

County Carlow Calendar of Events 2022

MARCH			
Sunday 6 th March 2022	Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow R95 Y2T1	<p>BORRIS HOUSE POINT-TO-POINT</p> <p>Borris House Point-to-Point is a perfect day out for all the family, taking place in the grounds of the beautiful Borris House Estate in south Carlow where visitors will get to witness future stars of the racing industry as they make their introduction into competitive racing.</p> <p>The venue offers spectacular viewing facilities for race-goers. Spectators can get up close to the horses, watch them being saddled before being paraded in the ring. The first race begins at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>T: 086-1992457</p> <p>E: info@p2p.ie</p> <p>W: www.gop2p.ie</p>
Friday 11 th – Sunday 13 th March 2022	Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow R93 Y959	<p>DAFFODIL WEEKEND AT DELTA SENSORY GARDENS</p> <p>Spring is here and Delta Sensory Gardens invites all to experience your own “<i>host of golden daffodils</i>”. The gardens boast one of the country’s most plentiful collections, numbering over 10,000 bulbs in a wide range of varieties. Treat yourself to seasonal planted containers and bedding plants in the on-site garden centre or enjoy a light lunch in the beautiful on-site restaurant Café Thyme. Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., weekends and public holidays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. All profits from the weekend go to ÉIST Carlow Cancer Support Group.</p>	<p>T: 059-9143527</p> <p>E: info@deltacentre.org</p> <p>W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie</p> <p>Further details on facebook</p>
Thursday 17 th March 2022 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Haddens Car Park & Potato Market, Carlow Town	<p>SPRAOI FAOIN AER/ST PATRICK’S DAY FESTIVAL</p> <p>Celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig 2022 in Carlow with an afternoon of family fun and entertainment - music, song and dance; kiddies carousels; street entertainment; walkabout clowns, magicians and jugglers; choral singalong; storytellers and ukulele players; street food, coffee, ices and lots more from 2 – 5 p.m. in Haddens Car Park and Potato Market.</p>	<p>T: 087-2857048</p> <p>E: emma@glorcheatharlach.ie</p> <p>W: www.glorcheatharlach.ie</p>
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Graigucullen, Bagenalstown, Borris and Tullow	<p>ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE – THROUGHOUT COUNTY CARLOW</p> <p>Ireland's national feast day is celebrated throughout County Carlow with a series of parades in honour of St. Patrick, the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Parades take place in Graigucullen, Bagenalstown, Borris and Tullow.</p> <p>Graigucullen 10.30 a.m. Bagenalstown parade: 1 p.m. Borris parade: 1.p.m. Tullow parade: 2 p.m.</p>	<p>T: 059-9130411 Carlow Tourism</p> <p>E: info@carlowtourism.com</p> <p>W: www.carlowtourism.com</p>

APRIL			
Friday 1 st – Friday 8 th April 2022	SBI HQ, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 C5Y6	BILLIARDS WORLD MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP & IRISH OPEN The much-anticipated World Matchplay short-format Billiards championship will be held in Carlow in 2022. As a warm-up to the World Matchplay, SB Academy will also host the 2022 Irish Open, which is open to anyone. See website for entry details. Irish Open: Friday 1 st – Sunday 3 rd April World Matchplay Championship: Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th April	T: 059-9146888 E: info@sbireland.ie W: sbireland.ie/2022/02/08/2022-world-matchplay/
Friday 8 th – Sunday 10 th April 2022	Leighlinbridge, Co.Carlow	FLEADH CHEOIL CHEATHARLACH An extensive programme of events is promised featuring session trails, tráth na gceist, junior musician sessions and a mini-Gaeltacht. Competitions will be held on Saturday April 9 th beginning with the "Fun Fleadh" for all primary school musicians, followed by Comhaltas competitions that afternoon.	Entry and membership forms are available from: facebook.com/carlowfleadh/
Saturday 9 th – Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Rathwood, Rath, Tullow, Co. Carlow	RATHWOOD'S EASTER EGGPERIENCE Get ready to join the Easter Bunny for an action-packed egg hunt. The Easter Bunny is up to his usual tricks of hiding Easter Eggs as well as some other things that do not belong to him. We join our family as they prepare for an Easter Egg adventure. But something is not right and it looks like the family will have to hunt for more than Easter eggs. In a musical show full of dance and songs that's all splashed with colour images, the children (and the grown-ups) will have to help find the hidden Easter eggs and whatever else the Easter Bunny has hidden.	T: 059-915 6285 E: info@rathwood.com W: www.rathwood.com
Saturday 16 th April 2022	Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT DELTA SENSORY GARDENS Join Mr Hop – the Easter Bunny and his friends for some egg-citing family fun. Lunches, tea/coffee and snacks available in the on-site Café Thyme. Delta Sensory Gardens are set on a 2.5 acre site with 16 interconnecting gardens, with Easter the perfect time to discover the foliage and plants of the spring and early summer period.	T: 059-9143527 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie Further details on facebook
MAY			
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th May 2022	Mount Leinster /Blackstairs Mountains/River Barrow/	CARLOW SUMMER WALKING FESTIVAL Carlow's majestic Blackstairs Mountains and River Barrow together with the charming villages of rural Carlow feature in this year's Carlow Summer Walking Festival. The festival caters to all levels of walkers, from very experienced hill walkers out to enjoy an invigorating mountain trek to novices seeking some peace and tranquillity along more leisurely routes. There is a choice of over 15 different walks plus family activities along the River Barrow including canoeing safari trails with Go-With-the-Flow River Adventures, Pure Adventure and Paddle Your Own Canoe and bike and hike options with Waterside Bike and Hike in	T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com

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Sunday 8th May 2022	Carlow Rugby Club Grounds, Oak Park, Carlow Town	VINTAGE CAR FAIR – CARLOW RUGBY CLUB A day not to be missed if you own or enjoy looking at 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 entertainment, a dog show and food stalls.	T: 087-2222105 W: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com
Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th May 2022	The Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow	CARLOW STAGES RALLY A significant event in rallying showcasing the Mark II, a now unique car in motor-ing history. The only event in Ireland with a separate rally for Mark II cars. 110km of stages around the Kildavin/Clonegal/Monaughrim areas	E: secretary@carlowcarclub.ie W: www.carlowcarclub.ie
JUNE			
Thursday 2nd – Saturday 5th June 2022	Carlow Golf Club, Deerpark, Carlow Town	CARLOW GOLF CLUB-A FESTIVAL OF GOLF One of the most enjoyable events celebrating the start of summer is the Carlow Golf Club Festival of Golf which features plenty of prizes, team spirit and a friendly welcome.	T: 059-9131695 E: info@carlowgolfclub.ie W: www.carlowgolfclub.ie
Friday 3rd – Mon- day 6th June 2022	Carlow, Kildare, Laois	GORDON BENNETT CLASSIC ROAD RUN This four-day event and fun run takes place over the June Bank Holiday covering the counties of Laois, Carlow and Kildare, all three of which were chosen for the original 1903 race. This historic route offers visitors many interesting and scenic locations in the region, while celebrating and discovering, “The Race that saved Motor Sport”.	T: 086-2625999 / 087-9885204 E: info@gordonbennettclassic.ie W: www.gordonbennettclassic.ie
Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th June 2022	Carlow Rowing Club, Barrow Track, Carlow Town	CARLOW REGATTA 2022 One of the oldest rowing festivals in the country celebrating its 163rd year in 2022. Eights, quads and scull racing from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	T: 085-7504758 - Avril E: secretarycarlowrowingclub@gmail.com
Tuesday 7th – Sunday 12th June 2022	Grounds of Carlow College, College Street, Carlow Town	CARLOW ARTS FESTIVAL This year's festival is another celebration of the many riches the arts have to offer from national and international artists. Six days of extraordinary and innovative exhibitions, circus, dance, street art, parade, magic, 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.	T: 059-9173381 E: info@carlowartsfestival.com W: www.carlowartsfestival.com
Friday 10th – Sunday 12th	Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow	BORRIS HOUSE FESTIVAL OF WRITING AND IDEAS The Festival of Writing and Ideas will mark its tenth year in 2022, bringing a weekend of stimulating dialogue and discourse, gathering together intriguing	E: info@festivalofwritingandideas.com W: www.festivalofwritingandideas.com

June 2022		international minds – historians, novelists, journalists, film-makers, poets, theatre directors, war correspondents, biographers, artists and political commentators – for a weekend of stimulating dialogue and discussion. The Borris House Festival has become known for its languid and laid-back feel – selected as Best Literary Festival in the World 2019 by the Telegraph and Net-a-Porter.	
Saturday 11 th June 2022	At various locations throughout Carlow	CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG Cruinniú na nÓg is a day for children and young people which empowers them to develop their creative expression with the opportunity to participate in lots of free creative activities in the Carlow area. It's Ireland's and Carlow's national day for 'doing', 'making' and 'creating'!	W: cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie More details available on « Creative Ireland Carlow » facebook page
Sunday 12 th June 2022 9 a.m.	River Barrow, Carlow Town Park, Carlow Town	BARROW DRAGON BOAT REGATTA 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.	T: 059-9161685 W: www.dragonboat.ie
Saturday, 25 th June 2022	Tinryland Gaelic Football Club, Tinryland N80/Junction 5 M9, Near Carlow Town	SUMMER PICNIC Join us for a day of great entertainment. Outdoor market from noon until 6 p.m. with spectacular music by 21 st century ABBA from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m.	https://m.facebook.com/events/598296974919751/
JULY			
Friday 22 nd July – Monday 1 st August 2022	Throughout County Carlow	CARLOW GARDEN FESTIVAL 2022 The Carlow Garden Festival is a wonderful opportunity for budding and experienced gardeners and nature lovers to obtain practical advice from a range of informative workshops while visiting the many beautiful gardens in the county. With gardens in full bloom and with the majority of gardening work completed, the festival is the ideal time to relax, admire the work of others and make gardening plans for the coming months and year ahead. Highlights include James Wong of the BBC at Kilgraney House and Herb Gardens, Tom Coward of Gravetye Manor in Altamont Plant Sales and James Alexander Sinclair at Duckett's Grove Historic House and Walled Gardens.	T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowgardentrail.com

Friday 29 th July – Monday 1 st August 2022	Carlow Golf Club, Deerpark, Carlow Town	CARLOW GOLF CLUB-A FESTIVAL OF GOLF One of the most enjoyable events celebrating the start of summer is the Carlow Golf Club Festival of Golf which features plenty of prizes, team spirit and a friendly welcome.	T: 059-9131695 E: info@carlowgolfclub.ie W: www.carlowgolfclub.ie
AUGUST			
Saturday 13 th – Sunday 14 th August 2022	Carlow College/St Patrick's, Carlow Town	CARLOW VINTAGE AND CLASSIC MOTOR CLUB VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY 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 in the stunning location of Carlow College, St Patrick's in the centre of Carlow Town. As in previous years, there will be an annual parade of cars through Carlow Town on the evening of Saturday, August 13th. On Sunday, August 14 th there will be cars from many of the bygone eras, including some pre-war vehicles, as well as motorbikes, scooters and agricultural machinery. As well as an amazing array of vehicles from both Carlow Vintage and Classic Motor Club and the many clubs around Ireland, there will be music, stalls, a children's play area and food on the day to keep all visitors entertained. All areas on the event grounds are disabled-friendly and toilet facilities are available. Secure parking for exhibitors the night before the show can be arranged. Come along to celebrate the wonderful classic and vintage vehicles scene here in Carlow.	T: 087-2222105 W: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com
Saturday 13 th – Sunday 21 st August 2022	Throughout the county	HERITAGE WEEK 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.	T: 059-9129705 W: www.heritageweek.ie
Sunday 21 st August 2022	Coppenagh, Tullow, Co. Carlow	TULLOW AGRICULTURAL SHOW 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.	T: 087-0530887 E: tullowagrishow@gmail.com W: www.tullowagriculturalshow.com
Monday 29 th – Wednesday 31 st August 2022	Carlow Golf Club, Deerpark, Carlow Town	PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS TOURNAMENT – PGA IRELAND	T: 059-9131695 E: info@carlowgolfclub.ie W: www.carlowgolfclub.ie

SEPTEMBER			
Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th September 2022	Carlow, Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club and Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort	COUNTY CARLOW GOLF CLASSIC 2022 Carlow Tourism hosts its annual golf classic featuring three top quality courses - Carlow, Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club and Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort. Rate €185 per person (valid until May 31st 2022) including three rounds of golf, three meal vouchers, one gala dinner, nightly entertainment and a fantastic prize fund of up to €7,000. Special accommodation rates on-site and nearby. Early bird rate of €160 per person applies from 8 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.	T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com/golfclassic
Sunday, 11 th September 2022	Lisnavagh House & Gardens Rathvilly Co. Carlow	An evening of great entertainment in the spectacular grounds of Lisnavagh House and Gardens featuring fantastic music by 21 st century tribute band ABBA.	T: 059-9161104 E: info@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com
Friday, 30 th September – Sunday, 2 nd Oc- tober 2022	Mount Leinster /Blackstairs Moun- tains/River Barrow	CARLOW AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL Carlow's majestic Blackstairs Mountains and River Barrow together with the charming villages of Carlow feature in this year's Carlow Autumn Walking Festival. The festival caters to all levels of walkers, from very experienced hill walkers out to enjoy an invigorating mountain trek to novices seeking some peace and tranquillity along more leisurely routes. There is a choice of over 15 different walks plus family activities and themed walks.	T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com
Friday, 30 th Sep- tember – Sunday, 2 nd October 2022	Seven Oaks Hotel Athy Road Carlow	FOLLOW ME UP TO CARLOW SET DANCING WEEKEND Set dancing enthusiasts from across the country gather to enjoy a veritable feast of dance workshops or to experience some of the country's top céilí bands. Beginners as well as seasoned dancers are welcome to attend an individual worksho, a céilí or the entire event	T: 087-6389520 /086-8146842
OCTOBER			
Saturday 29 th October 2022	Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow Town	DELTA CENTRE HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE Visit the hair-raising Halloween displays throughout the garden – a spooktacular experience. Halloween treats available in Café Thyme.	T: 059-9143527 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie
DECEMBER			
Saturday 3 rd – Wednesday 21 st December 2022	Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow Town R93 Y959	DELTA CENTRE CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND Delta hosts its very popular Christmas Wonderland. Amazing light displays in the gardens, Sensory Santa, Christmas markets, face painting and much more festive fun. Further Christmas events throughout County Carlow to be announced later.	T: 059-9143527 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie