

County Carlow Calendar of Events 2024

MARCH 2024			
<p>David McSavage - If That Makes Sense Friday 1st March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €27</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>“If that makes sense” Common Phrase When you say something but you aren't sure if you explained it well and the other person understood it.</p> <p>David McSavage is stand-up comedy's answer to spontaneous human combustion, an explosive and always surprising phenomenon that simply cannot be contained in a box or transposed to TV. His new show is a unique blend of energy, improvisation, and leaps of imagination that take his audience on a joyride they'll never forget. Even David has no idea what might happen when he unleashes his crazy brand of improvised comedy mayhem. He possesses the rare gift of creating a space where audiences feel like they are kids again, all taking part in a practical joke.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Rebalance and Reconnect Retreat Friday 1st– Sunday 3rd March 2024</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens Rathvilly Co. Carlow</p>	<p>This weekend starts with an evening yin and restorative yoga practice to connect with the body and tune into your inner landscape before enjoying a gentle sound bath to allow the nervous system to fully relax, preparing for a deep, replenishing sleep.</p> <p>Price: Stable Courtyard rooms €495 single occupancy House €550 - €650 single occupancy, €500 per person sharing Includes: 2-night weekend stay (Lisnavagh Stables Courtyard or House) Full programme of yoga and cacao ceremony, all meals and refreshments</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
<p>The Morricone Experience Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €25-€27</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The Ennio Morricone Experience, a tribute to the late maestro of film music, Ennio Morricone, have announced a new series of shows for 2024. This live concert experience brings to life the music of the prolific film composer's masterpieces, taking the audience on a journey celebrating the maestro's great contribution to music and cinema.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>A Feast with Friends- Borris House Sunday 2nd March 2024 at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow</p>	<p>A very special event is promised on March 2nd in Borris House when Black Sheep Events hosts a six-course evening menu from Paul's Kitchen including cocktails and after dinner Single Malt from Walsh Whiskey. Six-course meal €75, wine pairing for each course is also available €35.</p>	<p>T: 086-1992457 E: events@borrishouseweddings.com. W: https://www.blacksheepevents.ie/2-march-2024</p>

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<p>Borris House Point to Point Sunday 3rd March 2024 Gates Open – 11 a.m. First Race - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow R95 Y2T1</p>	<p>Set amongst the picturesque Blackstairs Mountains, the racetrack is located close to the parade ring, bookies, final fence and the finish line making it extremely accessible for all of the family to view the day's action.</p> <p>The point to point is located on the grounds of the beautiful Borris House which is one of the few intact living Irish estates that can trace its history back to Brehon times, and the royal ruling families of ancient Ireland. The estate is the family home of the 16th generation of McMorrough Kavanagh's and still contains the majority of its original furniture, paintings, documentary archives and other historic family artefacts.</p>	<p>T: 086-1992457 E: info@p2p.ie W: www.gop2p.ie Admission: €10</p>
<p>National Tree Week at Altamont Gardens Sunday 3rd – Sunday 10th March 2024</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow R93 N882</p>	<p>National Tree Week is celebrated in Altamont Gardens with a series of guided tours around their fabulous tree collection. The estate gains much of its character from the many mature trees, both natives in the woodland areas, and exotic specimens throughout the gardens including the Swamp Cypress, Red Oak and Giant Redwood. A fascinating walk leads the visitors to the Ice Age Glen with its canopy of ancient oaks.</p>	<p>T: 046-9407175 E: altamontgardens@opw.ie W: www.heritageireland.ie</p>
<p>Seachtain na Gaeilge Monday 4th March – Monday 18th March 2024</p>	<p>At various locations throughout Carlow Town</p>	<p>Seachtain na Gaeilge is being marked in Carlow this March with a bumper festival programme to enjoy. The feast of Irish and bilingual events will run over two weeks and welcomes all participation, regardless of one's command of the language.</p>	<p>T: 059-9158105/087-2857048 / 085-1340047 For the full event programme visit https://glorcheatharlach.ie/</p>
<p>Yoga and Sleep Retreat with Pam Butler Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2024</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens Rathvilly Co. Carlow</p>	<p>This unique retreat is designed as a slowing down, drawing in, restorative time. Yogis of all levels welcome, from absolute beginners to those with significant experience and training. The emphasis, therefore, is on moving with awareness, breathing fully and intelligently, and practising hatha yoga in a safe and mindful way.</p> <p>€440 - €590 per person single occupancy, €380 - €540 per person sharing Includes: 2-night weekend stay (Lisnavagh Stables Courtyard or House), full programme and tuition and all meals and refreshments</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
<p>Eddi Reader Live Saturday 9th March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd.</p>	<p>Celebrating over 40 years as a live performer, Eddi Reader has effortlessly developed into one of popular music's most thrilling and affecting performers. What sets Eddi apart is the depth and quality of the emotional performance and ability to not only move the listener, but connect her experience to that of her audience. No two performances are</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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	Carlow	ever the same. Though first brought into the limelight as front woman for Fairground Attraction, whose #1 single, Perfect and parent album, First of a Million Kisses, both topped the charts in the U.K., Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, it was Eddi's subsequent solo albums that signaled her ability to assimilate different musical styles and make them very much her own.	
Cliona Hagan - The Dolly Songbook Sunday 10 th March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €29.50	VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow	Cliona Hagan returns once again to the George Bernard Shaw Theatre with her award-winning show - The Dolly Songbook following her sell-out performance last year. Cliona and The Sheerin Family Band have taken the country by storm with this masterclass show.	T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on
St Leo's College presents Mamma Mia: Here I Go Again Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th March 2024 at 7.30p.m. Admission: €18/€14	VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow	With their annual Transition Year musical, St. Leo's College invites you to join them as they thank ABBA for the music this March. On a beautiful Greek island Donna is preparing for her daughter Sophie's wedding with old friends Tanya and Rosie – the Dynamos. Spirited Sophie discovers that any one of three men could be her father. So begins her thrilling journey in a quest to find the truth. Together with her mother Donna and the Dynamos, Sophie must overcome all obstacles to get to her wedding to say I do, I do, I do, I do, I do.	T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on
County Carlow St Patricks Day Parades		St Patrick's Day Parades – throughout County Carlow 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 Carlow Town, Graiguecullen, Bagenalstown, Ballon, Graiguenamanagh, Tullow, Borris and Killeshin. Graiguecullen: 10.a.m - 10.30 a.m. Leaves Carlow Town Park at 10 a.m. before travelling to Graiguecullen Parish Church car park. Bagenalstown: Bagenalstown St Patricks Day parade will start at 1 p.m. sharp at McGrath proceeding along the Royal Oak Road, Station Road, Long Range, Regent Street, Main Street before finally finishing at the reviewing stand at Market Square. Borris: 1.30 p.m. Carlow Town: 2 – 5 p.m. – following the festival parade an afternoon of music and entertainment is promised at Potato Market in the centre of Carlow Town. Main stage will feature 'Zak Same and the Similars' and the	T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com

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		<p>winner of the St Patrick's day Carlow song will also be performing. Follow Facebook and Instagram for more details.</p> <p>Tullow: 2.p .m. The parade in Tullow will begin from the Dublin Road, with the man himself, St Patrick, leading the parade down through the town. There are some great prizes for floats and entrants in the parade. As well as the parade, numerous activities and entertainment are promised on the day.</p> <p>Ballon: 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. Starts on the Bunclody Road and travels through the village of Ballon past the viewing stand and continues through the village to Ballykealey Lane, before turning and travels back up through the village.</p>	
<p>Carlow Institute Presents ALICE Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. Admission: €5</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Following on from their successful production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Carlow Institute presents 'ALICE,' adapted from Lewis Carroll's much beloved tales of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. The performing arts students breathe new life into some of the most well-known characters in English literature. Such texts include "The White Rabbit", "The Mad Hatter", and the bossiest of all, "The Queen of Hearts".</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>DirtBirds - Girls World Tour Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Ireland's Queens of Comedy are back with their brand-new show "Girls World Tour". After their last sell out tour, which received standing ovations across Ireland and the UK, DirtBirds are bringing their highly relatable and spot on observational comedy back to the stage. With a mix of stand-up and sketches, this hilarious new show explores the fascinating female mind and answers burning questions like: Why do we enter 1000 calories into our Noom app when we've really consumed over 6,000?</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Easter Train 23rd – 25th March and 27th March – 1st April 2024</p>	<p>Rathwood Rath Tullow Co Carlow</p>	<p>Join Fiona the Fairytale Fairy, Thomas Toffee and help rescue Hop the Bunny from the nasty Sirius Chocolate in this magical Easter Eggstravaganza! A fun interactive show with the latest pop music and comedy for the entire family! Followed by an egg hunt in the amazing maze and a special meet and greet with the Easter Bunny! This is a sweet event not to be missed!</p>	<p>T: 059-9156285 E: info@rathwood.com W: www.rathwood.com</p>

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<p>Orchestral Connections Sunday 24th March 2024 at 3 p.m. Admission: €5</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Orchestral Connections is proudly presented by four youth orchestras from Carlow, Wexford and Dublin in association with Carlow County Council Arts Office.</p> <p>The programme includes a commissioned work by Carlow composer, Ailbhe Kehoe, Three Irish Counties. Together the four orchestras form an ensemble of ninety nine players. Their collaboration has included rehearsals in Wexford, a performance at the National Concert Hall, Dublin at the IAYO 28th Festival of Youth Orchestras and culminates in Carlow with Orchestral Connections at the George Bernard Shaw Theatre. The programme includes the music of Tchaikovsky, Sibelius and Leroy Anderson's Irish Suite Part I and a variety of music from each orchestra.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Neil Delamere - Neil by Mouth Saturday 30th March 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €30</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Catch the usual, hilarious tall tales, razor sharp observations and quick-witted improvisation for which this awfully funny Offaly man has become well known. As seen on The Blame Game, The Panel, Countdown, Celebrity Mastermind, The Celebrity Chase and Beat The Chasers.</p> <p>"No TV camera could accurately measure the lightning speed of Delamere's wit."- The Irish Times "One lean, mean, comedy, killing machine." - The Herald "A wryly brilliant live performer."- The Sunday Times "You'll be hard pressed to find a more gifted comic."</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Daffodil Week at Delta Sensory Gardens Friday 22nd – Sunday 31st March 2024</p>	<p>Delta Sensory Gardens Strawhall Estate Carlow R93 Y959</p>	<p>Delta Sensory Gardens invites all to experience their <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.</p> <p>Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., weekends and public holidays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.</p>	<p>T: 059-9131354 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie</p>
<p>Fleadh Cheoil Cheatharlach Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th March 2024</p>	<p>Leighlinbridge Co Carlow</p>	<p>An extensive programme of events is promised featuring session trails, tráth na gceist and junior musician sessions. "Fun Fleadh" for all primary school musicians on Saturday, 23rd March, followed by Comhaltas competitions that afternoon. Opens with with a special performance featuring Damien Mullane, Sean O'Meara and Conor Broderick.</p>	<p>F: www.facebook.com/carlowfleadh/</p>

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Easter Eggstravaganza at Delta Sensory Gardens Sunday 31 st March and Monday 1 st April	Delta Sensory Gardens Strawhall Estate Carlow R93 Y959	Join Mr Hop – the Easter Bunny and his friends for some egg-citing family fun. Lunches, tea/coffee and snacks are 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. Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., weekends and public holidays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	T: 059-9131354 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie
Leinster Classic Motorcycle Show Sunday 31 st March 2024	St. Mary's Academy CBS Railway Road Carlow Town	The Leinster Classic Motorcycle Club Easter Show is one of the most popular events in the motorcycle calendar in the south-east region. Doors open at 9.30 a.m. and admission is €10. Enjoy the large display of vintage motorcycles in the hall. Autojumble in the yard. Be in with a chance to win a superb Yamaha Fazer which will be raffled on the day of the show, tickets €2.50 each.	T: 086-6094251 E: vrapide1000@gmail.com W: facebook.com/carlowclassicmotorcycleshow
APRIL 2024			
Pan Celtic International Festival 2024 - Official Opening Tuesday 2 nd April 2024 at 7.30 p.m.	VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow	An evening of celebration and entertainment to officially open this year's festival at the prestigious George Bernard Shaw Theatre at VISUAL in Carlow! Enjoy a taste of Celtic music, song and dance featuring performances from the six Celtic nations - Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, the Isle of Man and Ireland. For those who cannot make it, the event will be live streamed on the social media channels- f pancelticfestival X @PanCelticCarlow	T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on Admission: €10
Pan Celtic International Festival Tuesday 2 nd – Saturday 6 th April 2024	Throughout Carlow Town	The 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 has an exciting programme of events to keep everyone entertained, including street performances, a parade, live music and competitions. Musicians and choirs, singers and dancers, bands and storytellers from the participating Celtic nations will come together to share their language and culture at this great family-friendly Easter event. A full list of events and contact details for the festival organisers can be found at panceltic.ie.	T: 059-9158105/087-2857048 / 085-1340047 E: pancelticcarlow@gmail.com W: www.panceltic.ie
Pan Celtic Traditional Celtic Singing Competitions (GROUP & SOLO) /	VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow	Groups and soloists from across the six Celtic nations take to the George Bernard Shaw Theatre stage for the annual Traditional Celtic Singing Competitions. Award-winning soloists and groups perform some of their native vocal music for a chance to win prizes in various categories. This event is free of charge and starts in the theatre from 3 p.m. onwards.	T: 059-9158105/087-2857048 / 085-1340047 E: pancelticcarlow@gmail.com W: www.panceltic.ie

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<p>Comórtais Amhránaíochta Traidisiúnta Wednesday 3rd April 2024. Free admission</p>		<p>The Pan Celtic International Festival takes place in Carlow from the 2nd to the 6th of April 2024. A full list of events and contact details for the festival organisers can be found at panceltic.ie.</p>	
<p>My Parade: SexyTadhg Live Tour 2024 Saturday 6th April 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €25/€15</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Carlow native SexyTadhg brings their jaw dropping live show back to their hometown for one night only. As a solo artist, Tadhg's commanding vocals and expert piano playing have wowed audiences nationwide. At the same time, their big band extravaganza pushes Irish musicianship and live entertainment to its highest level. In their show-stopping performances, Tadhg is often compared to David Bowie, Elton John, Lady Gaga, or Freddie Mercury. However, they often flip this dominating aura to tell more personal and delicate stories centred around gender, sexuality and mental health.</p> <p>Tadhg has brought their larger-than-life show to Ireland's most notable stages, festivals and events. From recently supporting two-time Eurovision winner Loreen at her sold-out gig in the Academy, closing the iconic Ruby Sessions to the Jerry Fish Sideshow stage at Electric Picnic, The Late Late Show, Kaleidoscope, the Grand Social, Culture Night Dublin, Sea Sessions and even Irish speaking festivals such as Lá Mór na Gaeilge, and Féile na Gealaí. Being a proud Gaeilgeoir, Tadhg often performs as Gaeilge in both solo and big band settings. Tadhg takes great pride in bringing a powerful queer perspective and presence to Irish language and music.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Glory Days - A Bruce Springsteen Tribute Sunday 7th April 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €28</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Ireland's tribute band to the living legend Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Glory Days have been touring Ireland for a number of years selling out theatres and venues from Kerry to Belfast and Galway to Dublin, as well as playing to thousands at festivals. They play songs from the early songs like Born To Run and The River, his Oscar winner Philadelphia, up to his more recent songs like Ghosts, and everywhere they play there is a great atmosphere with the Springsteen fans who love to sing along.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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<p>County Carlow Youth Theatre Annual Production Friday 12th - Saturday 13th April 2024 at 7.30p.m. Admission: €10/€5</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>A double-bill of theatre for families and young people. County Carlow Youth Theatre presents two for the price of one, a night of theatre for families and young people. First up is 'In Quest of a Play' by Geraldine O'Neill, originally devised with Physically Phishy Youth Theatre, followed by 'The Adventures of the Brothers Grimm' by John Morton. What happens when you leave a bunch of children alone in a drama workshop? Do they sit there twiddling their thumbs? Scroll on their phones? No, they make up and perform an epic adventure play. Join our gang as they go 'in quest of a play.' The brother Grimm collected some of our most beloved fairytales: Cinderella, Snow White, Jack and the Beanstalk. But have we ever heard their story! Come see one version, in this irreverent production where the Brothers Grimm come face to face with their characters. The double bill has a cast of 36 young people from all around Carlow, who have put together two very entertaining productions.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Niall "Bressie" Breslin- Where is my Mind? With Very Special Guests Friday 19th April 2024 at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>After a sensational run of sold out shows in 2023, Niall "Bressie" Breslin is bringing his multi award-winning 'Where is My Mind?' podcast on the road again in April 2024 across Ireland and the UK. Having led a colourful life thus far and being no stranger to a slap from the dark side, Niall 'Bressie' Breslin has made it his vocation to excavate and discover what it is that makes us humans dive, survive, recover and thrive in the head melty-chaos of the modern world.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Roar Roar Dinosaur - Interactive Learning Experience Live Saturday 20th April 2024 at 2 & 4.30 p.m. Admission: €16</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Embark on a Jurassic adventure like no other! An exhilarating, interactive dinosaur show that will transport you back in time. Witness these magnificent creatures come to life before your eyes from incubation through to adulthood as the dinosaurs roar, stomp, dance and interact with the audience. Brace yourself for a thrilling journey filled with educational insights and heart-pounding excitement. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the prehistoric era up close and personal.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>The Blackstairs Cycling Challenge 2024 Sunday 21st April 2024 Registration Online</p>	<p>Ballinkillen, Co. Carlow</p>	<p>The Blackstairs Cycling Challenge is a cycle sportive which takes place in Ballinkillen, Co. Carlow. It is dedicated to the memory of Eoghan and Ruairí Chada, who are dearly missed. It is a great day of cycling through beautiful Inistioge, Graiguenamanagh, Borris, Kiltlealy, Bunclody and Mt. Leinster in the Blackstairs Mountains. All routes start and finish in Ballinkillen. There are five routes to choose from, catering for all categories of cyclists: 140km, 110km, 80km, 50km and 12km.</p>	<p>T: 086-8349144 E: dimjts@gmail.com W: blackstairscyclingchallenge.com</p>

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<p>The Mysterious Case of Kitsy Rainey Thursday 25th April 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €21/€19</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The Mysterious Case of Kitsy Rainey is a new one man show written and performed by Mikel Murfi. Following on from The Man In the Woman's Shoes and I Hear You and Rejoice, the new piece, the third in the series, takes us on a very unusual and otherworldly journey. Having married Kitsy Rainey late in life, cobbler Pat Farnon finally decides to lift the lid on a life previously lived by his wife. And all the while Pat faces down his own reckoning. Tender, heartfelt and joyously funny The Mysterious Case of Kitsy Rainey finishes out Pat Farnon's journey in an unexpected way.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Sharon Shannon: Now and Then Tour, Celebrating 30 Years at the Forefront of Irish Music. Friday 26th April 2024 at 8p.m. Admission: €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>In June 1989 Sharon was rehearsing and demoing tracks for her first album, when she was whisked away to Glastonbury Festival with The Waterboys. In the 30 years that has elapsed since then, Sharon has recorded ten studio albums; five live albums, four best of compilations and three live concert DVDs. She has received many awards including being the youngest ever recipient of the Meteor Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2009. She has collaborated, recorded and toured with everyone from Willy Nelson, Bono, Johnny Depp, Shane Mc Gowan and John Prine to Nigel Kennedy and the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and had many hit records including The Galway Girl, It's Christmastime Again and GoTell the Devil.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>The Final Days of Spring Retreat Friday 26th – Sunday 28th April 2024</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens Rathvilly Co. Carlow</p>	<p>The Final Days of Spring Retreat takes place in the historic 600 acres of forest and woodlands of Lisnavagh House. This is an invitation to turn towards summer and by turning inwards and shedding the layers of winter and spring. Yoga will be based on energising, awakening and opening up by day and slow focused liver sequencing Yin Yoga at night. Give yourself a break from daily routines and tap into a space of calm and tranquility. It is about resting, going inwards so strength is built within the body and mind to set us up for the next few months of being out and about more than we had been through the hibernation of Autumn and Winter.</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
<p>Chris Kent 'Back at it' Saturday 27th April 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €22</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Cork man Chris Kent returns with his brand-new show “Back At It”. After a dose of the real world (having gone back to the day job as an electrician), Chris found himself with two jobs and the ridiculous notion of trying to buy a house. It turns out he did not have enough jobs. Something had to give and shur there’s no future in electricity anyway...</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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<p>Letters From The Front - A Musical Drama Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th May 2024 at 8 p.m. daily Admission: €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Written and directed by Carlow’s Ollie Hennessy and Kilkenny man Don O’Connor, this original musical drama tells the story of three families, caught up in the turmoil of World War One. Starring West End superstar Rebecca Storm, this story of love, hope, despair and loss follows the tale of young Irish couple Willie and Eileen, forced to separate as Willie enlists to fight on the Western Front. A young German boy Heinrich falsifies his true age in order to fight under the German flag, while an embittered British officer prepares to lead his troops against his enemy in the trenches of Northern France. Inspired by real letters written by soldiers and family members from 1914-1918, this poignant drama features a strong Carlow/Kilkenny cast.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Dawn Chorus at Altamont Gardens Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 4.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co. Carlow R93 N882</p>	<p>An exceptional opportunity to witness the dawn chorus within the stunning surrounds of Altamont Gardens in the company of well-known broadcaster and environmentalist Éanna Ní Lamhna. This 40-acre estate, on the banks of the River Slaney near Tullow features an enchanting blend of formal, informal and wild gardens.</p>	<p>T: 046-9407175 E: altamontgardens@opw.ie W: Tickets via Event Btite</p>
<p>The Little Mermaid Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th May 2024</p>	<p>Rathwood Rath Tullow Co Carlow</p>	<p>Come with us under the sea to see the magnificent big top at Rathwood transform into an underwater kingdom. This is Striking Productions’ third full musical, having previously staged Sister Act and Legally Blonde, from the same production team</p>	<p>T: 059-9156285 E: info@rathwood.com W: www.rathwood.com</p>
<p>The Songs of Dylan, Young and Morrison Saturday 11th May 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €25</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Performed by the fantastic Muddy River Band, this show is a truly spectacular tribute to the songs of three of the greatest music icons of our time; Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Van Morrison. Hear the songs that have echoed through the lives of generations of music lovers from the 1960s right through to today. Not to be missed!</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Bike Week Carlow Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th May 2024</p>	<p>Throughout Carlow</p>	<p>Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of all that’s great about bikes and cycling. From free bike checks to fun cycles, heritage cycles, electric bike races, school cycling events, bike festivals and road races there’s lots to enjoy during Bike Week in Carlow. There is something for every age and ability.</p>	<p>T: 059 - 913 6247 E: carlowsportspartnership@carlowcoco.ie W: https://carlowsports.ie/bike-week/</p>

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<p>Rare and Special Plant Fair Sunday 12th May 2024 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Co. Carlow</p>	<p>Huntington Castle hosts the 23rd Rare and Special Plant Fair. With over 30 stalls of rare and unusual plants, gain inspiration and get expert advice direct from the growers. Attendees avail of free car parking and free entry to Huntington Gardens. A plant creche and porter service (donations welcome) will be available. Enjoy teas, coffee, cakes and lunch options.</p>	<p>T: 053 - 9377160 E: info@huntingtoncastle.com W: huntingtoncastle.com</p>
<p>Vintage Car Fair Sunday 12th May 2024</p>	<p>Carlow Rugby Club Grounds Oak Park Carlow Town</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>T: 087-2222105 W: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com</p>
<p>Rhododendron Week Monday 13th – Sunday 19th May 2024</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens has a very extensive collection of rhododendrons, first brought to Altamont over 150 years ago by Fielding Lecky Watson, father of Corona North who following her death in 1999 passed the gardens to the Irish State. Guided tours daily (on the hour) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>T: 046-9407175 E: altamontgardens@opw.ie W: heritageireland.ie</p>
<p>Traditional music at Altamont Gardens Wednesday, 15th May 2024 at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow R93 N882</p>	<p>Tap your feet and clap your hands to the enhancing sounds of fiddles, bodhráns, tin whistles and many more instruments as local talented musicians come together in this beautiful location to celebrate our natural and cultural heritage. Traditional session takes place in the new orchard at the rear of Altamont Plant Sales in the Walled Gardens.</p>	<p>For information call Máire on 087-2424934</p>
<p>George - The Essential Collection Friday 17th May 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €29</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>As an 80s music icon, George Michael's songs are recognised all over the world. Performed by James Bermingham with his live band, the show consists of George Michael's iconic hit Songs such as Faith, Careless Whisper, Fast Love, Outside and Wham songs such as "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go", "I'm Your Man", "Freedom", "Everything She Wants" and "Last Christmas", to name just a few.</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>The Sensational 70s Show Saturday 18th May 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission €27</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The Sensational 70s Show takes you on a time tumbling trip back to the era that taste forgot, the super duper 1970s! Featuring dedicated tributes to Smokie and Bay City Rollers, you have a good chance of finding out who the hell Alice is!! There is also a fun-filled 70s number ones section thrown in for good measure with such hits from T.REX, the Sweet, MUD, Status Quo, Donny Osmond, Showwaddywaddy and many more! A fun and hit filled 70s night out is guaranteed and flares, tie dyes and perms are all very much encouraged (clackers are optional!!!!)</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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<p>Carlow Stages Rally Sunday 19th May 2024</p>	<p>Headquarters : Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow</p>	<p>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. 2024 marks the 20th anniversary of this special rally.</p>	
<p>Carlow Little Theatre presents The Odd Couple Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th May 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €22/€20</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Set in 1960s New York, Felix Ungar is thrown out by his wife and his recently divorced poker buddy Oscar Madison kindly let's Felix stay with him at his apartment. Oscar thinks this is a great idea, as he "can't stand living alone", and Felix says that he's "very handy around the house" and is "a terrific cook". But Felix's neurotic, neat freak ways clash with Oscar's easy-going, slobbish nature in a mismatch made in comedic heaven. One of the most entertaining and hilarious comedies in Broadway history, this delightful play follows Oscar and Felix's foibles, adventures and mishaps as their friendship, and sanity, is put to the test!</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Carlow Summer Walking Festival Friday 24th – Sunday 26th May 2024</p>	<p>Mount Leinster /Blackstairs Mountains/River Barrow/</p>	<p>Carlow's majestic Blackstairs Mountains and River Barrow together with the charming towns and 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 and bike and hike options.</p>	<p>T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com/walkingfestival</p>
<p>Rebecca O'Connor as Tina Turner: Simply the Best Friday 31st May 2024 at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Ireland's own international success story, Rebecca O'Connor, is the only artist in the world personally endorsed by Tina herself. Now she is returning to her homeland again in 2024 by overwhelming demand following her sold out 2023 tour. Rebecca is excited to bring a "next level" of excitement to her shows following the recent passing of Tina. With sold out shows throughout Ireland, UK, Australia, South Africa and Europe over the past 12 years, Rebecca just loves to perform. Now she can't wait to bring her new and exciting show to audiences around the world. Accompanying her along the way will be her amazing band and dancers.</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Festival of Golf Thursday 30th May – Monday 2nd June 2024</p>	<p>Carlow Golf Club Deerpark, Carlow Town</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>T: 059-9131695 E: info@carlowgolfclub.ie W: www.carlowgolfclub.ie</p>

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Gordon Bennett Classic Road Run Friday 31 st May – Monday 3 rd June 2024	Laois, Carlow and Kildare	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 E: info@gordonbennettclassic.ie W: www.gordonbennettclassic.ie
JUNE 2024			
Carlow Regatta Sunday 2 nd – Monday 3 rd June 2024	Carlow Rowing Club, Barrow Track, Carlow Town	One of the oldest rowing festivals in the country celebrating its 165 th year in 2024. Eights, quads and scull racing from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	T: 085-7504758 - Avril E: secretarycarlowrowingclub@gmail.com
Carlow Arts Festival Wednesday 5 th - Sunday 9 th June 2024	Grounds of Carlow College, College Street, Carlow Town	The festival displays a vibrant programme of events featuring a dynamic range of entertainment and arts and transforms Carlow into a cultural hub.	E: info@carlowartsfestival.com W: www.carlowartsfestival.com F: https://www.facebook.com/CarlowArtsFestival/
Borris House Festival of Writing and Ideas Friday 7 th – Sunday 9 th June 2024	Borris House Borris Co Carlow	<p>The Festival of Writing and Ideas will mark its 12th year in 2024, bringing 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 – for a weekend of stimulating dialogue and discussion. Guests at this year’s event include Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, Mary Robinson and Sebastian Barry.</p> <p>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.</p>	E: info@festivalofwritingandideas.com W: www.festivalofwritingandideas.com
Barrow Dragon Boat Regatta Sunday 9 th June 2024	River Barrow Carlow Town Park Carlow Town	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.	E: carlowdragonboats@gmail.com W: www.dragonboats.ie
Countryfest 2024 Saturday 15 th June 2024	Rathwood Rath Tullow Co. Carlow	Country Music Super Star Derek Ryan and his band are back to headline this event along with a stellar line up including Olivia Douglas, Stuart Moyles, Jack Keogh, Stacey Breen and Gavin Gribben. Enjoy over five hours of country music and dancing on the big top dance floor. Gates open 5 p.m. - Music and dancing 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Over 18's Event - ID may be required. All tickets are non-refundable	T: 059-91 56285 E: reception@rathwood.com W: rathwood.com/events

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<p>Bagenalstown in Bloom Saturday 15th June 2024</p>	<p>Throughout Bagenalstown</p>	<p>Bagenalstown in Bloom 2024 has something for everyone. A splash of blazing colour, a feast of music and workshops exploring all sorts of creativity. The annual festival is sure to be basked in glorious colours and welcomes lots of participation by the local community and beyond.</p> <p>Colour is in no short supply, with everything from street signs to benches experiencing an explosion of yarn bombing, thanks to the wonderful work of local yarn bombers including The Barrow Knitters supported by CCDP. Their skills are varied but their enthusiasm is unrivalled! High praise was shared in this year's Tidy Towns Report- "What can I say, I absolutely LOVED my walk around your wonderful town... in no small part to the yarn bombing project. To say it lifted my spirits would be an understatement and the amount of visitors with whom I struck up conversations with as I took photo after photo after photo was amazing. Even as I write my report, a couple of weeks after my visit, I find myself smiling. A huge congratulations to all involved." Like last year everyone is encouraged to collect a yarn bombing treasure hunt map and have fun finding all the fabulous work around the area.</p> <p>Cruinniú na nÓg coincides with the festival and there will be lots for children to enjoy, including plenty of games and activities, thanks to County Carlow Sports Partnership. They are organising a 5km run to get our BIB festival off to an energetic start. Carlow Regional Youth Services also hold a number of workshops for young people in Gleann na Bearú community building. The Bagenalstown Community Garden (BCG) will also be a hive of activity with fantastic music, thanks to the talents of local artists supported by Bagenalstown Creative Places and Music Generation. Workshops in the community garden will capture the imagination of the public and delicious refreshments will be available too.</p> <p>Tours of the inspirational and beautiful Barrow Experience Garden situated at BEAM are not to be missed. The experience is a unique series of ten interconnecting gardens which bring to life the history, folklore and heritage of the beautiful Barrow Valley. https://carlowtourism.com/attraction/beam-the-barrow-experience-garden/</p>	
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		<p>And if your feet need a rest, why not board An Bád Keppel, our Barrow River boat experience. You can relax and enjoy the fantastic scenery along the River Barrow surrounded by the history that makes Bagenalstown so beautiful. There is no better way to do it than a trip onboard Bád Keppel, along the man-made canal in Bagenalstown, and share the story of how it all happened, enjoy the beauty of the wildlife and river. It is a journey you don't want to miss and will not forget.</p> <p>https://bagenalstowntripboat.com/</p>	
<p>Traditional music at Altamont Gardens Wednesday, 19th June 2024 at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow R93 N882</p>	<p>Tap your feet and clap your hands to the enhancing sounds of fiddles, bodhráns, tin whistles and many more instruments as local talented musicians come together in this beautiful location to celebrate our natural and cultural heritage. Traditional session takes place in the new orchard at the rear of Altamont Plant Sales in the Walled Gardens.</p>	<p>For information call Máire on 087-2424934</p>
<p>The Elvis Spectacular Show Sunday 30th June 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €27</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The Elvis Spectacular Show is Ireland's longest running and most successful Elvis Production celebrating 27 years on the road in 2024! The show stars the European Elvis Champion, Ciarán Houlihan who also holds many other awards such as The Best 70s Elvis, The Best Gospel Elvis and winner of Elvis Four Nations. Ciarán is backed by a brilliant eight-piece live band and dresses in authentic costumes created by Elvis's very own designer Gene Douchette. All this helps to create the feel of a genuine live Elvis show. This show has been called “the greatest Elvis Show since 1977!!!”</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
JULY 2024			
<p>Corona North Week Sunday 7th – Sunday 14th July 2024</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow R93 N882</p>	<p>A week of guided tours and talks commemorating Corona North, the passionate plants person and visionary founder of Altamont Gardens. Immerse yourself in a week-long exploration of these formal, informal and wild gardens on the banks of the River Slane while learning more about the woman who created this horticultural haven.</p>	<p>T: 046-9407175 E: altamontgardens@opw.ie W: www.heritageireland.ie</p>
<p>Traditional music at Altamont Gardens Wednesday, 17th July 2024 at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow</p>	<p>Tap your feet and clap your hands to the enhancing sounds of fiddles, bodhráns, tin whistles and many more instruments as local talented musicians come together in this beautiful location to celebrate our natural and cultural heritage. Traditional session takes place in the new orchard at the rear of Altamont Plant Sales in the Walled Gardens.</p>	<p>For information call Máire on 087-2424934</p>

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<p>Carlow Garden Festival 2024 Saturday 27th July- Sunday 4th August</p>	<p>At gardening venues throughout the county</p>	<p>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. Speakers confirmed to date include Matthew Reese, John Little, Matthew Pottage, Tom Stuart Smith and Arthur Parkinson from the UK along with Irish experts, Dr Darach Lupton, Colm O’ Driscoll and Kitty Scully.</p>	<p>T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowgardentrail.com</p>
AUGUST 2024			
<p>Festival of Golf Friday 2nd – Monday 5th August 2024</p>	<p>Carlow Golf Club Deerpark Dublin Road Carlow Town</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>T: 059-9131695 E: info@carlowgolfclub.ie W: www.carlowgolfclub.ie</p>
<p>Duckett’s Grove Classic Car Show Sunday 12th August 2024</p>	<p>Duckett’s Grove Historic House Kneestown Co Carlow</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>T: 087-2222105 W: www.carlowvintageandclassicmotorclub.com</p>
<p>Heritage Week 2024 Saturday 17th – Sunday 25th August 2024</p>	<p>At various locations throughout the county</p>	<p>Week of indoor and outdoor events celebrating the rich heritage the county has to offer and promoting awareness of the built, natural and cultural heritage. Activities range from wildlife tours and lectures to music recitals, historical re-enactments and outdoor activities.</p>	<p>E: esullivan@carlowcoco.ie W: carlow.ie</p>
<p>Tullow Agricultural Show Sunday 18th August 2024</p>	<p>Coppenagh Tullow Co. Carlow</p>	<p>Tullow Agricultural Show is one of the most established agricultural shows in the country with 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 making for a great day out for all the family.</p>	<p>T: 087-0530887 E: tullowagrishow@gmail.com W: www.tullowagriculturalshow.com</p>
<p>Traditional music at Altamont Gardens Wednesday, 21st August 2024 at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Altamont Gardens Tullow Co Carlow</p>	<p>Tap your feet and clap your hands to the enhancing sounds of fiddles, bodhráns, tin whistles and many more instruments as local talented musicians come together in this beautiful location to celebrate our natural and cultural heritage. Traditional session takes place in the new orchard at the rear of Altamont Plant Sales in the Walled Gardens.</p>	<p>For information call Máire on 087-2424934</p>

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SEPTEMBER 2024			
<p>County Carlow Golf Classic 2024 Monday 2th– Wednesday 4th September 2024</p>	<p>Carlow, Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club and Mount Wolseley</p>	<p>Carlow Tourism hosts its annual golf classic featuring three top quality courses - Carlow, Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club and Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort. Over the years the classic has brought golfers from all over Ireland and from the UK to enjoy excellent golf, while visitors also appreciate the great accommodation on offer throughout the county and the convivial atmosphere of the event. The County Carlow Golf Classic has built a strong reputation as a professionally run tournament on three excellent courses, with each posing different challenges for the golfer. Equally however players see the competition as a great social event, offering great value for money with many golfers returning year after year.</p>	<p>T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com/golfclassic From €219 per person featuring three rounds of golf, three lunches, gala dinner followed by entertainment and prize fund of €7,000.</p>
<p>Rory's Stories - Keep 'er Lit Saturday 21st September 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission €29</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Rory is back on the road with his brand-new show, 'Keep 'Er Lit', as he tries to navigate and survive in this ever-changing world.</p> <p>He will take you into his home and life with his relatable humour and unique storytelling ability, as he speaks about growing up in simpler times, winging it, and life as a parent to three...even when feeling like a child himself! Rory will share his experiences and thoughts on managing our minds, challenging fear and why it's important to never lose the madness! So come join Rory for a night you won't forget; full of craic, music and inspiration.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Jarlath Regan - Life Is a Work in Progress Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September 2024 at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Following millions of downloads, follows and shares across TikTok, Instagram and YouTube, an international tour that sold out in every single venue; Jarlath Regan is back in Carlow. The Irishman Abroad returned home and blew up in 2023 with his on the money observations about the absurdity of the modern world and Ireland's place in it. In this brand new show containing none of the material seen online or in his previous tours - Carlow is in for a treat.</p> <p>"A master at work"- Patrick Kielty "Unique brand of comedy genius"- The Irish Times "Brilliantly details the very important difference between 'Eejit' and 'Gobshite'" - The Irish Post *****</p>	<p>T: 059 - E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on As recommended by: The Times, Metro, Guardian, Telegraph, Chortle and The Huffington Post, Joe Wilkinson, Hozier, Patrick Kielty, Ardal O'Hanlon and Laura Whitmore</p>

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OCTOBER 2024			
<p>The Seeger Sessions Revival Friday 4th October at 8p.m. Admission: €29.50</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>"Not music being written but music being made" – Bruce Springsteen The Seeger Sessions Revival – The 13-piece band 'reviving' the spirit, energy and musical exuberance that was Bruce Springsteen's Seeger Sessions album and live shows. This diverse group of talented musicians deliver a high energy two hour-long on-stage celebration with hits including 'Old Dan Tucker', 'Jesse James' and 'American Land' to name just a few. Made up of fiddle, Bbanjo, accordion, steel guitar, whistle, a thumping rhythm section, a superb virtuosic four-piece brass section and strong group vocal harmonies. Sit back and enjoy an evening of traditional American folk songs consisting of a Jambalaya of Bluegrass, Folk, Country, Dixieland, Gospel, Rock 'N' Roll and Rhythm & Blues.</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Beyond Horizon: The Irish Pink Floyd Tribute Saturday 5th October 2024 at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Selling out theatres all over the country, this highly regarded Irish Pink Floyd Tribute have developed a reputation for recreating the atmosphere, musicianship, standout vocal performances and the stunning visual and lighting/laser display associated with the legendary band and their iconic back catalogue.</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on Admission: €31</p>
<p>Carlow Autumn Walking Festival Friday 4th October – Sunday 6th October 2024</p>	<p>Blackstairs Mountains - south Carlow and surrounding towns and villages of Borris, Myshall, Rathanna and Ballymurphy</p>	<p>With three national long-distance walking routes and a range of stunning looped walks dotted throughout the county, Carlow is incredibly rich in the quality of its walking experiences, with the opportunity to experience some stunning landscapes including The Blackstairs Mountains, Mount Leinster, Altamont Gardens, the Kilbrannish Forest Trails, the South Leinster Way, Barrow Way and Clogrennan Wood. Between fifteen and twenty themed walks, ranked in order of their difficulty and duration take place during the festival. They are perfect for those who love a leisurely walk, taking in and learning more about nature, biodiversity and their general surroundings, the walker with a thirst for history, those energised by the challenge of an invigorating mountain trek, photographic enthusiasts, families and those who like the stillness of mindfulness. The walks are graded and timed to suit the capabilities of walkers in each category. The majority of walks end with light refreshments giving participants the opportunity to recap on their experiences. All walks are led by knowledgeable guides from Tullow Mountaineering Club and Blackstairs Ramblers, and local walking enthusiasts and are of varying duration from 1.5hrs to five hours.</p>	<p>T: 059-9130411 E: info@carlowtourism.com W: www.carlowtourism.com</p>

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<p>David O'Doherty: Tiny Piano Man Friday 11th October 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €25</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The dishevelled prince of €10 eBay keyboards tries to make you feel alive with a new pageant of laughter, song and occasionally getting up from a chair. It's gonna be a big one. Star of 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Channel 4), Live At The Apollo (BBC) and Along For the Ride with David O'Doherty (Channel 4).</p>	<p>T: 059-9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Sean Keane Live in Concert 2024 Saturday 12th October 2024 at 8p.m. Admission: €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Seán Keane's voice is unique, with its roots in old Ireland it lends itself beautifully to many different genres, his songs encompassing a mixture of traditional Irish folk music, blues, and country and his skill on the flute, whistles and pipes with which he punctuates songs, make his work unforgettable.</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Hidden Hearth Festival Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October. Opening ceremony on Friday 11th October</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow</p>	<p>Hidden Hearth is an intimate festival of community, connection, creativity, celebration and empowerment. This two-day festival aims to enchant and nourish all who gather. The festival honours the end of the outward half of the year by reflecting on the bounty experienced throughout the brighter months and letting go in preparation to turn inward for the darker winter months. For those who wish to celebrate a life changing experience of community, connection, love, humanness and more in 2024, early bird tickets are now on sale.</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
NOVEMBER 2024			
<p>The Greatest 80s Show Live 2024 Friday 1st November 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission €29.50</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Get ready to travel back in time to the 1980s with the exciting new music theatre production - 'Greatest 80s Show'. This high-energy show features all of the favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, A-Ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few. With a dynamic and powerful set full of the greatest songs of the 80s, 'Greatest 80s Show' is sure to be a hit with audiences of all ages. A nostalgic journey through the decade, with memorable performances of classic songs such as 'In the Air Tonight', 'Never Gonna Give You Up' and 'Together in Electric Dreams'. With a set that is both electrifying and heartfelt, the show is a celebration of the music, fashion and culture of the 80s and is sure to have audiences dancing in their seats!</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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<p>Yoga and Sleep Retreat with Pam Butler Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd November</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow</p>	<p>This unique retreat is designed as a slowing down, drawing in, restorative time. Yogis of all levels welcomed: The emphasis is on moving with awareness, breathing fully and intelligently, and practising hatha yoga in a safe and mindful way.</p> <p>Price: €440 - €590 per person single occupancy €380 - €540 per person sharing. Includes 2 night weekend stay (Lisnavagh Stables Courtyard or House), full programme and tuition, all meals and refreshments</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
<p>Deirdre O’Kane – O’Kaning It Saturday 9th November 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €26</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Comedic fireball Deirdre O’Kane is mad for road, mercilessly mining hilarity from the human condition. Will she conquer the chaos or revel in it? Tame the mayhem or "O’Kane it"? Either way, a night of relentless laughs fuelled by warped personal insight is guaranteed.</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Big Yin, Nidra and Movement Retreat with Lisa Quish incl. a Forest Bath Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th November</p>	<p>Lisnavagh House and Gardens Rathvilly Co. Carlow</p>	<p>€520 - €680 per person single occupancy €450 - €600 per person sharing Includes: 3-night weekend stay (Lisnavagh Stables Courtyard or House), full programme of yin yoga, yoga nidra and movement, all meals and refreshments, tuition and forest Bathing</p>	<p>T: 059-9161473 E: events@lisnavagh.com W: www.lisnavagh.com</p>
<p>Essentially Cher Friday 15th November 2024 at 8 p.m. Admission: €29.50</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Trisha McCluney, star of BBC1’s “I Can See Your Voice” is Essentially Cher – the fastest rising LIVE Cher tribute experience. Having exploded onto the entertainment scene back in 2019, the fast pace with which Trisha has taken her shows across the country, into Europe and now worldwide is testament to the incredible likeness to Cher that Trisha portrays. Her ability to deliver everything from the physical resemblance, remarkable costumes, wigs and more importantly, that distinct Cher contralto voice leaves little doubt that this is an extremely unique, stand-out tribute show.</p> <p>Trisha, alongside her six-piece professional live band of highly talented musicians, are going from strength to strength and are now taking the show across the whole of the UK and Ireland to the delight of Cher fans everywhere!</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>

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<p>Abba Forever - Live 2024 Friday 29th November at 8 p.m. Adm €30</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>The smash hit show “ABBA Forever” is returning to VISUAL & The George Bernard Shaw Theatre in Carlow following popular demand. This happy sing-a-long event is pure escapism. It celebrates Abba’s music with a loud and proud production and terrific audio visuals of Abba seminal moments on the giant screen!</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Cash Returns - The Live Tribute 2024 Saturday 30th November at 8 p.m. Admission €32</p>	<p>VISUAL & George Bernard Shaw Theatre Old Dublin Rd. Carlow</p>	<p>Europe's no.1 Johnny Cash & June Carter tribute 'Cash Returns' are back after a sell-out run at the George Bernard Shaw Theatre at VISUAL. You can get to 'Walk The Line' with JP Mac as the man in black and Karen Martin as June Carter along with this spectacular seven-piece show.</p> <p>This award-winning production encapsulates the true magic of one of music's most iconic couples. They will have everyone singin 'n' stompin in the aisles along to 'Folsom Prison Blues', 'Ring of Fire', 'A Boy Named Sue', 'Jackson', 'Hurt' - picking out the very best hits from careers spanning over 50 years!</p>	<p>T: 059 9172400 E: boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie W: visualcarlow.ie/whats-on</p>
<p>Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven Christmas Shop, illuminated magical winter garden, maze and playground (evening) and reindeer daily until December 24th 2023</p>	<p>Leighlinbridge Co. Carlow R93 P9F4</p>	<p>For a complete festive day out this Christmas, head to Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven where you can explore the Christmas shop and savour the delights of the stunning in-store Christmas décor. Browse beautiful gifts, festive lights, striking decorations and Christmas trees of all sizes. This five-star garden and lifestyle centre has a whole host of family events for the Christmas period - come along for a free viewing of Santa’s two real reindeer daily and enjoy the fun, interactive Christmas displays. Explore the magical, illuminated winter garden, playgrounds and maze. What a magical winter wonderland this is!. From delicate twinkling lights to bold neons, this is a feast for the eyes and a great experience for both adults and children. Round off your visit with a tempting Christmas lunch or snack in the award-winning Rachel’s Garden Café.</p>	<p>T: 059-9721558 E: info@arboretum.ie W: www.arboretum.ie</p>
<p>Christmas at Rathwood- Santa Train Experience Mid-November – 24th December</p>	<p>Rathwood Rath Tullow Co. Carlow</p>	<p>Get ready to embark on a wondrous journey aboard the Rathwood Santa Train, where the magic of Christmas comes alive! This year an extraordinary event straight from your wildest Christmas dreams, featuring Santa, Mrs. Claus, and all their cheerful elves is on offer! After the show, a special present lovingly prepared by Santa’s elves awaits each child at the Toy Factory, then it’s on to the Santa experience where each family gets to meet the main man himself Santa Claus! In the heart of Rathwood’s festive forest, a breath-taking world of wonder</p>	<p>T: 059-9556285 E: reception@rathwood.com W: santatrain.ie</p>

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		awaits you. Be prepared to be enchanted by the magic of your imagination during the most enchanting time of the year. After taking a ride on the Rathwood Santa train, make the most of your Rathwood experience and take in some seasonal shopping in the Rathwood Christmas Shop or enjoy lunch or tea/coffee and delicious cakes in the Merry Tree Restaurant. If it's more fun and play your little ones are after, then the Ark Play Centre is the place to head.	
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Christmas at Delta Sensory Gardens 1 st – 20 th December	Delta Sensory Gardens Strawhall Estate Carlow Town	<p>With a fantastic Christmas themed lights display, this is an attraction which all the family will enjoy in equal measure. Delta Christmas Craft Fair on December 1st features an amazing variety of folk craft, traditional gifts and decorations while the evening concludes with the official launch of the Christmas Lights Display at 4 p.m. Round off your visit with a light lunch, tea/coffee, cakes or seasonal fare served each day in Café Thyme.</p> <p>On December 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th you can also enjoy a visit to Santa and the Elves Workshop in a Sensory Santa Experience from 11 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. This event is exclusively for children and adults with additional needs in a fun, relaxed environment. Includes entry to the gardens for the Christmas Lights display. A Christmas Carol Service takes place on December 20th at 12 noon.</p> <p>Order Christmas cakes, plum puddings and mince pies from Café Thyme on 087-9600779.</p>	<p>T: 059-9131354 E: info@deltacentre.org W: www.deltasensorygardens.ie</p>
		Full Christmas programme will be confirmed during the year	