

Age & Opportunity

Bealtaine Festival

Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

TIPPERARY | MAY 2018



BE OUR GUEST

Hello again everyone. It's that time of year when we welcome summer and Bealtaine, celebrating creativity throughout our lives. At national level, the Bealtaine Festival will adopt the theme of hospitality, welcome and generosity bringing people together to share diverse arts and cultural experiences throughout Ireland. Throughout May and all over Tipperary, we're delighted, once again, to play our part with programmes running all over the county in which you are welcome to participate and enjoy.

Once again, we'll have a busy month of performances, film screenings, community projects and commissions throughout the County Arts and Libraries services. In the following pages you will find that, as usual, most events are free or subsidised and we invite you to join in, get involved or take part in our projects. You will also read a 'focus on' artists at Damer House who have been part of Bealtaine for a number of years, describing their projects and how they came about.

*Tá fáilte roimh gach éinne chuig
Feile na Bealtaine. Bígí linn!*

Cover Image: May Altar, created by a member of Fethard Day Care Centre with Artist Pat Looby as part of Ritual and Other Stories, a Tipperary Bealtaine art project in 2017.

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Special Festival Events

Bealtaine Festival Launch

On Mayday, to mark the launch of Tipperary Bealtaine 2018 with 'Everyone's a Tuesday' an exhibition of work by Donald McKay, we're inviting you to be our guest to join us for BIRDSONG, a very special event to open the exhibition. Tipperary Bealtaine in association with Quay Arts Gallery, Ballina present BIRDSONG which was initially curated by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert for Bealtaine 2015. Join us on Tuesday May 1st at 7pm when Trish Taylor Thompson will host Donald McKay with singer Larry Joy who will share some Munster birdsongs with us and local musician Fiodhna Gardner will play some airs, opening 'Everyone's a Tuesday' and marking the beginning of summer. All are welcome.

Bealtaine Festival Special Event

Join us for a collaborative event at The Source Arts Centre when we invite you to a reception to platform our Bealtaine musicians in residence Aine and Aidan O'Donnell at 6pm on Thursday 3rd March. This will be followed by Powerful Voices when we bring together two of the most eminent artistic and cultural figures in Irish public life, Alice Maher and Catriona Crowe for a conversation about art, politics and women in 21st century Ireland.

BOOKING DETAILS:

Please let us know if you'd like to join us on 1st May by email: artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie or phone 0761 06 5000

For Active Retirement Groups and Care Centre Bookings please advise us of numbers attending.



Alice Maher: Vox Materia

Exhibition ends on Sat 5 May | FREE

Vox Materia comprises a multi-part installation of sculpture and works on paper. Stemming from Maher's consideration of a 12th Century mermaid carving at nearby Kilcooly Abbey, this show meditates on voice and silence. The mermaid is a hybrid creature that transgresses boundaries between human and animal, and is often associated with traumatic loss of voice. Maher deploys the mermaid not as a motif, but as an ambiguous and powerful conceptual tool to explore ideas of language, embodiment, agency, and autonomy. The artist begins by adopting and documenting contorted postures; creating strained silhouettes that gesture towards a language of the body in extremis. Vox Materia exploits the tactile, contingent qualities of woodcut and watercolour to articulate amoebic, inter-elementary forms while a series of hand-held sculptural forms create new material and corporeal vocabularies. Vox Materia is curated by Pluck Projects.

Powerful Voices

Thur 3rd May 7.30pm



The Source Arts Centre in association with Tipperary Bealtaine presents, as part of the Vox Materia

Exhibition Artist Alice Maher in conversation with Catriona Crowe, former Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland, public commentator, broadcaster and historian. The discussion will look at Alice's work, its influences and the private and public contexts that inform it. Recognising the centenary of women's suffrage, the conversation will also address the relationship of artists in addressing and enabling change in the social and political sphere and how this comes about through their work and careers.



PROTEST! Memories of 1968 from 3 May - 16 June 2018

South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel

50 years, 2 generations, different worlds? In 1968 there seemed a belief that change was possible, that power could be made to answer to conscience, that mind, heart and body could somehow achieve a harmony that would infuse and transform societies at every level from politics to the arts: Paris, Chicago, Cuba, Berlin, Kennedy and King, rock and roll, icons of possibility through events that shocked systems, dismissed as noisy, incoherent, dangerous, treacherous, young. In May 2018, South Tipperary Arts Centre celebrates the spirit of 1968 with an exhibition that will mix artworks by Robert Ballagh and the iconic Che Guevara print of Jim Fitzpatrick, with social and participative

elements based on local photographs, artefacts and stories, and an audio-visual space with films and slideshows from Clonmel, Ireland and the wider world.

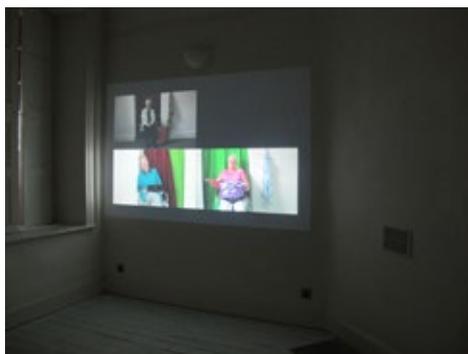
This is a programme of events that looks back to look forward, an invitation to participate in re-opening debate and shaping creative response to the enduring challenges of living with belief in today's world.

More information on
www.southtipperartscentre.ie
Contact info@southtipperartscentre.ie
or call 052 612 7877

Valise

Focus on Tipperary Bealtaine Festival in association with Damer House Gallery, Roscrea

1-31 May



The 2018 Bealtaine Project builds on the experience of the 2016 and 2017 projects which saw the participants take snapshots of their everyday lives in Roscrea and its environs, called 'Shooting from the Hip'. These images turned out to be a wonderful documentation of what goes on a daily basis in a small town, and echoed in almost every small community in the world - hidden in plain sight. One of the biggest challenges is introducing Contemporary Art Practice as a way of seeing and interpreting the world. Artists Therry Rudin and Patricia Hurl gave each participant a notebook to record and document the process and it transpired that, during the discussions, the women filled their notebooks with photocopies of family photos, while others wrote, or sketched, painted, embroidered or knitted. The project had a very natural trajectory and led to the idea of continuing using a favourite object with which to reinterpret 'Self-portrait' developing over time into the 2018 project



titled 'Valise' when the idea of using bags or travel-cases became the focus. The suitcases tell stories of migration, of generosity and hospitality of families, kindness and sharing were also spoken about. In Bealtaine 2018 we will further extend this to include the residents of the Mount Carmel Nursing Home through friends and family members. Further workshops and discussions in Damer House Gallery, will examine the purpose and usage of these suitcases and handbags -for instance, filling them with personal items, as a form of reliquary or repository. The project will finish off participant notebooks and these will be shown. The pieces will be installed in Roscrea, focusing on the Bus and Train station and the seating area beside the fountain in Rosemary Square.

'Everyone's a Tuesday'

Tipperary Bealtaine in association with Quay Arts Gallery, Ballina/Killaloe

1-31 May contact: 061 622487



Each Tuesday at Quay Arts Gallery in Ballina/Killaloe, a local group meets to paint together. One regular member, Donald McKay, joined the group at its inception in 2010, painting a watercolour picture every Tuesday.

This resulted in the creation of a collection of over 100 drawings, which Donald refers to as 'Everyone's a Tuesday.' In association with Tipperary Bealtaine, Quay Arts Gallery, will mount an exhibition of his watercolours depicting local birds and natural life as he has experienced it around the world and at sea.

Be Our Guest is the Bealtaine 2018 theme so we're inviting you to be ours and to have a look at Don's drawings throughout May and to join us for BIRDSONG, a very special event to open the exhibition.

Bealtaine Lunch Event

Tipperary Bealtaine in association with Quay Arts Gallery present Birdsong, which was initially curated by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert for Bealtaine 2015. Join us on Tuesday May 1st at 7pm when singer Larry Joy will share some Munster birdsongs with us and local musician Fiodhna Gardner will play some airs, opening 'Everyone's a Tuesday' and marking the beginning of summer. All are welcome.

Hospital(ity)



Artist Brigid Teehan commenced work at Rathkeevan Nursing Home in March of this year.

She sees the theme of hospitality as a natural fit for her work at Rathkeevan. Throughout May she will work the residents and staff, observing the environment as a "home from home" and for the first time in this setting, use the arts as a way to make connections and enhance wellbeing. This will be informed by her CREATE Research & Development report which investigates the acute services of South Tipperary General Hospital where Brigid Teehan worked as an artist earlier this year. HOME FROM HOME presents an opportunity for action based research at Rathkeevan involving the entire care community and residents. Supported by Tipperary Bealtaine, she will document and present this phase of her research and development, making connections and building her work at Rathkeevan during May.

The Six Marys on Tour

Written by Jean Farrell and
directed by Joe McCarrick



THE SIX MARYS is a comical and poignant look at life, from childhood in the 1950s to the present day. It follows the journey of

the six Marys through the decades—delivering all kinds of sharp and comical observations. It has plenty to say about the teenage pursuit of Mr Wonderful—followed by the reality of married life, teenage children and growing waistlines. When our children grow up eventually and leave home, what lies ahead then—a big void or peace at last? This journey of self-discovery is interspersed with well-known hit songs from the various eras, sung by Catherine Gallagher. The Six Marys will be performed at community centres and in libraries throughout May, as part of Tipperary Bealtaine.

In association with County
Tipperary Bealtaine Programme

Cashel library	Tues 8 May 2.30pm
Clonmel library	Wed 9 May 7pm
Nenagh library	Thur 10 May 2.30pm
Lorrha, St. Rudhan's Community Hall, Lorrha	Fri 11 May 3pm
Carrick-on-Suir, Brewery Lane Theatre	Fri 25 May 8.15pm

Open Event, All Welcome FREE event
Open Event, for Booking
086 127 4736 / 087 964 5681

Movement and tango workshops for Bealtaine Festival

Enquiries: artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie
or phone 0761 06 5000

We are pleased to announce that we are making tango workshops available on Friday 5 of May. These will be led by professional dancer/teacher Jazmin Chiodi. We are particularly interested in existing groups such as active retired, Parkinson's Groups or groups of older people who like to dance. We'll provide the tutors - you provide the space and group. Workshops can be arranged in both the North and South of the County and applications from groups with 10 or more members will be considered.

Jazmin Chiodi is an Argentinian-born tango dancer, who uses tango technique to invite participants not only to move but also to encounter and exchange with others. The exercises are designed to encourage body engagement and invite the participants to socialize in a friendly and joyful way. The class includes body balance, coordination, spatial awareness, and rhythm. The method used in class will be inclusive and suitable for a diversity of participants including those with age-related health issues. The aim is to provide an opportunity for a group of people with different capacities and help them activate memory patterns, to awake sensorial experiences and to revive their sense of livelihood.

Tomi Reichental



In association with Killaloe Chamber Music Festival, Tomi Reichental will visit Ballina Primary School, Grange Road, Ballina at 1.30pm on the Thursday 24th May. Tomi Reichental is a Holocaust survivor. He was born in Czechoslovakia in 1935 to Jewish farmers and lived with his family on their farm until he was the age of eight. At this age laws started coming in that prohibited the movement and rights of Jewish people. He, his mother, his brother and his grandmother were caught and taken to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944 where they stayed until the camp was liberated by the British in 1945. Tomi is known for his talks about his experience of The Holocaust as a child. He is one of three Holocaust survivors currently residing in Ireland. His aim is to educate people about what happened during the Holocaust so that we can remember the people who died in it and so it never happens again.

Protest!

South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel



South Tipperary Arts Centre's Bealtaine exhibition will be entitled 'Protest!' and to celebrate, the arts centre will host an 'in conversation' event with travel writer Dervla Murphy, exploring her many journeys and fascinating life story. This event is supported by Tipperary Bealtaine - date will be published on the Arts Centre's website and in local press in the coming weeks.



Larry Joy 'Songs for Our Children' Workshop & Performance

St Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh. Wed 30 May

'Songs for our Children' is a traditional song project devised and coordinated by Aileen Lambert and Michael Fortune. The project involves eleven traditional singers in the research, composition and performance of new songs in the traditional style suitable for children.

As part of the project Tipperary's own Larry Joy has composed a new songs entitled 'Did you Daddy, Did You' and will present it to a third class group in the school during a workshop in St Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh on Wednesday May 30th. Following Larry's workshop grandparents will also share songs and rhymes which they learned as children.

Songs for our Children is supported by the Arts Council, NLI, The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance and Local Authorities in Tipperary, Limerick, Clare, Wexford, Kildare, Meath, Galway, Fingal, Louth and Waterford. Larry's participation in the project is supported by Tipperary Arts Office.



Donal Lunny & Mick Hanly Music

**The Source, Thurles
Sat 19 May 8pm | €20**

The combination of songwriter Mick Hanly and multi-instrumentalist and composer Donal Lunny is a marriage made in musical heaven. In the 70's, Lunny produced Hanly's two folk albums for Mulligan Records. After his departure from the ground breaking Planxty, he went on to found and front the hugely influential Bothy Band. However, both paths crossed again when Hanly took over from Christy Moore as vocalist in Moving Hearts. Then solo, Hanly clocked a huge success in the US with 'Past The Point Of Rescue' recorded by Hal Ketchum.

Dawn Chorus with The Mellow Tones & The Rosie Greys

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
2017-2022



A particular focus is music written by, written for, or sung by women. In their short existence, The Mellow Tones have performed in a range of concerts, have appeared on RTE radio and have sung support to Christy Dignam of Aslan. The choir is directed by Liz Powell.

Rosie Greys is an informal singing group that meets each Wednesday afternoon at 3pm at the Courthouse, Roscrea.

The Bealtaine Festival Dawn Chorus is a choral initiative in which older people come together with a choir in their locality and sing at dawn in a scenic area. We're waiving the 'dawn' rule but we are delighted to announce that the singing will go ahead in one of the most scenic spots in the country!

A special collaboration for Tipperary Bealtaine will see The Mellow Tones female voice choir from Cloughjordan joining forces with the Rosie Greys singing group, an initiative of Age Friendly Roscrea. Group singing is known to be beneficial to people's physical and mental health, and the Rosie Greys are certainly a testament to that. About 30 singers will come together for a special performance at Dromineer on May 26th. We will publish further details as regards time of event in the coming weeks. All will be welcome for the performance and we'll gather for tea afterwards.

Established in September 2016, the Mellow Tones is a female-voice choir based in Cloughjordan. The choir meets on a Wednesday evening in the Methodist Hall in Cloughjordan and on a good night has over 30 members. The choir's repertoire ranges from classical, rock and pop to folk and traditional.

The group was formed as part of the 'Age Friendly Roscrea' initiative and aims to create a social outlet for people suffering from age-related conditions such as Parkinson's, Stroke, dementia, Alzheimer's or any condition that limits one's level of participation in society. It has become a great outlet for many to re-join old friends in a friendly and relaxed environment. The choir leaders are Edel Carey and Anne Keevy.

Dawn Chorus in association with Killaloe Chamber Music Festival

On 25th May we host a very special Dawn Chorus event in Killaloe -Ballina in association with Killaloe Chamber Music Festival. This year's Chamber Music festival opens with the premiere of children's opera "Brundibar", the score of which had been smuggled into the Nazi concentration camp Terezin in 1943 where it was reworked for the children and musicians incarcerated in the camp by the Czech Jewish composer Hans Krása. The choir under conductor Maire Keary Scanlon will perform a number of pieces on the banks of the Shannon as a Bealtaine Dawn Chorus event supported by Tipperary Bealtaine at 12.30 on May 25th immediately after the Children's Concert at 11 a.m in St Flannan's Cathedral.

The Music Tour is a centrepiece of our offering and is a featured Tipperary Bealtaine 2018 event. We welcome our musician friends back into the fold and add a new face or two to the offering.

Aidan & Aine O'Donnell



TG4 Young Musician of the year Aidan O'Donnell takes to the road with Aine to entertain audiences throughout the county. They have both performed extensively nationally and internationally and play a range of instruments. On this very special tour with Aidan on fiddle and Aine on accordion and vocals, they are sure to delight audiences wherever they go.

Location	Date & Time
Templemore Day Care Centre, Templemore Pre-booked Group Event	Mon 14 May 11.30 am
Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home, Roscrea Pre-booked Group Event	Mon 14 May 2.30pm
Fethard Day Care Centre, Fethard. Pre-booked Group Event	Mon 21 May 11am
Cahir Day Care Centre, Cahir Pre-booked Group Event	Mon 21 May 2.30pm
Community Hospital of Assumption, Thurles Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 22 May 2pm

Eileen O'Brien Minogue & Nora Butler Swan



No Tipperary Bealtaine Festival would be complete without Eileen O'Brien and Nora Butler Swan as once again they blend the unique and award winning voice of Nora with the renowned fiddle playing of Eileen. Both musicians come from family backgrounds steeped in the Irish tradition.

Location	Date & Time
Sue Ryder, Nenagh. Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 8 May 11am
Roscrea Active Retirement, Community Hall, Roscrea Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 8 May 2.30pm
St. Conlon's Home, Nenagh Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 15 May 11am
Newport Day Care Centre, Newport Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 15 May 2.30pm
Carrig Active Retirement, Carrig Community Hall, Carrig Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 22 May 3pm
Borrisokane Day Care Centre, Convent Road, Borrisokane Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 29 May 2pm

Musical Memories with Fran Garry & Pat Marnane



Fran and Pat will sing everybody's favourite songs, past and present. In fact audiences are welcome to sing along and if they feel inclined to join Fran and Pat for a solo! Touring throughout Tipperary Bealtaine 2018.

Location	Date & Time
Arus Mhuire Day Care Centre, Nenagh Pre-booked Group Event	Wed 9 May 11.30am
Portroe over 60's Killoran Hall Pre-booked Group Event	Wed 9 May 2.30pm
Golden Years Day Care Centre, Thurles Pre-booked Group Event	Wed 16 May 11am
Burncourt Committee Hall, Burncourt Open Event FREE Booking: 087 6967661	Wed 16 May 2.30pm
Holycross Sue Ryder Centre, Holycross Pre-booked Group Event	Wed 23 May 11am
Cloughjordan Active Retirement, GAA Pavillion, Cloughjordan Pre-booked Group Event	Wed 30 May 2pm

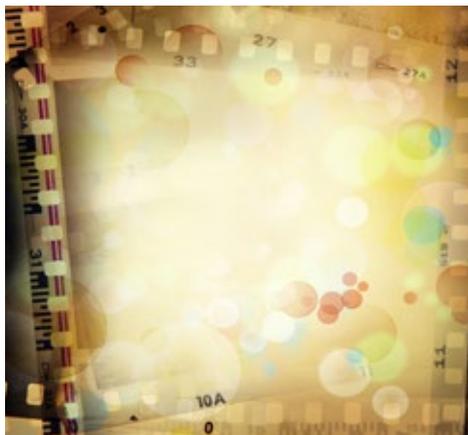
Operatic Delights



New to the Tipperary Bealtaine team is Gina Oberoi who together with accompanist Suzanne Buttimer will regale audiences with a programme of popular opera, musical theatre and some Irish songs. Gina a graduate of DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama studied singing with Dr Veronica Dunne and Imelda Drumm. She trained in Munich and London and we are delighted to welcome her to the fold!

Location	Date & Time
Cashel Day Care Centre, Cashel Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 29 May 11.30am
Clonmel Day Care Centre, Clonmel Pre-booked Group Event	Tue 29 May 2.30am
Ballyporeen Community Hall, Ballyporeen Open Event, All Welcome FREE event	Wed 30 May 11am
St. Vincent's Day Care Centre, Tipperary Town Pre-booked Group Event	Thur 31 May 11.30am
Cappawhite Day Care Centre, Cappawhite Pre-booked Group Event	Thur 31 May 2.30pm

All film screenings at The Source, Thurles



Making The Grade

Dir. Ken Wardrop Ireland
 2017 | 85 mins
 Wed 2 May 8pm
 €9/€5/Free to over 65 years

Every year teachers and students throughout Ireland prepare for graded musical exams. These exams can be pleasing for some but daunting for others. Each student has their own particular goal but reaching Grade Eight is considered a pinnacle. This endearing and uplifting documentary from Ken Wardrop ('His 'n' Hers') is a story of the trans-formative power of music and the pride and happiness it provides both the students and teachers. It may inspire us all to keep making the grade.



Maudie Film

Dirs. Aisling Walsh. Ireland/Canada
 2016 | 115 mins
 Wed 9 May 8pm
 €9/€5/Free to over 65 years

Maud (Sally Hawkins) is a determined young woman who, despite suffering from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, is desperate to live independently from her family and gain the freedom to paint the colourful art she passionately creates. On becoming a housekeeper for a reclusive fish peddler Everett (Ethan Hawke), the two social misfits form a bond that leads to marriage. As Maudie's artistic output increases, a chance encounter with a visiting New Yorker eventually leads to wider recognition of her talent. This gentle biopic from Irish filmmaker Aisling Walsh ('Song for a Raggy Boy') is an inspiring tale of the woman who became one of Canada's most celebrated folk artists.



The Leopard/Il Gattopardo

Dir. Luchino Visconti. Italy 1963 | 161 mins
 Wed 16 May 8pm €9/5 Free to over 65 years

Like an Italian 'Gone With the Wind', Visconti's beautiful epic is set on the cusp of major societal change in the Sicily of 1860. Landowner Don Fabrizio (Burt Lancaster) must contend with political uprising and land reform, both of which may sweep away his princely class. Increasingly swept along by changes outside his control, he sees an opportunity, when the last of his clan, Tancredi (Alain Delon) falls

in love with Angelica the local mayor's daughter (played by Claudia Cardinale).

This sumptuous classic is the perfect way to start off your summer.

BORRISOKANE LIBRARY

Contact 067 27199

Wed 9 May 11am-1pm

Coffee Morning Caint agus comhra

Tue 15 May 4pm

Best selling author Roisin Meaney

She will talk about her start in writing as well as sharing tips and tricks on how she builds her stories. After writing her first book in 2001, Meaney went on to pen 14 adult novels which include top selling The Last Week in May, One Summer and After the Wedding.

Make sure to take this chance and meet one of Ireland's best selling writers, so book your free place by contacting the library.

Thur 17 May 2.30-3.30pm

Exercises for older people

Booking Essential

Wed 23 May 11pm

Zumba with Christine Nevin

CAHIR LIBRARY

Contact: 052 7442075

Throughout May:

Display of Craftwork completed by Cahir Day Care Centre tutor Winnie Looby.

Supported by Tipperary ETB
Community Education.

Tue 1 May 3.30-4.40pm

Visual Art Workshop with Tina Looby

Booking Essential

Thur 8 May 2-3pm

Christmas decorations with Styrofoam with Mary Jenkins

Booking Essential

Thur 17 May 2-3pm

Facial exercises with Michele Seward

Booking Essential

Sat 19 May 11-12pm

Genealogy with Seamus Fox

Booking Essential

Mon 21 May 2.30pm

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Date TBC

Chair Yoga session

where you'll learn to do versions of twists, hip stretches, forward bends, and mild backbends.

Booking Essential

CARRICK-ON-SUIR LIBRARY

Contact 051 640591

Fri 4 May 10am-1pm

Conradh naGaelige: Caint agus comhra

Tue 8, 15 & 22 May 9am-1pm

Intergenerational Art

creating a wall hanging with local artist Marguerite Kent. Participants will attend all three workshops, working together to create one beautiful wall hanging which will be permanently displayed in the library. Booking Essential

Wed 9 May 11.30am-12.30pm

Chair Yoga with Anne Kennington

Fri 11 May 11am

A talk on Hypnotherapy by Ken Smith (Hypnotherapist)

Booking Essential

Fri 18 May 11.30am

A pilates class for men only with Ciara Connolly.

Booking Essential

Mon 21 May

Booking Your Holiday Break Online – with librarian Pat Glavin.

3 sessions – 10am to 11 am, 11.15am to 12. 15pm and 2pm to 3pm, 5 per each session. Contact the library for details

Throughout May:

Display of Art & Craftwork from Lorica and Carrick Oir Cashel.

Tutor Winnie Looby Supported by
Tipperary ETB

CASHEL LIBRARY

Contact 062 63825

Thur 3 May 2.30pm

Dust off your hats and boots and get ready!

Line Dancing Taster Class with
Ray Cahill. Booking Essential

Tue May 8 2.30pm

Cashel library is proud to present

'The Six Marys', presented by Jean Farrell

An hilarious, nostalgic and bittersweet play that weaves the story of six girls born in 1950s Ireland and Christened Mary. Presented through diary excerpts and interspersed with songs and soundtracks from the eras. The Six Marys depicts the social history of the time: the stork, the comics and the catechism; the nuns, the processions and the gym slips; the hops, the hopes and the 'big day'; the babies, the teenagers and the reality. This journey of self-discovery is laced with one-liners guaranteed to have you in stitches. Booking Essential.

Wed 9 May 11.15am

Come enjoy the beautiful voices of The Tipperary Singers and the Cashel Community School Choirs as they sing some well known songs

Sat 12 May 3pm

Intergenerational Colouring

Despite being associated with children, Colouring can be beneficial to adults as well. Not to mention lots of fun. So grab your grandkids and lets brighten Cashel Library

Thur 17 May 11am

Poetry from Yesteryear

Bring back the days of yesteryear, When all seemed easy, all was free. Before life had progressed so much, With all of mans' technology. Back when most men moved slower, And their acts were mostly true. In a world that really believed, So much could be done with few. When your neighbour next door to you, Would wave ... Join Fethard poet, Mary Hanrahan and many others

Tue 22 May 2.30pm

Talk by Michael Bowe from Bowe Travel on Senior Travel

Interested in cruising or adventure travel check out this talk for advice and travel options. Booking Essential

Tue 22 May 7pm

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28, 29 & 31 May 10.30am-12.30pm

Drawing Classes

(charcoal/pencil) with Thurles artist Mary Finn. Suitable for beginners and accomplished artists. Booking essential

Mon 28 May

Drawing with pencil charcoal etc.

Tue 29 May

Painting with acrylics

Thursday 31 May

Painting with acrylics

Throughout May:

Display of Art & Craftwork from Lorica and Carrick Oir Cashel.

Tutor Winnie Looby Supported by
Tipperary ETB

CLONMEL LIBRARY

Contact: 052 6124545

Thur 3 May 11am

Join us for Cupla Focail

Wed 9 May 7pm

Clonmel library is proud to present 'The Six Marys', presented by Jean Farrell

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Wed 23 May 10.30-11.30am

Chair Yoga

While seated on chairs, you can do versions of twists, hip stretches, forward bends, and mild backbends

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Throughout May:

Display of Art & Craftwork from Morton Street Day Care Centre

Tutor Winnie Looby Supported by Tipperary ETB

KILLENAULE LIBRARY

Contact 052 9157906

Thur 3 May 2.30pm

Yoga with Paul Maher

mainly gentle chair yoga, breathing practices, meditation and standing postures.

NENAGH LIBRARY

Contact: 067 34404

Throughout May:

Art Exhibition by Inis Artists & Jewellery Exhibition

Eileen Hassett will show her collection of silver jewellery

Wed 2 May 10am

Craft workshop with Jane Bulfin

Upcycling - give your favourite clothes a new lease of life. Booking required - Refreshments will be provided.

Thur 10 May 2.30pm

Nenagh library is proud to present 'The Six Marys', presented by Jean Farrell

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Mon 14 11.30am

Pilates class with Tracy O'Donovan

Booking Essential - max. 10

Tue 15 May 6.45pm

Best selling author Roisin Meaney

talk about her start in writing as well as sharing tips and tricks on how she builds her stories. After writing her first book in 2001, Meaney went on to pen 14 adult novels which include top selling The Last Week in May, One Summer and After the Wedding.

Make sure to take this chance and meet one of Ireland's best selling writers, so book your free place by contacting the library.

Fri 18 10am

Art Tutorial with Kerry Acheson

Booking Essential - 12 max.

Kerry will demonstrate two different techniques of acrylic flower painting on canvas and slate after which the group can work on their own projects. Members will need to bring a canvas, little set of acrylics, jar for water and brushes. If interested in the slate they will need to bring their own old slate. While Kerry will be working with an image of poppies, if members prefer a different flower they can bring their own image.

Tue 29 May 5.45pm

Crafters Social Evening

Calling all knitters, spinners and crafters in general. Nenagh library is hosting a social night on Tuesday 29th May from 5.45pm - 7.45pm. Bring your wool and your wares. Meet new people and introduce them to your club. Refreshments will be provided.

THURLES LIBRARY

Contact: 0761 06 6131

Wed 9 May

Tea Dance

Anner Hotel, Thurles- Celebrating Bealtaine - join us for music, song, meet up with friends over a cup of tea. Contact: Michael Wright 083 3581304 for more information

Admission: Free.-Event run and organized by local charity Successful Ageing Thurles

16 May - 5 June

(launch Tuesday evening 15 May)

Cabragh Wetlands Art Group exhibiton

Thur 3 May 11am

Line Dancing Taster Class with Ray Cahill

Dust off your hats and boots and get ready! Booking Essential

Wed 16 May 10.30am

Craft workshop with Jane Bulfin

Upcycling - give your favourite clothes a new lease of life. Booking Essential

Fri 18 May 11am

Talk by Michael Bowe from Bowe Travel on Senior Travel

Interested in cruising or adventure travel check out this talk for advice and travel options. Booking Essential

Tue 22 May 6.45pm

Mike & Austin Durack

(Poetry & Music) Austin arranges, composes and plays beautiful music to marry the poetry of his talented brother. Booking Essential

Wed 23 & Thur 24 May

Thurles Mens Shed 'Roadshow'

Annual promotional display over 2 days

Fri 25 May 11am

Music & coffee morning

with local musicians

TEMPLEMORE LIBRARY

Contact: 0504 32555

Wed 16 May 7.30pm

An evening of music and song

Actress/songstress Edel Murphy (Dublin), guitarist/singer-songwriter Ewan Cowley (Derry) and violist/violinist Karen Dervan (Galway) -This trio will present their unique interpretations of much-loved songs from the folk and roots tradition, such as "The Water is Wide" and "Hard Times". The evening will also boast instrumental chamber music composed by Ewan Cowley, from his recently released debut cd "The Elevated Life", as chosen by Marty Whelan of RTE Lyric FM as "CD of the Week" in spring 2017 and some light classical music as arranged by Karen Dervan. Booking Essential.

Fri 11 May 11am

Talk by Trudi O'Leary from Roscrea Travel on Senior Travel

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ROSCREA LIBRARY

Contact: 0505 22032

Fri 4 May 3-4pm

Dust off your hats and boots and get ready!

Line Dancing Tasters Class with Ray Cahill. Booking Essential

Friday 11 May 3pm

Talk by Trudi O'Leary from Roscrea Travel on Senior Travel

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Wed 16 May 6-8pm

Create completely personalised mosaic teapots with Brenda Green

Booking Essential

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Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

Music, Literature, Visual Arts & More

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