

Sunday 24 September



INTRODUCTION TO MUSHROOM FORAGING WITH PETER KASHUBA

Kilsheelan Woods | 11am | € 5 via Eventbrite

Discover the wonder of the mushroom world in this easy walk through the woods of Kilsheelan, where you will learn some of the basic rules of foraging, what to look out for, and what to keep well away from. Originally from Ukraine, Peter has lived in Ireland for the past 23 years. With a background in Ag science, he specializes in the microbiology of mushrooms and fungi. Limited to 30 people.

THE HONEY SHOW

CTI, the Mall | 2pm | €3 pp, family discount at the door
Tea, coffee and cake available

BUGS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES Biodiversity Walk with Louise Garcia

Greenane Blueway, Clonmel | 2pm | € 5 via Eventbrite

Louise is an acclaimed entomologist who is passionate about sharing her knowledge of insects, moths and butterflies. Come prepared to 'muck in', catch a few bugs and use a magnifying glass to discover the hidden knowledge behind those creatures. Limited to 25 people.

JAZZ & TAPAS WITH FRESH AIR COLLECTIVE

Bodega Restaurant | 3pm | reservation advisable | www.bodega1830.com

Join us for a relaxing afternoon with our resident band for a glass of wine and some Mediterranean small plates.

THE BURNING CAVE

Spoken Word Cabaret | Hearn's Dinig Room | 8pm | € 5 via Eventbrite

The Burning Cave is a new concept: an experiment in vulnerability and connection with performers sharing their journey in this cabaret style mix of words, beats and ambient music. If you would like to take a slot, please contact us at clonmelapplefest@gmail.com



Projects

FEAST OF FLAGS

Colourful flags are a great way to give a sense of occasion to an event and enhance the streetscape. At Applefest, we decided to make our own colourful bespoke flags to display on the streets of Clonmel to celebrate the coming of Applefest and the end of the Harvest season. Our Feast of Flags project involved community groups producing biodiversity themed images and a group of women stitchers interested in enhancing the public realm. A sewing mistress was involved from the onset to teach best sewing-machine practice and ensure that the flags would be solid. Artist Tina Looby was invited to facilitate design workshops with several community groups eliciting nature and heritage related images made of recycled nylon and tent fabrics. The designs were stitched and embroidered by our sewing team to celebrate the special place that is Clonmel.

Participating groups were: National Learning Network, Clonmel Training Centre, Bridgewater House Rehab, Primary Healthcare Traveller women's project, and a group of 12 individual attendees at public sessions.

ELDERS OF CLONMEL

The project aimed to bring together community writers and Clonmel Elders nominated by members of the public. They were paired by the Applefest team; the older person was accompanied by his/her nominator to ensure best safeguarding practice and make it an enriching experience for all involved. The selected writers learned and finetuned their interviewing and editing skills during a masterclass with expert ghostwriter/journalist Sue Leonard, while practising reflection and listening skills in pairs. The outcome of this process is a quality designed book of 13 stories telling landmark events from the life of our older citizens, focusing on their outlooks and local ways, and reflecting on the fast changes and recent transformation in Irish society. Portrait photographs by John D. Kelly are included. The book will leave a significant record and legacy about the people and places of Clonmel for future generations. Books will be on sale for €12 at Chou Cottage and the Bookmarket.



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THE FRESH AIR COLLECTIVE

The Fresh Air Collective are a Cork-based all-female musical trio comprised of Edel Sullivan (violin), Ruti Lachs (piano accordion) and Eileen Healy (guitar) who perform a lively and very mobile set of tunes and songs from the Klezmer and jazz traditions in English and Yiddish. They will be taking residence for four days during which they will perform at several functions, including a 50-minute set during Culture Night on the new civic plaza (8pm), a slot at the Heritage Fair and take part in the procession on the Saturday 23rd September. Expect world music, tangos, waltzes and klezmer/gypsy grooves, as well as humour, dance steps and some all-join-in ai-ai-ai singing!

HARVEST PROCESSION

This year's celebration of harvest will include a percussion band facilitated by David 'Noise' Boyd, performers from the Fresh Air Collective and fire dancers Stevie Wicks and Ro Hall. It will also include the large Wisdom Salmon, made specially this year by Lynn Kirkham of the Greenmantle carrying messages of care and wisdom. The joyful band of revellers will be walking through town past the Main Guard & Town Hall to the Gashouse bridge and Denis Burke Park where a thanksgiving ritual, collective chanting and a finale Fire performance will take place.

The public are invited to come early to grab an outfit and/or jazz up their own outfit with the help of a costume designer, or make a last-minute headdress with Elke Wilson and get face-painted. Expect to warm up with the band and be handed a musical instrument or practice a bit of chanting to get into the mood. Bring a long cloak in Autumn colours, some bells and be ready to use those vocal chords!

There will be delicious fresh food on site all day up to the procession start with picnic tables to meet and chat!

More info and tickets on www.clonmelapplefest.ie



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FEATURED ARTIST: LYNN KIRKHAM

This year's featured artist is North Tipperary Lynn Kirkham of *The Greenmantle* who has been a pioneer of willow sculpture work in this country since the early 90's. Her monumental sculptures in willow, bog oak and bronze are featured all over the country and we are delighted that she accepted the challenge of making two pieces for this year's Applefest: the Harvest Queen made during our Cruinniú na nÓg event will preside over the Harvest Fair and the Wisdom Salmon made during Heritage Week will be central to our Harvest procession. The latter will carry Care Flags with messages from members of the public expressing their love for nature's creatures and the healing and wisdom that they contain.

ZERO WASTE POLICY

At Applefest, we strongly believe that it is our responsibility to reduce waste and produce as little as absolutely necessary. Over the past five years, we have practiced conscious waste management by reusing and reducing as much as we can: things like our signage is redeployed each year in collaboration with the very understanding people at Sureprint. We have re-used our high-viz jackets stitching new logos on them rather than buying new ones. This year, we devised a flag project using 90% second-hand materials from donated and found tents and other nylon materials. We are also very keen to share our modest equipment and borrow as much as we can, made possible by handy storage at the Zero Waste market place. And finally, we are expecting our traders and food trucks to do likewise using compostable materials and incentivising keep cups and bring your own plates. Small satisfying steps!

MAP

1. Main Guard
2. Hearn's Hotel
3. Bakers Bar
4. Bodega 1830
5. Tipperary Museum
6. Denis Burke Park
7. Civic Plaza
8. Suir Island Carpark
9. Narrow Space Gallery



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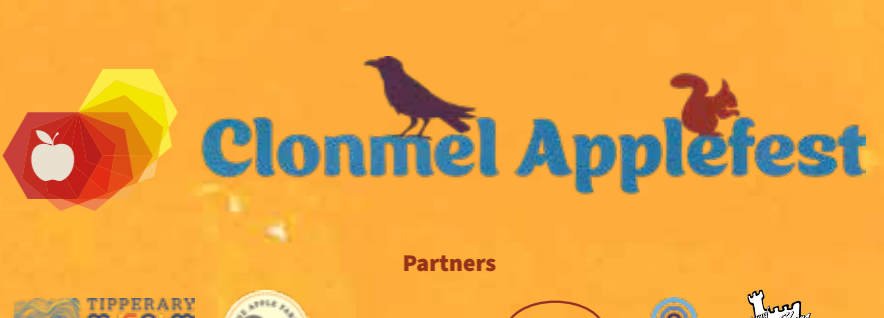
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Thursday 21 September

WELCOME
We are very excited to return this year with some familiar events and several new ones, not to mention our new flag project celebrating wildlife, heritage and biodiversity in South Tipperary. More than ever, we will be celebrating Harvest and trying to reconnect with our food, hands and vernacular practices and remind ourselves to be thankful for the good produce and incredible talent that stems for our region. Come along and enjoy!

Friday 22 September

PETROVSKA GARDEN WALK
Raheen Road | 3pm | € 5 via Eventbrite
Visit the beautifully laid-out gardens, hidden just a stone throw away from Clonmel's town centre, where multiple exotic and native plants cohabitate in a rich tapestry of vegetation. Limited to 20 people.

Friday 22 September

STORYTELLING
with Órla McGovern | 7:30pm
Orla will share a story from her repertoire of Irish mythology, accompanied by her musical partner Niceol Blue.

HOOLAHOOP DANCING
Stevie Wicks and Ro Hall | throughout the evening
Stevie and Ro are regular performers at festivals throughout Ireland and will delight us with fire and hoola hoop dancing during the breaks in music.

Saturday 23 September

THE VERNACULAR LANDSCAPE | Lecture by Dr. Barry O'Reilly | hosted by Chas Main Guard | 11am | FREE

HARVEST FAIR | Food, Craft & Arts Activities
Suir Island Carpark | 12-5pm | FREE
Spend the day at our Community Harvest Fair which is back with more delicious foodtrucks, craft stalls, community showcases, live music, demonstration and artistic activities, including a hoola hoop workshop, circle dancing, a nature mandala workshop with guest artist Mayumi Nakabayashi and plenty of live music. Also featured will be clay figure-making with Katie Goodhue, feltmaking, Harvest Queen 'dressing' with Lynn Kirkham, 'care' message writing for our bespoke Wisdom-Salmon and apple-pressing with the Carlow Cider Collective.

MEET, EAT AND GREET DINNER | and pre-procession gathering
Suir Island Carpark | 5-7pm
Come early and get into the mood for the procession! Prepare for the harvest procession with a bit of sustenance and then spend some time 'jazzing up' your outfit or making a last-minute headpiece with Elke Wilson and getting face painted! You can also join the harvest band and do a last minute rehearsal with drummer extraordinaire Dave 'Noise' Boyd.

HARVEST PROCESSION | Leaving Suir Island Carpark for town walk and finale at Denis Burke Park | 7pm | FREE
Our Harvest procession is now an annual event, where Clonmel townspeople gather to celebrate the closing of the Harvest season and the coming of the darker reflective Autumn. This year, we will be carrying our Salmon Wisdom through town in a merry celebration and heading to Denis Burke Park to release him back into the river for his winter journey, with care and wisdom messages in tow... Expect colourful performances, fire jugglers, lantern magic, incendiary drumming and a dramatic fire finale with Rogù Fire Arts.



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