



# BRIAN BORÚ



FESTIVAL  
KILLALOE BALLINA

Brian Ború Millennium  
Commemoration Weekend

April 11th - 13th

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

### ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS OPENING Quay Arts | 6pm - 7pm

Exhibition showcasing the artwork created through the Artist in Primary schools pupils Schemes run by Clare and North Tipperary County Councils' Arts Offices. Exhibits include masks, shields, swords, pottery vessels, printmaking and performance artworks based on a Brian Ború theme.

### BRIAN BORÚ'S ARRIVAL Ballina Quay | 7pm - 8.30pm

Join us as Brian awaits the arrival by longboat of his Viking allies. Be part of his Dal Cais tribe! There'll be juggling, tumbling and music as we await the Viking arrival. It promises to be a colourful and festive occasion as the Brian Ború weekend kicks off in style.

### TRAD SESSION BY CEOLTOIRÍ NA SEOINNE The Anchor Inn | 8:30pm

## SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

### GENEALOGY ADVISORY SERVICES & TALKS Killaloe Library | as timetable

10:30am	Darren McGettigan	author of 'The Battle of Clontarf, Good Friday 1014'
11:30am	Mark Humphrys	We all descend from Brian Ború
12:30pm	Grania Weir	The O'Brien's of Dromoland
1:30pm	John Hamrock, Ancestor Network	Introduction to Irish Family History

Concurrently with the heritage, history and genealogy talks, from 10am to 2pm a team of genealogists from Ancestor Network will be available to help individuals on how to trace their ancestors and what genealogical sources are available.

### THE BIG DIG Cathedral Quay | 11 - 1pm/2 - 5pm

**\*WRISTBAND EVENT**

A practical hands-on and fun event for children from 5-12 years of age. This innovative product allows children to explore the Viking world through a simulated and controlled archaeology dig. The Big Dig workshop is split into 20 minute sessions throughout the day of the event. A maximum of 12 children per session. On site booking advised.

### RE-ENACTMENT CAMP Cathedral Quay | 11am - 5pm

The re-enactment camp is open to members of the public each day. Step back in time with Mogh Roith Living History and Fingal Living History, where there will be displays on traditional skills of the day including cooking, blacksmith, woodworker, bow maker & textile displays.

### BATTLE GROUND Ballina Quay | as timetable

Ballina Quay becomes the battleground for the Vikings where battles and combat games (Ragnarok) will be displayed

11.30am - 1.00pm	Fight practise, group fights, 1-1, Fighting alongside the Horses
1.00pm - 1.30pm	Ragnarok (combat game)
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Battle, Face off, Defend the standard, Bran Dubh/Ragnarok
4.00pm - 4.30pm	Chariot display

Keep your eyes open as there will be Vikings parading around the towns of Killaloe Ballina causing trouble & havoc throughout the day.

### VIKING BOAT TOURS Killaloe Boardwalk (below library) | 11am - 5pm

**\*WRISTBAND EVENT**

Ardglass Vikings present family tours, incorporating talks on life during Viking times, instruction on weapons and battle techniques, supply of children's swords and shields, battle re-enactment for children. Max 15 children per group 10minute tours.

Instruction on rowing and sailing Viking long ships, rowing on the river for parents and children (under 12's should be accompanied by an adult) Sailing (weather permitting) Maximum 14 people per trip, 30 minute duration

### BRIAN BORÚ THEMED THEATRICAL HISTORICAL WALK Festival Office | 12pm - 1:30pm

**\*WRISTBAND EVENT**

A guided historical walk around Brian Ború's Killaloe, meeting at the Festival Office punctuated by theatrical performances specially written for 2014. This 90 minute tour will introduce you to Brian Ború's story and his life here in Killaloe one thousand years ago. Be prepared to meet some of his contemporaries along the way and we will end the tour with a visit to Kincora, the site of Brian Ború's palace.

## ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS EXHIBITION Quay Arts | 2pm - 6pm

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## "REELING IN THE YEARS" Girls School Killaloe Halla | 4pm - 6pm \*WRISTBAND EVENT

Kincora Heritage Society presents a local history exhibition featuring local artefacts on display, recordings of elderly people from 1960s/1970s and more recent recordings from Cuimhneamh an Chláir, Old photographs and film, Photographic display of local artefacts held in the National Museum, Dublin and Clare Museum, Ennis

## BRIAN BORÚ REVIEW St Flannan's Cathedral | 8pm - 9pm

\*WRISTBAND EVENT

An evening of drama and music as we relive moments in the run up to Brian Ború's departure for Clontarf. Scenes from the life of Brian, his troublesome wife Gormlaith, his inspiring Goddess Aoibheal, his faithful son Murrrough and others. Dublin! Will he go? Join us and find out. The concert will feature traditional Irish music performed by local musicians and singers including, Ceoltoiri Na Seoinne, Deirdre Scanlan and the Ború singers who will perform newly commissioned songs celebrating the life of Brian Ború."

## TRAD SESSION Reddan's Bar | 9.30pm

Paul Smyth, Deirdre Scanlan & Mike Hackett

## SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

### RE-ENACTMENT CAMP Cathedral Quay | 11am - 4.30pm

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### VIKING BOAT TOURS Killaloe Boardwalk (below library) | 11am - 4pm \*WRISTBAND EVENT

As Saturday 12th

### THE BIG DIG Cathedral Quay | 11 - 1pm/2pm - 5pm

\*WRISTBAND EVENT

As Saturday 12th

### CRAFT FAIR Killaloe Farmer's Market | 11am - 3pm

A selection of local artists and craft workers display and sell their wares alongside the weekly Farmer's market.

### MEN'S SHED BOAT LAUNCH & DISPLAYS Ballina Slipway | 11.30am - 1.30pm

Killaloe Ballina Men's Shed host Southill Men's Shed Group in the launch of their recently built boat, followed by Men's Shed Information, exhibits and displays by local and invited groups in the Community Hub at the Family Resource Centre. All welcome.

### BATTLE GROUND Ballina Quay | 12pm - 3.30pm

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12- 1.00pm Warrior games and training, Ragnarok, Bran Dubh

1.00 - 1.30pm Chariot Display

2.00 - 3.00pm Combat, Face off,

3.30pm Warriors depart to Kincora for Brian Ború Feast

### HISTORICAL BOAT TRIP Ballina Quay | 12pm

Step aboard "The Spirit of Killaloe" for an hour long historical boat trip €5 per person, payable on board.

Supported by Waterways Ireland.

### GENEALOGY ADVISORY SERVICES & TALKS Killaloe Library | as timetable

12:00 noon Dennis McIntyre

History of Brian Ború and Clontarf

1:00pm Maeve Mullin, Ancestor Network

Introduction to Irish Family History

2:00pm John Hamrock

Gaelic Genealogies and the Descendents of Brian Ború

1:30pm John Hamrock

Ancestor Network, Introduction to Irish Family History

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## SUNDAY 13TH APRIL *cont.*

### ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS EXHIBITION Quay Arts | 2pm - 6pm

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### BRIAN BORÚ'S FEAST Kincora | 3.30pm - 6pm

Brian Ború is heading for Clontarf, he'll have one last Feast before he goes and you can be there too! There'll be Hungry Vikings & Culinary delights with a 'Pig on A Spit' drama & entertainment as the troops prepare to leave for battle. Food rate: Adults €5, Children €3.50. Post Feast Music from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

### "REELING IN THE YEARS" Girls School Killaloe Halla | 5pm - 7pm

**\*WRISTBAND EVENT**

also open Tuesday 15th 7.30pm - 9pm and Wednesday 16th 11am - 12.30pm

As Saturday 12th April

## Festival Information

The organisers reserve the right to alter or change the schedule as required.

To keep up to date with additions/amendments to the schedule check out the website or follow us on Facebook.

**Website :** [www.killaloeballina.ie](http://www.killaloeballina.ie)

[www.brianborummillennium.ie](http://www.brianborummillennium.ie)

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## Festival Office

Killaloe Tourist Office, Killaloe Bridge.

Open 10:45 - 6:00pm

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th April

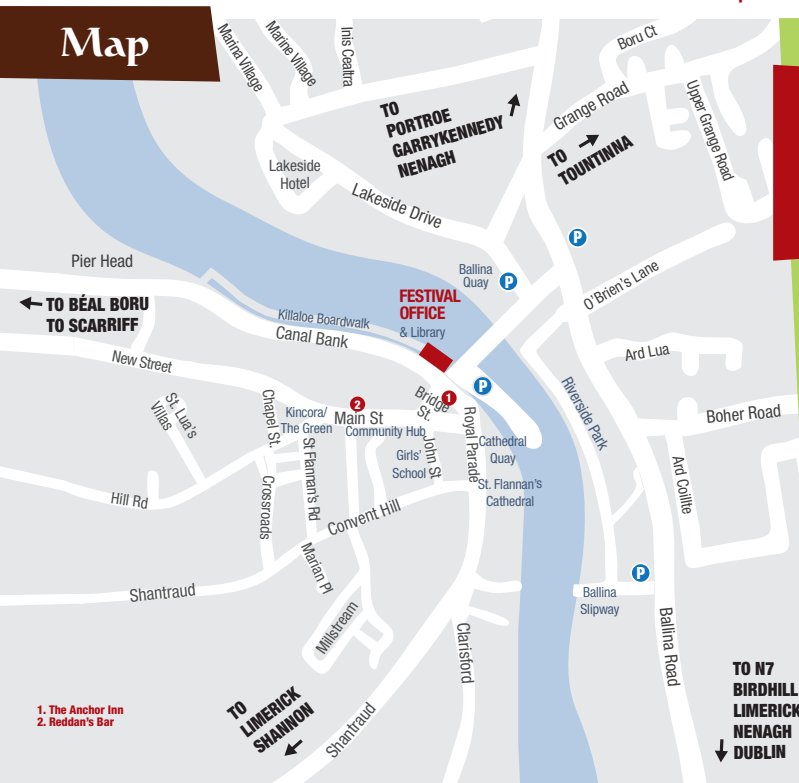
## \*Wristband Events

Wristbands available for purchase from the Festival Office and local shops at €3 each

## Merchandise

Selected Brian Ború merchandise will be available for purchase from The Festival Office.

## Map



Parking restrictions will apply to The Green & Between The Waters on Sunday 13th to facilitate events

The organisers wish to thank all local community groups, organisations, clubs, businesses and individuals that have supported the 2014 project in particular Limerick & Clare ETB and Tipperary ETB who have supported a number of events and our patrons.

*Please be litter aware*