

Laois Tourism -What's on this February

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
1st	Portlaoise	The Fureys	Dunamais Arts Centre	Legends of Irish music & song, The Fureys have been entertaining audiences worldwide for 41 years. Hear them sing all their hits.	Sold out.	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
1st	Spink	St Bridgids Cross Making	Headens Bar, Spink	Come along and help celebrate the traditions associated with this famous Irish Saint.	Free	9pm	facebook.com/Headens-Bar-Spink
1st	Portarlington	Mary Byrne	Portarlington Golf Club	Singing all the hits from the '60s, the musicals and many more. Special guests: Portarlington Golf Club Choir.	€15	8pm	Tickets from Portarlington Golf Club (057 8623115,
1st	Abbeyleix	Handmade with Care	Heritage House, Abbeyleix	Pop-up exhibition. The exhibition will showcase forgotten crafts of the past, as well as present them in a contemporary light. There will be a number of workshops for adults and children during the exhibition. All welcome. Light refreshments.	Free entry	7:30pm-9.00pm	www.abbeyleixheritage.com (057) 87 3165
1st	Portlaoise	James O'Connor	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
1st-22nd	Stradbally	Townscape - Portraits of homes in Stradbally by Mary Burke	The Laois Arthouse Gallery, Stradbally	'Townscape' brings sociology, the community and the arts into collaborative practice. Consisting of 18 paintings in oil pastel on canvas, 'Townscape' opened on May 8 in the Irish Architectural Archive.		Laois Arthouse opening times:	For more details: Ph: 057 8664109/4033 or email artsoff@laoiscoo.ie
2nd	Portlaoise	Sailing Solo - Writing and Performing a Solo Play	Dunamais Arts Centre	Join Donal O'Kelly to examine ways of honing text to suit performance and using performance techniques to enhance and change up text. This is a not-to-be-missed workshop for anyone keen to develop their own solo show.	€30	11am-1pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
2nd	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
2nd	Durrow	Laois Hunt Ball 2019	Castle Arms Hotel	Laois foxhounds annual hunt ball. Champagne reception at 7.30pm. Five course meal including wine followed by live band VEGAS NIGHTS. Do till late after band.	Adults €70 Students €50	7.30pm	Harry Lalor on 0851032677

2nd	Portlaoise	Dirtbirds' Self-Help Tour	Dunamais Arts Centre	Come and join the Dirtbirds as they navigate the stresses and strains of modern life in this rip-roaring two hours of comedy gold; a unique blend of hilarious sketches and stand-up.	€20/€18	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
2nd	Killenard	Courtwood GAA Presentation Dinner Dance	The Heritage Hotel	Dinner Dance in aid of Courtwood GAA. Music by Electrix & DJ.	€50	7pm	Ph: Niall Murphy 087 617 1899 Chloe Kinsella 086 898 1766
2nd	Portlaoise	The 2 Johnnies	Midlands Park Hotel	The 2 Johnnies are a hugely popular and hilarious music & comedy duo from Tipperary. Known for their comedy sketches and songs that capture the uniquely funny side of all things Irish, they have become part of the fabric of the Irish entertainment scene.	€23	8pm	www.ticketmaster.ie
3rd	Offaly	Imbolc Festival 2019	Cadamstown Carpark, Offaly	At this family friendly event you will have the opportunity to watch or take part in the ancient Imbolc Festival of the milking of the goat on Spink Hill. Imbolc Festival marks the beginning of Spring	Free	1.30pm Cadams town Carpark	info@slievebloomassociation.com or call 085 737 6745
3rd	Durrow	Bird Watch Laois	The Square, Durrow	Trip to the Laois/Kilkenny border to check out some wetland sites for swans, ducks and waders.	Free	9.30am	
3rd	Mountrath	White Horse Falls/Clear Lake Walk	Meeting point: Cattle Mart, Mountrath	Guided walk. Grade A. 8k. 4 hours. Yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family).	€5 per walk	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
7th, 8th 9th	Mountmellick	Lovers at Versailles	Mountmellick Community Arts Centre	Mountmellick Drama Group present this heart-warming drama by Bernard Farrell over 3 nights	€10 con €5	8pm	Facebook @MountmellickDramaGroup
7th	Portlaoise	National Heritage Plan Info Session	Portlaoise Library	Heritage Ireland 2030 is the Government's new National Heritage Plan, and your views are now being sought, to make this the best possible plan for our heritage and our communities.	Free	3pm-7.30pm	https://www.chg.gov.ie/heritage/heritageireland2030/ OR library@laoisco.co.ie
7th	Portlaoise	Vincent	Dunamais Arts Centre	In this Irish premiere, against the visual backdrop of over one hundred of his greatest masterpieces, director Christine Scarry and actor Peter McCamley gloriously recreate the world of the misunderstood genius.	€18/€16	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

8th	Portlaoise	Kevin McGahern	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue - Comedy Club	Kevin first began performing stand-up in 2009 before joining the popular television series, The Hardy Bucks & Republic of Telly before flying solo in 2015.	€14.50	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
8th	Portlaoise	Marty Mone	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Singer, Songwriter, Performer, Agricultural Contractor, Trucker, this man has a style of his own and is not afraid to show it.	€ 21	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
9th	Portlaoise	The Roadhouse Doors	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	The Roadhouse Doors are Ireland's own authentic Doors tribute band, recreating The Doors live experience all across the country and sometimes beyond.	€10.50	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
10th	Cullahill	Cullahill Mountain Walk	Meeting point: Cullahill Community Centre	Guided walk. Grade B. 10k. 3-4 hours. €5 per walk, or yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family).	€5 per walk	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
10th	Portlaoise	Bring & Buy Poultry Sale	Portlaoise Poultry Market, Timahoe Rd. R32 WT10	Wide variety of birds on show on the day.		8.30am-1pm	Contact Seamus @0872513094 for any further queries
10th	Portlaoise	Johnny McEvoy	Midlands Park Hotel	Johnny McEvoy is regarded as one of Ireland's finest musical performers and entertainers. As a songwriter, he creates magical numbers and is among the best writers this country has ever seen.	€ 33	8pm	www.ticketmaster.ie
14th	Portlaoise	The Matchmaker by JB Keane	Dunamais Arts Centre	Based on the novella "Letters of a County Matchmaker" by John B. Keane, one of Ireland's most celebrated writers.	€20/€18	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
14th	Coolrain	Valentines Night with Mannie	Sheeran's Pub	A super night of music from the Neil Diamond's collection. Hot sit down meal also included		€15 per person	(057) 873 5837
14th-17th	Mountmellick	Little Red Riding Hood Panto	Mountmellick Marca Hall	Mountmellick Macra are performing their 21st Pantomime, 'Little Red Riding Hood' and its not to be missed.	€10 adults, €5 children	Thurs, Fri & Sat 8.15pm. Sun at 3.00pm & 7pm	On sale in O'Gorman's shop and on the door
15th	Portlaoise	Pádraig Jack	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Born and raised on the largest Aran island, the music of bilingual artist Pádraig Jack is influenced by his surroundings as much as it is by James Taylor, Van Morrison, Paul Brady and The Eagles.	€ 8	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie

15th	Portlaoise	Gourmet Chocolate & Wine Tasting	The Wine Buff, Portlaoise	Chocolate making demonstration followed by chocolate and wine pairings, a must for all chocolate and wine lovers.	€ 30	7-9pm	www.facebook.com/events/513905725798867/
15th	Portlaoise	Neil Delamere - Controlled Substance	Midlands Park Hotel	Award-winning comedian Neil Delamere is one of the top acts working in the Irish comedy scene today, well-known to audiences for his regular television appearances on RTÉ and the BBC.	€ 26	8:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
15th	Portarlinton	PORTAL Teenage Disco	Portarlinton Community Centre	Teenage disco.	Pre-event €8. €10 on the door.	8pm-11pm	http://portarlington.ie/events/portal-teenage-disco
15th	Portlaoise	Mounted Games Association of Ireland Gala Ball	The Killeshin Hotel	The night will start with a gathering at reception 5pm, followed by a seated three course meal, presentations, prizes and a little surprise. Live music & DJ.	€ 55	5pm	https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/mga
15th	Portlaoise	Sunset Riders	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music - The Ultimate Rock Experience! Playing Guns N Roses, Bon Jovi, Queen, Aerosmith, Van Halen & More	€ 7	10pm	www.ticketweb.ie
15th	Durrow	Fusion Laois Valentines Ball	Castle Arms Hotel	The well run teenage disco returns for all things valentine	€ 15	8:30-11:30pm	see tickets.ie, Super Valu and Centra stores & local school reps.
16th	Portlaoise	The Fanzines	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com/
16th	Portlaoise	Isla Grant - Yellow Rose Tour	Dunamais Arts Centre	Highly respected singer and prolific songwriter Isla Grant makes a welcome return visit to Ireland after an absence of two years with a beautifully constructed show.	€30/€28	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
16th	Emo	Emo Court Walk	Meeting point: Emo Village entrance	Guided walk. Grade C. 8k. 2-3 hours. yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family).	€5 per walk,	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slieveblo.com.ie
17th	Kinnitty	Early Spring Forest Walk	Meeting point: Kinnitty Community Centre	Guided walk. Grade C. 8k. 3 hours. Yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family).	€5 per walk,	2pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slieveblo.com.ie
17th	Abbeyleix	Wedding Showcase	Abbeyleix Manor	Come and view our wedding facilities, meet with our dedicated wedding coordinators and enjoy canapes and refreshments on the day.	Free entry	1pm	facebook.com/abbeyleixmanorhotel

17th	Emo	Emo Family Forest Day	Emo Woods	Explore the woodland environment, search for clues for woodland animal species, playing games to help us become more aware of our surroundings, and free play. only one adult per family pays, grandparents & under 4s free	€10 per person	11am-2pm	Barbara at reconnectwithnatureirl@gmail.com or phone/text 087-2073121 Places limited
22nd	Portlaoise	The Legend of Luke Kelly	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Chris Kavanagh is well-known for his passionate performances of folk singer Luke Kelly's songs with his successful band "The Legend of Luke Kelly"	€ 19	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
22nd	Portarlinton	Portarlinton Gala Ball	Heritage Hotel Killenard	4 course meal, wine, luxury raffles followed by live music by Transmitter. In aid of the Braveheart Special Club.	€ 60	7pm	Call Marie: 087 758 9896 or Collette 086 265 4277
22nd	Portlaoise	This is the Funeral of Your Life	Dunamais Arts Centre	Dunamais is proud to welcome Abbeyleix native, inventive theatre-maker Louise White, with this poignant and heart-warming show about death and the challenges of living.	€16/€14	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
23rd	Portlaoise	Oldskool - The Evolution of Hip-Hop	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Oldskool perform the hits of the world's biggest hip-hop acts of the last 40 years; from Run DMC, Beastie Boys & Grandmaster Flash right through to Kanye West, Missy Elliott & Jay Z.	€12	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
23rd	Durrow	Knockatrina Woods (Family Walk)	Meeting point: Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow	Guided walk. Grade C. 5k. 2 hours. Yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family).	€5 per walk	2pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
23rd	Portlaoise	Grapple Kings 3	Dunamais Arts Centre	Grapple Kings 3 returns on Saturday 23rd February with our biggest event to date: Ireland v Poland. Don't miss the biggest Brazilian Jiu Jitsu event of the year	€40/€30	5pm	www.dunamais.ie
24th	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel Stages Rally 2019	Abbeyleix Manor	Round 1 of the Triton Showers National Rally Championship Round 1 Top Part & Midland East Championships. Birr and District Stages Car Rally (All vehicles will be leaving from the hotel)			https://www.facebook.com/Irishnationalrally
24th	Clonaslee	Glenlahan River Valley Walk	Meeting point: Clonaslee Community Centre	Guided walk. Grade A. 9k. 4 hours. yearly membership €20 single (€30 family).Fa family).for	€5 per walk	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie

24th	Portlaoise	Wedding Extravaganza	The Killeshin Hotel	Couples who book their wedding before 31st March are entered into a draw to win a €10,000 wedding	Free entry	1pm	www.facebook.com or 057 86 31200
24th	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanagh sportlaoise.com
24th	The Heath	Truck and Tractor Run, Fundraiser	Treacy's Bar	Laois Lions Wheelchair Rugby Club is hosting a truck and tractor fundraiser beginning at Treacys and following a route in the Portlaoise area. Great fun will ensue and all for a great cause		2pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/466725780517755/
27th	Timahoe	Fashion Show	Timahoe Community Hall	Fashion show in aid of the Marie Claire Knowles foundation and the Hall.		7.30pm	
28th	Abbeyleix	Biodiversity Talks	Mueller & O'Connell Bakery	Talk on herons, views past and present, a non-scientific approach. With Amanda Pedlow.	Free	8pm	iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com
Every Mon	Emo	Monday Night Dancing	Gandon Inn	Social dancing every Monday night in aid of Portarlinton St Vincent De Paul	€8	9.30pm -12am	
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanagh sportlaoise.com
Every Wednes	Mountmellick	Balcony Cinema, Bus, Cinema and Tea	Balcony Cinema	Wonderful initiative running a bus locally to the cinema, movie and a cuppa with a lift home for €5	€5	Bus from 7. Movie starts 8.30	See Facebook @balcony cinema
Every Thurs	Abbeyleix	Social Dancing	Abbeyleix Golf Club	Social dancing with supper served. All welcome to come and join in. Lessons from 8.30pm		10pm	
Every Sat	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	Range of food, veg and artisan stalls	Free	from 10am	
Every Sat	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St Patricks Hall	Great selection of local foods, plants and vegetables. Tea & Coffee served	Free	from 10am	See Facebook - @stradballycountrymarkets
Every Sun	Portlaoise	Sunday Sessions	Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard	Live music every Sunday	Free	7pm	www.kavanagh sportlaoise.com

Walking Groups & Couch to 5K

Every Monday	Vicarstown	Couch to 5k	Vicarstown Track	With little or no running background, our COUCH TO 5K will transform you from couch potato to running star,	€20 €25 Members free	7pm	Contact Andrew @ 087 249 3874
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3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th	Timahoe	Walk & Talk	Meeting point: Goose Green in the village	Take some time out of your busy schedule and join us for a nice leisurely walk and a friendly chat.		12pm	Any questions or queries, please contact Mary @ 087 234 3616 or Anne @ 087 947 7362.
5th, 7th, 12th & 14th	Stradbally	Stradbally Walking/Running Sessions	Stradbally GAA Pitch	Open to everyone! Feel free to bring a friend, don't forget your water, to wear layers and hydrate well before exercise.		7:30pm	Any questions or queries, please contact Yvonne @ 086 824 2036.
5th, 7th, 12th & 14th	Timahoe	Timahoe Walking/Running Sessions	Meeting point: Goose Green in the village	Open to everyone! Feel free to bring a friend, don't forget your water, to wear layers and hydrate well before exercise.		7:30pm	Any questions or queries, please contact Mary @ 087 234 3616 or Anne @ 087 947 7362
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	Ballyroan	Ballyroan Walkers Strolling Group	Meeting point: Ballyroan Community Hall	Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Route is optional.		9:45am-10.45am	Contact Mary Dunne on 085 158 5421 or Carmel Moran on 087 614 4280.
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	Portarlington	Port Trails Walking Group	Meeting point: Park Lane car park	Come along and join us on our weekly walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Enjoy the lovely walks and meeting new people.		7pm-9pm	www.facebook.com
6th & 13th	Stradbally	Stradbally Walking Group	Meeting point: Hunter's Lane (beside the parochial house)	Feel free to bring a friend. Don't forget water, to wear layers, and hydrate well before exercise. Optional routes available to suit the group.		10:30am	Any questions or queries, or to RSVP, please contact Ann @ 086 846 5876.
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	Portarlington	Port Trails Walking Group	Meeting point: Park Lane car park	Come along and join us on our weekly walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Enjoy the lovely walks and meeting new people.		7:30pm-9:30pm	www.facebook.com

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