

# What's On Clonmel

## Weekly events guide

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*This issue of What's On Clonmel is our first double issue, in conjunction with the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival (CJAF).*

*The What's On Clonmel project was partly inspired by CJAF 2025 / Asylum Productions "Gutted" work, where we had conversations about the revitalisation of our town centre and about local, grassroots promotion of the arts. One year later, we're really happy to feature the festival in this special issue.*

*The Junction Festival's theme for 2026 is 'Exchanges', exploring cultural exchange and blending in our local communities with theatre, storytelling and collaborative artworks.*

*With over 130 events for all ages and all interests, this is the busiest week in a while.*

*While you enjoy all that Clonmel has to offer, please remember that What's On Clonmel is a volunteer project and that we need your help. We're still looking for distribution volunteers so we can go on holidays!*

*We also need your donations to print the guide and keep promoting our town and all it has to offer. G'wan, give us a few quid!*



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### Daily

**My Little Library** • Free books & resources for kids starting primary school • Clonmel Library 📖👤

Until 4/Jul **Misneach** • 2 person art exhibition: Ian A Mannion + Brigid Teehan • Clonmel Library 🖼️👤

1–4/Jul **Clonmel Rock Camp 2026** • Week-long programme for young musicians • CTI The Mall 📅👤

1–4/Jul **Trad Camp 2026** • Week-long programme for young musicians, co-located in Kilkenny and Clonmel • CTI The Mall 📅👤

1–4/Jul 20:00 **Made in Dagenham** • An uplifting, high-energy musical about courage, unity, and the fight for equality; based on a true story • White Memorial Theatre 📅👤

3–13/Jul **Clonmel Art Trail: Unconformities** • Text-based interventions

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| 📅 recurring    | 💰 fee paid   | 📅 book. req.  | 🎵 live music              | 🎭 session      | 💃 dance      |
| 🎧 dj           | 👥 solidarity | 🖼️ exhibition | 📺 social                  | 🏠 market       | 👤 talk       |
| 📖 learn        | 🌳 outdoor    | 🏃 sports      | 🚶 walk                    | 👦 children     | ♻️ eco/green |
| 🏳️ gender/lgbt | 🏥 health     | 🎭 theatre     | 😄 comedy                  | 📖 storytelling | 🎨 arts       |
| 📖 history      | 🗣️ language  | 🔧 crafts      | CLONMEL JUNCTION FESTIVAL |                |              |

by artist and writer Bridget O'Gorman, beginning at STAC • Locations around Clonmel 

3–13/Jul **Cultural Exchanges: Commonality and Community** • Textile installation by Annie Hogg and local communities around the use of plants in Ukrainian and Irish traditions • Mitchell Street 

3–13/Jul **The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project Cabinet of Curiosities** • Tipperary writers interview those who have loved and left Clonmel, mentored by Siobhán McHugh • Locations around Clonmel 

3/Jul–30/Sep **Young Curators: 2B or Not to Be** • Works from the UL art collection, curated by Transition Year students • Main Guard 

3–11/Jul **Courage to Welcome** • Exhibition of street photographs by members of Clonmel Together & local IPAS centre staff • Tipperary Museum of Hidden History 

3/Jul–1/Aug **The Blackened Circle** • Socially engaged project by Séamus Nolan in collaboration with members of the Clonmel Traveller community • STAC 

3–12/Jul **Dream | Design | Draw** • Grand designs for Clonmel, created by Clonmel Cub Scouts with artist and architect Selene Murphy • The Platform, Showgrounds S. C. 

3–12/Jul **No CTRL: Expression NOT Suppression** • Installation and gam-

ing space, by CJAF Youth Council with designer Derek Harvey • Former Gamestop 

3–13/Jul **The Mask Project** • Over 100 large scale papier mâché masks created by community groups and schools with artist Tom Campbell • ONLY, Showgrounds S. C. 

3–12/Jul 14:00–19:00 **Resonance Records** • Pop-up recording studio, a chance to professionally record your music • Lonergan's 

4–5/Jul 10:00 **Plein Air** • Paint-outs in Clonmel, Carrick, Cashel & Cahir; workshops and competition • Abbey Street Performance Space 

4–5/Jul 15:00, 17:00, 19:00 **Distillation** • A performative journey to the Irish bog through scent, by Luke Casserly • STAC Chapel 

6–18/Jul **Alan Clarke Exhibition** • Iconic illustrations of Ross O'Carroll-Kelly • Clonmel Library 

7–8/Jul 10:00, 14:00 **Mask Painting Workshops** • Decorate the large masks created for The Mask Project • ONLY, Showgrounds S. C. 



*Plein Air Exhibition @ Linn Gallery*

8/Jul–5/Sep **Plein Air Exhibition** • Paintings created entirely on location during the Plein Air event (4–5/Jul) • Linn Gallery 

Mon 10:00, Tue 14:00 **Bridge Club** • Social games of bridge • Clonmel Bridge Centre 

Tue & Thu 10:00–12:00 **Fethard Men's Shed** • A friendly place to meet, chat, and work on projects together • Fethard Town Park 

Wed & Fri 10:00–13:00 **Adult Mental Health Support** • Drop-in cuppa & chat • Place4U 

## **Wednesday 1/Jul**

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10:00–11:30 **Mother & Baby Group** • St. Oliver's Parish Centre 

12:00 **South Tipperary Adult Autism Social Group** • The Velvet Room Boutique 

18:00 **Peaks Mountaineering Club** • Grade 1 evening walks, 2 free walks for new members • Eldon's 

18:30–20:30 **South Tipperary Women in Business** • Monthly meeting • Talbot Hotel 

19:15 **Set Dancing Class** • Get active and meet new friends • Clerihan Community Hall 

20:00 **Benedictine Quartet** • Acoustic country & Americana • Phil Carroll's 

20:00 **Karaoke Night** • Hosted by Louis Quirke • Lonergan's 

20:00 **Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Darts** • 37 Queen St 

20:00 **Salsa Cubana** • Class for beginners • The Coachman 

21:00 **Sin a bhfuil** • Ballad session • Carey's 

## **Thursday 2/Jul**

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10:00–13:00 **Golden Vale Research Open Day** • Engaging research, the latest agri-tech innovations and more • Golden Vale Research <sup>RSVP</sup>

11:15 **Ciorcal Comhrá** • Informal conversational Irish group for all • Clonmel Library 

17:30–19:30 **Bike Repair Club** • Learn & practice your repair skills • The Circular Square 

20:00 **Cards Night** • Join a team or bring yours • Halfway House 

20:00 **Clonmel LGBTQI+ meetup** • Chat and make friends in your local community • 37 Queen St 

20:30 **Thirsty Thursday** • Live DJ on the night • Gleeson's 

21:00 **Open Mic with Dave Hastie** • Show what you've got, or just enjoy the talent! • Lonergan's 

21:30 **Vincent Vaughan** • Live music • Moran's 

## **Friday 3/Jul**

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10:30 **Set Dance Class** • Set, céilí, line, and social dancing; beginners welcomed • St. Oliver's Parish Centre 

**11:00 Festival Opening & The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project Launch** • Podcaster Siobhán

McHugh and Tipperary writers interview people who have loved and left Clonmel • Fetch Coffee ☕ 

**12:00–16:00 Guerilla Gaeilge** • Activist Áine Gallagher will occupy a bench on Parnell Street with her “Cup of Focals” • Parnell Street 

**16:00 Toddler Storytime** • Short stories, rhymes, songs, and lots of giggles • Clonmel Library 📖👶📖

**17:00–19:30 Young Curators: 2B or Not to Be Launch** • Exhibition launch • Main Guard 

**18:00–20:00 The Blackened Circle** • Exhibition launch • STAC 

**19:00–20:00 CTRL** • Essays by Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan and Brenda Romero exploring video games • Former Gamestop 

**20:00 Clerihan Men's Shed Bingo** • Clerihan Community Hall 🎲

**20:00 Darts Night** • Join a team or bring yours • Halfway House 🎯

**20:00–20:45 Exchanges: A Performance by Dagogo Hart and Andy Spearpoint** • Identity, ageing, parenthood and finding oneself in a foreign culture • STAC Chapel 🎭🎵 

**20:00–20:45 Me, Myself and Ireland** • A feel-good show by Ailish McCarthy about what it takes to “stand up” for artists • Mulcahy's 🎤🗣️ 

**20:30 Fundraising Karaoke Night** • For South Tipperary Autism Parent Support Group • The Coachman 🎤🎵



*Fred's Session @ Fozzy's*

**21:00 Fred's Session** • Eclectic jam session: tunes, poems, jokes; now with a piano! • Fozzy's 🎹🎸

**21:30 Cillian Maher** • Live music • Wheat Bar & Bistro 🎵

**21:30 Eoin Barrett** • Live music • Lonergan's 🎵

**21:30 Lorraine & Caoimhe** • Contemporary Irish Folk/Trad • Gleeson's 🎵

**22:00 Pat Holland** • Mix of 70's up to current date chart music • The Coachman 🎵

**22:00 The Seven Rivers of the Sun** • A magical procession of light through Clonmel, by theatre company LUXE • Kickham Plaza 🎭 

## **Saturday 4/Jul**

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**9:30–14:00 Farmers Market** • St. Peter & Paul CBS 🛒🌾

**9:30 Parkrun** • Walk, jog or run 5k • Gashouse Bridge 🏃🏃🏃 

**10:30 Plein Air Workshop for Be-**

**ginner** • With Jacqueline Gartlan, for painters who are new to plein air • Loc. around Clonmel 📍🎨🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

10:30 **Plein Air Workshop** • Kieran Guckian shares his process in acrylics • L. around Clonmel 📍🎨🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

11:00 **Clonmel Walking Tour** • Discover the historic medieval town • Old St. Mary's Church 📍RSVP 🎨🎨

11:00–12:00 **Comic Strip Workshop** • With cartoonist Paul Ryan, ages 7–9 • Clonmel Library 📍RSVP 🎨🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

11:00–16:00 **Guerilla Gaeilge** • Join Áine Gallagher's movement to “Focal the Nation” • Parnell Street 📍CLONMEL ARTS

11:00–16:00 **Music Performances in Town** • Clonmel Community Choir, Music Generation, New Inn Voices, Comhaltas, Concertina Ensemble & others • Abbey Street Performance Space & Main Guard 🎵CLONMEL ARTS

11:00–12:30 **Sketching Tour** • Explore & sketch the local architecture and landscape with Niamh McGiff & Oliver Baros • STAC Chapel 📍RSVP 🎨🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

11:00, 14:00 **The Drop Bubble Show** • The playful world of a scientist where raindrops become extraordinary bubble creations • Showgrounds S. C. Theatre 📍🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

13:00–16:30 **Music Generation Tipperary Rock Camp & Trad Camp Showcase** • Performances from young musicians • Abbey Street Performance Space 🎵CLONMEL ARTS

14:00 **Junior Chess Club** • For kids who want to level up their skills • Clonmel Library 📍🎨

14:00 **Solidarity with Palestine** • Stand with the people of Palestine • Former Heaton's Store 📍🎨

15:15–16:15 **Comic Strip Workshop** • With cartoonist Paul Ryan, ages 10–12 • Clonmel Library 📍RSVP 🎨🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

16:00–18:30 **Youth Council Performance Trail** • Live music, dance and spoken word • Locations around Clonmel 🎵🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

19:00 **Pool Tournament** • In aid of Marlfield Village defibrillator (AED), training responders and maintenance • Halfway House 📍🎨

20:00 **Fethard Choral Group** • New members are always welcome • Pres. Convent Chapel, Fethard 📍🎵

20:00 **The Debt is Settled** • A meditation on grief, loss, guilt and survival, by civil rights activist and DJ Tonie Walsh • Showgrounds S. C. Theatre 📍🎨🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

20:30 **Summer Sessions** • With Dj Paulie C • 37 Queen St 📍🎨



*The Hesitations @ Mulcahy's*

20:30 **The Hesitations** • Dave Hastie & Ross Boland • Mulcahy's 🎸 CLONMEL ARTS

21:00 **DJ John** • Bennigan's 🎧

21:00 **Keltic Swing** • Guitar & bodhrán • Lonergan's 🎸 CLONMEL ARTS

21:30 **Dee Morrissey** • Finalist of TG4's music show "Glór Tíre" • Harney's Final Furlong, Clerihan 🎸

21:30 **Honeycomb** • 2 messers changing their arm with a bit of music • Gleeson's 🎸 CLONMEL ARTS

21:30 **Seamus Hennessy** • Live music • Wheat Bar & Bistro 🎸

22:00 **The Minus** • Live music • Carey's 🎸

22:00 **The Ramblin' Rovers** • Live music • The Coachman 🎸 CLONMEL ARTS

## Sunday 5/Jul

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9:00–18:00 **Clonmel Show** • Horse & agricultural show; competitions, classes, displays and more • Clonmel Racecourse 📺

11:00–16:00 **Guerilla Gaeilge** • Áine is on the move to enlist more recruits • Loc. around Clonmel 🎤 CLONMEL ARTS

12:00–13:00 **Book Club with Cathy Sweeney** • A relaxed chat about her debut novel, Breakdown • Clonmel Library 📖 CLONMEL ARTS

12:00–13:00 **Outdoor Yoga in the Park** • Denis Burke Park 🧘 CLONMEL ARTS

14:00–15:30 **Oud and Double Bass Workshop with Sun Merchant** • Try the oud and double bass & learn

to groove in unusual time signatures • Baker's 🎵 🎸 CLONMEL ARTS

15:00 **Book Launch: All of the Colours Anthology** • By Tipp. writer Brian Clancy • Main Guard 📖 CLONMEL ARTS

16:30–18:00 **Being Other in Rural Ireland** • Discussion led by TV presenter and journalist Helen Carroll, with FELISPEAKS, Maitiú Mac Cárthaigh and Jack Rogers • Showgrounds S. C. Theatre 📺 🗣️ CLONMEL ARTS

17:00–17:45 **Plein Air Wet Paint Exhibition** • Abbey Street Performance Space 🎨 CLONMEL ARTS

17:30 **Dee Morrissey** • Finalist of TG4's hit country music show "Glór Tíre" • The Coachman 🎸

18:00 **Pa Butler** • Live DJ • Bennigan's 🎧

19:00 **DJ Nigel Byrne** • Live DJ • Gleeson's 🎧



*Open Mic @ 37 Queen St*

19:00 **Open Mic** • With Ross Boland & Louis Quirke • 37 Queen St 🎸

20:00–22:00 **Story Slam** • Local storytellers tell a true story against the clock • Baker's 📖 CLONMEL ARTS

20:30 **Shredder's Sit Down Sessions** • A relaxing evening of music with Fred & Derek, bring your instruments! • Lonergan's 📺🎸

20:30 **Social Dancing** • Dance the night away, with live music by Peter Burke • Fethard Ballroom 📺🎵🕺

20:30 **Sunday Tunes** • Live DJ on the night • Gleeson's 📺🎵

## Monday 6/Jul

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15:00 **Shorts Double Bill** • Screening and Q&A: "The Good Farmer and the Failed Son" and "Water Under the Bridge" • IMC Cinema 📺🎬🎥

18:00–19:00 **TUS Student Animation Showcase** • Premiere of animated shorts • IMC Cinema 📺🎬🎥

20:00–22:00 **Born That Way** • A film about Care. And Love. And Patrick Lydon • IMC Cinema 📺🎬🎥

20:00 **Monday Bingo** • Hillview Sports Club 📺

21:00 **Gleeson's Open Jam** • Jam session • Gleeson's 📺🎸



*Ryans and Friends @ Baker's*

21:00 **Ryans and Friends** • Trad session, bringing the best of Irish tradi-

tional music • Baker's 📺🎸

## Tuesday 7/Jul

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10:00–13:00 **Pottery Painting** • Workshop for 8–12 year olds, all materials provided • The Platform, Showgrounds S. C. 📺🎨🏠

10:30–12:30 **Craft Circle** • An informal group for people who love crafting • Clonmel Library 📺🎨✂️

11:00 **Clonmel Walking Tour** • Discover the historic medieval town • Old St. Mary's Church 📺🚶🏠

14:30–16:00 **Pottery Painting for Adults** • Relaxing workshop, all materials provided • The Platform, Showgrounds S. C. 📺🎨🏠

18:00–19:00 **Plein Air Exhibition Opening** • Linn Gallery 📺🎨🏠

20:00 **Muck** • A rehearsed reading & Q&A by author Roseanna Purcell • Showgrounds S. C. Theatre 📺🎭🏠

20:00 **Trivia Tuesday** • Think you're smarter than the table beside you? Prove it • Lonergan's 📺

20:15 **Bachata Dance** • Class for Beginners • The Coachman 📺🕺🎓

21:00 **Platform 5** • Showcase of original music • Gleeson's 📺🎵

## Wednesday 8/Jul

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10:00 **Art Walk** • Guided art tour of Clonmel's galleries with curator Catherine Marshall • STAC 📺🚶🎨

10:00–11:30 **Mother & Baby Group** • St. Oliver's Parish Centre 📺👩👧🏠

11:00 **Dream | Design | Draw** • Workshop for ages 8–12: bring your big ideas for Clonmel • The Platform, Showgrounds S. C. RSVP 

13:00–16:00 **TUS Student Animation Showcase** • Screening of animated film shorts • The Platform, Showgrounds S. C. CLONMEL ARTS

18:00–19:00 **Crime: A Window into the Past?** • Talk with Fin Dwyer, creator of the Irish History Podcast • STAC Chapel RSVP 

18:00 **Peaks Mountaineering Club** • Evening walks • Eldon's   

19:00–21:00 **Knit & Mend Circle** • Join our knit, crochet, darning & mending circle • The Circular Square  

19:15 **Set Dancing Class** • Clerihan Community Hall   

20:00 **Karaoke Night** • Hosted by Louis Quirke • Lonergan's 

20:00 **Ladies' & Men's Wednesday**



*The Horse of Jenin @ Showgrounds Theatre*

**Darts** • 37 Queen St 

20:00 **Salsa Cubana** • Class for beginners • The Coachman   

20:00 **The Horse of Jenin** • Written and performed by Palestinian actor and comedian Alaa Shehada • Showgrounds S. C. Theatre   CLONMEL ARTS

21:00 **Sin a bhfuil** • Ballad session • Carey's 

## Upcoming

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13–17/Jul **Stagecraft Musical Camp**

• A week of singing, dancing, acting, designing and games for ages 5–12 • St. Peter & Paul CBS  RSVP  

## Thanks

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