



Pictures taken from Longford St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2024.

## Event Guide March 2025

### Newtowncashel Drama Group "Unforgiven" - 28 February to 2 March

"Unforgiven" by John McDwyer at The Hill nightly at 8:30pm. Admission €10 adults/€5 children. Call to reserve seat 087 380 4481.

### Midlands Motor Rally - Saturday and Sunday, 1-2 March

Longford Town will be full of motor rally enthusiasts from around the country this weekend, with the ceremonial start of the Midlands Motor Rally taking place in town on Saturday, 1 March. The rally itself commences in earnest on Sunday morning, involving 3 stages around a radius of approximately 20km from Longford town. 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. A prize giving is then held in the Longford Arms Hotel.

### Discover the Art of Cooking with Gary O'Hanlon, Abbeylara - Thursday, 6 March

Abbeylara Parish Centre hosts a cookery demonstration with special guest chef Gary O'Hanlon. Tickets are €20. Doors open 6.30pm. Demonstration runs from 7pm to 9pm. Eircode N39FP77

### Novice Ploughing Match, John Mills Farm, Tagshinny - Saturday, 8 March

Kicks off at 12noon. Hosted by Longford Ploughing Association. See Facebook for more details.

### Killoe 5 km/10 km Run - 12 noon, Sunday, 9 March

Help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a club! Lace up your running shoes and get ready to hit the scenic, but challenging roads of Killoe. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, this event is perfect for you. Join us for a fun-filled day of running, cheering, and pushing your limits. Starting point at Emmet Og Killoe N39 A562. Register on Eventbrite.ie

### Cathedral View Supper Club - Friday, 14 March

From Ballymaloe to Cathedral View: here we have a Gala Dinner Supper Club gathering for St Patrick's Day weekend. Be spoiled by Ballymaloe trained chef Geraldine Stewart of Cathedral View Apartments, Longford town. This event will kick off at 7pm and run until 11pm. Tickets on Eventbrite.ie

### Abbeylara Social Dancing - Saturday, 15 March

Abbeylara Parish Centre hosts social dancing with Matt Leavy. Teas and draw on the night. 9.30pm -12am. Tickets €10. Eircode: N39FP77

### Longford Town St Patrick's Festivities - Sunday, 16 March

This year's theme is "The Luck of the Irish". Pre-procession celebrations start on Ballymahon St from 4pm on St Patrick's Eve! Procession takes place at 5.30pm through Main St, Dublin St, New St and Ballymahon St, concluding at Killashee St with live entertainment continuing on the Gig Rig on Ballymahon Street until 9pm. Come along and join the festive fun!

### Ballymahon St Patricks Day Parade - Sunday, 16 March

The theme in Ballymahon this year is "Resilience and Resourcefulness" with a nod to how we coped with Storm Eowyn and our ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties. This year the parade starts at the earlier time of 3.30pm.

### Ballinamuck St Patricks Day Parade - Sunday, 16 March

Parade starts at 4pm with free entry. Prizes for the best three floats. Family fun with face painting, food van, coffee truck, ice cream vans, refreshments in Johnny's Cottage and live music on the street by Joe Mac and Paddy Sticks.

### Mostrim Players present "The Secret Singer" - Sunday, 16 March

Edgeworthstown Community Centre plays host to The Secret Singer at 8pm. Figure out who's behind the masks. Tickets €20 available from The Goldsmith Inn, Quinn Supply Stores and A&N Gift Store. Raising funds for a new performance space in Edgeworthstown to showcase local talent, creativity, culture and community.

### Lanesboro St Patricks Day Parade - Monday, 17 March

Traditional parade in Lanesborough begins at 2.30pm

### Longford Ploughing Festival & Family Field Day - Sunday, 23 March

The first ploughing match in the Ballymahon area in over a decade will be hosted on The Delaney Family Farm at Drinan, Ballymahon. Tractor Horse & Vintage Ploughing under NPA rules with plenty of stalls and family fun on the day.

### Backstage Theatre and Centre for the Arts

Wednesday, 12 March, 8pm Calendar Girls (Extra date added!), Admission €17

Friday, 21 March, 8pm The Nanci Griffith Songbook, Admission €25

Saturday, 22 March, 8pm Nights on Broadway Admission €30

Wednesday, 26 March 8pm A night at the Opry - Admission €30

Thursday, 27 March 8pm Zeitgeist Juke Box - Admission €16

Friday, 28 March 8pm Comedian Emma Doran - Dilemma Admission €27

Saturday, 29 March 8pm The Brandon McPhee Show - Juke Box Admission €23

For further information phone: 043 33 47888 or email: admin@backstage.ie

### 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

### Longford Branch Library - Weekly Community Mornings on Thursdays

Every Thursday 10.30am - 12noon join us to take part in puzzles and games, arts and crafts, or just sit back and relax with a hot drink over newspapers and magazines and more. Internet and charging points available. Adults only, no booking required - see [LongfordLibrary.ie](http://LongfordLibrary.ie) for more.

### 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

**Lus na Gréine, Granard - various Women in Touch, empowering one another:** All welcome to join our arty/craft workshops from Tuesday, 4 March from 10am to 12noon.

**Crafty Afternoons:** All welcome to join our lovely group for an hour of creativity and mindfulness, connection and learning, every Tuesday afternoon 12.30 to 1.30pm.

