Event Guide February 2025

**Lough Ree Access For All Boat trips – Daily sailings**

Enjoy a scenic island cruise on Lough Ree, the lake of kings on the River Shannon with Lough Ree Access for all boat trips. This 90-minute lake and river cruise sails three times daily for people of all abilities. For further information or to book a boat trip, phone: 089 2625 505 or log on to: [www.loughreeboattrips.com](http://www.loughreeboattrips.com)

**Longford Farmers Market – Weekly on Friday**

Longford Farmers Market takes place every Friday from 10am – 2pm on the Market Square in Longford Town. Fresh eggs, fresh brown bread, fresh fish and seasonal offerings available from local traders.

**Backstage Theatre and Centre for the Arts – Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 - 12 February**

“Livin’ Dred Theatre” presents a riotous new production of JM Synge’s masterpiece The Playboy of the Western World, in a staging the crackles with wit, heroism, humour and a touch of absurd. The “Playboy” remains as outrageous, loved and shocking today as it was when it first ignited riots over a century ago. Admission €20. For further information phone: 043 33 47888 or email: [www.backstage.ie](http://www.backstage.ie)

**Longford Arms Hotel – Friday, 14 February**

To celebrate St Valentines Day, the Longford Arms Hotel have put on a special package that includes accommodation for two people in their newly refurbished Heritage Rooms and a special menu in the bar for a special rate of €200.

**Supper Club, Cathedral View Apartments – Friday, 14 February**

From Ballymaloe to Cathedral View: here we have a Saint Valentine’s Day Supper Club gathering with a literary twist on the theme of love. Be spoiled by Ballymaloe trained chef Geraldine Stewart of Cathedral View Apartments, Longford town. This event will kick off at 7pm and run until 11 pm with special guest Longford Historian Matt Farrell of the Maria Edgeworth Centre. Tickets on Eventbrite.ie

**Longford Arms Hotel – Saturday 15 February**

Crazy Toons presents their children’s show on Saturday, 15 February. Show starts at 2..30pm.For further information email. [www.longfordarms.ie](http://www.longfordarms.ie) or phone: 043 334 6296

**The Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule – Weekly on Thursday**

Trad Session takes place on the first Thursday of every month. All musicians are welcome to join or listen and sing along. For further information phone:044 435 7424

**Longford Lights Festival , Thursday to Sunday, 20-23 February**

Longford Lights Festival 2025 promises to be an exciting programme of art installations, events and performances over four nights. The festival is an evening event taking place in Connolly Barracks and for the first time extends beyond the Barracks Walls to include installations in more locations around Longford Town. Entry to the main festival site is Connolly Barracks by ticket only. Entry is per session with starting times at 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm. For further information and to obtain tickets log on to: [www.longfordlights.ie](http://www.longfordlights.ie)

**Longford Rugby Club – Friday, 21 February**

Under 13’s midterm disco, for 11-to-13-year old’s takes place at Longford Rugby Club on Friday 12 February from 9pm to 11pm. This is a fully supervised event. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**Midlands Motor Rally – Saturday and Sunday, 1-2 March**

The very first weekend of March is going to see Longford Town swarmed with motor rally enthusiasts from around the country. With the ceremonial start taking place in town on Saturday 1st, the rally itself commences in earnest on Sunday morning, involving 3 stages around a radius of approximately 20 km from Longford town. At the end of each run, after stages 3 and 6, the cars come back into Longford Town to complete service in Templemichael Business Park before returning to the stages. Large numbers are expected to take the opportunity to get up close to see the cars and crews. Following the end of the rally at approximately 5.30pm the cars travel back to Parc Ferme (St Mels College). The results are then compiled while the top 5 cars/crews and top 5 cars/crews in various categories parade under the start/finish ramp at the Longford Arms Hotel and each crew will be interviewed. This again will attract a large number of rally fans, general public and national media and will usually finish up at approx. 6.30pm. Results are then finalised and published by the organisers while competitors and officials and general public avail of refreshments in the local hotels/restaurants. A prize giving is then held in the Longford Arms Hotel.