COUNTY CLARE

FESTIVALS & EVENTS 2014
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

Bhí Brian Ború ar dhuine dena daoine is mó tábhacht agus tionschar ar stair na h-Éireann. Rugadh é i gCill Dá Lua sa bhliain 941 AD agus bhi sé ina Ard Rí ar Éireann i 1002 AD. Tá alán áiteanna sa Chontae nascaithe leis an bhfhear mór seo, mar shampla Béal Ború, Cill Dá Lua, Inis Cealtra, Loch Deirdgheirc, agus Inis Cathaigh, gar do Cill Rois. Maidir lena shliocht, tá Clan Mór Uí Bhriain ceangalaithe 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 mhile de bhás Brian Ború agus Cath Cluain Tairbh agus tugaimid cuireadh duit bheith linn. Beidh alán imeachtaí agus féilte ar siúl, i rith na bliana le cheol, amhráin, rinne, bia, cluichí, litriocht agus drámaíocht. Bi ann don craic mór i gContae na mBratach!

Breis eolais ó: WWW.CLARE.IE
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

**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

**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

**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

**FRIDAY SESSIONS**
@ **GLESSIONS 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

**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-boating, 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 BALLYNA
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 Brona 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 BALLYNA
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 Brona Moriarty
00353 85 1663949
2014@killaloeballina.ie

SHANNONSIDES 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
njhanar@eircom.net
www.ennismusicalsociety.com
Facebook search: Ennis Musical Society

MARCH &
DROMOLAND
ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE O’BRIENS

APRIL
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@feilebrianboru.com & 2014@killaloeballina.ie
www.killaloeballina.ie
www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.ie

THREE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL
DOONBEG
1st – 10th March
www.doonbeginfo.com

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
www.facebook.com/DoolinWritersWeekend

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 Armagh.
Contact Una Kierse
00353 86 8035157
2014@killaloeballina.ie
www.killaloeballina.ie/festivals-events/
www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.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 Áine Hensey / Tim Collins
00353 86 2612127
ainehensey@gmail.com and timncollins@eircom.net
www.consairtin.ie
Facebook search: Consaírtín2014

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

FICTION ON THE LIFE OF BRIAN 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 the Dromoland Estate on Good Friday 2014.
Contact Siobhan O Driscoll
00353 61 368030
Siobhan.odriscoll@obair.org

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.
2014@killaloeballina.ie
www.killaloeballina.ie
www.facebook.com/killaloeballina.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 87 6324644
info@celtnet.org
www.celtnet.org
Facebook search: CELT Centre CELT

SEACHTAINT NA GAEILGE
1st – 17th March
www.snag.ie

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

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

ST. PATRICK’S PARADE
DOONBEG
16th March
www.doonbeginfo.com
Effects & Games
@ Craggaunowen
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

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

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 céilís, mass with traditional music and a Sunday open-air celi with the world-famous Kilfenora Céilí Band in its 105th year.
Contact John Morgan, Andy Lambert
00353 87 6896600
jwmorgan1@eircom.net
andrewlambert@eircom.net
www.kilfenoraclare.com
Facebook search: Kilfenora Music Festival

Loop Head Walking Festival
Loop Head Peninsula
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, Ennis
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

The Burren in Bloom Festival
Location of the Burren in Bloom Festival
May & June
EMBRACE
CLOSED:
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
Twitter feed ClareArtsOffice

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

BEALTANE
THROUGHOUT 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

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

BURRN 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

BURREN LAW SCHOOL
BALLYVAUGHAN
2nd – 4th 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

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/FleadhCheoilThiobридArann

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

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

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@durtynellys.ie
www.Durtynellys.ie
Facebook search: durtynellys

FLEADH NUA
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
ceoltrad@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
tuamgraney2013@gmail.com
www.bodyketsuamgraney.ie
Facebook: Tuamgraney Community Weekend

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
skazztenor@gmail.com
www.doonbegjazz.com
www.facebook.com/pages/Doonbeg-Jazz

Tuamgraney

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
info@tedtours.com
www.tedtours.com/festival
www.facebook.com/fathertedfestivalkilfenora2014

Life of Brian - Boromhie 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
eastclareheritage@gmail.com;
www.eastclareheritage.com
www.facebook.com/pages/East-Clare-Heritage/

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 attendance. 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
fwavemasters@gmail.com
www.wavemasters.ie
Facebook search: wavemasters surf & music festival

Fossetts Circus
@ Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
Bunratty
Date tbc
00353 61 360788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com
www.facebook.com/bunrattycastlefolkpark

Traditional Horse Fair
Kilrush
5th June
00353 65 9051047
www.kilrush.ie

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
info@pinkribbonwalk.ie
www.pinkribbonwalk.ie
Facebook search: pinkribbonwalk

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
info@thelongwayround.ie
www.loophead.ie
www.facebook.com/LoopHeadPeninsula

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
dminihane@hoteldoolin.ie
www.doolinfestival.com
www.facebook.com/DoolinFolkFestival

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
boris@musicintheglen.ie
www.killaloemusic.com
www.facebook.com/KillaloeChambermusicFestival

Killaloe Chamber Music Festival
Killaloe
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
dminihane@hoteldoolin.ie
www.doolinfestival.com
www.facebook.com/DoolinFolkFestival

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**BORÚ TRÍ 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

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**CLARE FLEADH CHEOIIL**

**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

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**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

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**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

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**FEILÉ CHNOC NA GAÓithe, 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

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**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

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**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

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**KIDS OF THE WEST TRIATHLON**

**CARRAGHAHOET**

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

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**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

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**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@clareportspartnership.ie
www.tourdeburren.com
www.facebook.com/claresports

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**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

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**Mid Summer Garden Party/Community Feast**

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eastclarecoop@gmail.com
www.eastclarecoop.com
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff
INLAND WATERWAYS
LOUGH DERG RALLY
KILLALOE BALLINA
Date tbc
A flotilla of boats race to win the Lough Dergh Rally with a stop in Killaloe Ballina along the way.
Contact David Brassington, 00353 86 3800660 www.iwai.ie

FAMILY FESTIVAL/
CURRACH REGATTA
KILBAHA
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 Dancer’s 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
SCATTERTY ISLAND
KILRUSH & SCATTERTY 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@scattery.ie Facebook search: Scattery Island Heritage and Development

FÉILE BRIAN BORÚ
KILLALOE BALLINA
3rd - 6th July
With a busy programme of events, this festival is a perfect fun-filled event for all the family. We hope you will come along and help us commemorate Brian Ború in style – fun and entertainment guaranteed!
Contact Arlene White, 00353 86 3586293 info@feilebriannboru.com www.feilebriannboru.com www.facebook.com/FeileBrianBoru

SKADOONVARNA 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’
CARMEL T. MADIGAN’S LOOP
HEAD SUMMER HEDGE SCHOOL
LOOP HEAD
14th – 18th July, 28th 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 ctmadigan@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
scoilsamhraidh@gmail.com
www.scoilsamhraidhwillieclancy.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 in Ireland against 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 2929913
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

FÉILE LATINO 2014
ENNISTYMON
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@music.com
www.lospaddysdelaspampas.com/féile-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.ie also www.scariff.ie
Facebook search: East Clare Community Co op Scariff

KILBRE TOP SWIM
FOR THE RICHARD HARRIS TROPHY
KILBRE
Date tbc
Annual bay swim.
Contact Manuel Di Lucia.
00353 87 8119797
www.loopealiberry.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
gerarddangan@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.reynolds910@gmail.com
Facebook search: Kilmilhil Festival of Fun

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

LUHGNASA FESTIVAL
@ CREGGAUNOWEN
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 ceíls 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
kilrushcce.com
Facebook search: Inis Cathaigh Kilrush Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

**BRIAN BORÚ TRI CHALLENGE 2014**

TWO MILE GATE, KILLALOE
9th August
The Brian Ború Tri Challenge is a Triathlon Ireland sanctioned event organised by Ború Tri 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

**KILMURRY HARVEST FESTIVAL & ALL IRELAND VINTAGE RALLY**

SIX MILE BRIDGE
10th - 16th August
Kilmurry Harvest Festival is a week long fun-packed event with attractions for all the family. The event includes the all-Ireland vintage rally, a field day, monster vintage show, show-jumping competition, carriage driving and sheep racing; to mention just a few.

Contact Sean O’Reilly, 00353 87 9671623
festival@kilmurry.com
www.kilmurry.com
Facebook search: Kilmurrycon

**BURREN TOLKIEN SOCIETY FESTIVAL**

THE BURREN
Mid August
Contact Peter Curtin, 00353 87 8300069
burrentolkien@clarecoco.ie
www.burrentolkien.ie

**HERITAGE WEEK**

COUNTY WIDE
16th - 24th August
The aim of Heritage Week is to build awareness of our built, natural & cultural heritage. There are lots of events taking place, so be sure to join in!

Contact Congella McGuire
00353 87 4128536
cmguire@clarecoco.ie
www.clarecoco.ie or www.heritageweek.ie
www.facebook.com/ClareCountyMuseum

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**THE VILLAGE CARNIVAL 2014**

NEW MARKET ON 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**

MOOGHAUN 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
mooghaunproject@hotmail.com
www.facebook.com/brutal.obriens

**THE 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 theouting.ie.

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

**DAN FUREY WEEKEND 2014**

LABASHEEDA
22nd - 24th August
A full weekend of set dancing to the best of Irish music from The Abbey Céilí Band, Michéal Sexton, Johnny Reidy Céilí Band and the Five Counties Céilí Band.

Contact Liam Woulfe
liam_woulfe@eircom.net
Facebook search: Dan Furey Weekend Labasheeda
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, KILRUSH

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
doongbɘhalfmarathon@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 6867548
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. Following by a live band to dance the meal off, this event promotes buying local, and the richness of food available within Clare.
Contact Sinead Ní Chaluíbhith
00353 85 7607037
sinead@clareharvestbanquet.com
Facebook search: clare harvest banquet

BUNRATTY BANJO FESTIVAL
bunratty village
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
MOUNTSHANNON
26th - 28th September
Come and enjoy a fantastic weekend of traditional Irish music.
Contact Cliodhna Donnellan
00353 87 7801346
cliopatricia@gmail.com
www.mountshannontradfestival.ie
Facebook search: Mountshannon Trad Weekend

ENNIS FOOD FESTIVAL
ENNIS
15th – 16th 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

CELT GUIDED WALK
OUR NATIVE WOODLANDS AS KNOWN TO BRIAN BORÚ
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

FÉILE EILE
KILALOE BALLINA
10th – 19th October
Childrens arts festival that incorporates workshops, schools summit, musical menagerie and childrens big gig.
Contact Boris Hunka
00353 87 2104583
boris@musicintheglen.ie
www.killaloechildrensfestival.com
Facebook search: Feile Eile Children’s Arts Festival

BORÚ3PEAKS
KILALOE 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 FASHION WEEK
ENNIS
20th – 25th 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 65 6821947 or 00353 87 2353714
www.visitennis.ie

KILLALOE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
KILLALOE BALLINA
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
www.facebook.com/killaloefestivaloflight

BURREN WINTERAGE WEEKEND
THE BURREN
24th – 27th October
Events will include guided herdsmen 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

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 400393
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

BUNRATTY CASTLE
15th Century Stronghold of the O’Brien’s.
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 65 7077036
info@ennisfestivaloflight.com
www.ennisfestivaloflight.com
www.facebook.com/ennisfestivaloflight

SANTA’S WORKSHOP
AILLWEEN 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@aillweencave.ie
www.facebook.com/aillween

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 MARKET
@ THE LODGE, 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
@ THE VANDLEAN 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 Mataika
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CHRISTMAS @ THE VANDELEUR WALLED GARDENS
KILRUSH
13th - 14th December
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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
www.shannonheritage.com
www.facebook.com/bunrattycastlefolkpark

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