



Laois

Event Guide

21.08.2010 – 29.08.2010

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Events

All events are free, unless otherwise stated



Wild Child Day



DATE & TIME Saturday 21st August, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

VENUE Grand Canal, Vicarstown

DETAILS Michael Jacob leads our celebration of Wild Child Day, with bug hunts, games and plenty of creepy crawlies!

CONTACT Catherine Casey, Laois County Council
T 057 867 4348 E ccasey@laoiscoco.ie



Wild Child Fun on the Farm



DATE & TIME Saturday 21st August, 11.00am – 1.00pm

VENUE An Cnoc Bán Organic Farm, Spink, Abbeyleix

DETAILS Children explore the natural life on our organic farm, with guided activities, alphabet hikes, nature trails, bug hunts. Outdoor games and stories add to their enjoyment.

ADMISSION €8 per child. Pre-booking is essential.

CONTACT Mary Fitzpatrick, An Cnoc Bán Organic Farm
T 086 277 9668 E ancnocban@ireland.com



Mountmellick Museum Special Exhibition



DATE & TIME Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd August, 10.00am – 5.00pm

VENUE Mountmellick Museum

DETAILS Display of new acquisitions of Mountmellick Work and Exhibition of Fr. Paddy Mulvey's Photographs of Laois.

CONTACT Aislinn ua Bhuachalla, Mountmellick Museum
T 057 862 4525 E manager@mdaltd.ie



Traditional Music Session



DATE & TIME Sunday 22nd August, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

VENUE Emo Court

DETAILS Enjoy live traditional music at Emo Court with Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann, Portarlinton Branch.

CONTACT Jacinta Rigney, Emo Court
T 057 862 6573 E jacinta.rigney@opw.ie



Stradbally Steam Train



- DATE & TIME** Sunday 22nd August, 2.00pm – 4.45pm
- VENUE** Stradbally Hall, Stradbally (access off Main Street)
- DETAILS** The Irish Steam Preservation Society's narrow gauge steam train will run in the grounds of Stradbally Hall, by kind permission of the Cosby Family.
- CONTACT** Cliff Flewitt **T** 01 855 4081 **E** ccasey@laoiscoco.ie



Woodland Walks



- DATE & TIME** 23rd – 27th August, daily 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- VENUE** Emo Court
- DETAILS** Woodland walk giving information on the gardens, trees and wildlife.
- CONTACT** Valerie Cloonan, Emo Court
T 086 810 7916 **E** emocourt@opw.ie



The Healing Power of Herbs



- DATE & TIME** Monday 23rd August, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- VENUE** The Poet's Cottage, Camross
- DETAILS** Jacqui Booth will talk and give a practical demonstration on the medicinal uses of common Irish herbs.
- CONTACT** Catherine Casey, Laois County Council
T 057 867 4348 **E** ccasey@laoiscoco.ie



Screening of *The Secret of Kells*



- DATE & TIME** Tuesday 24th August, 11.00am
- VENUE** Abbeyleix Library
- DETAILS** Enjoy a cinematic experience at Abbeyleix Library, with a screening of the Oscar-nominated film *The Secret of Kells*.
- CONTACT** Laura Brett, Abbeyleix Library
T 057 873 0020 **E** lbrett@laoiscoco.ie

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Reptile Village Conservation Zoo Visit



DETAILS Learn about various reptiles, how they live and where they come from. Best of all, you even get to hold the animals!

Booking is essential – there will be room for a maximum of 20 children aged 6-12, at each event, so book early!

DATE & TIME Tuesday 24th August, 11.30am – 1.00pm

VENUE Mountmellick Library, O'Moore Street, Mountmellick

CONTACT Triona Kenny, Mountmellick Library
T 057 864 4588 E tkenny@laoiscoco.ie

DATE & TIME Tuesday 24th August, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

VENUE Mountrath Library, Shannon Street, Mountrath

CONTACT Patricia Norton, Mountrath Library
T 057 875 6378 E pnorton@laoiscoco.ie



Workshop on Sean Nós and Brush Dancing



DATE & TIME Tuesday 24th August, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

VENUE Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise

DETAILS A fun workshop, led by Maureen Culleton. Aimed at girls and boys, aged 8 – 12 years. **Booking required with Dunamais Box Office.**

CONTACT Box Office, Dunamais Arts Centre
T 057 866 3355 E info@dunamais.ie



Field trip to Rathdaire Estate



DATE & TIME Tuesday 24th August, 7.00pm

VENUE Meet at Rathdaire Church of the Ascension, Rath, near Ballybrittas.

DETAILS Laois Heritage Society fieldtrip to Rathdaire, including visit to Bellegrave House, former home of Jack Adair, and Rath Church. Finishing with music and refreshments at the Fisherman's Inn. Guided by Fr. Jack Walsh.

CONTACT Teddy Fennelly, Portlaoise
T 087 241 6512 E teddyfennelly@hotmail.com



Children's Nature Exhibition



- DATE & TIME** Tuesday 24th August, 7.30pm – 8.30pm
- VENUE** Portarlinton Community Centre, Link Road, Portarlinton
- DETAILS** A display of the findings of a children's summer camp in Portarlinton, looking at local rivers, bogs and woodland. With special guest Eanna ní Lamhna.
- CONTACT** Celia Deverell,
Portarlinton Community Development Association
T 087 695 1410 **E** celiadeverell@yahoo.co.uk



Launch of the Paddy Mulhall Collection



- DATE & TIME** Tuesday 24th August, 7.30pm – 10.00pm
- VENUE** Abbeyleix Heritage House
- DETAILS** A new exhibition based on memorabilia collected by the late Paddy Mulhall, the last family member to own Morrissey's of Abbeyleix. Ledgers, photographs and physical artefacts charting the social history of Abbeyleix.
- CONTACT** Tom Cox, Abbeyleix Heritage House
T 057 873 1653 **E** Abbeyleixlaois@eircom.net



Irish History Live



- DETAILS** Michael Moylan presents a fun show looking at all stages of Irish history, with replicas and costumes. Aimed at children aged 6 to 12.
- DATE & TIME** Wednesday 25th August, 12.00pm – 1.30pm
- VENUE** Rathdowney Library
- CONTACT** Bernie Foran, Laois Library HQ
T 057 867 4312 **E** bforan@laoiscoco.ie
- DATE & TIME** Wednesday 25th August, 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- VENUE** Durrow Library
- CONTACT** Catherine Hutchinson, Durrow Library
T 057 873 6090 **E** chutchinson@laoiscoco.ie
- DATE & TIME** Thursday 26th August, 11.00am – 12.30pm
- VENUE** Mountmellick Library
- CONTACT** Fiona Lynch, Mountmellick Library
T 057 864 4572 **E** fynch@laoiscoco.ie
- DATE & TIME** Thursday 26th August, 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- VENUE** Abbeyleix Library
- CONTACT** Laura Brett, Abbeyleix Library
T 057 873 0020 **E** lbrett@laoiscoco.ie



Slieve Bloom Walk Glenkeen Bog Roads and Waterfall



- DATE & TIME** Wednesday August 25th, 6.30pm
- VENUE** Meet outside Clonaslee Heritage Centre, from where we'll drive up to Glenkeen to begin the walk.
- DETAILS** The walk will be approx 4km long over old tracks and heather. Strong footwear and weatherproof clothing required. Duration about 2 hours.
- CONTACT** Richard Jack
T 086 250 2573 E richard.jack@coillte.ie



Tracing Your Family's Roots



- DETAILS** Talk by Dr. Jane Lyons on genealogy and family history.
- DATE & TIME** Wednesday 25th August, 6.00pm
- VENUE** Portlaoise Library
- CONTACT** Walter Lawler, Portlaoise Library
T 057 862 2333 E wlawler@laoiscoco.ie
- DATE & TIME** Thursday 26th August, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- VENUE** Abbeyleix Library
- CONTACT** Laura Brett, Abbeyleix Library
T 057 873 0020 E lbrett@laoiscoco.ie



Learn to Draw Wildlife



- DETAILS** Workshop with wildlife artist Gordon D'Arcy on how to draw wildlife. Aimed at children aged 8-12 years. The art becomes a focus for learning about ecology, migration, folklore, Irish history, place names, etc. No booking required.
- DATE & TIME** Friday 27th August, 11.00am – 12.30pm
- VENUE** Portlaoise Library
- CONTACT** Walter Lawler, Portlaoise Library
T 057 862 2333 E wlawler@laoiscoco.ie
- DATE & TIME** Friday 27th August, 2pm – 3.30pm
- VENUE** Mountmellick Library
- CONTACT** Fiona Lynch, Mountmellick Library
T 057 864 4572 E fynch@laoiscoco.ie



Habitats of the Slieve Blooms



DATE & TIME Friday 27th August, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

VENUE Clonaslee Library

DETAILS A talk and slideshow by wildlife surveyors on the recent habitat mapping project in the Slieve Bloom Mountains.

CONTACT Catherine Casey, Laois County Council
T 057 867 4348 E ccasey@laoiscoco.ie



A Taste of Times Past



DATE & TIME Saturday 28th August, 11.00am – 1.30pm

VENUE An Cnoc Bán Organic Farm, Spink, Abbeyleix

DETAILS Hands-on lessons in Irish traditional baking. Make your own light lunch, sit down together to enjoy the taste and flavours of times past on the farm. Booking essential.

ADMISSION €15 (includes all ingredients)

CONTACT Mary Fitzpatrick, An Cnoc Bán Organic Farm
T 086 277 9668 E ancnocban@ireland.com



Wildlife Walk in the Slieve Bloom Mountains



DATE & TIME Sunday 29th August, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

VENUE Ridge of Capard. Grid ref: N365 065. Follow signs from Rosenallis.

DETAILS Nature trail looking at the ecology of the Nature Reserve and conservation work. Bring outdoor clothing. Wellies/hiking boots advisable. Event subject to weather.

CONTACT Jason Monaghan, NPWS, 2 Conway Estates, Station Road, Kildare
T 045 534073 E jason.monaghan@environ.ie



The Family Who Lived Here



DATE & TIME Sunday 29th August, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

VENUE Emo Court

DETAILS Lecture on the Earls of Portarlington – the family who lived at Emo Court, by John Powell. Guides will dress in period costume.

CONTACT Jacinta Rigney, Emo Court
T 057 862 6573 E jacinta.rigney@opw.ie



Cullahill Heritage Walk



- DATE & TIME** Sunday 29th August, 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- VENUE** Meet at Cullahill Community Centre
- DETAILS** Heritage walk and talk in scenic Cullahill, with views of five counties.
- CONTACT** Vincent O'Sullivan, Bunlacken, Cullahill
T 087 416 8549



Céilí & Old-time Dancing



- DATE & TIME** Sunday 29th August, 4.00pm – 7.00pm
- VENUE** Ballyfin Community Centre
- DETAILS** Celebration of Irish dance with a Céilí and old-time dancing, led by Maureen Culleton, with music by Danny Webster. All welcome, plenty of help available for beginners. Light refreshments will be served.
- CONTACT** Catherine Casey, Laois County Council
T 057 867 4348 E ccasey@laoiscoco.ie



Week Long Events



Bord na Móna Heartland Exhibition



DATE & TIME 21st – 29th August; weekdays, 10.00am – 6.00pm
weekends, 10.00am – 3.00pm

VENUE Portlaoise Parish Centre.

DETAILS Exhibition reflecting the development of Bord na Móna over 75 years, and plans for a sustainable future.

CONTACT Paddy Rowland, Bord na Móna
T 087 355 1935 **E** Paddy.Rowland@bnm.ie



Abbeyleix Heritage House



DATE & TIME 21st – 29th August; weekdays, 9.00am – 5.00pm
weekends, 1.00pm – 5.00pm

VENUE Heritage House, Abbeyleix

DETAILS Abbeyleix Heritage House Museum will open on a voluntary donation basis during Heritage Week.

CONTACT Tom Cox, Abbeyleix Heritage House
T 057 873 1653 **E** abbeyleixlaois@eircom.net



Irish Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum



DATE & TIME 21st – 29th August, 10.00am – 6.00pm

VENUE Irish Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum, Attanagh

DETAILS Museum open daily. Free entry for Heritage Week. Please phone to book a guided tour.

CONTACT Walter Phelan, Irish Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum, Attanagh, Durrrow **T** 086 315 3088



Donaghmore Workhouse Museum



DATE & TIME 21st – 29th August; weekdays 11.00am – 5.00pm
weekends 2.00pm – 5.00pm

VENUE Donaghmore Workhouse Museum

DETAILS Visit an original workhouse building interpreting the Famine and post-Famine period.

ADMISSION Adults €4; OAPs & Students €2.50; Family €8

CONTACT Trevor Stanley, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
T 086 829 6685 **E** info@donaghmoremuseum.com



Durrow Bygones Museum



- DATE & TIME** 21st – 29th August, daily from mid-day to 9.00pm
- VENUE** Bob's Bar, The Old Bridge, Durrow.
- DETAILS** Exhibition of memorabilia, photographs etc. from the local area, displayed in the old boat-house on the banks of the River Erkina. Phone for group tour with tea & scones.
- CONTACT** Bobby Campion, The Old Bridge, Durrow
T 087 616 5454 E durrowbygones@gmail.com



Stradbally Steam Museum



- DATE & TIME** 21st – 29th August; weekdays, 9.30am – 5.30pm
weekends by appointment
- VENUE** The Green, Stradbally
- DETAILS** Display of steam, fire and farm engines including a Land Rover fire engine from the 1950s, a Guinness loco engine and even a home-made steam tractor.
- ADMISSION** Adults €5; Students €3, accompanied children free
- CONTACT** Sean Fenlon, Stradbally
T 086 125 8813 E fenlonsean@yahoo.co.uk



Mountmellick Museum



- DATE & TIME** 23rd – 27th August, daily, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- VENUE** Mountmellick Museum, Irishtown, Mountmellick
- DETAILS** Exhibition of Mountmellick work and local history.
- ADMISSION** €5
- CONTACT** Aislinn ua Bhuachalla, Mountmellick Museum
T 057 862 4525 E manager@mdaltd.ie



Durrow in Yesteryear



- DATE & TIME** 21st & 22nd, 28th & 29th August, 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- VENUE** Durrow Courthouse Cultural Centre, Chapel Street, Durrow
- DETAILS** An exhibition telling the story of life in Durrow at the turn of the last century.
- ADMISSION** Voluntary donation
- CONTACT** Mary Dowling, Durrow Courthouse Cultural Centre
T 087 220 0199 E marydowling09@gmail.com

SATURDAY 21 st August	SUNDAY 22 nd August	MONDAY 23 rd August	TUESDAY 24 th August	WEDNESDAY 25 th August	THURSDAY 26 th August	FRIDAY 27 th August	SATURDAY 28 th August	SUNDAY 29 th August
Wild Child Fun on the Farm, Spink Wild Child Day, Vicarstown	Traditional Music Session, Emo Court	Woodland Walks, Emo Court	The Secret of Kells, Abbeyleix Reptile Village, Mountmellick Reptile Village, Mountrath Woodland Walks, Emo Court Workshop on Sean Nós and Brush Dancing, Portlaoise	Irish History Live, Rathdowney Irish History Live, Durrow Woodland Walks, Emo Court	Irish History Live, Mountmellick Irish History Live, Abbeyleix Woodland Walks, Emo Court	Learn to Draw Wildlife, Portlaoise Learn to Draw Wildlife, Mountmellick Woodland Walks, Emo Court	A Taste of Times Past, Spink	Wildlife Walk, Ridge of Capard The Family Who Lived Here, Emo Court Cullahill Heritage Walk, Cullahill Céilir & Old-time Dancing, Ballyfin
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Exhibitions and Museums open throughout the week (check individual entries for opening hours) [Abbeyleix Heritage House](#) | [Bord na Móna Heartland Exhibition](#) | [Donaghmore Workhouse Museum](#) | [Durrow Bygoness Museum](#) | [Durrow in Yesteryear Exhibition](#) | [Irish Fly Fishing & Game Shooting Museum](#) | [Mountmellick Museum](#) | [Mountmellick Museum](#) | [Stradbally Steam Museum](#)

Location of Events



Suitable for children _ must be accompanied by adults at all events



Partial disabled access



Car parking available



Disabled access

Contact

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