

Snowdrop Gala at Ballykealey Manor Hotel

Saturday 4th February 2017

Come and join us on our annual "Snowdrop Gala & other Spring Treasures". A delightful day with guest speakers, lunch, specialist nurseries and a guided tour of Altamont's snowdrop collection.

Location: Ballykealey Manor Hotel

Location: Altamont Gardens, At The Walled Garden Altamont Gardens, Tullow, County Carlow

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Snow Drop Month at Burtown House

From Saturday 4th February 2017

Irish Snowdrops many of which are in the garden at Burtown. She will tell their histories and stories.

There are many other early bulbs, including wonderful displays of aconites. The Green Barn will be open every day serving delicious lunches based on our fresh organic seasonal produce from our walled kitchen garden. Open Wednesday – Sunday and Bank Holidays.

Location: Burtown House, Ballytore, Athy, Co. Kildare

t: + 353 (0) 86 263 1485

e: james@burtownhouse.ie

w: www.burtownhouse.ie

GPS: 52.996672, 6.870744

Snowdrop Week at Altamont Gardens

Monday 6th – Tuesday 14th February 2017

An opportunity for the green-fingered and general gardening enthusiast to view this unique collection, widely recognised as the second largest in Ireland. The collection was started by Mrs. Corona North, former owner of the gardens, approximately 30 years ago and has over 100 named varieties in the collection.

Location: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co Carlow

t: +353 (0)59 915 9444

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w: www.opw.ie or www.carlowtourism.com

GPS: 52.735129,6.720966

Snowdrop Week at Huntington Castle

Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th February 2017

Over 10,000 snowdrops have been planted for 2016. Huntington also features a woodland nature walk and a Children's Adventure Trail with a host of activities and obstacles for kids of all ages. Tour time at 2 p.m. daily. Adventure Trail open from 12 p.m. daily.

Location: Huntington Castle, Clonegal

t: +353 (0)53 937 7160

e: info@huntingtoncastle.com

w: www.huntingtoncastle.com

GPS: 52.690404, 6.649131

Valentine Muckfest 2017

Saturday 11th February 2017

The 4th Annual Valentine Muckfest takes place at Thornhill, Tullow, Co. Carlow on Saturday Feb 11th! The Muckfest is set to be the romantic highlight of the South East and includes 5km of cross country obstacles, muck, music, food and fun!

Location: Thornhill, Tullow, Co. Carlow
e: valentinemuckfest@gmail.com
<http://www.facebook.com/valentine-muckfest>
gps:

Little Bo Peep

Saturday February 18th - Sunday 26th February 2017

Little Bo Peep, at Rathwood this February Mid Term Jump on the Rathwood Express for a trip through out woodlands with Little Bo Peep & help her find her lost sheep Meet Little Bo Peeps sheep & spring lambs & stop to feed the Geese. For helping to find Little Bo Peep's sheep each child will get their very own lamb soft toy & enjoy a yummy cupcake in our Restaurant after the event.

Duration of Event 1 Hour. Suitable for ages 9 & under.

Location: Rathwood, Rath, Tullow

t: +353 (0)59 915 6285

e: info@rathwood.com

w: www.rathwood.com

gps: 52.796597, -6.660739

Pan Celtic National Song Contest

Saturday 25th February 2017

Newly composed songs 'as Gaeilge' from across the country will go head to head in this prestigious national song contest, to find Ireland's entry for the Pan Celtic International Song Contest 2017. The composer of the winning song will receive a cash prize of €1,000 and go forward to represent Ireland at the Pan Celtic International Song Contest.

Location: The Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow

t: 353 (0) 59 9158105 or + 353 (0) 85 1340047

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w: www.panceltic.ie

gps: 52.841036, 6.92937

An Introduction to Garden Design with Ingrid Smyth

Saturday 25TH February 2017

This one-day course is an introduction to garden design and is aimed at providing the participant with the tools to enable them to design their dream garden. It will cover the design process of analysing your garden, surveying it, gathering inspiration on how you want it to look.

Location: Altamont Gardens, The Walled Garden Altamont Gardens, Tullow, County Carlow

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Seachtain na Gaeilge/ Irish Language Festival 2017

Wednesday 1st – Friday 17th March 2017

Join us in Carlow throughout the month of March for a feast of music, dance, drama, fun and entertainment to celebrate all aspects of Irish language and culture as part of St. Patrick's National Festival. Highlights include the Pan Celtic National Song Contest, the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Location: Venues throughout Carlow

t: 087-2857048 085-1340047

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w: www.glorcheatharlach.ie

St Patricks Day Parade

Friday 17th March 2017

Ireland's national feast day is celebrated throughout Co. Carlow with a series of parades in honour of St. Patrick, the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Parades will take place in the following locations.

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Growing your own cut-flowers seasonally and sustainably with Fionnuala Fallon

Saturday 25th March 2017

An in-depth one-day course/workshop on growing your own seasonal, sustainable cut-flowers for the home or as a supplement to your floristry business, covering everything from the best, most long flowering and floriferous varieties to grow.

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Location: Altamont Gardens, Altamont Plant Sales, Tullow, County Carlow

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Flower Arranging throughout the Season with Marie O'Leary

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Daffodill Weekend at The Delta Sensory Gardens

Friday 24th – Sunday 26th March 2017

Visit one of the most extensive collections of daffodils in the country with 10,000 flowers and numerous varieties on show. Offering a delicious afternoon tea each day in our New Café, cost per person €15 including a visit to Sensory Gardens – Booking recommended. All profits for the weekend go to EIST Carlow Support Group.

Location: Delta Sensory Gardens, Delta Centre, Strawhall Industrial Estate, Carlow

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w: www.deltasensorygardens.com
gps: 52.844988, -6.924546

Daffodils at Burtown House

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The Golden Age of Daffodils at Burtown Gardens with Mary O'Brien at 12 noon. Many of the featured heritage varieties of daffodils proliferate throughout the gardens, while tulips, woodland anemones and trilliums add further spring colour.

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Easter Fun Train at Rathwood

Tuesday 4th – Monday 17th April 2017

The Easter Train will leave the Rathwood Courtyard daily and head to the woods where the Easter Bunny has a secret mission: to deliver a basket of Easter eggs to a very special person. But the Bunny's mission might not be as easy to accomplish as originally planned, as Freddy Fox has been spotted in the forest acting suspiciously in recent days. Freddy Fox might be up to no good and looking to spoil the Easter Bunny's plans!

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Easter Extravaganza at Delta Sensory Gardens

Saturday 15th April 2017

Join Mr Hop – the Easter Bunny and his friends for some egg-citing family fun this Easter Saturday from 12 – 5 p.m. Online booking essential for this event with our delta team pulling out all stops. Lunches Tea/Coffee and snacks available in our New Café.

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Easter at Huntington Castle

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The perfect location for an Easter Egg and Bunny Rabbit Treasure Hunt.

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International Pan Celtic Festival 2017

Tuesday 18th April – Saturday 22nd April 2017

The annual International Pan Celtic Festival is a celebration of the celtic cultures of Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Brittany, Isle of Man and Cornwall in music, song, dance, languages, costumes, sport and story. This year's festival is expected to be bigger than ever and has an exciting programme of events to keep everyone entertained, including street performances, a parade, live music and competitions.

Location: Carlow Town

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Celtic Taste of Carlow

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd April 2017

A Celtic Taste of Carlow will be held over a 2 days at Potato Market, Carlow and will feature the best of locally sourced foods from Carlow's Farmers Market, local eateries and our International Celtic neighbours. There will also be a wide variety of crafts on sale.

Location: Potato Market Carlow Town

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Blackstairs Eco Trails Foraging Workshops

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Location: Blackstairs Eco Trails, Killedredmond, Borris, County Carlow

t: 059 9773184/087 2707189

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Dawn Mass at Mount Leinster

Sunday 16th April 2017

The eighth annual Easter Dawn Mass at the summit of Mount Leinster on the Blackstairs Mountains, south Co. Carlow. Taking place at 6 a.m., this special mass invites visitors to join the many attendees for a special spiritual ceremony.

Location: Mount Leinster, Blackstairs Mountains

t: +353 (0)87 668 4299 Father Declan Foley

Dawn Mass at Oisín Park

Sunday 16th April 2017

This is the 8th year the Easter dawn mass takes place at Oisín Park, Rossmore, Killeslin. Taking place at 6:15 a.m. this special mass invites visitors to join the many attendees for a special spiritual ceremony.

Location: Oisín Park, Rossmore, Killeslin, Carlow

t: 059 9141833 Gaiguecullen/Killeslin Parish

Wild Herbal Workshops

Saturday 22nd April 2017

This Wild Herbal Workshop at Blackstairs Eco Trails introduces you to the use of herbs in medicine, cooking and cosmetics. Forage for these wonders of nature in lovely green lanes, meadows and byways and after a delicious three course organic lunch, guests will turn their wild herbs into culinary delights, cosmetic uses and natural remedies.

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Painting in the Garden with Jacinta Crowley-Long

Saturday 22nd April 2017

One day master classes for Beginners or Improvers. Jacinta is a well-known national and international artist and has been exhibiting in Ireland and internationally for over 20 years.

Location: Altamont Gardens, The Walled Garden Altamont Gardens, Tullow, County Carlow

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Barrow River Arts Festival 2017

Friday 21st April – Sunday 23rd April 2017

The 6th Barrow River Arts Festival begins on Friday 21st May with the opening of an Exhibition of works by Alastir Proud, Bernadette Kiely & Clotilde Peters Artefacts & Artisan Luxury curated by Pat McCarthy and Mark McCall of Celtsius with David Power Uilleann Pipes.

Location: Borris House, Borris, County Carlow

t: + 353 (0) 86 1777017

e: barrowriverartsfestival@gmail.com

w: www.barrowriverartsfestival.com

Carlow's 5th International Bridge Congress and Celtic Bridge Congress

Friday 28th April – Sunday 30th April 2017

The programme features a formal welcome reception, open, mixed, novice and congress pair competitions together with a gala night of entertainment and guided tours of Carlow Town and the surrounding area. This year the programme has been expanded to incorporate a Celtic Bridge Congress featuring a number of Welsh players.

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Celtic Tree Walk Laws

Saturday 29th April 2017

Learn about Ireland's native trees and their importance to our Celtic forbears who lived in Ireland some 2,500 years ago. Visitors will be introduced to the secrets of the Celtic Tree Alphabet, the Ogham inscriptions for each tree and their place in Celtic mythology and folklore.

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Walk on the Shady Side

Saturday 29th April 2017

Sees Altamont Plant Sales celebrating all things shady with talks by Mary O'Brien of Heritage Bulbs, Mary Keenan of Gash Gardens and Hester Forde of Coosheen Gardens in Cork. A specialist plant sale on the day will see the availability of such rarities as Erythroniums, Corydalis, Trilliums, Smilacina formosana, Epimediums, Dicentras, Primulas, Amenomes, Acers, Cornus, Mahonias, Fruittularias and Hostas.

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May 2017

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For ages 9 & under

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Carlow Stages Rally & Mark II Challenge

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May 2017

Saturday Evening will hold a pre-event of all cars on display, venue in Carlow Town to be confirmed. A significant event in rallying showcasing the Mark 2, a now unique car in motoring history. The only event in Ireland with a separate rally for Mark 2 cars also this year the 3rd round of the Triton Shower National Rally taking place at the Carlow Rally.

Location: Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow (tbc)

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Eco Trails Foraging Workshop

Saturday May 13th 2017

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Carlow Vintage and Classic Motor Club Vintage Car Display

Sunday 14th May 2016

A great opportunity for all the family to enjoy a marvellous display of vintage and classic cars and tractors from pre-war to the 1980s. Various activities for all family members, young and old including craft stalls, auto jumble, fun fair and a tour of the gardens at Duckett's Grove.

Location: Duckett's Grove, Carlow

t: + 353 (0) 87 6722972

w: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com

gps: 52.858748, -6.812787

Celtic Tree Experience

Saturday May 20th 2017

Learn about Ireland's native trees and their importance to our Celtic forbears who lived in Ireland some 2,500 years ago. Visitors will be introduced to the secrets of the Celtic Tree Alphabet, the Ogham inscriptions for each tree and their place in Celtic mythology and folklore

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Sensory Fun Day at Delta Sensory Gardens

Sunday 21st May 2017

Fantastic selection of activities including face painting, treasure trail and much more in our Sensory Gardens. Full details on www.deltasensorygardens.com and facebook closer to the event. Great selection of summer bedding and shrubs available in our Garden Centre, containers and hanging baskets for sale or your own filled on request. Lunches, Tea/Coffee and snacks available in our New Café.

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Carlow Golf Club Open Week, Deerpark, Carlow - outskirts of Carlow Town

Friday 2nd June - Saturday 10th June 2017

One of the most enjoyable things about the start of summer is the Carlow Golf Club Open Week which features plenty of prizes, team spirit and a friendly welcome.

Location: Carlow Golf Club, Deerpark, (outskirts of Carlow Town)

t: +353 (0)59 913 1695

w: www.carlowgolfclub.com

gps: 52.852381, 6.894832

"Tri795" Carlow Sprint Triathlon 2017

Sunday 14th May 2017

Registration for this event will open on Saturday, 28th January at 8 a.m., the first 300 places will be made available. The last 220 places will be made available on Tuesday, 28th February at 8 a.m.

Location: Carlow Rowing Club, Barrow Track, Carlow Town

w: www.racing795.com

gps: 52.8394711, -6.9354739

Carlow Regatta 2017

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June 2017

One of the oldest rowing festivals in the country celebrating its 158th year in 2017. Eights, quads and scull racing from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location: Rowing Club, Barrow Track, Carlow Town

Contact: Brian Lyons

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Carlow Arts Festival (Eigse)

Wednesday 7th June – Tuesday 13th June 2017

Ten days of extraordinary and innovative exhibitions, theatre performances, comedy shows and live music. The festival displays a vibrant programme of events featuring a dynamic range of entertainment and arts and transforms Carlow into a cultural hub.

Location: The Grounds of Carlow College, College Street, Carlow Town

t: +353 (0)59 9173381

e: www.carlowartsfestival.com

gps: 52.8374599, -6.92905429

Borris House Festival of Writing and Ideas

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th June 2017

The Festival of Writing & Ideas will mark its fifth year in 2016, bringing you a weekend of stimulating dialogue and discourse, gathering together intriguing international minds – historians, novelists, journalists, film-makers, poets, theatre directors, war correspondents, biographers, artists and political commentators – and inviting them to Borris Village for a few days.

Location: Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow

e: info@festivalofwritingandideas.com

gps: 52.598644, -6.926618

Eco Trails Foraging Workshop

Saturday June 10th 2017

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Barrow Dragon Boat Regatta

Sunday 11th June 2017

Come along and enjoy or participate in the unique spectacle of dragon boating as the Irish Dragon Boat Association brings one of its dynamic and colourful events to the River Barrow, Carlow Town. No previous experience required.

Location: River Barrow, Carlow Town Park

Contact: Julie Doyle T: +353 (0)59 916 1685

w. www.dragonboat.ie

gps: 52.8394711, -6.9354739

Rose Week

TBC

With the promise of balmy, sunny days June is the perfect time to take to the garden and enjoy the many treats within. This event aims to showcase the magnificent variety, colour patterns and scents of the significant rose collection. From the beautiful pinks of "Rosa Heritage" to the two tone apricot hues of "Rosa Just Joey", this is an opportunity not to be missed. Guided tours will be conducted daily at 2.00 p.m.

Location: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, County Carlow

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Relay for Life

Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th June 2016 TBC

Relay for Life is a 24-hour team walking relay event in support of the Irish Cancer Society held in the stunning attraction of Duckett's Grove.

Location: Duckett's Grove, Carlow

Contact: Gerard Holohan t: +353(0)59 913 0550

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Blackstairs Vintage Club Annual Rally

Sunday 2nd July 2017

The 12th annual vintage rally features vintage steam engines, oil engines, tractors and cars, music and songs, crafts, stalls and exhibits. Family fun day.

Location: Myshall Village

Contact: Tommy Murphy M: +353 (0)87 625 6028

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Carlow Garden Festival 2017

Friday 21st July - Sunday 30th July 2017

Text required.

Location: Throughout Co. Carlow

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Celtic Tree Experience

Saturday 22nd July 2017

Learn about Ireland's native trees and their importance to our Celtic forbears who lived in Ireland some 2,500 years ago. Visitors will be introduced to the secrets of the Celtic Tree Alphabet, the Ogham inscriptions for each tree and their place in Celtic mythology and folklore.

Location: Blackstairs Eco Trails, Killedredmond, Borris, County Carlow

t: 059 9773184/087 2707189

e: blackstairsecotrails@gmail.com

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gps: 52.612718, 6.8555203

Garden Festival Delta Sensory Gardens

Saturday 22nd July - Monday 31st July 2017

Monday 24th July two talks will take place in our Sensory Gardens at 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. by personality to be advised. This event is coordinated and kindly supported by Carlow Tourism. This is a fantastic festival not to be missed, more details available at a later date.

Location: Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall, Carlow Town
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e: info@deltacentre.org
w: www.deltacentre.ie or www.carlowtourism.com
gps: 52.844988,6.924546

Enduro Challenge 2017 Mount Leinster

Saturday 29th July - 30th July 2017

The 2017 Gravity Enduro Series will see competitors battle it out over five events around the country with the winner crowned as the best all round rider of the country.

Location: Mount Leinster, County Carlow

e: info@gravityenduro.ie

w: www.gravityenduro.ie

gps: 52.656252, 6.754664

Ducketts Grove Country Fair

Sunday 2nd August Date TBC

Summer fun and entertainment at Duckett's Grove Historic House, Walled Gardens and Pleasure Grounds. A hive of activity is on offer in this truly spectacular setting just 10 minutes from Carlow Town off the R418 Castledermot/Tullow Road, the R726 Carlow/Hacketstown Road and the R448 Castledermot/Carlow Road. Features dedicated displays of traditional crafts including basket making, weaving and a blacksmith.

Location: Duckett's Grove, near Carlow Town

t: + 353 (0) 59 9130411

e: info@carlowtourism.com

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gps: 52.858748, 6.812787

Carlow Vintage and Classic Motor Club Vintage Car Display

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August 2017

A great opportunity for all the family to enjoy a marvellous display of vintage and classic cars and tractors from pre-war to the 1980s. Various activities for all family members, young and old including craft stalls, auto jumble, fun fair and a tour of the gardens at Duckett's Grove.

Location: On the grounds of the Cental Factory, (formerly Lapple) O'Brien Road, Carlow

Contact: + 353 (0) 87 6722972

w: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com

gps: 52.858748, 6.812787

Graiguenamanagh and Tinnahinch Regatta & Rowing Festival

Sunday 6th August & Monday 7th August 2017

Two days of rowing, swimming, diving, cot racing (traditional fishing boat), and novelty events i.e. rope across river, diving for plates, childrens' activities and live music in the local pubs. The events are open to everybody.

Location: River Barrow at Graiguenamanagh

Contact: t: Kieran Phelan

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Eco Trails Foraging Workshop

Saturday 12th August

This foraging workshop at Blackstairs Eco Trails is a hands-on event which teaches attendees about wild safe food including fungi, fruits, nuts and berries. Learn how to make Beech Leaf liqueur, Sorrel Tabbouleh and find wild greens for salads. Turn your hand to making wild garlic pesto and delicious salads from the wild. Suitable for all the family.

Location: Blackstairs Eco Trails, Killedredmond, Borris, County Carlow

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gps: 52.612718, 6.8555203

Tullow Agricultural Show

Sunday 20th August 2017

One of the most established agricultural shows in the country. Tullow Show has something to interest both rural and urban visitors and young and old. Features food and craft halls, trade stands, competitions in horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, art and much more.

Location: Copenagh, Tullow

Contact: David Burgess m: +353 (0)86 834 6931

e: tullowagrishow@eircom.net

gps: 52.8233647, -6.7308779

Heritage Week

Saturday 19th - Sunday 27th August 2017

Week of indoor and outdoor events celebrating the rich heritage the county has to offer and promoting awareness of our built, natural and cultural heritage. Activities range from fairs, night time bat walks, wildlife tours and lectures to music recitals, historical re-enactments and outdoor activities.

Location: Throughout the county

Contact: Carlow County Museum

t: +353 (0)59 913 1554

e: dmulligan@carlowcoco.ie

w: www.heritageweek.ie

Rockford Roof Rise Four Mile Race

Saturday 26th August 2017

Tinryland AC present the 37th annual race around Tinryland village with athletes, joggers & walkers welcome. Great atmosphere with lots of refreshments post race.

Venue: Tinryland Village Co Carlow @ 5 p.m.

Contact: m: 086-8926218

gps: 52.7969671, -6.8957413

County Carlow Golf Classic 2017

Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th September 2017

Carlow Tourism hosts its annual golf classic featuring three top quality courses - Carlow, Mount Wolseley Golf Resort and Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club. Rate €149 per person including 3 rounds of golf, 3 meal vouchers, 1 gala dinner and a fantastic prize fund of up to €7,000. Special accommodation rates on-site and nearby.

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w: www.carlowtourism.com/golfclassic

Rosdillig Vintage Rally and Steam Threshings

Sunday 17th September 2017

The 30th Rosdillig Vintage Rally displays working machinery, including steam engines, vintage tractors and steam threshing. Host of the All- Ireland Vintage Society Rally.

Location: Rosdillig, Borris

Contact: Elaine Stanley m: +353 (0)87 775 1895

gps:52.5998053, -6.9230823

Wild Fungi Workshop

Saturday 16th September 2017

Learn all about wild mushrooms in the beautiful woods of the Blackstairs Mountains. Qualified experts will show you where mushrooms grow, why they grow there and teach you to distinguish the edible from the inedible. Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Blackstairs Eco Trails for hot scones, tea and coffee followed by a short presentation and then off to the Blackstairs Mountains.

Location: Blackstairs Eco Trails, Killedredmond, Borris, County Carlow

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w: www.blackstairsecotrails.ie

gps: 52.612718, 6.8555203

Féile an Fhómhair 2017

Thursday 28th September - Thursday 5th October 2017

Féile an Fhómhair, Carlow's popular Autumn bi-lingual autumn festival with events organised in various locations throughout Carlow Town creating a great festival atmosphere on the streets of Carlow. Events are organised for every age group with drama, literature, art, music, storytelling, cinema, comedy and entertainment of every kind on offer.

Location: Various locations throughout Carlow Town

Contact: Glor Cheatharlach on 059 9158105 or 085 1340047 087 2857048

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Follow Me Up To Carlow Set Dancing Weekend

Friday 29th September - Sunday 1st October 2017

Carlow's third annual Set Dancing Weekend will take place from 29th - 1st of October when set dancing enthusiasts from across the country will gather to enjoy the feast of dance workshop or just enjoy some of the country's top Céilí Bands. Beginners as well as seasoned dancers are welcome to attend an individual workshop for €5, a céilí for €10 or the entire event for the special weekend ticket of just €35.

Location: Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow

Contact: 086 6027751 087 2857048 059 9131308

w: www.carlowtourism.com

gps: 52.852381, 6.894832

Carlow's 14th International Karate Competition

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th October 2017

Karate based competition with all disciplines included. Welcoming visitors from the Czech Republic, England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Germany and Spain.

Location: Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow Town

Contact: Sheila Heffernan

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gps: 52.813953, 6.951482

Wild Fungi Workshop

Saturday 7th October 2017

Learn all about wild mushrooms in the beautiful woods of the Blackstairs Mountains. Qualified experts will show you where mushrooms grow, why they grow there and teach you to distinguish the edible from the inedible

Location: Blackstairs Eco Trails, Killedmond, Borris, Co. Carlow

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Halloween Train at Rathwood

22nd October - 31st October 2016

Experience Halloween as never before at Rathwood. The Halloween train will take children on a magical journey where they'll meet some spooky characters and friendly creatures. On board the Halloween Train, we will travel back to a time when goblins and fairies roamed freely in Rath Wood. Children will also get to see the Enchanted Tree where fairies have set up their playground, its miniature door and windows allowing access only to the 'little people'.

Location: Rathwood, Rath, Tullow, County Carlow

t: 059 9156285

e: info@rathwood.com

w: www.rathwood.com

gps: 52.796597, 6.660739

Halloween at the Delta Sensory Gardens

Saturday 28th October 2017

Come and enjoy Halloween at the Delta Sensory Gardens with Halloween games, ghosts, ghouls and much more, lots of wicked and wonderful things that will make you jump in the gardens, prizes for the best costumes on Saturday 28th October 2017. Online booking essential for this event based on last year's success.

Location: Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall, Carlow Town

t: + 353 (0)59 914 3527

e: info@deltacentre.org

w: www.deltacentre.ie or www.carlowtourism.com

gps: 52.844988, 6.924546

Halloween at Huntington Castle

Friday 27th - Tuesday 31st October 2017

A Halloween Spookfest at a genuine haunted castle! Features a ghostly guided tour with ghosts, ghouls and screams. Family tours suitable for under 12's are available as well as over 12's / adult tours only. Advance booking required. Bring your own torch and wear a costume.

Location: Huntington Castle, Clonegal

t: +353 (0)53 937 7160

e: info@huntingtoncastle.com

w: www.huntingtoncastle.com

gps: 52.690404, 6.649131

Arboretum Lifestyle & Garden Centre

November and December 2017

A family-oriented, magical Christmas experience for children and their families. The Arboretum will host a traditional Christmas with a modern twist, using Ireland's only life-size animated displays of your favourite Christmas Movies, alongside Santa's amazing Gift Shop & Village, the fanciful home of Santa, his elves, and his reindeer.

Location: Arboretum Lifestyle & Garden Centre, Kilkenny Road, Leighlinbridge

t: +353 (0)59 972 1558

e: info@arboretum.ie

w: www.arboretum.ie

gps: 52.742832, 6.975890

Rathwood Chistmas Santa Train

18th November - 24th December 2017

Ireland's most popular Santa Experience. Many generations, from young to old, have enjoyed this magical visit to Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves over the years. A fun filled hour of entertainment, storytelling, train ride, magical forest walk and presents for the children. Booking necessary on www.rathwood.com from September 1st at twelve noon.

Location: Rathwood, Rath, Tullow

t: +353 (0)59 915 6285

e: info@rathwood.com

w: www.rathwood.com

gps: 52.796597, 6.660739

Christmas at Huntington Castle

2nd - 3rd December, 9th - 10th December, 16th - 17th December 2017

Huntington Castle hosts Christmas at the Castle with their Christmas Food and Tree Fair featuring artisan food and local craft producers and a Christmas Tree Walk with our expert tree grower. Meet Father Christmas in the magical atmosphere of the Tapestry Room as he gets ready for Christmas.

Location: Huntington Castle, Clonegal

t: +353 (0)53 937 7160

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w: www.huntingtoncastle.com

gps: 52.690404, 6.649131

Delta Centre, Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 9th to Thursday 21st December 2017

Delta hosts its very popular Christmas Wonderland. Enjoy a huge range of traditional gifts, decorations, folk craft and much more..... A colourful display of outdoor lights will be on display in sensory gardens; with festive face painting, 12 days of Christmas and more... Light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes served each day, with full traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 10th December (booking essential). On line bookings will be available for Santa and Elves workshop on weekends in this period details to be advised later.

Location: Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow Town

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w: www.deltacentre.ie

gps: 52.844988, 6.924546