

# Fitzpatrick 2013

The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig Clan Society



## Sixth International Gathering

The Sixth International Gathering of *The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig* Clan Society will be held in Kilkenny, part of the ancient kingdom of Ossory, on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July 2013. The venue is the Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Ireland. A detailed programme of events will be published closer to the date.

### The conference

Both days will begin with selected talks or presentations relating to Fitzpatrick culture, tradition, heritage and history. There will be displays of prints, books, photographs, genealogical charts, maps and other items of Fitzpatrick interest. And, most important of all, as at previous gatherings, you will meet with Fitzpatricks you know from the mailing list and whose ancestors for generations have lived in this ancient land. Those interested in contributing to the displays, talks and presentations are invited to make contact with Ronan Fitzpatrick. Anything at all of Fitzpatrick interest will be very welcome. In previous years topics included:

- Migration of the Fitzpatrick nation
- Sources of Fitzpatrick history
- Fitzpatrick molecular genealogy
- Descent from Mac Giolla Phádraig
- Famous Fitzpatrick individuals
- Fitzpatricks around Ireland
- Fitzpatricks in Dublin
- Fitzpatrick Tower houses, monasteries, homes and burial places
- African, American, Australian Fitzpatricks
- Fitzpatricks in Britain
- My Fitzpatrick story (At previous gatherings, attendees related their individual Fitzpatrick story. Always very interesting and popular.

If you would prefer to prepare a poster instead of making a presentation that would be welcome too. Presentations will be published at the clan website – [www.fitzsoc.com](http://www.fitzsoc.com)

### Fee

The fee for attending the gathering is 20.00 Euro per person with family reductions as detailed on the Registration Form.

Please complete the Gathering Registration Form (as soon as possible so that expected numbers can be given to the hotel) and return to:

The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig - Clan Society,  
5 Bancroft Crescent, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Ireland.

Tel:+353 1 4525720. Email: [rfitzp@gmail.com](mailto:rfitzp@gmail.com) [www.fitzsoc.com](http://www.fitzsoc.com)

### Ancestral search

Everyone attending is invited to display their family genealogy chart in the Ancestral Search Section. While typed charts are preferred, clear handwritten charts are acceptable. Maximum size 12 inches by 16 ½ inches, and send two copies. You can also send an A4 size family leaflet (about 100 copies) for distribution. Hardcopy only. Non-attendees at the gathering in July are also invited to participate and they too can have their family genealogy chart displayed in the Ancestral Search Section. A non-attending fee of 10.00 Euro applies.

### Important Dates

In order to facilitate detailed planning, those intending to submit materials relating to talks, presentations, displays, Ancestral Search or posters are asked to indicate their intention as soon as possible and to have everything fully submitted before 31 May 2013.

### The field trips

There are many interesting sites in Kilkenny associated with the Giolla Phádraig and there are also many ancient Fitzpatrick sites nearby in Co. Loais. We plan to visit as many of these as possible on both afternoons. Sites that have proven popular on previous trips include Jerpoint Abbey, Kilkenny Castle, Cullahill Castle, Aghmacart, Grangefertagh, Aghaboe, Clonburren, Ballagh, Castletown, Errill, Aghaboe, Clough Church and Ballaghmore Castle. Sites we've still to visit include Seir Kieran, Gort na Cleig, Granstown, and Gowran. More details later.

### Searching for The Fitzpatrick

Do you think you are The Fitzpatrick, Chief of the Name? The search continues and if you think you are The Fitzpatrick (or you know who is) then you are invited to prepare a pedigree of your descent from Brian MacGillpatrick (who died 1511 AD.) and a genealogical chart illustrating your pedigree.

The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig - Clan Society, its agents and supporters regret that they are unable to reimburse any costs or other expenditure whatsoever in connection with these invitations. Submission of a pedigree and chart does not bestow any Title, Honour or Dignity to the claimants.

## The Fitzpatrick DNA Study

The Fitzpatrick DNA study is one of the oldest surname studies. Founded in 2000, the study now includes 140 participants from all over the world. By studying the DNA on the Y-chromosome, the study has shown that the Fitzpatrick Clan is genetically diverse, indicating an interesting and complicated clan history, with family groups originating from the four corners and the centre of Ireland, from Co. Laois, Co. Cork, Co. Down, Co. Clare, and Co. Cavan, plus several smaller groups of unknown origins. Our DNA results together with written documentation, confirm that the Fitzpatricks from Co. Laois descend from the House of Ossory, the powerful 16th century landowners. There have also been some surprises, as the Fitzpatricks from Co. Cork have been shown to be a genetic match to O'Learys.

As we move into the second decade of the study we plan to use the opportunity presented by the 2013 gathering for a big push towards recruiting participants from Ireland.

For those who are already participants of the study we are reviewing their DNA profile with their paper genealogy to help find Fitzpatrick ancestors and we invite submission of your family TREE for further comparison with the TREES we already have. We have had success in our group called '9 of Clads' when we used this comparison method of research, being able to bring a number of participants together with their families through links they were unaware existed. We now hope to expand these successes into other groups especially in Ireland. So, submission of Irish TREES at the gathering (or in advance) will be welcome.

For more information, please contact one of our DNA study administrators. In the US, contact Colleen Fitzpatrick [CFitzp@aol.com](mailto:CFitzp@aol.com) or Peggy Fitzpatrick [g1p2fitzp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g1p2fitzp@sbcglobal.net); in Ireland or the UK, contact Ronan Fitzpatrick [rfitzp@gmail.com](mailto:rfitzp@gmail.com) Visit [www.fitzsoc.com](http://www.fitzsoc.com)

## The Newpark Hotel

The Newpark is part of the Flynn Hotel Group and they write the following for our gathering The Newpark Hotel just minutes from Kilkenny City. One of the leading **Kilkenny City hotels**, and is characterised by beautifully restored old buildings and winding slipways. Kilkenny City is an historic and cultural gem with many Fitzpatrick associations..

### Accommodation: Weekend rates

The hotel is offering the following rates to those attending the gathering. Friday, Saturday and Sunday night package - €219.00 per adult sharing which will include three nights bed, full Irish breakfast and one evening meal. Single occupancy €309.00.

Friday and Saturday night package - €169.00 per adult sharing which will include two nights bed, full Irish breakfast and one evening meal. Single occupancy €229.00.

For attendees wishing to avail of one night only the rate would be €119.00 per person sharing bed and full Irish breakfast and one evening meal. Single occupancy €149.00.

### Child rates - sharing with parents:

Children under 12 sharing with parents have free accommodation - pay only for meals including breakfast. Children from 12years-16years sharing with adults are €40.00 per child per night, bed and full Irish breakfast only. Lunch and dinner is additional in all cases.

Attendees are encouraged to meet for dinner on the Saturday evening.

The current Table d'Hote dinner menu is €40.00pp - three course & tea/coffee

Attendees will be responsible for making their own accommodation reservation and for settling their own accommodation and dinner account with the hotel. It is recommended that reservations should be made as soon as possible and do remember to state that the reservation is for the FITZPATRICK CLAN SOCIETY gathering in order to avail of gathering rates.

(Remember, those availing of the hotel's special weekend package offer have 1 dinner included in the rate. See earlier details).

You can contact the hotel at:

The Newpark Hotel  
Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Ireland  
Tel: +353 56 7760500 Fax: +353 56 7760555  
Email [info@newparkhotel.com](mailto:info@newparkhotel.com)

Reservations: [reservations@newparkhotel.com](mailto:reservations@newparkhotel.com)

Remember to state

FITZPATRICK [www.newparkhotel.com/](http://www.newparkhotel.com/)  
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## Kilkenny

Kilkenny is a medieval city and the capital of County Kilkenny. It was once the principal stronghold of the Giolla Phádraig. The city boasts many tourist attractions and everything is within a gentle walk of the city centre.

Please forward these details to anyone you think might be interested in Fitzpatrick family research. To be kept up-to-date with news about Fitzpatrick 2013 make sure that you are subscribed to the society mailing list (it's free).

To join the mailing list, send an email to

[listserv@listserv.heanet.ie](mailto:listserv@listserv.heanet.ie)

with the message

subscribe fitzpatrick-clan your\_firstname your\_lastname

Also visit – [www.fitzsoc.com](http://www.fitzsoc.com)

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Sixth International Gathering

Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Ireland  
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July 2013

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Attendee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Partner's Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fitzpatrick DNA Group name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a total of Euro \_\_\_\_\_ for

Euro \_\_\_\_\_ Myself @ Euro 20.00

Euro \_\_\_\_\_ Combined husband/wife @ Euro 30.00

Euro \_\_\_\_\_ Children 12-16 @ each Euro 10.00

Euro \_\_\_\_\_ Family (parents and four children) @ Euro 50.00

Cheques, Money orders and Drafts in Euros only please.

Names of Attendees

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Return to: The Fitzpatrick - Mac Giolla Phádraig - Clan Society,  
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