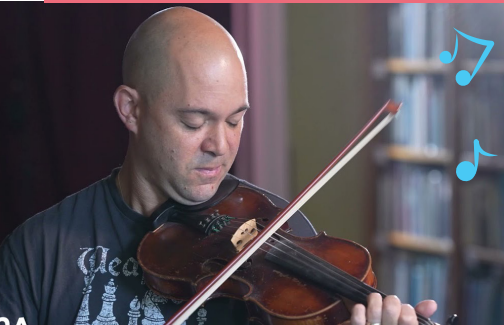




Joyce Brothers Music Festival

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

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER



GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:



Contact:
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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, dance, led by Ciarán Ó Gealbháin with special guests Jesse Smith, Sean Gavin, Ciara Flanagan and Des Dillon, Puppeteer and musicians from local Comhaltas Groups who have learnt tunes from the collection.

Where: Old Chapel Rooms, Kilfinane (1)

Tickets: Adults €20, Children €10

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

7:30pm | Traditional Concert

Featuring Dermot Byrne, Steve Cooney, Brid Harper, Liam O'Connor, Caoimhín Ó Fearghail and Derek Hickey (TG 4 musician of the year) highlighting music from the Joyce Brothers Collection. Also the launch of a fascinating book on the contribution of PW Joyce to the Irish education system by Teresa O'Doherty, Liam O'Connor and Tom O'Donogue.

Where: Old Chapel Rooms, Kilfinane (1)

Tickets: Adult €20, Child €10

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

This is a free event and all are welcome.



SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER



The Saturday afternoon schedule includes a series of workshops, which teach the music and songs from the Joyce collection:

ALL Music Workshops Tickets €10

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

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

11:30am to 1pm | Intermediate Music Workshop Old Chapel Rooms (1)

Join musician Dermot Byrne to learn more advanced tunes from the Joyce collection. This workshop is aimed at intermediate musicians. All instruments welcome.

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

Join musician Steve Cooney to learn advanced tunes from the Joyce collection. This workshop is aimed at proficient musicians. All instruments welcome.

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

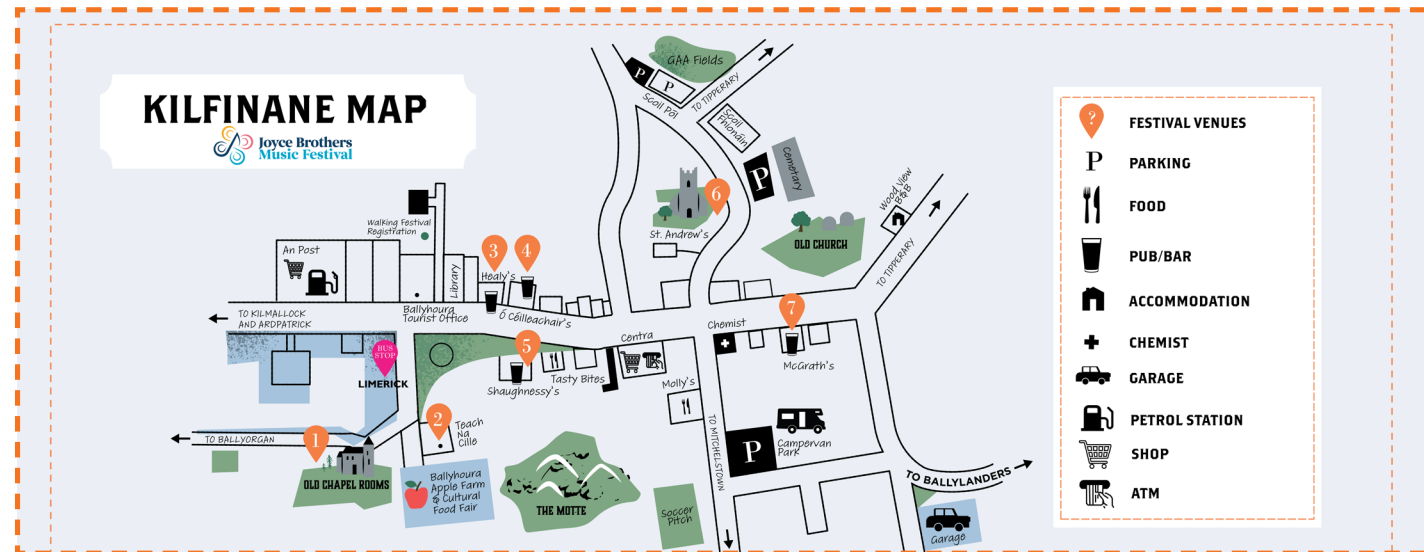
Join Deirdre Scanlan for a singing workshop, suitable for all levels.

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.

4:15pm to 5:30pm | Whistling Walk (free event)

Join Anita Bennis to learn the skill of whistling a tune while enjoying a walk in the magical scenery of Poulnadiha (Ponahihole) and Kileen Fields. Suitable for beginners. Meet at the church car park for directions/transport..



7:30pm | Traditional Concert

With Donal Clancy, the Mulcahy Family, Derek Hickey, Caoimhín Ó Fearghail, Liam Flanagan, Deirdre Scanlan, Ciara Flanagan and featuring highlights from Hup na Hora.

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 6TH 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)



Joyce Brothers Music Festival &

BALLYHOURA WALKING FESTIVAL

3rd - 6th October 2024



Where:
Kilfinane, Co. Limerick





BALLYHOURA WALKING FESTIVAL

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:



FRIDAY 4TH OCT

4:30 pm | Sounds & Landscape Walk

Join renowned documentary maker Diarmuid McIntyre on an intriguing 6k walk to waterfalls, woods, and an ancient monument with a stunning sonic secret (in partnership with the HearSay Audio Arts Festival).
Gear: Good walking footwear is essential.
Length/Time: 2 hours | 6 km | Easy
Starting point: The Old Chapel Rooms, Kilfinane
Guide: Diarmuid McIntyre (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €10

7 pm | Moonlight Walk to Carrighenry

Embark on a journey under the moonlight through forest & woodland paths to the top of Carrighenry, which straddles the Limerick/Cork border and boasts the ruins of an iron age promontory fort from 500BC.
Gear: Good sturdy shoes, high-visibility jacket, head torch are essential.
Length/Time: 2 hours | 6 km | Easy/Moderate
Starting point: Old Darragh Creamery
Guide: Declan Clancy (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €15

SATURDAY 5TH OCT

6 am | Dawn Chorus Sunrise Walk to Seefin

Hike to the highest point of the Ballyhouras 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.
Starting Point: Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trailhead, Co. Limerick
Guide: Pat Moriarty (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €15

9 am | Half Marathon across Ballyhoura's Highest Peaks

Ascend the highest point of the Ballyhouras 'Seefin' before traversing Long Mountain, wandering beautiful forest paths and the ancient way of the 'Black Ditch' to the peaks of Carron, Little Carron and 'Castle Philip' with incredible views at every twist and turn. Suitable only for very experienced hikers with mountain skills or members of walking clubs.
Gear: Appropriate hiking boots (essential), raingear, food & water
Length/Time: approx. 25km | 6/7hrs | Strenuous
Starting Point: Bus transport leaves from Kilfinane at 8:30 am
Guide: Marian Wallis (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €20



10 am | Slieveareagh Walk

This walk traverses native woodland paths, babbling streams, and commercial forest tracks, passing by the Slieveareagh pinnacle and a forest clearing with ancient standing stones. Suitable for people with a moderate level of fitness and some walking experience.
Gear: Appropriate outdoor walking footwear and clothing are recommended.
Length/Time: approx 11km | 3 hours | Moderate
Starting Point: Meades Gate
Bus transport leaves from Kilfinane at 9:45 am
Guides: David & Catherine Hand (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €15

10:45 am | Kilcruaig Walk

Ascend the ancient Boreen Dearn to CarrigHenry, then cross the Darragh Hills, offering stunning views of Cork and Limerick. The return route takes you through native woodland and along the banks of the Keale River. Suitable for people with a moderate level of fitness and some walking experience.
Gear: Appropriate outdoor walking footwear and clothing are recommended.
Length/Time: Approx 11km | 4hours | Moderate
Starting Point: Old Darragh Creamery
Bus transport leaves from Kilfinane at 10.15 am
Guide: Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €15



12 pm | Sheehy CENTRA Charity Walk

Join Sheehy CENTRA team on a leisurely 4km loop walk from Kilfinane to Ballyrigin. You can register at the store before the walk and all donations are in aid of The Irish Cancer Society.
Length/Time: 4km | Easy
Starting Point: Sheehy Centra, Kilfinane
Cost: Donations aid of The Irish Cancer Society welcomed on the day!

2 pm | Mitchelstown Food & Heritage Tour

Visit the historic Georgian town of Mitchelstown and taste award-winning food and beverages, meet local producers, and learn about their multi-generational commitment to food provenance. Wander through the lanes and grand squares created by the Kingston family, hear the remarkable history of the families that occupied Mitchelstown Castle, and enjoy the bucolic views of the Galtee Mountains... and much more!
Length/Time: 2 hours
Starting Point: Catholic Church Car Park, Mitchelstown
Cost: €25 per adult | €45 Family Ticket (2x adults + up to 3 children) incl. a voucher for 2 x pints of Eight Degrees at Dexy's Bar after the walk (over 18s)

7 pm | Castle Oliver Night Walk

From the trailhead, walkers will enter Greenwood and proceed onto Toor via the forest road, ascending to the top of "The Pinch," which offers breathtaking views of Castleoliver and the surrounding countryside.
Length/Time: 7km | 1.5-2 hours | Easy/Moderate
Gear: Good sturdy shoes, high-visibility jacket, head torch
Starting Point: Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trailhead
Guide: Declan Clancy (Ballyhoura Bears Walking Club) | **Cost:** €15



SUNDAY 6TH OCT

10 am | Yoga Walk Experience in Kilfinane Village

Join a transformative Yoga Walk through the picturesque village of Kilfinane! This unique experience is designed to open the gateways to inner transformation as we visit various serene and inspiring locations throughout the village. Along the way, immerse yourself in the mystery and history that Kilfinane has to offer.
Guided by: Caroline of Yoga Walks Ireland
Starting point: Ballyhoura Centre, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Gear: Yoga mat, hiking boots | **Cost:** €20

10 am | Kilmallock Medieval Town Guided Walk

Learn about the history of this medieval town, it's people and castle with our local guide. **Starting Point:** King John's Castle, Kilmallock
Duration: 1.5 hours | **Guide:** Ben & Maureen | **Cost:** €5

11 am | Journey Through Time at Annes Grove Gardens

Step into the rich history of Annes Grove Gardens through re-enactments by The Doneraile Drama Society and friends. Meet Molly "the bleaching maid" to Doyle, the contrary and belligerent stablehand to one of the most famous British plant collector Frank Kingdon-Ward. Also enjoy an audience with Sir Edmund Spenser and his connection to Annes Grove.
Starting Point: Anne's Grove Gardens, Castletownroche
Guides: OPW & Local Tour Guides, Doneraile Drama Society
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:** €15

1pm | "Spirit of the Trees" Forest Bathing Walk

Join a serene and rejuvenating forest bathing experience, a practice also known as Shinrin-Yoku, which originated in Japan in the 1980s. Bring Yoga mat or similar for sitting on in the woods.
Starting point: Ballyhoura Mountain Lodges in Ballyorgan village
Length/Time: 2.5 hr | 5km | Moderate.
Guided by: Eibhlín of Forest Bathing Ireland | **Cost:** €25

1:30pm | History of Ardpatrik Hill Walk

Walk to the monastic site of Ardpatrik, once one of the most important ecclesiastical sites in Ireland, accompanied by a local amateur historian who will guide you through the site's ancient and multi-layered history, as well as that of the surrounding area. Though the walk is steep, it is well rewarded by the site's incredible history and the stunning views across the Golden Vale.
Starting point: Ardpatrik Church
Length/Time: 1.5 hour | 1.5km
Guided by: local 'amateur' historian Tom Murphy | **Cost:** €5

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

Come and enjoy this beautiful event filled with pageantry, history, and storytelling set in the majestic Doneraile Estate's surroundings. Suitable for all ages and abilities.
Starting Point: Playground Carpark at Doneraile Park
Guides: Local Tour Guides, Doneraile Drama Society, OPW
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!

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PLACES TO STAY & EAT

