

Laois Tourism -What's on this June

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
31st	The Heath – Coolrain	Gordon Bennett Thatch to Thatch Run	Treacy's The Heath and Sheeran's Coolrain	New for 2019 is a fun vintage car run of the Friday of the festival. See the cars at Treacy's at 12 noon before driving to Sheeran's pub Coolrain where light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Come along to either thatch pub or follow the cars and get into the spirit of the Gordon Bennett weekend	Free to the public to come and see the cars & meet the drivers	Leaving 12 noon	https://www.facebook.com/GordonBennettIrishClassicCarRun
31st May-3rd June	Portarlinton	Laois County Fleadh 2019	Coláiste Ísogáin, Portarlinton	The very best of Irish traditional music compete over the weekend. Come along for great music, dancing, singing and story-telling. Dancing competitions on Friday. Groups/bands/drumming/bodhrán on Saturday. Solo/duet/trio on Sunday. There will be a céilí to finish off the weekend.	No cover charge.	31st: 6:30pm 1st: 11am 2nd: 1pm 3rd:	https://www.facebook.com/Laoiscountyfleadh/
1st	The Heath and County Wide	Gordon Bennett Irish Classic Car Run	Treacy's The Heath	This rally takes place over the June Bank Holiday with the County of Laois in Ireland as the event base. Also covering other Counties including Carlow and Kildare, all three of which were chosen for the original 1903 race. Today's run will see over 180 vintage cars travel through the Laois and Kildare countryside to Russborough House in County Wicklow. For the public, come along to Treacy's from 10am and meet the drivers and see the cars before they head off. Why not have a Bennett breakfast in Treacy's and make a morning of it.	Free to the public to come and see the cars & meet the drivers	10am - drivers assemble - come along and meet them	www.gordonbennettclassic.ie
1st	Portarlinton	Laois County Fleadh 2019 - Session Trail	O'Dea's, Main Street & Delaney's Pub, Spa Street	As well as the competing element of the Fleadh, this year also features a session trail in a number of the pubs in Portarlinton to keep the music playing all weekend.		O'Dea's: 6pm-9pm Delaney's Pub: 8:30pm-Close	https://www.facebook.com/SpinkComhaltas/
1st	Mountrath	The Cottage Market	The Macra Hall	Local craft market. Celebrating our second anniversary this year.		10am-1pm	https://www.facebook.com/TheCottageMarketMountrath
1st	Portlaoise	Bingo Bongo Night for Dave	Grellan Delaney's	Fundraiser for suicide awareness and prevention. The night will be a fun night that will also remember local man Dave who was the life & soul of Portlaoise Hospital. Bingo complete with rave rounds, lip sync battles and dance offs.	€20.00	9pm	facebook.com/ANightforDave

1st	Portlaoise	Thin Az Lizzy	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music from a great Thin Lizzy cover band	€12.00	9.30pm	kavanaghsporthlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
1st	Durrow	Intensive Horticultural Course	Dunmore Country School	This course is a must if you want to understand in just one day the essence of traditional gardening. You will be well equipped to follow the seasonal courses.	€100.00	9.30am-4.30pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 087 125 8002
1st	Portlaoise	Laois African Day 2019	Portlaoise Parish Centre	Experience African culture & fusion. All welcome. The event will see live music featuring well-known African and Irish musicians such as Royal Vessel Gospel Choir, and more Acts to be confirmed. There will also be children's entertainment; traditional African drumming and dance workshops; African arts and crafts and much more. Head over to our website www.laoisafrika.com for the full line-up.	Free - but tickets must be registered on Eventbrite	12pm-5pm	Ph: BJ 087 388 0688 Sia: 085 133 7338 Samson: 086 891 4623
1st	Portlaoise	CelticCon	Dunamais Arts Centre	Enjoy a host of fun, interactive attractions including Comic Village, Artist Alley, Geek Market & much more. Cosplay & fancy dress welcome.	Adults €10 Children: €5 Family rate: €20	11am-6pm	dunamais.ticketstolve.com
1st	Abbeyleix	The Loopline Collection - John Ford - Dreaming The Quiet Man	Abbeyleix Heritage House	A series of four documentaries by acclaimed filmmaker Sé Merry Doyle. One film screening each Saturday, followed by a reception and Q&A with the director. This Saturday is John Ford - Dreaming The Quiet Man.	€5 (€15 for all 4 nights). Starts on the 25/5.	7pm	Tickets are available at Heritage House reception. https://www.facebook.com/heritageabbeyleix
1st	Timahoe	Timahoe Heritage Festival - Saturday Line Up	Timahoe Round Tower & Heritage Centre	Brand new festival running over 2 days inspired by the Viking raid on Timahoe in the year 919 AD. Events: March of The Vikings 10 Mile Road Race , 9:00: Registration 11:00: Race Start, 12:00 5KM Run/Walk Timahoe 12:00 The Big Dig – Archaeological Dig For Kids 14:30 The Monks of Mount St. Joseph's – Early Monastic Life Talk & Gregorian Chant 16:00: Eddie Lenihan Story Telling All Day Events - 12Am – 6pm Food & Craft Fair – Medieval/Viking Weaponry Display – Bouncy Castles – Medieval Coin Making – Medieval Cooking Display – Weaving Display – Beekeeping Display – Funfair , Basket Making Display	See website	Various times see website	http://timahoeheritagefestival.com/
2nd	Portarlinton	Laois County Fleadh 2019 - Session Trail	The Anvil Inn & Burbages, Main Street	As well as the competing element of the Fleadh, this year also features a session trail in a number of the pubs in Portarlinton to keep the music playing all weekend. The Gig Rig will be in the People's Park from 2pm-6pm and will keep people entertained.		The Anvil Inn: 5-9pm Burbages: 8:30pm-Close	https://www.facebook.com/Laoiscountyfleadh/

2nd	The Heath and County Wide	Gordon Bennett Irish Classic Car Run	Treacy's of the Heath	Sunday sees 180 vintage cars complete the original Gordon Bennett 1903 route and this will see the drivers dressed in 'tweed' today or in costume matching the period of their car. Again come to Treacy's from 10am and see this great sight and join in the fun. The drivers love to show off their cars and share restoration stories and the history of their car. Make a morning of it and have some breakfast in Treacy's	Free to the public to come and see the cars & meet the drivers	10am - drivers assemble - come along and meet them	www.gordonbennettclassic.ie
2nd	Timahoe	Timahoe Heritage Festival - Sunday Line Up	Timahoe Round Tower & Heritage Centre	<p>12.00 The Big Dig – Archaeological Dig For Kids</p> <p>12:00 – Fancy Dress Competition - Vikings – Monks – Medieval Open to adults and kids alike</p> <p>13:00 – Guided Tour of Timahoe Heritage Centre</p> <p>13:00 – Plant Culture – Horticulture & Herb Information</p> <p>14:00 – Unveiling of Commemorative Plaque @ Timahoe Heritage Centre</p> <p>14:30 – Viking Raid Battle Re-enactment</p> <p>All Day Events 12AM – 6PM - Food & Craft Fair – Medieval/Viking Weaponry Display – Bouncy Castles – Medieval Coin Making – Medieval Cooking Display – Weaving Display – Beekeeping Display – Funfair -Plant Culture – Horticulture & Herb Information – Basket Making Display</p>	See website - booking required for some events	Various times see website	http://timahoeheritagefestival.com/
2nd	Timahoe	Trail Ride, B.B Q & Campout.	Fossey Mountain Ranch	Trail ride, B.B.Q and Campout. All riders welcome, Bring your own horse or hire one at the ranch.		12 noon - 9am on 3rd	Call Michael 0872316591
2nd	Catholes	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk - Catholes River Circuit Walk	Catholes Car Park	Grade A. 12k. 4-5 hours. Led by Frans Jensen.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
2nd	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free.		http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
2nd & 3rd	Stradbally	Stradbally Woodland Railway	Stradbally Hall, Main Street	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. Ticket is valid for the full day.	Adults: €7 Kids: €3 Family of four: €15 Under 5s go free	12pm-4pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/2266557090227883/?event_time_id=2266557103561215
2nd	Portarlinton	Transmitter	The Anvil Inn	A Laois favourite, Transmitter always entertain. A great way to spend a bank holiday Sunday	No cover charge.	9pm	

3rd	The Heath and County Wide	Gordon Bennett Irish Classic Car Run	Treacy's of the Heath	Monday at Gordon Bennett, the pace is a little slower with a short run leisure run to Kilcullen in Kildare. The drivers will be in Treacy's before this, around 10am and the cars can be displayed and breakfast served. To mark the end of another Gordon Bennett weekend a festival day will run from 3pm in Treacy's with everyone invited to partake. There will be a food and craft market and a BBQ served at €10 per person. Live music by Geraldine and Kinfolk will keep everyone entertained and it's a lovely way to spend a bank holiday Monday with friends and family so bring them all along.	BBQ €10pp	10am - drivers assemble - come along and meet them 3pm BBQ and craft & food market	www.gordonbennettclassic.ie
3rd	Portarlington	Laois County Fleadh 2019 - Session Trail	The Hawthorn Bar, Patrick Street	As well as the competing element of the Fleadh, this year also features a session trial in a number of the pubs in Portarlington to keep the music playing all weekend. Also on Monday is an Ceili Mor in Portarlington GAA from 3-6pm		Junior session: 2:30pm-6pm Adult session: 8pm-Close	https://www.facebook.com/Laoiscountyfleadh/
3rd	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free.		http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com/index.php/free-gigs-2/
3rd	Ridge of Capard	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk -Lost Village Loop	Ridge of Capard Carpark	This is a Grade C. 6k walk that will take 2 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual m/ship €20	2pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
3rd	Portlaoise	The Adventures of Snow White & The 7 Paw Patrol & Friends	Midlands Park Hotel	This is a fabulous family event. Don't miss what is going to be a great event that the kids are going to love! Tickets sold on the door on show day.	€7/€20 (family of four).	3pm. Doors open at 2:30pm.	https://www.facebook.com/MidlandsParkHotel/
4th	Portlaoise	History Talk	Portlaoise Library	History talk on the Massacre of Mullaghmast by bestselling author Turtle Bunbury.	Free.	7.30pm	email: library@laoisco.co.ie or Ph: 057 85 94982
6th	Portlaoise	C'mere 'til I Tell ya a Good One!	Dunamais Arts Centre	In this one man play, actor Michael Creagh regales the audience with songs & poems from his native parish Rathdowney/Errill.	€15/€12	8pm	dunamais.ticketsolve.com
7th	Portlaoise	The Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh	Dunamais Arts Centre	Eagles & Fleetwood Mac '25' tour presented by Oldshore Productions.	€20.00	8pm	dunamais.ticketsolve.com
8th	Portlaoise	Laois Dance Academy Annual Show	Dunamais Arts Centre	Laois Dance Academy display Cirque du Laois an interesting version of circus.	€12/€10	2pm	dunamais.ticketsolve.com
8th	Abbeyleix	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Fruitlawn Garden	Guided tour around Fruitlawn Garden with its creator and designer, Arthur Shackleton, one of Ireland's leading garden designers. There is also a sales area full of exciting and unusual plants.	€5	10am-5pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/ -

8th	Castletown	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Gash Gardens	An amazing oasis packed with interesting and unusual plants to lure and inspire both the keen plants person and the garden novice. Enjoy the soothing ambience of still ponds and meandering streams. 11:00am & 3:30pm – Walk and Talk Workshops on border design providing tips on plant associations and plants suitable for a variety of garden situations. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day. Plant sales also available.	€5	10am-5pm 10:00am	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/ - http://www.gashgardens.ie/
8th	Donaghmore	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Gortnalee Garden	Colourful and intriguing gardens with woodland and herbaceous planting. Designed and begun in 2009 by Hazel Luskin Glennon. Challenged by her husband, the late Brendan Glennon to design a garden of 0.6 of an acre with no lawns for him to mow, she has turned a turnip field into a lovely garden. 11:00am & 3:30pm – Living willow demonstrations	€5	10am-5pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/ - https://www.gortnaleegarden.com/
8th	Abbeyleix	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Dove Sensory Garden	The gardens were created by a team of people with intellectual disabilities and stimulate the senses. Vibrant plants appeal to the sense of sight, while hearing is reached through wind chimes and a humming stone. There are also scented plants and those with interesting textures.		10am-5pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Stradbally	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Selous Lodge Garden	A biodiversity garden and woodland of about 1 acre. Designed and created by the owner in 2009 and made up of a courtyard garden, a stream supporting wildlife, small orchard, enclosed vegetable garden, pond garden, border beds and an open native woodland with water.		10am-5pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Coolrain	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Clonohill Garden	Clonohill Gardens are the splendid creation of floral artist Enda Thompson-Phelan and feature many interesting and unusual plants on a one acre site surrounding Clonohill House. Garden open from 11-6pm. 2:00pm – Garden tour on garden design and planting plants with challenging conditions	10.00	"11am-6pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/ - https://laoisanglingcentre.ie/
8th	Ballintubbert	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Ballintubbert Gardens	We invite you to bring your own picnic & blanket and discover or remind yourselves of the magical world of Ballintubbert Gardens. Explore the 9 gardens in 14 acres of splendour.	€5 per adult. €10 per car.	12pm-5pm	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/ - facebook.com/BallintubbertGardens

8th	Emo	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Emo Court	Open as normal but is part of the garden trail open day. The historic Emo Court was designed by James Gandon in 1790. 100 acres of parkland with formal lawns, mature trees and a nursery lake all located against the backdrop of a stately 18th century building.		10am	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Ballinakill	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Heywood Gardens	Open as normal but is part of the garden trail open day. This is a self-guided tour. Heywood is 50 acres of woodland, lakes and formal gardens. The centrepiece of these gardens is the Lutyens Garden designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and dating from 1912.		10am	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Durrow	Laois Garden Trail - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Castle Durrow	Open as normal but is part of the garden trail open day. Demesne gardens with formal terraces, herbaceous borders, and a vegetable and flower garden with mixed annuals.		10am	http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Durrow	Laois Garden Trail Polytunnel Course & Summer Course - Buds and Blossoms - Laois Garden Festival	Dunmore Country School	Half day course that covers plant production, herb drying, companion planting & much more.	Polytunnel course: €50 Summer course: €50	Polytunnel course: 10am-1pm Summer course: 2pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 087 125 8002 - http://laoisgardenfestival.com/laois-garden-trail/
8th	Abbeyleix	The Loopline Collection -Patrick Kavanagh - No Man's Fool	Abbeyleix Heritage House	A series of four documentaries by acclaimed filmmaker Sé Merry Doyle. One film screening each Saturday, followed by a reception and Q&A with the director.	€5 (€15 for all 4 nights). Starts on the 25/5.	7pm	Tickets are available at Heritage House reception. https://www.facebook.com/heritageabbeyleix/
9th	Stradbally	Ballykilcavan Brewery Tour	Ballykilcavan Brewery	A guided tour of the new Ballykilcavan Brewery & Farm	€13.50 adults only	3pm	ballykilcavanbrewing.com
9th	Portlaoise	Slieve Bloom Market	Wine Buff Car Park Dublin Road, Portlaoise	Artisan food and craft market.	Free.	11am-2pm	www.facebook.com/mountmellickmainstreet/?ref=page_internal
9th	Portlaoise	Summer Wedding Showcase	Midlands Park Hotel	View our Newly renovated and designed Ballroom, with Up lighting, Mood Lit Ceiling, and Fairy Lit Backdrop. Taste some gourmet delights from our Head Chef on the day.	Free	2pm-5pm	midlandsparkhotel.com or Ph: 057 86 78588

9th	Clonaslee	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk Clonaslee Woods/ Brittas Lake Walk	Clonaslee Community Centre	Grade B. 12k. 4 hours. Led by John Scully.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
9th	Emo	David Hicks - Count John McCormack & Moore Abbey	Emo Court	This illustrated talk, presented by the architectural and social historian David Hicks, will chart McCormack's rise to fame, his passion for art and the time when an international celebrity decided to become a country gentleman in 1920's Ireland.	Free, but ticketed.	3pm-5pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/660531507732859/
9th	Abbeyleix	Buds & Blossom Gardening Festival	Spink Community Grounds	From top gardening speakers including Kevin Hughes, John Anderson and Dermot O'Neill and leading plant specialists, to local food producers and entertainment zone, it's all here. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear some of Ireland's leading gardening experts – one day, one venue.	Adult: €9 (save 10% online) Group (10+): €8 (save 20% online) Student: €5 Children U12: Free	12-6pm	laoisgardenfestival.com
9th	Portlaoise	Acesigns Laois Heartlands Rally 2019	Rally HQ - O'Loughlin's Hotel	Rally drivers and navigators will take to two new stages and battle it out to become winner of this year's Heartlands rally! For course details and viewing points see Facebook. The service area will be in the council office car park where people will be able to view cars and watch mechanical scrutiny of cars on Saturday.	limited entries available online - viewing free	11am rally begins	https://www.facebook.com/laoisrally/
9th	Abbeyleix	Creating Sunshine Yoga Day	Blackhill Woods	Summer Yoga Day at the heavenly Blackhill Woods for yoga, movement, meditation, pure relaxation, scrumptious vegan food and lots of peaceful moments.	€75	10am-3pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/452390682195763/
15th	Stradbally	Foraging Workshop	Ballykilcavan Brewery	Join Julie Smyth of Wild Food Kildare for a foraging workshop in the amazing walled garden at Ballykilcavan Brewery. Go for a leisurely walk, discuss the plants found there, enjoy a cookery demonstration, some light refreshments and round it off with a relaxed chat about wild food.	€35. Limited to 12 places.	12pm-3pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/wild-food-foraging-workshop-tickets-62120372707
15th	Mountrath	Workshop	Mountrath Amenity Area	Enjoy this day of creating wood carvings, slate etching, basket weaving, circus skills, drumming, and upcycling workshops. Part of Cruinniú na nÓg.	Free. Open to children of all ages.	12pm-4pm	Email: mountrathdevass@gmail.com - https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/mountrath-amenity-area/

15th	Abbeyleix	Kids' Coding Workshop	Abbeyleix Library	Learn the basics of computer coding with specialist tutors and software on the day and start your journey to become a coding pro! Part of Cruinniú na nÓg.	Free event but places are limited. Booking is essential. Ages: 7-12 years	11am-1pm	Ph: 057 8730020 or email abbeyleixlibrary@laoiscoco.ie - https://www.facebook.com/LaoisLibraries/?hcc_location=ufi
15th	Vicarstown	Vikings in the Village Workshop	Old School, Vicarstown	This is a craft and story workshop inspired by Vicarstown's Viking heritage. It's fun for all, with storytelling and artwork. Part of Cruinniú na nÓg.	Free. Suitable for ages 3-18.	10:30am-2:30pm	Email: integration@laoispartnership.ie - https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/art-on-a-berge/
15th	Portlaoise	Try an Instrument Workshop	Dunamais Arts Centre	Run by Music Generation Laois and Laois School of Music. A wide range of instruments will be available, and tutors from Music Generation Laois and Laois School of Music will be on hand to give advice and mini tutorials. Part of Cruinniú na nÓg.	Free. Open to children of all ages.	11am-1pm	https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/try-an-instrument/
15th	Abbeyleix	Cruinniú na nÓg at Abbeyleix Heritage House	Abbeyleix Heritage House	To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg this year, Abbeyleix Heritage House will host a fun day full of activities book one of the following: 1. chocolate making workshop 2. Design and screen print your own tote bag 3. photography workshop 4. shield making workshop and a mosaic making workshop, and a playground concert.	Free.	12pm-4pm	Please visit the following link for specific details of each event. https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/https-www-abbeyleixheritage-com/
15th	Portarlinton	Into the West – Mural Unveiling and Film Screening	The Square, Portarlinton	Gather outside the old cinema for the unveiling of a mural created by artist Adam Warren, paying homage to the iconic film Into the West. The film's iconic cinema scene was shot in Portarlinton, with nearby Lea Castle also used as a film location. Many local people were extras in the making of the film. Part of Cruinniú na nÓg.	Free. Open to children of all ages.	5pm	https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/into-the-west-mural-unveiling-and-film-screening/
15th	Portlaoise	Cruinniú na nÓg Fun Day	Dunamais Arts Centre	Fun workshops and performances for all the family. Hands on creative crafts, Try an instrument, Learn circus skills, Storytelling, Puppetry, Emerging Artist Meet Up	Free.	12pm-6pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
15th	Durrow	Warre Natural Bee-Keeping Course	Dunmore Country School	Covers basics of a bee nest, construction, how to preserve the site, management, honey harvest & much more.	€90.00	10am-3pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 087 125 8002
15th	Portlaoise	Bingo Loco	Midlands Park Hotel	Bingo complete with rave rounds, lip sync battles and dance offs.	€20.00	8pm	hello@bingo-loco.com or bingo-loco.com/portlaoise

15th	Mountmellick	Sean Dowling Testimonial	Moloney's Gaelic Bar	We have our match kicking off at 3pm in Conor David Park. Then it's onto Moloney's Gaelic Bar for 5.30pm for the presentation of medals and BBQ weather permitting. Live music along with a raffle with some great prizes later that night.	€5 available in Moloney's Bar	Kick off 3pm. BBQ 5.30pm	facebook.com/MoloneysGaelicBar
15th	Portlaoise	Rebel Hearts	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	A unique passionate ballad group.	€10.00	9.30pm	facebook.com/Kavanagh's
15th	Abbeyleix	The Loopline Collection - Jimmy Murakami - Non Alien	Abbeyleix Heritage House	A series of four documentaries by acclaimed filmmaker Sé Merry Doyle. One film screening each Saturday, followed by a reception and Q&A with the director.	€5 (€15 for all 4 nights). Starts on the 25/5.	7pm	Tickets are available at Heritage House reception. https://www.facebook.com/heritageabbeyleix
15th	Portlaoise	One Day Art Workshop	Heyday Studios - Clonminam Industrial Estate	Learn how to paint. Acrylics, oils, watercolours and pastels. Colour mixing, brushes and papers.	€60. All materials provided and lunch included.	10am-3pm	Contact Pauline on 087 648 2260. https://www.facebook.com/heydaystudios
16th	Ridge of Capard	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk Harry Potter Wood Walk	Ridge of Capard Carpark	Grade B. 9k. 3 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual m/ship €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
20th	Portlaoise	Brothers of the Brush	Dunamais Arts Centre	Brothers of the Brush by Jimmy Murphy. A play set just at the dawn of the "Celtic Tiger" in Dublin, this classic story of three house painters and their arrogant and shifty boss is as entertaining and thought provoking as ever. Entertaining & thought-provoking as ever.	€18/€16	8pm	dunamais.ticketsolve.com
21st	Stradbally	The Flavour of Laois	Ballykilcavan Brewery	Ballykilcavan are proud to present a four course, long table banquet in the 18th century stone farmyard at Ballykilcavan. Collaboration between chef Martin Hayes of Bloom restaurant and Ballykilcavan Brewery.	€71.50	7pm	ballykilcavanbrewing.com
21st	Portlaoise	Galway Street Club	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Ranging from Ska, Blues, Folk, Rock, Trad and Gypsy, there is truly something for everyone in Galway Street Club's Live show	€15.00	9.30pm	kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
22nd	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

22nd	Durrow	Woodenbridge Erkina River Festival	The Woodenbridge	1pm at the Woodenbridge. The Heritage Walk is at 6pm. BBQ followed by Woodenbridge Got Talent at 8.30pm. Music & Song with Johnny Keegan. 10K cycle, raft building, Laois hunt show and much more.	TBC	1pm	www.durrow.ie
22nd	Portlaoise	Seattle Grunge Experience	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Featuring the music of Nirvana, Alice In Chains, Pearl Jam & much more.	€9.50	9.30pm	kavanaghsporthlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
23rd	Cadamstown	Slieve Bloom Guided Walks -Wild Flower Walk	Cadamstown Car Park	Grade B. 10k. 3-4 hours. Led by John Scully.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
23rd	Ballyfin	Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club annual Road Run	Ballyfin Community Centre	Vintage & Veteran's Road Run		2pm	Pat O'Connor 087 7824481
23rd	Emo	The Count - The Music of John McCormack with Celtic Tenor Matthew Gilsenan	The Entrance Hall - Emo Court	Spend an hour reminiscing about one of the great Irish lyric tenors, who charmed and thrilled audiences the world over in the early years of the 20th century.	€15/€50 (family of four)	7:30pm-9:30pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/342204006480649/
25th	Castletown & Ballintubert	The Big House & The Farmhouse Garden Tour	Gash Gardens, Rock of Dunamais and Ballintubert Gardens	Enjoy a full day in some of the beautiful gardens of Laois. Get collected by bus from Portlaoise; enjoy a guided tour of Gash Gardens with Mary Keenan. Have a coffee and scone refreshment stop, back on board and off to the Rock of Dunamais with a guided tour from Trudy, Experiencing Laois. From there continue to Ballintubert Gardens and House for a guided tour of this historic garden. Finish off the day with a light lunch at Ballintubert and return by bus to Portlaoise.	€49	10am collection Portlaoise	Contact Trudy 085 1070650
25th	Portlaoise	The Guitar Stars	Dunamais Arts Centre	The talented guitar students of Caroline Smith present their annual show. Enjoy the sound of 65 Kitchen Choir also.	€8.00	7pm	dunamais.ticketstolve.com
26th	Coolrain	Clonohill Garden Open Day	Clonohill Garden	Garden open day from 2-6pm. 2:00pm in aid of Laois Hospice and New Camross Village Park.	10.00	2-6pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/464593461016134/
27th	Portlaoise	National Theatre Live: Small Island	Dunamais Arts Centre	Another great screening of a live play from the National Theatre London. Be there without being there. This time it is Andrea Levy's Orange Prize-winning novel Small Island, coming to life in an epic new theatre adaptation.	€15/€12	7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

29th-30th	Portlaoise	Old Fort Quarter Festival - Free Daytime Events	Main Street, Portlaoise	Fantastic weekend of entertainment for all the family. Live Music: on Gig Rig. Artisan food market. Medieval heritage displays: A taste of life in Maryborough Fort. Archery, armoury, birds of prey, shield making, crafts, cookery & historic tours. Street Theatre: Stilt walkers, jugglers, comedy shows, giant games, face painting, drumming circle, arts and crafts and storytelling.	Free Street Festival	12pm-6pm (Sat & Sun)	https://oldfortquarter.ie/
28th-30th	Portlaoise	Old Fort Quarter Festival Night time	Laois Music Centre	Fri 28 June: Abbaesque, Qween Sat 29 June: King Kong Company, Pogueology Sun 30 June: Smash Hits, Transmitter and many more. New Old Fort Stage in Laois Music Centre Strictly over 18s event. ID must be shown on entry.	€15 per night or €40 for weekend tickets.	Doors from 5pm.	https://oldfortquarter.ie/
28th-30th	Portlaoise	Old Fort Heritage Pub Trail - Old Fort Quarter Festival	Main Street	Old Fort Heritage Pub Trail - Offers a wide and varied trial of music and entertainment throughout the Main Street every night. All events in the pubs will be free. Pubs include: Manhattan Mixer, The Welcome Inn, Peg's, Jeremiah Grants, Sally Garden's, Grellan Delaney's, Andy Bergin's, O'Loughlin's, Kavanagh's Bar & Venue, Lily's Bar, Ramsbottom's, Hume's Bar. Includes a great Seisiúin trail with Portlaoise Comhaltas	No cover charge.	From 6pm	https://oldfortquarter.ie/
28th	Portlaoise	Paddy Casey	Jeremiah Grants Bar & Eatery	Live music. Part of the Old Fort Quarter Festival Music Pub Trail.	No cover charge.		https://www.facebook.com/jeremiahgrantbar/
29th	Stradbally	Laois Hunt Mid-Summer Party	Stradbally Hall	Celebrate the summer with the Laois Hunt mid-summer party. Enjoy roast Pig on a Spit + buffet salads + Dessert + Tea/Coffee, music by the Valves and DJ, Drinks reception.	€40	7.30pm	For tickets contact Fran on 0877965362
29th	Portlaoise	Joe S Live In Ramsbottoms	Ramsbottoms	A fun and musically entertaining evening	TBC	9.30pm	facebook.com/DBPromotionsIreland
30th	Portlaoise	Daft Punk Tribute	Jeremiah Grant Bar & Eatery	Live music. Part of the Old Fort Quarter Festival Music Pub Trail.	No cover charge.	12am	https://www.facebook.com/events/1024276144433847/
30th	Ballyfin	Slieve Bloom Guided Walks - Conlawn Hill Walk	Deadman's Inn, Ballyfin	Grade B. 8k. 3 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual m/ship €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie

30th	M&M Road Race	Mountmellick	Mountmellick GAA Club	10k run and 5k run/walk. Event in aid of Mountmellick Athletic Club hosted by Mountmellick GAA. Refreshments after the race in the clubhouse. Medals plus t-shirts for all participants in 10k (over 15s only). Medals for 5k participants (over 13s only)."	10k: €25 5k: €15 5k (family): €35	11am	Register online at popuraces.ie - https://www.facebook.com/m andmroadrace
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	Bring along your Ukulele and join in the session	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 Wednes	Mountmellick	Balcony Cinema, Bus, Cinema and Tea	Balcony Cinema	Wonderful initiative running a bus locally to the cinema, movie and a cuppa with a lift home for €5	5	Bus from 7. Movie starts 8.30	See Facebook @balcony cinema
Every Thurs	Abbeyleix	Social Dancing	Abbeyleix Golf Club	Social dancing with supper served. All welcome to come and join in. Lessons from 8.30pm		10pm	
Every 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
Every Sat	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St. Patrick's Hall, Stradbally	Artisan and organic foods, along with handmade crafts.		10:30am-1pm	https://www.facebook.com/StradballyCountryMarkets/
Every Sat	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	Range of food, veg and artisan stalls	Free	from 10am	

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