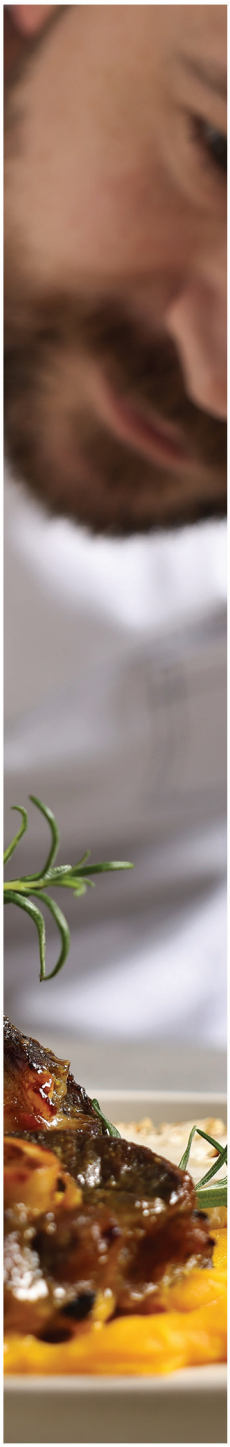
LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR

Festival Programme

5th - 9th November 2026

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Welcome...

On behalf of the Listowel Food Fair Committee, we would like to welcome you to the 2026 Listowel Food Fair. The Listowel Food Fair was first established in 1995 and is one of Ireland's longest running food festivals, now celebrating its 31st year. The Listowel Food Fair is a celebration of all elements of the Irish food chain from farm to fork and tide to table.

We would like to recognise and support our valued sponsors Kinisla, Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, Kerry Local Enterprise Office - Proud Sponsor of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair 'Best Emerging Artisan Food Producer Awards', FBD Insurance plc, Garvey's Supervalu Listowel, John J. Galvin and Son - 'Celebrating 150 Years 1876 - 2026', Listowel Credit Union, Buckley Agri, Tipperary Crystal and Media365 for whom without their continued support, we could not be in a position to present such a diverse programme of events.

We would also like to acknowledge the participation of the business community of Listowel including our hospitality providers and retail outlets. The Listowel Food Fair has developed over the years to be established as a national platform to promote the literary and culinary town of Listowel as a quality gourmet destination.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our hard working and dedicated committee members - John Mangan, Mairead Moriarty, Jeremy Murphy, Colette O'Connor, Arlene Harmann, Ruth O'Quigley, Ger Mulvihill, Megan Bambury, Sarah Fitzgerald & Mary Catherine Sheehan.

Jimmy Deenihan
Curator
November 2026

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FESTIVAL GUIDE...

Thursday, 5th November

NATIONWIDE WEBINAR ON HEALTHY EATING AND NUTRITION

Venue: Online, available nationwide
Time: 10.00am - 10.30am
Details: Food and Education are always an important annual theme at the Listowel Food Fair, with a specific focus on nutrition and healthy eating. This year a nationwide webinar hosted in conjunction with MTU and Tralee Education Centre will go live on Thursday 5th November 2026 from 10am-10.30am with Presenter Maurice O'Brien.
Bookings: Registration is available via Tralee Education Support Centre.

EXPLORATION OF COFFEE AT KILMORNA COLLECTION

Venue: Kilmorna Collection, 23 Church St., Listowel
Time: 12noon - 1.00pm
Details: The Kilmorna Collection - *Vinyl, Art, Coffee and Community.* A warm, welcoming space in Listowel for hand-picked vinyl, European art, coffee and conversation, where music lovers, collectors and curious visitors can slow down and spend time together in the heart of County Kerry. An exploration of coffee beyond the usual Flat White. Taste different coffees and discover how origin, processing and roasting influence flavour and learn how the professionals do it.
Bookings: Phone 087 752 7051

JUDGING OF THE '2026 BEST FACTORY HEIFER AWARD'

In association with Kinisla, FBD Insurance plc and Buckley Agri.

Venue: Listowel Livestock Mart
Time: 2.00pm
Details: Each year the Listowel Food Fair hosts the *'Best Factory Heifer Award'* in association with Listowel Livestock Mart. Judging by Aisling Scully, BA Agricultural Science.
Bookings: No booking required - all are welcome!

TASTE MOUTHWATERING PIZZA AT DOUGH MAMMA

Venue: Dough Mamma, William St., Listowel.
Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Details: Come and taste mouthwatering pizza at Dough Mamma, Listowel.
Bookings: Phone 087 447 1943





'BUMBLED': A One Person Comedic Show - Opening Night

Venue: St. John's Theatre, Listowel
Time: 8.00pm
Details: Introduction by Chris Barron, Environmental Educator, Killarney National Park Education Centre. The 'opening show' of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair, 'Bumbled' performed by Colin Hammell is a poignant one person comedic show, blending razor-sharp wit with a powerful environmental message, making it the perfect festival fit to remind audiences how much our farm-to-fork world depends on its tiniest creatures. It follows an Irish honeybee's hilarious odyssey to find true love and voice the vital importance of pollinators to our global food chain. 'Bumbled' is supported by honeybee health pioneers NOD Apiary Ireland.
Bookings: St. John's Theatre - Phone: 068 22566
https://www.zeffy.com/en-IE/ticketing/bumbled

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION

Venue: Christy's The Well Bar, The Square, Listowel
Time: From 9.00pm
Details: Bia, Deoch agus Cheoil at Christy's The Well.
An evening of Traditional Irish music and Pig and Porter Event.
Bookings: Phone - 087 826 4544

Friday, 6th November

RADIO KERRY 11-1 CLUB - INSTORE BROADCAST

Venue: Garvey's Supervalu, Listowel
Time: 11.00am-1.00pm
Details: Join Radio Kerry's 11-1 Club with Presenter Pat Kelly broadcast live from Garvey's Supervalu Listowel.
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

A COFFEE CONVERSATION – DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

Venue: Thyme Out Café, Listowel Garden Centre, Listowel
Time: 11.00am
Details: Join us for an engaging coffee talk with a coffee consultant from Java Republic, the roastery behind the coffee we proudly serve in our café. Discover the story behind the brand, explore the art of coffee roasting and learn what makes our two blends, Blue Earth and Rubia, unique. Enjoy a taste of both coffees, compare their flavours and aromas and discover which coffee best suits your taste. Whether you're a coffee enthusiast or simply curious, come along and discover the journey from roastery to cup!
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

INSOMNIA CAFÉ - COFFEE MORNING

Venue: Insomnia Café Spar Supermarket, Market St., Listowel
Time: 11.00am-1.00pm
Details: Fundraising in aid of Kerry Parents & Friends
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

HARVEST AFTERNOON TEA

Venue: Kerry Writers Museum, The Square, Listowel
Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Details: A delightful 'Harvest Afternoon Tea' at the Kerry Writers Museum accompanied by live entertainment.
Bookings: Tickets €30 per person - Phone 068 22212

EARLY SUPPER AT ALLO'S

Venue: Allo's Restaurant, Bar and Bistro, Church St., Listowel
Time: 5.00pm Sitting
Details: Enjoy a specially selected two-course. Early Supper Menu at Allo's.
Bookings: Reservations essential - Phone 068 22880
Please quote *'Listowel Food Fair'* when booking

ASIAN NIGHT AT THE LISTOWEL ARMS HOTEL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: From 5.00pm
Details: Authentic Asian menu featuring Middle Eastern flavours.
Bookings: €45 for 2 Sharing. Pre-booking advised - Phone 068 21500
or email: info@listowelarms.com

COCKTAIL MAKING DEMONSTRATION



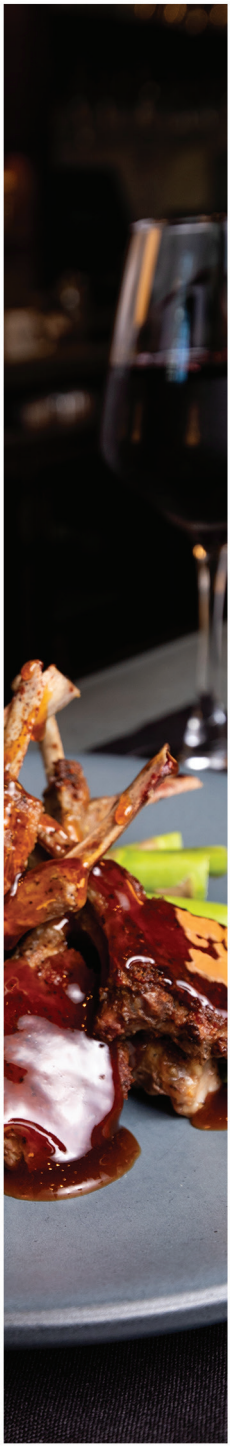
Departs: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Details: Learn how to make a cocktail at our Cocktail Making Demonstration and enjoy a cocktail on the night.
Bookings: €15.00 per person. Pre-booking advised - Phone 068 21500
or email: info@listowelarms.com

SAMHAIN CHIARRAÍ CLOSING CEREMONY FIRE RITUAL DINGLE DRUID

In association with Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland

Departs: Listowel Castle grounds (weather permitting) or Kerry Writers Museum (if weather not permitting)
Time: 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Details: Our Samhain Fire Ceremony marks the third harvest gathering in the community to reflect, honour our ancestors and to set intentions with fire, music and ritual. It will be preceded by a Harvest Afternoon Tea Celebration.
Bookings: Registration is free of charge on Eventbrite.





POSITIVE AGEING SEMINAR

In association with Listowel Credit Union

Venue: Listowel Community Centre, Listowel
Time: 7.00pm
Details: The *'Positive Ageing Seminar'* at the Listowel Community Centre will be attended by the Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Older People and Housing Kieran O'Donnell TD.

Dr. Niall Moyna, Professor of Clinical Exercise Physiology at the DCU – Dublin City University will address the topic of positive ageing and the importance of exercise.

Other speakers include:
Trevor Horan - General Manager of Listowel Community Centre, Personal Trainer, Online and Nutritional Coach.

Brendan Garvey - Personal Trainer and Neuromuscular Therapist.

Julian Cascante - Certified Nutritional Coach.

Bookings: €15.00 in Aid of Ard Chúram Day Care Centre. Tickets are available via Eventbrite and at Listowel Community Centre.

'CHOCTAILS' AT JET O'CARROLLS BAR

Venue: Jet O'Carrolls Bar, William St., Listowel
Time: 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Details: Come and enjoy a Choctail at Jet O'Carroll's Bar, Listowel in association with Brona Chocolate! €8 per cochtail.
Bookings: No booking required - All welcome.

'GONE TO POT' AT JOHN B. KEANE'S PUB

Venue: John B. Keane's Pub, William St., Listowel
Time: 8.00pm
Details: Special guest Dr. Niall Moyna, Professor of Clinical Exercise Physiology at DCU. 'Gone to Pot' - One pot for €10.00. Proceeds go to Listowel Ladies Gaelic Football Club.
Bookings: No booking required - All welcome.



Kieran O'Donnell TD



Dr. Niall Moyna

Saturday, 7th November

LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR ANNUAL PARK RUN

Venue: Town Park, Listowel
Time: 9.30am
Details: Listowel Food Fair Annual Park Run with nutritional treats from Glanbia Performance Nutritional.
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

AUTISM SEMINAR

Venue: Listowel Community Centre, Listowel
Time: 11.00am
Details: Dr. Susan Crawford is an Irish Autism researcher, lecturer and founder of Get Autism Active, an organisation focused on fundamental movement skills for autistic individuals.
Bookings: Tickets €10 are available via Eventbrite or at Listowel Community Centre. Proceeds go to Listowel Autism Friendly Town.

CELEBRITY CHEF RORY O'CONNELL VISITS GARVEY'S SUPERVALU

Venue: Garvey's Supervalu, Listowel
Time: 11.00am
Details: Celebrity Chef, Food Author and Irish Food Ambassador Rory O'Connell will visit Garvey's Supervalu to meet local artisan food producers and customers.
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

2026 LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR FOOD TRAIL

Departs: Outside The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Details: An engaging, educational and enticing walk around the culinary town of Listowel, visiting local restaurants and food outlets to sample a variety of locally prepared foods.
Starting at Listowel Arms Hotel, the trail also includes the Maid Of Erin, Lynch's Bakery and Café, Mag's Delicatessen and Jumbos Family Restaurant.
Bookings: €20.00 per ticket. Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite.

CUP CAKE DECORATING WITH MARGIE

Venue: John R's, 70 Church St., Listowel
Time: 1.00 - 2.00pm
Details: Come to this special Cup Cake Decorating Class with Margie at John R's Food Hall.Suitable for ages 6-10 years old.
Bookings: No charge, donations on the day in aid of Nano Nagle School.



Dr. Susan Crawford



COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS WITH CELEBRITY CHEF RORY O'CONNELL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 2.00pm
Details: Celebrity Chef Rory O'Connell live onstage delivering a cooking demonstration, featuring enticing dishes and an engaging presentation!
Bookings: €20.00 per ticket. Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION WITH AWARD WINNING CHEF TJ O'CONNOR

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 3.00pm
Details: Cooking demonstration by TJ O'Connor. Award winning Chef and Head of section in Culinary Arts and Tourism MTU, Tralee. The theme of the demo will be 'seasonal and local'.
Bookings: This event is included in the 'Cooking Demonstration' ticket. Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite.

THE WORLD OF COFFEE EXPERIENCE WITH RETROSPECT COFFEE

Venue: Retrospect Coffee, Clieveragh Rd, Listowel
Time: 3.00pm - 4.30pm
Details: Join Kieran for a relaxed afternoon at the Retrospect Coffee Experience, Keiran will explain the world of speciality coffee from the beans and brewing methods to the flavours in your cup.
Bookings: Admission €10.00 - Phone 086 4547 788 to book your place.

BOOK SIGNING WITH RORY O'CONNELL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 4.00pm
Details: Following the Cooking Demonstration Rory O'Connell will meet the audience and sign copies of his book at the Listowel Arms Hotel. in association with Woulfe's Bookshop, Listowel.
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

SATURDAY SPECIAL AT ÉABHA JOAN'S RESTAURANT

Venue: Eabha Joan's Restaurant, 21 Market St., Listowel
Time: 4.00pm - 9.00pm
Details: Indulge in Irish and European culinary delights as part of this delicious Saturday Special offering hosted by Eabha Joan's Restaurant 2 x Course €30 / 3 x Course €40 per person.
Bookings: Limited capacity available so pre-booking is essential. Phone 068 57430

BOOK SIGNING WITH KATE RYAN

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel Foyer
Time: 6.00pm
Details: Author of 'Blood, Guts and Black Pudding'. Winner of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair 'Food Book of the Year'. Get your signed copy in the hotel foyer at the Listowel Arms Hotel.
Bookings: All welcome to attend!

A TASTE OF ARMENIAN CUISINE AT GAPO'S RESTAURANT

Venue: Gapo's Restaurant, William St., Listowel
Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Details: Try Head Chef Artur Gabrielyan's authentic Armenian cuisine. Artur blends traditional Armenian culinary techniques with Irish style cooking.
Bookings: Phone 068 23144 to book your table.

PUMPKIN HARVEST SUPPER CLUB WITH CONSCIOUS COOKING

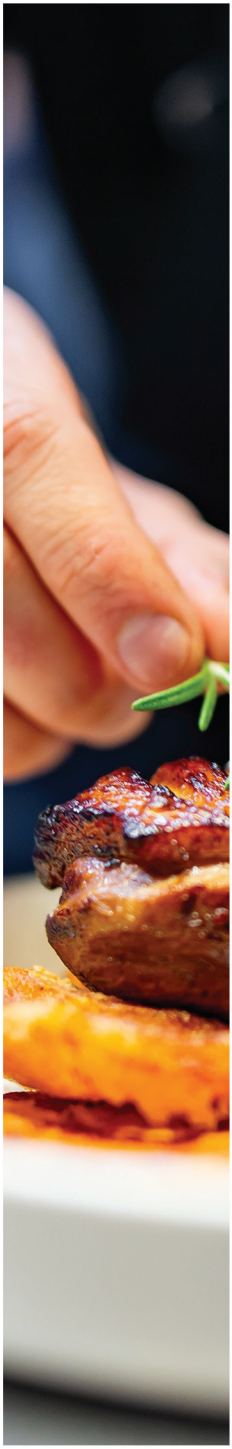
Venue: Allie's Coffee Shop, Charles St., Listowel
Time: 7.30pm
Details: Vegetarian Small Plates. Challenge your taste buds with a 5 course tasting menu. Presented by Conscious Cooking and Allie's Coffee Shop.
Bookings: Tickets: €65 per person - Pre-booking is essential.
Visit @alliescoffeeshop on Instagram

GOURMET FOOD & FASHION

Celebrating 150 years of John J. Galvin and Son (1876-2026)

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 7.00pm
Details: A glamourous evening of *'Gourmet Food and Fashion'* - Celebrating 150 years of John J. Galvin and Son 1876-2026 at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Saturday 7th November 2026. This very special occasion of *'Gourmet Food and Fashion'* will be hosted by international Fashionista Marietta Doran. Professional models are being provided by Holman Lee Agency and will be styled by Taelane Ladies Boutique, Coco Boutique, IMARA Boutique, Finesse Bridal and Footprints Shoe Boutique, Listowel. Former Kerry GAA Star and Fashion Designer Paul Galvin will be showcasing his range of menswear for Dunnes Stores on the night. A Welcome Drinks Reception will be followed by a delicious gourmet menu. Presentation of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair Awards will also take place on the night.
Dress Code: Ladies High Style, Gentlemen Jacket and Tie.
Bookings: Tickets: €100 and are available at Listowel Arms Hotel.
Phone: 068 - 21500.





Sunday, 8th November

LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR FOOD & CRAFT HALL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 11.00am-4.00pm
Details: Get ready for the forthcoming festive season with a fabulous selection of Irish Artisan Foods, Irish Craft, Fine Art and Gifts available at the 2026 Listowel Food Fair Food Hall.
Bookings: All are welcome, no ticket required.

LIVE JAZZ LUNCH AT LISTOWEL ARMS HOTEL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 1.00pm
Details: Enjoy an Autumnal Menu accompanied by live jazz at the Listowel Arms Hotel.
Bookings: Tickets: €45 per person. Limited capacity so pre-booking is essential. Phone: 068 21500 or email: info@listowelarms.com

SUNDAY LUNCH AT LIZZY'S LITTLE KITCHEN

Venue: Lizzy's Little Kitchen, Church St., Listowel
Time: 1.00pm
Details: Join Virgin Media One and Ireland AM's Lizzy Lyons of Lizzy's Little Kitchen, Listowel and TV Presenter for Sunday Lunch!
Bookings: Limited places available so reservations are essential.
Phone: Lizzy Lyons 087 390 7133
or email: lizzyslittlekitchen@hotmail.com

THAI FOOD EXPERIENCE AT PAD THAI RESTAURANT

Venue: Pad Thai Restaurant, 66 Church St., Listowel.
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Details: Enjoy a special Thai food experience with Pad Thai Restaurant Listowel
Bookings: Phone: 068 69812 for reservations.

POETRY, STORIES AND MUSIC AT JOHN B. KEANES PUB



Venue: John B. Keane's Pub, William St., Listowel
Time: 8.00pm
Details: Enjoy an evening of Poetry, Stories and Music at John B. Keane's Pub, Listowel.
Bookings: No booking required - all welcome!

Monday, 9th November

FARMING SEMINAR

In Association with Kinisla, Teagasc, FBD Insurance plc and Buckley Agri

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 7.30pm
Details: Speakers will address the subject of sustainability in farming in addition to topical issues relating to the future of Irish farming.

This year's speakers and topics are as follows:

Introduction: Pat Murphy - CEO/Executive Director of Kinisla

Speakers:
Minister of State for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Niall Collins TD.

John McGlynn - FBD Insurance plc
North Kerry & West Limerick Sales Representative

Dinny Galvin - 'Generating your own electricity'
The story of West Kerry Dairy Farmers sustainable energy community.

Dave Leahy - Chief Veterinary Inspector For South West Region.
The high levels of Bovine TB in North Kerry and West Limerick.

Dr. Fergus Hannon - Dairymaster Technical Vet.
MooMonitor 360 - The Evolution Of Herd Intelligence.

The Listowel Food Fair would like to thank Kinisla, FBD Insurance plc, Teagasc, Dairymaster and Buckley Agri for their continued support in the hosting of this event.

Booking: No booking required - all welcome!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE 'BEST FACTORY HEIFER AWARD'

In Association with Listowel Livestock Mart, Kinisla, FBD Insurance plc and Buckley Agri

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel
Time: 9.00pm



Niall Collins TD

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Thank You

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Texaco Spar Listowel - 068 57559
Lizzy's Little Kitchen - 087 390 7133
Eabha Jones - 068 57430
Allo's Restaurant & Bistro - 068 22880
John Griffin Butchers - 068 22030
Jumbo's Family Restaurant - 068 22150
Lynch's Bakery & Coffee Shop - 068 21099
John R's Foodhall - 068 21249
Garvey's Supervalu Market Street Kitchen Listowel - 068 21385
Gapo's Restaurant - 068 23144
Thyme Out Café, Listowel Garden Centre - 068 22908
The Maid of Erin - 068 21321
Mr. Kebab - 068 22227
Mamma Mia - 068 22184
Dough Mamma - 087 447 1943
Royal China - 068 24428
Indian Curry Club / Chicken Club - 068 23806
Nanjing Listowel - 068 57960
Allie's Coffee Shop
Christy's The Well Bar - 087 826 4544
Pad Thai Restaurant - 068 69811
The Horseshoe Bar - 068 21083
Insomnia Coffee Company - 068 21086
Kilmorna Collection - 087 752 1051
Retrospect Coffee - 086 454 7788
Brewing Mad - 083 014 9096