Medieval Farm and Forge

Experience a medieval farm at work. After seeing all the animals try your hand at milling grain and making a simple medieval bread. Watch our blacksmith at work showing how weapons were made and armour was forged. No booking necessary, suitable for all age groups

Nore Valley Park, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kikenny

Friday 17th - Saturday 25th, 9am - 6pm (not open on Sundays). Milling workshops and forge demos on the Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th. €7 for adults, €6.50 for children

€25 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children, under 2s are free.

www.norevalleypark.com E: gareth@norevalleypark.com

Medieval Glass Blowing Demonstrations

Enjoy a series of free 'drop-in' glassblowing demonstrations throughout Medieval Week. Get close to the action and watch skilled craftsmen turn red hot molten glass into beautiful Jerpoint shapes and discover how much has changed in the last 1,500 years! 10% off first's glassware. Jerpoint Glass, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny

Friday 17th, 10am - 1pm, Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd, 10am - 3.30pm

T: 056 772 4350

www.jerpointglass.com

Blow a Glass Bubble Workshop

Try the ancient art of glassblowing and blow a glass bubble during Medieval Week to celebrate the importance of craft in the middle ages. Suitable for adults and children (aged 8+) 10% off first's glassware. Bubbles are not available to take home

Jerpoint Glass, Stoneyford, Co.Kilkenny

Friday 24th, 10am -1pm **FREE**

Pre-booking essential

T: 056 772 4350 www.jerpointglass.com

The Medieval Games at Rothe House & Garden

Join us for a day of medieval fun and games at Rothe House & Garden. Experience the majesty of European and Japanese archery or why not challenge the chess masters at their own game?! Learn how to play medieval games such as pitch & toss, queek, hopscotch and much more. Rothe House, Parliament St

Saturday 18th 11am – 4pm

Entry to the house and garden is **FREE**

Donations are requested for individual events.

T: 056 772 2893

www.rothehouse.com E: info@rothehouse.com

The Kilkenny Way Ultimate Hurling Experience

A 2 hour trip down the ancient Irish Sporting heritage of Hurling. We provide a unique sporting experience giving you an insight into the world's oldest (3000 yrs) & fastest field game

Lanigan's Bar & Hostel, 29 Rose Inn St

Monday - Friday 1.45pm, Saturday & Sunday 12pm

€25 per person (includes an Irish Stew) Family & group rates available T:056 772 1718

www.lanigans.ie E: pj@lanigans.ie



Medieval Church Bar with Ghosts and Ghouls

Complimentary glass of mead for those in medieval costume

O'Faolains Late Bar, Kilford Arms, John St.

12am -9.00pm midweek

12am -10.00pm Friday & Saturday T: 056 776 1018

www.kilfordarms.ie

Traditional Irish Music 'Wallop the Medieval Cat'

Traditional Irish Music 'Wallop the Medieval Cat' will play all the great Irish tunes with their favourite medieval instruments including the tin whistle, spoons & the old Irish Drum - The Bodhran!

Matt the Millers, 1 John St. Lower

6pm - 9pm each night

FREE

T: 056 776 1696

www.mattthemillers.com

Irish Dancing Nights at Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant

World renowned Irish Dancer Ger Hayes & Guests from (Lord of the Dance & Celtic Legends) Stepping to the beat of Cú Chulainn. Medieval themed dishes served.

Lanigan's Bar & Hostel, 29 Rose Inn St.

8pm each night

E:pj@lanigans.ie T: 056 772 1718

www.lanigans.ie

Medieval Trad & Acoustic Sessions

Bollards Bar & Bistro, 31 Saint Kieran's Street

Medieval Trad Sessions: Friday 17th & Friday 24th, 8.30 pm

Medieval Acoustic Sessions: Sat 18th & Sat 25th, 9.30pm

E: bollardsbar@gmail.com

T: 056 776 1319

Kilkenny Castle presents internationally acclaimed performer Siobhan Armstrong. During this recital of early Irish harp music, she will be playing this ancient instrument as depicted in Ireland's national emblem. Kilkenny Castle (Picture Gallery)

Saturday 26th, 2pm

No booking required, seats allocated on a first-come first-served basis E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie

Dig It at MacDonagh

Canice's Cathedra

Bell Tower, 2pm

An introduction

to Irish Heraldry

Kilkenny Castle

T: 056 770 4105

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www.visitkilkenny.ie

EVERY DAY DURING MEDIEVAL WEEK (17th – 26th April)

FOOD

Medieval Dishes & Children's Medieval Activities - Kilkenny Café 8.30am – 6pm, Activities 12pm – 4pm

Medieval Food Specials at Kilkenny Design Centre 8.30am – 6pm

Medieval Food Specials at Matt the Millers 9:30am - 9:30pm

Medieval Fayre @ Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel 12pm - 9pm

Medieval Food Specials at Bollards Bar & Bistro 12pm - 9pm (except Sundays)

KIDS

Kids Medieval Paradise, Art It, Priory House, MacDonagh Junction S.C.

TALKS

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Medieval Church Bar with Ghosts and Ghouls, O' Faolains Late Bar 12.00 pm - 9.00pm midweek / 10.00pm Fri & Sat

Traditional Irish Music 'Wallop the Medieval Cat', Matt the Millers 6pm - 9pm

Irish Dancing Nights at Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant, 8pm

WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Medieval Farm and Forge Nore Valley Farm, 9am-6pm (except Sundays)

The Kilkenny Way Ultimate Hurling Experience Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant Mon – Fri 1:45pm, Sat & Sun 12pm

TOURS

Medieval Tour of Jerpoint Abbey, 9am - 5.30pm

Ireland's Medieval Mile Cycling Treasure Hunt, 9.30am - 6pm

Medieval Themed Guided Tours of Dunmore Caves, 10am – 4pm Medieval Week at Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny, 11am – 5pm

Medieval Kilkenny Ghost Tours Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant, 8pm

EXHIBITION

Friday 17th

Ireland's only Medieval Rooftop Tour, Pembroke Hotel, 3pm

Medieval Trad Session, Bollards Bai & Bistro, 8.30pm

Wednesday 22nd

Jerpoint Glass 10am – 3:30pm

Workshops for Primary Schools

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Saturday 18th Sunday 19th Dig It at MacDonagh

Children's Craft Norkshop at 10:30am - 12:30pm

Ireland's only Medieval Roofton Tour, Pembroke

Hotel 3pm

New Moor

Experience

St. Canice's

Cathedral 8pm

Medieval Acoustic Session, Bollards Ba

& Bistro, 9.30pm

Thursday 23rd

Medieval Food

Workshops for

Guided tour of the

Butlers of Ormonde

St. Canice's Cathedral,

Ireland's only

Medieval Rooftop

Pembroke Hotel 3pn

(Parade Tower) Ireland's only **Medieval Rooftop** Tour, Pembrok Hotel 3pm

Matt the Millers

Workshops for Primary

Schools, Kilkenny

Guided tour of the

Close, St. Canice's

Ireland's only Medieval

Pembroke Hotel 3pm

The Rothe's at Sunset

medieval Kilkenny Rothe House 7pm

Medieval Trad Session

Bollards Bar & Bistro,

Cathedral 2pm

Rooftop Tour,

Rothe House

5pm – 9pm

Monday 20th

Medieval Food

Guided tour of St. Canice's Cathedral' **Stained Glass** Windows 2pm

Ireland's only Medieval Roofton Tour, Pembroke Hotel 3pm

Saturday 25th

and Forge Demos Nore Valley Farm

Kilkenny Castle

12.00p.m & 2.30p.m

Guided tour of the

Butlers of Ormonde

St. Canice's Cathedral,

tombstones

Ireland's only

Medieval Roofton

Medieval Acoustic

Bollards Bar & Bistro,

9.30pn

Tour Pembroke Hotel

Tuesday 21st

11am - 12pm

Guided tour of the Medieval Cathedra Close, St. Canice's Cathedral 2pm

Sunday 26th

Harp Recital

Kilkenny Castle (Picture Gallery)

Ireland's only

Medieval Rooftop

Tour, Pembroke Hotel 3pm

2015

Friday April 17th - Sunday April 26th

www.visitkilkenny.ie

IRELAND'S Medieval Week Kilkenny

Kilkenny will be rolling back the centuries to celebrate medieval history when it hosts Ireland's only **Medieval Week from April 17th – April 26th 2015**



Ireland's Medieval Week – Kilkenny 17th-26th April 2015



ieval Dishes & Children's Medieval Activities

Daily Medieval specials such as Traditional Medieval Pottage and Chicken Ballotine. Plus Children's Medieval Activities (FREE)

Kilkenny Café, Market Cross Shopping Centre

8.30am – 6pm

Children's Medieval Activities

Sat 18th & Sat 25th 12 - 4 T: 086 057 6800

E: kilkennycafemarketcross@gmail.com

Medieval Food Specials at Kilkenny Design Centre Medieval themed menus including stews and Irish Ale

Kilkenny Design Centre, Castle Yard, Kilkenny 10am - 6pm Daytime Restaurant

8:30am - 6pm Food Hall.

T: 056 772 118 www.kilkennydesign.com

Medieval Food Specials at Matt the Millers

Diners in medieval costume will receive a free glass of porter with their

meal. Medieval recipes available all week long

Matt the Millers, 1 John St. Lower

9.30am - 9.30pm daily T: 056 776 1696

www.mattthemillers.com

Medieval Fayre @ Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel

Step back in time and enjoy a medieval meal as our kitchen recreates a selection of medieval dishes including 'homemade pottage'

Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel, 1 Ormonde St.

12pm - 9pm every day

T: 056 777 1888

www.kilkennyhibernianhotel.com

Medieval Food Specials at Bollards Bar

Medieval specials served daily Bollards Bar, 31/32 Kieran St.

12pm - 9pm (except Sundays)

T: 056 776 1319

E: bollardsbar@gmail.com



Kids' Medieval Paradise, Art It

- Enjoy creating: A Shield
- A Medieval Weapon
- A Knight's Helmet
- · A Catapult
- A Knight
- A Gargoyle Sculpture
- A Princess Hat
- A Medieval Castle
- A Coat of Arms
- A Stained Glass design A Mosaic Design

Priory House, MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre

11am - 6pm every day From €9.50 per child

T: 086 308 5270 E: artitkilkenny@gmail.com

Children's Craft Workshop

A medieval themed workshop for kids aged between 5 and 11. The activity-filled two hours allows the children to have fun with creating medieval themed works of art which can be taken home.

Rothe House, Parliament St.

Saturday 18th 10.30am - 12.30pm

€8 per child - pre booking essential. **T**: 056 772 2893

E: info@rothehouse.com

Dig It at MacDonagh Junction

In association with the School of Irish Archaeology, this is a practical hands on and fun event for children from 5-12 years of age. The Big Dig incorporates an archaeology dig experience with educational, engaging and interactive activities throughout the day.

MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre

Saturday 18th 9am – 5pm Sunday 19th 12pm – 5pm

FREE

Pre-booking recommended

See website for details www.macdonaghjunction.com

Medieval Food Workshops for Primary Schools

During Medieval Week, Kilkenny Castle is inviting Primary schools to take part in workshops which will explore the food people enjoyed during

Kilkenny Castle

Monday 20th – Friday 24th 11am - 12p.m FREE

Booking is essential

T: 056 770 4105

E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie

StoruLab Viking Skald

Kilkenny Castle presents Púca Puppets and Mary, a Viking character that will delight children with her storytelling. Suitable for children aged 6-10 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Max 1 adult per child. Kilkenny Castle (Parade Tower)

Saturday 25th 12pm & 2.30pm

No booking required

T: 056 770 4105 E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie



Enjoy self-guided and guided tours of the outstanding Cistercian monastery with its array of medieval stone sculpture. The Visitor Centre display provides information on other medieval sites to see within the county.

Jerpoint Abbey, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

9am - 17.30 every day Price: Adults €4 FREE entry for kids T: 056 772 4623

Medieval Tour of Dunmore Cave

Dailu medieval themed guided tours

Dunmore Cave, Castlecomer Rd. Co. Kilkenny

10am - 4pm every day Adults €4

FREE entry for kids

T: 056 776 7726

Medieval Week at Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny

Recently listed by The Lonely Planet as one of the 'Top 26 new attractions to visit in the world in 2015', Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny will be offering guided tours with a medieval twist for the duration of Medieval Week.

Smithwick's Experience, 44 Parliament St.

11am – 5pm every day

Normal admission prices apply. Visit www.smithwicksexperience.com to book online and receive a 10% discount off adult admission

info@smithwicksexperience.com

www.smithwicksexperience.com Ireland's Medieval Mile Cycling Treasure Hunt

The Historical Cycling Treasure Hunt is an exciting way to discover Medieval Kilkenny

What's involved?

Simply hire the bikes from us and we include the treasure maps along with the questions and clues. The treasure maps will take you through the medieval winding streets of Kilkenny City visiting all of Kilkenny's historical buildings.

Kilkenny Cycling Tours, The Tea House on Bateman Quay

Adults €15, Kids €10 9.30am - 6pm every day

E: info@kilkennycyclingtours.com

T: Jason Morrissey on: 086 895 4961 W: kilkennycyclingtours.com

Ireland's only Medieval Rooftop Tour

Come and join us on the rooftop of the Pembroke Hotel for a 360 degree view of our beautiful medieval Kilkenny city. Here you will be given a history of some of the famous sites Kilkenny has to offer. This view can

be seen nowhere else! A must see! Pembroke Hotel, 11 Patrick St.

3pm every day (excluding Tuesday and Wednesday) FREE

Pre-booking essential

T: 056 778 3500 www.kilkennypembrokehotel.com

Medieval Kilkenny Ghost Tours

This one-of-a kind ghost tour takes you through the Medieval capital of Ireland. With its narrow cobbled lanes, remnants of its city walls and with its mystic charm, it should be no surprise that Kilkenny is bursting with tales of the paranormal.

Lanigan's Bar & Hostel, 29 Rose Inn St.

8pm Each Night

€10 per person E: kilkennyghosttours@gmail.com

T: 085 170 6978, /056 772 1718

www.kilkennyghosttours.com

Guided tour of St. Canice's Cathedral's Bell Tower

The Bell tower of the Cathedral will be open for a guided tour by one of the Cathedral bell ringers at 2pm. Only 15 places. Pre booking essential. St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Sunday 19th, 2pm

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

Guided tour of St. Canice's Cathedral's Stained Glass Windows

A guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on stained glass windows and their function in the Cathedral during medieval times. Only 35 places. Pre booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny Monday 20th, 2pm

T: 056 776 4971

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Guided tour of the Medieval Cathedral Close

View new artistic drawings of the medieval Cathedral close, followed by a tour around the significant sites within the Close. Tour mostly outdoors. Only 35 places. Pre booking essential. St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny Tuesday 21st & Friday 24th, 2pm

T: 056 776 4971 www.stcanicescathedral.ie

Guided tour of the Bulters of Ormonde tombstones A guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on the Butlers of Ormond

tombstones. Only 35places. Pre booking essential. St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Thursday 23rd & Saturday 25th, 2pm

T: 056 776 4971 www.stcanicescathedral.ie

The Rothe's at Sunset

Take the opportunity to visit Rothe House & Garden through to sunset. For one night only we will be open to visitors until 9pm; allowing you to experience our amazing townhouse, cobbled courtyards and garden as never before

Rothe House, Parliament St.

Friday 24th 5pm - 9pm Adults €5.50pp - Concession €4.50pp Family €15 E:info@rothehouse.com

www.rothehouse.com

T: 056 772 2893



Meet Kyteler's Inn's first owner, the notorious Dame Alice Kyteler. Back in 1324 she was accused of witchcraft and now she returns to tell visitors her tale, followed by an evening of traditional music in a richly

decorated medieval setting. Kyteler's Inn, St.Kieran's St.

Every evening at 5.45pm **FREE**

056 772 1064

www.kutelersinn.com

New Moon Experience

Climb St Canice's Cathedral Round Tower and be nearer to the new moon. A Cathedral guide will talk about the city and the story of Bishop Richard Ledrede and Dame Alice Kyteler. Only 12 places. Outdoors.

Pre-booking essential

St. Canice's Cathedral The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Saturday 18th, 8pm

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

An introduction to Irish Heraldry Kilkenny Castle welcomes Micheâl Ó Comáin, Herald of Arms, who will present a short history of

. Heraldry, its origin, its introduction to Ireland and the function of the Office of the Chief Herald. Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle

E: 056 770 4105

No booking required. Seats will be allocated on first-come first-served basis T: kilkennyguides@opw.ie

Survival in a Medieval Crisis - The Bruce Invasion and Black Death

War, famine and the Black Death killed at least 50% of the population of Kilkenny between 1300-1350. Unsurprisingly some wondered if they were living through the end of the world. Focusing on daily life in the period, this talk will reveal how people reacted to these extraordinary

events and how they changed Irish history. Lanigan Room, Rothe House, Parliament St.

€7 (€5 for members of Kilkenny Archaeological Society)

Pre-booking essential T: 056 772 2893

E: info@rothehouse.com www.rothehouse.com

The Early Theobalds Peter Kenny, Guide/Information Office with the Office of Public Works, will talk about the origin of the Butler Family and present the lives and

legacies of the early Theobalds. Kilkenny Castle

Saturday 25th, 3.30p.m **FREE**

Booking is essential E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie T: 056 770 4105

The Medieval Harp An illustrated talk on the history of Ireland's illustrious medieval instrument, Siobhan Armstrong from the Historical Harp Society of

Ireland will present the 1000-year history of the Irish harp with live

Kilkenny Castle (Picture Gallery)

Sunday 26th, 1pm FREE

No Booking required E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie

T:056 770 4105 Matt the Millers Tavern Call to see Matt the Miller's descendants all working in full medieval dress. Matt the Miller, who was born in Medieval times, will be on hand himself to tell customers tales of yesteryear in the cellar bar. Hear how condemned men were led to the gallows below Greensbridge after their

last stop at Matt's tavern Matt the Millers, 1 John St. Lower

Sunday 19th April & Sunday 26th April , 3pm Pre-booking is advised

www.matthemillers.com

056 776 1696



For the duration of Medieval Week, Kilkenny Castle will be hosting a

travelling exhibition from the National Library of Ireland. This exhibition illustrates the origins of heraldry and introduces the culture of knighthood as well as the concept of chivalry Kilkenny Castle (Muniments Room)

9.3am - 5.00p.m FREE - no booking required

E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie T: 056 770 4105