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> a fundraising concert will be held in St. Kevin's Church in Laragh in aid of the Light of Maasai charity. The event is being organised by Michael Ryan from Rathdrum and will feature the Avondale Voices, local soloists and local poet Jane Clarke. The concert starts at 7 pm and tickets are available at the door.

## Singing Workshop with US Choir

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June we will be welcoming Delaware Women's Chorus from the US to the Brockagh Resource Centre. The members range in age from 21 to 78 years. Joanne, the director of the choir, is hoping to hold a workshop with some local singers and then have both groups perform together. If you are interested please contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600.

## All Roads Lead to Rome

On behalf of myself and the Irish Hospice Foundation I wish to thank everyone who made the recent table quiz in the Glendalough Hotel such a

success. We had an amazing 23 tables and I hope all enjoyed the night as much as I did.

Thanks to the Wicklow Heather for sponsoring first prize and to the Glendalough Hotel, Lynhams and McCoy's shop for their continued support. Thank you to my team of selfless helpers who are called annually into action and all who donated prizes and turned up to make the event such a great occasion. Together we raised €1,627 and with some further generous donations our total currently stands at €2,345. All funds go to the Nurses for Night Care program which is an extremely valuable service. If you wish to contribute you can contact me on the below phone number. Alternatively you can donate online by visiting [www.mycharity.ie/event/tom\\_mileys\\_cycle2015](http://www.mycharity.ie/event/tom_mileys_cycle2015).

This year the challenge is to cycle 600 kilometres from Genoa to Rome (starting on 21<sup>st</sup> June). If the weather turns for the worse in Italy I'll be well prepared if recent training conditions are anything to go by.

*Tom Miley (087-4178741)*

## St. John's Church

### Parish Sale

The Parish Sale took place in the RDA Hall in Rathdrum on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. A great crowd attended and there was wonderful camaraderie and fun amongst the parishioners. The final amount collected was in excess of €4,000.

### Open Day at the Rectory

The Rectory Open Day will take place this year on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parish Barbecue

The annual Parish BBQ will take place at 1 pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July in Glenealy Hall and all parishioners and their friends and family members are invited to attend. All meals include a selection of salads, desserts and tea or coffee. Tickets for the barbecue can be obtained in advance from Hilary (087-6594863) or Susan (087-6578482).

## Tranquillity Sunday

Tranquillity Sundays offer an opportunity to celebrate the Sabbath in silence, prayer and rest. All are welcome to the Glendalough Hermitage Centre between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month. Our next Tranquillity Sunday will be on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Citizens Information**

The Citizens Information Centre at the Brockagh Resource Centre is open for information relating to your rights and entitlements from 10 am until noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The next clinic will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. No appointment is necessary for this free and confidential service.

## **The Brockagh Resource Centre**

### Car Boot Sale

The next Car Boot Sale will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. You will find great new and nearly-new clothes and accessories, food items and much more. Vans must be booked in. Car park spaces for the next month or so will be limited, so please pre-book indoor spaces early. Contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600.

### Tuesday Night – Dance Night

Tuesday night is dance night from 9.30 pm till late with the Wicklow Man.

### Boot Camp

Boot Camp will be back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8.15 pm. This class offers a really great varied workout which keeps people coming back.

### Dancercise

Dancercise is increasing in popularity among the younger set; however, all ages and abilities attend and are welcome. The music and movements are infectious. Classes take place on Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

## **Get Yourself On-Line**

*Get Yourself On-Line*, an easy step-by-step course which helps those with little experience of the internet, continues to be very popular with many participants moving on to a more advanced level. It introduces email attachments, search engines, on-line transactions such as motor tax, podcasts, playbacks, on-line safety and security, Skype, on-line banking and buying on-line. The 4-week course (2 hours per class) is free to those over 65 and costs €20 to all others. A contribution towards tea/coffee is also required. Classes for beginners take place on Friday mornings while classes for those at a slightly more advanced level are on Monday evenings. Please register your interest now by calling Laragh IT on 0404-45600.

## **Start Your Own Business**

A good number of budding entrepreneurs are attending the Wicklow Local Enterprise *Start Your Own Business* course which is currently running on Wednesday nights in the Brockagh Centre. This is

the first time that this course has been offered locally and it is hoped that it will be a regular occurrence. The course aims to assist participants to assess the viability of business ideas and to understand the essential elements required to start up and run their own business. For more information on this and other courses and services offered by Wicklow Local Enterprise Office check out [www.localenterprise.ie](http://www.localenterprise.ie) or phone 0404-30800.

## **Spring Garden Course**

We hope everyone got an opportunity to see Suzi Cahn creating a wonderful permaculture garden for the Martin family on RTE's *Super Garden* on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Suzi had all her family helping her transform the garden and you can see how it all turned out on [www.facebook.com/supergarden](http://www.facebook.com/supergarden). Suzie works with the local community garden and facilitated the recent gardening course in the Brockagh Resource Centre.

## **Scoil Chaoimhín Naofa**

### First Holy Communion

Children from Rang 2 made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved with the ceremony. A special "Mile Buíochas" to the many parents who provided fantastic refreshments in the school following the ceremony. Please keep the children in your prayers.

### National Children's Choir

Two wonderful evenings were held in Shoreline in Greystones on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> when Rang 5 and 6 performed in the National Children's Choir. Over 450 children participated each evening. Photos of the event can be seen on the school website [www.stkevinsnglendalough.ie](http://www.stkevinsnglendalough.ie)

### Clothing Collection

We are aware people may be doing a winter/spring clear-out of clothes at the moment. So, if you are clearing out or thinking of it, this is an opportunity to recycle and support the local school. New and used men's, women's and children's clothing, footwear, belts, handbags, hats, linen and household textiles (in any condition once they are clean) are all acceptable. Items can be left into the school between Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks.

## **AA Meetings**

Closed AA meetings are held in the Brockagh Resource Centre at 8.30 pm every Monday night. If you think that you may have a problem with alcohol please come along.

## **Tidy Towns**

Laragh/Glendalough has been entered in the Supervalu National Tidy Towns competition. Adjudication will take place between mid-June and the end of July. We appeal to everyone to make an effort to help keep the area clean. Please help to trim, strim and scuffle on our next big clean-up which takes place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30 pm. Meet opposite Lynhams.

## **Laragh GFC**

### Senior Team

Our first game in May was against Coolboy in the championship. We started off well and led at half time 0-08 to 1-03 (the score could have been a lot higher if it was not for some excellent saves from both keepers). In the second half we were playing against a very strong wind and struggled to get the ball into our full forward line. Coolboy won by 2-08 to 0-11. This was nevertheless a great team performance – the scorers on the day were John Nolan 06, Keith Lawlor 02, Jack Dunne 01, Ross Doonan 01 and Christy Merrigan 01.

Our next championship game was against Kilbride in Roundwood. We started off well and were in the lead until half time. Kilbride started taking their chances after that but we finished very strongly and won 0-11 to 0-08. This was also a great team performance. The scorers were John Nolan 05, Steve Olohan 02, Christy Merrigan 02, Dan Power 01 and Jack Dunne 01.

We took our revenge against Coolboy in our league game and ended up winning 1-13 to 2-07. The scores on the day came from John Nolan 06, Mark Miley 1-01, Jack Dunne 03, Keith Lawlor 02 and Christy Merrigan 01.

Our last game was away against Eire Og in the league. Although we were missing a few players we still managed to field a strong team who produced another great team performance. Unfortunately, luck was not on our side and Eire Og won 1-14 to 1-11. The scorers were John Nolan 05, Dan Power 1-00, Keith Lawlor 01, Simon Byrne 01, Jack Dunne 01, Christy Merrigan 01, Myles Conway 01 and Craig McCoy 01.

### Juveniles

Juvenile training continues from 6 to 7 pm on Wednesdays and it is great to see so many boys and girls in the field.

Our U8s and U10s had 2 blitzes in May (both in Laragh) and these could not have gone ahead without all the help. We can always do with more assistance, so if you are available to help our juveniles please contact any committee member. It is really great to see these young boys and girls

improving week by week as the season progresses. We send a very big thanks to our tea ladies and to the three young whistlers who have helped us out over the month.

### Club Membership

Membership fees for both adults and juveniles are now overdue and must be paid immediately (payment can be made to any committee member or any night at training).

### County Development Draw

We would like to say thanks to all who bought a ticket for the three county development draws.

### Clothes and Mobile Phone Collections

We hope to have a clothes/mobile phone/laptop collection later in the year (maybe in June or July), so please keep such items for us.

## **Wicklow Mountains National Park**

### Bug Day

Come and meet some of the National Park's mini-creatures on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Adults and children are welcome for our family friendly bug activities, which include a treasure hunt. Drop by the Information Office any time between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm. Booking is not necessary. For more information, please phone 0404-45425.

### Nature Explorers

Nature Explorers is a new outdoor programme which aims to teach children (aged 5 to 11 years) to identify and appreciate the natural world. Meet at the large National Park sign in the corner of the Upper Lake car park on Thursdays during July and August, starting at 2 pm. Most activities will take place off track, so please dress accordingly. Adults and children are welcome. Note that an adult must stay with the children, and be prepared to help! No dogs are allowed. Booking is essential and will be taken from 9 am one week prior to each session on 0404-45656 (Monday to Friday).

*All above events are free to attend but the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Co.) has a €4 charge.*

## **Co. Wicklow Network for Older People**

The AGM of the Co. Wicklow Network for Older People was held in the Brockagh Centre recently. It was a wonderful day with over 170 people in attendance. Among the guest speakers were Mary O'Rourke, former Minister and Senator, and Joe Behan, Independent Councillor. While there were many serious issues discussed, straight-talking Mary added lots of humorous moments.

The afternoon was spent dancing to the Wicklow Man.

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## **Annamoe Centre**

*Bowls* Games continue at 8 pm on Tuesdays. We always welcome new members,

*History Evenings* Our historical evenings take place on the third Monday of each month.

*Tennis Court* If you would like beginners' tennis lessons you can come to the Centre from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. Michael, Sheila and Sarah would be very happy to see you there.

*Story Night* We are looking forward to a really good crowd for our next storytelling session at 8pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

*Pure Mile* Our mile-long stretch of road is looking great. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please join us.

## **Laragh Glendalough Active Retirement**

What a fabulous time we had this May during the Bealtaine festival. During our first week we had a whirling and twirling session with our friends from Sunbeam. Bernadette and Lucy took us through our paces. We started off with a jazzy warm-up, followed by the Romanian Hazelnut Stomp Dance, a Scottish Céilí dance and our ever popular Superman dance. It was a great energetic morning.

### Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery

In week two we had a whistle-stop tour of both the Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery. In the Botanic Gardens we saw different plant specimens in various habitats and then proceeded to the large heated glass house. There was a wonderful selection of cacti on display as well as other 'hot house flowers'.

In Glasnevin we had a fabulous guide who gave us a powerful insight into the lives and deaths of historical figures such as Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, O'Donovan Rossa, Michael Collins, Anne Devlin and Robert Emmet, Michael Collins and Kitty Kiernan. We visited the graves of the parents (Robert and Molly) of former president Erskine Childers who smuggled arms on his yacht *Asgard* in 1914. This was particularly poignant for Celia O'Rourke who looked after Molly Childers in her later years. Many thanks to Ann O'Hanlon and Bernadette who organised such a successful outing.

### Another Country

During week three the students of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class from Scoil Chaoimhin Naofa joined us for a wonderful morning of chatting and reminiscing. We talked about subjects such as celebrations, school days, home life and language and how they have changed over the years. The students had interviewed their parents about the differences in

their lives when they were the same age and some read out the results. We learned from the students that the web is not always where a spider lives and not all trolls are monsters who live under bridges but we were also able to teach them expressions such as "how's she cutting?" and "now you're sucking diesel".

### Tea Dance

We had a fantastic turn-out and lovely weather for our Afternoon Tea Dance with over 70 people waltzing, jiving, twisting and line dancing. Everyone enjoyed a nice cup of tea, fresh, hand-cut sandwiches and delicious home-made bakes.

### Monthly Lunch Date

Our next lunch will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the Glenmalure Hotel.

## **Mobile Library**

The mobile library visits Laragh every second Thursday from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. The first ten minutes are spent outside the Brockagh Centre and the rest of the time is spent outside Lynhams. The next visits are on Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Weddings**

Congratulations to Joseph Kehoe and Emer Conway who were married in St. Kevin's Church, Laragh on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Congratulations also to Stephen Driver and Ann Marie Kavanagh who were married in St. Kevin's Church on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We wish both couples a long life and every happiness in their future together.

## **Adult Guidance Service**

Don't forget about the Adult Career Guidance Service available at the Brockagh Centre. This careers/education service is free, friendly, confidential, supportive and available to all adults over 18 years of age. For more details or to book an appointment contact Irene on 086-8061569.

## **Rosaleen Durkin Kinesiology Clinic**

Rosaleen Durkin will hold kinesiology clinics in Annamoe Centre on Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June and on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. See [www.rosaleendurkin.com](http://www.rosaleendurkin.com), email [clinic@rosaleendurkin.com](mailto:clinic@rosaleendurkin.com) or phone Rosaleen at 087-2195931.

Please leave articles for the next issue into W. McCoy's by **20<sup>th</sup> June**; alternatively email them to [laragh\\_glendalough\\_news@hotmail.com](mailto:laragh_glendalough_news@hotmail.com).