BRIAN BORÚ

FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

Brian Ború was one of the most influential and colourful characters in Irish history. He was born in Killaloe in 941 and became High King of Ireland in 1002. There are numerous sites in the County associated with the great man himself such as Beal Ború, Killaloe, Inis Cealtra, Lough Derg and Scattery Island in Kilrush. Not forgetting his descendants, the mighty O'Brien Clan is associated with many famous sites like Dromoland Castle, O'Brien's Tower at the Cliffs of Moher, Lemenagh Castle and St. Flannan's Cathedral in Killaloe, to mention just a few.

This year in County Clare we will be celebrating the millennium anniversary of the death of Brian Ború and the Battle of Clontarf and invite you to join us. There are many festivals and events to enjoy which feature music, song, dance, food, sport, literature and re-enactments – so, be sure to live the experience in Ireland’s Banner County!

For further information visit: WWW.CLARE.IE

BRIAN BORÚ

LEAN A CHOISCÉIMEANNA

Bhi Brian Ború ar dhuine dena daoine is mó tábhachtach agus tionchar ar stair na h-Éireann. Rugadh é i gCill Dá Lua sa bhliain 941 AD agus bhí sé ina Ard Rí ar Éireann i 1002 AD. Tá alán áiteanna sa Chontae nascaithe leis an bhfear mó r seo, mar shampla Béal Ború, Cill Dá Lua, Inis Cealtra, Loch Deirgtheirc, agus Inis Cathaigh, gar do Cill Rois. Maidir lena shliocht, tá Clan Mór Uí Bhriain ceangailte le h-áiteanna cáiliúla eile mar Caisleán Drom Álainn, Túr Uí Bhriain ar Ailte Mhothair, Caisleán Léim an Eich agus Ard Eaglais Cill Dá Lua, san áireamh.

I mbliana, i gContae an Chláir, beimid ag ceiliúradh fèile an mhíle de bhás Brian Ború agus Cath Cluain Tairbh agus tugaimid cuireadh duit bheith linn. Beidh alán imeachtaí agus féile ar siúl, i rith na bliana le cheol, amhráin, rinnce, bia, cluichí, litriocht agus drámaíocht. Bí ann don craic mó r i gContae na mBratach!

Breich eolais ó: WWW.CLARE.IE

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GLÓR ENNIS  
*All Year*  
If you like music, theatre, comedy and visual arts, then all you have to do is check out the glór website for a programme that will be bursting at the seams with top acts throughout the year.  
00353 6843103  
Boxoffice@glor.ie  
www.glor.ie

SUNDAY SESSIONS  
@ GALLAGHERS  
KILKISHEN  
*Every Sunday* 7pm – 11pm from September to March  
Traditional music session for all ages and all levels.  
Contact Brendan Walsh, 00353 86 8464509  
mandowalsh@gmail.com  
www.wmw.ie

RICHES OF CLARE CONCERT SERIES  
ENNIS  
*Every Wednesday in June and July*  
A series of free lunchtime traditional music concerts in the County Museum, Ennis featuring the best of Clare’s musicians.  
00353 65 6899091  
arts@clarelibrary.ie  
www.richesofclare.com  
Facebook search: Riches of Clare

FRIDAY SESSIONS  
@ GLESSONS BAR  
SIXMILEBRIDGE  
The last Friday of each month, 10pm  
Traditional music session for all ages and all levels.  
Contact Brendan Walsh, 00353 86 8464509  
mandowalsh@gmail.com  
www.wmw.ie

FRIDAY SESSIONS  
@ BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL  
BUNRATTY  
The first & second Friday of each month, 10pm  
Traditional music session for all ages & levels.  
Contact Brendan Walsh, 00353 86 8464509  
mandowalsh@gmail.com  
www.wmw.ie

CULTÚRLANN SWEENEY  
KILKEE  
*All Year*  
A little gem of a theatre in West Clare that provides year long entertainment and community events.  
www.clarelibrary.ie/arts.htm

ENNISTYMON COURTHOUSE GALLERY  
ENNISTYMON  
*All year*  
Come along and view wonderful exhibitions in a beautiful space.  
Contact The Courthouse Gallery  
00353 65 7071630  
ennistymoncourthousegallery@gmail.com  
www.ennistymoncourthousegallery.blogspot.com  
Facebook search: Ennistymon Courthouse Gallery

NEVSAIL’S EASTER & SUMMER WATERSPORTS CAMPS  
KILKEE, DOONBEG, LOOP HEAD  
*Easter, June, July and August*  
Activities for kids aged 6-16 years include windsurfing, sailing, power-boatting, kayaking, canoeing, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, boogie boarding, raft boarding, fishing, team building, beach games, orienteering & more.  
Contact Dave Neville, 00353 86 3308236  
Email: info@nevsailwatersports.com  
Website: www.nevsailwatersports.com
NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

KILLALOE BALLINA
31st December – 1st January
Killaloe Ballina 2014 and celebrations of the millennium of Brian Ború and the Battle of Clontarf get a rousing start with a torch light procession, lighting of the Brian Ború Flame on Kincora and various events and music. A Brian Ború puppet show in association with Clare Arts Office will also feature and will tour the county.

Contact Briona Moriarty
00353 85 1663949
2014@killaloeballina.ie
www.killaloeballina.ie
www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.ie

CHRISTMAS TREE THROWING COMPETITION
FAIRGREEN, ENNIS
5th January
Test your strength at this novel event!

Contact Tim Forde
00353 65 6821604
tforde@clarecoco.ie
www.activeennis.ie

ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
KILLALOE BALLINA
6th January – 31st March
Nine schools will participate in the programme which will focus on Brian Ború. A celebratory exhibition of the students work will be on display as part of the Brian Ború & the Battle of Clontarf Commemoration event in April.

Contact Briona Moriarty
00353 85 1663949
2014@killaloeballina.ie

SHANNONSIDE WINTER MUSIC WEEKEND
SIXMILEBRIDGE & BUNRATTY
16th – 20th January
70 events, 10 musical genres, 15 venues

Contact Brendan Walsh
00353 86 8464509
mandowalsh@gmail.com
www.wmw.ie

ENERGY FESTIVAL @ THE BOGHILL CENTRE
THE BOGHILL CENTRE
25th - 26th January
This two day festival will include a range of energy generating taster activities - yoga, chakra balancing, djembe drumming, ceramotherapy, tai chi, singing, belly dancing, meditation and lots more.

Contact Sonja O’Brien
00353 65 7074644
boghill@eircom.net
www.boghill.com
www.facebook.com/boghillcentre
LÁ FHEILE BHRÍDE  
SCARIFF  
1st February, Free Event, 12-6pm  
Come and celebrate the first day of Spring - St Brigid’s Day, in Scariff Community Garden.  
Contact Fionnuala Collins  
00353 61 921536  
eastclarecoop@gmail.com  
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

BUNRATTY INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL  
BUNRATTY  
7th – 9th February  
Regularly hosting some of the top chess players from all over the world, this tournament is also open to chess players of all ages and playing strengths. Come along and enjoy.  
Contact Paul Carey  
00353 87 6820105  
info@bunrattychess.com  
www.bunrattychess.com

PUPPET SHOW FAMILY FUN  
@ IMECOFARM CLARECASTLE  
9th February  
Puppet Show with Smitherines at 3pm, treasure hunt, farm animals, dune buggy spin, pony rides, campfire roasting marshmallows, archery, bouncy castle, indoor fun areas and lots more fun!!  
Contact Eddie Connors  
00353 87 4000393  
info@imecofarm.com  
www.imecofarm.com  
www.facebook.com/imecofarm

20TH RUSSELL MEMORIAL WEEKEND  
DOOLIN  
21st – 24th February  
An extra special celebration of the traditional music, song and dance of Ireland. With concerts, dancing and pub sessions set against the backdrop of the beautiful North Clare scenery, this is a festival not to be missed.  
Contact Bev O’Connor  
00353 65 7074595  
info@michorussellweekend.ie  
www.michorussellweekend.ie

COROFIN TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL  
COROFIN  
24th February – 2nd March  
Intimate festival of music and song, featuring Ireland’s top traditional artists. Concerts, sessions, workshops and much much more.  
Contact Padraic O’Reilly  
00353 86 6070941  
padraic.oreilly1@gmail.com  
www.corofintradfest.com

ENNIS MUSICAL SOCIETY 2014 PRODUCTION OF THE MUSICAL ANNIE  
GLOR, ENNIS  
25th February – 1st March  
Set in early 1930s America, the musical is best known for lively numbers such as Tomorrow, It’s a Hard Knock Life and You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile. Not to be missed.  
Contact Neil Haran  
00353 85 7248053  
njharan@eircom.net  
www.ennismusicalsociety.com  
Facebook search: Ennis Musical Society

MARCH & APRIL

DROMOLAND CASTLE  
Ancestral home of the O’Briens.
ST PATRICK’S FESTIVAL
KILLALOE BALLINA
15th – 17th March
Killaloe Ballina celebrate their rich cultural heritage with a Brian Ború themed St Patrick’s weekend.
Contact Arlene White & Brona Moriarty
00353 85 1663949
info@feileibrianboru.com & 2014@killoseiballina.ie
www.killoseiballina.ie
www.facebook.com/killoseiballina.ie

TRADITIONAL HORSE FAIR
KILRUSH
25th March
00353 65 9051047
www.kilrush.ie

DOOLIN WRITERS’ WEEKEND
DOOLIN
28th – 30th March
Inviting all writers, aspiring writers and lovers of literature across the world to attend our fantastic event at Hotel Doolin. The weekend, run in conjunction with the Irish Writers Centre, will feature workshops, talks and readings by leading Irish writers as well as live traditional Irish music sessions.
Contact Aine Hensey / Tim Collins
00353 86 2612127
ainehensey@gmail.com and timncollins@eircom.net
www.consairtin.ie
Facebook search: Consairtin2014

KINCORA TRADITIONAL WEEKEND
KILLALOE BALLINA
4th – 6th April
Concerts, recitals, workshops on traditional Irish music, song and dance.
Contact Mike Hackett
00353 86 0529278
mikehackett@live.ie
www.kincoratradweekend.com
Facebook search: Kincora Traditional Music Weekend

BRIAN BORÚ MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATIONS
KILLALOE BALLINA
11th – 13th April
Come along and enjoy re-enactments, pageantry, clan gatherings and the launch of the National Brian Ború Trail featuring the key Ború sites of Killaloe Ballina, Cashel, Clontarf and Arrmagh.
Contact Una Kierse
00353 86 8035157
2014@killoseiballina.ie
www.killoseiballina.ie/festivals-events/
www.facebook.com/killoseiballina.ie

CONSAIRTÍN THE NATIONAL CONCERTINA CONVENTION
ENNIS
11th – 13th April
Consaírtín 2014 is a celebration of the concertina in traditional Irish music. This event provides a platform for enthusiasts of all ages to gather in an environment that will encourage learning, discussion, performance and fun.
Contact Aine Hensey / Tim Collins
00353 86 2612127
ainehensey@gmail.com and timncollins@eircom.net
www.consairtin.ie
Facebook search: Consaírtín2014

A WELCOME TO THE VIKINGS
KILLALOE BALLINA
19th – 20th April
A family fun-filled weekend celebrating our strong Viking links through Brian Ború, featuring music, a Brian Ború Easter egg hunt, and a Guinness World Record attempt to have ‘The Most Vikings in One Place’. Promises to be a great weekend.
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www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.ie

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
@ MOHER HILL OPEN FARM
MOHER HILL OPEN FARM
18th – 20th April
Easter at Moher Hill Farm is when the bunnies take centre stage. Take part in the Easter Egg Hunt and fun and games for all the family.
Contact Delia or Martin Canavan
00353 65 7081071 / 00353 87 2258347
moherfarm@eircom.net
www.moherfarm.ie

OUR NATIVE WOODLANDS AS KNOWN TO BRIAN BORÚ
CELT GUIDED WALK
TUAMGRANEY
20th April
A guided walk in woodlands near Tuamgraney, home to the magnificent ‘Brian Ború Oak’ thought to have been a sapling when Brian Ború and his army camped in this area. Registration by text or email is essential.
Contact Bob Wilson
00353 67 6324644
info@celtnet.org
www.celtnet.org
Facebook search: CELT Centre CELT

FIESTA de L’HOMME
CARRICK ON SUDELEY
15th – 17th May
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
ROCHESTER
19th – 21st September
www.carrikerhost.com
www.rochester.co.uk

CONSEILS TÉLÉMATIQUES ET INTELLIGENTS
-console
www.cec.eu
www.cec-conseil.com

BRAIN BORÚ
NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS
18th April
The buzzstop youth café present a short film portraying the life of Brian Ború and the battle of Clontarf in 1014. The first showing will take place in the O’Brien Turret on Good Friday 2014.
Contact Siobhan O Driscoll
00353 61 368030
Siobhan.odriscoll@obair.org

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www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.ie

SETs BY THE SEA
SPANISH POINT
7th – 9th March
Sets, sessions, songs & a lot of fun throughout the weekend. Workshops and social dancing also! Come join in the fun!
Contact Tina Walsh
00353 87 2988005

ENNIS BOOK CLUB FESTIVAL
ENNIS
7th – 9th March
The festival includes author readings, discussions, workshops and walking tours through the narrow streets and lanes of Ennis.
Contact Ciana Campbell
087 9723647 / 085 7842822
info@ennisbookclubfestival.com
www.ennisbookclubfestival.com
Facebook search: Ennis Book Club Festival
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QUIN
20th April
Meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy a fun-filled family day out!
00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com

EAstER CELEBRAtIoNS
@ BuNRATTy CASTLE & FoLK PaRK
BuNRATTy
21st April
Come along to the Park and enjoy a great family day out. Lots of activities on the day - something for everyone!
00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com
www.facebook.com/bunrattycastlefolkpark

EAstER fAmIly fuN
@ IMECOFARM
CLARECASTLE
20th – 21st April
Easter egg hunt, farm animals, dune buggy spin, pony rides, campfire roasting marshmallows, archery and lots more fun!!
Contact Eddie Connors, 00353 87 4000393
info@imecofarm.com, www.imecofarm.com
www.facebook.com/imecofarm

THE BIG PINK GIG
KIllaLOE bAllINA
24th April
A night of music by local choirs, Killaloe Ballina Gospel Choir, The Gunas, Killaloe Ballina Youth Choir as well as choirs from other areas. Proceeds to Killaloe Pink Ribbon/Cancer Ireland.
Contact Carmel Doolan, 00353 87 6329818
coldoolan@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/thegospelchoir

KIlfENORA TRADItIoNAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
KIlfENORA
24th – 28th April
The festival includes sessions with some of Ireland’s finest traditional musicians and singers, a gala concert, evening cèilís, mass with traditional music and a Sunday open-air céilí with the world-famous Kilfenora Céilí Band in its 105th year.
Contact John Morgan, Andy Lambert
00353 87 6896600
jvmorgan1@eircom.net
andrewlambert@eircom.net
www.kilfenoraclare.com
Facebook search: Kilfenora Music Festival

LOOp HEAd WALKING FESTIVAL
LOOp HEAD PENIsULa
25th - 27th April
3-Day Adult Walking Festival. Join us on the Loop Head Peninsula to walk the new circuits at Loop Head & Kilcredaun near Carrigaholt.
Contact Martina Haugh, 00353 87 3367022
martina.haugh@gmail.com, www.loophead.ie

clARE GARDEN FESTIVAL
SHOWGrOuNDS, ENNISS
27th April
The festival features an impressive line-up of expert garden speakers, an extensive Garden and Food Fair with over 50 stalls, children’s entertainment and plenty more.
Contact Carmen Cronin, 00353 87 6117538
cc@carmencronin.ie
www.claregardenfestival.com
www.facebook.com/claregardenfestival

BÓROIMHE SUITE
ST. FlANNAN’S CATHEDraL, KIllaLOE
23rd April
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann has commissioned composer Michael Rooney to write a suite of music reflecting not just the death at Clontarf, but also the life of Brian Ború. The Bóroimhe Suite will be performed in Killaloe, Cashel, Clontarf and Armagh by the reformed National Folk Orchestra of Ireland.
Contact Úna Kierse, 00353 86 8035157
2014@killaloeballina.ie
www.killaloeballina.ie
www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.ie

Location of the burren in Bloom Festival
EMBRACE CLOONAFINNE
May 1st – 31st
A colourful exhibition of new work from local artists with disabilities that includes paintings, mosaics, textiles and many other kinds of artwork.
Contact Alan Shoosmith 00353 86 8398832
arts@clarelibrary.ie
www.clarelibrary.ie/arts.htm
Facebook search: Clare Arts Office

BEALTAINÉ THROUGHOOUT THE COUNTY
1st – 31st May
Bealtaine, the national festival celebrating creativity in older age, takes place throughout the county for the month of May and includes exhibitions, concerts, talks and performances.
00353 65 6899091
arts@clarelibrary.ie
www.clarelibrary.ie/arts.htm
Facebook search: Clare Arts Office
Twitter feed ClareArtsOffice

BURREN IN BLOOM
THE BURREN
1st – 31st May
The Burren in Bloom Festival features a series of illustrated talks and organised walks in the Burren.
00353 91 638096
communications@burrenbeo.com
www.burreninbloom.com
www.facebook.com/burreninbloom

THE FESTIVAL OF FINN COROFIN
1st - 4th May
Our fun-filled programme will include the World Stone Throwing Competition, Ireland’s Best Beard & Moustache Competition, Garden Fete at the Farmyard, the Anglers Paradise Fishing Competition, Lark at the Lake and lots more.
Contact Pauline Bradley 00353 87 6383998
paulinebrad@eircom.net
www.festivaloffinn.com
Facebook search: Festival of Finn Corofin

TULLA TRAD FESTIVAL
TULLA
2nd – 5th May
A vibrant weekend filled with traditional music, song and dance. We also offer workshops with a series of musical instruments in addition to sean-nós dancing and Comhra Gaeilge.
Contact Brid Hayes 00353 86 1522169
bridmhayes@eircom.net
www.tullatradfestival.ie
Facebook search: Tulla Tradfestival

BURREN LAW SCHOOL
BALLYVAUGHAN
2nd – 14th May
The Burren Law School aims to recreate the tradition of legal learning that is associated with the Brehon Law School. It is of interest to the public at large as much as it is to members of the legal/caring professions, historians and relevant interest groups.
Contact Julia Long 00353 65 7077200
info@burrenlawschool.org
www.burrenlawschool.org

CHORAL CELEBRATION & GALA CONCERT
HOSTED BY BORÚ SINGERS
KILLALOE
3rd May
This Choral event at St Flannan’s Cathedral will be a most memorable one with children’s choirs performing during the afternoon. Adult choirs will feature in the early evening and a Gala Concert will take place at 8.30pm.
Contact Sadie Scanlan 00353 86 1095010 or 00353 61 375132
sadiescanlan@eircom.net

TIPPERARY FLEADH CHEOIL
BALLINA
11th – 18th May
This vibrant celebration of traditional music and dance is not to be missed.
Contact Barbara Farrell 00353 87 6670770
tippfleadhcheoilballina2014@gmail.com
www.comhaltas.ie
www.facebook.com/FleadhCheoilThiobriadhArann

WHITEGATE MAY BANK HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
WHITEGATE
2nd – 5th May
This fun-filled family festival will also celebrate Brian Ború. On Saturday, 3rd May at Williamstown Quay, local historian Tommy Holland will provide an interesting insight into the relevance of Brian Ború and Islandmore. Is Brian Ború laid to rest on Islandmore?
Contact Pat Burke 00353 86 8257229
burkedromaan@gmail.com

HIGH NELLY BIKE WEEKEND
BUNRATTY
14th – 18th May
A weekend of high jinks with High Nelly bikes, workshops, costumes, music and much more at Durtty Nellys, Bunratty.
Contact Garry O’Toole, 00353 61 364861
info@durttynellys.ie
www.Durttynellys.ie
Facebook search: durttynellys

FLEADH NUÁ
ENNIS
18th – 26th May
A programme of more than 120 events, including concerts, céilís, lectures, CD launches, singing sessions, set dancing & sean-nós dancing competitions, pub sessions and a host of other activities. Join us in our commemoration of the death of Brian Ború.
00353 65 6824276
celotrad@eircom.net
www.fleadhnua.com

BURREN SLOW FOOD FESTIVAL
LISDOONVARNA
23rd – 25th May
Showcasing the unique and excellent variety of local produce in the area. Cookery demos, farmers market, food talks and lots more.
Contact Birgitta Hedin Curtin, 00353 65 7074432
slowfoodclare@gmail.com
www.slowfoodclare.com

INISCEALTRA FESTIVAL OF ARTS
MOUNTSHANNON
29th May – 2nd June
Multi-disciplinary Arts Festival in the lakeshore village of Mountshannon; music, film, dance, visual arts, green fair, educational programmes and participatory events.
Contact Paul Murray, 00353 87 2380555
www.iniscealtra-artsfestival.org
Facebook search: Iniscealtra Festival of Arts
**Tuamgraney Community Weekend 2014**

**REMEMBERING BRIAN BORÚ**

Tuamgraney

29th May - 2nd June

The weekend will feature music, dance, history, sport, water & fishing activities and will offer many opportunities for people of all ages to get involved. We will remember Brian Ború, The High King of Ireland who was born in nearby Killaloe and is closely linked with Tuamgraney.

Contact Margaret O’Meara 00353 87 2937479

Email: tuamgraney2013@gmail.com

Website: www.bodyketuamgraney.ie

Facebook: Tuamgraney Community Weekend

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**The Doonbeg International Jazz Festival 2014**

Doonbeg

30th May - 2nd June

A jazz packed weekend of Jazz, Dixie, Swing featuring performers and bands from Ireland, the UK and Europe with a non-stop programme of performances. All performances free.

Contact Philippa Siegrist 00353 65 9055345

Email: skazztenor@gmail.com

Website: www.doonbegjazz.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Doonbeg-Jazz

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**FÉILE AN TSAMHRIADH**

Ballyvaughan

30th May - 2nd June

The Burren Summer Arts Festival is a family fun-filled weekend of activities, arts, music and dance entertainment.

Contact Tom O’Donnell 00353 85 1744792

Email: info@discoverballyvaughan.com

Website: www.discoverballyvaughan.com/feile

Facebook: Feile An tSamhraidh or Burren Summer Festival

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**FATHER TED FESTIVAL**

Kilfenora

30th May - 2nd June

A festival of all things Father Ted, including a Ted Tour of the locations, a Lovely Girls contest, prize for the best fancy dress, Father Ted quiz and treasure hunt and much much more.

Contact Janet Cavanagh 00353 87 6277000

Email: info@tedtours.com

Website: www.tedtours.com/festival

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**Life of Brian - Bórhoimhe 1014 Warrior Chieftain Emperor**

Tuamgraney

31st May

A one day symposium on the life and times of Brian Ború. Speakers include Dr Lorna Moloney, Dr Paul McCotter, Terri Shoosmith and Ruth Minogue. Later that evening East Clare Heritage will be launching a special journal celebrating Brian Ború. All welcome, places limited.

Contact Dr Lorna Moloney or Ruth Minogue 00353 87 9215715 or 00353 86 6026043

Email: eastclareheritage@gmail.com; eastclareheritage.com

Website: www.facebook.com/pages/East-Clare-Heritage/

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**Wavemasters Surf & Music Festival**

Spanish Point

31st May - 1st June

The event features a spectacular surf exhibition with some of Ireland’s top surfers in attendence. A surfing competition forms part of the programme and some of Ireland’s top performers in the music business will provide the entertainment.

Contact Fiachra Vaughan 00353 87 1263211

Email: fiachra@wavemasters.ie

Website: www.wavemasters.ie

Facebook search: wavemasters surf & music festival

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**Fossetts Circus**

@ Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

Bunratty

Date tbc

Contact Boris Hunka 00353 87 2104583

Email: boris@musicintheglen.ie

Website: www.killaloemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KillaloeChambermusicFestival

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**Traditional Horse Fair**

Kilrush

5th June

Contact 00353 65 9051047

Email: info@kilrush.ie

Website: www.kilrush.ie

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TraditionalHorseFairKilrush

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**Killaloe Pink Ribbon Walk**

Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe Ballina

8th June

The 5th Killaloe Pink Ribbon Walk is a 10km sponsored walk following in the footsteps of the High King Brian Ború, across the historic bridge of Killaloe, through the Clare hills, raising awareness and much-needed funds for Action Breast Cancer, a programme of the Irish Cancer Society.

Contact Rebecca Lloyd 00353 85 1064808

Email: info@pinkribbonwalk.ie

Website: www.pinkribbonwalk.ie

Facebook search: pinkribbonwalk

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**Victorian Day By The Sea**

Kilkee

8th June

This fun event includes music, a picnic at the band stand on Kilkee promenade and a dip in the sea in 19th century bathing costumes. Fun for all the family.

Contact Laura Foley 00353 86 4099624

Email: info@thelongwayround.ie

Website: www.loophead.ie

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LoopHeadPeninsula

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**Doolin Folk Festival**

Doolin

13th - 15th June

Some of the biggest names in the Irish music scene will play over the weekend. The festival will also feature food stalls and a farmers market and a traditional crafts fair.

Contact Donal Minihane 00353 65 7074111

Email: dminihane@hoteldoolin.ie

Website: www.doolinfestival.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DoolinFolkFestival

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**Killaloe Music Festival**

Killaloe Ballina

13th - 15th June

International Classical and Jazz musicians perform in Killaloe Ballina. Some free events. Please check website for further information.

Contact Boris Hunka 00353 87 2104583

Email: boris@musicintheglen.ie

Website: www.killaloemusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KillaloeChambermusicFestival

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**Doolin Folk Festival**

Doolin

13th - 15th June

Some of the biggest names in the Irish music scene will play over the weekend. The festival will also feature food stalls and a farmers market and a traditional crafts fair.

Contact Donal Minihane 00353 65 7074111

Email: dminihane@hoteldoolin.ie

Website: www.doolinfestival.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DoolinFolkFestival
BORÚ TRI CLUB SPRINT TRIATHLON
KILLALOE BALLINA
14th June
A new Triathlon challenge created by the Ború Tri Club in celebration of the Brian Ború millennium year.
Contact Linda Bracken pro.borutriclub@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/borutriclub

CLARE FLEADH CHEOIL
KILLALOE
17th – 22nd June
Music, song and dance competitions, informal sessions and open air music.
Contact Cois na hAbhna 00353 65 6824276
www.coisnahabhna.ie

LOVE: LIVE MUSIC DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
21st June
Free music events, concerts and performances taking place throughout the county to celebrate International Music Day.
00353 65 6899091
arts@clarelibrary.ie
www.clarelibrary.ie/arts.htm
Facebook: Clare Arts Office
Twitter: ClareArtsOffice

BRIAN BORÚ INAUGURATION RE-ENACTMENT
TULLA TO MAGH ADHAIR
21st June
On mid summer’s day 2014 an open-air re-enactment of the inauguration ceremony of Brian Ború on Magh Adhair in 1002 will follow a walk from wells associated with St Mochulla of Tulla.
Contact Maura Egan 00353 87 1264527
banshans@iol.ie
clarepilgrimway.ie
www.facebook.com/ClarePilgrimWay

AN POST TOUR DE BURREN
BALLYVAUGHAN
21st June
A Sportif cycle which is part of a series sponsored by An Post. The event includes four routes around scenic north Clare; a 10k family spin, a 60k, a 100k and a 160k. Full details for the event including online registration will be available on the Tour de Burren web site.
Contact Catherine Ryan 00353 65 6865434
info@claresportspartnership.ie
www.facebook.com/claresports

MID SUMMER GARDEN PARTY/COMMUNITY FEAST
SCARIFF
21st June, 3pm – 10pm
Celebrate the longest day of the year with your family. This event includes a puppet show, food from the garden, poetry, music, artisan food, craft market and lots more. Free Event.
00353 61 921536
eastclarecoop@gmail.com
www.eastclarecoop.com
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

SPANCILHILL FAIR 2014
SPANCILHILL
22nd - 23rd June
Free fun and entertainment including face painting and a multitude of other activities for all the family to enjoy. All welcome.
Contact PJ Hassett or Michael Duggan 00353 65 6840555 or 00353 87 2940988
info@spancilhillfair.com
www.spancilhillfair.com

FEILÉ CHNOC NA GAOITHE, TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
TULLA
27th – 29th June
A weekend of Traditional Irish music, song and dance with a particular emphasis on Fiddle music. The event includes workshops, competitions, a céilí each night and sessions in all the pubs.
Contact Breda McNamara 00 353 87 8350996
cnocnagaoithe@gmail.com
www.cnocnagaoithe.ie

SANTOSA YOGA FESTIVAL
LOOP HEAD PENINSULA
27th – 29th June
Suitable for all age groups and abilities, featuring teachers from many traditions with years of experience to share.
Contact Trea Heapes 00353 86 3819216
info@purecamping.ie
www.purecamping.ie/events/santosa/
www.facebook.com/purecampingireland

HELL OF THE WEST TRIATHLON
KILKEE
28th June
This event is an Olympic Distance Triathlon and 2014 will mark the 30th year of the event. During the cycle portion of the race, a kids Splash and Dash takes place on the beach.
Contact Mark Kennedy or Kristi Hogan kilkee_director@limericktriathlon.com or kilkee_race_secretary@limericktriathlon.com
www.limericktriathlon.com
www.facebook.com/KilkeeHellooftheWestTriathlon

KIDS OF THE WEST TRIATHLON
CARRAIGAHOET
29th June
This race is age – distance tailored (8-16 years) and we invite any junior triathlete or budding enthusiast to enter the race.
Contact Mark Kennedy or Kristi Hogan kilkee_director@limericktriathlon.com or kilkee_race_secretary@limericktriathlon.com
www.limericktriathlon.com
www.facebook.com/KidsOfTheWestTriathlon
INLAND WATERWAYS
LOUGH DERG RALLY
KILLALOE BALLINA
Date tbc
A flotilla of boats race to win the Lough Derg Rally with a stop in Killaloe Ballina along the way.
Contact David Brassington, 00353 86 3800660
www.iwai.ie

FAMILY FESTIVAL/
CURRACH REGATTA
KILBAMA
Date tbc
Enjoy currach racing at Kilbaha.
Contact Maureen Walsh, 00353 65 9058358
www.loophead.ie

DANCE ON THE SHANNON
MOUNTSHANNON
July 2014
Dance on the Shannon is a first-ever dance camp abroad designed to bring overseas Irish Dancers to Ireland to practice under the tutelage of a TCRG from the USA and a TCRG from Ireland.
Contact Ann Krannitz, 001 540 903 7213
info@danceontheshannon.com
www.danceontheshannon.com

CELEBRATE
SCATTERY ISLAND
KILRUSH & SCATTERY ISLAND
July tbc
A celebration of life on Scattery Island with a particular focus on Brian Ború’s connection with the Island. The festival will include an opening ceremony, exhibitions, guided tours and history of the Island and re-enactment events.
Rita McCarthy, 00353 87 9731162
mccarthyrita09@gmail.com and
info@feilebrianboro.com
www.feilebrianboro.com
www.facebook.com/FeileBrianBoru

SKADDONVARNA FESTIVAL
LISDOONVARNA
4th – 6th July
Ska and reggae music festival.
Contact Peter Curtin, 00353 87 8300069
roadsidetavern@gmail.com
www.roadsidetavern.ie

‘TEA, PHILOSOPHY
ART & NATURE’
CARMEI T. MADIGAN’S LOOP
HEAD SUMMER HEDGE SCHOOL
LOOP HEAD
14th – 18th July, 26th July – 1st August & 11th - 15th August
The Programme includes a broad selection of artistic processes and guided and interactive working trips through nature (botanical and rocky shore). Programme runs from 10am - 4pm daily (Mon-Fri) with light lunch included. Weekend Programme also available.
Contact Carmel Madigan, 00353 86 8197726
carmelmadigan@eircom.net
www.carmelmadigangallery.com
Facebook search: The Loophead Summer Hedge School
ENNIS STREET FESTIVAL
ENNIS
4th - 6th July
This Arts Festival will offer more than 60 different events and our festival finale includes a fireworks display in commemoration of the death of Brian Ború and the Battle of Clontarf.
Contact Ana Bella Alvarez
00353 65 6893966
info@ennisstreetfestival.com
www.ennisstreetfestival.com
www.facebook.com/Ennis Street Festival

SCOIL SAMHRAIDH WILLIE CLANCY
MILTOWN MALBAY
5th - 13th July
The Willie Clancy Summer School of Traditional Music is a week long programme of classes, workshops, lectures, recitals and concerts devoted to the study and practice of Irish traditional music, song and dance.
Contact Harry Hughes
00353 65 7084281 or 00353 86 8773747
angleann@oceanfree.net
www.scoilsamhraidhwillieclancy.com
scoilsamhraidh@gmail.com

JUNIOR TOUR OF IRELAND
ENNIS
15th - 20th July
This is a 6 Day International Cycling Race for 16-18 year olds. These stars of the future will race over 600 kilometres on courses that will take in some of the most challenging, yet scenic roads County Clare has to offer. Cyclists will participate from all over Ireland against foreign opposition from countries such as America, England, Isle of Man, Holland, South Africa, Belgium.
Contact Alice Sherratt
00353 87 2929973
info@irishroadclub.com
www.juniortourofireland.com
Facebook search: Junior Tour of Ireland

XTERRA WORLD SERIES OFF-ROAD TRIATHLON
KILLALOE BALLINA
19th - 20th July
This epic race involves a lake swim in Lough Derg, a cycle course overlooking Lough Derg passing by the Brian Ború oak tree and St. Cronans 10th century church and a run on the steep slopes at Ballycuggeran.
Contact Alan Ryan, 00353 87 2643210
alan@xterra-ireland.com
www.xterra-ireland.com

FEILE LATINO 2014
ENNIS/YMON
July 19th
A cultural and musical exchange between traditional musicians, artists and dancers of North Clare and Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Contact Paddy Mulcahy, 00353 85 1054858
paddymulcahy@gmail.com
www.lospaddysdelaspampas.com/feile-latino-2013.html
Facebook search: Los Paddys de las Pampas

THE DOONBEG SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
DOONBEG
19th - 20th July
This two day festival in the heart of Doonbeg is a must. Come along and enjoy wonderful seafood, cookery demonstrations, music and family fun. The festival also includes history lectures of Doonmore and Doonbeg castles and explores the relevance of Brian Ború.
Contact Tommy Comerford, 00353 87 9090345
www.doonbeginfo.com

CRAFT BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL
LISDOONVARNA
1st - 3rd August
A celebration of Irish craft beers and ciders.
Contact Peter Curtin, 00353 87 8300069
roadsidetavern@gmail.com
www.roadsidetavern.ie

SCARIFF HARBOUR FESTIVAL
SCARIFF
1st - 4th August
A varied programme of activities including arts, live music, pizza oven, childrens games, cookery demonstrations and lots more.
00353 61 921536
eastclarecoop@gmail.com
www.eastclarecoop.com also www.scariff.ie
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

KILKEE BAY SWIM
FOR THE RICHARD HARRIS TROPHY
KILKEE
Date tbc
Annual bay swim.
Contact Manuel Di Lucia. 00353 87 8119797
www.loophead.ie

KILDYSART CULTURAL FESTIVAL
KILDYSART
1st -7th August
Kildysart Community Gallery is a community run space where visitors can enjoy complimentary tea and coffee while browsing local artists work and handmade quality crafts and wares at their leisure.
Contact Bernie O Gorman
00353 87 3160544
kildysartcommunitygallery@gmail.com or bernieogorman@hotmail.com
Facebook search: kildysART Community Gallery and Craft Shop.

ROSE OF CLARE FESTIVAL
COORACLARE
1st - 8th August
Come and enjoy the annual Rose of Clare Festival.
Contact Gerard Kelly, 00353 86 2876402
gerardinlogan@gmail.com

KILMILHIL FESTIVAL OF FUN
KILMILHIL
1st - 4th August
Four days of events to make you smile and laugh including the famous All Ireland Pig races! Something for all ages and tastes.
Contact Stephen Reynolds 00353 87 6680043
stephen.reynolds@iol.ie
Facebook search: Kilmihil Festival of Fun

DIVING COMPETITION
TIKEE (TIME – TIDE DEPENDENT)
KILKEE
2nd August
Contact Deirdre Martin, 00353 87 6811828
www.loophead.ie

LUGHNASA FESTIVAL
@ CRAGGAUNOWEN
THE LIVING PAST
QUIN
3rd – 4th August
Featuring costumed re-enactors from the Bronze Age to Medieval times.
00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com
www.facebook.com/Craggaunowen

DOONBEG REGATTA
DOONBEG
4th August
The regatta takes place at the pier, Doonbeg. A great day of rowing is guaranteed including fun activities for kids.
Contact Shaunie Honan, 00353 87 6188701
www.doonbeginfo.com
**KILRUSH TRADITIONAL MUSIC & SET DANCING FESTIVAL 2014**

KILRUSH
6th – 10th August
Includes three open air céilís in the town square with the Johnny Reidy Céilí Band, the Five Counties Band and The Star of Munster Band, set dancing classes, a singers club and numerous music sessions. There will also be a musical boat trip to Scattery Island. A Festival not to be missed.

Contact Anne Hayes.
00353 87 2663718
hayesanne@eircom.net
kilrushccs.com
Facebook search: Inis Cathaigh Kilrush Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

**BRIAN BORÚ TRI CHALLENGE 2014**

TWOMILEGATE, KILALOE
9th August
The Brian BorúTri Challenge is a Triathlon Ireland sanctioned event organised by BorúTri Club. Athletes can take part in the shorter sprint course or the standard course.

Contact John O’Brien
info@brianborutrichallenge.com
www.brianborutrichallenge.com
www.facebook.com/brianborutrichallenge

**DOOLIN CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

DOOLIN
22nd – 24th August
Come to Doolin and experience great beers from craft brewers all around Ireland and some of Clare’s best musicians along with food from local artisan producers.

Contact Donal Minihane
00353 65 7074111
dminihane@hoteldoolin.ie
www.irishcraftbeerfestival.com
www.facebook.com/DoolinCraftBeerandFoodFestival

**THE VILLAGE CARNIVAL 2014**

NEWMARKON FERGUS
22nd – 24th August
The Village Carnival is a three day arts, music and heritage festival with a diverse range of performances and activities for all the family. Not to be missed.

Contact Tracey McNulty
00353 61 368030
villagecarnival@obair.org
www.villagecarnival.com
www.facebook.com/villagecarnival

**THE BRUTAL O’BRIEN PAGEANT**

MOOCHAUN HILLFORT
24th August
The Brutal O’Brien Pageant is a celebration of the 1,000 year history of the O’Brien clan, descendants of Brian Ború, High King of Ireland. It promises to be full of wit, dark humour and laughs for all the family.

Contact Tracey McNulty
00353 61 368030
moochapageant@hotmail.com
www.facebook.com/brutal.obriens

**ATLANTIC AIRVENTURE AVIATION SHOW**

SHANNON
31st August
The Aviation Show is a fantastic day out for aviation enthusiasts of all ages. There are ‘build your own model’ workshops for kids – see aircraft and cockpits including the iconic Spitfire, find out about aviation careers, and even try landing a Boeing 737 NG Flight Simulator.

Contact Jane Magill
00353 61 363687
info@atlanticairventure.com
www.atlanticairventure.com
Facebook search: Atlantic AirVenture

**LISDOONVARNA MATCHMAKING FESTIVAL 2014**

LISDOONVARNA
29th August – 5th October
The 2014 festival kicks off with the Country Music weekend on the 29th of August. The next four weekends are the traditional matchmaking weekends with music and dancing all over town from 12 noon ‘til late. The festival closes with the outing.ie.

Contact Robert Hurley
00353 65 7074696
rhurley@eircom.net
www.matchmakerireland.com
Facebook search: Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival
BRIAN BORÚ CONFERENCE

KILLALOE BALLINA
Date tbc
Lectures and discussions celebrating the life and achievements of Ard Ri Brian Ború.
Contact Una Kierse, 00353 86 8035157
unakierse@gmail.com

KILLALOE WATER FESTIVAL
KILLALOE BALLINA
5th – 7th September
This festival celebrates all forms of water sports and will also include music, food and games.
Contact David O’Brien
kwaterfestival@icloud.com
www.killaloeewaterfestival.com
www.facebook.com/killaloeewaterfestival

CROTTY GALVIN TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND
MOYASTA; KILRUISH
5th – 7th September
Traditional music, song and dance weekend honouring three fantastic musicians from the same little village that is Moyasta.
Contact Tim Thompson
00353 87 2830511
nellgalvinfestival@gmail.com
www.nellgalvin.com

DECLAN HAYES MEMORIAL HALF MARATHON & 10K RUN/WALK
DOONBEG
6th September
The 10k walk/run takes place in a scenic looped route overlooking the White Strand beach & Doughmore sandhills. The half marathon route is made up of the 10k loop & a 2nd loop which includes Doonbeg golf course.
Contact Claire Greene, 00353 86 2620688
doongbeghalfmarathon@gmail.com
www.westclarewalkingclub.com

AN POST RÁS NA MBAN
ENNIS
10th – 14th September
An Post Rás na mBan is Ireland’s premier bicycle stage race for women which takes place over five days with six separate stages.
Contact Declan Quigley
0044 7572 411360
rasnamban@gmail.com
rasnamban.com
Facebook search: An Post Ras na mBan
Twitter search @rasnamban

CULTURE NIGHT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
19th September
A kaleidoscope of events, exhibitions, music, theatre and the arts throughout the county. All events are free of charge and all are welcome.
00353 65 6899091
clareculturenight@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/clareculturenight
Twitter: @CECultureNight

ENNIS FRINGE FESTIVAL
ENNIS
19th – 21st September
A festival of arts promoting the work of Clare based artists, it features art forms as diverse as performance, theatre, live music, visual arts, readings and comedy.
Contact David O’Rourke
00353 87 6982120
ennisfringefestival@yahoo.com
ennisfringefestival.com
Facebook search: ennisfringefestival
EAST CLARE WALKING FESTIVAL
TUAMGRANEY
19th – 21st September
Experience and marvel at the wild beauty of East Clare and walk in the footsteps of Brian Ború in this weekend event.
Contact Teresa Browne
00353 87 667546
info@eastclarewalkingfestival.com
www.eastclarewalkingfestival.com

THE CLARE HARVEST BANQUET
ENNIS
3rd October, 7.30pm
A Five Course meal at the Old Ground Hotel using only ingredients from County Clare. All courses have a vegetarian option. Followed by a live band to dance the meal off, this event promotes buying local, and the richness of food available within Clare.
Contact Síneád Ní Chalhríbhíth
00353 85 7607037
sineadnichalhrith@hotmail.com
www.clareharvestbanquet.com
Facebook search: Clare Harvest Banquet

BUNRATTY BANJO FESTIVAL
Co. CLARE
26th – 28th September
A festival of Banjos and more in 7 venues including Bunratty Folk Park.
Contact Brendan Walsh
00353 86 1571847
mandowalsh@gmail.com
www.Bunratty.ie
Facebook search: Bunrattybanjofestival

MOUNTSHANNON TRAD FESTIVAL
Co. CLARE
26th - 28th September
Come and enjoy a fantastic weekend of traditional Irish music.
Contact Ciocléla Donnellan
00353 87 7801346
ciopatricia@gmail.com
www.mountshannontradfestival.ie
Facebook search: Mountshannon Trad Weekend

TRADITIONAL HARVEST DAY
@ BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK
Tuamgraney
5th October
A guided walk in woodlands near Tuamgraney, home to the magnificent ‘Brian Ború Oak’ thought to have been a sapling when Brian Ború and his army camped in this area. Registration by text or email essential.
Contact Bob Wilson
00353 87 6324644
info@celtnet.org
www.celtnet.org
Facebook search: CELT Centre CELT

TRADITIONAL HORSE FAIR
KILRUSH
10th October
00353 65 9051047
www.kilrush.ie

FEILÉ ELLE
KILLALOE BALLINA
10th – 19th October
Children’s arts festival that incorporates workshops, schools summit, musical menagerie and childrens big gig.
Contact Boris Hunka
00353 87 2104583
boris@musicintheglen.ie
www.killaloe.ie
Facebook search: Feile Elle Children’s Arts Festival

BORÚ3PEAKS
KILLALOE BALLINA
11th – 12th October
Run, walk or crawl up the 3 peaks surrounding Killaloe Ballina, Tountinna, Moylussa and Keeper’s Hill. Register for 1, 2 or 3 peaks and raise money for charity.
Contact Fiona Ward
00353 86 2240360
Boru3peaks@gmail.com
www.boru3peaks.com
www.facebook.com/boru.peaks

ENNIS FOOD FESTIVAL
ENNIS
4th – 6th October
A celebration of food from near and far, with something for all ages - food fair, wine tastings, cookery demos, ethnic nights, taste trail and costumed banquet.
Contact Sarah Malone
00353 86 3981325
ennisfoodfestival@gmail.com
www.ennisfoodfestival.com
Facebook search: Ennis Food Festival

ENNIS FASHION WEEK
ENNIS
20th – 27th October
Why not visit the wonderful town of Ennis and enjoy shopping in a choice of beautiful boutiques or a therapy in one of the many spas and salons in the town. There will be fashion shows, make up demonstrations, special offers and lots more.
Contact Gwen Culligan
00353 87 6821947 or 00353 87 2353714
www.visitennis.ie

BURREN WINTERAGE WEEKEND
THE BURREN
24th – 27th October
Events will include guided herdsman pilgrimages across the Burren, a cattle fair, farm and machinery demonstrations, information and interactive talks, music, exhibitions, family fun, a food fayre of local produce, all culminating in a community cattle drive up to the winter pastures.
00353 91 638096
trust@burrenbeo.com
www.burrenwinterage.com
Facebook search: Burrenbeo Trust

KILLALOE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
24th – 25th October
Traditional festival celebrating Samhain and Diwali. At its core it is the celebration of light, harvest and the preparation for winter. Traditional crafts and workshops, storytelling, music, harvest food festival and light parade.
Contact Yvette Hyde
00353 61 622751
info@killaloefestivaloflight.com
www.killaloefestivaloflight.com
Facebook search: Killaloe Festival of Light

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Facebook search: Killaloe Festival of Light

WILLIE KEANE MEMORIAL
DOONBEG
24th – 27th October
Held in the village of Doonbeg, this festival celebrates the life of Willie Keane, legendary sean-nós dancer, with traditional music, song and dance.
Contact Margaret Dillon
00353 87 9985427
www.williekeanememorialweekend.com
HALLOWEEN CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP
KILRUSH
25th October
A children’s craft workshop will take place at Vandeleur Walled Gardens, from 12pm to 5pm for children aged 4-10 years. Booking is required. Spooky home-baked lunch and treats will also be served in the Vandeleur Coffee Shop.

Contact Susi Matejka
00353 65 9051760
info@vandeleurwalledgarden.ie
www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie
Facebook search: Vandeleur Walled Gardens

OCTOBERFEST BEER FESTIVAL
BUNRATTY
25th – 27th October
A celebration of Irish and imported craft beers at Durty Nellys. Contact Garry O'Toole
00353 61 364861
info@durtynellys.ie
www.durtynellys.ie
Facebook search: durtynellys

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUN
@ IMECOFARM
CLARECASTLE
25th October – 2nd November
Haunted fun maze, farm animals, dune buggy spin, pony rides, campfire roasting marshmallows, archery, bouncy castle, indoor fun areas and lots more fun!!

Contact Eddie Connors
00353 87 4000393
info@imecofarm.com
www.imecofarm.com
www.facebook.com/imecofarm

HARVEST FAIR
SCARIFF
25th October, 1pm-8pm
There will be craft stalls, live music, delicious food, wine tastings, a pop-up bistro and fun for all the family. Why not participate in competitions for the best bread, cakes, savoury and sweet preserves, judged by celebrity judges.

Contact Fionnuala Collins, 00353 61 921536
eastclarecoop@gmail.com
www.eastclarecoop.com
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

BURREN FOOD FAYRE
THE PAVILION, LISDOONVARNA
26th October
Come along for a delicious day of tastings, cookery demonstrations, expert talks and food workshops. 2014 will see the return of the Burren Masterchef competition. The winners (in both adult and junior categories) can look forward to some special food-themed prizes!

Contact Tina O'Dwyer, 00353 65 7072297
todwyer@burren.ie
www.burrenecotourism.com
www.facebook.com/BurrenEcotourismNetwork

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN
@ MOHER HILL OPEN FARM
MOHER HILL OPEN FARM
26th October
With ‘Padini’ The Great Magician, traditional Halloween fun and games and face-painting, Halloween at the farm is sure to scare the bravest!

Contact Delia or Martin Canavan
00353 65 7081071 or 00353 87 2258347
moherfarm@eircom.net
www.moherfarm.ie

HALLOWEEN FUN & GAMES
@ BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK
BUNRATTY
27th October
00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com
www.facebook.com/bunrattycastlefolkpark
ENNIS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
ENNIS
21st – 23rd November
This event will gather together Ireland’s most prominent leaders, teachers and explorers in the fields of mindfulness, self development, self awareness and spirituality. Come along to Ennis Yoga Studios and enjoy yoga, meditation, mindful movement and chant.

Contact Brenda Byrne and Aoife Madden
00353 86 1509767
info@ennisfestivaloflight.com
www.ennisfestivaloflight.com
www.facebook.com/ennisfestivaloflight

SANTA’S WORKSHOP
AILLWEE CAVE BALLYVAUGHAN
28th November – 21st December
(friday’s, Saturday’s & Sunday’s)
As well as your special personalised visit, Santa has arranged lots of exciting entertainment for you – face painting, puppet show and carnival entertainment all included in your ticket price. Park the car and take the Santa Train. Enjoy a complimentary entry to the Burren Birds of Prey Centre.

Contact Tracy Lynch
00353 65 7077036
info@aillweecave.ie
www.aillweecave.ie
www.facebook.com/aillwee

ONE ACT DRAMA
DOONBEG
15th – 17th November
www.doonbeginfo.com

TRADITIONAL HORSE FAIR
KILRUSH
24th November
00353 65 9051047
www.kilrush.ie

CHRISTMAS MARKET
@ THE LODGÉ, DOONBEG
DOONBEG
28th – 30th November
A Christmas market to remember with numerous stalls of gifts, decorations, food etc.

Contact Seamus Dooley
00353 65 9055618
Seamus_dooley@doonbeggolfclub.com
www.doonbeggolfclub.com

CHRISTMAS MARKET
SCARIFF
Date tbc, 12.30pm
Christmas food and craft market with music, hot mince pies and mulled wine.

00353 61 921536
eastclarecoop@gmail.com
www.eastclarecoop.com
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE
@ MOHER HILL OPEN FARM
LISCONNOR
December
Visit Santa at the Christmas Grotto and receive a gift and have an individual chat with the jolly man himself. Adults will be greeted with a warming glass of mulled wine, tea or coffee and a homemade seasonal mince pie!

Contact Delia or Martin Canavan
00353 65 7081071 or 00353 87 2258347
moherfarm@eircom.net
www.moherfarm.ie

CHRISTMAS @ THE VANDÉLEUR WALLED GARDENS
KILRUSH
13th – 14th December
Children’s Christmas Workshop with Santa’s Grotto and Craft Fair. Homebaked Christmas cakes and treats on offer in the Vandeleur Coffee shop as well as handmade Christmas wreaths and table arrangements.

Contact Susi Matajka
00353 65 9051760
info@vandeleurwalledgarden.ie
www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie
Facebook search: Vandeleur Walled Gardens

SANTA’S FARM
@ IMECOFARM
CLARECASTLE
13th – 21st December
Guided tour of the indoor areas, dune buggy spin, pony rides, campfire roasting marshmallows, bouncy castle, indoor fun areas and a visit to Santa for a present and a lovely chat!

Contact Eddie Connors. 00353 87 400393
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SANTA @ BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK
BUNRATTY
1st – 23rd December (reservations necessary)
You are in for a real treat at Bunratty this Christmas, so be sure to come along!

00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
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CHRISTMAS EVENINGS
@ THE CASTLE, BUNRATTY CASTLE
BUNRATTY
Various dates in December (reservations necessary)
Enjoy a fabulous evening which includes a mulled wine reception, tasty food and great entertainment.

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KILLALOE BALLINA NEW YEARS FESTIVAL
KILLALOE BALLINA
31st December - 1st January
Celebrate with us to take a look back at 2014 and Brian Ború and join in the events.

Contact Brona Moriarty, 00353 85 1663949
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