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**Do you share our environmental awareness?**

**Help us to become environmentally friendlier by receiving the Newsletter by email.**

**Just send an email to the above address and we will be happy to send all future Newsletters to you by email!**

## **Important: Opening Hours**

We will be reverting to winter opening hours from October – March.

Winter opening hours are as follows:  
Mon to Fri: 10am – 5pm (last entry @ 4.30pm)



## **Upcoming events:**

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008 Plant Sale Open Day (50% on all plants – not to be missed!)
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008 Christmas Open Day (free entry)

Please check our website for upcoming events. [www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie](http://www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie)



## **Summer ???**

Yes, there had been a few days of sunshine and sitting outside in the patio café or inside the garden was so nice and felt just like holiday. The other days – full of rain... Well, with the proper clothes and some sun in the heart ...

Did you know, we have a few umbrellas here for unprepared visitors? Maybe we should get some for sale as well?

## **News from the centre**

The Vandeleur Picture Exhibition is now on permanent display in our newly created mini museum. The digitalized picture albums are on display together with some information about the burning of Kilrush House and a few items donated to the Centre. We are very interested in getting more items for display in the museum and call again for anyone out there who would like to donate any Vandeleur memorabilia to contact us. So don't be shy! You will help to preserve history. Sharing history keeps it alive!



## **News from the Courtyard**

More seating has been provided around trees and on the little flower border wall in the courtyard for you to sit, relax and catch some rare sunny spells. We are hoping for a mild and sunny autumn as an apology for the wet summer.

To make the courtyard more secure for you and to protect our lovely farm machinery from damage, we have built a little fence that now adds a bit more colour in the courtyard/



## News from the Garden

This year, the first Hand Binding Ceremony in the history of the Vandeleur Walled Garden took place in the summer house. Though it had been raining most of the summer, the rain had stopped for this lovely occasion and the sun even smiled at bride and groom and their guests. This proved that the Garden is not only a nice venue for wedding pictures but also a very special place to hold the ceremony.

You might have met them already – or maybe not? Lord Ginger and Lady Lily are two cats who are permanent residents of this place, working with the garden team. They have been with us for a year now. While Lady Lily is very shy, Lord Ginger loves company and attention and sometimes guides our visitors on their stroll through the garden if he is not too occupied with his supervising duties.



## News from the Gift Shop

Gift items for young and old and those in between are available in our little gift shop. You might find just the little present that you have been looking for! If you cannot find anything suitable – how about gift vouchers which can be used towards gift items, entry to the garden, in the coffee shop or even to purchase some of our plants or hand crafted garden accessories.

## News from the Coffee Shop

It is harvesting time and we do indeed harvest vegetables and salad in our little kitchen garden. You can find them on your plate when you order from our specials menu.

The Eipse Mrs Crotty Seisun in the Vandeleur Walled Garden was brilliant as always. Despite the fact that it had to be inside due to the weather, everyone had a good time in our very crowded Coffee Shop. Thank you for the music!

And don't forget, we can make a cake to order for you – whatever the occasion. Staff in the centre will be on hand to discuss the options with you.



## Annual Memberships:

- ❖ 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.

