

# Clare Festivals & Events 2011





## Recurring events

### O'Briens Tower

1835 – 2010

175 years

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre

**Date:** All Year

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

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

Panoramic viewing and photo opportunities from the top of the Cliffs of Moher's first visitor centre, 175 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

**Contact:** Glór box office: At 6843103

**Email:** [boxoffice@glor.ie](mailto:boxoffice@glor.ie)

**Web:** [www.glor.ie](http://www.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 086-8464509

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

**Email:** [bw@esatclear.ie](mailto: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 086-8464509

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

**Email:** [bw@esatclear.ie](mailto:bw@esatclear.ie)

### Celt Weekend in the Woods, Tuamgraney

**Date:** May, July & October

**Contact:** Sarah Thompson

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

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

Choose from 18 environmental & ecological skills courses held in beautiful woodland setting open to adults all levels, & youngsters 8yrs +

### Kilrush Farmers Market

The Square, Kilrush

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

**Contact:** Hilary Gleeson 086 8235598

**Email:** [hgleeson@cldc.ie](mailto:hgleeson@cldc.ie)

### Ennis Farmers Market

Upper Market St.

Ennis

**Date:** Every Friday 8am to 2pm

**Contact:** Dave Smith 086 1597630

### Set Dancing Brogans Bar & Restaurant

**Date:** Every Wednesday night 8.30pm to 11pm

**Contact:** Dick O'Connell 065-682 0996

**Contact:** Brogans 065-682 9480

## January



### Winter Music Festival

**Date:** 13th-16th Jan

**Contact:** Brendan Walsh 086 8464509

**Web:** www.wmw.ie

**Email:** bw@esatclear.ie

50 events in 12 venues – check web site for details

## February

### Russell Memorial Weekend, Doolin

**Date:** February 25th – 27th February

**Contact:** Bev O'Connor 065-7074595

**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

### Corofin Trad Festival

**Date:** 28th February – 6th March

**Contact:** Pdraig O'Reilly 086-6070941

**Web:** www.corofintradfest.com

**Email:** info@corofintradfest.com

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

### Ennis Book Club Festival

Ennis

**Date:** 4th – 6th March

**Contact:** Frances O'Gorman 087-9723647 or 087 2262259

**Web:** www.ennisbookclubfestival.com

**Email:** info@ennisbookclubfestival.com

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



### Burren Spring Conference

**Date:** March 11th – 13th

**Contact:** Brid O'Loughlen 065-7077200

**Web:** www.burrencollege.ie

**Email:** brid@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.

### Seachtain na Gailge

**Date:** 3rd – 17th March

**Contact:** Emer ni Fhalaitheartaigh 065-6846512  
www.clarecoco.ie

**Email:** gaeilge@clarecoco.ie

Imeachtaí Gaeilge do pháistí, daoine óga agus daoine fásta ar fud an chontae, ceardlanna, ceolchoirmeacha, céilithe, drámaí, filíocht chun daoine a spreagadh chun Gaeilge a spreagadh sa Chontae.

### St. Patrick's Celebrations at Bunnratty Castle & Folk Park

**Date:** March 17th

**Contact:** Central Reservations  
061 360788

www.shannonheritage.com

**Email:** reservations@shannonheritage.com

Enjoy traditional Irish music, set dancing classes, kids disco, snakes display an appearance by St. Patrick and much more!



### Traditional Horse Fair, Kilrush

**Date:** 25th March

**Contact:** Kilrush

Town Council  
065-9051047



### Clare Drama Festival, Scarriff

**Date:**

March 17th March – 26th March

**Contact:** Doreen Hanley 087 2686764

Enjoy a series of excellent plays.

## April

### Easter Fun & Games at Craggaunowen

Near Quin, Co. Clare

**Date:** Easter Sunday, April 24th

**Contact:** Central Reservations 061 360788

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

**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.

### Cartoon Capers at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

Bunratty Co. Clare

**Date:** Easter Monday April 25th. 1pm – 5pm

**Contact:** 061 360788

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

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

Meet Mickey, Minnie and a host of other cartoon characters. Enjoy a mad hatters tea party, jugglers, stilt walkers and much more.

### Easter Egg Treasure Trail @ Aillwee Cave and The Burren Birds of Prey Centre

**Date:** Sunday 24th & Monday 25th April

**Contact:** Barbara Faulkner 065-7077036

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

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

Mystery treasure trail with eggs for all.

## The Burren Law School Conference

**Date:** 29th April – May 1st.

**Contact:** Brid O'Loughlen 065-7077200

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

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

Director: Fintan O'Toole.

The Burren Law School aims to recreate the tradition of legal learning associated with the Brehon Law Schools, allowing the past to illuminate the present in what promises to be a stimulating and entertaining weekend. It will be of interest to the public at large as much as to members of the legal and caring professions, historians and relevant interest groups.

## May

### Burren in Bloom

**Date:** month of May

**Contact:** Brid O'Loughlen 065 7077200

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

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

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





### **PJ Hayes Memorial Weekend**

Feakle

**Date:** 30th April – 2nd May

**Contact:** Gary Pepper 061-924885

Traditional music celebrating the memory of PJ Hayes.

### **Fleadh Nua Festival**

**Date:** 22nd – 30th May

**Contact:** Cois na hAbhna, Ennis

+353 (0)65 6824276 +353 (0)86 2672926

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

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

Fleadh Nua is an exciting international festival of traditional music, singing and dancing offering a wide range of events.

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

**Date:** 20th – 22nd May

**Contact:** Birgitta Curtin : 065-7074432

**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.

### **Clare Burren Marathon**

**Date:** 21st May

**Contact:** 353-87-7779714 / 353-87-9847025

**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

### **County Fleadh, Kilfenora**

**Date:** 16th – 20th May

**Contact:** Cois na hAbhna 065 6824276

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

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

### **An Post RAS**

Stage Finish/Start

**Date:** 23rd & 24th May

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

**Email:** [admin@anpostras.com](mailto:admin@anpostras.com)

Finish of Stage 2 and Start of Stage 3 of this 8 day International Cycling Event.

### **Iniscealtra Festival of Arts**

Mountshannon

**Date:** 28th May – 6th June

**Contact:** Paul Murray 087 2380555

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

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

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.



## June

### Traditional Horse Fair Kilrush

**Date:** 2nd June  
**Contact:** Kilrush Town  
Council 065-9051047

### Doonbeg International Jazz Festival

**Date:** 3rd – 6th June  
**Contact:** Philippa Siegrist  
065-9055345 or  
086-0890479  
www: doonbegjazz.com  
**Email:** strandcamping@  
oceanfree.net  
A weekend of Jazz, Dixie  
& Swing, Latin held in the  
Village of Doonbeg, West  
Clare. All Events free

### ColdPro 2011

Miltown Malbay Co Clare  
**Date:** 1st – 8th June  
**Contact:** M. Vaughan 086 0303848  
**Web:** www.coldpro2011.com  
**Email:** info@coldpro2011.com  
ColdPro 2011 Music Surf and Soul Festival. Fea-  
turing a never to be forgotten music festival on  
the 4th and 5th June and the most high profile  
surf competition ever staged in Ireland - The  
ColdPro Pan Celtic invitational.

### An Post Tour de Burren Cycle Challenge

**Date:** 18th June  
**Contact:** Noel Shannon or Liam Glynn  
**Email:** liam.glynn@nuigalway.ie  
**Web:** www.burrencyclingclub.com



### Fossetts Circus at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

Bunratty Co. Clare  
**Date:** Saturday & Sunday June  
18th & 19th  
**Contact:** Central Reservations  
061 360788  
**Web:**  
www.shannonheritage.com  
**Email:**  
reservations@shannonheritage.com

### Spencilhill Fair (Horse Fair)

Ennis  
**Date:** 23rd June  
**Contact:** Eva Considine  
065-6835483  
**Email:**  
touristofficeennis@shannondev.ie

### Feile Brian Boru Festival

Killaloe **Date:** June 29th to 3rd July  
**Contact:** Arlene White 086-3586293  
**Web:** www.feilebrianboru.killaloe.ie  
**Email:** 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.

## July

### Feile Sona

**Date:** 1st – 3rd July  
**Contact:** Ian Lynch 086 2253549  
**Web:** facebook/feilesona  
**Email:** 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

### Armada International Week of Set Dancing

Spanish Point  
**Date:** 4th – 9th July  
**Contact:** Burkes Armada Hotel 065-7084110  
**Web:** www.armadahotel.com  
**Email:** info@armadahotel.com  
A week long enjoyment of world class Set  
Dancing.



## Ennis Street Festival



**Date:** 1st- 3rd July

**Contact:** Ana Bella Alvarez 086-3096096

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

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

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

## Willie Clancy Summer School Miltown Malbay

**Date:** 2nd to 10th July

**Contact:** Harry Hughes 065-7084281/7084148

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

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.

## South East Clare Agricultural Show

Killaloe

**Date:** 24th July

**Contact:** Pat Duggan 061-377778 or 087-1312653

**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

## Scariff Harbour Festival

Scariff

**Date:** 29th July to 1st August

**Contact:** Christina Crisewood 061-921685

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

**Email:** [cgrisewood@scariff.com](mailto:cgrisewood@scariff.com)

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

## Seafood Festival, Doonbeg

**Date:** 15th – 17th

**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.



## Lughnasa Festival at Craggaunowen – The Living Past, near Quin

Co. Clare

**Date:** Sunday July 31 & Bank Holiday Monday August 1st.

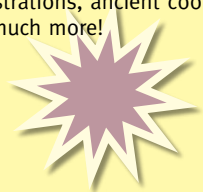
**Contact:** Central Reservations 061 360788

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

**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!





### Fine Art Workshops

**Date:** August 8th – 22nd.

**Contact:** Brid O’Loughlen 065 7077200

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

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

A series of 5day 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:** 10th to 14th August

**Contact:** Vincent O’Halloran 086 0854834

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

## August

### Burren Annual Exhibition

**Date:** August/September

**Contact:** Prof. Timothy Emlyn Jones

(353) 65 7077200

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

### Rose of Clare, Cooraclare

**Date:** 31st July to 5th August

**Contact:** Mr. Sean Chambers 086-0536615

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

### Feakle International Traditional Music Festival

**Date:** 3rd to 8th August

**Contact:** Gary Pepper 061924885 or 087-9678020

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

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

Besides providing a platform for local musicians to demonstrate their musical heritage, the Festival is noted for bringing together musicians from other traditional backgrounds to share in a unique musical experience.



### Sky ride Etape Hibernia

**Date:** 21st 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.

### Kilmurry Harvest Festival

**Date:** 21st to 27th August

**Contact:** Sean O’Reilly 0879671623

**Email:** [Sean.O’Reilly@dell.com](mailto:Sean.O’Reilly@dell.com)

Family event Kilmurry Family Festival field in Kilmurry, Sixmilebridge,

Great craic and lots of attractions for all ages, proceeds donated to local community projects.





## September

### Dan Furey Weekend Labasheeda

**Date:** 2nd to 4th September

**Contact:** Liam Woulfe 087-2220289

**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.

### Ellen Galvin Traditional Music Week-end

**Date:** 2nd– 4th September

**Contact:** Mary Haugh 065- 9051597

or 086-3507255

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

**Email:** [nellgalvin.ie](mailto:nellgalvin.ie)

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

### Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival

Lisdoonvarna

**Date:** 1st September – 2nd October

**Contact:** 065-7074005

**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

### Tulla Traditional Music Festival

**Date:** 9th – 11th September

**Contact:** Jim O'Sullivan 087 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:** 15th – 18th September

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.

**Contact:** Mike Hogan 086-2314685

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

### The Burren Peaks Walking Festival

**Date:** 23rd – 25th September

**Contact:** Mary O'Brien 087 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. The welcome reception/launch will take place in The Burren House, Galway Rd, Ballyvaughan.



## Cliffs of Moher Marathon

**Date:** 24th September

**Contact:** Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

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

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

## Traditional Harvest Day at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

**Date:** Sunday 25th September

**Contact:** Reservations 061-360788

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

**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!

## Queen of Burren Festival

Weekend Lisdoonvarna

**Date:** 30th September – 2nd October

**Contact:** Robert Hurley 065-7074696

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

## Clare Roots Society International Genealogy Conference

**Date:** 30th September – 2nd October

**Contact:** Gerry Kennedy

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

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

A conference on Irish Genealogy aimed at anyone with a keen interest in tracing their roots. The event will include a number of workshops together with well known speakers such as Dr. Nick Barratt, John Grenham and Dr. Caitriona Crowe.

## October

### Traditional Horse Fair

Kilrush

**Date:** 10th October

**Contact:** Kilrush Town Council 065-9051047



### Willie Keane Memorial

Doonbeg

**Date:** 28th – 31st October

**Contact:** Margaret Dillon 065-9055208

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

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

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

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

**Date:** Bank Holiday Monday 31st October

**Contact:** Reservations 061-360788

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

**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!

## Ennis Fashion Fortnight

**Date:** 15th – 28th October

**Contact:** County Boutique 065-6821947

**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 culminating with a Gala Fashion Ball.

## November

### Ennis Trad Festival

Ennis

**Date:** 10th – 14th November

**Contact:** John Rynne 0868307050

**Web:** [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 065-9051047

## Santa's Workshop at Aillwee Cave

Ballyvaughan

**Date:** 20th Nov. to 22nd December,

**Contact:** 1890 245593

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

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

Santa will be in his workshop at Aillwee Cave and will be meeting with children from 20 Nov. – 22 Dec.

## December

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

**Date:** Dec 4th– 23rd.

Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Central Reservations 061 360788

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

**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.





### Ballyvaughan Christmas Event

**Date:** 9th – 11th & 16th -18th December

**Contact:** Armin Craikes 065-7077377

**Email:** info@drumcreehyhouse.com

Each weekend enjoy christmas markets, workshops in Christmas decorations, cookery classes, choral recitals and concerts. A European style Christkindl Market, similar to those seen in Germany and Austria.

### Christmas Market

The Courtyard, Doonbeg Golf Resort

**Date:** December 3rd /4th & 10th/11th

**Contact:** Ray Kearney

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

**Web:** www.doonbeggolfclub.com

This two day 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 Aer Venture

**Date:** 10th/11th & 17th/18th

Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Jane 061-363687 or 087 2037487

**Web:** www.atlanticaerventure.com

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

### Childrens Panto & Dinner at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Bunratty. Co. Clare

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

Reservations Necessary

**Contact:** Central Reservations 061 360788

**Web:** www.shannonheritage.com

**Email:** reservations@shannonheritage.com

### 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 061 360788

**Web:** www.shannonheritage.com

**Email:** reservations@shannonheritage.com

### Santa Claus Visit to Kilkishen

**Date:** 11th December

**Tel:** +353 (0)86 8680593

**Email:** clareshoutfestival@gmail.com

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

