



Foxford RiverFest is a family oriented Nature & Fishing Festival that offers a wide range of activities and entertainment on and around the River Moy. It is a celebration of the river and the beautiful surrounding countryside. There is a packed programme of events on offer, which includes the return of some very popular activities and competitions from last year's festival, as well as many new events that have been added for 2016.

For children, there will be plenty to keep them busy, with Giant Outdoor Games, Face-Painting, Storytelling, Arts & Crafts Workshop, Edible Garden Trail and more. There will be live music each evening on the RiverFest Stage and in many of the local pubs. The Moy will be brought to life at dusk each night with a river procession, Candles to the Sea and new for 2016 the River Beats Parade.

So, whether you want to compete in river events or spend a more leisurely weekend in the RiverFest Village, enjoying a hog roast or live music, joining the nature, wildlife talks and demonstrations, partaking in the arts & crafts, Foxford is THE place to be!

Visit [www.foxfordriverfest.com](http://www.foxfordriverfest.com) or [www.Facebook.com/theriverfest](http://www.Facebook.com/theriverfest) for updates & further information on all events.



Events are subject to weather and conditions - updates on Facebook and Local Media.



Thanks to generous sponsorship from many businesses, organisations and individuals, most of the events are free of charge. This sponsorship is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

All those who generously provided financial support will be acknowledged at the festival.

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**Foxford RiverFest**  
**19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

**A Family, Fun Filled, Fishing and Activity Festival on the banks of the River Moy.**



Traders by invitation only  
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# Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August

8pm

**Pats Country Roadshow**

**An Ode to the Moy with Mick Beirne**

**Festival Opening,**

sponsored by Bourkes Bar,

with RTE presenter & broadcaster Keelin Shanley

**Candles to the Sea with music from**

**Foxford Brass and Reed Band**

# Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

from 12pm – 5pm

**Craft Marquee** - including glass, jewellery, fabrics, skincare, knitting, crochet and prints

**Wool Spinning with Rebecca's Wool**

**Children's Activities** – Arts & Crafts, Games, Face Painting

**Artisan Food Producers** including Cheese, Homebaking, Fudge, Cookies and a 'Foxford Bankside Lunch'

**Family Fishing** – Mum, Dad and juniors learn how to fish together!

**Fly tying demo with Gary Binley,**  
sponsored by The Foxford Lodge

**Fly casting with Garrett Ruigrok**

**SUP – have a go at Stand Up Paddling** – don't get wet!

**RNLI and local Search & Rescue**  
see a rescue demonstration and have your lifejacket checked for free all weekend

Information Stands from Greening Mayo,  
Leave no Trace, Garda Dog Unit

# Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

from 12pm

**Basket Making demonstration with Andreas Koenig**

**Mayo Bee Keepers** – see a beehive up close

**Moy Archery**

**12.30 Wildflower Walk & Talk with Dr Karina Dingerkus**

**1pm Foraging with Will Williams 'Walk on the Wild Side'**

**1.30pm Cookery Demonstration**

with award-winning chef Lee Byrne, sponsored by the Mayfly Hotel

**2pm Music by the Quintessential Quintet**

**2pm Coastguard Helicopter Landing**  
beside Foxford Leisure Centre (subject to availability)

**2pm Seedbombing in association with R&R Nurseries, Foxford.**

Let's splash some colour along the banks of the River Moy!

**3pm Mount Falcon Birds of Prey with Jason Deacy**

**4pm Cookery demonstration by Kathleen Flavin,**  
The Cafe at Foxford Woollen Mills. Sponsored by Foxford Woollen Mills

**All Day – Boat Building**

build your boat today to race it on Sunday!

**IFI talk – Fisheries and the Environment**  
sponsored by Wills Bros.

**Rowing Competition**

**Busking Competition,** sponsored by Ormsbys Bus Hire

**6pm Fly Casting Demonstration**  
and Q&A with Paddy McDonnell,  
sponsored by Tiernan Brothers

**9pm Dr Kate McAney,** Vincent Wildlife Trust Bat Walk and Talk

**'Music on Market Square'** from 6pm - sponsored by Gala  
**Foxford Local bands**

**Winner of the busking competition**  
**Drummin Wood**  
**Clandestinos**

Mid West Radio will broadcast  
from the festival from 10am – 5pm

# Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

9am-6pm

Salmon Fishing Competition:

Foxford Salmon Anglers Cup for 2016 dedicated to the memory of Jackie Wallace plus the Padraig Gannon Memorial Cup

**9.30 Irish Open Spey Casting Competition**  
sponsored by Mount Falcon Hotel – Professional and Amateur categories

**11am Foxford Ramblers 'Riverfest Moy Valley and Braid Hill Walk' with acclaimed storyteller Marianne McShane**

**Football match – Shades vs Young Guns**  
local Gardai vs local youths

**1.30 Cookery demonstration with Anthony Holland,**  
Ice House Hotel Ballina

**Pottery demonstration with Henri Hedou of Terrybaun Pottery**

**Harvest Knot Workshop with the National Museum of Country Life**

**2pm Afternoon Jazz with 'Aint Misbehavin'**

**2pm River Birds of the locality with Dr Richard Stone**  
Venue: Foxford Woollen Mills

**2.30pm Historical Walk of Foxford with historian Brian Hoban**

**3pm Wildflower Walk & Talk with Karina Dingerkus**

**3pm – 5pm 'Try a Cast' come and join Foxford Angling Club,**  
in association with Foxford Salmon Anglers and learn the basics of angling, it's easy to learn, come along!

**Kayaking with Paddle & Pedal, Ballina**

**5-6pm Boat Race** Race the finished boat across the Moy!

**Competition Winners and Presentation of Awards**  
in the Mayfly Hotel from 6pm

**9pm Dr Kate McAney,** Vincent Wildlife Trust Bat Walk and Talk

**Evening:**

**Buck Taylor**

**Riverbeats Samba Drumming Parade**

sponsored by Guirys Bar

**Festival Fireworks Finale**

sponsored by Foxford Pharmacy and Blackrocks Nursing Home

