

# Festivals & Events guide

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**C**ounty Clare is well known for its music and craic. In towns and villages throughout County Clare you will find a variety of festivals and events that will entertain and enchant you. Some are known internationally and host a wide range of International visitors and some are celebrations of local events, either way they will give you a view of life as the locals live it. Be you interested in music, drama or just the everyday events, such as local farmers' markets or horse fairs, you will find them all in County Clare. If you wish to learn music or just listen to it there is a festival in County Clare that can fulfil your need. The attached list is produced by Shannon Development for your information and lists some of the festivals and events that take place in the County. For further information go to [www.DiscoverIreland.ie/Clare](http://www.DiscoverIreland.ie/Clare) or [www.clare.ie](http://www.clare.ie)

# Recurring Events

## **O'Briens Tower**

**1835 – 2012. 177 years**

**Date:** All Year

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre

**www:** cliffsofmoher.ie

**Email:** info@cliffsofmoher.ie

Panoramic viewing and photo opportunities from the top of the Cliffs of Moher's first visitor centre, 177 years old. The O'Briens Story in Clare, family name history, O'Briens tower gifts. Year round activities. See website for details.

## **Glór Ennis**

**Date:** All Year

**Tel:** 00353 68 43103

**Email:** boxoffice@glor.ie

If you like music, theatre, comedy, visual art and music then all you have to do is check out the glór website at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) for a programme that will be bursting at the seams with top acts throughout the year.

## **Sunday Sessions Gallaghers Kilkishen**

**Date:** Every Sunday 7 – 10 p.m. from Sept - March

**Contact:** Brendan Walsh 00353 86 8464509

**Web:** [www.wmw.ie](http://www.wmw.ie)

**Email:** bw@esatclear.ie

Traditional session for all ages and all levels. Fondly known as the "Improver's Session"

## **Friday Sessions, Greyhound Bar, Sixmilebridge**

**Date:** All year - Every Friday 10 p.m.

**Contact:** Brendan Walsh 00353 86 8464509

**Web:** [www.wmw.ie](http://www.wmw.ie)

**Email:** bw@esatclear.ie

## **Kilrush Farmers Market**

The Square, Kilrush

**Date:** Every Thursday 9 -2pm

**Contact:** Chris Marsh 00353 85 7686272

**E-mail:** Roberts.kim00@gmail.com

## **Ennis Farmers Market**

Upper Market St. Ennis

**Date:** (March – December) Every Friday 8am to 2pm

**Contact:** Jason Horner 00353 65 6827460

**E-mail:** organics@gofree.indigo.ie



### **Killaloe Farmers Market**

**Date:** All year Every Sunday 11 am to 3pm

**E-mail:** mollyemer@hotmail.com

### **Celtic Traditions Folk Concert Series**

**Date:** May to October

**Contact:** Kate Purcell 087 2728069

**E-mail:** clareceltictraditions@gmail.com

**Web:** www.clareceltictraditions.com

## January

### **Shannonside Winter Music Weekend**

**Date:** 12 – 16th January

**Contact:** Brendan Walsh 00353 86 8464509

**Web:** www.wmw.ie

Cajun, roots, bluegrass, jazz, gospel & traditional music and song in a programme of about 70 events in intimate venues around Sixmilebridge and Bunratty

## February

### **Russell Memorial Weekend, Doolin**

**Date:** 24th – 27th February

**Contact:** Bev O'Connor 00353 65 7074595

**Web:** www.michorussellweekend.ie

**Email:** info@michorussellweekend.ie

A weekend of traditional music, song and dance with workshops in several instruments, held annually in Doolin on the last full weekend in February.



## March

### **Seachtain na Gailge**

**Date:** 1st – 17th March

**Contact:** Emer ni Fhalaitheartaigh 00353 65 6846512

**Web:** [www.snag.ie/www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.snag.ie/www.clarecoco.ie)

**Email:** [gaeilge@clarecoco.ie](mailto:gaeilge@clarecoco.ie)

Ceardlanna, ceolchoirmeacha, céilithe, léimh fhilíochta, agus imeachtaí scoile chun úsáid na Gaeilge a spreagadh agus a chur chun cinn sa Chontae. Fáilte

### **Ennis Book Club Festival**

Ennis

Date 2nd – 4th March

**Contact:** Frances O’Gorman 00353 87-9723647 or 00353 87 2262259

**Web:** [www.ennisbookclubfestival.com](http://www.ennisbookclubfestival.com)

**Email:** [info@ennisbookclubfestival.com](mailto:info@ennisbookclubfestival.com)

The Ennis Book Club Festival is a literary and social gathering bringing together bookclubs and readers from Ireland and beyond.

### **Ennis Musical Society**

**Date:** 6th – 10th March

**Contact:** Neil Haran

**Web:** [www.ennismusicalsociety.com](http://www.ennismusicalsociety.com)

**Email:** [njharan@eircom.net](mailto:njharan@eircom.net)

Ennis Musical Society production of *The Sound Of Music*

### **Burren Spring Conference**

At Burren College of Art

**Date:** 9th – 11th March

**Contact:** Angelene O Loughlin

**Web:** [www.burrencollege.ie](http://www.burrencollege.ie)

**Email:** [angelene@burrencollege.ie](mailto:angelene@burrencollege.ie)

*Mission Statement of Burren Spring Conference*

To provide a space where knowledge and ideas about the Burren may be shared, and practical actions undertaken to sustain this unique place, its communities and culture.

### **Clare Drama Festival, Scarriff**

**Date:** March 22nd March – 31st March

**Contact:** Doreen Hanley 00353 87 2686764

Enjoy a series of excellent plays



### **Traditional Horse Fair, Kilrush**

**Date:** 26th March

**Contact:** Kilrush Town Council 00353 65-9051047

### **Corofin Trad Festival**

**Date:** 27th February – 4th March

**Contact:** Pdraig O'Reilly 00353 86-6070941

**Web:** [www.corofintradfest.com](http://www.corofintradfest.com)

**Email:** [info@corofintradfest.com](mailto:info@corofintradfest.com)

Traditional Music with various sessions in the local pubs and a Concert nightly in Teach Ceoil

## *April*

### **Easter Fun & Games at Craggaunowen,**

near Quin, Co. Clare

**Date:** Easter Sunday, April 8th

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

Superb family day out! Meet Easter Bunny and enjoy puppet shows, magic shows, bouncy castle and delicious Easter eggs.

### **Easter Celebrations at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park**

Bunratty Co. Clare

Easter Monday April 9th

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

### **Treasure Trail at Aillwee Cave and The Burren Birds of Prey Centre**

**Date:** Sunday 8th & Monday 9th April

**Contact:** Barbara Faulkner 00353 65-7077036

**Web:** [www.aillweecave.ie](http://www.aillweecave.ie)

**Email:** [barbara@aillweecave.ie](mailto:barbara@aillweecave.ie)

Treasure Trail for children on Easter Sunday & Monday. The Easter bunny will be on hand, road train in operation, cave tours & flying displays by Birds of Prey

### **Kilkee Plouhinec Twinning Association**

**Date:** 29th April 2012

**Contact:** Kilkee Town Council

**Web:** [www.kilkee.ie/kilkeetc/ktc.html](http://www.kilkee.ie/kilkeetc/ktc.html)

**Email:** [jcorry@clarecoco.ie](mailto:jcorry@clarecoco.ie) or [Kilkee.plouhinec@gmail.com](mailto:Kilkee.plouhinec@gmail.com)

30th Year Anniversary

### **CELT 'Weekend in the Woods'**

**Date:** 28th/29th April

**Contact:** Sarah Thompson

**Web:** [www.celtnet.org](http://www.celtnet.org)

**Email:** [info@celtnet.org](mailto:info@celtnet.org)



# May

### **Burren in Bloom Ballyvaughan**

**Date:** month of May

**Contact:** Brid O'Loughlen 00353 65 7077200

**Web:** [www.burreninbloom.com](http://www.burreninbloom.com)

**Email:** [info@burreninbloom.com](mailto:info@burreninbloom.com)

A month-long festival of illustrated talks and walks to celebrate the amazing botanical wealth of the Burren.

### **Burren Law School**

At Burren College of Art

**Date:** 4th – 6th May

**Contact:** Angelene O Loughlin

**Web:** [www.burrenlawschool.org](http://www.burrenlawschool.org)

**Email:** [info@burrenlawschool.org](mailto:info@burrenlawschool.org)

### **PJ Hayes Memorial Weekend, Feakle**

**Date:** 4th – 6th May

**Contact:** Gary Pepper 00353 61-924322

Traditional music celebrating the memory of PJ Hayes



### **Burren Slow Food Festival, Lisdoonvarna**

**Date:** 18th – 20th May

**Contact:** Birgitta Hedin Curtin 00353 65 7074432

E mail: [slowfoodclare@gmail.com](mailto:slowfoodclare@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.slowfoodclare.com](http://www.slowfoodclare.com)

Showcasing the unique and excellent variety of local produce in the area. Various events throughout the weekend, including a Banquet, markets, food tastings and many more.

### **Fleadh Nua Festival, Ennis**

**Date:** 20th – 28th May

**Contact:** Cois na hAbhna, Ennis 00353 65 6824276

**Web:** [www.fleadhnua.com](http://www.fleadhnua.com)

**Email:** [ceoltrad@eircom.net](mailto:ceoltrad@eircom.net)

Offering a great programme of trad sessions, workshops, concerts, céilís, street performances and much more, Fleadh Nua 2012 in Ennis, should not be missed



### **Clare Burren Marathon**

**Date:** 26th May

**Contact:** 00353 87 7779714 / 00353 87 9847025

**Web:** [www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com](http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com)

This is a road, green road and trail challenge across the beautiful scenic Burren. Each participant has a choice of full, half or mini marathon on the day. All three challenges start in Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare

### **Iniscealtra Festival of Arts**

Mountshannon

**Date:** 26th May to 4th June

**Contact:** Paul Murray 00353 87 2380555

**Web:** [www.iniscealtra-artsfestival.org](http://www.iniscealtra-artsfestival.org)

Iniscealtra Festival of Arts on Facebook

Multi-disciplinary Arts Festival in the lakeshore village of Mountshannon; music, film, dance and visual arts and green fair, with education programme and participatory events

This year's theme is Celebration - Ceiliuradh



# June

## **Doonbeg International Jazz Festival**

**Date:** 1st – 4th June

**Contact:** Philippa Siegrist 00353 65-9055345 / 00353 65 9055039

**Web:** [www.doonbegjazz.com](http://www.doonbegjazz.com)

**Email:** [strandcamping@oceanfree.net](mailto:strandcamping@oceanfree.net)

A weekend of Jazz, Dixie & Swing, Latin held in the Village of Doonbeg, West Clare. All Events free

## **Lough Derg Lake Festival**

**Date:** 1st – 10th June

**Email:** [rose@harbourflights.com](mailto:rose@harbourflights.com)

**Web:** [www.loughderg2012.com](http://www.loughderg2012.com)

Largest lake festival held in Ireland that will conclude with a air display extravaganza on the 10th. Full details of all of the events will be hosted on the web site.

## **Traditional Horse Fair, Kilrush**

**Date:** 7th June

**Contact:** Kilrush Town Council 00353 65-9051047

## **County Fleadh, Miltown Malbay**

**Date:** 13th – 18th June

**Contact:** Cois na hAbhana 00353 65 6824276

**Web:** [www.coisnahabhna.ie](http://www.coisnahabhna.ie)

Music, Song and Dance. Competitions, informal sessions and open air music

## **An Post Tour de Burren Cycle Challenge**

**Date:** 16th June 2012

**Contact:** Patrick O'Donoghue/John Sweeney

**Web:** [www.tourdeburren.com](http://www.tourdeburren.com)

**Email:** [info@burrencyclingclub.com](mailto:info@burrencyclingclub.com)

10K, 60K, 100K and 160K cycle event – something for everyone

## **Fossetts Circus at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park**

Bunratty Co. Clare

**Date:** June (dates to be confirmed)

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

## **Spancilhill Fair (Horse Fair)**

Ennis

**Date:** 23rd June

**Contact:** Eva Considine 00353 65-6835483

### **"Hell of The West" Triathlon, Kilkee**

**Date:** 23rd June

**Contact:** Eugene Keane 00353 87 2498358

**Web:** [www.limericktriathlon.com](http://www.limericktriathlon.com)

A challenging triathlon located in the seaside resort of Kilkee

## July

### **Feile Brian Boru Festival, Killaloe**

**Date:** 1st weekend in July 2012

**Contact:** Arlene White 00353 86-3586293

**Web:** [www.feilebrianboru.killaloe.ie](http://www.feilebrianboru.killaloe.ie)

**Email:** [brianboru@killaloe.ie](mailto:brianboru@killaloe.ie)

Feile Brian Boru is an annual 5 day festival held in Killaloe & Ballina to commemorate Ireland's Greatest High King in his native place.

### **Feile Sona, Kilrush**

**Date:** 6th – 8th July

**Contact:** Ian Lynch 00353 86 2253549

**Web:** Facebook/Feile Sona

**Email:** [ianlynch@gmail.com](mailto:ianlynch@gmail.com)

Féile Sona is a 3 day Family Fun Festival based in the maritime Town of Kilrush. The festival ensures fun activities for every generation

### **Ennis Street Festival**

**Date:** 6th - 8th July

**Contact:** Ana Bella Alvarez 0035386-3096096

**Web:** [ennisstreetfestival.com](http://ennisstreetfestival.com)

Facebook: Ennis Street Festival

A multi cultural celebration of art, music & dance reclaiming the streets of Ennis in a feel good kaleidoscope of live acts and workshops

### **Armada International Week of Set Dancing**

Spanish Point

**Date:** 7th – 15th July

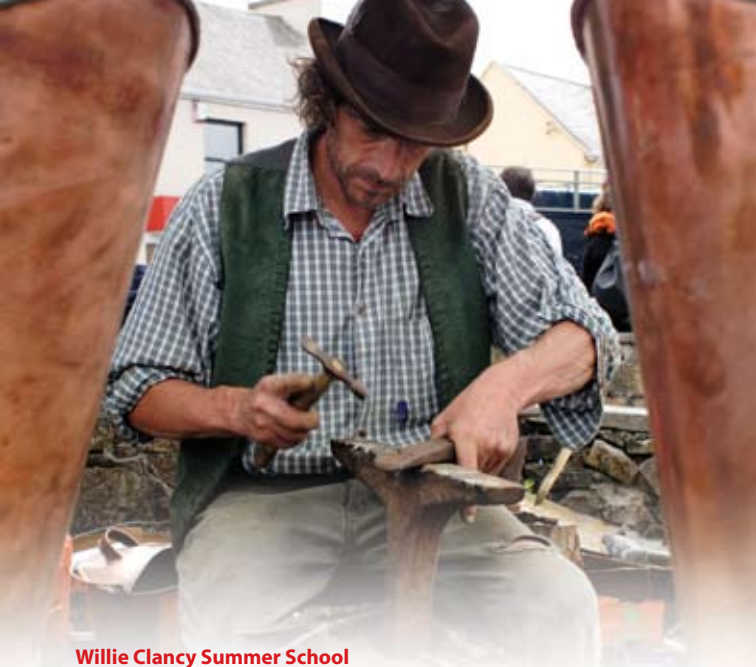
**Contact:** Burkes Armada Hotel  
00353 65-7084110

**Web:** [www.armadahotel.com](http://www.armadahotel.com)

**Email:** [info@armadahotel.com](mailto:info@armadahotel.com)

A week long enjoyment of world class Set Dancing





**Willie Clancy Summer School  
Miltown Malbay**

**Date:** 7th - 14th July

**Contact:** Harry Hughes 00353 65-7084281/7084148

**Email:** [angleann@oceanfree.net](mailto:angleann@oceanfree.net)

**Web:** [www.oac.ie](http://www.oac.ie)

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

40th Annual and Ireland's largest traditional music summer school, where students from every part of the world attend daily classes taught by experts in Irish music and dance. A full program of lectures, recitals, dances (céilithe) and exhibitions are run by the summer school. Music sessions throughout the day in the local pubs.

**Kilkee & Loophead Maritime Festival**

**Date:** 13th -15th July

**Web:** [www.kilkee.ie](http://www.kilkee.ie) or [www.loophead.ie](http://www.loophead.ie)

**The Doonbeg Food Festival**

**Date:** 21st & 22nd July

**Contact:** Ray Kearney

**Web:** [www.doonbeggolfclub.com](http://www.doonbeggolfclub.com)

**Email:** [Ray\\_Kearney@doonbeggolfclub.com](mailto:Ray_Kearney@doonbeggolfclub.com)

This two day festival encompasses seafood, cooking demonstrations, marine education, music and family fun.

**South East Clare Agricultural Show, Killaloe**

**Date:** 22nd July

**Contact:** Pat Duggan 00353 61-377778 or 00353 87-1312653

**Web:** [www.bridgetownshow.com](http://www.bridgetownshow.com)

**Email:** [info@bridgetownshow.com](mailto:info@bridgetownshow.com)

Annual agricultural show held at Bridgetown, Co. Clare, with events for horses, ponies, showjumping, cattle, novelty events and much more



### Lughnasa Festival at Craggaunowen

– The Living Past, near Quin, Co. Clare

**Date:** Late July/Early August (exact dates to be confirmed)

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

Featuring costumed re-enactors from the Bronze Age to Medieval times. Enjoy combat demonstrations, ancient cooking demonstrations and much more!

## August

### Burren Annual Exhibition

**Date:** August/September

**Contact:** Prof. Timothy Emlyn Jones 00353 65 7077200

**Web:** [www.burrencollege.ie](http://www.burrencollege.ie)

**Email:** [admin@burrencollege.ie](mailto:admin@burrencollege.ie)

An annual celebration of the best in new Irish and International contemporary art brought to the Gallery at Burren College of Art.

### Scariff Harbour Festival

Scariff

**Date:** 3rd to 5th August

**Contact:** Harry O'Meara 00353 87 2308974

**Web:** [www.scariff.com](http://www.scariff.com)

**Email:** [harryomeara@eircom.net](mailto:harryomeara@eircom.net)

A varied programme of activities, arts, music and entertainment inspired by the "lake" theme



### Rose of Clare, Cooraclare

**Date:** 5th to 10th August

**Contact:** Mr. Sean Chambers 00353 86-0536615

**Web:** [www.cooraclare.com](http://www.cooraclare.com)



### **Feakle International Traditional Music Festival**

**Date:** 8th –13th August

**Contact:** Gary Pepper 00353 61 924332 or 00353 87-9678020

**Web:** [www.feaklefestival.ie](http://www.feaklefestival.ie)

**Email:** [info@feaklefestival.ie](mailto:info@feaklefestival.ie)

Celebrating their 25th. anniversary with an action packed week of events with Concerts, Ceilís , Workshops, Sessions, nature walks etc

### **Fine Art Workshops**

**Date:** August - dates to be confirmed

**Contact:** Brid O'Loughlen 00353 65 7077200

**Web:** [burrencollege.ie](http://burrencollege.ie)

**Email:** [brid@burrencollege.ie](mailto:brid@burrencollege.ie)

A series of 5 day workshops in landscape painting, botanical painting, experimental drawing, abstract painting, landscape painting explored, photography and intensive portfolio preparation.

### **Inis Cathaigh CCE, Kilrush Traditional Music and Set Dancing Weekend**

**Date:** 8th – 12th August

**Contact:** Vincent O'Halloran 00353 86 0854834

A Unique Festival of Concertina Music celebrating the legacy of a remarkable West Clare musician

### **Kilmurry Harvest Festival**

**Date:** 19th - 26th August

**Contact:** Sean O'Reilly 00353 87 9671623

**Web:** [www.kilmurry.com](http://www.kilmurry.com)

**Email:** [festival@kilmurry.com](mailto:festival@kilmurry.com)

Family event. Kilmurry Family Festival field in Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge, Great craic and lots of attractions for all ages.

### **Dan Furey Weekend, Labasheeda**

**Date:** 24th – 26th August 2012

**Contact:** Liam Woulfe

**Web:** [www.labasheeda.net](http://www.labasheeda.net)

**Email:** [liam\\_woulfe@eircom.net](mailto:liam_woulfe@eircom.net)

A full weekend of set dancing to the best of Irish music all weekend in a relaxed rural setting.

### **Kilkee Tag Rugby Weekend**

**Date:** 24th - 26th August

**Web:** [www.kilkee.ie](http://www.kilkee.ie) or [www.loophead.ie](http://www.loophead.ie)

### **Sky Ride Etape Hibernia**

**Date:** 26th August

**Web:** [www.etapehibernia.com](http://www.etapehibernia.com)

**Email:** [info@etapehibernia.com](mailto:info@etapehibernia.com)

82 mile closed road cycle event through North and West Clare starting and finishing in Ennis Town.



### **Atlantic AirVenture Aviation Show**

**Date:** Sunday August 26th 2012

**Contact:** Jane Magill

**Web:** [www.atlanticairventure.com](http://www.atlanticairventure.com)

**Email:** [info@atlanticairventure.com](mailto:info@atlanticairventure.com)

This day is packed with exhibits from the fascinating world of flight including an Air Display, Microlights, Cockpits, Jet Engines, Models Workshops and Flight Simulation Experiences

## September

### **Kilkee Strand Race**

**Date:** 7th - 9th September

**Web:** [www.kilkee.ie](http://www.kilkee.ie) or [www.loophead.ie](http://www.loophead.ie)

### **Nell Galvin Traditional Music Festival, Moyasta, Kilrush**

**Date:** 7th, 8th & 9th September

**Contact:** Mary Haugh 00353 65- 9051597 or 00353 86-3507255

**Web:** [www.nellgalvin.com](http://www.nellgalvin.com)

**Email:** [maryhaughmoyasta@eircom.net](mailto:maryhaughmoyasta@eircom.net)

Festival of traditional Irish music, song and dance with classes in various instruments given by well known Musicians

### **Tulla Traditional Music Festival**

**Date:** 7th – 9th September

**Contact:** Jim O’Sullivan 00353 87 6601016

**Web:** [www.tullatradfestival.com](http://www.tullatradfestival.com)

**Email:** [tullacce@gmail.com](mailto:tullacce@gmail.com)

A great weekend of music, song, dancing, workshops, recitals, concert and ceilithe.

### **Clare Shout Fleadh, Kilkishen**

**Date:** 14th -16th September

**Contact:** Mike Hogan 00353 86 2314685

**Email:** [clareshoutfestival@gmail.com](mailto:clareshoutfestival@gmail.com)

A family fun packed weekend: Dog Show, Country Market, Cullaun Lake Activity, Marquee dancing, pub music, U12 Hurling, Vintage display, Fashion show, Road Bowling, Art workshop, Skittles, Family Fun day, Senior & Junior Clare Shout competitions, something for everyone to enjoy.





### **Che Do Bheatha Cuban Music & Salsa Dance Festival**

**Date:** 21st - 23rd September

**Web:** [www.kilkee.ie](http://www.kilkee.ie) or [www.loophead.ie](http://www.loophead.ie)

### **Mountshannon Traditional Music Festival**

**Date:** 28th – 30th September

**Contact:** Cliodhna Donnellan

**Web:** [www.mountshannontradfestival.ie](http://www.mountshannontradfestival.ie)

**Email:** [cliopatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cliopatricia@gmail.com)

### **The Burren Peaks Walking Festival**

**Date:** 28th – 30th September

**Contact:** Mary O'Brien 00353 87 7779714

**Web:** [www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com](http://www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com)

**Email:** [info@ballyvaughanfanorewalkingclub.com](mailto:info@ballyvaughanfanorewalkingclub.com)

Our festival weekend promises you a real taste of the Burren and offers guided hill and lowland walks varying in distance and grade catering for all walkers.

### **Traditional Harvest Day, at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park**

**Date:** Sunday 30th September

**Contact:** Reservations 00353 61-360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

See old style threshing demonstrations, vintage machinery display, sheaf throwing competitions, traditional Irish music and dancing and much more!



### **Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, Lisdoonvarna**

**Date:** Friday 31st August – Sunday 7th October

**Contact:** 00353 65-7074005

**Web:** [www.matchmakeireland.com](http://www.matchmakeireland.com)

Ireland's premier Spa Town is famous for its craic and is home to one of Europe's largest singles matchmaking festival

## October

### **Queen of Burren Festival Weekend, Lisdoonvarna**

**Date:** 5th - 7th October

**Contact:** Robert Hurley 00353 65-7074696

**Email:** [hydrohotel@eircom.net](mailto:hydrohotel@eircom.net)

### **CELT 'Weekend in the Woods'**

**Date:** 6th / 7th October

**Contact:** Sarah Thompson

**Web:** [www.celtnet.org](http://www.celtnet.org)

**Email:** [info@celtnet.org](mailto:info@celtnet.org)

### **Traditional Horse Fair, Kilrush**

**Date:** 10th October

**Contact:** Kilrush Town Council 00353 65-9051047

### **Ennis Fashion Week**

**Date:** 22nd to 27th October

**Contact:** County Boutique 00353 65 6821947/ 00353 87 2353714

**Web:** [www.visitennis.ie](http://www.visitennis.ie)

Why not visit this wonderful Town and enjoy shopping in the many family owned and run boutiques. Throughout the week there will be make-up demonstrations, special offers in shops, hotels and restaurants

### **Willie Keane Memorial, Doonbeg**

**Date:** 26th – 29th October

**Contact:** Margaret Dillon 00353 87 9985427

**Web:** [www.williekeanememorialweekend.com](http://www.williekeanememorialweekend.com)

**Email:** use contact form on website

Held in the village of Doonbeg, this festival celebrates the life of Willie Keane, legendary sean nos dancer, with traditional music, song and dance.



### **Shinty International Festival Weekend**

**Date:** 26th – 28th October

**Web:** [www.clare.ie](http://www.clare.ie)

The game was derived from the same root as the Irish game of hurling but has developed different rules and features. A team game played with sticks and a ball and now played mainly in the Scottish Highlands and amongst Highland migrants to the big cities of Scotland

### **Halloween Fun and Games at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**

**Date:** Bank Holiday Monday 29th October

**Contact:** Reservations 00353 61-360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

Activities include children's fancy dress, pirate show, magic shows, thriller dance group, Halloween games and much more!



## November

### **Ennis Trad Festival, Ennis**

**Date:** 11th – 14th November

**Contact:** John Rynne 00353 86 8307050

Website: [www.ennistradfestival.com](http://www.ennistradfestival.com)

**Email:** [contact@ennistradfestival.com](mailto:contact@ennistradfestival.com)

Traditional Music Festival, Concerts, over 100 sessions, Free CD launch concerts, masterclasses, dance workshops, Céilí, Talks, Trad themed table quiz

### **Traditional Horse Fair, Kilrush**

**Date:** 23rd November

**Contact:** Kilrush Town Council 00353 65-9051047

### **Santa's Workshop at Aillwee Cave**

Ballyvaughan

**Date:** 24th Nov. to 22nd December Wednesday through Sunday

**Contact:** Barbara Faulkner 00353 06 57077036 Booking 1890245593

**Web:** [www.aillweecave.ie](http://www.aillweecave.ie)

**Email:** [barbara@aillweecave.ie](mailto:barbara@aillweecave.ie)

Booked event only – the elves are only too delighted to talk to you & make your booking

### **Anon is Anall Exhibition at Glor Gallery**

November & December

**Web:** [www.anonisanall.com](http://www.anonisanall.com)

A contemporary exhibition of the arts using traditional Irish music as the catalyst. Ten Traditional Clare Musicians create ten new tunes and hand the tunes over to ten contemporary artists who then use the music as inspiration for their art works

## December

### **Santa Claus at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Bunratty, Co. Clare**

**Date:** Dec 1st– 23rd Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** [www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents)

**Email:** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

See Santa and his elves, Mrs. Claus, puppet show, Christmas characters, themed Christmas shops and much more.



### **Christmas Market**

The Courtyard, Doonbeg Golf Resort

**Date:** December 8th & 9th/15th & 16th

**Contact:** Ray Kearney

**Email:** Ray\_Kearney@doonbeggolfclub.com

**Web:** www.doonbeggolfclub.com

This market is based on an old world Christmas, with over 50 stalls focused on Christmas gifts, decorations and assorted Christmas food items.

### **Santa Claus at Atlantic Airventure**

**Date:** Saturdays & Sundays

Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Jane 00353 61-363687 or 00353 87 2037487

**Web:** www.atlanticairventure.com

Visit Santa in his BAC 1-11 Flight Deck. Model aircraft display. Fun for all the family.

### **Christmas Evening at the Castle, Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Bunratty, Co. Clare**

**Date:** Various dates in December on the lead up to Christmas.

Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Central Reservations 00353 61 360788

**Web:** www.shannonheritage.com/SpecialEvents/

**Email:** reservations@shannonheritage.com

### **Santa Claus Visit to Kilkishen**

**Date:** To be confirmed

**Contact:** 00353 86 8680593

**Email:** clareshoutfestival@gmail.com

Hugely popular day for children and parents alike, as well as a visit to Santa's cave, Mrs Claus is busy story telling, and there are plenty of games taking place to disco music to ensure the kids are entertained on the day.



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