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**Laois**

**EVENT GUIDE**

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# Showing 59 Laois Events (added before 8th June)

OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

## Laois Morning, Noon & Night

Dawn breaking on The Rock of Dunamase, High Noon meandering through Glen Monnicknew and Evening falls on Cullahill Mountain. Join us, 3 tours in 1 day. Meet at The Rock, Mountrath Mart and Culahill.

**Venue:** Rock of Dunamase 7:00am, Mountrath Mart 12:00 noon and Cullahill Community Centre 6:30pm **Organiser:** Laois Tour Guides **Email:** laoistourguides@gmail.com **Telephone:** 0851070650

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	07:30	20:00
Sun 27th	07:30	20:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

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## Stradbally Hall

Stradbally Hall is a large house in the heart of Stradbally, County Laois. It is owned by the Cosby family. Why not join us for a tour of the iconic Stradbally house during Heritage Week.

**Venue:** Stradbally Hall **Organiser:** Thomas Cosby **Admission:** Adult: €10, Child: €0 **Email:** Thomascosby1974@gmail.com **Telephone:** 0868519272 **Website:** Stradballyhall.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	09:00	13:00
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## EXHIBITION

### Museum Free Entry for Heritage Week

The Fly Fishing Museum is open with free guided tours all during Heritage Week - please phone in advance of your visit.

**Venue:** The Fly Fishing Museum, Attanagh, Durrow **Organiser:** Irish Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum **Email:** flyfishing@gmail.com **Telephone:** 086-315 3088

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Sat 19th	09:00	18:00
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## OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

### Free Entry to Abbeyleix Heritage House

Free entry to Heritage House all week. Hear about the planned estate town of Abbeyleix, the link between Abbeyleix Carpet Factory and the Titanic and see our museum and model railway layout.

**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abbeyleix Heritage House **Email:** info@abbeyleixheritage.com **Telephone:** 057 8731653 **Website:** abbeyleixheritage.com

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## TOUR

### Abbeyleix Free Audio Guide

Free audio guide to Abbeyleix, one of Ireland's finest heritage towns. Abbeyleix is a beautiful example of a planned estate town. Simply download the free Guidigo App and search for Abbeyleix.

**Venue:** Abbeyleix Heritage Centre, Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abartá Heritage **Email:** [info@abartaheritage.ie](mailto:info@abartaheritage.ie) **Telephone:** 052 618 9468 **Website:** [abartaheritage.ie/product/abbeyleix-heritage-town-audio-guide](http://abartaheritage.ie/product/abbeyleix-heritage-town-audio-guide)

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## TOUR

### Laois Heritage Audio Guide

The free audio guide that helps you to discover the rich heritage of Laois. Simply download the free Guidigo App and search for Laois Heritage Trail.

**Venue:** Donaghmore Famine Workhouse & Agricultural Museum, Donaghmore, County Laois **Organiser:** Abartá Heritage **Email:** [info@abartaheritage.ie](mailto:info@abartaheritage.ie) **Telephone:** 052 618 9468 **Website:** [abartaheritage.ie/product/laois-heritage-trail-audio-guide/](http://abartaheritage.ie/product/laois-heritage-trail-audio-guide/)

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#### TOUR

## Laois Monastic Audio Guide

Follow in the footsteps of Ireland's ancient saints along the Laois Monastic Trail. Simply download the free Guidigo App and search for Laois Monastic Trail.

**Venue:** Aghaboe Abbey, Aghaboe, County Laois. **Organiser:** Abarta Heritage **Email:** [info@abartaheritage.ie](mailto:info@abartaheritage.ie) **Telephone:** 052 618 9468 **Website:** [abartaheritage.ie/product/laois-monastic-trail-audio-guide/](http://abartaheritage.ie/product/laois-monastic-trail-audio-guide/)

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#### TOUR

## Rock of Dunamase Audio Guide

Free audio guide to the Rock of Dunamase, an atmospheric fortress built high over the lowlands of County Laois. Simply download the free Guidigo App and search for Rock of Dunamase.

**Venue:** The Rock of Dunamase, which is off the N80 between Portlaoise and Stradbally. **Organiser:** Abarta Heritage **Email:** [info@abartaheritage.ie](mailto:info@abartaheritage.ie) **Telephone:** 052 618 9468 **Website:** [abartaheritage.ie/product/rock-of-dunamase-audio-guide/](http://abartaheritage.ie/product/rock-of-dunamase-audio-guide/)

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## EXHIBITION

### Mountmellick Embroidery Final

World renowned white on white Mountmellick Embroidery depicts the flora and fauna of the countryside. Winner of the All Ireland Final in this craft will be unveiled at the start of Heritage week.

**Venue:** Mountmellick Embroidery Museum **Organiser:** Mountmellick Development Association **Email:** themuse@mdaltd.ie **Telephone:** 057 8624525 **Website:** mountmellickdevelopment.com

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Sat 19th	10:00	16:30
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## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT, EXHIBITION

### Model Railway Layout Display

Heritage House and Midlands Model Railway Club are proud to launch the new layout. See model railways in various stages of construction and learn how to create your own layout, even in a small space.

**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abbeyleix Heritage House **Email:** info@abbeyleixheritage.com **Telephone:** 057 8731653 **Website:** abbeyleixheritage.com

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Sat 19th	10:00	16:00

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## OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

### Pollinator Party in the Park

Join us in the park for a Pollinator Party. We will be celebrating all that is great about our bees, with a family fun day, exploring the wildlife of Portlaoise's Green Flag Park.

**Venue:** Páirc an Phobail, Portlaoise **Organiser:** Laois Heritage Office **Email:** ccasey@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057-8664129 **Website:** laois.ie/heritage

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	12:00	15:00

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## EXHIBITION

### Donaghmore Workhouse Museum

Donaghmore Workhouse and Agricultural Museum is open every day during Heritage Week, with reduced entry rates. Come and see how people lived in a workhouse in the late 19th Century.

**Venue:** Donaghmore Workhouse, Donaghmore, Rathdowney **Organiser:** Donaghmore Workhouse Committee **Admission:** Adult: €4, Child: €2, Concession: €2, Family: €8 **Email:** trevorstanley@eircom.net **Telephone:** 086-8296685

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	14:00	17:00
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## PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

### “Buzz Words & Music” sneak preview

A very special “sneak preview” of the newly commissioned piece of music by composer Ian Wilson, being created in Laois to raise awareness of pollinators, as part of the Creative Ireland programme.

**Venue:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre **Organiser:** Laois Heritage Office **Email:** info@dunamaisé.ie **Telephone:** 057-8663355 **Website:** dunamaisé.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	14:30	15:00

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#### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT, EXHIBITION

## The Bee Movie

Dunamaisé Art centre will hold a screening of the animated film 'The Bee Movie' 90 a fun family comedy that will change everything you think you know about bees. (90mins)

**Venue:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre **Organiser:** Dunamaisé Arts Centre **Admission:** Adult: €3.00, Child: €3.00 **Telephone:** +353 57 866 3355 **Website:** dunamaisé.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	15:00	16:30

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#### TOUR, OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

## Free Tours in Costume

Come join us for a free tour of Emo Court House with guides in historical costume.

**Venue:** Emo Court, Portarlinton **Organiser:** OPW **Email:** emocourt@opw.ie **Website:** heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 20th	10:00	17:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

## Nature Walk in Emo Court



Explore the grounds of Emo Court for wildlife. Take part in a minibeast hunt and identify some common plants and animals. Fun and interesting for all the family.

**Venue:** Emo Court **Organiser:** Laois Outdoor Education **Email:** info@laoisoutdoorededucation.ie **Telephone:** 087 7741846 **Website:** laoisoutdoorededucation.ie/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 20th	12:00	13:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, WORKSHOP

## Beekeeping Display at Emo Court

Find out all about honey bees and beekeeping from the Dunamaise Beekeepers, in the beautiful setting of the landscape gardens of Emo Court.

**Venue:** Emo Court **Organiser:** Dunamaise Beekeepers Association **Email:** dunamaisebees@gmail.com **Telephone:** 085-7888976 **Website:** dunamaisebeekeepers.com/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 20th	12:00	16:00

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#### TOUR

## Tour of Historic Portlaoise

Join us for a lively and entertaining trip through the centuries as we explore the history of Portlaoise, from the foundation of Fort Protector in the 16th Century, right back to today.

**Venue:** County Hall, Portlaoise **Organiser:** Laois Heritage Society **Email:** michaelparsons@eircom.net **Telephone:** 085-7108649 **Website:** laoisheritagesociety.org/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 20th	15:00	16:30

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#### TALK, OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

## The Wildlife of Donaghmore

Join researcher Sean Kingston for a talk on his research on the birdlife of Donaghmore, and Anna Collins of the Kildare Bat Group for a bat walk around the area (weather dependent)

**Venue:** Donaghmore Workhouse **Organiser:** Donaghmore Workhouse **Email:** trevorstanley@eircom.net **Telephone:** 086-8296685

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Sun 20th	20:00	21:30

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**OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE**

## Farm and Woodland Walk

Farm and woodland walk, exploring the 378-year history of Ballykilcavan, our malting barley fields, our mature native woodlands and the old courtyard that will be the home of our new craft brewery.

**Venue:** Ballykilcavan Farm, Stradbally, Co. Laois, R32 PY89 **Organiser:** Ballykilcavan Farm **Email:** david@ballykilcavan.com **Telephone:** 0863484128 **Website:** ballykilcavan.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 21st	09:30	11:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

**WORKSHOP**

## Family History Workshop

Have you always wanted to trace your family tree but are not quite sure where to start? Sinead Holland (Archivist) will offer a range of practical tips and advice to get you on your way.

**Venue:** Rathdowney Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** cafitzpatrick@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 0505 46852 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 21st	15:00	17:00

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TALK

## Slideshow on Wildlife of Laois

Laois photographer Dominic Reddin will showcase the landscape and nature of County Laois through his award-winning photography,

**Venue:** Kavanaghs Bar & Venue, Main Street, Portlaoise **Organiser:** Laois Heritage Office **Email:** [ccasey@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ccasey@laoiscoco.ie) **Telephone:** 057-866 4129 **Website:** [laois.ie/heritage](http://laois.ie/heritage)

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Mon 21st	20:00	21:30

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TALK

## National Reptile Zoo

As St. Patrick banished all the snakes from Ireland in the 5th century (allegedly!), this is a terrific opportunity to see at first hand the Zoo's wonderful selection of reptiles.

**Venue:** Portarlington Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** [emcevoy@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:emcevoy@laoiscoco.ie) **Telephone:** 057 8643751 **Website:** [laois.ie/departments/libraries/](http://laois.ie/departments/libraries/)

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Tue 22nd	10:00	11:00

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TALK

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**Venue:** Portlaoise Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** [laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie) **Telephone:** 057 8622333 **Website:** [laois.ie/departments/libraries/](http://laois.ie/departments/libraries/)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 22nd	12:30	13:30

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## EXHIBITION

### Portarlington Post Cards

An Exhibition of Ronnie Mathews postcards of Portarlington

**Venue:** Portarlington Library **Organiser:** Lea Castle Conservation Committee

**Email:** info@leacastle.ie **Telephone:** 057 8643751 **Website:** leacastle.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 22nd	14:30	17:00
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## WORKSHOP

### Family History Workshop

Have you always wanted to trace your family tree but are not quite sure where to start? Sinead Holland (Archivist) will offer a range of practical tips and advice to get you on your way.

**Venue:** Stradbally Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:**

jshead@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8641673 **Website:**

laois.ie/departments/libraries

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## TALK

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As St. Patrick banished all the snakes from Ireland in the 5th century (allegedly!), this is a terrific opportunity to see at first-hand the Zoo's wonderful selection of reptiles.

**Venue:** Mountmellick Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:**

bconnell@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8644572 **Website:**

laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 22nd	15:00	16:00

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#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

## The Dipper in its Natural Habitat.

Alex Copland (Birdwatch Ireland) will lead a talk and walk on Dippers living in the Slieve Blooms, to observe the birds in their normal habitat along the river and then follow them to their roost.

**Venue:** Monicknew Slieve Bloom Mountains **Organiser:** Birdwatch Ireland(Laois Branch) **Email:** birdwatchlaois@gmail.com **Telephone:** 086 2291637

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 22nd	19:30	22:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### TALK

## The Life of Bartholomew Mosse

A talk on the life and times of this famous son of Portlaoise, founder of the Rotunda Hospital, by Head Librarian of the Rotunda, Anne M. O'Byrne

**Venue:** Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise **Organiser:** Laois Heritage Society **Email:** michaelparsons@eircom.net **Telephone:** 085-710 8649 **Website:** laoisheritagesociety.org/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 22nd	20:00	00:00

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#### TALK

## Introduction to Irish Wildlife

Juanita Browne is a Zoologist, science communicator and writer. She will introduce the children to our wonderful Irish wildlife through an interactive presentation.

**Venue:** Abbeyleix Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** wlawler@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8730020 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	10:00	11:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

#### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

## Viking Living History

The Fingal Living History Society will board their Longships and invade Laois during Heritage Week 2017 to show us what life was like in the Viking period.

**Venue:** Portarlington Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** emcevoy@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8643751 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	10:00	11:00

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#### TALK

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**Venue:** Durrow Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** Imoriarty@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8736090 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	12:30	13:30

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#### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

## Viking Living History

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**Venue:** Portlaoise Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8622333 **Website:**

laois.ie/departments/libraries/

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Wed 23rd	12:30	13:30

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#### TALK

## Introduction to Irish Wildlife

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**Venue:** Mountrath Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** tkenny@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8756378 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

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Wed 23rd	15:00	16:00

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**Venue:** Mountmellick Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** bconnell@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8644572 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	15:00	16:00

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#### EXHIBITION

## Hazel Egan: High Tide

'High Tide' is an exhibition in response to climate change and global instability.

**Venue:** Dunamais Arts Centre **Organiser:** Dunamais Arts Centre **Email:**

boxoffice@dunamaise.ie **Telephone:** 057 8663355 **Website:** dunamaise.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	18:30	21:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (No Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

## Evening Tour The Rock of Dunamaise

Are you working or missing Heritage Week Events? Experiencing Laois have an "After work guided tour" of The Rock of Dunamaise. 1000 years of stories of war, love and royalty on this famous stronghold.

**Venue:** Rock of Dunamaise Laois **Organiser:** Experiencing Laois **Email:** [experiencinglaois@gmail.com](mailto:experiencinglaois@gmail.com) **Telephone:** 0877923367 **Website:** [experiencinglaois.com](http://experiencinglaois.com)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	18:30	19:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### TALK

## Maryborough's War Cannon

Dr. Paul Huddie will deliver a very interesting presentation on a little-known aspect of Portlaoise (Maryborough) town's history: it's Crimean War Cannon.

**Venue:** Portlaoise Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** [laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie) **Telephone:** 057 8622333 **Website:** [laois.ie/departments/libraries/](http://laois.ie/departments/libraries/)

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Wed 23rd	19:00	20:00

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#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

## Ceilí at the Crossroads

Music, song and dance on a traditional dancing board. Class at 7pm followed by a ceilí with local musicians and instruction from John and Michael from Half Door Club. Refreshments will be available.



**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Half Door Club and Spink Comhaltas **Email:** halfdoorclub@yahoo.ie **Telephone:** 0863440388

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	19:00	21:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

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## Seisiún of Traditional Irish Music

An evening of traditional Irish music, song, dance and story telling featuring the best musicians in Co Laois and beyond in the historic setting of Heritage House Museum, Abbeyleix

**Venue:** Heritage House Museum, Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Spink Comhaltas **Email:** Ccespink@gmail.com **Telephone:** 0862660768 **Website:** facebook.com/SpinkComhaltas/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	20:00	22:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

**OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE**

## Guided Woodland Stroll

Enjoy an informative stroll through the fields and woods of a picturesque organic farm with farmer Dominic Leonard and local ecologist Dr. Fiona MacGowan. Please note this event is weather dependent.

**Venue:** Castlewood Organic Farm **Organiser:** Castlewood Organic Farm **Email:** farmerdominic@yahoo.co.uk **Telephone:** 0879694070 **Website:** castlewoodfarm.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	10:00	12:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

**OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE**

## Kids Archaeological Dig

The award winning annual kids archaeological dig returns. Experience the thrill of making a discovery on an archaeological excavation and learn about the lives of

people from ages past.

**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abbeyleix Heritage House **Admission:** , Child: €5.00 **Email:** info@abbeyleixheritage.com **Telephone:** 057 8731653 **Website:** abbeyleixheritage.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	11:00	12:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required)*

## WORKSHOP

### Family History Workshop

Have you always wanted to trace your family tree but are not quite sure where to start? Sinead Holland (Archivist) will offer a range of practical tips and advice to get you on your way.

**Venue:** Portlaoise Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8622333 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	15:00	17:00

*(Not suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

## TALK

### Portlaoise Swift Project

Join us for the launch of the Portlaoise Swift box project funded by the Heritage Council. Ricky Whelan will give a talk on this amazing Irish bird and the efforts to conserve it in Portlaoise.

**Venue:** Portlaoise Library **Organiser:** Irish Wildlife Trust & BirdWatch Ireland **Email:** brian.iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com **Telephone:** 085 7832545

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	18:00	19:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

## TALK

## Mountrath Town Through Maps

Dr. Arnold Horner will deliver a fascinating presentation on the story and development of the town of Mountrath through historical maps.

**Venue:** Mountrath Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** tkenny@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8756378 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	19:00	20:00

*(Not suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

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## John Spillane & Jimmy Crowley

John Spillane & Jimmy Crowley. Presented in association with Legends Vintage Cycling Club. These two living legends of Irish folk music team up for a rare performance together in unique surroundings

**Venue:** Donoghmore Workhouse Rathdowney **Organiser:** Dunamais Arts Centre **Admission:** Adult: €20, Child: €20, Concession: €20 **Email:** boxoffice@dunamais.ie **Telephone:** 057 8663355

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	20:00	22:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required)*

TALK

## Lea Castle Conservation Plan Update

Local History Talk and Updates on the Lea Castle Conservation Plan. Please check our website for further details.

**Venue:** Portarlinton Library **Organiser:** Lea Castle Conservation Committee **Email:** info@leacastle.ie **Telephone:** 057 8643751 **Website:** leacastle.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 24th	20:00	21:00

*(Not suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

## EXHIBITION

### Delorean DMC-12 on Display

Travel Back to the Future and see for yourself in all its stainless steel glory an original Delorean motorcar, which was manufactured in Belfast and made famous by Marty McFly and Dr. Emmett Brown!

**Venue:** Portarlinton Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** emcevoy@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8643751 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 25th	10:00	17:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

## WORKSHOP

### Irish Rocks & Minecraft Rocks

Michéle Castiaux from the Irish Geological Association will present a fun and informative workshop for children on Irish geology and what rocks are found in the very popular Minecraft

**Venue:** Abbeyleix Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** wlawler@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8730020 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 25th	11:00	12:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

## WORKSHOP

### Irish Rocks & Minecraft Rocks

Michéle Castiaux from the Irish Geological Association will present a fun and informative workshop for children on Irish geology and the very popular Minecraft rocks.

**Venue:** Rathdowney Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** cafitzpatrick@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 0505 46852 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 25th	15:00	16:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

#### TALK

## 1550s Laois Cotton Map

Talk about the earliest known map of Laois from the time of the plantations which helped the new English settlers to delineate the landscape. Come and explore the landscape of Laois from 500 years ago

**Venue:** Heritage House Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abbeyleix Heritage House **Email:** info@abbeyleixheritage.com **Telephone:** 057 8731653 **Website:** abbeyleixheritage.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 25th	19:00	20:00

*(Not suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

## Bulfin Heritage Cycle Rally

The "Bulfin Heritage Cycle Rally" (In the "Wheelrims" of William Bulfin 1864-1910) A South Laois/North Kilkenny Trail (on High Nelly/Vintage Bicycles)

**Venue:** Durrow **Organiser:** Legends Vintage Cycle Club **Admission:** Adult: €100 **Email:** durrow.doings@gmail.com **Telephone:** 0868694691

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	10:00	16:00
Sun 27th	10:00	16:00

*(Not suitable for Children under 12) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required)*

#### WORKSHOP

## The Voyage of the James Caird

David Butler, illustrator of the graphic novel Shackleton: The Voyage of the James Caird, will present an illustration workshop for 8-12 year olds and detail Shackleton's perilous voyage.

**Venue:** Stradbally Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** jshead@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057 8641673 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	10:00	11:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

#### WORKSHOP, TALK

## The Pine Marten of Abbeyleix Bog

The pine marten is one of the rarest mammals in Ireland, but Abbeyleix Bog is home to a number of these shy animals. This talk will explore the work undertaken to study the pine marten of Abbeyleix.

**Venue:** Heritage Centre, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois **Organiser:** Denise O'Meara **Email:** domeara@wit.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	10:00	12:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

#### WORKSHOP

## The Voyage of the James Caird

David Butler, illustrator of the graphic novel Shackleton: The Voyage of the James Caird, will present an illustration workshop for 8-12 year olds and detail Shackleton's perilous voyage.

**Venue:** Ballylinan Library **Organiser:** Laois Libraries **Email:** nboyce@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 059 8625007 **Website:** laois.ie/departments/libraries/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	12:00	13:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, TOUR

## Waking Portlaoise Trail & Film

A group of under 12s will host a "Walk Around The Fort", leading a walk around landmarks of Fort Protector & the Heritage Quarter. Along the way they will tell stories they have learned about the area

**Venue:** Fitzmaurice Place & Dunamaise Arts Centre **Organiser:** Creative

Ireland: Laois **Email:** ccasey@laoiscoco.ie **Telephone:** 057-866 4129 **Website:** laois.ie/heritage

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	12:30	14:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

### Bat Walk with Kildare Bat Group

Join Anna Collins of Kildare Bat Group to see and hear the bats that call Abbeyleix Bog home. Go for a short walk after an introduction talk by Anna to try track down these wonderful nocturnal mammals.

**Venue:** Abbeyleix Bog - meet at Abbeyleix Manor Hotel Car Park **Organiser:** Irish Wildlife Trust Laois-Offaly Branch/Abbeyleix Bog Project **Email:** iwtlaoisoffaly@gmail.com **Telephone:** 0857832545

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 26th	21:00	22:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

#### OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, TALK

### De Vesci Estate Open Day

The privately held gardens of the De Vesci estate open for an afternoon. The garden's array of trees and foliage provide a wonderful backdrop for a historic and leisurely walk.

**Venue:** De Vesci Estate, Entrance Gate, Ballacolla Road, Abbeyleix **Organiser:** Abbeyleix and Portlaoise Lions Clubs. **Admission:** Adult: €5, Child: €Free **Email:** iras@eircom.net **Telephone:** 086 200000

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 27th	13:00	17:00
Sun 27th	13:00	17:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (No Car Parking Available)*

#### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT, OPEN HISTORIC PROPERTY OR HERITAGE SITE

### 'Sin a Bhfuil' at Emo Court

Young traditional musicians performing a selection of Irish music acoustically enhanced under the dome of Emo Court

**Venue:** Emo Court, Portlington **Organiser:** OPW **Email:** emocourt@opw.ie **Website:** heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 27th	14:00	15:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

## Showing 2 Laois Events Added after 8th June

TOUR, EXHIBITION

### Trains Under the Trees

Vintage Trains will run along our 1km railway through the woods of Stradbally Hall

**Venue:** Stradbally Hall, Main St Stradbally  
**Organiser:** Stradbally Woodland Railway  
**Admission:** Adult: €7, Child: €3, Concession: €5, Family: €15  
**Email:** stradballyrailway@gmail.com  
**Website:** [stradballyrailway.webs.com](http://stradballyrailway.webs.com)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	12:00	16:00
Sun 20th	12:00	16:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available)*

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OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE, WORKSHOP

### Dig, Discover and Design Workshop

Participants will engage in a range of activities with an emphasis on discovery, fun and learning through crafts, games and archaeology experiments, suitable for all children aged between 7 – 12.

**Venue:** Mountrath Amenity Park and Playground Area  
**Organiser:** Mountrath Youth Theatre



**Email:** ashelili62@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** 0877733050

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 19th	14:00	16:30

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required) (Free)*

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## Showing 3 Laois Events Added Since 6th July

### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

## Battle of Ypres Re-enactment

A unique event featuring a re-enactment of the Third Battle of Ypres, during which Sgt Jack Moyney of Rathdowney won a Victoria Cross, the highest award for bravery of the British Army.

**Venue:** The Bridge, Durrow  
**Organiser:** Durrow High Nelly Group  
**Admission:** Adult: €10, Child: €0, Concession: €8  
**Email:** durrowbygones@gmail.com  
**Telephone:** (087) 6165484  
**Website:** [bobsbardurrow.com/high-nelly-club/](http://bobsbardurrow.com/high-nelly-club/)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 20th	17:00	18:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Booking Required)*

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### PERFORMANCE OR REENACTMENT

## Famine Commemorative Walk Video

A showing of the Mountmellick Famine Commemorative Walk video produced in 1995

**Venue:** Balcony Cinema  
**Organiser:** Mountmellick Heritage Society  
**Telephone:** 0578697600

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 23rd	19:30	21:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Full) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*

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## OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE

# Family Fun on the Bog

Join Una from Wildways Adventures for a family discovery trail. Follow the trail sheet to investigate the bog, discover plants and animals, and gather information to complete questions and puzzles.

**Venue:** Abbeyleix Bog. From the carpark of the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel go through Abbeyleix Bog entrance and meet at the bug hotel.

**Organiser:** Wildways Adventures / Abbeyleix Bog Project

**Email:** [una@wildwaysadventures.ie](mailto:una@wildwaysadventures.ie)

**Telephone:** 087 4125649

**Website:** [wildwaysadventures.ie](http://wildwaysadventures.ie)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 27th	11:00	13:00

*(Suitable for Children under 12) (Wheelchair Access - Partial) (Car Parking Available) (Free)*