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# May 2025 Events Guide

## **Ballymahon Market, Skelly's Yard, Friday, 2 May**

A brand-new market for Ballymahon kicks off on Friday, 2 May in the fantastic outdoor space of Skelly's Restaurant, Pub and Guesthouse, Main Street, Ballymahon. Browse up to 20 stalls of tasty, creative and fascinating items or art, craft or culinary produce, made, baked or created by traders from near and far.

This market will take place on the first Friday of every month to start off with. For the latest updates, see Ballymahon Market on Facebook.

## **Camlin Keys Music Festival, Longford Town - May Bank Holiday Weekend**

The Camlin Keys Music Festival is an opportunity for pianists and classical strings to perform and share their work. With masterclasses and concerts as well as performance classes for all ages and abilities. Venues include St John's Church, St John's National School and St John's Hall, Battery Road, Longford. Highlights of the programme include the evening performances on Saturday in St John's Church and the Irish Midlands Youth Orchestra concert at Backstage Theatre on Sunday. For more see [camlinkkeys.ie](http://camlinkkeys.ie)

## **Daytime Barn Dance, Connolly Barracks, Longford - Saturday, 3 May**

A KSSL fundraiser in aid of Mary's Meals, the Daytime Barn Dance features Brid Shaughnessy, Claudia Buckley, Robert Mizzell, Pascal & Davey, Seamus Farrell & Tommy Flaherty, Sean Hussey and the Brendan Kelly Band. From 2-6pm. Tickets 10 available on Eventbrite. ie. Line dancing and jiving competitions on the day.

## **Art Exhibition, Clondra Community Hall - Saturday and Sunday, 3-4 May**

Artists Alanna Hanley, Jeanne Reynolds and Martha Corcoran feature in this exhibition of local talented artwork available to see and buy. Light refreshments will be served. Open Saturday 7-9pm and Sunday 12.30-2pm.

## **WAL Festival, Longford - Sunday and Monday, 4-5 May**

Celebrate the arts for all ages at this family friendly event featuring live performances and live music, visual arts, performance art, music, poetry readings, book launches and dance. Various venues around Longford Town including: Temperance Hall | The Red Room | Athena Gallery | Market Square. For full listings and programme details, see W.A.L Fest Longford on Facebook.

## **Tri-a-Tri, Coral Leisure, Longford - Monday, 5 May**

Limited spaces remaining for the Tri-a-Tri event with Longford Triathlon Club this Bank Holiday Monday at Coral Leisure, Longford. 100 or 250m pool swim, 16km road cycle and 3k run. In partnership with Longford Sports Partnership and Longford Coral Sports and Leisure Complex. For details, see Longford Triathlon Club on social media.

## **Teach Ceoil, Clondra Community Hall - Monday, 5 May**

Musicians and singers welcome to come and join in at the Teach Ceoil in Clondra Community Hall which takes place on the first Monday of every month, from 8.30pm. Admission optional. Refreshments served.

## **Painting Words, Booklaunch - Monday, 5 May**

Painting Words, an anthology of poems and art, will be launched on Bank Holiday Monday, 5 May at 3:30pm in the Temperance Hall. This is a free event, as part of WAL Fest that is open to the public with no booking necessary.

## **National Bike Week 2025 Events in Longford**

Women's Introductory Gravel Cycle - 10 May - Kenagh Community Centre  
Inclusion Learn to Cycle Taster - 10 May - Longford Athletics Centre  
Children's Cycle Challenge and Bike Maintenance Workshop - 12 May - The Green, Edgeworthstown  
Bikers' Lunch Longford Town Cycle - 13 May - Longford Town, Rear of Market Square  
Children's Fun Cycle Challenge - 13 May - McEoin Park Community House  
Children's Fun Cycle Challenge - 13 May - Ardnacassa Community House  
Older Adult Greenway Cycle - 16 May - Richmond Harbour Clondra  
Royal Canal Leisure Cycle - 17 May - Richmond Harbour, Clondra  
Family Fun Cycle - 18 May - Longford Town, Read Market Square  
Secondary Schools Greenway Cycles - ALL WEEK - Royal Canal Greenway. Full details on all events on [longfordsports.ie](http://longfordsports.ie)

## **Gaelforce Great River Swim and River Fest, Lanesborough 16 and 17 May**

Gaelforce River Fest is a celebration of open-water swimming in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands! Join us as we gather on the scenic banks of the River Shannon in Lanesborough to cheer on competitors as they reach the finish line of the Great River Swim and enjoy the festival of excitement, family activities, and memorable experiences. Whether you're an avid swimmer or just after a grand day out, the Gaelforce River Fest offers something for everyone. Lanesborough and Ballyleague will be the place to be this weekend! For full details and programme timeline, see [gaelforceevents.com](http://gaelforceevents.com)

## **Live music and dancing in May, Murphy's Cross Roads Inn, Lisryan**

The Cross Roads Inn, Lisryan offers live entertainment every Saturday night in May.

3 May: Chris Loughrey; 10 May: Eddie Quinn; 17 May: Philip English; 24 May: Sean Corrigan; 31 May: Ger Long. Every Thursday night at 8.30pm. Lessons for beginners and improvers with lots of moves to include jive, waltz, quickstep, foxtrot, line dancing and more.

## **Cloughan Farm and Cookery School, Abbeyshrule - May event listings**

Join Fiona Egan at Cloughan Farm and Cookery School in Abbeyshrule for her in house demonstrations and hands-on workshops. "Dine at Mine" Hands-on Workshop, Saturday, 3 May, 10am-2pm. Summer Entertaining Demo & Dine, Friday, 9 May, 6.30pm-9.30pm. Fabulous Baking & Desserts, Saturday, 24 May, 10am-2pm. For more details and bookings, see [fionaegan.com](http://fionaegan.com)

## **Goldsmith Literary Festival, Ballymahon/Abbeyshrule, 30 May - 1 June**

The theme of the 41st annual Goldsmith Literary Festival asks "Where wealth accumulates and men decay, must economic progress mean social inequality?" The third longest running festival of its type in Ireland, this festival celebrates the literary genius of Oliver Goldsmith and promotes Goldsmith Country as a tourist attraction across a variety of locations in Longford and Westmeath.

## **Bealtaine Festival Events across Longford**

As part of our Bealtaine Festival program of events, Ballymahon Community Library will host a concert with the Songbirds and special guests on Thursday, 1 May from 6.30-8.30pm with singing, dancing and music. No booking is required.

Elsewhere, Pauline Lee from the HSE will give a talk on "Protecting brain health and function" in Granard Library at 2pm on Thursday, 1 May.

Magical musical performances by Harp Duets in Granard Library on Friday, 2 May from 7-8pm; in Edgeworthstown Library on Friday, 16 May at 7pm and in Longford Library from 2-3pm on Friday 30, May.