

# **Féile Brian Ború**

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## **Killaloe**

*"Everything has an end, and so these troubles of ours will end, and all the troubles of Ireland will end, too."*

*"And why should we believe that?" John asked again. "Wasn't Ireland always the poor, unhappy country, and all the people in it, only the landlords and the agents, and why should we think it will ever be better?"*

*"Everything has an end," the old woman repeated. "Ireland was not always the unhappy country. It was happy once and it will be happy again. It's not you, John O'Brien, that ought to be forgetting the good days of Ireland, long ago though they were. For you yourself are the descendant of King Brian Boru, and you know well, for it's many times I've told you, how in his days the country was happy and peaceful and blessed. He drove out the heathen and saved the country for his people. He had strict laws, and the people obeyed them. In his days a lovely girl, dressed all in fine silk and gold and jewels, walked alone the length of Ireland, and there was no one to rob her or to harm her, because of the good King and the love the people had for him and for his laws. And you, that are descended from King Brian, ask if Ireland wasn't always the poor, unhappy country."*

**Project Gutenberg's Fairies and Folk of Ireland,  
by William Henry Frost**

**<http://library.beau.org/gutenberg/1/8/8/2/18824/18824-h/18824-h.htm>**

*More Information:*

**[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_Boru](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Boru)**

**Féile Brian Ború** is an annual five day event held to keep alive the name of Ireland's greatest high king in his native place. The committee aim to provide an exciting and varied programme of events, with something to suit everyone. Step back in time to Viking Ireland by visiting our open air Viking village market and street Pageant, learn about the history of Killaloe, Co Clare and Ballina, Co Tipperary by taking part in our guided walking tours and historical boat trips, or come and join in the fun with many other events, including acts and culture, music, song and entertainment; children events and many water and sporting events. Participation in our events is greatly encouraged most of which are free of charge.

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