



# Joyce Brothers Music Festival

A weekend of music, song, dance and history celebrating the wonderful legacy of brothers PW and Robert Dwyer Joyce, natives of Glenosheen.

## THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER



GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:



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### 7:30pm | Thursday's Gala Opening Night

Featuring a celebration of the history and life of the Joyce Brothers through music, song and dance, led by Ciarán Ó Gealbháin, with historian Angela Hennessy and special guests Tomás Ó Gealbháin, Caoimhín Ó Fearghail, Ciara Flanagan, Macdara Ó Faoláin and Victoria Adiiye. Musicians from local Comhaltas Groups who have learnt tunes from the collection will also play.

Where: Old Chapel Rooms, Kilfinane (1)  
Tickets: Adults €20, Children €10

## FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER



### 7:30pm | Traditional Concert

Featuring puppeteer Des Dillon, singer John Faulkner, guitarist Frank Kilkelly and Ballyhoura Comhaltas with musicians, singers and dancers from Hup na Hora

Where: Old Chapel Rooms (1)  
Tickets: Adult €20, Child €10

### 9pm | Traditional Session in O'Seachnasaigh Bar (5)

This is a free event and all are welcome.



## SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

The Saturday day time schedule includes a series of workshops, which teach the music and songs from the Joyce collection along with a dancing workshop.

ALL Music Workshops Tickets €10

### 11:30am to 1pm | Beginners Music Workshop in Teach na Cille (2)

Join musician Anita Bennis to learn simple tunes from the Joyce collection. This workshop is aimed at beginner musicians. All instruments welcome.

### 11:30am to 1pm | Advanced Music Workshop in Ó Céilleachair's (4)

Join musician Seán Ó Feargháil to learn more advanced tunes from the Joyce collection. This workshop is aimed at proficient musicians. All instruments welcome.

### 2:30pm to 4:30pm | Traditional Singing Workshop in Ó Céilleachair's (4)

Join John Faulkner for a 90 min singing workshop, suitable for all levels. Followed by the launch of John's memoir 'A Storm in My Heart'.

### 2:30pm to 4pm | Sean Nós Dancing Workshop in Old Chapel Rooms (1)

Join Ciara Flanagan to explore the joy of traditional dance, suitable for dancers of all abilities.

### 7:30pm | Traditional Concert

With Stephanie Keane, Derek Hickey, Caoimhín Ó Fearghail, Laoise Kelly, John Carty, Matt Molloy and Brian McGrath.

Where: Old Chapel Rooms, Kilfinane (1)  
Tickets: Adult €20, Child €10

### 9pm | Traditional Session in McGraths Bar (7) - free event and all welcome

### 9pm | Traditional Session in Ó Céilleachair's Bar (4) - free event and all welcome



## SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

### 11am | Mass featuring Traditional Music & Song

Where: St. Andrews Church (6)

### 1pm | Walk from Ballyorgan to the Joyce Homestead, Glenosheen

Led by historian, Angela Hennessy. Historical walk and tunes at the Joyce homestead. This is a free event and all are welcome. (V35 DN84).

### 2pm to 4pm | Traditional Session in Nuala Mee's Pub Ballyorgan, V35 R796

This is a free event and all are welcome.

### 5pm | Final Performance: Traditional session in Healy's Bar (3)



## KILFINANE MAP



- FESTIVAL VENUES
- PARKING
- FOOD
- PUB/BAR
- ACCOMMODATION
- CHEMIST
- GARAGE
- PETROL STATION
- SHOP
- ATM

# Joyce Brothers Music Festival & BALLYHOURA WALKING FESTIVAL

2nd - 5th October 2025

### Where:

Kilfinane, Co. Limerick

### Includes:

#### INTERCULTURAL FOOD FAIR

Saturday, 4th October

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Scoil Pól Kilfinane





# BALLYHOURA WALKING FESTIVAL

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:



## FRIDAY 3RD OCT

### 5 pm | Whistling Walk

Join Anita Bennis to learn the skill of whistling a tune while enjoying a walk in the magical scenery of Poulnadiha (Ponadihole) and Kileen Fields. Suitable for beginners.

**Length/Difficulty:** 1.5 - 2 hours | Easy

**Registration/Starting Point:** Meet at the Old Chapel Rooms in Kilfinane

**Guide:** Anita Bennis | **Cost:** €5



## SATURDAY 4TH OCT

### 6 am | Dawn Chorus Sunrise Walk to Seefin

Hike to the highest point of the Ballyhours with the rising sun, as it illuminates the hills and valleys of the region.

**Length/Time:** 2.5 hour | 8km | Moderate

**Gear:** Good sturdy shoes, high-visibility jacket, head torch are essential.

**Registration/Starting Point:** Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trailhead

**Guided by** Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club | **Cost:** €20

### 7 am | Sunrise-to-Sunset Ballyhoura Challenge

This is a very challenging walk where participants commit to walking a minimum of 12 hours and over 42km with optional extras for the brave, committed or foolhardy. Participants must be experienced navigators and have necessary level of fitness. Prior experience with similar walks is recommended. Elevation gain over 1,500m.

**Gear:** Appropriate hiking boots (essential), raingear, food & water

**Length/Time:** 42 km | 12 hrs | Very Strenuous

**Registration:** Ballyhoura Centre, Kilfinane at 6:30am

**Bus Transport:** leaves for Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails at 6:45am

**Guide:** Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club | **Cost:** €40

### 9 am | Half Marathon across Ballyhoura's Peaks

A led half-marathon of the lesser known hills and paths of the Ballyhoura Region incl. Carrigheny, Fear Breagach and Carrigeenonmonrety with a total elevation gain of over 1,000m.

**Gear:** Appropriate hiking boots (essential), raingear, food & water

**Length/Time:** approx. 21km | 6/7hrs | Strenuous

**Registration:** 8:30 am in Kilfinane | **Bus Transport:** leaves at 8:45 am

**Starting Point:** Ballyorgan (Ballyhoura Mountain Lodges)

**Guide:** Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club | **Cost:** €25



### 10 am | Castle Oliver Walk

This is a looped walk taking in some of the most scenic and historic points of the Ballyhoura region, including Oliver's Folly, views of Castle Oliver and Glensheen.

**Gear:** Appropriate outdoor walking footwear and clothing are recommended.

**Length/Time:** approx 14km | 3.5-4 hours | Moderate

**Registration:** Ballyhoura Centre, Kilfinane at 9:15 am

**Bus Transport:** leaves Kilfinane at 9:30 am

**Starting Point:** Ballyorgan (Ballyhoura Mountain Lodges)

**Guides:** Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club | **Cost:** €20

### 10 am | Molanna Walk

Enjoy a ramble on the banks of 'Molanna' to Darragh / Glenroe, traversing forest paths and country roads near Fear Breagach, Keale Mountain and Barrabunocka Bridge before returning to the start point of Ballyorgan.

**Gear:** Appropriate outdoor walking footwear and clothing are recommended.

**Length/Time:** Approx 14.5km | 3.5 - 4 hours | Moderate

**Registration:** Ballyhoura Centre, Kilfinane at 9:15 am

**Bus Transport:** leaves Kilfinane at 9:30 am

**Starting Point:** Ballyorgan (Ballyhoura Mountain Lodges)

**Guide:** Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club | **Cost:** €20



### 11 am | Explore Georgian Mitchelstown Tour

Visit key heritage sites and hear the stories of key characters from author and historian **Bill Power**. Any proceeds from this walk will go to the conservation work at Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre.

**Length/Difficulty:** 2 hours | Easy

**Starting Point:** Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre, Mitchelstown

**Cost:** €25 per person



## SUNDAY 5TH OCT

### 10 am | Yoga Walk along the Moor Abbey Loop

Join Caroline Conroy of Yoga Walks Ireland for a Yoga Walk along the Moor Abbey Loop — a 6.5km trail filled with connection, history, nature, and joy. This is a unique experience where movement meets meaning — and the past walks beside us.

**Guided by:** Caroline of Yoga Walks Ireland (087-1220116)

**Starting point:** Moor Abbey, Galbally, Co. Limerick (Please arrive 10-15 minutes early). No experience needed—just bring your open heart and walking shoes.

**Cost:** €20

### 10 am | Alpaca Walking and Farm Activities

A fun and family-friendly stroll around Ballyhoura Farm Escape in the company of friendly South American alpacas! Enjoy animal feeding, meet other farm favourites, and take part in a variety of hands-on activities. Each visit lasts approximately two hours and includes a 30-minute alpaca walk and photo opportunities.

**Start Times:** 10 am / 1 pm / 4 pm slots

**Distance:** Approx. 1km

**Duration:** ~2 hours per session (includes 30 minutes of alpaca walking & photo time)

**Difficulty:** Easy | **Location:** Ballyhoura Farm Escape

**Guide:** Anne Drake — 087 138 8348

**Cost:** €8 per person

Family of 4 €30 (Children aged 2 and under go free).

### 11 am | Kilmallock Medieval Town Guided Walk

Explore the rich heritage and stories of Kilmallock. Stroll back in time as you explore the ruins of the Dominican Friary, Kings Castle, and Blossom Gate. Take a moment to reflect as you visit the Famine Memorial Park.

**Starting Point:** King John's Castle, Kilmallock

**Duration:** 1.5-2 hours | **Guide:** Ben & Maureen | **Cost:** €5



### 11:30 am | Step Back in Time at Annes Grove Gardens

Step Back in Time at Annes Grove Gardens - Join us for an exclusive tour of the gardens and encounter fascinating historical characters who share a deep connection with Annes Grove.

**Starting Point:** Anne's Grove Gardens, Castletownroche

**Guides:** The Verdant Troupe

**Duration:** 1.5 hours | **Cost:** €5

### 12pm | Lough Gur – Walking through Time

This guided tour, led by local historian Brian Collopy, takes visitors to the Grange Stone Circle and to various historical sites around Lough Gur, offering a 7km walk through rich history and stunning scenery.

**Length/Time:** 2.5-3 hours | 7km

**Starting Point:** Meeting at Lough Gur carpark; walkers will be taken by bus to Grange Stone Circle and then to the outskirts of Bruff from where they will walk down these ancient routeways.

**Guide:** Brian Collopy - a local guide and historian | **Cost:** €20

### 2pm | Family-Friendly Bug Safari at Griston Bog

Embark on a captivating journey into the world of bees, insects, flora, and fauna at Griston Bog. This event promises an engaging experience for all ages.

**Starting Point:** Griston Bog Carpark, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick

**Guided by:** Albert Nolan | **Cost:** €5 (Children FREE)

### 2:30pm | Guided Tour of Doneraile Park & Gardens

Dive deeper into the historical development of the parkland with local historian Michael O'Sullivan, offering a compelling exploration of Doneraile's landscape design and estate history. Discover how the St. Leger family shaped the demesne over centuries into the elegant grounds we see today.

**Starting Point:** Playground Carpark at Doneraile Park

**Guides:** Michael O'Sullivan

**Duration:** 1.5 hours | **Cost:** €5



\*Please note that dogs are not allowed on any of the walks!

\*All minors must be accompanied by an adult(s) at all times!

\*All walks are subject to cancellation pending numbers, adverse weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

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