

Laois Tourism -What's on this May

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
1st	Stradbally	Launch of 'Fiesta'	Laois Arthouse, Stradbally	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. An exhibition by the Stradbally Active Retirement Group, open throughout the month of May. A selection of paintings, including still life and landscapes that the group have developed over the year.	Free	4pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
1st	Abbeyleix	Greyhound on Train by	Abbeyleix Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Carnation Theatre presents a play that follows the real-life stories of women who took part in the War of Independence.	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	3pm	Ph: 057 8730020 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
1st-3rd	Portlaoise	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat	Dunamais Arts Centre	"St Mary's CBS School Musical 2019 present their annual musical. With leading vocalists Daniel Whelan & Julia Cahill, the cast from St Mary's and guest dancers from Scoil Chríost Rí and Curtain Call theatre school will entertain you with toe-tapping numbers galore.	€12/€10/€5 (group rate, matinee only)	1st - 7pm 2nd & 3rd - 10:30am & 7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
1st-31st	Stradbally	Stradbally Hall Viewing	Stradbally	Visit the home of Electric Picnic including the magnificent house on a rare open weekend	Adult/OAP : €10. Student: €5. Child: free.	9am-1pm	Phone 086 851 9272 or www.stradballyhall.ie
2nd	Portarlington	Alzheimer Society Tea day	Portarlington Further Education and Training Centre	Come and join the Healthcare class for a tea and cake day for the Alzheimer Society.	Donations requested	1:30pm-2:30pm	www.facebook.com/peopleofport/
2nd	Portarlington	Papermaking Craft Workshop with artist Caroline Keane	Portarlington Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Participants will learn how to make paper and how to use everyday items to make the design unique.	Free. Booking required. Places are limited.	10:15am-11:30am	Ph: 057 8643751 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
2nd	Portlaoise	Grey Hounds on the Train - Theatre Production	Portlaoise Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. The War of Independence story that no one has told. Meet four women, not ordinary women, but fighters in a struggle to achieve Irish Independence.	Free. Booking advised. Places are limited.	6:30pm	Ph: 057 8622333 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
2nd, 16th & 30th	Portlaoise	Literature at Eleven	Portlaoise Library	Join a group of literature enthusiasts to read a poem and piece of prose and discuss. All are welcome.	Free	11am-12pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branches/libraries/portlaoise/

3rd, 4th 5th & 6 th	Castletown	Half Door Club International Music And Dance Festival	Castletown - various locations	Now in its 26th year the Half Door festival showcases everything that is great about set dancing, Irish music and culture. A total 3 day immersion with 5 ceilis of sets, Sets workshops, Sean nos workshops, Trade music sessions throughout the weekend. Poetry and historical walk. All food is produced locally during all events. Come stay for 3 days or just book into the sessions that suit you best.	Various costs see website	various times see website. Begins Fri 9.30 PM with Ceili.	Full schedule on www.halfdoorclub.org . halfdoorclubfestival@gmail.com .
3rd	Kinnitty	Knockbarren Eco Guided Walk	Kinnitty Community Centre	Kicking off the 2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival . Grade C. 5k. 1.5hours. Led by John Scully	€8 or. Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	7pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
3rd	Portlaoise	The Whistlin' Donkeys	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Live music.	€ 13	9pm	kavanaghspartlaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
3rd	Portlaoise	Pump Up The Jam	Lily's Bar	Pump Up The Jam are a 6-piece live band that play all the best dance, soul, rock and hip-hop of the 1990's	No cover charge	9pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/2410478898962485/
3rd	Portlaoise	Pamper N Party	The Killeshin Hotel	Ladies night in aid of Midlands ISL Learners. Music, dancing, therapies& treatments. Raffles & games.	€20/€45	7pm-11pm	facebook.com/midlandsislearners or see Eventbrite
3rd	Stradbally	Music at the Malt House	The Malt House, Stradbally	A 2 day concert series, presented by Music Generation Laois, in The Malt House, Stradbally, Co.Laois featuring professional traditional musicians, and collaborations with Music Generation Laois students. Friday features Zoe Conway and John McIntyre – Michael Rooney - Music Generation Laois Senior Harp Ensemble – Music Generation Laois Trad Orchestra – Music Generation Laois Senior Trad Group	€ 5	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or book on www.dunamais.ie
3rd, 10th & 17th	Stradbally	"Reconnect" Pottery Workshop with ceramic artist Cathy Whelan	Laois Arthouse, Stradbally	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Create a unique piece of work in a creative and relaxed environment. Suitable for all levels, no previous experience is necessary. Participants are advised to bring an apron.	€5. Booking essential. Limited numbers.	11:30am-1pm	Ph: 057 8664033/13 or email: artsoff@laoisco.co.ie - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
4th	Stradbally	Ballykilcavan Brewery Tour	Ballykilcavan Farm and Brewery, Stradbally	A guided tour of the new Ballykilcavan Brewery and farm and chance to sample some of the finished beers.	€ 14	3pm-4:15pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/guided-tour-of-ballykilcavan-brewery-tickets-57740051047

4th	Stradbally	Music at the Malt House	The Malt House, Stradbally	A 2 day concert series, presented by Music Generation Laois, in The Malt House, Stradbally, Co.Laois featuring professional traditional musicians, and collaborations with Music Generation Laois students. Saturday features Chris Stout and Catriona McKay – Tommy Fitzharris and Donal McCague (album launch) – Ernestine Healy with the Music Generation Laois Junior Trad Group – Music Generation Laois Senior Harp Ensemble – Music Generation Laois Trad Orchestra – Body Percussion/Trad Fusion	€ 5	7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
4th	Clonaslee	Alpacas Brittas Lake(family walk)	Clonaslee Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade C. 4k. 2hours. An ideal family walk Led by Hushabye Farm and their beautiful Alpacas	€8 or. Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.45	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
4th	Clonaslee	Photography Walk/Stoneyman	Clonaslee Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade C. 5k. 2 hours. Led by Paul Moore Photographer. A superb chance to photograph some of the most beautiful countryside.	€8 or. Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.45	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
4th	Clonaslee	Brittas Lak/Clonaslee Woodland	Clonaslee Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade B. 12k. 4 hours. Led by John Scully.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.30am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
4th	Clonaslee	Glenkeen	Clonaslee Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade B. 10k. 4-5 hours. Led by Richard Jack.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
4th	Clonaslee	Two Rivers/Glendinoregan	Clonaslee Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Martin Broughan.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.45am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
4th	Portlaoise	Chris Difford -Squeeze Tour	Dunamais Arts Centre	Join Chris Difford to nostalgically remember his UK pop band Squeeze and their 90s hits.	€22/€20	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
4th	Portlaoise	St. Joseph's Mountmellick Embroidery Group Exhibition	Laois Shopping Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. St. Joseph's Mountmellick Embroidery Group will exhibit and showcase this age-old craft at an open afternoon, where the public are invited to take part or view how the work is made.	Free	2pm-5pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/

4th, 5th	Portlaoise	QuoFest	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Tribute weekend to the rock band Status Quo. Tribute band QuoFest featuring Backwater play 4th & 5th at 6pm	Free	7pm	kavanaghsporthillaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
4th	Camross	Run 4 The Hills Camross 5K	Camross Parish Hall	5k Family Fun Run in Camross Co Laois in aid of Camross NS	Race 4:30pm Reg from 3pm	Adults €10 Children Free	
4th	Coolrain	Double Up - Live music	Sheeran's Pub	Super Bank Holiday Saturday night with Double Up. Great music, dancing and atmosphere.	No cover charge	9.30 pm	
4th	Mountrath	The Cottage Market	Macra Hall, Main Street	Meet 20 artisan producers and sample their crafts	No cover charge	10am - 2pm	See Facebook for details
4th - 5th	Rock Inn Grounds	Rock Inn Vintage Club Car & Vintage Tractor Run	Rock Inn Vintage Club	Tractor and Car Run, Sat evening. Sun Vintage rally followed by Caberet at 7.30pm. All in aid of the Laois Hospice Foundation	Caberet €7:50	4th - 2:30, 5th 12 noon	087 9611058
5th	Raheen	Family Fun Day & Car/Tractor Run	Raheen	A Great Family Day out in aid of the Lalor House Restoration Project. 6k walk/run, tractor run, bouncy castles and much more. Live music on the field from 3pm	Free	10am	https://www.facebook.com/events/635123546926954/
5th,6th	Stradbally	Stradbally Woodland Steam Trains	Stradbally Woodland Railway	Enjoy a family day out with a difference on Ireland's first volunteer-run heritage railway and see a real working, steam train in beautiful forest scenery. Have many trips and get great value from your ticket!	Kids €3. Adults €7. Under 5s go free. Tickets valid all day	12-4pm both days	facebook.com/stradballywoodlandrailway
5th	Mountmellick	Fundraiser for Dillon Payne	Mountmellick GAA Club	4 clubs coming together to raise funds for club member Dillon Payne in his fight against cancer. Family fun day, BBQ, over 35s football, children's activities and loads more.	€10 on sale from committee members of all the clubs.	4pm-10pm	
5th	Stradbally	Ballykilcavan Brewery Tour	Ballykilcavan Farm and Brewery, Stradbally	A guided tour of the new Ballykilcavan Brewery and farm and chance to sample some of the finished beers.	€ 14	3pm-4:15pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/guided-tour-of-ballykilcavan-brewery-tickets-60025621249?aff=ebapi
5th	Portlaoise	Dick Valentine	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Frontman of Electric Six performs at Kavanaghs.	€ 15	9.30pm	kavanaghsporthillaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
5th	Abbeyleix	Smash Hits	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	The ultimate tribute to the 90s perform classic hits from Vanilla Ice, Prodigy, MC Hammer and much more.	€ 16	8.30pm	Ph: 0578730311
5th	Durrow	Aslan	Lennon's Bar & Venue	The one & only Aslan perform in the Courtyard at Lennon's bank holiday Sunday.	€ 21	8pm	facebook.com/lennonvenue

5th	Abbeyleix	Sunday Morning Yin Yoga	Blackhill Woods	Meditation, movement, releasing, bluebell walk and a vegan lunch.	€ 40	10.30am-1pm	facebook.com/blackhill.woods
5th	Kinnitty	Alpacas Kinnitty Woodland (family walk)	Kinnitty Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade C. 4k. 2hours. Led by Hushabye Farm and their Alpacas	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.45am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
5th	Kinnitty	A Geological Odyssey/Silver River	Kinnitty Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade A. 10k. 4-5hours. Led by John Feehan.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.30am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
5th	Kinnitty	Clashroe Beagh	Kinnitty Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Frank Bergin.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.30am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
5th	Kinnitty	Paul's Lane/Spink Mountain	Kinnitty Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade B. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Sonja Cadogan.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	10.45am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
5th	Kinnitty	Kinnitty Forest Exploration	Kinnitty Community Centre	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade B. 9k. 3-4hours. Led by Richard Jack.	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	12.30pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
5th	Rock of Dunamase	850th Anniversary Tour of the Rock Of Dunamase	Rock of Dunamase	May 1st 1169 was when the Anglo Norman Invasion of Ireland began. To mark this occasion Experiencing Laois will give a guided tour of The Rock of Dunamase in Laois. Hear how the Rock was part of the Wedding present when Aoife married Strongbow and many other exciting tales from its past.	€5 per adult. Kids free	2pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/405160983414519/
5th	Coolrain	Dickie Donnelly - live music	Sheeran's Pub	An evening not to be missed, Dickie Donnelly plays Sheerans pub Coolrain on Bank Holiday Sunday night @ 9pm.	No Cover charge	9pm	
6th	Glenbarrow	Glenbarrow/Capard Woodlands Guided Walk	Glenbarrow Car Park	2019 Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Grade B 10Km walk that will take 4 hrs. Led By Gerry Hanlon	€8 or Weekend ticket incl. annual mem/ship €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
7th	Abbeyleix	Watercolour Painting with Caroline Keane	Abbeyleix Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Join artist Caroline Keane in a wonderful exploration into watercolours	Free. Booking essential Places are limited.	3pm-5pm	Ph: 057 8730020 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th	Stradbally	Series of Writing Workshops - Jean O'Brien	Laois Arthouse, Stradbally	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. This is a chance for you to explore your stories in a lively and friendly atmosphere, whether through prose or poetry or a mixture of both. Share work by other writers, write your own pieces and share them on the last week.	€5. Booking essential. Limited numbers.	11am-1pm	Ph: 057 8664033/13 or email: artsoff@laoisco.co.ie - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
8th	Portlaoise	Open Quiz Night	Midlands Park Hotel	Interested in heritage or want to know what Laois Heritage Society do? Laois Heritage society presents this fun open quiz night. Meet the group and have some fun.	Free entry	8pm	Email: laoisheritagesociety@gmail.com to book your team of 4.
9th	Portarlington	Watercolour Cards Workshop with artist Caroline Keane	Portarlington Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Participants will learn some simple watercolour techniques to create simple and elegant cards or postcards.	Free. Booking required. Places are limited.	10:15am-11:30am	Ph: 057 8643751 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
9th	Rathdowney	Spuds & Spakes	Rathdowney Library	Join Michael Creagh and guests for a night of story and song. Sausages and Colcannon will also be served	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	8pm	Ph: 0505 46852 www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/rathdowney/
10th	Portarlington	Table Quiz - Friends Together Portarlington	Anvil Inn	1st/2nd/3rd prizes on the night and there will be a raffle with lots of prizes.		9:30pm	www.facebook.com/peopleofport/
10th	Portlaoise	What's The Story Rory?	Dunamais Arts Centre	Social media star 'Rory's Stories' debut theatre tour. Rory's Stories takes a hilarious and frank look at every aspect of Irish life. From the GAA to the Guards and everything in between. Not to be missed	€20/€18	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
10th & 11th	Rathdowney	Golf Classic in aid of Klobe Special School	Rathdowney Golf Club	Running Fri and sat in the golf club with prizes and presentations at 9.30pm on Sat	€100 for team of 4	Various tee times	Contact Alan 085 2804020 or Jason 086 8380843
11th	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Live music in the Courtyard at Kavanaghs.	Free	9.30pm	kavanaghspartlaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
11th	Luggacurren	EP Launch - Chasing Black Rainbows	Luggacurren Community Hall	A new collection of songs by Ballylinan songwriter Paul Hickey along with his band 'Soakin' Rope'. It will also feature Luggacurren traditional group 'Ól, Ceol agus Craic'. Assisted by the Arts Office, this will be a small intimate event with a warm welcome for all who attend.	€ 5	8:30pm-10:30pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/

11th	Mountmellick	Darkness Into Light	Meeting point: Mountmellick GAA	Darkness Into Light Mountmellick is an annual walk. Starting at 4am and crossing the finish line just as dawn is breaking. Adult (18+) €25.00 Student (18+) €20.00 Job-seeker €20.00 Senior (65+) €20.00 Child (6-17 yrs.) €5.00 Child (0-5 yrs.) Free	€25 per adult	4am	www.facebook.com/dilmountmellick/
11th	Rathdowney	Darkness Into Light	Meeting point: Rathdowney Parochial Hall	5km walk in aid of Pieta House. Adult (18+) €25.00 Student (18+) €20.00 Job-seeker €20.00 Senior (65+) €20.00 Child (6-17 yrs.) €5.00 Child (0-5 yrs.) Free	€25 per adult	4am	www.facebook.com/Darkness-into-Light-Rathdowney-581367345392461/
12th	Portlaoise	Colour Run	Togher Woods	Colour run in aid of Portlaoise Camogie Club.	Adult €15. Child €10. Family ticket €40	12pm	Early bird tickets available on Eventbrite.ie
12th	Kinnitty	Bluebell Walk - Ardara Hillwalking Club Guided Walk	Meeting point: Kinnitty Community Centre	Guided walk. Grade A. 4 hours.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	"Ph: John Scully on 086 240 5187
12th	Portlaoise	Aedean O'Hagan Ballet- Alice in Wonderland	Dunamais Arts Centre	Children from 3.5 years to 18 will perform in this wonderful adventure. Great music, dancing and costumes. A feast for the senses!	€18, €12 /Family ticket for 4 €50	2.30pm/7.30pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
12th	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free		www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
14th	Portlaoise	History Talk 1919 and the Irish War of Independence:	Portlaoise Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. 1919 and the Irish War of Independence: A National and Regional Perspective by Dr Richard McElligott.	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	7:30pm	Ph: 057 8622333 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
14th	Portlaoise	Take 2 Drama Productions present Cheque, Please!	Dunamais Arts Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival - details to follow	€16/€14	8pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
14th	Mountrath	Silk Fibre Workshop with artist Caroline Keane	Mountrath Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Participants will learn how to make silk fibre sheets and 3D pieces using silk fibres, threads and found objects.	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	10:30am-12:30pm	Ph: 057 8756378 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
14th	Portlaoise	National Theatre Live: All My Sons	Dunamais Arts Centre	Live streamed from the National Theatre London. Be there from the comfort of Dunamais Arts Centre. Starring Sally Field, Bill Pullman, Jenna Coleman and Colin Morgan.	€15/€12	Live from London, 7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

15th	Portlaoise	The Young At Heart Variety Show	Dunamais Arts Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Portlaoise Active Retirement are excited to be presenting their 2019 Bealtaine Show "The Young at Heart Variety Show". A show that includes music and memories of their time.	€5	2pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
16th	Portlaoise	A Perspective on Irish Birds and Biodiversity - Laois Heritage Society	Midlands Park Hotel	A talk by Ricky Whelan - Irish Wildlife Trust & Birdwatch Ireland.	€3 or members free	8pm	https://www.facebook.com/LaoisHeritageSociety/
17th	Portlaoise	The Strolling Homes	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Rolling Stones tribute band.	€9.50	9.30pm	kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
17th	Mountrath	Laois Sports Partnership Games Morning with Laois Men's Sheds	Mountrath Community Forum	A fun introduction to the game of "Scooch"!	Free. Booking is essential.	11am-1pm	Ph: 057 8671248
17th-19th	Clonaslee	Drop Out And Tune In- In Flow Retreat	Woodlandson g.com Guest House, Clonaslee	Wellness weekend including: hiking, mindfulness meditation, kinesiology demos, vegetarian food and fire ceremony.	€260-€360 depending on accommodation		inflowretreats@gmail.com or PH: Tom at 0879052686. Tickets on Eventbrite.
18th	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free		www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
18th	Portlaoise	Mosaic Making for Adults with Aidan Byrne	Dunamais Arts Centre	Suitable for complete beginners and people with previous experience in mosaic and other crafts	€95 incl. materials	9.30am - 4.30pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
18th	Portlaoise	Speak Out Drama Annual Showcase	Dunamais Arts Centre	Comedy sketches, dancing and singing presented by students from the drama branches in Portlaoise and Mucklagh, along with hip-hop branches from Mountrath, Portlaoise and Kilcormac.	€12/€8	12pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
18th	Monicknew	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Meet Monicknew car park	A magical expericene for kids of all ages. Bring your teddy and join us for a picnic in the woods. Enjoy a short woodland walk and listen to the magical Slieve Bloom stories. A visit from some local Alpacas is also planned.	€15 per child. Adults free	2pm	Call Trudy 087 7923367
18th	Portlaoise	Dysart Bluebell Guided Walk	Rock of Dunamais	Grade B. 10k. 3 hours. Led by Susan Lawlor.	€5 per walk or annual mem/ship €20	3pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloome.ie
18th	Portlaoise	Mary Black	Dunamais Arts Centre	An intimate gig with Mary and her all-star band playing favourite songs from her immense catalogue.	€ 35	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
18th	Borris-in-Ossory	Bingo, Music, Song and Dance	St. Canice's Hall	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. An afternoon of entertainment and afternoon tea organised by the Borris-in-Ossory Social Services Committee.	€ 2	2pm-5pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
19th	Ballyfin	Deadman's Dash 8km	Ballyfin	7th Annual 8km Deadman's Dash & marks the 60th anniversary of Ballyfin AC. Cash prizes & medals.	Senior: €15 Junior €8	11am	facebook.com/ballyfinac

19th	Portlaoise	Strength In Numbers	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover	7pm	www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
21st	Portlaoise	History Lecture	Portlaoise Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Fake News and Irish Freedom by Ian Keneally.	Free. Booking recommended. Places are limited.	7:30pm	Ph: 057 8622333 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
21st	Abbeyleix	Drawing for Beginners with Caroline Keane	Abbeyleix Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Drawing for Beginners with Caroline Keane	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	3pm-5pm	Ph: 057 8730020 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
21st	Portlaoise	What Good Is Looking Well If You're Rotten On The Inside	Dunamais Arts Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Critically-acclaimed show about emotional inheritance and grief for wasted creativity.	€18/€16	12pm/8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
23rd	Mountrath	Art Demo and Talk with Artist Tom Joyce	Mountrath Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Tom will demonstrate landscape painting techniques and explain composition, costs involved, how to choose and mix paints, what to buy and what not to buy.	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	6pm-8pm	Ph: 057 8756378 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
23rd	Portlaoise	Flower Arranging	Portlaoise Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Bring along your own flowers to create an arrangement under Edel's guidance at this workshop for beginners.	Free. Booking essential. Places are limited.	11am	Ph: 057 8622333 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
23rd	Durrow	Laois School of Music Orchestra - End of Year Gala Concert	Castle Durrow	The concert will feature some special guests including Harpers from Music Generation Laois.	€5 (includes complimentary tea/coffee).	7pm	Tickets will be on sale from Laois Music Centre.
24th, 25th	Portlaoise	Sive- Fourth Wall Theatre Group	Dunamais Arts Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Fourth Wall Laois Theatre Group's production of SIVE brings a contemporary credibility to J B Keane's masterpiece.	€16/€14	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
25th	Portlaoise	Slippery When Wet	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Slippery When Wet- The ultimate Bon Jovi tribute.	€15	9.30pm	kavanaghspportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
25th	Durrow	Wild Garlic Guided Walk	Castle Arms Hotel Durrow	Grade C. 5k. 2 hours. Led by Susan Lawlor	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	3pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
25th	Abbeyleix	Sunset Bat Walk	Abbeyleix Bog- meeting at The Manor Carpark	Joint venture hosted by Abbeyleix Bog Project, Kildare Bat Group and The Men's shed.	No cover charge	9.30pm	kildarebatgroup@gmail.com

25th	Killenard	Junior Scratch Cup	The Heritage Golf Resort	HCPS: 4-10. 1st prize €400 hotel and golf voucher.	€35/€15 - visitors/members	The time sheet is now live.	Ph: 057 8642321 - Ext 1 or www.brsgolf.com/heritage/openings_home.php
26th	Mountrath	Clear Lake and Kileen River Valley Guided Walk	Cattle Mart, Mountrath	Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slieveblooem.ie
26th	Camross	Bingo	Camross Parish Hall	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Join members of Camross Active Retirement Group for a fun afternoon of bingo. All are welcome to attend.	5	2pm	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
26th	Portlaoise	The AJs	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free		www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
28th	Portlaoise	History Lecture	Portlaoise Library	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Women of the Irish Revolution – The Wider World by Dr Kate O'Malley.	Free. Booking is recommended. Places are limited.	7:30pm	Ph: 057 8622333 - www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
28th	Ballyfin	Line Dancing	An Sean Chistin	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. Line dancing for fun. A warm welcome to all who have line dancing on their "to do list". Hospitality, fun and gentle exercise guaranteed.	Free	11am	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
29th	Portlaoise	Sing for Joy Choir	Parish Centre	Part of the Bealtaine Festival. This vibrant community choir offers a céad míle fáilte to come and enjoy songs to welcome summer. All are welcome to join this talented group for a very pleasant Bealtaine event.	Free (donations are welcome)	11am	www.laois.ie/departments/arts/festivals-events/bealtaine-festival/
31st	Killenard	Portugal Team Classic	The Heritage Gold Resort	Taking place over the June Bank Holiday weekend, the winners each day will be a guaranteed 4-day golf trip to Portugal with unlimited golf!	€160 per team	7am-5pm	Call: 0578642321 or facebook.com/theheritagegolfreresort
31st	Portlaoise	Alabama 3	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	The band behind 'The Sopranos' opening song 'Woke Up This Morning' performs at Kavanaghs.	€25	9.30pm	kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 862 1744
31st	Portlaoise	Transition Year Pink Ribbon Ball	Killeshin Hotel	Portlaoise No Name Club. Live music, prizes and much more. In aid of Breast Cancer Ireland & NNC.	€15 (incl. finger food)	7pm-12am	www.facebook.com/events/the-killeshin-hotel-leisure-club-portlaoise/transition-year-pink-ribbon-ball/2225100317806213/
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 Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9:30pm	www.facebook.com/kavanaghs/
3rd Wed of month	Portlaoise	Genealogy Club	Portlaoise Library	Connecting people, past and present. New members are welcome. Monthly meetings will offer the opportunity to chat with like-minded family history enthusiasts, learning from their experiences and sharing your unique family history stories.	Free	7:30pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
Every Wed	Portlaoise	Ciorcal Comhrá	Portlaoise Library	Join in Irish conversations in a relaxed atmosphere.	Free	5:15pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
Every Wed	Portlaoise	Board Games Club for Adults	Portlaoise Library	This group meet in the library. Bring a game or just yourself and join in the fun.	Free	7:30pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
Every Wed	Abbeyleix	Knitting Club	Abbeyleix Library	Bring your own work and join a knitting group. Meet new people and chat about the craft.	Free	10:30am	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/abbeyleix/
Every Wed	Portlaoise	Knitting/Crochet Group	Portlaoise Library	Bring your own work and join a knitting group. Meet new people and chat about the craft.	Free	11am	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
Every Wed	Mountmellick	Yoga & Mindfulness with Mary Kavanagh	Mountmellick Library	Participants can use a chair or a yoga mat.	Free. Booking is essential. Places are limited.	11:30am-12:30pm	Ph: 057 8644588 - www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/mountmellick-library/
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
Every Tues	Durrow	Craft Group	Durrow Library	All forms of crafting are welcome; knitting, crochet, paper crafts, jewellery etc. Come, work and have a chat and a cuppa!		2-4pm	Ph: 057 8736090
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	Adult Chess Club	Abbeyleix Library	All are welcome.	Free	6pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/abbeyleix/
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 Friday	Portarlinton	Knitting/Crochet Group	Portarlinton Library	Bring your own work and join a knitting group. Meet new people and chat about the craft.	Free	10:30am	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portarlinton/



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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	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Junior Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 2k event for juniors only (4-14 year olds). Please register before your first visit.	Free	11am	www.parkrun.ie/vicarstown-juniors
Every Sat	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 5k run - it's you against the clock.	Free	9:30am	www.parkrun.ie/vicarstown

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