# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



# LOCAL STUDIES SERVICES



hile we have continued taking phone and email queries where possible through recent months, we are delighted to reopen our Local Studies Research Room doors in Library Headquarters this week. Services will operate by pre-booked appointments in one hour slots only. To comply with Covid 19 Guidelines we can only have one person at a time in the Research Room. You can book an appointment by phoning 056 779 4160 or email lstudies@kilkennylibrary.ie, and our staff will talk you through procedures for your visit.



When you arrive, phone 056 779 4160 to access to the building. A staff member will escort you to the Research Room, face coverings are recommended.

The service is access only, we cannot provide guidance in the research room, however we can provide this by phone or email. You must bring your own writing materials if required. Wi-Fi is available if you want to bring your own devices. Standard access to microforms, etc is available. Archives- as per previous practice, these must be ordered in advance.

### **Online services**



With changing times, we have been increasing access online to a selection of services in our Local Studies Department - a selection **Local Studies** 























of which can be seen above.

Through our website, www. kilkennylibrary.ie, a range of services are available to guide your research and queries.



# **Audio**

The Library had developed a range of small short podcasts to showcase the range of information and materials available in our collections. The idea is to give people a taster of Kilkenny's



rich history and traditions. Some areas we have covered include:

- Notable Kilkenny Families like the Butler and Wandesfordes
- Kilkenny Writers like the Banim Brothers ■ Notable Kilkenny Personages
- like George Berkeley
- Historic sites and events around Kilkenny City
- Historic Kilkenny Villages such as Castlecomer and Graiguenamanagh

Audio' Alternatively they can be accessed through the Library's Social Media Channels weekly. We are currently developing a series of podcasts that will showcase Kilkenny's role in the Decade of Commemorations period, these will launch for Heritage Week 2020.



## Visual

In the era of lockdown, Visual Images of Kilkenny's Past and Heritage can help both to stimulate and entertain those of us confined at home.

With this in mind, the Local Studies' Department posts a selection of images on the Library's Social Media's channels weekly. Many of these have stimulated lively discussion among our viewers.

Again, these provide a taste of the collections the Library holds. Access to many of these is also available via the Library Website at the 'Kilkenny Digital Archive'.



In addition, we also post short facts about Kilkenny place and notable personages, old advertisements for holidays and products from our Newspaper Collections etc.

# Research and Information.



Although our Research Facilities are currently closed, The Library will still strive to answer the public's queries whether historical or genealogical. While we do not carry out primary research, we will continue to provide answers and guidance to people throughout lockdown whether by phone or email.

You can contact us at 056 7794160 or at lstudies@ kilkennylibrary.ie



