

Gneeveguilla/Rathmore Parish

Earth Week was celebrated in **Gneeveguilla/Rathmore** Parish with the traditional making of butter. Gareth Kennedy – an artist employed by Kerry Co. Council staged the event along with local people. A Gneeveguilla man, Martin Ashe, re-crafted a butter churn and firkin from two wooden tables.

Celebrating the wealth of lore surrounding butter and its social, cultural and economic history, people from two years of age to 85 came to spin the churn, under the watchful eye of “Bean an Tí” Eileen Fleming, to help produce a large pat of butter. This was packed into the firkin and paraded through the village and then taken to the Moving Bog where it was ceremonially buried with song, speeches and music to become Bog Butter, celebrating the continuity of people and place. This event was also filmed.



Eileen Fleming overseeing the butter making



Gneeveguilla people on parade with firkin and churn



At the Bog for ceremonial burying of Bog Butter