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GRAINNE UAILE
FESTIVAL**

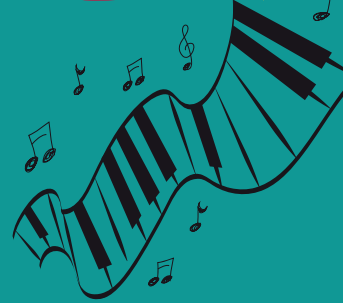
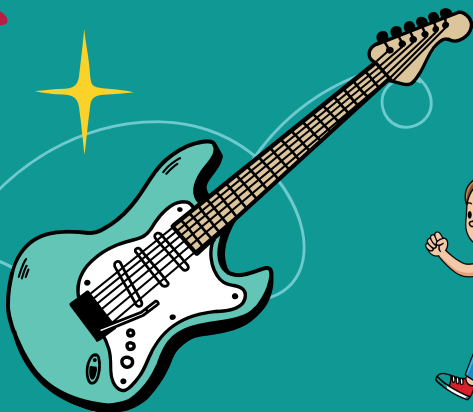


**60th
ANNIVERSARY**

EVENT PROGRAMME



**NEWPORT
GRÁINNE UAILE
FESTIVAL
2026**



**Thursday, 30th July to
Monday, 3rd August 2026**

Newport, Co. Mayo.

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to this year's festival.

For almost 60 years, the festival has brought people together in Newport for a weekend of music, family fun, community spirit and celebration. It is shaped by the volunteers who give their time, the businesses who support it so generously and the families, friends and visitors who return year after year.

This year also marks an exciting new chapter with the launch of Gráinne Uaile **Harbour Fest**, our inaugural ticketed live music festival. Taking place in a dedicated festival marquee, Harbour Fest brings a new energy and atmosphere to the weekend, with fantastic music acts and three nights of live music by the harbour.

Alongside Harbour Fest, the wider festival programme will continue to celebrate everything people love about the August Bank Holiday weekend in Newport, including children's events, heritage, street entertainment, community gatherings and plenty of family-friendly fun.

A sincere thank you to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, local businesses, Mayo County Council, emergency services, performers and everyone who has helped make this year's festival possible. We kindly ask you to support our sponsors where possible.

Welcome to Newport, and welcome to the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival.

Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival Committee



Declan Nevin



Remembering Declan

This year's festival wouldn't be complete without remembering Declan, whose heart, energy and dedication helped shape the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival for over three decades.

For generations of festival-goers, Declan was a big part of the spirit of the weekend. He was always welcoming, encouraging, supporting and giving his time for the good of Newport. His love for the festival and the community it brought together was felt by all who knew him.

Despite all the work he put in, he managed to do it quietly and without complaint, yet never shied away from adding his own voice to things, whether as MC or singing a song.

As we celebrate this special 60th anniversary year, we do so with deep gratitude for everything Declan gave to the festival and with warm memories of the joy and friendship he helped create around his home town.

★ **THURSDAY 30TH JUL**

Programme:

- 19:00 Queen enters the bay (by boat)
- 19:30 Heritage Parade (dress up from from times past), led by Tonragee Pipe Band. Prizes for best dressed child & adult!
- 19:45 Raising the Festival Flag
- 20:00 Official Opening by 2026 Festival Queen, Sarah Chambers
- 20:15 Introduction of Festival Queens past
- 21:00 Harbour Youth Disco with DJ M. McNeil (Quay marquee)
- 21:00 Live open-air music with Paul Kelly on Main St.

Notes:

Adult supervision required for all Kid's events.

Main Street will be closed on Thursday evening, from 7pm until 12am.

We kindly ask all locals, visitors, business owners and employees, where possible, not to leave their cars parked on Main Street on **Thursday evening** to make space for families and dancing on the street.

More information on our website: www.newportgrainneuailefestival.com.

Thank you so much for your support ❤️

FRIDAY 31ST JUL



Programme:

- 16:00 Pirate Gauntlet (kid's obstacle course) at the Quay
- 19:30 **Conor Duffy** Live (Harbour Fest event)
- 21:30 **Derek Ryan** Live (Harbour Fest event)

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SATURDAY 1ST AUG

Programme:

- 10:00 Story-telling for primary kids (Quay - €5 cover fee)
- 11:00 Puppet Show for primary kids (Quay - €5 cover fee)
- 12:00 Science Workshop for primary kids (Quay - €5 cover fee)
- 13:30 Kid's Disco for all ages (Quay - €5 cover fee)
- NOTE:** Day pass for all 4 marquee events above is €15. Adults go free.
- 16:00 Family Treasure Hunt, starting in Newport Playground
- 19:30 **Cronin** Live (Harbour Fest event)
- 19:45 Bingo in Hotel Newport
Generously supported by O'Haire Travel
- 21:30 **Hermitage Green** Live (Harbour Fest event)

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Kid's marquee event tickets can be purchased at the door.
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SUNDAY 2ND AUG

Programme:

- 10:00 Historical Walk in Newport with Michael Chambers (meet on Medlicott St. at Ned Lyons statue)
- 11:00 Gráinne Uaile & Festival stories at The Quay (marquee)
- 11:00 Nora's Boxtý by Ger Brannen on Main St.
- 13:30 Tug of War at The Quay (registration from 12:30)
- from 13:00 Family Fun Day Medlicott Street/Canon Kileen Park:
- Irish Music - Cuilmore CCE (13:00)
 - Set Dancing - Caroline O'Malley School of Dance (13:00)
 - Live Music with Pat Mulchrone (15:00)
 - Sheep Shearing exhibition (15:30)
 - BBQ in the Park
 - Face Painting in the Park
 - Toons & Balloons kid's games in the Park
Generously supported by O'Malley Transport
 - Coffee, ice-cream, popcorn & candyfloss
- 17:30 Ball Run (Church Bray) buy balls online or in local shops
- 19:30 **Mylo & Vinny** Live (Harbour Fest event)
- 21:30 **The Highstool Prophets** Live (Harbour Fest event)

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MONDAY 3RD AUG

Programme:

- 11:00 Fun Run (3km or 9km) Details to follow. See Facebook.
- 19:30 Splash Watersports at The Quay - Under 18s (until 21:00)
- 20:00 Crab Fishing Competition (10-15 year olds) at The Quay (register 19:45) (until 21:00)
- 21:00 Monday Open-Mic: A tribute to Declan

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OTHER

Also on in Newport

- Fri & Sat 60th Newport Sea Angling Club Festival. Junior (Fri) & Senior (Sat) competitions & presentation after.
- Monday Annual open-air mass at Burrishoole Abbey - 13:00
- Monday Pattern Sports Day at Burrishoole (following mass)
- Tuesday Splash Watersports at the Quay (19:30 - 21:00)



GRÁINNE UAILE HARBOUR FEST



The Gráinne Uaile Harbour Fest is a brand-new concert series on the Quay, introduced to celebrate 60 years of the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival.

Set in a fully covered marquee, this ticketed music event will feature **top live acts** across three nights (Fri - Sun), creating an intimate, high-energy atmosphere, right on the waterfront.

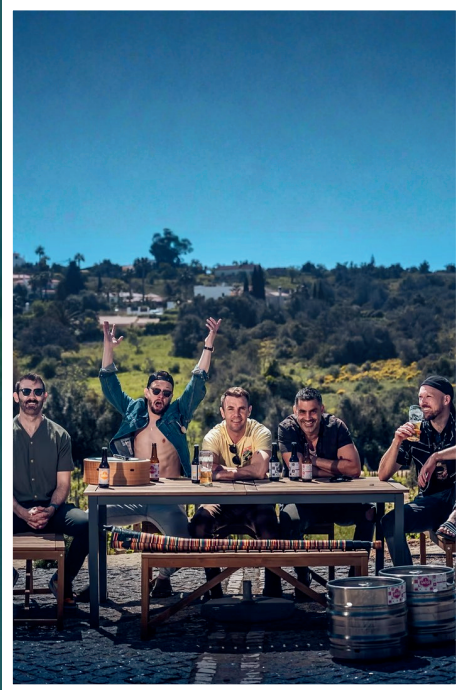
While the streets, bars & surrounds of Newport remain full of free music & entertainment, Harbour Fest offers something extra special for 2026!

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THE QUAY, NEWPORT

31ST JULY - 2ND AUGUST



DEREK RYAN

HERMITAGE GREEN

The Highstool
Prophets

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HARBOUR FEST MAIN ACTS



Derek Ryan (Friday)

Derek Ryan is one of Ireland's top country stars, known for chart-topping albums, sell-out tours and crowd-pleasing live shows. A talented songwriter, Derek blends traditional Irish country with a modern edge.

Get ready for a lot of dancing and a fun night!



Get Tickets

Hermitage Green (Saturday)

Hermitage Green are one of Ireland's most dynamic live bands, known for powerful harmonies, driving rhythms and high-energy performances.

Fresh from a major global tour, they promise an unforgettable night, packed with energy, atmosphere and crowd favourites.



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High Stool Prophets (Sunday)

One of Ireland's most exciting folk acts will be in town on Sunday night for a high-energy show, with a crowd-pleasing mix of Irish folk and country.

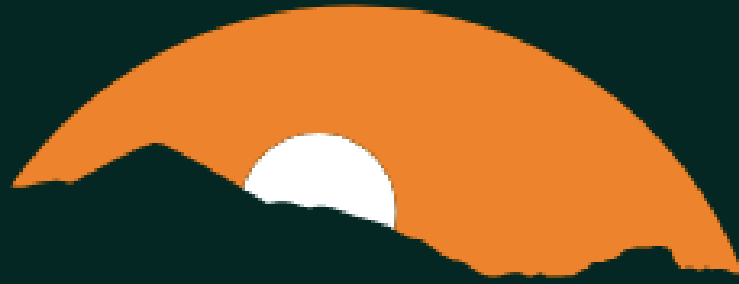
Expect foot-stomping anthems and heartfelt ballads for a lively, feel-good finale to the weekend.



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We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for all your support 

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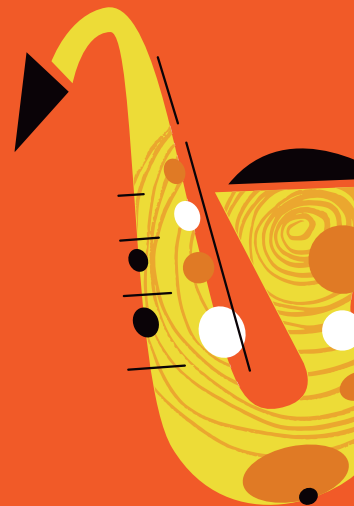


As we mark the 60th anniversary of the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival, we are proud to present Sarah Chambers as this year's Festival Queen. This much-loved tradition has been part of the festival since its early years, linking today's celebrations with generations of community pride and happy memories.

To mark this special anniversary, all previous Festival Queens have been invited to join us on the Thursday 30th July, where they will be

introduced at the official opening of this year's festival, creating a wonderful moment of celebration and reunion. Inspired by Gráinne Uaile, the legendary Pirate Queen of Clew Bay, the role celebrates pride, warmth, character and community spirit.

We congratulate Sarah and warmly honour all the Queens who have represented Newport through the years.





Sincere thanks to all our sponsors, supporters, volunteers and everyone who helps make the Newport Gráinne Uaile Festival possible.

We are also proud to donate a portion of this year's festival proceeds to Mayo Hospice, supporting their wonderful work in our community.

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