

KILLRUDDERY



Dawn Chorus Walks

A walk of discovery: rediculously early, highly romantic, listen to birds in a way you may never have done before. Light Rain or Fair weather walk beneath Killrudderys Trees and tune into the Dawn Chorus!

Participants will learn basic skills for bird call recognition.

The Garden Café will be open for Breakfast.

Facilitaor: Eanna O'Flynn

Time and Date: 4.30 a.m. Saturdays 1st and 15th May

Duration: approximately 3 hours

Suitable for All Ages

Walkers are advised to wear suitable clothing.

Cost: Free

Bookings are helpful:

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Note: In the case of very bad weather the dawn Chorus will be cancelled. If it is raining heavily or very windy please check www.killruddery.com/blog for updates from 8pm the evening before.

About The Dawn Chorus:

The Dawn Chorus takes place from March to the end of May, and involves a rising crescendo of birdsong by various species beginning about an hour before sunrise. The male birds are singing to mark their territory, ward off rivals, or possibly to impress potential mates. It is still not entirely clear why they should all sing at the same time, and in darkness. It may be that sound carries better before sunrise in lower pressure air, and with less background noise. It may also be that the birds have more pressing business in daylight hours, with eggs to sit or nestlings to feed.

In any case, the Dawn Chorus is a marvellous phenomenon, best enjoyed by humans in calm weather in the month of May. Killruddery is a marvellous venue to enjoy the phenomenon, and we will be singling out the more common species, as well as listening out in hope for the “drumming” sound of the most recent addition to Killrudderys’ list of breeding birds, the Great Spotted Woodpecker!