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**Summer  
2008**

**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.**

**Thank you for your environmental awareness!**

## **Important: Opening Hours**

Summer opening hours until the 30<sup>th</sup> September:

Daily: 10am – 6pm (last entry @ 5.30pm)



## **Upcoming events:**

July 25<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Art Exhibition Eva Rahily

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Eigse Mrs Crotty: Musical afternoon in the Vandeleur Walled Garden

October 2008

Plant Sale Open Day (exact date to be confirmed)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Vandeleur Walled Garden Open Day (free entry)

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



## **Anniversary**

This year Kilrush House would have been 200 years old. With the house no longer in situ we remembered the 111th anniversary of the burning of the house on the 26th of March. Visitors came with stories and pictures of the Vandeleurs and we are still looking for more. If there is anyone out there who would like to donate any Vandeleur memorabilia it would be greatly appreciated. Our intention is to build up a small exhibition that visitors can enjoy. So don't be shy! You might help to preserve history. Sharing history keeps it alive!

## **News from the Garden**

To make the Garden more interesting for our younger visitors, we have created a butterfly trail around the garden. Several native species of butterflies have been hand crafted in wood, painted and hidden in the garden. They are waiting to be identified and can then be marked on a little map.

The real thing might also be spotted!





## News from the Gift Shop

Why not get your kids involved in gardening! What would be nicer than for them to learn from nature? Gardening tools for the young gardeners are now available in our gift shop.

To save you time, we are now providing ready made planted hanging baskets and window boxes. All are available with assorted flowers or herbs.

Gift vouchers are also available for entry to the garden with e.g. a complimentary lunch or tea / coffee and scones!

## News from the Coffee Shop

Whatever the occasion the Vandeleur Centre can make a cake to order for you. Staff in the centre will be on hand to discuss the options with you but please remember that we make cakes fresh for you, so order your cake in time to avoid disappointment.

We are now growing our own fruit and vegetables in our vegetable garden. As soon as they are ready to be harvested, we will bring them to you in our coffee shop menu.

New meals in our "Specials Menu" include delicious "Tuna melt with salad garnish" and "Chicken and chive"



## News from the Courtyard

Our newly enhanced entrance area now provides easier access for wheelchair users. The exits from the coffee shop to the outdoor patio area are now also equipped with small ramps for improved accessibility.

New lawn areas have been created to brighten up the courtyard landscape and provide a stark contrast to the beautiful old stone walls.

We now hope for nice long summer days so our visitors can enjoy homemade treats and sunshine in our patio café. For those of you who need to be careful with the sun, parasols are available



## 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.
- ❖ 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.

