

Laois Tourism -What's on this December

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
1st	Coolrain	Geraldine & Kinfolk	Sheeran's Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
1st	Portarlinton	Half The Truth	The Anvil Inn	The guys will be starting off the December madness this weekend!	No cover charge.	10:30pm-12:30am	www.facebook.com
1st	Ballyroan	Book Launch	Ballyroan Community Hall	Portlaoise native, Pauric Lodge will officially launch a unique and remarkable book. This book is a unique combination of the history of Ballyroan GAA and of Ballyroan Village.	No cover charge.	8pm	www.facebook.com
1st	Timahoe	Christmas Lights Event	Village Green	Timahoe's Christmas lights will be officially switched on at this event. Festive carols and a warm festive cuppa in The Corner Shop! All are welcome.	Free	6pm	www.facebook.com
1st	Vicarstown	Table Quiz	Vicarstown Inn	Annanough GAA club are running a table quiz. All are welcome.	€40 for a table of 4		www.facebook.com
1st	Mountrath	Christmas Cottage Market	Macra Hall, Main Street	There will be approximately 30 marketeers on the day. Christmas eats, treats & a few surprises for young & old!	Free entry	10am-2pm	www.facebook.com
1st	Portlaoise	Craft Fair	Treo Nua Portlaoise Resource Centre	Crafty Ladies will be having a craft fair for local crafters.	Free entry	12:30pm to 5pm	www.facebook.com
1st	Mountrath	Annual Photographic Exhibition	On display in the building formerly known as The Cutting Edge	A photo exhibition by Mountrath & District Camera Club. Photographs on display will be available to purchase. All are welcome.	Free entry	11am-3pm	
1st	Portlaoise	Fred Cooke & Bernard Casey - Kavanagh's Comedy Club	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Fred Cooke delivers a unique brand of comedy through his musical prowess and wild, crafted physical storytelling. Bernard Casey is a brand new type of comic; young and rural but very much a 21st century man.	€ 14	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
1st	Portlaoise	The Fanzines	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue - Courtyard	Live music.	Free	10pm-1am	www.facebook.com
1st-2nd	Killeshin	Oisín Players present 'Nobody's Talking To Me'	The Glenside Lounge	Stand by for a night of hilarious one-liners and put-downs as 'Nobody's Talking To Me' takes you on a two-hour rollercoaster of Irish comedy. Set in rural Ireland in 1969. A play written by playwright, Tommy Marren.	€ 10	8pm	Ph: 087 990 5205 for enquiries.

1st-2nd	Emo	Santa's Grotto	Emo Court	Each child will be greeted by Ellie Elf & brought to Santa's beautiful grotto where they will help Mrs Claus prepare her cookies, have a chat with Santa & receive a gift. Afterwards, they will have hot chocolate & a cookie in the Tea Rooms.	€15 per child. Adults go free.	Booking by prior reservation.	Ph: 057 8633964 (9:30am-4pm)
2nd	Timahoe	Visit Santa Claus	The Heritage Centre	All are welcome to come along and see Santa Claus.	Free entry	After Sunday Mass	
2nd	Emo Court	Emo Court walk	Meet at entrance gates, Emo Village	Grade C. 8k. 2-3 hours.	€5 for non-member	11am-3pm	Gerry Hanlon - 086 821 0056
2nd	Portlaoise	Signing Santa	The Pantry, Main St	Signing Santa is to provide the deaf, hard of hearing and coda (children of deaf adults) with an opportunity to meet and communicate with a Santa that communicates using IS.	Free. Bring your own gift.	Appointment only	midlandsislearners@gmail.com
2nd	Abbeyleix	Birdwatching	The Square, Abbeyleix	The Laois Branch of BirdWatch Ireland is visiting a field of wild bird cover and an interesting wetland site in the county.	Free	9am	
2nd	Coolrain	Tommy Foley	Sheeran's Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.		Ph: 086 807 8842
2nd	Portlaoise	Al & James - The AJs	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.	8pm	Ph: 057 8621744
2nd	Portarlinton	Christmas Tree Lighting Event	Portarlinton	Kiddies' party (3-5pm). Face painting, balloon artist, sweets & disco. Santa will arrive at his grotto at 5pm.	Free entry	3pm (tree will be switched on at 5:30pm)	www.facebook.com
2nd	Mountmellick	Christmas Fair	O'Connell Square	Over 45 stalls selling seasonal crafts and foods will create the ideal festival afternoon. There will be carol-singing, Santa in his grotto, mulled wine, a huge raffle, live music and dancing by local groups.	Free entry	1pm-6pm	
4th	Portarlinton	Santa at McGreals	McGreals Pharmacy	Santa will have a free gift and a free photo for every child. Santa letters available in-store that can be posted in our Santa post box. Santa replies to every child before Christmas by post.	No admission fee.	1pm-5pm	www.facebook.com
4th-5th	Portlaoise	The Nutcracker	Dunamais Arts Centre	Experience the beauty and quintessential Christmas magic of Ballet Ireland's The Nutcracker, performed by an international cast of world-class dancers, with glittering costumes and Tchaikovsky's beloved & sumptuous score.	€22/€20/€64 (family of 4)	7pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8662255
5th-7th	Stradbally	Christmas Floral Demonstration - Stradbally Flower & Garden Club	St. Joseph's Hall	Beautiful arrangements with a Christmas theme. A raffle will be held. Refreshments will be served.	€ 10	8pm	

5th-7th	Portarlinton	Legally Blonde - The Musical	Coláiste Íosagáin	A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the movie, Legally Blonde The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances	€ 10	7:30pm	Tickets on sale at the school reception.
6th	Portlaoise	Winter Wedding Showcase	The Killeshin Hotel	Whisk yourself away to our winter wonderland wedding showcase and see all that we have to offer for your special day.	No cover charge.	7pm-9pm	www.facebook.com
6th	Portarlinton	Santa Claus is coming to Portarlinton Pharmacy	Portarlinton Pharmacy	Pop in-store and meet the big man himself before Christmas. You can tell him how good you've been and what you'd like for Christmas. You'll also get a special present.	No cover charge.	2pm-5pm	www.facebook.com
6th	Portlaoise	Christmas Cracker Night	Kilminchy Pharmacy	25% off everything (excluding prescriptions). Nibbles, spot prizes, dress-up. Best dressed prize. Music & loads of festive fun.	Free entry	7pm-9pm	www.facebook.com
6th	Portarlinton	Portarlinton Concert Band/ Portarlinton Male Voice Choir - Concert	Portarlinton Golf Club	Portarlinton Concert Band will be giving their first performance, as part of an evening of music with Portarlinton Male Voice Choir. The audience can look forward to a mix of Dixie and classical tunes.		7:30pm	
6th	Abbeyleix	Equestrian Clearance Sale	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	Massive discounts across a wide range of top brands. Hosted by Doagh Equestrian.	Free entry	4pm-9pm	www.facebook.com
6th	Portarlinton	Walk for ChildLine (5k Christmas walk)	Derryounce Woods	Organised by Adrian Dunne Pharmacy. All proceeds go towards ChildLine. Refreshments served afterwards.	€5 per person or €10 per family.	6:30pm-10pm	Sign up in-store.
6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	Killenard	Traditional Music	The Heritage Hotel & Spa	Traditional music in the bar.	Free	9:30pm-11:30pm	Ph: 057 8645500
6th-7th	Portlaoise	The Wizard of Oz - School Musical	Portlaoise College	Musical production of 'The Wizard of Oz' by Portlaoise College. It promises to be an evening of family fun and entertainment.	€10 per adult, €5 for OAPs & students	Doors open at 7pm	Tickets available from the school office or from All Books, Lyster Square.
7th	Portarlinton	Book launch - 'Whisperings of My Soul'	Portarlinton GAA Centre, McCann Park, Canal Road	Fr. Seán Hyland launches his book, 'Whisperings of My Soul', with the help of Bishop Denis Nulty. There will also be festive carols & hymns sung by the Finnegan-Newell Choir and an Irish Dancing exhibition.	No cover charge.	8pm	Contact Fr. Seán at hylandjohnliz@yahoo.ie / Ph: 087 948 6769.
7th	Durrow	Table Quiz	Dec's Bar	Teams of 4. Hosted by Lions AFC, Durrow.		9:30pm	www.facebook.com

7th	Portlaoise	Sports Table Quiz	De Brun's at Hume's	Laois RISSC are holding a big fundraising night in aid of the Cuisle Cancer Support Centre, Portlaoise combined with their Christmas party. The night gets underway with a fun sports themed table quiz. There's a draw for spot prizes on the night, as well as a prize for the best Christmas jumper. Music by Colly O'Brien to round off the night.	€40 for a table of 4 (includes finger food & music)	8pm	www.facebook.com
7th	Portlaoise	Kevin Morrin & Band	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music. Upstairs.	€ 12	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
7th	Portlaoise	Vocales present Winter, Fire & Snow.	Dunamais Arts Centre	Ease yourself into the festive season and delight your senses for a memorable musical experience with Portlaoise group Vocales (Nuala Kelly, Georgina Cathcart and Vivienne Graham).	€ 15	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8662255
7th	Mountmellick	Solo Exhibition - Conversations with Blue	The Gallery at Mountmellick Library	Aishling Hennessy will be showcasing a new, vibrant body of work. There will be light refreshments and some creativity for all on the night. All are welcome.	Free entry	6:30pm-8pm	Ph: 057 8644572 for further details.
7th	Mountmellick	The Rising Sons	Chamber Lane	Fundraiser for Laois Dyslexia Support Group. Live music & raffle.	€ 10	8pm	www.facebook.com
7th	Portarlington	Red/Festive Dress Night	The Forge at The Anvil Pub	All proceeds for the night are in support of local community projects by the Portarlington Community Development Association.	€ 10	8:30pm	www.facebook.com
7th	Coolrain	Brendan Keeley	Sheeran's Pub	One of the most sincere singers you will ever listen to. Brendan Keeley plays a super gig with his own songs.	€10 entry booking advised, limited to 100.	8pm-12am	Ph: 086 807 8842 for tickets or collect at the bar.
7th	Rathdowney	Tommy Fleming - Voice of Hope II Tour	Church of the Holy Trinity	Live music.	€ 30	8pm	Tickets in the parish office - Ph: 0505 46282 or visit www.tommyfleming.net.
8th	Abbeyleix	Christmas Market & Craft Fair	Main Street	Santa, crafts, artisan foods, entertainment, food & drink and lots, lots more.	Free entry	4pm	www.facebook.com
8th	Coolrain	Double Up	Sheeran's Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm-12am	www.facebook.com
8th	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music. Courtyard.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
8th-9th	Abbeyleix	Durrow Die-cast Model and Toy Show	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	A great family day out is assured.	€5 per adult and children go free.	Sat: 12pm-6pm Sun: 10am-5pm	Ph: Austin on 086 886 0598.

8th-9th	Ballacolla	Santa Claus is coming to town!	Manor Stone Garden Centre	There will be an elf village with lots of fun & games, photo ops and light refreshments. Book a slot to visit Santa	€10 per child	2pm-6pm	Ph: Freda on 085 807 0278 to book.
8th-9th	Emo	Santa's Grotto	Emo Court	Each child will be greeted by Ellie Elf & brought to Santa's beautiful grotto where they will help Mrs Claus prepare her cookies, have a chat with Santa & receive a gift. Afterwards, they will have hot chocolate & a cookie in the Tea Rooms	€15 per child. Adults go free.	Booking required.	Ph: 057 8633964 (9:30am-4pm)
9th	Ballinakill	Christmas Lights Festival	Market Square	Stalls, carol-singing, entertainment for children and face painting. There will also be a raffle on the night for a monster hamper.	Free entry	5:30pm-7:30pm	Contact Eamon Delaney on 087 224 2027 or Sharon Drennan on 086 345 8540
9th	Mountrath	A Christmas Carol	Roundwood House	This highly theatrical adaptation of 'A Christmas Carol' brings the colour and vivacity of the greatest of all Christmas stories in the intimate setting of Roundwood's famous library. Option of Pre-show three-course dinner at 6:30pm - €45	€25 (including mulled wine)	8pm	Booking: 057 8732120
9th	Portlaoise	Portlaoise Singers present 'Music at Christmas'	Midlands Park Hotel	The choir will be joined by Portlaoise poet, Pat Boran.	€ 15	8pm	www.dunamais.e.ie or 057 8662255
9th	Knock	Concert	St. Lazarian's Church	Choirs include St. Lazarian's Church Choir, St. Lazarian's Church Folk Choir, Laois ICA Federation Choir & Knock NS Senior Choir.	€10 - Proceeds go to Abbeyleix Hospital.	8pm	
9th	Ratheniska	Christmas Goose Club - In aid of St. Aonghus' Club	Ratheniska Hall	Lots of Christmas raffles and great prizes. 20 raffles, the first raffle is free. You could even win your Christmas dinner! All are welcome.	Free entry	7:30pm	
9th	Mountrath	Christmas Cottage Market	GROW HQ	Christmas market.	Free entry	11am-3pm	siona@giy.ie
9th	Glenbarrow	Capard Woods Walk	Car park	Grade B. 10k. 4 hours.	€5 for non members	11am	Gerry Hanlon - 086 821 0056
9th	Mountrath	Santa Grotto - Hosted by Trumera GAA	Trumera Community Centre	Looking forward to seeing everyone. Will be a great evening for everyone to get into the festive season. All proceeds go to the Community Hall.	€5 per child	5pm-6:30pm	www.facebook.com
9th	Coolrain	The Rambling Paddies	Sheeran's Pub	Traditional songs & music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
9th	Portlaoise	Al & James - The AJs	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.	7pm	Ph: 057 8621744

9th	Timahoe	Laois Camino	Timahoe Heritage Centre	3 different length walks for all abilities. 5KM – €5 (Includes tea & coffee in the Timahoe Corner Shop). 10KM – €10 (Includes tea & coffee at Fossey Mountain Ranch). 20KM – €20 (Includes soup & sandwiches at The Tower Inn)	€5, €10 or €20. Booking essential	10am	https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/svt-activity-amp-wellness-hub-15134691395 . Or contact Majella sports@laoissports.ie
10th	Coolrain	The Xmas Seisiún	Sheeran's Pub	If you miss this, well then you're not living! Refreshments on the night.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
11th-13th	Portlaoise	Scoil Chríost Rí present Disney's High School Musical	Dunamais Arts Centre	Sing along to all of your favourite tunes from this vibrant and colourful show, suitable for all the family! The Transition Years are directed once again by Karen Hackett with choreography by Lea Carroll.	€12/€10/€4 (group rate - matinees only)	7:30pm-10:30pm (and 10:30am, Wed & Thurs)	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8662255
12th	Portlaoise	Christmas Market	School foyer, Portlaoise College	Loads of stalls, cakes, sweets and more!	Free entry	9am-1:55pm	www.facebook.com
13th	Portlaoise	Customer Appreciation Night	Lilly's Bar	Great drink deals. Live music & DJ. Late bar.	No cover charge.	7pm-2am	www.facebook.com
13th	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue - Courtyard	Live music.	No cover charge.	9:30pm	Ph: 057 8621744
14th	Portlaoise	The Riptide Movement	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	The Riptide Movement return to Kavanagh's Courtyard venue as part of their Irish winter tour!	€ 25	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
14th	Vicarstown	Winter Fair	Vicarstown Inn	Lots of ideas for Christmas presents. Lots of Christmas stalls. Come and enjoy!	Free entry	8pm-10pm (after bingo)	www.facebook.com
14th	Castletown	Book launch - 'Pike of Rushall Historical Review'	ICA Hall	The Pike of Rushall Heritage Group wishes to announce the launch of its book, 'Pike of Rushall Historical Review'. Refreshments will be available after the launch.	Free entry	8pm	
14th	Portlaoise	Weighing In	Dunamais Arts Centre	A fast-paced comedy about life, love and dieting - and how we all need to adjust the scales to find the right balance.	€18/€16	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8662255
15th	Portarlinton	The Cardinal Sins	The Forge at The Anvil Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.	10:30pm-12:30am	www.facebook.com
15th	Coolrain	Jingle & Mingle!	Sheeran's Pub	Christmas party & auction. Hosted by Laois Hunt.	No cover charge.	8pm-2am	www.facebook.com
15 th & 16th	Portlaoise	Elfie Saves Christmas	Dunamais Arts Centre	Elfie needs your help to save Christmas! Join Elfie in this totally tinsel adventure that reminds us there's room for everyone on Santa's "nice" list. Fun for all ages.	€ 11	12pm & 2pm (sat) 2pm (sun)	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8662255

15th	Portlaoise	The Perfect Skins	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music. The Perfect Skins, for one night only. Courtyard.	Free	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
15th	Portlaoise	Kids' Christmas Cupcake Decorating Class	Portlaoise Parish Centre	Kids will be shown how to decorate cupcakes using fondant cutters, shaping tools & buttercream piping. All equipment & ingredients provided.	€20 per child, €15 per sibling. Booking is necessary.	10:30am-1:30pm	Baked by Liz
15th-16th	Ballacolla	Santa Claus is coming to town!	Manor Stone Garden Centre	Visit the elf village with lots of fun & games, photo ops and light refreshments. Book a slot to visit Santa	€10 per child	1pm-6pm	Ph: Freda on 085 807 0278 to book.
15th-16th	Emo	Santa's Grotto	Emo Court	Each child will be greeted by Ellie Elf & brought to Santa's grotto help Mrs Claus prepare her cookies, have a chat with Santa & receive a gift. Afterwards, have hot chocolate & a cookie	€15 per child. Adults go free.	Booking by prior reservation.	Ph: 057 8633964 (9:30am-4pm)
15th	Durrow	An Elfie Winter Wonderland	Dunmore Woods	Use the clues to find the elves and candy canes in the woods and hear some Christmas stories. Come back and heat up with some hot chocolate and marshmallows, make a Christmas decoration and get a little sweet something to take home.	€12 per child. Adults free. Book through dunamais.e.ie	11:00, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm	Trudy, Experiencing Laois 087 7923367 or dunamais.ie
15th	Ballaghmore	Christmas Concert	St. Molua's Church	Gaelscoil Shlí Dála is holding a fundraising concert. The 'In Tune for Life Orchestra' will appear with pupils of Gaelscoil for an evening of wonderful music and song.	€ 20	7:30pm	Tickets are available from the school - Ph: 0505 41810, Phelan's Shop & parents.
15th	Mountmellick	Chocolate Experience	Cocoa Couture Chocolate Shop	The total chocolate experience. Chocolate demonstration, processco and chocolate and wine tastings. Make your own chocolate.	€45 per person	7.30pm - 10pm	Catherine on 0897062437 email catherineocallaghan37@gmail.com
16th	Coolrain	Booze & Bones	Sheeran's Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
16th	Portlaoise	Twelve Days of Christmas with The Priests	St. Peter & St. Paul's Church	Live music.	€ 25	Admission from 7:15pm	Tickets are available from the parish centre - Ph: 057 8621142.
16th	Mountrath	Christmas Market	The Brigidine Convent	Christmas market.	Free entry	12pm	
16th	Vicarstown	Christmas Party	Vicarstown Inn	Santa will be there. A great family day out	Free entry	2pm	www.facebook.com
16th	Glenbarrow/Capard	Glenbarrow/Capard walk	Glenbarrow car park	Grade A. 10k. 5 hours.	€5 for non members	11am	Gerry Hanlon - 086 821 0056
16th	Mountmellick	Ben and Jake Connolly Trust - 5k Santa Dash	Mountmellick Development Association car park	The Ben and Jake Connolly Trust are uniting with The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust to join in painting the town of Mountmellick red. Run, walk or crawl the 5K route in a Christmas jumper or hat.	Registration is €10 for adults & €15 for families	Registration starts at 9:45am. Santa Dash starts at 10:30am	www.facebook.com

16th	Portlaoise	Phil Coulter - Gold & Silver Days	Dunamais Arts Centre	His new show features Phil's personal favourites from his 50 years of creativity.	€27.50/€25	8pm	www.dunamais.e.ie or 057 8662255
16th	Portarlinton	Christmas Concert	St. Michael's Church	Portarlinton Christmas Carolers' annual Christmas concert. All are welcome	Free	4pm	
16th	Portlaoise	Live music	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music in the bar.	Free	7pm	Ph: 057 8621744
17th	Portlaoise	Walking Back to My Heart	Dunamais Arts Centre	Award winning broadcaster and documentary maker, Ann Marie Kelly will premiere her second film, Walking Back to My Heart. There will also be a Q&A with the production team after the screening. All proceeds to the special needs unit of Holy Family Junior School	€7	7pm	www.dunamais.e.ie or 057 8662255
20th	Portlaoise	Christmas Jumper Night	Lilly's Bar	Prizes for the best Christmas jumper. Live music & DJ. Late bar.	No cover charge.	9pm-2am	www.facebook.com
20th	Portlaoise	ABBA Forever	Dunamais Arts Centre	Abba Forever was formed and is led by Dennis Scally, a London born musician who has been at the top of the music game for many years. A fun night for all ABBA lovers	€23/€20	8pm	www.dunamais.e.ie or 057 8662255
20th	Portlaoise	James O'Connor	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
21st	Portlaoise	Pogueology	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Pogueology (a tribute to The Pogues) recreate the passion, energy and mayhem of The Pogues.	€ 15	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
21st	Durrow	Boots & Kats	Lennon's Bar & Venue	Live music. A serious production and SFX for this event and it looks to be one of the biggest of the year!	€ 11	10pm	www.ticketstop.ie
21st	Durrow	Fusion Laois Christmas Ball	The Castle Arms Hotel	Teenage disco. Non-alcoholic event. Top tunes and great craic. Usual freebies of minerals and popcorn.	€ 15	8:30pm-11:30pm	Ring Liam Dunne on 087 659 2239 Tickets are available at SuperValu or www.tickets.ie.
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21st	Knock	Ceolchoirm Nollaig 2018	Knock Community Hall	Annual Spink Comhaltas Christmas concert.		6:30pm-9:30pm	www.facebook.com
22nd	Mountmellick	Kids' Christmas Cupcake & Bake your own Santa Cookies Classes	MDA - The Kitchens, Mountmellick	Festive cupcakes (decorated). Cookies for Santa, Reindeer food for Rudolph & team. All equipment & ingredients provided. Refreshments will be served during both classes. Book both classes for discount - €30 per child, €20 per sibling. Booking is necessary	€20 /€15 per child – depends on class	10am-1pm (Cupcake class) 1:15pm-3pm (Santa Cookies)	www.facebook.com/bakedbyliz

22nd	Portlaoise	The Fanzines	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
22nd	Portlaoise	Aslan - 'Feel No Shame'	Midlands Park Hotel	30th anniversary tour.	€ 27	Doors: 8pm Aslan on stage: 9pm	Buy tickets from hotel reception or visit www.eventbrite.com .
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22nd & 26th	Coolrain	Kora Griffin	Sheeran's Pub	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
23rd	Emo	Emo Village Christmas Market	Emo Village	Evening Christmas market.	Free entry	6pm	Ph: 087 780 3970
23rd	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	€12 (in aid of the Kolbe Centre)	7pm	Ph: 057 8621744
23rd	Stradbally	Stradbally Town Xmas Draw & Party	Napper Tandy's	Always a top night to kick-off the Xmas festivities. Live music by The Shamrockers. Finger food and €300 first prize up for grabs! Hosted by Stradbally Town AFC.	No cover charge.	8pm	www.facebook.com
26th	Durrow	Leafy Loops Walk	Meet at Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow	Grade B. 14k. 4 hours.	€5 for non members	11am	Gerry Hanlon - 086 821 0056
26th	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
27th	Portlaoise	Live music	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.	9pm	Ph: 057 8621744
28th	Coolrain	Annual Clonenagh Tractor Run	Coolrain	6k run, walk or jog at 11:30am. Vintage car, Honda 50 & tractor run at 1:50pm and music galore for the night.		11:30am	Ph: 086 807 8842
28th	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 057 8621744
29th	Portlaoise	Done & Dusted	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	No cover charge.		Ph: 057 8621744
30th	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	€ 5	9pm	Ph: 057 8621744
30th	Clonaslee	Brittas Lake & Castlecuffe Woodland Walk	Clonaslee Community Centre	Grade B. 12k. 4 hours.	€5 for non members	11am	Gerry Hanlon - 086 821 0056
31st	Portlaoise	HOLLABACK New Year's Eve Party	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	The people who brought you Smash Hits present HOLLABACK, playing nothing but noughties.	€ 13.50	10pm	www.ticketweb.ie
31st	Coolrain	Timmy Chambers	Sheeran's Pub	One-man show. Live music.	No cover charge.	10pm	Ph: 086 807 8842

31st	Abbeyleix	Shawn Cuddy, New Year's 2018	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	Live music.	€15 (sold on the door)	9pm-05:01am	Please call reception on 0578730311 for more information.
31st	Portlaoise	New Year's Eve Party	The Killeleshin Hotel	Please contact the hotel for further details.			Ph: 057 8631200 - www.thekilleleshin.com
Various Dec	Portlaoise	Christmas Party & New Year's Eve Party	The Maldron Hotel	Please contact the hotel for further details.			Ph: 057 8695900 -
Various Dec	Portlaoise	Christmas Party Nights	Midlands Park Hotel	Please contact the hotel for further details.			Ph: 057 8678588 - www.midlandsparkhotel.com
Various Dec	Abbeyleix	Christmas Party Nights	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	Please contact the hotel for further details.			Ph: 057 8730111 - www.abbeyleixmanorhotel.com
Every Mon	Emo	Monday Night Dancing	Gandon Inn	Social dancing every Monday night in aid of Portarlington St Vincent De Paul	€ 8	9.30pm - 12am	
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.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	Mountmellick	Adult colouring group	Mountmellick library	Tea & coffee provided		10.30am	057 86 4572
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	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 Sat	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	Range of food, veg and artisan stalls	Free	from 10am	
Every Sun	Portlaoise	Sunday Sessions	Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard	Live music every Sunday	Free	7pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com

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