



You're **WELCOME** to **TASTE**

October has been designated **Laois TASTE Month** with a range of events organised to showcase what we have to offer. You are invited to sample the **tastes**, meet the **makers**, **network**, make **connections** and **celebrate!** **#WelcometoTASTE**

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Laois County Council's Business Support Unit in collaboration with the Local Enterprise Office, Laois Partnership and Laois TASTE invite you to join them in celebrating the tastes of Laois.



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A Celebration
of Ireland's
Food & Drink

There is something for everyone, whether you have your own food/drink business, are thinking of setting up a new business or maybe you just have a **passion for food**.



WHEN Each Friday
in October, & Friday
November 1st
9.00am – 2.00pm

WHERE Peppers Lane,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
FREE



LAOIS FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL 'MEET THE MAKERS'

Friday 4th October

MEET THE CRAFTERS EVENT

To celebrate the start of Laois TASTE Month, the Farmers' Market in Peppers Lane Portlaoise will be hosting **craft demonstrations** at various stalls throughout the market.

The Laois Craft Group will be demonstrating how to **decoupage**.

Hilary O' Connor of "**Make it interesting fabrics and trimmings**" will be showcasing one of her up-cycled pieces and will be available to answer any questions you may have on up-cycling old furniture.

Lyndsey Sweeney of "**Kind Jewels**" will also be there illustrating how she crafts her beautiful handmade jewellery!

Friday 18th October

CEOL AGUS BIA EVENT

A celebration of Laois Food and Music. There will be **traditional music** along with food samples provided by the Laois Food Producers.

Friday 25th October

FARMERS MARKET HAMPER DRAW

Anyone who purchases an item in the Farmers' Market during the month of October will be entered into a **free draw for a hamper** compiled of delicious produce from the Farmers' Market. The draw will take place on 25th October.

Friday 1st November

HARVEST FESTIVAL

To wrap up Laois TASTE month the Laois Farmers' Market will be celebrating the end of the Harvest Season with **live music & children's entertainment**.

The Portlaoise branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann will be providing music throughout the morning.



BALLYKILCAVAN HOP PICKING



Every autumn, the brewers at Ballykilcavan Brewery make a **unique Irish beer** using water, barley and hops sourced exclusively from the **380 year old, 13th generation family farm** at Ballykilcavan, near Stradbally, Co. Laois.

This is the third year of the **annual hop picking event** where we select the best, tastiest hops **from the hop garden** behind the new brewery and then watch them being used to make the 2019 vintage of the Ballykilcavan fresh hopped pale ale.

Join us at 10am to get a **tour of the hop garden** and then help to pick the bittering and aroma hops straight from the bines. We'll collect them all together, and then bring them back to the brewery (which is only 400 metres away), and you can **experience the smells and sounds of a full brew day** as we add the freshly collected hops to the beer.

While the brewers are working away, there'll be a **BBQ lunch and a chance to enjoy a few Ballykilcavan beers**.

Free entry and suitable for all. Please bring wellies or good footwear and a pair of gardening gloves.

WHEN Sunday,
6th October
10.00am - 3.00pm

WHERE Ballykilcavan Brewery,
Ballykilcavan,
Co. Laois.

**FREE
LIMITED
SPACES**



This event has limited places available. Booking is essential through our Facebook page <https://www.ballykilcavan.com/tours.html>





WELCOME to TASTE

Come and savour all the great tastes of Laois. This wonderful evening will tantalise the taste buds & showcase locally grown food and drink.

WHEN Thursday,
17th October
7.30pm

WHERE Killeshin Hotel,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.
TICKETS €20.00

The evening will begin with a drinks reception. Enjoy **An Sean Teach Gin** and **Crème Liqueur**, craft beers from **12 Acres Brewing Company** and **Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery** or locally roasted **Seccoto Coffee**.

Darina Allen takes to the stage at 8pm and is proud to be showcasing exciting artisan producers in her home county. Darina is a celebrated Irish & International chef, food writer, TV personality and founder of **Ballymaloe Cookery School**. Darina will also be signing copies of her new cookbook '**One Pot Feeds All**' on the night.

Renowned chef, author and proprietor **Andrew Rudd** of **Medley Ballintubbert House** and **Fleet St, Dublin** will demonstrate some inspiring and innovative recipes using local **Laois produce** to create mouth-watering dishes.

Now it's your chance to meet the **Makers, Growers, Brewers, Distillers and Farmers**. Enjoy a tasty sample of fresh, locally sourced seasonal food. Find out what's grown and produced locally and where to buy it, taste and eat it.

Book online today

Tickets to this fantastic evening are €20 and can be purchased online from <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Laois>



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NATURE'S BOUNTIES AT BALLINTUBBERT



Join Julie of Wild Food Kildare and Jennifer from Ballintubbert Gardens for this exclusive one-off event.

Dating back to the late 18th century, Ballintubbert was the birthplace of poet laureate Cecil Day Lewis, and once home to actor John Hurt. It boasts 14 acres of beautiful landscape arranged around a Georgian House – a real opportunity for the garden, history and wild food lover. Julie is our Wild Food and Foraging expert who works with wild fruit, plants and fungi preserved from nature as food and medicine. Julie and Jennifer will bring you for a leisurely walk through the historic gardens of Ballintubbert and together will discuss the plants that can be found along the way. Enjoy a cookery demonstration using some of the foods you forage including a delicious Wild Mushroom and Nettle Soup, perfect for Autumn. Laois Food Producers will also be here on the day to provide some tasty treats and answer any questions.

WHEN Sunday,
20th October
2.00pm - 5.30pm

WHERE Ballintubbert House
& Gardens,
Ballintubbert,
Co. Laois.

TICKETS €25.00

This event is exclusive and limited to 25 places. Tickets can be purchased from Dunamaise Arts Centre by phone (057 866 3355) or online:
<https://dunamaise.ticketsolve.com/shows>

Check out
Facebook
[@experiencinglaois](https://www.facebook.com/experiencinglaois)
for further details



WHEN Thursday,
22nd October
10.30am - 1.00pm

WHERE The Kitchens at
Mountmellick
Development Association,
Mountmellick, Co. Laois.
FREE



HEALTHY LIVING WITH KATIE CONNOLLY

Join Local Mountmellick Chef and Slimming World Consultant Katie Connolly as she demonstrates how to cook quick and easy menu options which will produce tasty alternatives to takeaway meals. Using local produce, Katie will explore how to plan and prep your meals and also how to reduce your time in the kitchen with some batch cooking!

Some tasty treats will be available on the morning.

Contact ivana@mountmellickdevelopment.ie
to register your attendance.



WHEN Throughout
October

WHERE Local Enterprise
Office, County Hall,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
FREE



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UPSKILLING FOR THE FOOD SECTOR

For those of you wishing to enhance your business and at the same time have an opportunity to network with other businesses in the County, the Local Enterprise Office is running a number of training programmes specifically designed for the food/drinks sector during the month of October.

Learn how to use Instagram as a marketing tool for your food business, develop your online presence through Facebook marketing or learn how to build a strong brand for your food/drinks business.

These courses can be booked online through <https://www.localenterprise.ie/laois> and to celebrate Laois TASTE Month, the Local Enterprise Office is offering them free of charge to any food/drinks business in Co. Laois.

As places are limited, early booking is advisable.



SAMHAIN MASKED EVENT, BALLINTUBBERT

Join us for a **night in the Orchard**, awakening ancient traditions and spirits. Feast on a **five-course tasting menu**, focused around **wild game and local produce**, prepared by **Chef Andy Illsley**, finished over the fire.

A night celebrating the pagan traditions of **Samhain** whilst feasting in the orchards of historic Ballintubbert house & gardens. Wear a mask, don a costume and be something else for an evening. A rare opportunity to experience the **customs of old, carefully crafted by new** (and living) hands.

Come for the evening and feast. Or choose to stay on for the night in the beautiful accommodation at Ballintubbert, (limited availability).

WHEN Friday,
1st November
7.00pm - midnight

WHERE Ballintubbert House &
Gardens, Ballintubbert,
Co Laois.

TICKETS €60.00
(Adults only)

Overnight package starting
from €160pp

For booking contact myhost@ballintubbert.com
or Dominique Tel 087 312 7639



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