

Age & Opportunity

Bealtaine Festival

Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

Theme 2019: "Be Our Guest"

Longford Bealtaine Festival 2019 Programme of Events

Welcome to the Longford Bealtaine Festival 2019 (May 1st – 31st). We ask you to please support all local events. They are free, unless otherwise stated. Please contact us at Longford Library (email: mreynolds@longfordcoco.ie / tel: 043-3341124) if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you out and about!

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LONGFORD COUNTY: The Bealtaine 2019 book of the month is *'Twelve Thousand Days'* by Éilís Ní Dhuibhne. Pick up a copy in your local library and join in a discussion with your local book club.

LONGFORD TOWN: Arthritis Ireland is holding art classes with Mary Gray in Longford Library throughout the month of May. Contact Longford Branch Library on 043-3340727 for further information.

LONGFORD TOWN: Thursday, May 2nd – Longford Arms Hotel. 2pm-5pm. The official opening of the Longford Bealtaine Festival 2019. Hosted by Newtownforbes Active Retirement Group. Admission €5. To book, contact Madeleine Bennett or Fiona Cooney (043-3340727)

LONGFORD TOWN: Thursday, May 2nd 7.30pm – Longford Library. Poetry Day Ireland 2019. Readings with a selection of Longford poets, including Valerie Masters, Rose Moran, Margaret Nohilly, and special guest, Dani Gill. All welcome.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN: Friday, May 3rd: Edgeworthstown Tea Dance 11.30– 1.30pm. in 'The Green' Edgeworthstown. Hosted by the local ARA. All welcome. Contact Des Skelly to book your place on 087-2951756.

BALLYMAHON: Tuesday, May 7th 7.30pm – Ballymahon Library. The Life and Work of Longford writer, 'Leo' Casey, with local historian, author and librarian, Gearoid O'Brien. Event sponsored by County Longford Historical Society.

EDGEWORTHSTOWN: Thursday, May 9th – Sunday, May 12th – The Maria Edgeworth Literary Festival. Talks, workshops, guided tours and concert. Booking is essential for all events. Visit www.edgeworth.net/festival or telephone 043-6671801

LANESBORO: Monday, May 13th 4.15pm – 6pm. Afternoon Tea and Poetry at Lanesboro Library.

LONGFORD TOWN: Wednesday, May 15th 7.30pm – Longford Library. 'A Poet's View of Longford's Literary Past', a lecture by acclaimed Granard writer, Noel Monahan. This talk will focus on William Carleton and his literary influence on Longford writers.

BOORA WALK – The annual walk to Boora takes place on May 16th. Contact Des Skelly to book your place on 087-2951756.

LONGFORD TOWN & NORTH LONGFORD: Friday May 17th – Saturday May 18th . The Padraic Colum International Gathering 2019. Talks, guided tours, concert, music and spoken word. For all events booking is essential. Pick up a copy of the programme in your local library, or visit: www.longfordlibrary.ie, telephone 043-3341124 or email: creativeireland@longfordcoco.ie.

LANESBORO: Friday, May 17th from 11am to 2pm – The Alzheimer’s Association of Ireland Mobile Information Service will be at Lanesboro Library. All welcome!

LONGFORD TOWN: Monday, May 20th 7.30pm – Longford Library. ‘Getting Published’, tips on how to get your work published by Longford author, Alan McMonagle.

LANESBORO: Monday, May 20th – 6.30pm. ‘Grow Your Own’ Talk and seed swap with Ronan Lynch at Lanesboro Library.

LONGFORD TOWN: Wednesday, May 22nd. 7.30pm. An evening with Longford Writers Group and special guests at Longford Library. All are welcome!

LONGFORD TOWN: Thursday, May 30th 8pm – Backstage Theatre. Internationally acclaimed writers, Michael Harding and John Connell, will come together for an evening of conversation. To book call 043-3347888 or visit: www.backstage.ie

BALLYMAHON: Friday May 31st – Sunday, June 2nd. The Goldsmith International Literary Festival 2019. A series of talks and lectures on this year’s theme ‘Ask me no questions and I’ll tell you no fibs’ Tony Lumpkin in ‘She Stoops to Conquer’ 1773. Journalism, News and Democracy – Grub Street in the 21st Century. Booking essential. To find out more visit: <http://olivergoldsmithfestival.com>

GRANARD: ‘An Old Woman of the Roads’ by Padraic Colum - Performance by pupils from Killasonna National School . Granard Community Library. Booking 0436686164

LONGFORD TOWN: Thursday, May 30th Bealtaine Closing Tea Dance, hosted by Longford Community Gardaí in the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford.

Bealtaine Workshops

Creative writing workshops with Rose Moran, RSM

Reminiscence workshops with Frank Galligan

Gardening workshops with Mary Holmes.

To book for any of these workshops, contact Longford Library - 043-3341124

(Fiona or Mary)

Visit: www.longfordlibrary.ie