

## Laois Tourism -What's on this August

| Date           | Location   | Event  | Where                          | In a Nutshell   | Cost                                    | Time              | Find Out More   |
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| 29th - 6th Aug | Durrow     | Durrow Scarecrow Festival                          | Various location around Durrow | The highly recommended 9th Scarecrow Festival running over 9 days with family fun, arts, crafts, food and scarecrow fun all week. See site for festival programme | Varies – see site                       | Varies – see site | <a href="http://durrowscarecrowfestival.com/">http://durrowscarecrowfestival.com/</a> |
| 1st            | Ballyfin   | Pop Up Gaeltacht                                   | An Sean Chistin                | Come along and practice the Cupla Focal to celebrate Bliain na Gaeilge  | Free                                    | 8pm               | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 2nd            | Durrow     | Leafy Loop Guided Walk                             | Castle Arms Hotel Durrow       | 10km grade B walk, 3 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship        | 7pm               | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>                     |
| 2nd            | Mountrath  | Hidden Sessions - Ciaran Tourish and Kevin Doherty | Roundwood House                | Traditional Irish music session with Ciaran Tourish and Kevin Doherty - Bring along your instrument. Pizza served throughout the evening                          | €25                                     | 8pm               | <a href="http://www.roundwoodhouse.ie">www.roundwoodhouse.ie</a>                      |
| 2nd            | Ballyfin   | Laois Matters                                      | An Sean Chistin                | Celebrating the people of Laois in music, song & dance  |   | 8pm               | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 2nd            | Portlaoise | 101% Panthera                                      | Kavanaghs Bar & Venue          | Live Music. The band is the only Pantera tribute act endorsed and supported by Dean Guitars.  | €12                                     | 9.30pm            | <a href="http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com">http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com</a>           |
| 3rd            | Ballyfin   | Céilí Mór  | Community Centre               | Céilí Mór with Johnny Reidy   | €10                                     | 9.30pm            | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 4th            | Portlaoise | Mack Fleetwood                                     | Kavanaghs Bar & Venue          | Live Music. Ireland's premier tribute to the Supergroup Fleetwood Mac   | €15                                     | 9.30pm            | <a href="http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com">http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com</a>           |
| 4th            | Ballyfin   | Sean Nos and Brush Dancing Workshops               | An Sean Chistin                | Sean Nos and Brush Dancing Workshops.   | €10 (tea/coffee inc/bring packed lunch) | 11am-4pm          | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 4th            | Mountrath  | Cottage Market                                     | The Macra Hall                 | Local artisan market  |   | 10am-2pm          |   |
| 5th & 6th      | Stradbally | Stradbally Steam Rally                             | Cosby Lawn, Stradbally         | Ireland's premier steam and vintage rally   | €10 children u/12 Free                  | 10am              | Facebook: Stradbally Steam Rally  |
| 5th & 6th      | Stradbally | Under the Tree Kids Crafts                         | Cosby Lawn, Stradbally         | Craft workshops for children  |   | 10am              | Facebook: Stradbally Steam Rally  |
| 5th            | Ballyfin   | Slán Abhaile Session                               | An Sean Chistin                | Final gathering of the Festival   |   | 7.30pm            | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 5th            | Camross    | Parish Social & Dance                              | Community Centre               | Great evening planned with music by Glen Flynn  | €8 (incs supper)                        | 9pm               |   |

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| 5th         | Kinnitty        | Slieve Bloom Guided Walk                         | Kinnitty Community Centre   | Glendine West Walk. Grade A 10K. 4 hours   | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 11am                        | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 6th         | Abbeyleix       | Garden Fete 2018                                 | Abbeyleix Rectory           | Family fun day with something for everyone   |  | 2pm                         |  |
| 6th         | Spink Mountain  | Paul's Lane/ Spink Mountain/ Silver River walk   | Cadamstown Car Park         | 8km grade B walk, 3 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 7pm                         | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 7th         | Clonaslee       | Brittas Lake and Castlecuff Woodland Guided Walk | Clonaslee Community Centre  | 8km grade C walk, 3 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 11am                        | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 8th         | Ballacolla      | 5K Run and Walk                                  | Hawthorn Community Building | Fun run in aid of Ballacolla Before and After School Den   | €10, kids free                                       | Reg at 6.45 race 7.30 sharp | Danny 087 7408266  |
| 9th         | Mountmellick    | Writing Workshop for 12 - 15 year olds           | Mountmellick Library        | Writing workshop with Laois author Andrea Carter   | Free   | 2:30pm                      | Booking essential 057 86 44572   |
| 9th         | Durrow          | Bishops Tree Guided Walk                         | Castle Arms Hotel Durrow    | 10km grade B walk, 4 hours   | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 11am                        | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 10th        | Portlaoise      | Table Quiz                                       | Kavanaghs Bar & Venue       | Friends of Portlaoise Hospital are organising a charity table quiz in aid of the hospital                    | €40 for team of 4                                    | 8pm                         | <a href="http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com">http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com</a>    |
| 11th        | Abbeyleix       | Abbeyleix GAA Golf Classic                       | Abbeyleix Golf Club         | In aid of Abbeyleix GAA, various tee times available   | €100 for team of 4                                   | See tee times               | Niall 086 7219728 or Richie 086 9254754  |
| 12th        | Port Arlington  | Family Fun Day                                   | People's Park               | Lots of attractions for every age group ink free swimming session, live music, bouncy castles                | Free   | 2pm - 5pm                   |  |
| 14th        | Ridge of Capped | Lost Village Loop Guided Walk                    | Ridge of Canard Car Park    | 6km grade B walk, 2 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 7pm                         | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 16th        | Abbeyleix       | Bog Walk - Guided Walk                           | Manor Hotel                 | 8km grade B walk, 2 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual m/ship                     | 7pm                         | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>              |
| 18th        | The Heath       | Laois Vintage Road Run                           | Treacy's The Heath          | Featuring both Vintage cars and tractors. Run to Lullymore and return to Treacy's for food and entertainment | Entry Fees and donations all in aid of Laois Hospice | 10am Road Run               | Ger Whelan 087 2530124   |
| 18th & 26th | Stradbally      | Stradbally Hall Guided Tours                     | Stradbally Hall             | Guided tours of Stradbally Hall, specially open for Heritage Week  | €10 adult, Children free.                            | 9am - 1pm                   | 086 851 9272/ <a href="http://www.stradballyhall.ie">www.stradballyhall.ie</a> |

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| 18th        | Portlaoise       | What Good is Looking Well When you're rotten on the Inside | Dunamasie Arts Centre                        | Live Theatre  | €18/€16                              | 8pm              | "www.dunamaisie.ie or 057 866 3355  |
| 18th        | Vicarstown       | Waterways for Wildlife                                     | Vicarstown Hall                              | Explore the wildlife of the Grand Canal Barrow Line with the Irish Wildlife Trust | Free                                 | 11am             | <a href="https://iwt.ie/events/">https://iwt.ie/events/</a>   |
| 18th        | Mountmellick     | Coins & Measurements For Children                          | Mountmellick Library                         | Children's Interactive Event organised by Mountmellick Heritage Society           | Free                                 | 11am - 2pm       | 057 864 4572 or email mary.e.obrien2@gmail.com  |
| 18th        | Timahoe          | Bat Walk   | The Green                                    | See and hear the bats of Timahoe, using bat detectors                             | Free                                 | 8:30pm - 10:00pm | 057 866 4129<br><a href="http://www.laois.ie/heritage">www.laois.ie/heritage</a>  |
| 19th & 26th | Emo Court        | Guided tours of Emo Court with Guides in Costume           | Emo Court                                    | Come join us for free tours of Emo Court with Guides in Historical Costume.       | Free                                 | 10am - 5pm       | 057 862 6573 / <a href="mailto:emocourt@opw.ie">emocourt@opw.ie</a>   |
| 19th        | Garryhinch Woods | Family Nature Walk   | Garryhinch Woods                             | A family nature walk & talk   | Free                                 | 11:00am          | <a href="mailto:barbara.iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com">barbara.iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com</a>  |
| 19th        | Timahoe          | Launch of Timahoe Conservation Plan                        | Timahoe Heritage Centre                      | Launch of the conservation plan for the monastic site at Timahoe                  | Free                                 | 7pm - 8pm        | <a href="https://www.heritageweek.ie/whatson/event/launch-of-timahoe-conservation-plan">https://www.heritageweek.ie/whatson/event/launch-of-timahoe-conservation-plan</a> |
| 19th        | Abbeyleix        | Abbeyleix Estate open day                                  | Abbeyleix Estate                             | Abbeyleix Estate annual open day  | €5                                   | 1pm - 6pm        | <a href="http://www.heritageweek.ie">www.heritageweek.ie</a>  |
| 19th        | Emo Court        | Beekeeping Demonstration                                   | Emo Court                                    | Demonstration on beekeeping   | Free                                 | 12pm             | 086 810 7916<br><a href="mailto:emocourt@opw.ie">emocourt@opw.ie</a>  |
| 19th        | Emo Court        | Emo Court Nature Walk                                      | Emo Court                                    | As part of Heritage Week take a walk on the wild side at Emo Court                | Free                                 | 12pm             | <a href="http://www.laoisoutdooreducation.ie">www.laoisoutdooreducation.ie</a>  |
| 19th        | Stradbally       | Industrial Steam & Vintage Trains                          | Stradbally Woodland Railway, Stradbally Hall | Take a trip on a steam train through the woods                                    | Adults €7<br>Kids free<br>Family €18 | 12pm - 4pm       | <a href="http://www.stradballyrailway.webs.com">www.stradballyrailway.webs.com</a>  |
| 19th        | Portlaoise       | Historic Portlaoise Tour                                   | County Hall                                  | A walk through the secret history of Portlaoise, with Michael Parsons.            | Free                                 | 3pm              | 057 866 4129  |
| 19th        | The Heath        | The Heath - Prehistoric Connections                        | Meet Heath NS                                | A walking tour of the Heath, Portlaoise, with Archaeologist Eoin Sullivan         | Free                                 | 6pm              | 087 249 4596  |
| 20th        | Emo Park Woods   | Reconnect with Nature                                      | Emo Park Woods                               | Forest school inspired family fun, exploring nature together                      | Free                                 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm  | <a href="mailto:reconnectwithnatureirl@gmail.com">reconnectwithnatureirl@gmail.com</a>  |
| 20th        | Emo Park Woods   | Women in the Woods   | Emo Park Woods                               | An evening of nature connection activities for women                              | Free but booking essential           | 6.30pm - 8.30pm  | <a href="mailto:reconnectwithnatureirl@gmail.com">reconnectwithnatureirl@gmail.com</a>  |

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| 20th              | Rathdowney                             | Young Yarns with Michael Creagh    | Rathdowney   | Join storyteller Michael Creagh for a night of music, poetry and storytelling   | Free                                 | 8pm  | 0505 46852<br><a href="http://www.laois.ie/departments/libraries">www.laois.ie/departments/libraries</a> |
| 20th              | Mountmellick                           | Historic Maps of Mountmellick      | Mountmellick Library   | Talk on the historic maps of Mountmellick and area, by Dr Arnold Horner   | Free                                 | 7.30pm   | 057 866 4129<br><a href="mailto:ccasey@laoiscoo.ie">ccasey@laoiscoo.ie</a>                               |
| 21st              | Glenbarrow                             | Buailnacaora Loop Guided Walk      | Glenbarrow Car Park  | 9km grade B walk, 3 hours   | €5 per walk or €20 annual membership | 7pm  | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a>  |
| 21st              | Mountrath                              | Family Nature Walk                 | The Park -Kiln Lane  | Family nature around the estate and surrounding area.   | Free                                 | 11am   | Margaretmoores316@gmail.com / 083 1467257  |
| 21st              | Portlaoise                             | Straw Craft For Adults             | Portlaoise Library   | Straw Craft Workshop for adults   | Free                                 | 11am   | 057 862 2333/<br><a href="mailto:scarroll@laoiscoo.ie">scarroll@laoiscoo.ie</a>                          |
| 21st              | Mountmellick                           | Talk on Glenbarrow by Tom Joyce    | Mountmellick Library   | Join local artist Tom Joyce for a talk on Glenbarrow  | Free                                 | 7.30pm   | 057 864 4572/<br><a href="mailto:bconnell@laoiscoco.ie">bconnell@laoiscoco.ie</a>                        |
| 21st              | Castletown                             | The Dipper, In Its Natural Habitat | Castletown Bridge  | Join BirdWatch Ireland to observe these beautiful river birds in their natural habitat  | Free                                 | 7.30pm   | 086 229 1637 /<br><a href="mailto:birdwatchlaois@gmail.com">birdwatchlaois@gmail.com</a>                 |
| 21st              | Abbeyleix                              | The Folklore of Co. Laois          | Heritage House   | Learn about the folklore of Abbeyleix and Laois as we delve into the National Folklore archive                                    | Free                                 | 7.30pm   | 057 873 1653/<br><a href="mailto:info@abbeyleixheritagehouse.com">info@abbeyleixheritagehouse.com</a>    |
| 21st              | Portlaoise                             | Violence, Ridicule and Silence     | Midlands Park Hotel  | Violence, ridicule and silence: the archives of women's votes, 1918-2018  | Free                                 | 8pm  | 086 043 7656 /<br><a href="mailto:michaelparsons@eircom.net">michaelparsons@eircom.net</a>               |
| 21st              | Portlaoise, Abbeyleix and Mountmellick | Naturally Wild with Dale Treadwell | Portlaoise Library, Mountmellick Library & Abbeyleix Library | Dale Treadwell reads from his books 'Harry the Hedgehog' and 'Roddy the Robin' and explores lots of Irish wildlife                | Free but booking essential           | 10am Portlaoise, 12pm Mountmellick & 3pm Abbeyleix | <a href="http://www.laois.ie/departments/libraries">www.laois.ie/departments/libraries</a>               |
| 21st, 22nd & 24th | Portlaoise, Abbeyleix and Mountmellick | Genealogy Clinic in the Library    | Portlaoise Library, Mountmellick Library & Abbeyleix Library | Book in for a free thirty minute, one-to-one advice clinic with library staff. Portlaoise 22nd, Mountmellick 21st, Abbeyleix 24th | Free but booking essential           | from 10am  | <a href="http://www.laois.ie/departments/libraries">www.laois.ie/departments/libraries</a>               |
| 21st - 24th       | Various locations                      | Irish History Live                 | Various Libraries  | Michael Moylan brings history to life with costumes and artefacts of historic periods.  | Free but booking essential           | Various times - see your local library for details | <a href="http://www.laois.ie/departments/libraries">www.laois.ie/departments/libraries</a>               |

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| 22nd | Mountmellick | Mountmellick Embroidery Workshop       | Mountmellick Embroidery Museum | Workshop on Mountmellick Embroidery by Master Practitioners of the craft.   | Free                                 | 2pm              | 057 862 4525/<br>themuse@mdaltd.ie                                |
| 22nd | Mountrath    | Straw Craft For Children               | Mountrath Library              | Straw Craft Workshop for Children   | Free                                 | 10.30am & 2.30pm | 057 - 8756378 /<br>tkenny@laoiscoo.ie                             |
| 22nd | Portlaoise   | 'On Raglan Road'                       | Portlaoise Library             | Gerard Hanberry introduces the great Irish love songs and the women who inspired them.                                | Free but booking essential           | 6.30pm           | 057 8622333 /<br>scarroll@laoiscoo.ie                             |
| 22nd | Portlaoise   | The Wolfhill Coalmine Project          | Dunamais Arts Centre           | Exhibition and documentary screening on 22nd. Mixed media exhibition runs all month.                                  | Free but booking essential           | 7pm (22nd)       | www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355                                   |
| 22nd | Raheen       | Lalor Family House Restoration Fun Day | Tenakill, Raheen               | Family fun day and Sponsor a slate restoration fund, history and pageant of the Lalor family.                         | Free, Slates 5euro each              | 11am - 4:30pm    | melalorfitzpatrick@gmail.com                                      |
| 22nd | Abbeyleix    | Guided Walking Tour of Abbeyleix       | Abbeyleix Heritage House       | Hear the stories of the town and share your own as we take a stroll back in time.                                     | Free                                 | 10am and 2pm     | 057 873 1653 /<br>info@abbeyleixheritage.com                      |
| 23rd | Durrow       | Nore River Guided Walk                 | Castle Arms Hotel Durrow       | 9km grade B walk, 2 hours   | €5 per walk or €20 annual membership | 7pm              | <a href="http://www.slivebloom.ie/">http://www.slivebloom.ie/</a> |
| 23rd | Mountmellick | In Search of the Pine Marten           | The Forum, Mountmellick        | Exhibition of Photographs, and stories of Pine Martins  | Free                                 | 7:30 - 9pm       | www.theforum-mountmellick.com                                     |
| 23rd | Killennard   | Tour of Landlord's Georgian House      | Mount St. Anne's               | A Guided Tour of the house and walled gardens built by Landlord Edward Randal Skeffington-Smith in 1820               | Free                                 | 10am - 4pm       | 057 862 6153 /<br>www.mountstannes.com                            |
| 23rd | Durrow       | Tales of a Small Estate                | Castlewood Farm Shop           | an informal talk about the people and stories of Castlewood through the ages and a stroll around the picturesque farm | Free                                 | 3pm              | 087 9694070 /<br>farmerdominic@yahoo.co.uk                        |
| 23rd | Portlaoise   | The DNA Atlas of Ireland               | Portlaoise Library             | Talk by Edmund Gilbert on the DNA Atlas of Ireland, a collaborative study of the historic DNA of the Irish population | Free                                 | 6.30pm           | 057 8622333 /<br>scarroll@laoiscoo.ie                             |
| 23rd | Stradbally   | Stradbally Hall in the 18th Century    | Stradbally Library             | A talk by Clair McDonald on the 18th century's profound impact on the landscape of the Cosby Estate                   | Free                                 | 7pm              | 057 8641673 /<br>jshead@laoiscoo.ie                               |

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| 23rd        | Portlaoise       | County Laois Swift Survey 2018                      | Parish Centre                 | Join BirdWatch Ireland to hear the preliminary results of the 2018 Laois Swift Survey.   | Free                            | 8pm                                 | 057 915 1676/<br>rwhelan@birdwatchireland.ie     |
| 23rd        | Portlaoise       | A talk on Rathdaire House                           | Midlands Park Hotel           | An architectural and historic appraisal of Rathadair House in Co. Laois by Mairtin D'Alton   | Free                            | 8pm                                 | 086 210 2397 /<br>laoisheritagesociety@gmail.com |
| 23rd        | Portarlinton     | Lea Castle Conservation Up date                     | Portarlinton Library          | The Lea Castle Conservation Project Working Group are delighted to give a public update on the work  | Free                            | 8pm                                 | info@leacastle.ie                                |
| 23,24,25,26 | Ballyfin         | Sharing our Story of Dance                          | An Sean Chistin               | Sharing our story of dance and connecting Irish set dancers with a group of set dancers from Provence, France.   | €10 per day                     | 10am - 1.30pm each day<br>23rd-26th | 087 648 2038 /<br>seanchistin@gmail.com          |
| 24th        | Abbeyleix        | Kid's Shipwreck Dig                                 | Heritage House                | Sift, search and dig through the sand to discover the history buried beneath our feet!   | €5 per child suitable 6-12yrs   | 11am and 2pm                        | 057 873 1653 /<br>info@abbeyleixheritage.com     |
| 24th & 25th | Portlaoise       | Portlaoise Musical Society 20th Anniversary Concert | Dunamaise Arts Centre         | Featuring songs from their past shows.   | €20                             | 8pm                                 | www.dunamaise.ie or 057 866 3355                 |
| 24th & 25th | Durrow           | Bulfin Heritage Cycle                               | Durrow and countywide         | A 2 day vintage cycle, detailing the history of Laois along the way with great food and banter. Culminating on the Rock of Dunamaise for a pageant of the seven septs. Ticket, includes all organised events and food & camping. | €125 for w/end or €40 for day   | 11:45am - Late                      | www.bulfinheritagecycle.com                      |
| 24th        | Rock of Dunamase | Sunset on The Rock of Dunamase                      | Rock of Dunamase              | Enjoy a sunset guided tour of The Rock of Dunamase.  | Free                            | 6.30pm                              | 087 792 3367/<br>info@experiencinglaois.com      |
| 24th        | Ballybrittas     | Whiskey Tasting Evening                             | Clanmalire House Ballybrittas | Representatives of Irish Distillers will give a talk about some of their products. Tasting also included!  | €25 (fundraiser for Lea Castle) | 8pm                                 | info@leacastle.ie                                |
| 24th        | Portlaoise       | Smash Hits  | Kavanaghs Bar & Venue         | Live Music - 90s music   | €18                             | 9.30pm                              | http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com                   |
| 25th        | Portlaoise       | Clay Days - Earth Building Stories                  | Parish Centre                 | Learn all about earth buildings, how they are built and see videos of beautiful earthen homes.   | Free                            | 9am - 12pm                          | 083 108 9420 /<br>davelaois@gmail.com            |

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| 25th          | Abbeyleix     | Folklore and Fun Day                | Heritage House                         | Create traditional crafts, old Irish playground games, hear ancient Irish stories and create your storyboards                                       | €5 per child suitable 6-12yrs        | 12pm - 3pm   | 057 873 1653 / info@abbeyleixheritage.com                                   |
| 25th          | Emo Court     | "Sin a Bhfuil" Tunes and Stories    | Emo Court                              | 2018 Siansa Gael linn finalists "Sin a bhfuil" perform a selection of traditional music and share stories in the stunning marble salon at Emo Court | Free                                 | 2pm          | 057 862 6573 / emocourt@opw.ie  |
| 25th          | Portlaoise    | Portlaoise Nature Walk              | Parish Centre                          | Family-friendly nature walk around Portlaoise   | Free                                 | 2pm          | 087 774 1846 / info@laoisoutdooreducation.ie                                |
| 25th          | Mountmellick  | A Return to the Rainbow Gathering   | The Hare's Corner                      | A family friendly gathering to mark the 25th anniversary of the European Rainbow Gathering  | Free                                 | 4pm - 7pm    | 087 250 9663 / jwhelan@communicateireland.ie                                |
| 26th          | Ballyfin      | Céilí Mór                           | An Sean Chistin                        | All dancers welcome, refreshments will be served.   | €10                                  | 4pm-6pm      | 087 648 2038 / seanchistin@gmail.com  |
| 26th          | Mountrath     | 'Bee Smart' - Pollinator Party!     | Mountrath Amenity Area                 | This family friendly event provides an opportunity for all ages to celebrate the life & work of honey bees & other native bees                      | Free                                 | 2pm - 4.30pm | 087 773 3050 / mountrathdevass@gmail.com                                    |
| 26th          | Stradbally    | Farm and Brewery Tour               | Ballykilcavan Farm                     | Hear the stories of Ballykilcavan on a farm tour including a look at the new on-farm brewery  | Free                                 | 2pm          | 086 348 4128 / david@ballykilcavan.com                                      |
| 26th          | Portarlington | Tractor Run                         | Portarlington                          | Charity tractor run in aid of Portarlington Community Development Assoc.  |                                      | 11am         | Eddie Fitzpatrick 087 2580428   |
| 28th          | Dysart        | Dysart Woodland Guided Walk         | Dysart Woodland Car Park (GR: S532976) | 9km grade B walk, 3 hours   | €5 per walk or €20 annual membership | 7pm          | <a href="http://www.slievebloom.ie/">http://www.slievebloom.ie/</a>         |
| 30th          | Durrow        | Evening Flora and Fauna Guided Walk | Castle Arms Hotel Durrow               | 6km grade C walk 2 hours  | €5 per walk or €20 annual membership | 7pm          | <a href="http://www.slievebloom.ie/">http://www.slievebloom.ie/</a>         |
| 31st-2nd Sept | Stradbally    | Electric Picnic                     | Stradbally Hall                        | The much loved EP is back in Laois for 2018. Enjoy!   | Sold Out                             |              | <a href="https://www.electricpicnic.ie/">https://www.electricpicnic.ie/</a> |
| Every Weekend | Slieve Blooms | Organised walks                     | Countywide                             | Organised walks every weekend, maps downloadable on the site  | €5 per walk or annual ticket         | 11am         | www.slieveblooms.ie   |
| Every Tues    | Portlaoise    | Ukulele Tuesday                     | Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar            | Bring your Ukulele  | Free                                 | 9pm          | www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com   |

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| Every Tues   | Portlaoise        | Comhaltas Seisiún                        | Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard | Comhaltas Seisiún   | Free  | 8pm                           | www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com                        |
| Every Tues   | Vicarstown        | Bicycle Ride                             | Creans Inn                      | Casual Cycle  | Free  | 6:40pm                        | www.laoissports.ie                                 |
| Every Wednes | Abbeyleix         | Spink Comhaltas Summer Seisiun           | Heritage House                  | Weekly free session by the talented musicians of Spink Comhaltas                                    | Free  | 8pm-10pm                      | music@spinkcomhaltas.ie                            |
| 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 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.kavanaghsportlaoise.com                        |
| All Summer   | Various locations | Summer programme in all Laois Library's. | All Laois                       | Full programme of events from storytelling, reading challenge and drawing classes                   | Mainly free - check local Libraries for details | Check with Libraries          | see @laoislibraries on Facebook or call to Library |

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