



WELCOME TO YOUGHAL MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL 2017

Youghal Medieval Festival is one of the key national events supported each year by The Heritage Council of Ireland and Cork County Council. This year, the 11th year of our award-winning festival promises to be our best yet, as we present a two day event that will bring heritage to life for families of all ages.

Some of this year's highlights include the 'White Horse Vikings' living in the 'Medieval Village' throughout the entire weekend in St. Mary's College Gardens. We hope you will come along and see for yourselves just how it was to live, eat and survive in medieval times!

We also have some wonderful presentations, talks and tours in St. Mary's Collegiate Church and walks of our Town Walls with local historians and archaeologists. Another highlight is the Gala Concert with soloist Caroline Fraher & St. Colman's Chamber Choir, Cobh.

Join us in the fun - be enthralled by our great performers. 'Dig for Treasure' - and watch the battles! It's going to be a wonderful weekend of entertainment, with something for all the family. We hope you will join in the 'merriment' and celebrate Youghal's Medieval past with us!

Joe McCarthy
East Cork Municipal District Officer,
Cork County Council.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE! YOUGHAL MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL 2017

SAT 19TH & SUN 20TH AUGUST

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

FREE FAMILY EVENT

www.youghal.ie



MORE THINGS TO DO WHILE IN YOUGHAL

Youghal Clock Gate Tower Tours

A must-see experience while in Youghal! Newly opened as part of Ireland's Ancient East, visit is by way of a guided tour. Suitable for families. Roof top experience included with stunning views of Youghal bay.

- Special Discount for families (20% off family ticket) over entire festival weekend when booking online. Use Promo Code: MEDFEST.
- Tours operate from 11.00am - 5.00pm (tours run on the hour, every hour).
- Purchase tickets online: www.youghalclockgate.ie or Youghal Tourist Office: 024-20170.

"Amazing tour"



It was an brilliant tour led by a lovely tour guide called Shirley. Shirley made sure that the kids, aged 4 and 7, were included and spoke with them as much as the adults. Filled with interesting and fun facts. A view of life through the ages. The views from the top are stunning and worth the entrance fee alone. Will be definitely recommending to all my friends.
Michael W

Guided Tours of Youghal Heritage Town

Experience the lifestyle, lives and pathways of Youghal as lived by our ancestors.

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- Tours at 11.00 am and 3.00pm (Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August).
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Youghal Eco-Boardwalk

After visiting Youghal's amazing built heritage sights, complete your visit with a stroll along 500m of boardwalk on Youghal Front Stand. It's a chance to meet the locals, get the sea air into your lungs, with the added bonus of having no sand in your shoes or buggy!

Check out www.youghal.ie for even more to see and do in Youghal!



USEFUL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Useful numbers

Youghal Tourist Office: 024-20170
Youghal Garda Station: 024-92200

What Do I Bring/Wear?

Sunshine? Loads of sunscreen and a hat for little ones!
Rain? A waterproof poncho/wellies
Food? We have some wonderful food stalls but prepare to queue!
Make sure little ones wear old clothing! Remember they are going to be busy painting, getting faces painted, in sand etc!
For our extra special small festival goers, make sure you bring their buggy. The festival area is quite extensive!

What to do if I get separated from my kids?

Firstly, try being prepared. Write your mobile number on their arm.
As soon as you arrive talk about what people who are working at event look like: in costume/high vis vests. Identify administration tent within the Gardens (see map).

An Injury?

Don't worry. We have experts in St. John's Ambulance on hand all day to look after you! (Located outside main gates of garden).



Featured Event Locations

EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH

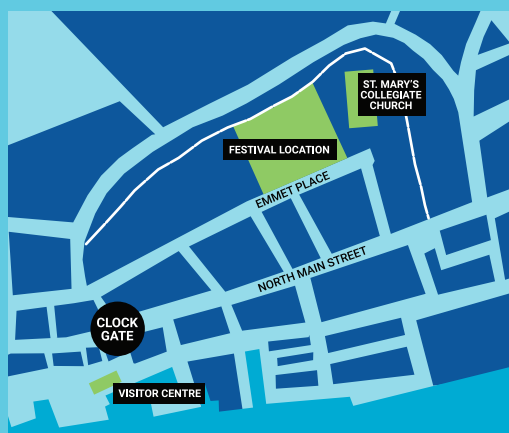
- Sir Walter Raleigh's Treasure Trail of St. Mary's Collegiate Church & Grounds
- Guided Tours of St. Mary's Collegiate Church
- Tales from the Graves Presentation
- Recent Archaeological Discoveries Presentation
- Free Gala Concert
- Town Walls Walk (commences at Church)

EVENTS IN FESTIVAL GROUNDS

- Medieval Village Experience
- Medieval Battle
- Kids Medieval Battle
- Medieval Blacksmith at Work
- Archaeological Dig for Kids
- Interactive Birds of Prey Display
- Artisan Food & Craft Fair
- A Whole Range of Kids Fun
- Show N' Tell Archery Display
- Downtcha Puppets
- Youghal Pipe Band Performance

All queries about events and locations can be answered at the administration tent near the festival entrance.

Festival Location Map



Disclaimer: Content of programme correct at the date of publication. However, events featured may be subject to change before or after the commencement of the festival. All pictures shown are for illustration purpose only.



SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST EVENTS

Between 10am & 4pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Sir Walter Raleigh's Treasure Trail of St. Mary's Collegiate Church & Grounds

Go on a treasure hunt for Sir Walter Raleigh's head in St. Mary's Collegiate Church (Pick up tear-off trail inside Church).



Tours at 10.30am & 2pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Guided Tours of St. Mary's Collegiate Church (30 minutes duration)

Take a guided tour of the 13th century St Mary's Collegiate Church; a National Monument of international significance. Tours are tailored to suit families of all ages!



At 11am FAMILY FRIENDLY

'Tales from the Graves' Presentation in the newly renovated 'Lady Chapel' of St. Mary's Collegiate Church.

Hear some remarkable stories from the graves of St Mary's. Especially for children (all ages), from author and historian Kieran Groeger.

Between 12noon & 5pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

'The White Horse Vikings' Weekend Medieval Village Experience

Come along and immerse yourself in the Medieval way of life in Youghal's Medieval Village. With over 10 medieval tents and activities such as medieval cooking, fishing, animal hide tanning, leather working, pottery making, woodworking, weaving/cloth making, medieval armoury. The village will be accessible over entire festival weekend.



At 12noon FAMILY FRIENDLY

Recent Archaeological Discoveries presentation in St. Mary's Collegiate Church. (30 minutes duration)

A high energy, visual presentation by local archaeologist, Daniel Noonan on the recent findings in St. Mary's Collegiate Church, including tombstones, medieval coins, and underground heating systems!



At 12noon & 3pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Medieval Battle!

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At 12.30pm & 3.30pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids Medieval Battle!

Take up your sword! Under the direction of the White Horse Vikings let the battle begin! (suitable for kids 7-10 years).

At 1.30pm

"Town Walls Walk" starting at St. Mary's Collegiate Church (40 minutes duration)

An invitation to experience the great 'Town Wall Walk' with highly acclaimed historian and author David Kelly. David will discuss the on-going restoration works to the Walls and also the historic significance of Youghal Town Walls to the town!

From 6pm to 8pm

Free Gala Concert with noted soloist Caroline Fraher together with Cobh Cathedral Chamber Choir.

Caroline Fraher is one of Ireland's best kept secrets. Her voice is one of ethereal quality, rich tones and beautiful expression. Together with St. Colman's Cathedral Chamber Choir, Caroline will present a concert of haunting Irish melodies, some Medieval-inspired hymns and chants and contemporary Celtic music. It is sure to be an evening of uplifting and inspiring music. **Booking advisable on: www.themallartscentre.com or calling: 024-81814**



SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST EVENTS

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At 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Archaeological Dig for Kids! Suitable for ages 8+ (35 minute workshop sessions)

Real life, hands on experiential learning for kids! These 35 minute workshops will allow kids to take part in an archaeological 'dig' under the supervision of a team of qualified archaeologists! **Booking advisable on: 024-81814 or email: youghalheritage@gmail.com**

Between 12noon & 6pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Interactive Birds of Prey Display. Get up close and get your picture taken

Meet Birds of Prey, 'Ben', 'Tiny', 'Optimus', 'Scotty' and many more as they make their debut at Youghal Medieval Festival in 2017!



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Between 12noon & 6pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Artisan Food & Craft Fair

Never go hungry at Youghal Medieval Festival! Featuring a host of top quality producers including Annie's Roasts, Bad Boys BBQ and many more!

Between 12noon & 6pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

A Whole Range of Kids Fun!

Face Painting, Coin pressing, balloon magic, medieval hair-braiding, interactive magician, paint your own mask, make/colour your own shield, temporary tattoos & sand art!



Between 12noon & 6pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Medieval Blacksmith at Work!

Watch firsthand the Medieval Blacksmith work with iron metal, hammering it when hot, working with a forge making iron utensils, horseshoes, weapons and repairing armour!

Between 12noon & 5pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

Show N' Tell Archery with Peter O'Connor

12-3pm: Storytelling and display of archery artefacts
3-5pm: One-to-one coaching, with opportunity to 'pull a long bow and loose real arrows'
Admission by ticket only, available at admin tent.



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Performance by Youghal Pipe Band

One of the longest existing pipe bands in Ireland. Founded in 1914 by Danny (Duis) McCarthy, Youghal Pipe Band's performance is always one of the festival highlights!

At 2.30pm & 4.30pm FAMILY FRIENDLY

'Janey Mac' by Cork Favourites, the Downtcha Puppets.

See the history of Cork and Ireland with Janey Mac! "Janey Mac and her puppy 'Pepper' make a wish in the magical stone circle in Auntie Megan's back yard and find themselves transported back in time, trying to find each other and their way home."