



#CarlowChristmas

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Welcome to your *Festive Family Programme*

Welcome to County Carlow – A Festive Family Experience, the go-to guide for what's on in County Carlow over the 2018 festive period. Christmas is a special time of year for our communities and visitors and over 100 events are available for young and old to enjoy.

There is something for everyone in County Carlow and we look forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to the County. On behalf of the community and voluntary groups, businesses, programme partners and Carlow County Council we wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas.

Cllr. Brian O'Donoghue
Cathaoirleach – Carlow County Council

A Big Thank You

Carlow County Council would like to sincerely thank all our advertisers, sponsors, stakeholders, local businesses and volunteers who put together and host the County Carlow Festive Programme. This is your festival programme hosted by you for all to enjoy, so come and experience our wonderful County. The County Carlow Festival Programme is the result of communities and businesses coming together and making things happen for themselves, so well done to all concerned.



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Activity	Start Time	Venue	Further Information / Ticket
Friday 23rd November			
Jingle & Mingle Christmas Market - Develop Tullow Association	12pm - 8pm	Main Carpark opposite Civic Offices, Tullow	
Santa @ Carlow Shopping Centre	4pm	Carlow Shopping Centre, Carlow	
Saturday 24th November			
Carlow Farmers' Market	9am - 2pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
Breakfast with Santa @ Arboretum	9.30am & 11am	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Tickets are €15 per child www.arboretum.ie
Special Celebration Christmas Fair - Ballon Improvement Group	10am till late	Siopa Glas, Ballon	www.ballonvillage.com 087 242 4934 / 087 7820 211
Candlelight Walk of Hope 2018 - Éist Cancer Support Centre Carlow	Assemble: 3.30pm, Walk: 4.30pm - 5pm	Bank of Ireland, Shamrock Plaza, Carlow Town	Candles €3 each or 2 for €5 on sale in the Éist Cancer Support Centre and all Carlow Branches of Bank of Ireland.
Turning On of Carlow Town's Christmas Lights	5pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	Free Event
Sunday 25th November			
Special Celebration Christmas Fair - Ballon Improvement Group	10am till late	Siopa Glas, Ballon	www.ballonvillage.com 087 242 4934 / 087 7820 211
Family Carers Ireland Annual Winter Market	10am - 5pm	Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow	Cost €2. To book: 056 7721 424
Monday 26th November			
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Tuesday 27th November			
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Wednesday 28th November			
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Thursday 29th November			
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Mind Magic Your Business with Keith Barry	5.30pm	IT Carlow , Kilkenny Road , Carlow	Cost: Free Booking www.eventbrite.ie
Liam Mannering @ Woodford Dolmen Hotel	9pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	Admission €10. Doors open 9 pm, dancing 9.30 pm to 12 pm.
Friday 30th November			
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Saturday 1st December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Carlow Farmers' Market	9am - 2pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
Breakfast with Santa @ Arboretum	9.30am & 11am	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Tickets are €15 per child www.arboretum.ie
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Carrigduff Christmas Craft Fair	12pm - 5pm	Glanbia Garden Centre, Carrigduff, Co. Carlow	Free Entry. To book a stall call 089 4972 664

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Sunday 2nd December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Jingle Bells Jog - Carlow Regional Youth Services	11.30am	Barrow Track	Further information contact CRYs at (059) 9130 476. https://www.popupraces.ie/events/crys-jingle-bells-jog-3/
Carrigduff Christmas Craft Fair	12pm - 5pm	Glanbia Garden Centre, Carrigduff, Co. Carlow	Free Entry. To book a stall ring 089 4972 664
Duckett's Grove Christmas Food and Craft Fair - Carlow Tourism	12noon - 5pm	Duckett's Grove, Kneestown, Carlow	Cost: €10 per Car. Contact Alison Fitzharris - afitzharris@carlowtourism.com or 059 9130 477
Monday 3rd December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Tuesday 4th December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Wednesday 5th December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
The Alternative Dimension - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
The Little Prince @ Visual	11am - Schools Show	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €7 per Student. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Celebration of Christmas Variety Concert 2018 - Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow	7.30pm - 10.30pm	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow	Tickets €20 each, at the Éist Centre and Arboretum Home & Garden. More information 059 9139 684.
Thursday 6th December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Carlow Culinary Christmas Cookery Demo and Food Village – with Martin Shanahan	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost €19.50. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Interactive Theatre International presents Fawlty Towers @ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel	8pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	Tickets: €49 – includes a 3 course meal. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Brendan McGee @ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel	9pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	Admission €10. Doors open 9 pm, dancing 9.30 pm to 12 pm.
Friday 7th December			
Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Myshall Muintir na Tire's 70th Anniversary Celebration	6pm	Myshall Community Centre	Free Event



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Delta Centre's Christmas Celebration with Carol Singing	7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Carlow Culinary Christmas Cookery Demo and Food Village - with Rachel Allen	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost €19.50. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Saturday 8th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Carlow Farmers' Market	9am - 2pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
Breakfast with Santa @ Arboretum	9.30am & 11am	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Tickets are €15 per child, no charge for adults. www.arboretum.ie
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Christmas Cupcake Decorating Workshops with TV3's Kelly Lou Cakes	10.30am	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €10. Please call Box Office on 059 9172 400 to book a place.
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Santa's Workshop	11am - 5pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Carrigduff Christmas Craft Fair	12noon - 5pm	Glanbia Garden Centre, Carrigduff, Co. Carlow	Free Entry. To book a stall ring 089 4972 664
Chocolate Truffle Making Workshop with Bean & Goose Craft Chocolate Makers	12noon	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €10. Please call Box Office on 059 9172 400 to book a place.
Christmas Cupcake Decorating Workshops with TV3's Kelly Lou Cakes	1.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €10. Please call Box Office on 059 9172 400 to book a place.
Chocolate Truffle Making Workshop with Bean & Goose Craft Chocolate Makers	3pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €10. Please call Box Office on 059 9172 400 to book a place.
Carlow Culinary Christmas Cookoff and Food Village - With Karl Spain, Gearóid Farrelly, Chef Adrian, Rachel Doyle (Arboretum) and Ed Cahill (Tully's Bar)	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost €19.50. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Carlow Choral Society's A Glorious Christmas - Vivaldi's Gloria and Singalong Carols	8pm	Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow Town	Tickets €20 (Children Free). Tickets at Eventbrite.ie, www.carlowchoralsociety.net, at Hosey's Post Office, Staplestown Rd., and from choir members. Contact Miriam on 087 9422 608

Sunday 9th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Santa's Workshop	11am - 5pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Carrigduff Christmas Craft Fair	12noon - 5pm	Glanbia Garden Centre, Carrigduff, Co. Carlow	Free Entry. To book a stall ring 089 4972 664

Monday 10th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.

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Tuesday 11th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.

Wednesday 12th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Striking Productions present Cinderella	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Thursday 13th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Barrow Valley Art Exhibition - Carlow Library	10am	Shaw Room, Carlow Library	Free Event
Striking Productions present Cinderella	Primary Schools Show - 11am	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Striking Productions present Cinderella	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Interactive Theatre International presents Fawlty Towers @ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel	8pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	Tickets: €49 – includes a 3 course meal. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Michael Collins @ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel	9pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	Admission €10.

Friday 14th December

Arboretum's Christmas Experience	All Day	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Details from www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Carlow Christmas Market	1pm - 7pm	Carlow Town Hall, Centaur St., Carlow Town	Further Details on www.facebook.com/carlowxmas
Striking Productions present Cinderella	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Christmas Party Nights @ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel	7.30pm	Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow	€32 per person. To Book: Contact 059 914 2002 or email sales@woodforddolmenhotel.ie



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Saturday 15th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Carlow Farmers' Market	9am - 2pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
Breakfast with Santa @ Arboretum	9.30am & 11am	Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Inspirational Gardens & Rachel's Café	Tickets are €15 per child, no charge for adults. www.arboretum.ie
Christmas Elves Workshop - Carlow Regional Youth Services / Carlow Library	Workshop 1: 10am - 11am	Carlow Library, Tullow St, Carlow	Cost: Free. To Book: Tel: 059 9129 705 Email: library@carlowcoco.ie
Old Fashioned Community Carol Singing - Carlow Mental Health Association	11am	The Fountain, Potato Market, Carlow Town	For more info call 085 8181 353
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Santa's Workshop	11am - 5pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Christmas Elves Workshop - Carlow Regional Youth Services / Carlow Library	Workshop 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm	Carlow Library, Tullow St, Carlow	Cost: Free. To Book: Tel: 059 9129 705 Email: library@carlowcoco.ie
Carlow Christmas Market	12pm - 7pm	Carlow Town Hall, Centaur St., Carlow Town	Further Details on www.facebook.com/carlowxmas
Elves Workshop 2018 - Carlow Regional Youth Services / Youth Work Ireland	1.30pm-2.30pm; 3pm-4pm; 4.30pm-5.30pm	Tullow Youth Project, Bishop House, Tullow	Price: €5 per child. For further information contact: Cathy on 085 833 8732 or 059 915 2297
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Sensory Santa Experience	2pm - 6pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Striking Productions present Cinderella	2.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Striking Productions present Cinderella	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Sunday 16th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Santa's Workshop	11am - 5pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Carlow Christmas Market	12pm - 7pm	Carlow Town Hall, Centaur St., Carlow Town	Further Details on www.facebook.com/carlowxmas
Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Sensory Santa Experience	2pm - 6pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Admission: Sensory Gardens Only: €5. Santa Workshop: €10. Family of 4: €30 2 Adults & 2 Children. Book Online: www.deltasensorygardens.com www.yourdaysout.com
Striking Productions present Cinderella	2.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400
Striking Productions present Cinderella	7.30pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €19/15 family of 4 €65. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie, email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Monday 17th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.

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Carlow Cathedral Concert	8pm	Carlow Cathedral of the Assumption	Tickets €25 each are on sale from the Parish Centre
RehabCare Resource Centre present Beauty and the Beast from the East	8pm	RehabCare Resource Centre, Killeshin Road, Graiguecullen, Carlow	Cost: €10 Adults and €5 Children. To Book: Phone the Centre on 059 913 2266 or call in. Tickets also available on the door

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
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Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Christmas Carol Service - Carlow County Library	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Tullow Library, Tullow, Co. Carlow	Free Event
Christmas Carol Service - St. Clare's Church	7pm	St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen	Free Event

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Wonderland at Delta Centre - Craft Fair, Lights Display, Café, Garden Centre	9am - 7pm	Delta Centre, Strawhall, Carlow	Tel: +353 (0)59 914 3527. Info@deltacentre.org www.deltasensorygardens.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.

Friday 21st December

Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Ballet Ireland present The Nutcracker	8pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €25/20/12.50 child (12 or under) family of 4 €70. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie , email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Saturday 22nd December

Carlow Farmers' Market	9am - 2pm	Potato Market, Carlow Town	www.carlowfarmersmarket.com
Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
Phil Coulter @ VISUAL	8pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €30/27.50. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or Tel: 059 9172 400

Sunday 23rd December

Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
It's A Wonderful Life @ VISUAL	4pm	VISUAL, Carlow	Cost: €8/6. Book online at www.visualcarlow.ie email boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie or tel 059 9172400
Community Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight - St. Mary's Church of Ireland	7.30pm	St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Church Street, Carlow R93 YW77	Cost: Free. Details: Reverend David at 059 913 2565

Monday 24th December

Christmas Remembrance Tree - Carlow Rotary Club	11am - 5pm	Barrack Street, Carlow	Donations to local charities.
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Carlow Credit Union can help you with a Christmas Loan

December is only around the corner and many families are starting to prepare for the Christmas festivities. There is a lot of pressure put on families trying to make sure that presents are bought, plenty of food and refreshments are bought in, relations are looked after, family come home for Christmas and so on. It all adds up.

At some point in time we have all been guilty of over spending and stretching ourselves beyond our means. But if you plan ahead and be sensible with your borrowings, it needn't be so.

Siobhán Gray, Credit Manager for Carlow District Credit Union Ltd., says, "It is that time of year when we make the best of promises but always go that bit overboard for Christmas" she said. "Carlow Credit Union has just launched their Christmas Loan campaign and we offer loans to members so that they can spread the cost over 12 months, making it more pocket friendly."

Members borrow €2,000 on average for Christmas expenses. The repayments are

flexible, and Carlow Credit Union loans are covered by Insurance that doesn't directly cost the member anything. The quicker the loan is repaid, the less interest you pay.

You can now open an account and apply for a loan straight away. Check our website www.carlowcreditunion.ie for what you need to open an account.

Siobhán said, "Our staff at Carlow Credit Union are happy to sit and talk to you about your Christmas loan requirements so feel free to drop in and talk to us. No appointment is necessary and there is always a Loan Officer available to talk to you".

Siobhán concluded, "If you are borrowing, be sensible and borrow where the interest is right.

We have been helping our members since 1963 so they know they are getting good value and a personal service.

You can drop into any of our 4 offices

– Carlow, Ballon, Rathvilly & Mayo/Doonane or phone (059)913 1994 or email loans@carlowcreditunion.ie



Christmas Loan



LOAN AMOUNT	TERM	WEEKLY PAYMENT	TOTAL INTEREST	TOTAL PAYMENT	NO. OF INSTALMENTS
€500	1 Year	€10.07	€23.19	€523.19	52
€1,000	1 Year	€20.13	€46.39	€1,046.39	52
€2,000	1 Year	€40.25	€92.81	€2,092.81	52

Ask About A Loan Today!

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Loan examples are for illustrative purposes only. Information correct as at 1st. Nov 2018. Lending criteria, terms and conditions apply. Loans are subject to repayment capacity and financial status. Warning- If you do not meet the repayments on your credit agreement, your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating which may limit your ability to access credit in the future.



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Duckett's Grove hosts Winter Wonderland

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and on December 2nd from 12pm – 5pm Duckett's Grove Historic House will be transformed into Carlow's own Winter Wonderland when it hosts its ever popular Christmas Food and Craft Fair. An array of festive activities will be available to entertain and delight all the family.

The magic and fun of Christmas can be enjoyed in this unique historic setting, which was formerly at the centre of an extensive estate that has dominated the Carlow landscape for over 300 years.

A magical grotto of traditional Christmas activities showcasing the best of Carlow including craft, food, and musical entertainment awaits all visitors in the courtyard

area adjacent to the main house.

Featuring ceramics and knitwear, art, jewellery, embroidery, Christmas cards and decorations, this fair is guaranteed to appeal to anybody seeking a special gift or those who just want to browse and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. Not to forget mistletoe, Christmas plants and wreaths, all produced locally will also be in supply.

On the food front there will be a plentiful choice of festive Christmas fare including cakes, puddings and pies while tea, coffee and light snacks are also available.

And of course for the kiddies ... Santa Claus is coming to town ... there will be a Santa Grotto and a complimentary

surprise for each child, children's face painting, a giant Santa snow globe to capture those special family memories and new for this year, a Santa's orienteering course!

Make and do workshops during the day will allow children to create their very own Christmas decorations for their tree. Live festive musical entertainment takes place throughout the day and is guaranteed to create a special Christmas atmosphere.

In keeping with the history of the estate, traditional weaving, bee-keeping and woodturning demonstrations are on offer together with a falconry display of owls, hawks and birds of prey, which are sure to delight young and old. For further information www.carlowtourism.com



Adm: €10 per car.
All events FREE.

Duckett's Grove Christmas Food & Craft Fair

Sunday, December 2nd 2018
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

- ✳ Local artisan CRAFT and FOOD market
- ✳ Weaving and woodturning demonstrations
- ✳ Santa's Grotto with surprise for each child
- ✳ Festive face painting of Christmas characters

- ✳ Make and do Christmas workshops
- ✳ Falconry Display by East Coast Falconry
- ✳ Live Christmas Crib
- ✳ Giant Santa snow globe

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Santa needs your help for a Colourful Carlow Christmas

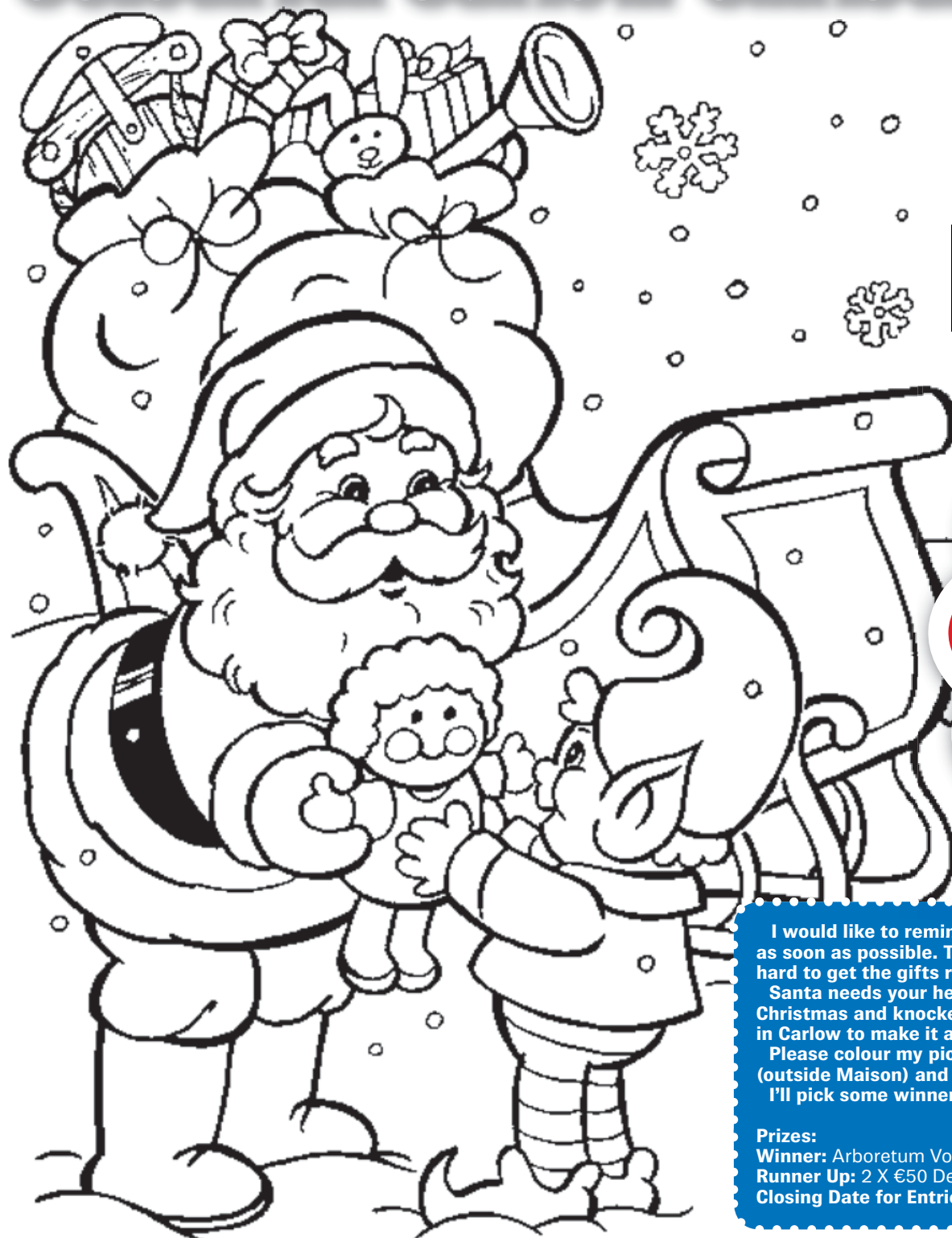
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ARBORETUM
YOUR HOME & GARDEN HEAVEN



Hello
to you and all your
readers from a very
busy workshop here in
the North Pole!

I would like to remind all the boys and girls to write and post their letters to me as soon as possible. The workshop is very busy with all the elves working really hard to get the gifts ready in time for Christmas Eve.

Santa needs your help!!! Rudolf got excited as we are getting so close to Christmas and knocked over all the paint and I need the help of the boys and girls in Carlow to make it a colourful Christmas.

Please colour my picture and post it in Santa's Special Mailbox on Dublin Street (outside Maison) and be in with a chance to win some prizes.

I'll pick some winners on 16th December 2018.

Prizes:

Winner: Arboretum Voucher €100 / Detail Voucher €100

Runner Up: 2 X €50 Detail Voucher / 2 X €50 Arboretum Voucher

Closing Date for Entries: 16th December 2018



éist Annual Candlelight Walk of Hope

in association with Bank of Ireland

Will take place on **Saturday 24th November**

Starting from Bank of Ireland, Shamrock Plaza at 4.30pm. Walking through the town behind Santa, to Potato Market for the turning on of the Christmas Lights.

Join us in Bank of Ireland from 3.30pm for a tea & chat before the walk.

Candles available from EIST Cancer Support Centre & all Carlow Branches of Bank of Ireland.



FINAL CALL TO CONSUMERS TO SHOP LOCAL & BUY IRISH THIS CHRISTMAS

Shift the balance in favour of 'the home team' by switching to quality Irish products.

'Shop for Ireland' will help to secure jobs in a difficult time for Irish manufacturers, producers and retailers.

ISME, the Irish Small and Medium Enterprises Association, has made a final appeal to hard pressed consumers to make a national effort and 'shop for Ireland' during the Christmas season to ensure that local jobs are retained. The Association, while acknowledging the reduced financial circumstances of all our citizens and the necessity to cut back on spending this year, encourages shoppers to 'BUY IRISH' where and when they can.

According to ISME Chief Executive, Mark Fielding, "With Irish retailers and suppliers struggling to survive, it is vital that we support our own local enterprises during these difficult times. By buying Irish we secure Irish jobs. If every consumer switched just one tenth of their 'imported shopping' to Irish produced goods it would shift the balance in favour of local producers, manufacturers and retailers and go a long way to sustaining Irish jobs, after what has been a very difficult few

years".

"We see and hear the omnipresent adverts from foreign corporate chains every day, however, we are collectively under-informed about the many important values that independent local businesses provide us individually and as a community."

"Buying from locally owned businesses keeps money circulating closer to where you spend. Local shops use local services, accountants, insurance brokers, suppliers as well as employing local people and they also carry a higher percentage of locally produced goods."

Every €10 spent locally on Irish products generates €24 of benefit to the local community.

45 cents of every Euro spent is reinvested locally in comparison to only 15cents for the foreign multiples.

In conclusion, Fielding stated, "Each time we spend a euro, we would do well to weigh the full value of our choices, not solely to ourselves immediately, but for the future we want for our children in our own towns and villages".

See isme.ie for more information

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Enhance your Christmas Menu with a Trip to the Carlow Farmers Market

Are you looking for ways to enhance your festive favourites? Would you like to speak directly with local producers about their passion for food? Carlow Farmers Market started trading in July 2004 and was set up to respond to the local consumers wish to have fresh, local and traceable food and the producers wish to sell locally



CARLOW FARMERS



and directly to the consumer.

The market is held every Saturday morning between 9am and 2pm in the Potato Market, Carlow Town.

Here consumers are offered fresh local produce including: local fruit and vegetables, organic fruit and vegetables, jams, chutneys and juices, organic meat, free range meat and dry cured bacon products, crepes cooked on site, chocolates and truffles, country style butter, quiches and savoury tartlets, traditionally crafted breads and cakes, speciality breads, sweet fare, a range of locally produced cheeses, olives and pesto, fresh fish, free range eggs, summer and winter bedding plants, vegetable and herb plants, and other seasonal products.

Today the Market comprises 14 speciality food producers who come together weekly to sell their locally produced food products.

Carlow Farmers Market is considered unique in that it is one of a few authentic farmers markets where producers are all local, produce their own products and sell mainly their own produce.

This market supports the local economy and provides opportunities for other food producers or farmers to set up small food businesses and meet the growing demand.

Town Hall Illumination Show as part of new Carlow Christmas Market

Town Hall Square in Carlow is the place to be from Dec. 14th to 16th for what promises to be a spectacular Christmas event!

One of the event organisers Stuart Montgomery from Bespoke Advertising says he's really looking forward to creating a fantastic Festive event which he hopes will become a staple in Carlow's Christmas Calendar!

"We have produced hugely successful Christmas events in Mullingar, Trim, Navan and Castletown House to name just a few over the last number of years so we're excited to come to Carlow in the lead up to Christmas, work with local producers and create an experience that will encourage the people of Carlow and beyond to shop local this Christmas"

When asked what people can expect, Stuart said that visitors will be able to relive their childhood memories with funfair attractions including a beautiful Vintage Carousel, treat themselves to something sweet or savoury from a wide range of Food stalls, find that perfect present for someone special with many unique gift ideas to browse and buy from or grab a Hot Chocolate and enjoy a Festive Movie at the Christmas Cinema!

That's not all - Mr. & Mrs. Claus will also be making a trip from the North Pole to meet all your little ones!

One of the highlights of the event will be an amazing Illumination Show where every night the Town Hall will provide a stunning backdrop for an unmissable Light Show that will really get you into the Festive spirit!

There will also be a number of surprises over the weekend to excite and delight people of all ages!

If you're interested in participating in or supporting this fun filled Family Event then please email bespokeadvertising@gmail.com for further info.

We'll look forward to seeing you at the Carlow Christmas Market on Dec. 14th, 15th & 16th in the Town Hall Square. Opening Hours December 14th 1pm-7pm, December 15th 12pm-7pm & December 16th from 12pm-7pm.

Keep up to date on www.facebook.com/carlowxmas



On Saturday 8th December 2018

Santa will be at Carlow Farmers Market from 10am until 12 noon!

There will be free seasonal mulled apple juice and fun competitions to win vouchers and market hampers worth up to **€300**

We are open every Saturday at Potato Market in Carlow Town. Christmas weekend we are open on both Saturday 22nd December and Sunday 23rd December 2018 from 9am until 3pm.

There will be a limited market on Saturday 29th December 2018 with the following stalls attending at the different time of 10am until 1pm (Carlow Farmhouse Cheese, Coolanowle Organic Meats, and Cindy's Bakery). The full market reopens as normal on Saturday 5th January 2019

Please check our facebook page for latest details. <https://www.facebook.com/CarlowFarmersMarket>



3 Gift Ideas that go beyond the festive season

Give the Gift of Reading this Christmas

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat! Have you started buying your presents yet? If you're stuck for inspiration, why not consider giving the gift of reading. Of course, we think that books make great presents - they are relatively inexpensive (especially when compared with toys), reading books has been proven to have huge benefits (beyond just being able to read) and most importantly, kids love them! Feed the Gift following the Christmas Buzz by becoming part of your local library across County Carlow: full details on www.carlowlibraries.ie

Give the Gift of Employment this Christmas

When making your gift decisions you can give the gift of supporting local employment across the County by visiting and shopping in the many shops and hospitality experiences in County Carlow. County Carlow has many people employed in the retail and hospitality sector who are there to provide you with an excellent customer experience.

Gift the Gift of Time this Christmas

It's widely acknowledged as a society we are getting busier. At Christmas people who do good work within the community may often be forgotten, so it's nice at Christmas for communities to show that they appreciate their work. Take the time to say "thank you" at Christmas to all the volunteers in your community. They work year in and year out on many projects which are designed to help better the communities of Carlow and you could become part of the community movement by volunteering your time in 2019 and visiting the Carlow Volunteer Centre <https://www.volunteer-carlow.ie/>



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5 reasons why Gift Cards make the perfect festive gift.

Did you ever have that last-minute purchase for that friend of family member who has everything, or you just can't think what they would love? Local Gift Cards can be a great way of supporting the local economy while also telling somebody you care, but putting the control in their hands for getting something they love. 5 reasons to buy gift cards include:

- 1. Gift Cards Guarantee Gifts People Will Love**
- 2. They Save Money and Time**
- 3. You can buy gift cards without leaving your home**
- 4. They make giving and receiving more fun**
- 5. Gift cards can be practical**

Locally in Carlow there are a number of Local Gift Cards which ensure that people can buy local with their gifts. These cards include:

Love Carlow Gift Card: A project by County Carlow Chamber, the Love Carlow Gift Card is designed by business for business. Full details can be found here: <http://carlowchamber.com/services/love-carlow-gift-card/> and examples of Local Shops that

accept the card are Allen's; Apple-green; Arboretum; CarePlus Pharmacy; Carphone Warehouse; Carraig Donn; Curry's / PC World; Detail Menswear; Elverys InterSport; Euronics; Expert Hardware; GameStop; Halfords; Healy's Pharmacy; Homestore + More; Lloyds Pharmacy; Mr Price; O'Brien's Wines; Omniplex Cinema; Pamela Scott; Petmania; Right Price Tiles; Sam McCauley; Savana Boutique; Shaws; Specsavers; Sportsworld; Supermacs; Swan Electrical Expert & Tesco

Fairgreen Shopping Centre Gift Card:

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Fairgreen is home to top high street brands including Tesco, NEXT, Heaton's, River Island, Pamela Scott, Carraig Donn, New Look, Vero Moda, Peacocks, Argos, Eason, JD Sports and Jack & Jones. Full Details on their gift card is available on <https://fairgreen.flex-e-card.ie/> or from the Information Desk in Fairgreen Shopping Centre.

Remember to check out your local hospitality sector as well, such as local hotels, restaurants, etc. as they may have more gift cards to offer! Shop local and encourage others to shop local too!

The Perfect Christmas Gift



Rachel Allen and Martin Shanahan top the bill for Carlow Culinary Christmas December 6th – 8th

CARLOW will showcase the very best of its proud and evolving food and drink culture to a captive audience for three very special days as the countdown begins to this year's Carlow Culinary Christmas festivities from December 6th to 8th.

Long renowned as the home of the rooster potato, fabulous fruit, vegetable, organic and free range farms, Carlow now boasts an internationally acclaimed brewery, whiskey and gin distilleries, a booming town-centre Farmers' Market and an authentic food and restaurant trail that continues to grow.

Celebrity chef, Rachel Allen and Fishy Fishy's Martin Shanahan, will share top tips on how to create the perfect festive food and tantalising treats for family and friends across the holiday season at this year's Carlow Culinary Christmas events in the stunning Visual Arts Centre each evening. Festival-goers will also visit the amazing food village which opens nightly from 7pm and features even more local produce and delights.

Carlovian, Ireland and Leinster rugby giant and farmer, Sean O'Brien, is a proud Carlow Culinary Christmas Ambassador. "There's nothing like getting back to Carlow, particularly at holiday time, for a feast of fresh home produce. We're very fortunate to have amazing food suppliers across Carlow and an incredible food trail that showcases the very best the region has to offer.


"I'm proud to support Carlow Culinary Christmas and really encourage not just local people, but food lovers from all over Ireland, to come along, support local and buy into what is shaping up to be an incredible Christmas in the region."

Carlow Culinary Christmas is a celebration of the County's "unique food and drink offering" and is also a fantastic opportunity for producers and consumers to meet," Carlow County Council CE, Kathleen Holohan, said.

"This three-day festival gives food companies, producers and more a chance to forge new contacts and relationships, get face-to-face feedback from customers, learn from those exchanges and launch new products. We're very proud of the work our Local Enterprise Office does with producers, and to help local food firms and farm enterprises grow jobs in this important sector of our economy."

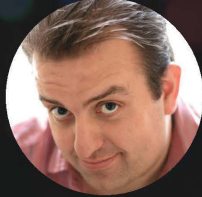



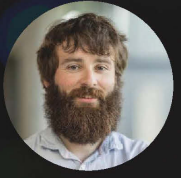
Head of Enterprise with Carlow LEO, Kieran Comerford, said: "Carlow Culinary Christmas will be a fantastic event for all the family and is just one element of a wider Christmas in Carlow programme. A whole series of events are planned from late November to enhance the festive spirit in Carlow and boost our reputation as a great place to live, to raise a family, to visit, to shop, to stay. We will be announcing further details of all of these events closer to the holiday season."

The packed, three-day Carlow Culinary Christmas programme includes Martin Shanahan's demonstration on Thursday, December 6th and an evening with Rachel Allen on Friday, December 7th. There's also a fun-filled Cook Off on December 8th featuring Chef Adrian, Karl Spain, Gearóid Farrelly, Ed Cahill and Rachel Doyle, children's workshops and so much more. Tickets for the nightly demonstrations are €19.50 each and for bookings and more visit www.visualcarlow.ie



Cook-off & Food Village

A night of festive fun with comedy sets and a race against the clock to cook a culinary masterpiece... or not!

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Gearóid Farrelly
Chef Adrian

with Rachel Doyle, Arboretum
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Festive Parking Offers

Carlow County Council wish to inform the public of the following parking arrangements for Carlow Town Centre for the Festive period:

* Free car parking for the period Saturday 24th November 2018 to Sunday, 6th January, 2019 (inclusive) in the following public car parks only:

- o Town Hall
- o Green Bank Road
- o VISUAL

* In all other Pay and Display Parking Zones Free Parking is available only from 9.30am to 12noon and from 3.00pm to 6.30pm for the period Saturday 24th November, 2018 to Sunday, 6th January, 2019 inclusive

* First 30 minute free parking, for on-street parking only, on Tullow Street Upper and Tullow Street Lower; Dublin Street; Kennedy Avenue; Potato Market and Castle Street, continues to apply

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