Free Family Fun!

LOUGHEREA MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL
GATHERING OF THE CLANS

28TH-30TH AUGUST 2015

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LOUGHEREA MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

- BATTLE RE-ENACTMENTS
- MEDIEVAL ARTS & CRAFTS
- MEDIEVAL GAMES
- HERITAGE TALKS
- HURLING MATCH
- MEDIEVAL CLAN BANQUET
- CHILDRENS’ THEATRE SHOWS
- WALLED TOWNS DAY & LOTS, LOTS MORE!
Medieval Food Trail
Friday 28th August — Sunday 30th August
Locals and visitors are invited to sample medieval inspired food at local eating houses in Loughrea town throughout the weekend. Enjoy Loughrea’s hospitality as you immerse yourself in the very best of what the town has to offer.

Medieval Clan Banquet
Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Galway Road | Book Tickets: Phone: 091 880088
Friday, 28th August, 7pm

Sample & purchase Medieval White Bread
Hope’s Bakery & Café, Main Street
Saturday, 29th August

Sample wine from the medieval walled town of Ribadavia, Spain
McInerney’s SuperValu, Loughrea Shopping Centre, Galway Road
Saturday, 29th August

Medieval inspired menu and music
Bia Linn, Main Street
Saturday, 29th August

Traditional Food with a modern twist
Taste Matters, Westbridge, Loughrea | Phone: 091 880010
Friday, 28th- Sunday, 30th August

Special Medieval Plate
So Good Restaurant, Dunkellin Street | Phone: 091 847880
Friday, 28th – Sunday, 30th August

Crepes, Ice-cream & All Day Breakfast
Yu Me Yo Me, Dunkellin Street
Friday, 28th & Saturday, 29th August

Medieval Inspired Traditional Food & Drink
Maggie May’s Bar & Restaurant, Bride Street
Friday, 28th- Sunday, 30th August

Tapas and Wine
The Hungry Bookworm, Abbey Street | 091 870 585
Friday, 28th- Sunday, 30th August

Food Market: Pig-n-spit, fresh fruit & vegetables, jam and bread
Loughrea Walled Towns Day, Fairgreen, Gort Road
Sunday, 30th August 1pm – 5pm

Medieval Tavern Trail
Saturday 29th — Sunday 30th August
Put on your costume for some medieval merriment around the heart of medieval Loughrea.

Medieval Busking Competition
Various locations
Saturday, 29th & Sunday, 30th August

Tug-O-War
King Street, Loughrea
Saturday, 29th August 6pm

Medieval Tavern Trail
Various Taverns
Saturday, 29th August

Medieval Fancy Dress Competition
Maggie May’s Bar & Restaurant, Bride Street
Saturday, 29th August 9pm
Best Dressed Medieval Window Display Competition
This is a competition run in partnership with Loughrea Chamber of Commerce on the lead up to the festival. Loughrea Businesses are encouraged to join in the festivities and theme your window display inspired by the Middle Ages.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

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Medieval Clan Banquet & Festival Opening Ceremony
Time: 7pm Location: Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Galway Road
Enjoy an evening of medieval inspired food and fine wines, merriment, music and entertainment at the Lough Rea Hotel Medieval Clan Banquet. The evening begins with a drinks reception and entertainment from Celtic Drummers. While partaking of a sumptuous five course banquet with fine wines, enjoy medieval inspired songs from Soprano Mary Flaherty, Emerald Revellers Medieval Dance and music from Traditional Irish Musicians. Fancy dress is welcome, with prizes for best dressed on the night. Festival Official Launch by Cllr. Peter Roche, Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council.
Tickets are €49 per person. Phone +353 91 880088. Email events@loughreahotelandspa.com

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

**GATHERING OF THE CLANS**
MEDIEVAL LOUGHEREA DIGITAL 3D MODEL
After 8.30pm Mass. Carmelite Abbey, Abbey Street
Saturdays, August 29

Free Events

Early Medieval Monks Workshop
Time: As Gaeilge 9.30am-11am, 11.30am–1pm English
Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street
Getting to know Early Medieval Monks, these children’s workshops by archaeologist Anne Carey tell the story of the medieval monasteries in Ireland, show how the monks lived and view the beautifully illustrated manuscripts they produced. Activities include calligraphy and investigating the amazing gold work of the period. Suitable for children ages 7-12.
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Medieval Busking Competition
Location: Various locations throughout Loughrea
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Medieval Games
Time: 9.30am–12.30pm Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street
Drop by and have a go at fun games from the middle ages.

Capturing Medieval Loughrea Photo Exhibition
by Larry Morgan Photography
Time: 10am–1pm Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street
View this exciting photo exhibition by local photographer Larry Morgan, capturing Loughrea’s medieval built heritage, as well as Loughrea’s wonderful biodiversity and landscape.

Clash of the Ash Hurling Match Loughrea v Athenry
Time: 11am Location: Loughrea GAA Pitch, Dublin Road
Arguably the oldest, fastest and the most skilful field game in the world. Hurling was played throughout Ireland in the medieval period. Loughrea V Athenry will battle it out on the field for the legendary “clash of the ash”. Let the battle commence!

Medieval Paper Bag Puppet Workshop
by Clodagh Doyle
Time: 12.30pm-1.15pm Location: Loughrea Library, Church Street
This talk complements the National Museum of Ireland’s exhibition that is currently on display in the Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, County Mayo. There are currently fourteen hair hurling balls in Irish museum collections. This talk will look at provenance, size, weight and structure of these early hurling balls. It will also talk at hurling balls now in use. Clodagh Doyle is curator in the Irish Folklife Division at the National Museum of Ireland, Castlebar.

Medieval Loughrea Digital 3D Model
Time: After 8.30pm Mass
Location: St. Mary’s Carmelite Abbey, Abbey Street
Travel back in time to Medieval Loughrea and see the moat and earthen banks which once protected the Priory, a Castle and the inhabitants within it.

Medieval Busking Competition
Time: 9pm Location: Maggie May’s Bar & Restaurant, Bride Street
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Medieval Loughrea Digital 3D Model
Time: 2.30pm-5pm Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street
Join the Western Family History Association and Monica Hynes from East Galway Heritage Centre for a Genealogy and Clan History Workshop. Expert mentors will be available for individual consultations, to advise visitors on sources and strategies for tracing their family history. The event is open to all, from beginners to those with a more advanced knowledge.

Puppet Shows by Little Gem Puppets
Time: 3:30pm-5pm Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street
The Three Little Pigs and Maggie, two fast moving and interactive puppet shows full of adventure and drama that will keep your little knights and princesses on the edge of their seat!

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Tug-O-War
Time: 6pm Location: King Street
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Candlelit Mass with Hymns
Time: 8.30pm Location: St. Mary’s Carmelite Abbey, Abbey Street
Meet members of the Carmelite community at a unique Candlelit Medieval Latin Mass, in 1300 Carmelite Abbey, with hymns from the Abbey Choir.

Medieval Loughrea Digital 3D Model
Time: 9pm Location: St. Mary’s Carmelite Abbey, Abbey Street
Meet up with the Carmelites to view an exhibition of medieval stained glass windows and textural examples of medieval art from the world of Loughrea Abbey.

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A Medieval Home Tour
Time: 10am-11pm Location: Main Street
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Stories from the Past
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5.15pm Time
Location: Temperance Hall, Barrack Street

12.30pm to 1.15pm Time
Location: Loughrea Library, Church Street

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
### LOUGHREA WALLED TOWNS DAY

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**LOUGHEA WALLED TOWNS DAY**

**A Heritage Walk and Talk of Old Loughrea**

**Time:** 12.45pm  
**Location:** Latimer Gate (outside St. Brendan’s Cathedral), Barrack Street

Discover the remains of the historic medieval town of Loughrea with Colman Shanahssey and Joe Loughnane, our knowledgeable local guides from Loughrea Memorial Group. This is a walking tour so please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

**Grand Clan Parade**

**Time:** 12pm  
**Location:** The Walks (Station Road end)

Welcoming parade participants of all ages dressed in themed costumes inspired by the Middle Ages. The parade begins in The Walks, following the most line to the West Bridge onto the Fair Green for the start of the Loughrea Walled Towns Day celebrations.

**Walled Towns Day Family Fun**

**Time:** 1pm – 5pm  
**Location:** Fairgreen, Gort Road

Welcome by Cllr. Michael Maher, Chairperson, Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee and Official Launch by Cllr. Peter Roche, Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council at 1PM in the festival tent.

**Cláirbhíomh Living History**

Cláirbhíomh, under the expert guidance of Dave Swift, will re-create a live and authentic image of medieval Ireland’s past with re-enactments and medieval weapons displays. Learn about the different clothes worn in the medieval period.

**Medieval Festival Coin**

Watch as a special commemorative Loughrea Medieval coin will be struck on the day by silversmith Rory Donohoe.

**Talks by Cláirbhíomh’s Dave Swift**

1.30pm The Crannóg in the Age of Tudor Reconquest  
3.00pm Comparing Native Irish Styles with English Tudor Fashion  
4.30pm Arms and Armour in the Irish Wars of the 16th Century

**Medieval Craft Demonstrations and Displays**

Discover the ancient skills and techniques of medieval crafts. Craft demonstrations take place throughout the day, giving visitors a chance to learn more about Basket Making, Spinning and Wool Craft, Traditional Butter Making, Blacksmiths, Archers, Potters and Leather Workers.

**Medieval Music**

Enjoy the sounds of our medieval past with musicians from Galway Early Music. Galway Early Music promotes the historically informed performance of medieval music in Galway City and County.

**Archaeological Dig**

Experience what it is like to be an archaeologist by learning how to excavate artefacts, tools and even a ‘medieval body’, with local archaeologist, Dr. Jim McKeon.

**Circus Skills Workshop**

Was no exception. From juggling to hula-hoops, all ages are invited to join the Galway Community Circus skills workshop.

**Medieval Weapons Display and Re-Enactments**

Under the supervision of the Irish School of Historical Combat, members of the public can view and try on the armour, hold a sword or battle axe.

**Meet the Beekeepers**

Learn about bees and talk with beekeepers from the Galway Beekeepers’ Association.

**Birds of Prey**

Join Animal Magic for close encounters with Ireland’s most impressive native birds of prey. There will also be an exciting flying demonstration and a simulated hunting demonstration at 3.30pm.

**Medieval Food & Craft Marketplace**

Soak up the sights, sounds and smells as you stroll through the market. The Bia Lover (bialover.ie) marque hosts a great mix of food produce plus a wonderful collection of arts and crafts.

**Woodturning by Máirtín Davy**

Join expert woodturner Máirtín Davy and learn about the ancient craft of Woodturning.

**Mini Medievalists Merriment**

The Mini Medievalists area will feature all kinds of free educational, hands-on, creative activities for children and their parents.

**Traditional Craft Workshops**

Try your hand at traditional crafts with CEF (Centre for Environmental Living & Training). Create a Rustic Clan Face, Copper Craft, Traditional Straw Craft or Greenwood Craft.

**Get Crafty**

Design and colour your own clan shield and sword, or get creative making a crown and tabard at the Children’s drop-in arts and crafts activity tent, brought to you by Loughrea Craft Club.

**Medieval Olympics**

Become an Olympic athletic for the day with help from Loughrea Athletic Club. Take part in the three legged race, sack race, hobby horse racing and the Egg and Spoon Race.

**Galway 2020**

Join the Galway 2020 team and have your say on your vision for Galway’s bid to become the European Capital of Culture. #IBackGalway galway2020.ie

**Bubble Blowing Fairy Stilt Walkers**

These larger than life bright and colourful characters will roam amongst festival goers, spreading their fairy cheer.

**Gathering of the Clans Photo**

Stop by Frans Photo Booth and get your clan photo taken with your family and friends for free. You can also Tweet your photo or post it to Facebook.

**Monster Duck Race on Lough Rea Lake**

Beside Loughrea Anglers Association Boathouse  
Cheer the little yellow ducks along Lough Rea Lake. Will your duck win the race?

**Boat trips on Lough Rea**

Beside Loughrea Anglers Association boathouse  
Loughrea Irish: ‘Baille Locha Riach’, meaning “town of the grey lake” lies to the north of the lake from which it takes its name. This is a unique opportunity to get up close to some of the lakes surviving Crannógs.

**Medieval Busking Competition Final**

**Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** An Sibin, Dunkellin Street

Shortlisted musicians will perform in An Sibin, competing for €750 cash prizes and the coveted prize of being crowned Loughrea’s Best Medieval Busker 2015.
Join us for a fun-packed weekend the whole family will enjoy. This festival is organised by Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee, in partnership with The Heritage Council, Irish Walled Towns Network and Galway County Council. All events on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th are free to attend. Join us for the ‘Gathering of the Clans’.

For Further Information Contact:

LOUGHREA MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
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