



## Kilkea Castle lights up for Christmas

OVER 400 people recently gathered for a tree lighting ceremony to kick off the festive season at Kilkea Castle.

Santa paid a visit to the castle and guests enjoyed treats of mince pies, mulled wine and warming hot chocolate, before viewing the tree lighting in the castle gardens.

Live music in the clubhouse rounded off the celebrations.

Over €1,600 was raised for the local Kilkea National School on the day, which will be matched by the Cashman Family Foundation.

Hudson and Tucker Childs, from Boston, grandchildren of Jay and Christy Cashman, owners of Kilkea Castle were delighted to meet Santa when he came to switch on the Christmas lights at the castle recently

## From hooves to grooves – Punchestown to rock this June

By Finian Coghlan

MORE used to the rhythmic drum of thunderous hooves, Punchestown will rock to some different tones this summer with the news the iconic racecourse is to host not one but two weekends of rock this June.

First up will be the Alternative Rock Festival on the weekend of 13-14 June which will feature such bill-topping, genre monsters as Faith No More, The Jesus and Mary Chain, The Deftones, and Gojira.

These will be aurally supported across three different stages by top-notch talent such as Killing

Joke, Bowling for Soup, Refused, and While She Sleep, as well as a dozen yet-to-be-announced acts expected to sign up over the ensuing six months.

Tickets go on sale this morning (3 December) from 9am, with early birds getting a three-day ticket from €129.50, which rises by €30 if one wishes to camp onsite.

Later that month, for fans who just didn't pull lucky in the annual Glasters lottery, they can be loudly consoled when Detroit native MK brings his unique Area 10 show to the racecourse for one night only.

That particular night will be

Friday, 26 June, and tickets have already been zipping off the Ticketmaster website since last Friday (29 November) for €59.90, including their booking fee.

Special guests on the night for this over-18 show include Hannah Wants, KC Lights and Nightlapse.

Producer, remixer, DJ, Area10 label boss and Detroit native MK (aka Marc Kinchen) came to prominence in the early 1990s, and has worked with Will Smith, Rihanna, Rudimental, Lana Del Rey, Diplo, Tove Lo, Halsey, Elderbrook, Mary J Blige, Sam Smith, Sigrid, Ellie Goulding, London Grammar, and many more.

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CREDIT UNION

## Croí Laighean Credit Union Notice of AGM

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11th, 2019

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** MU Barnhall Rugby Football Club, Parsonstown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, W23 V56N

Monthly Members Draw on the night - total prize fund €20,000

Spot prizes and raffles

2020 Calendar

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