

## Laois Tourism -What's on this August

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a Nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
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	

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>

18th	Portlaoise	What Good is Looking Well When you're rotten on the Inside	Dunamasie Arts Centre	Live Theatre	€18/€16	8pm	"www.dunamaise.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 <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 <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 Kids free 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>

20th	Rathdowney	Young Yarns with Michael Creagh	Rathdowney	Join storyteller Michael Creagh for a night of music, poetry and storytelling	Free	8pm	0505 46852 <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 <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/ <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/ <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 / <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/ <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 / <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>

22nd	Mountmellick	Mountmellick Embroidery Workshop	Mountmellick Embroidery Museum	Workshop on Mountmellick Embroidery by Master Practitioners of the craft.	Free	2pm	057 862 4525/ themuse@mdaltd.ie
22nd	Mountrath	Straw Craft For Children	Mountrath Library	Straw Craft Workshop for Children	Free	10.30am & 2.30pm	057 - 8756378 / 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 / 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 / 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 / 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 / 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 / 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 / jshead@laoiscoo.ie

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/ 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 / 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 23rd-26th	087 648 2038 / 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 / 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/ 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 / davelaois@gmail.com

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

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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