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Goat crowned
as Ireland's
only King!

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annually in Killorglin for more than 400 years

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PUCK FAIR

Ireland's Oldest Traditional Fair

AUGUST
10th.11th.12th
ANNUALLY

Killorglin > Co. Kerry > Ireland

- > Enjoy **Ireland's Oldest Festival**
- > See the Goat being crowned King
- > 3 Days of Fun with lots of **FREE Family Entertainment**
- > Street Artists, Buskers, Face Painting, Music Sessions, Ireland's Premier Funfair - Euroshow plus lots more!

the king of all festivals

Myths, Legends & Facts about Puck



The start of autumn was celebrated by the ancient Celts around the time of Puck

A herd of goats may have saved Killorglin from Cromwell's army by alerting the townspeople of an imminent attack.

King James 1 of England granted a charter to the local landlord, Jenkin Conway, in 1613.

This is the first mention of Puck Fair in the history books

Puck Fair has been held in Killorglin for at least 400 years.

More than 90,000 visit Killorglin over the three days of the Festival

Puck

 - the only place in the World where the Goat is King for three days while the people act the Goat

On August 10th, 11th & 12th every year, Killorglin comes alive to the sound of music and laughter, whatever the weather, while we celebrate a tradition that has existed for at least 400 years.

Day 1 - 'Gathering Day'

Starts at dawn. Horse dealers and potential buyers 'gather' on the outskirts of town to ply their trade. The town-centre is closed to traffic; traders set out their stalls, musicians and street entertainers amuse young and old alike, while the craft market on the Plaza at Library Place offers a dazzling array of handmade goods and edibles. Dance, music, art and other workshops add to the atmosphere, and the sounds coming from Bird's Amusement Park help create a feeling of Carnival. Late afternoon sees the "Puck" paraded through the town, to be crowned by the Festival Queen and raised on high, looking down on the crowd over whom he will reign for the next 3 days.

The 'Fair Day' is the middle day of Puck

Which sees the traditional cattle fair take place on the streets of the town. Throughout the 3 days, the streets are alive with music and laughter at this family-friendly Festival. Each night sees the gig rig pulled into the town centre, in preparation for the free evening open-air concert, featuring various head-line acts.

'Scattering Day' is the name given to the third and final day.

The name is self-explanatory as, in the late afternoon, the Goat is lowered from his lofty perch and paraded through the town to bid farewell to his loyal subjects, and they to each other, until August 10th rolls round again next year! He is then returned to his mountain home and to freedom. The Festival is brought to an official close at midnight with a magnificent display of Fireworks.

Today Puck Fair is still going strong - a vibrant, fun-filled Festival enjoyed by our friends, by our families, by our foreign visitors, and last but by no means least, by ourselves.

