



March

St. PATRICK'S DAY, 17th, Events throughout the South East. Check locally for details

April

SÉAN DUNNE WRITERS FESTIVAL The festival is entirely free and is charged with the development of new cannon of works.

Contact Garter Lane 051-855038 email: arts@waterfordcity.ie

May

FÉILE NA nDEISE Traditional Music Festival. Dungarvan Co. Waterford. Contact: 058 45273 or 058 41741

JOHN ROBERTS WEEKEND May Bank Holiday W/E, annual celebration of the life and work of Waterford architect John Roberts (1714 - 1796). A mixture of formal and informal elements website

FESTIVAL OF THE SEA links and celebrates the people and cultures of coastal communities of the south-east of Ireland and south-east Newfoundland/Labrador. An alternating biennial festival with the Irish launch in 2005, linking County Waterford's Dunmore East, Passage East, Cheekpoint and Ring and County Wexford's Ballyhack, Duncannon, Kilmore Quay, Fethard-on-Sea & Hook Head with the different communities of the Cape Shore and Irish Loop on the island of Newfoundland. Email alexbkelly@hotmail.com

June

IMMRAMA, Lismore Festival of Travel Writing 16th, 17th & 18th June, three full days of Literature, arts, music and cultural activities for all interests and ages. Music, literature, readings, performances, street and indoor theatre, exhibitions, art, history, photography and competitions.

WORLD OCEANS FESTIVAL 2nd weekend June - beach sport and wildlife events for all age groups at the South East's premier resort - the emphasis is on having fun. All events are offered free to the public.

MARITIME FESTIVAL, Waterford City. Celebrating "Waterford of the Ships" - web site
Activities include: - Family Entertainment, Model Boat Display, Model Boat Making Workshop, River Suir Exhibition, Power Boat Racing, Air Sea Rescue, Laser Display, Festival Ball

SOUTH EAST GARDENS FESTIVAL, Waterford, early June, a trail of 15 private gardens, ranging from cottage style gardens to colourful attractively designed new gardens. Phone +353 (0)51 384273

Open Deep Sea Angling Competition, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford 058-41395 or 058-46401

Horse Racing, Tramore, Co. Waterford. Tel: 051 381425 www.tramore-racecourse.com

July

TrãFest MUSIC WEEKEND Street Concerts in Tramore, Co. Waterford. Pub gigs every night for 1st weekend July. Check out Sprãoi website for details

MOTORSPORT Weekend, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Contact: 058 42695

August

SPRAOI STREET FESTIVAL, "The Biggest Street Carnival in Ireland" Fun, Fun, Fun for all the family. Waterford City.

Every August Bank Holiday Weekend the streets and quays of Waterford city are transformed into a huge stage featuring an international cast of musicians and street theatre performers. All events are free and the festival attracts thousands of spectators of all ages.

The annual Sprãoi Parade and Fireworks bring the festival to a breathtaking and dramatic climax on Sunday night. Tel: (051) 841 808, for full information check out our web site

LISMORE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, Early August, West Waterford

Horse Racing, Tramore, Co. Waterford. Tel: 051 381425, Mid August www.tramore-racecourse.com

DUNMORE EAST BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford. Last W/E in August, since 1994. www.waterford-dunmore.com

OYSTER FESTIVAL, An Rinn, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Tel: 058 43216 / 41475

September

WATERFORD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHT OPERA - long established, popular and polished the festival gathers some of the leading Music Societies from throughout these islands. Intimate yet spacious, traditional yet up to date, the Theatre Royal, dating from 1783, is important in the overall appeal of this delightful competitive festival.

WATERFORD FRINGE FESTIVAL, Waterford last two weeks Sept
A multi-disciplinary Arts Festival to coincide with The Waterford International Festival of Light Opera.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK, Early September, Nationwide.
www.heritageireland.ie

ANGLING OPEN DEEP SEA COMPETITION, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford 058-41395 or 058-46401

ANNUAL MUSSEL FESTIVAL, Passage East, Waterford Estuary
Contact: www.passagemusselfestival.com

Set Dancing Festival Mid September - Rathgormac Village County Waterford

October

NIRE VALLEY WALKING FESTIVAL, Autumn Walking Festival which is held the second weekend in October Co. Waterford. The Nire River tumbles down through the valley from its source high up in the Comeragh mountains to the smooth flowing Suir river near Newcastle. Email: - hanorascottage@eircom.net

'IMAGINE' - Waterford Arts Festival nine mini festivals all in one theatre, film, music, comedy, dance, literature, visual, craft and children - a platform for local talent and a showcase for international artists. The annual festival is a vibrant mix of the traditional and contemporary, well-established acts, special commissions, Irish exclusives and European premieres.

November

WATERFORD FILM FESTIVAL, The Waterford Annual Film festival 5th - 9th November 2008. The five day film festival, showcasing a wide range of films in Ireland's oldest city. Welcoming all forms of film production - animation, experimental, student work, digital work, etc. www.waterfordfilmfestival.com

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December

Ballyrafter International Flower Fair Tel: 058 53111

