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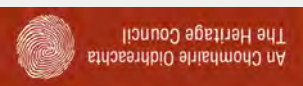
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Kilkenny Signs and Stories

2016  
CALENDAR



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# Kilkenny Signs and Stories | Calendar 2016

A selection of memorials, plaques and signs in County Kilkenny

Memorials and plaques are an often overlooked part of our cultural heritage. They identify and honour people, historic events and heritage landmarks of the county. The Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council has begun a project to record, photograph and map all of these plaques and memorials. With the support of community groups, individuals and Carrig Building Fabric Consultants over 300 signs, plaques and memorials were recorded in 2015. They commemorate

- Influential people (politics, sport, religion, literature, public life)
- Historical Events
- Special or Sacred Places
- Significant Street Plaques
- Miscellaneous (bench marks, armorial plaques, mile markers)
- Personal memorials

Further details about the survey will be made available at [www.kilkennyheritage.ie](http://www.kilkennyheritage.ie) over the coming months. If you know of any memorials or plaques in your area we would be very grateful if you could let us know by contacting Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer,

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We would like to extend our thanks to all those who contributed to the survey. The Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council is delighted to produce this calendar, which offers a small flavour of the signs, dedications and memorials found throughout the city and county of Kilkenny, and the stories behind them.

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## James Hoban Memorial, Desart, Cuffesgrange

James Hoban (1758-1831) was born in a cottage at Reisk, Cuffesgrange on the estate of the Cuffe family. He trained and worked as a wheelright and journeyman carpenter before becoming the architect of the world's most famous house, the White House. This memorial close to his birthplace commemorates the 250th anniversary of his birth.

# January 2016

Eanáir 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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DECEMBER 2015

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FEBRUARY 2016

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## Nameplates, Patrick Street

Patrick Street is recorded in the Ormond Deeds as far back as the 1300's. The Gaelic lettering on the 20thC nameplate reflects the revival of national cultural identity at the time. St. John's Ward was one of 3 Wards, or electoral areas, in Kilkenny City. Wards were established under the Irish Municipal Corporation Act (1840) which brought an end to the rule of the ascendancy and the corporation that had ruled the city for 6 centuries. The first reformed Corporation was elected in 1843.

# February 2016

Feabhra 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6	7
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**JANUARY 2016**

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**MARCH 2016**

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## Old Village Creamery, Bennettsbridge

The Bennettsbridge Village Creamery was built in 1910 and ceased trading in 1982. Churns such as these were used to deliver milk from local farms on the creamery lorry

# March 2016

Márta 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22 World Water Day	23	24	25 Good Friday	26	27 Easter Sunday
28 Easter Monday	29	30	31	1	2	3



### FEBRUARY 2016

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## 1798 Memorial, The Rower

This memorial stone commemorates the lives of the men and women who died at the United Irish camp at the Rower in June 1798. This is one of a pair of memorials in The Rower. The other commemorates An Gorta Fada, the Great Famine 1845-1855.

**April 2016**  
Aibreán 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18 International Day for Monuments	19	20	21	22 World Earth Day	23	24
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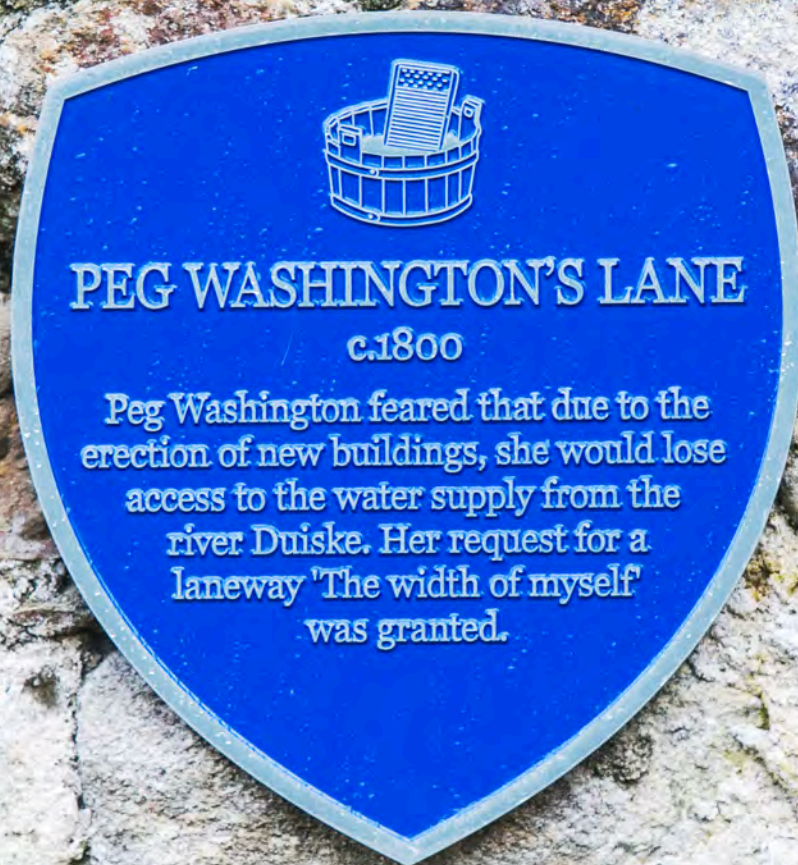
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## Peg Washington's Lane, Graiguenamanagh

In early 1800's, the widow, Peg Washington watched as a row of buildings were erected between her home and the Duiske River. Fearing that she would be cut off from her water supply, she asked the town's Chief Magistrate to permit her access to the river. When asked what width she required, she answered "*Just the width of myself*". Thus "Peg Washington's Lane", reputed to be the smallest lane in the world, came into being.

**May 2016**  
Bealtaine 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Bank Holiday	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 International Biodiversity Day
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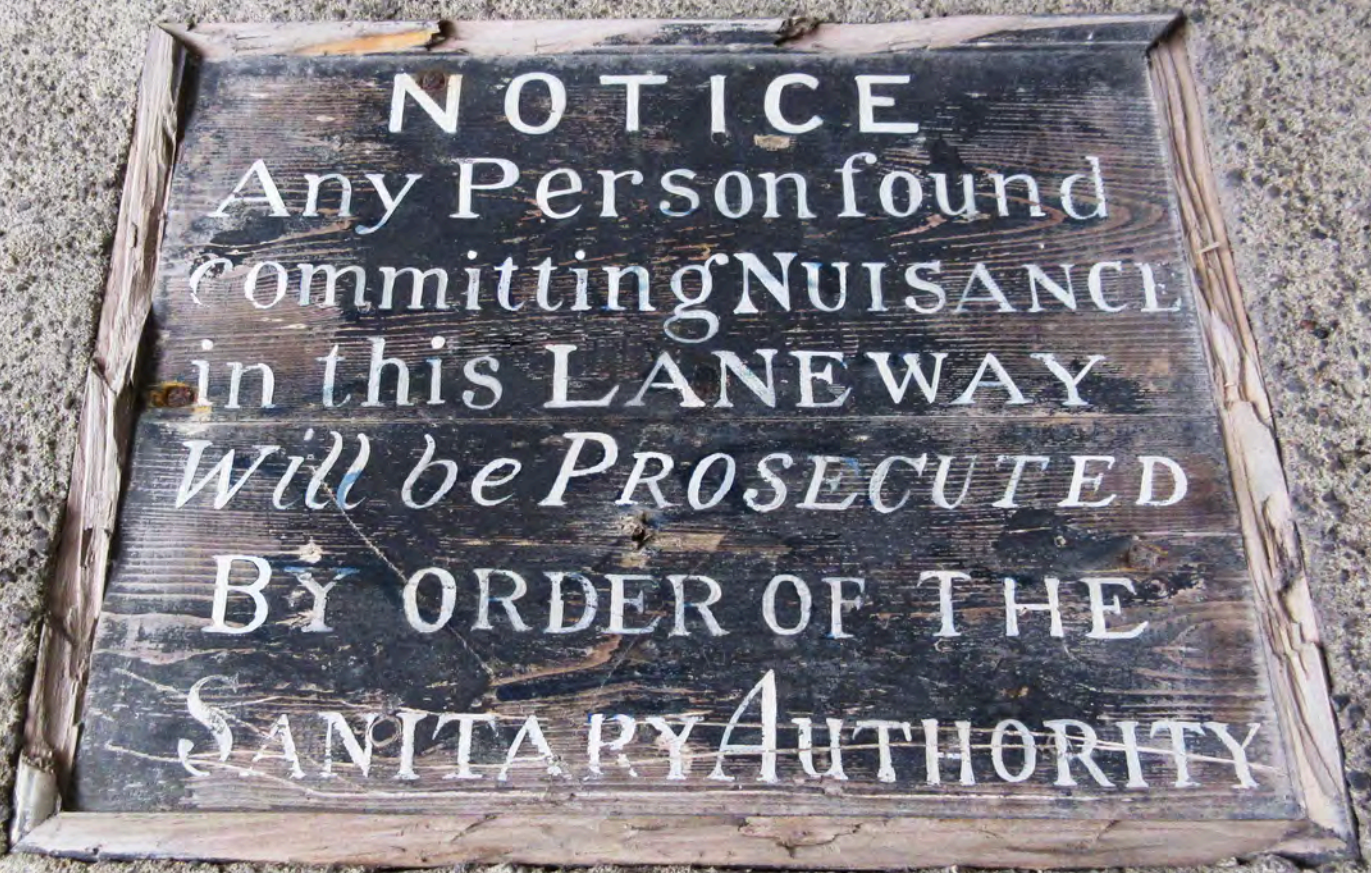
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## Public Notice

# June 2016

Meitheamh 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day
6 Bank Holiday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Summer Solstice	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



**MAY 2016**

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**JULY 2016**

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Borough Boundary Marker, Bennettsbridge Road, Kilkenny

Edmond Smithwick (1800-1876), was a member of the Smithwick family who established Smithwicks Brewery, a philanthropist and supporter of catholic emancipation. He was great friends with Daniel O'Connell who became godfather to one of his sons, Daniel O'Connell Smithwick. He was the first Mayor to be chosen by popular election after the reform of Kilkenny Corporation in 1843. This plaque marked the limits of the Borough of Kilkenny. Look out for others in the city.

**July 2016**  
Iúil 2016

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**JUNE 2016**

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**AUGUST 2016**

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## St. Moling's Well, Mullenakill, Tullogher

This holy well is dedicated to St Moling, a 7th century saint who lived as a hermit in a nearby cave and founded a church here before establishing the monastery at St. Mullins (*Tigh Moling*) in Carlow. The waters in the well are reputed to have healing powers and a nearby tree is believed to protect against fire and shipwreck. St. Moling's feast day is celebrated on the 1st Sunday after 20th August.

## August 2016

Lúnasa 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Heritage Week	21 Heritage Week
22 Heritage Week	23 Heritage Week	24 Heritage Week	25 Heritage Week	26 Heritage Week	27 Heritage Week	28 Heritage Week
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



**JULY 2016**

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**SEPTEMBER 2016**

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## Tom Lyng Memorial, Castlecomer

Tom Lyng (1910-1997), teacher, Gaelgor and local historian. He published *Castlecomer Connections* which explores the history, geography and social evolution of the area based on fifty years of research. He was a founder member of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, and he founded the Kilkenny Magazine, which published the early work of writers Seamus Heaney, John McGahern and John Banville.

## September 2016

Meán Fómhair 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 World Preservation of the Ozone Day	17	18
19	20	21	22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25
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**AUGUST 2016**

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**OCTOBER 2016**

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## Benchmark

Benchmarks, often called "Crows Feet", once covered the country, chiselled discreetly into walls. The marks were part of a low-tech yet sophisticated system used to map the country. A surveyor placed an angle-iron in the horizontal line to form a "bench", to determine height above sea level. The word gave rise to the expression "benchmark": a standard by which others can be measured or judged. Look out for other benchmarks around the county.

## October 2016

Deireadh Fómhair 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 World Habitat Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24 / 31 Bank Holiday 31st	25	26	27	28	29	30



### SEPTEMBER 2016

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## The Old Land League House, Windgap

The Land League House was built for a local family who were evicted from their home during the land Wars in 1882. A local Curate, Fr. James Brown, was instrumental in getting the house built by local tradesmen and labourers. It was completed in a week. The family lived in the house for six years and it was later used as a dispensary and centre for agricultural and cookery classes.

# November 2016

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DECEMBER 2016

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## Fire Plate, The Parade, Kilkenny

In the days before a public fire service, insurance companies had their own firemen. Each insurance company had a distinctive fire plate or plaque which made identification of the property easier for their fire fighters. This Fire Plate (18th- 19thC) was the design used by the Sun Fire Office. Typically a fire plate was attached to the building, at a height easily seen from the street but out of reach of thieves.

## December 2016

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 St. Stephen's Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1



NOVEMBER 2016

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JANUARY 2017

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