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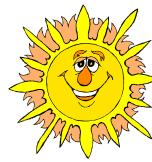
Spring /
Summer 09



Yes, we have been very busy to keep and improve the standard of your visiting experience. As with any property – maintenance is important and improvements are nice. Therefore we have a combined Spring / Summer version of our newsletter.

Important: Opening Hours

We have changed this years summer opening hours:
Daily: 10am – 5pm (last entry @ 4.30pm)



News from the Garden

There is nothing like a visit to the garden on a nice day and so far the weather was not too bad this summer. Taking in the scent of roses while walking along the south wall is just so nice. The new willow seat on the lawn of the arboretum gives you another place to rest and listen to the wind in the willow, the birds and the bees. Bring a book and forget the time – or just be (happy) ☺

Don't miss to have a look inside the glasshouse. The Strelitia is currently in full bloom and just looks fabulous.

News from the Courtyard

Believe it or not, more changes have been made in the courtyard. You will now be able to do a full walk on a crazy paved path. It now leads from the centre towards the entrance of the walled garden, along the old stable building, then over to our collection of old farm machinery and plant sale area and back to the visitor centre. Look out for the two lovely celtic style ornaments that have been included in the paving.

Walking by the old stable you will find two new features: A seat, where another door would have lead into the building and a water feature. Both are made with the few parts of the pillars we have been left with from Kilrush House. While digging out the base for the water feature, the garden team found the old cobble stones with which the courtyard once had been covered.

Apart from enjoying the tranquillity of the garden and the lovely homemade food in the coffee shop you have a new reason now to visit us.

Some new features are still in progress and will grow with time ☺



Upcoming events:

Currently:
Sunday, 2nd August 2009

Art Exhibition: Inis Artists + some artwork by Madeline Shinnick
Vandeleur Walled Garden Open Day (free entry) & Plant Sale

Please check our website for upcoming events. www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie

News from the Coffee Shop

Despite all the fears for a further decline of customer numbers, the staff of the Vandeleur Walled Garden is prepared for visitors better than ever. The staff in the coffee shop and gift shop have had an excellent Customer Care and Catering Training this Spring to improve their skills dealing in a more professional way with you, our visitors, and to prepare more high quality home made delicacies than ever. You will notice lovely tempting smells coming from the kitchen. A nice way to tempt you – isn't it?

Do not miss our new speciality - the Flowering Tea. The premium white, tender tea buds are Jasmine scented and hand sewn into flower buds with cotton thread by artisans in China. When steeped in hot water, the flower buds slowly blossom into breathtaking displays. Each flower makes up to 2 litres of tea. For tea connoisseurs and beginners alike, Flower Teas are an extraordinary sensual experience.

Just in case you are very busy and need a cake – we can do the baking for you ☺. Just talk to our friendly staff in the coffee shop and pick your choice.



More news from the Courtyard

A living willow tunnel-structure and a little sand box now add a new attraction for our younger visitors. There is a special patio next to the kids area for the supervising adults. A small sand bucket with toys can be hired out for a deposit, which will be refunded after the complete return of the toys.

For the doggies who bring their scoop the poop trained owners on a lead, we have a cute little doggy bar with fresh water.



Plant Sales

The garden team is propagating and growing a wide variety of plants which you can purchase. They can also plant them in your own boxes, planters, baskets to save you time and hassle. You pick what you want and they get it ready for you. If you need anything put together for a special occasion – do not hesitate, we are happy to help you.



Annual Membership

- ❖ Treat yourself or someone else to an annual membership of the Vandeleur Walled Garden and enjoy the garden through each changing season. The ideal gift, which does not get dusty and has no calories. A garden full of flowers for a year that does not require YOUR maintenance. All members get 10% discount on all plants on sale (plants on sale excluded)
- ❖ Through your annual membership, you will be supporting a local amenity and tourism product that Kilrush and West Clare can be proud of.
- ❖ Renewal and application forms are available in the gift shop at any time.
- ❖ Get a friend to be a new member and get a free plant for yourself!

For more details, please contact us on 065-9051760.

