



*December—
January* at Castle
Leslie Estate



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Welcome to Castle Leslie Estate

On behalf of the Leslie family, my team and I, we wish to extend a very warm greeting to you. *Céad míle fáilte* and welcome to Castle Leslie Estate, home to the Leslie family for over 300 years. We are delighted to welcome you to our hidden corner of Ireland.

December and January are very special months to spend at Castle Leslie Estate. They are the end of one year and the beginning of a brand new year. It is a beautiful time to admire our 1,000 acres. The light is especially magical in December and January and the low-lying sun depicts Castle Leslie Estate in all its glory.

We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your time with us as you explore our part of Ireland. To truly get the most out of your stay with us, we bring you a flavour of some of the highlights at Castle Leslie Estate and things that you can do in our local area. We look forward to being of service and if we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask any of the team who are always genuinely delighted to help.

Brian Baldwin
CEO

Things To Do

In our local area

Golf

There is an abundance of golf courses situated close to Castle Leslie Estate.

Concra Wood Golf and Country Club is a mere 20 minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate and is an 18 hole Championship Golf Course. The golf course was designed by two of Ireland's golfing legends: Christy O'Connor Junior and Senior. Their names are already embedded in Irish golfing history with Christy O'Connor Junior's famous Ryder Cup victory over Fred Couples. Concrawood is a remarkable landscape located in Castleblayney, which is surrounded by Lough Muckno and an overview of the Monaghan drumlins, it is a jewel not only in the northern part of the country, but Ireland as a whole. It will challenge and thrill golfers of all types.

Rossmore Golf Club is located just 15 minutes from Castle Leslie Estate and is a very challenging drumlin style golf course. With its undulating fairways, its numerous streams and lakes, this parkland course offers the ideal golfing combination of challenging yet enjoyable golf over its 18 holes. The course is playable all year round and visitors are assured the warmest of welcomes.

We are delighted to offer our guests special Green Fees for these courses. Please contact our Reservations Team directly on

**+353 (0) 4788100 or email:
reservations@castleleslie.com**

for further details.

MK Woodcrafts

In his workshop near the lovely village of Glaslough, Mark's beautifully designed range includes wooden framed mirrors, clocks and solid timber coffee tables as well as bespoke pieces. MK Woodcrafts use only native burr timbers and their striking natural appearance helps to produce remarkable and unique furniture. Mark can customise pieces to your requirements and is always happy to try new ideas regarding furniture concepts and designs. MK Woodcrafts use only the finest raw materials to produce the highest possible quality finished products.

For further details, please visit

www.mkwoodcrafts.com

Bike Hire

Drumlin Trails offer a variety of interesting trails in the north of Monaghan and surrounding counties. Visitors can rent bikes which also include 10 top of the range e-bikes. These electric bikes give gentle assistance on some of the many drumlin hills in the area. Located at McQuaid's Fuel Station between the villages of Glaslough & Emyvale, Drumlin Trails Bike Hire are delighted to provide all residents of Castle Leslie Estate with the following special discount; E-bikes – €25 per day and if there are 4 or more adults looking to hire them, the price will be €20 per bike per day. Regular Bikes – €12.50 per day.

To make a booking, please contact us on

**047 88100 or email:
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Things To Do

In our local area

Brehon Brew House

Monaghan's microbrewery – Brehon Brewhouse is housed on the family farm amongst the rolling drumlins of County Monaghan, just a few miles from the birthplace of Patrick Kavanagh, the inspiration for their India Pale Ale – Stony Grey Soil IPA. Brehon Brewhouse creates distinct beers which are brewed with care and affection. Here you can enjoy brewery tours, hear the story of the McMahon family, see the famine cottage, and finish the visit in the tasting room - 'The Cottage' - the McMahon family homestead. Small group bookings of 2-10 people can be accommodated on Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon. Larger groups can be arranged by booking during office hours Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

For further details, please visit

www.brehonbrewhouse.ie

The Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre

The Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre is located in the old Round Tower School situated in the historic town of Clones, Co. Monaghan, and was built in 1859 by Cassandra Hand with proceeds from Clones Lace. Clones Lace was a famine relief initiative introduced by Cassandra after she arrived in Clones in 1847 during the worst years of the Great Famine. With the beautiful image of Clones Round Tower visible through the classroom windows to the front, there mains of Clones Abbey on one side and the remains of a Norman Motte and Bailey on the other, the Folk and Famine Centre is centrally located as a stopping point to explore the town. An exhibition about the Famine in Clones is on permanent display and is being continually added to. Open by appointment only during the winter months, the centre caters to visitors from home and abroad, and offers guided walks of the town, exhibitions, room hire, talks, music nights, school visits and so much more.

For further details, please call

047 20626 / 047 52997

Things To Do

In our local area

St. Peter's Tin Church

Constructed of tin, St. Peter's Tin Church Laragh is one of a kind in Co. Monaghan and unique on the island of Ireland for its quirky design and carefully considered features. St. Peter's of historic Laragh Village is literally built on a rock, in a beautiful woodland setting amongst the ferns and ivy. It is anecdotally said that its Swiss-Gothic hybrid style was applied by the mill owner and his wife following their honeymoon in Switzerland – its site carefully chosen to mimic that found in the Swiss Alps. St. Peter's Tin Church Laragh was deconsecrated in the 1950s, was restored by the local community and proudly re-opened in 2014. It is a very popular venue for intimate music recitals, lunchtime dramas, wedding photography, trad sessions, vintage displays, touring choral group performances, harvest banquets etc. Aside from scheduled events the Tin Church attracts a steady flow of visitors to this very rural area in Co. Monaghan.

The Tin Church is open to the public and free to visit 7 days per week from 10am-6pm (including Bank Holidays).

*For further details, please visit
the Facebook page at*

www.facebook.com/TinChurchLaragh

GR8 Entertainment

GR8 Entertainment boasts the best 10 Pin Bowling Experience in the North East. Our 10,000 sq. ft soft-play area is equipped with a 3-tier climbing frame, slides, ball polls and toddler play area. They also have golf simulators, gaming areas, arcades and more.

Winter Opening Times:

Mon-Wed: Closed

Thursday: 4pm - 10pm

Friday: 2pm - 10pm

Saturday + Sunday: 11am - 10pm

For further details, please visit

www.gr8entertainment.ie

Things To Do

In our local area

Glaslough Chocolate

Glaslough Chocolate was founded in 2014 by Trish Murphy-Thom at her kitchen table in the village of Glaslough. Born out of a simple passion for good chocolate, the business has continued to grow ever since. All chocolate is sustainably produced and Cocoa Horizons certified. The products are made by hand in small batches with fresh ingredients, sourced locally wherever possible. They make their own fillings, using no artificial flavours, preservatives, or colours. A visit is a must!!

For further details, see

www.glasloughchocolate.net

Íontas Arts, Theatre & Community Resource Centre

Íontas - 'a place of wonder' - is a community arts, theatre and resource centre based in Castleblayney. It is an award-winning theatre which showcases a wide variety of dance, drama, comedy and musical acts. There is a beautiful open gallery space with monthly art exhibitions. The Gallery Café is open weekdays from 9am-2pm serving hot lunches and homemade food in a warm and friendly atmosphere. A varied selection of rooms is available for conferencing, private and community bookings. Bar & café offerings are also available during events or upon request.

For further details, please visit

www.iontascastleblayney.ie

Walking

Sliabh Beagh is an area of upland heathland, blanket bog and outstanding natural beauty that transcends counties Monaghan, Fermanagh and Tyrone. There are several walking routes in the Sliabh Beagh area. These include the Sliabh Beagh Way, a 46km long distance walk, marked from St. Patrick's Chair & Well in Co. Tyrone, entering Co. Monaghan at Lough More, going over Bragan Mountain, carrying on through the lower moorland behind Knockatallon and into Fermanagh via Mullaghfad, Jenkin Carnmore/Carnrock, winding its way through Tully Forest and aptly ending at Donagh. There are also 36 looped walks throughout the Sliabh Beagh region, all of which are way-marked and vary in length from 4km – 15km. Sliabh Beagh Adventures is an outdoor adventure centre based in Knockatallon Village, Co. Monaghan – the gateway to Sliabh Beagh and offers bike hire to visitors, allowing them to explore the region on two wheels. They also offer battle and target archery and various team games and team-building exercises for groups. Guided walks and cycling tours can also be organised.

For further useful resources on walking the Sliabh Beagh Way, visit

sliabhbeaghadventures.ie/trails/walking/



Moments of equestrian adventure...

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER AND JANUARY, we have morning and afternoon rides available to book. Come riding with us and enjoy a gripping hack or cross country ride and breathe in our wonderful fresh air and experience the adventure of riding on our 1,000 acres.

However, if the saddle is not for you, why not enjoy a one-hour enchanting horse drawn carriage ride and journey back in time through the tree-lined avenues and bridleways. This is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of Castle Leslie Estate. Carriage rides may be booked through reception or directly with the Equestrian Centre. They are subject to availability and advance booking is essential at €110 per carriage ride (seats 4 adults, or 2 adults and up to 2 children)

**For a complete list
of activities visit
www.castleleslie.com
or call reception.**

*Bookings can be made
within 24 hours notice
or sooner depending on
availability and
weather conditions.*

*We advise early booking
where possible to avoid
disappointment.*



Moments of lasting bliss...

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO OFFER you an array of spa specials at The Victorian Treatment Rooms. Our highly-trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic treatments from the 'Eminence' and 'Voya' ranges.

Our skin goes through its own unique transition in response to the changing seasons. To ease that transition guests can enjoy several wonderful facials at The Victorian Treatment Rooms. Some examples of these are below:

EMINENCE GREEN LAKE FACIAL – €105 (60 mins)

A phyto facial of rich organic garden nutrient greens, this treatment also includes oxygenated parsley, red clover, yucca and agnus castus blended with mineral rich thermal lake waters.

STONECROP WHIPPED FACIAL (MEN ONLY) – €105 (60 mins) A Stonecrop Gel Wash is followed by customized skin treatments, skin polish and deep cleaning.

VOYA RADIANCE FACIAL – €105 (65 mins) This organic facial is deeply detoxifying. It helps to revitalise, even skin tone and increases clarity. It incorporates a relaxing facial massage that releases any build-up of toxins which helps improve radiance and restores a glowing complexion.

**For a full menu list please
visit our Victorian Treatment
Rooms brochure here.**

*To contact the Victorian
Treatment Rooms directly
dial extension 405 or email
victorianspa@castleleslie.com
to make an appointment.
T&C's apply.*





Moments of indulgence to savour...

AN AGE OLD IRISH HOSPITALITY DECREES that you get out the best linen, pick the finest food and treat your guests to the best. This tradition continues at Castle Leslie Estate. There is little chance of anyone going hungry – from lazy lunches in Conor's Bar & Lounge at The Lodge, to delightful Afternoon Teas until finally dinner at the 2 AA Rosette award winning Snaffles Restaurant.

Our Executive Head Chef, Aaron Duffy and his team celebrate the Winter season in abundance and have created some wonderful menus for you to enjoy. Conor's Bar & Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy traditional style home cooking in a relaxed environment. Choose between the lounge or pantry & kitchen. Snaffles Restaurant serves hearty morning breakfasts to put a 'pep in your step' on these December and January mornings, and serves wonderful sophisticated seasonal dishes each evening.

*All of our dining options
must be booked in
advance of arrival.*

**You can book dining online
here or contact us
via reception.**



Moments of outdoor adventure...

OUR ACRES OF WOODLANDS, lakes and grasslands make it the perfect location for a wide variety of outdoor activities.

During your stay, wander through our undulating Irish countryside, there are many attractions to see; from the Equestrian Centre and working farm, to the unique flora and fauna and historical sites. These include building ruins, a Gothic Lodge, Walled Garden originating from 1850, the Pinetum, St. Salvator's Church and an Integrated Wetlands project.

There is a host of outdoor activities to avail of at Castle Leslie Estate including:

Walking

There are a variety of exceptional walks, from short jaunts to long leisurely strolls. Wander throughout the Estate grounds and around the village of Glaslough. Breathe in the fresh country air and stunning scenery as you walk throughout the beautiful landscape of our estate. With several walks mapped out, all of which containing stunning scenery, Castle Leslie Estate has something for everyone.

Falconry

Experience a unique insight into the noble and ancient art of Falconry which offers a stimulating, unique, and memorable experience. The majestic, beautiful birds are captive bred both in Ireland and abroad. They include different species of falcons, hawks, owls, and the magnificent golden eagle. We have four different packages which you can choose from, and bookings can be made 72 hours in advance.



Clay Target Shooting

Experience the thrill of Clay Target Shooting at Clontibret Shooting Centre, Clontibret, Co Monaghan (only a 15-minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate). Glenn Ross is an ICPSA accredited Safety Officer and Coach and recognized by An Garda Síochána to carry out gun competency training. He has represented Ireland 11 times at Home International level and once at the World Cup in Rome 2005. He has won the Ulster Open twice and Irish Grand Prix twice in recent years and has 11 Ulster Inter-Provincial badges, 10 of which are winning badges.

Archery

Test your strength and accuracy to the full in a versatile and competitive sport. Archery will not disappoint in the entertainment, satisfaction and fun that it offers. Archery is extremely competitive and really gets a group energized quickly. Your qualified instructor will always accompany you. All necessary equipment is included.

Fishing

The Leslie family have been the custodians of the stunning 'Glaslough' or Green Lake for generations. The lake is brimming with monster pike, and fishermen widely consider it to be one of Ireland's best-preserved loughs. In fact, in 1991 a fisherman reeled in a catch weighing 38lb 9oz (17.5kg) and broke Ireland's 18 year record. Fishing is charged per rod (person) per day and includes the use of a boat.

Boating

Enjoy a morning or afternoon boating on our glistening Glaslough Lake or 'Green Lake'. While away the hours by relaxing on one of our boats and admire the stunning scenery all around you including our ancient woodlands, gardens and of course our beautiful Castle.

Please contact us at reception for information, prices and to make a booking for any of our onsite activities.

TEAM MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Kenny

IN EACH EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER, we feature one of our amazingly talented and hardworking team members. This month we are delighted to feature Kevin Kenny for our Q&A session.



What is your name?

Kevin Kenny.

Where are you from?

The Royal County, Meath.

What is your title at Castle Leslie Estate?

General Manager.

How long have you been working at Castle Leslie Estate?

Since July 2009.

What do you like most about your job?

The variety my role gives on a day-to-day basis.

What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?

I am a twin of 3 sets of twins on my mother's side.

What do you like to do when you are not working?

Entertaining our two children or a night out with my wife.

Where is your favourite place in the world?

Pretty much anywhere coastal.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

Live the dream.

Three words to best describe you

Energetic, loyal, funny.

What is the one thing, you can't live without?

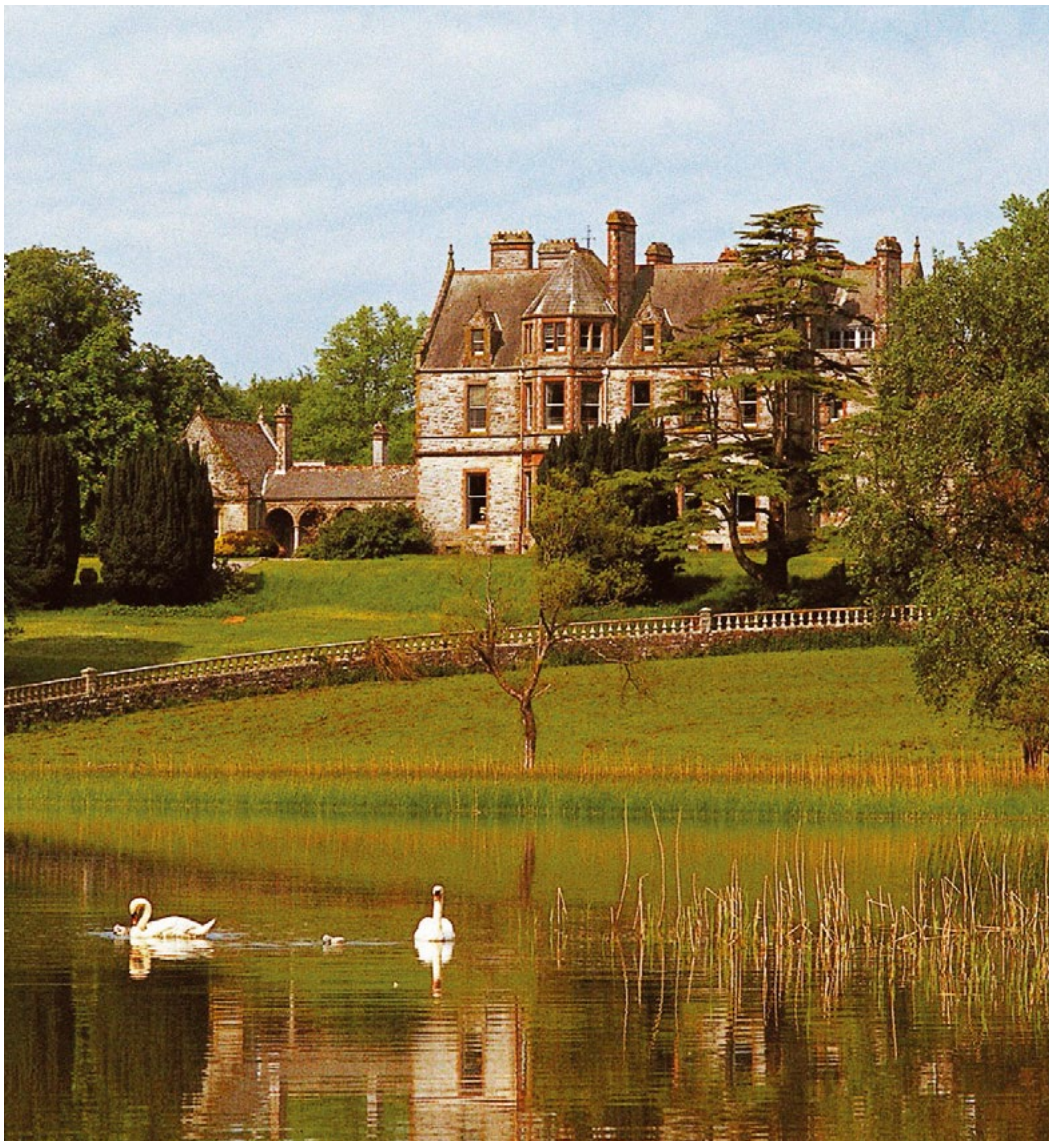
The chicken wings from 'Elephant and Castle'!

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

The ability to teleport anywhere...

What is your favourite thing on the menu at Castle Leslie Estate?

The Tasting Menu ☺



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