



ST PATRICKS'S DAY PARADE KILKENNY 2017

Calling all Kilkenny City & County Community Groups - We need YOU!

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We're starting to plan St. Patrick's weekend in Kilkenny 2017, as we hold our 5th Kilkenny TradFest over the weekend.

At the heart of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations, is our annual parade, taking place on **Friday 17th March at 1pm**. As ever, we need your support!

We want you and your local community group/organisation/club/school/charity or business, to take part in what is always a fantastic day of celebration of our Irishness.

In a tribute to one of Ireland's greatest ever writers, the theme for the 2017 parade is: "**Jonathan Swift**". Swift was educated at Kilkenny College and his best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature is 'Gulliver's Travels', which he himself claimed that he wrote "to vex the world rather than divert it".

We welcome you to incorporate this theme into your float, however it is optional, and you don't have to. You're encouraged to inject as much colour, animation and fun to your Parade entry as you can. You do not have to come in costumes, but everyone loves it if you do!

There are four categories for prize winners which will be announced on the festival stage at 4.30pm, followed by a special award ceremony with the Mayor of Kilkenny, in the Town Hall later in the month.

1. *Most Creative & Entertaining Group*
2. *Best Community Group*
3. *Best Young Peoples Group*
4. *Best Rural Entry*

This is very much a family oriented community event and we hope that your group will participate. The Parade is a great opportunity to showcase your community group, business or sports club.

The Parade is even more enjoyable and successful when everyone supports it and gets involved!

Let your imagination go wild, and add something special to the 2017 Parade by taking part!

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Malcolm Noonan
Chairperson
St Patrick's Day/TradFest 2017 Committee

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Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.

2017 Committee: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan (Chairperson), Mayor Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Joe Malone, Joe Reidy, Martin Bridgeman.
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ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE KILKENNY 2017 – FLOAT ENTRY FORM

All groups/individuals wishing to enter the St Patricks Day Community parade must complete and return this form **IN FULL** (signed hard copy) by [Monday 27th February 2017](#) to: Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's Collage, Kilkenny.

Group Name:	
Contact Person :	
Email:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Mobile Number:	
Commercial or Community Entry :	
Float Description for MC: <i>(Include the approx. number participating in your group, a description of what you're about as an entry/company etc, what your theme is and any interesting/useful information we can share with the crowds)</i>	

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CONDITIONS OF ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FLOAT ENTRIES:

These conditions are compiled & implemented to ensure a safe & enjoyable event for everyone.

- The Parade follows the route – John Street, Rose Inn Street, The Parade, High Street, Parliament Street, Market Yard.
- Please note that the child collection point will be outside the Country Markets in The Market Yard.
- There is no float entry fee for Community Groups/Clubs etc.
- Fee for Commercial Entries €100, to be paid by cheque made payable to: **St Patrick's Day Parade Committee**
- Groups who do not complete & sign the formal application form cannot be allowed to participate in the parade.
- Floats must assemble at the starting line (St John's Church) at 12 noon – the Parade commences at **1pm sharp.**
- All accepted float entries will be provided with their 'float number'.
- This number will be communicated by text to the contact mobile number provided on this application, (once all applications are received and processed.)
- There will be a traffic cone with your float number on it – please ensure that all members of your group are aware of this number.
- An inspection of all floats will take place before the parade commences.
- Floats must be in keeping with the description provided on their application.
- Floats can perform while moving through the streets – the duration for a static performance in front of the Review Stage (at the junction of The Parade) is strictly **2 mins** maximum.
- For safety reasons, large vehicles (tractors, lorries or artics) are not permitted in the Parade.
- Max trailer length is 14ft trailers pulled by 4 wheel drive or jeep (2 or 3 axil).
- Participants may not stand on moving trailers without correct handrails and restraint systems
- There must be a supervisor at each wheel of the vehicle.
- All vehicles/floats must be fully insured.
- Floats are not permitted to give the audience any handouts/sweets etc.
- Generators must be diesel-where generators/motors are used, you must carry fit for purpose extinguishers e.g : foam/CO2 extinguishers. Fire extinguishers must be in date.
- The organizing committee will not be held responsible for any accident or incident before during or after the Parade events.
- The organising committee retains the right to refuse entry to the Parade.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW

We confirm that we have read and agree to adhere to the conditions of entry.

Signature:	
Name (Block Caps) & Mobile No:	
Position in Group:	
Group Name:	