

Bulmers Memory Lane

Location: Dowd's Lane/Abbey Street



The very popular Bulmers Appleyard, once full of apples and their pungent smell, comes back to life to enchant and remind us of the days gone by. View the apple press and old photographs while strolling through a bunting clad temporary orchard and most of all enjoy the smell of freshly picked apples!



Liz Weir storyteller in residence



From Armagh, Liz will be in residence for 4 days, delighting us with her huge repertoire of stories from Ireland and around the world where apples feature prominently! She will also visit 2 schools, perform at the Main Guard on Friday evening and host a storytelling circle (free) for local aspiring and experienced

storytellers on Wednesday 25th at 6pm at the Clonmel Library.



Bug Cart with Professor Bombus Trochanter

Bugs alive! Miraculous mini beasts! From the steaming jungles of Borneo to the fly-buzzed dung pats of Clogheen, Professor Bombus Trochanter and his Travelling Bug Cart have boldly gone where no sissies fear to tread in search of fascinating phasmids, wonderful weevils and incredible insects of every description. Be sure to flag down the Professor as he combs the Applefest sites for six-legged specimens at the Urban Orchard (Friday), Apple Fair (Saturday) and Blueway Sunday. Wear feelers or wings for the warmest welcome, an edible entomological reward and an expert diagnosis from the Prof of your inner insect just waiting to fly!



Nature Creatures and Hedgerow Figures

Drop in workshops @ South Tipp Arts Centre
Time: Sat. 7th Sept, 2-5pm, Sat. 14th Sept, 11-4pm



These free family workshops aim to teach the traditional skills of weaving, braiding and the creative use of natural material to make large figures and creatures that will be displayed on Clonmel's roundabouts and other public places. We will use willow, birch, dogwood, ivy, flax and climbers. Feel free to bring your own material to add to the mix.



WALKS

Clonmel Town Walls with Shay Hurley

Location: Leaves from New Quay Car Park
Time: Sunday 29th, 11am Entry: €5

Take a stroll along the streets of Clonmel and hear extraordinary stories about what lies behind the town's walls, the people that lived there and the trades and crafts they practiced.

Yoga Walk with Caroline Conway

Location: Leaves from New Quay Car Park
Time: Sunday 29th, 10:30am, Entry: €10

Enjoy the beauty of the riverside landscape while moving locations for a variety of stretches and fun exercises. No walk will ever be the same again!

Foraging Walk with Andrew Malcolm

Location: Carey's Castle, off Dungarvan Road, meet at entrance carpark. Time: Sunday 29th, 4pm, Entry: €10
Andrew is a nature enthusiast who has developed his passion into a vocation as a forager and guide; he regularly leads walks all over the South West and provides foraged plants to the Cliff House Hotel in Ardmore; we are delighted that he has accepted to lead this walk. Limited places, booking essential.

'If Walls Could Speak' Poetry Trail & Call Out

Location: Ten windows around town
Clonmel Applefest are looking for people to enter a poem of 20 lines or less based on our festival theme: 'If Walls Could Speak'. Ten poems will be selected to feature on our Poetry Trail across shop windows of Clonmel and the authors will be invited to share their work at our Spoken Word event on Thursday 26th September. Email your submission to applefestpress@gmail.com by midnight on Friday 13th September.

Sponsor an apple tree



Location: various locations along the Blueway
Cost: € 75 per tree

Up to 105 apple & plum trees have been planted in the last two years as part of a sponsorship scheme for businesses and families. The trees are minded throughout the year by a mix of schools, community groups and individuals under SuirCAN supervision. Whether you are celebrating a special event in your life, a beloved person far away or remembering a loved one, planting a tree is a lovely way to contribute to Clonmel's public realm, improve the pollinators' habitat and sequester some of that nasty carbon. Trees will be planted in the Autumn, so book your tree to avoid disappointment. € 75 per tree with certificate and dedication plaque. For more info email: clonmelapplefest@gmail.com



Appletown song by The Cedartowns

Local and well-loved band The Cedartowns have written a bespoke song for Applefest, evoking the sights, sounds and memories of Clonmel. We are very proud to call this the sound of our festival! www.thecedartowns.com

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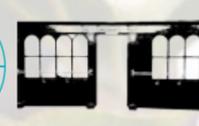


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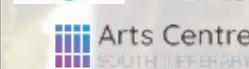
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Our Zero Waste Policy

Bring your own plate/cutlery to get discount - buy a reusable bowl or a refillable apple-themed cup!

At Applefest, we are very conscious of our ecological footprint and we want to do our bit for the planet, so we are reusing last year's signage, incentivising refill and reuse and staying away from plastic! We have also teamed up with Cluain training centre to make some Apple themed pottery bowls and we will have stainless steel Applefest mugs for sale! With kind support from Tipperary County Council environment section.

Steering Committee

Eileen Acheson, Jenny Cox, Sarah Furno, Louise Garcia, Theresia Guschlbauer, Martin Nolan, Martin O'Dwyer, Elke Wilson, Lyn Mather.



Clonmel Applefest is a SuirCAN Community Forum initiative in conjunction with 2candArts.



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Welcome

If Walls Could Speak, what would they tell us about where we come from and where we are heading to? But walls are silent and so we can let our imagination run wild; listen to its whispers, run our fingers along its textured and mossy surface, smell its mouldy dry odour or explore its many nooks and crannies. They may evoke terror, bewilderment or surprise, they may remind us of previous encounters, creepy stories, dramatic scenes or romantic trysts, most often leaving a trail of mystery... So let our imaginations run wild! Lets play, lets rediscover and enjoy our town - its places, its people, its produce, its history and its crafts.

from the Applefest Team

Thursday 26th September

If Walls Could Speak Exhibition

📍 South Tipperary Arts Centre 🕒 6pm

Discover the work of original artists exploring and evoking through their artwork the mysteries and stories of walls and places, and what they might try to tell us. Curated by Helena Tobin & Theresia Guschlbauer. Exhibition runs until 6th October.



Spoken Word

📍 South Tipperary Arts Centre 🕒 8pm

Host Eileen Acheson has invited some of the best literary and spoken word talent in South Tipperary to read pieces inspired by our theme If Walls Could Speak. Come to listen and enjoy lemon and apple cake with tea from china cups. Poems from our Applefest Poetry Call Out will also be featured.

Friday 27th September

Urban Orchard

📍 Market Place 🕒 12-4pm 🆓 Free

A Garden of Eden in the heart of Clonmel with health, food and gardening demonstrations, a children's play area, live entertainment and many craft stands. Take the afternoon off work and connect with your inner child to enjoy Clonmel as a play and social hub, a new adventure in urban landscaping and socialising where pedestrians (and children) are king!



Cookery Demo with Janice Casey - Bracken

2-3pm, Free entry

We are delighted to welcome Local Food Hero Janice Casey-Bracken to demonstrate and share her mouth-watering recipes based on wonderful local produce. Janice teaches at An Grianan Cookery School as well as being a member of Euro Toques and Real Bread Ireland. She was also nominated for Best Chef at the Irish Restaurant Awards, 2019.



Friday 27th September

Liz Weir: Apple Stories & More

📍 Main Guard 🕒 8pm 🆓 €5-children free

Join one of Ireland's most renowned storytellers as she regales us with apple stories from Ireland and beyond. Liz Weir is a storyteller and writer from Northern Ireland. She was the first winner of the International Story Bridge Award from the Storytelling Network, USA, which cited her "exemplary work promoting the art of storytelling". Liz has worked with people of different cultural backgrounds – from children in Israel and Palestine, to universities in Germany and Wales, and TV in South Africa, Canada & Australia. Liz Weir has also written more than 20 books, such as 'When Dad Was Away', a picture book about a child whose father is in jail and 'Tales of the Road', a children's book about Irish Traveller life.



Live Music @ Lonergan's Pub

📍 O'Connell Street, 9:30pm 🆓 Free

Join us after the storytelling for an evening of live music, chat and local Clonmel hospitality at one of the town's most loved pubs. Music by local band, the Relics.

Saturday 28th September

"Clonmel and the Greater Munster Brewing Industry" by Dr. Colin Rynne

📍 Main Guard 🕒 10.30am 🆓 Free

The Clonmel Historical & Archeological Society is delighted to host a talk by UCC Professor Colin Rynne on the significance of brewing in the Clonmel area and beyond.

The Big Applefest Bake Off

Are you an unsung Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood? Do you want to share your amazing baking skills with the world? Then this is the very competition for you! The Big Applefest Bake Off is looking for the best apple-based dessert in Clonmel – cake, crumble, tart, pie, turnover, whatever takes your fancy to tickle our taste buds! A winner will be chosen by top chef Janice Casey-Bracken on Saturday 28th September at our Apple & Heritage Fair and will receive an apple tree to plant. For more info and to register your interest, email: applefestpress@gmail.com



Saturday 28th September

Apple & Heritage Fair

📍 Friary Car Park & Bulmers Apple Yard

🕒 11am-5pm 🆓 Free

Spend a few hours (or the day!) at Clonmel's medieval Friary Quarter for an unforgettable rustic experience. Sample our selection of bespoke craft workshops and demonstrations, surrounded by a dramatic display of apples, fruit trees, garden plants and rustic seating. Taste or buy the delicious food, honey and produce on offer, listen to the best singing in Tipperary on the intimate Caravan of Love stage and rediscover the pleasure of loitering, lingering and meeting friends old and new. There will be apple pressing, beekeeping demonstrations, a large rush apple tree installation, the interactive Bug Cart and many hands-on activities for all ages such as basket-weaving, clay sculpting, printmaking, make your own bug hotel or natural material creature. A full on immersion into the magic of crafts and handmade objects.



With Irish Seedsavers, South Tipp Beekeepers, Galtee Honey, Clonmel Garden Centre, Savage Pizza, Rom Crepes, Chou Cottage, Outright Coffee, Pure Food Company, Rivesci Catering, Irish Hedgerows Cordial, Emerald Oils, Ayle Farm, Faith Soap Creations, Cashel Blue Arts & Crafts activities by: Beehouse Arts, Singleton Ceramics, Print Van Go, Gerardine Wisdom, Neil McLean, Elke Wilson.



Cider & Food Heritage Soiree

📍 Mai's Café, Market Place

🕒 8pm 🆓 €25

Let your tastebuds rove over the best Tipperary produce with Chef Shane McGonigal's treats for the palate and generous helpings of local cider while our new comedy cabaret unfolds its myriad of surprises. With characters skipping and weaving across aeons of time and social chasms like wasps buzzing from one ripe apple to the next, you'll be left mulling over more than cider after a feast to delight all the senses.



Tickets: www.clonmelapplefest.com



Sunday 29th September

Blueway Sunday

📍 New Quay/Start of the Blueway

🕒 11-3pm 🆓 Free

Join us at the start of the Blueway for a community, heritage and nature day with Biodiversity activities and heritage talks while having a coffee or sharing a meal at our communal tables. Community performances and demonstrations, including Tai Chi, Hip Hop and Salsa will be featured as well as a number of environmental and community stands.

For lunch, you can choose from Lebanese slow cooked lamb or pulled pork freshly made by Chef Michael Carney of Rockhouse Catering or a selection of vegan/vegetarian dishes by new kid on the block Rivesci Catering.



With Repair Café, Tidy Towns, Dragon Paddlers, Boatmen's Club, Voice Recycling Ambassadors, LawPro, Suircan community, Gus Tolster Tai Chi, Health Matters

Walks

Whether it is heritage, yoga or foraging, we have a selection of experts to guide you to discover your surrounding and see Clonmel with new eyes. See overleaf for more details.

Appletown at The Emigrants

📍 The Emigrants Rest, Old Bridge

🕒 5-7pm 🆓 Free

Join Clonmel Applefest for a live performance of our bespoke theme song 'Appletown' written by local band The Cedartowns. With the Emigrants Rest having such a strong link to Clonmel and Bulmers heritage, we couldn't have chosen anywhere else! So come on down to their beautifully refurbished space for an afternoon of music, food and fun.

Cider & Film: Artifishal

📍 Baker's Backroom 🕒 7pm 🆓 €5

Artifishal is a film about people, rivers and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports them. Exploring wild salmon's slide towards extinction and the threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, it asks difficult questions about our continued loss of faith in nature. There will be Longways Cider on special offer.

