



Event Guide August

Art Summer Camps

Athena Gallery, 40 Ballymahon Street, Longford. Children's camp costs €125 for ages 7-12 and runs from 29 July-2 August. Adult camp costs €150 and runs from 19-24 August. All camps run from 1pm-3.30pm. For further info email: athenagalleryandstudios@gmail.com

First Fridays - Friday, 2 August

St. John's Church, Battery Road, Longford. 8pm. Niamh Bury has been hailed as one of Irish folk's most exciting new talents. Joining Niamh on the night is Dotts O'Connor, celebrated as a guitarist of Choice Award-nominated band Come on Live Long and Dirty Dreamer. For tickets email: admin@backstage.ie or phone: 043 334 7888. Tickets €15

Family Fun Day - Saturday, 3 August

Bridgeways family fun day takes place in Bridgeways Ballymahon on Saturday 3 August from 2pm-4pm. Entry fee €5 per family. For further information phone: 085 866 8062.

3 Province Festival, 1-5 August

The annual 3 Province Festival will take place in Arva from Thursday, 1 August to Monday, 5 August inclusive. There is something to suit everyone with a wide range of activities and entertainment planned. See Arva3ProvinceFestival on Facebook for more.

Breffni 3 Province Challenge - Saturday, 3 August

The annual Breffni 3 Province Challenge which raises much needed funds for three cancer charities, takes place on Saturday, 3 August starting from St Patrick's Hall, Arva.

Escobar Ultimate Pub Table Quiz - Saturday, 3 August

DJ Baldy Mick takes over in Longford's Escobar every second Saturday throughout August for Speed Quizzing - the Ultimate Pub Table Quiz from 9pm followed by live DJ entertainment. Assemble your team and book a table by calling 043 334 6296.

Longford Arms Dancing - Sunday, 4 August

Sunday Night Dancing with Gerry Guthrie. Doors open 9pm. Admission €15. Special accommodation rates for dancers, for further information, phone 043 334 6296.

Cian Gray Memorial All Vehicle Run - Sunday, 4 August

In memory of Cian Gray, all vehicles, including tractors, trucks, cars, bikes are welcome to participate in the all vehicle run, departing from Dromard GAA Grounds at 1pm sharp. Registration 11.30am. All proceeds to Longford Hospice Homecare.

Mary Sheerin Memorial Music Extravaganza - Wednesday, 7 August

The Sheerin Family Band return to Cooney's Hotel, Ballymahon for their annual Mary Sheerin Memorial Music Extravaganza featuring a host of special guests including Cliona Hagan, Gerry Guthrie, Matt Leavy, Claire Sheerin, Tony Allen and Dan Sheerin.

Marquee in Drumlish Festival, 9-12 August

The Marquee in Drumlish is a go-to event on the entertainment calendar right across the midlands and northwest. Kicking off on Friday, with Allie Sherlock, The Highstool Prophets and Ruaile Buaille. Saturday: Jimmy Buckley and Derek Ryan. Sunday: Qween, Chasing Abbey and Cronin. Final show on Monday night with The Declan Nerney Night and Nathan Carter.

Sponsored Climb for ABII, 17 August

Mount Errigal Donegal. Longford's Alzheimer's Society of Ireland sponsored climb takes place on Saturday, 17 August. All money raised goes to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (ABII). Your support would be greatly appreciated. For further information email: lisryantidyvillagegroup@gmail.com

Heritage Week, 17 - 24 August

This year's theme is Connections, Routes and Networks. A talk on (Re)constructing the landed estates of Longford and Westmeath takes place in Edgeworthstown Library on Saturday, 17 August from 12-1pm. Quenching Drumlish's Thirst is a lecture on the 1916 Easter Rising with a Coach Tour coordinated by the Drumlish Heritage and History Society. Starting from Mary Street, Drumlish on Thursday, August 22, 7pm to 8:30pm.

Share your Boxy story for the ages - join Project Lead Carol Smyth as varieties of recipes and methods for making boxty in our special region are gathered. "Our Boxy Story" takes place in

Granard Library on Thursday, 22 August 6.30pm-8pm. For further information phone: 087 964 4152

"The Workhouse - Ballymahon" is a lecture by the Leo Casey Historical Society, taking place on the Workhouse Road, Ballymahon, on Thursday, 22 August from 7pm to 8pm. "Inchcleraun: Explore an island of ancient natural and water heritage" with the Local Authority Waters Programme from Lough Ree Boat access point, Ballyleague, Lanesboro on Friday, 23 August from 9am-2pm. For further information on National Heritage Week contact www.heritageweek.ie

Longford Arms Dancing - Sunday, 18 August

Sunday night dancing with Mike Denver. Doors open 9pm. Admission €15. Special accommodation rates for dancers, for further information phone 043 3346296

Granard Butter Market

Open every Saturday 11am-3pm displaying a wide array of goods from flowers, handmade crafts, homemade cakes and much more. For further information, please phone 085 140 6604.

Abbott Longford Marathon - Sunday, 25 August

Celebrate the annual Longford Marathon which starts and finishes at the Longford Arms Hotel in Longford Town. Full marathon walkers start at 7am. For further information email: www.longfordmarathon.com

Colmille Ploughing - Sunday, 25 August

Colmille Ploughing and Family Fun Day takes place on Sunday, 25 August. See Colmille Ploughing & Family Fun Day 2024 on Facebook for updates.

Backstage Theatre, 30-31 August

"The Battle of Ballinamuck" documentary film screening takes place on Friday and Saturday, 30 and 31 August at 7pm. Produced by Longford's award-winning Harp Media as part of the 225th anniversary commemorations, it tells the story of the 1798 rebellion, the town of Ballinamuck and its people who made a brave stand against British forces. Tickets can be purchased at www.backstage.ie for €20.