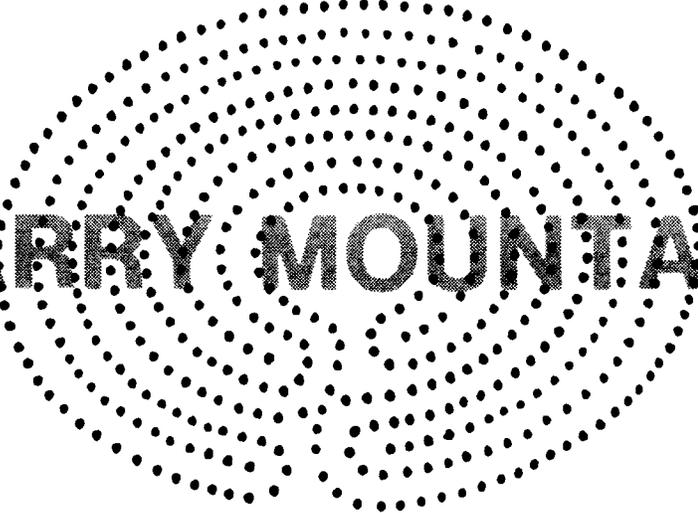


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GODS / HEROES / WARRIORS

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NAME Labhraidh
EPITHET Swift Hand on the Sword (Luathlam ar Cledeb)
ALTERNATIVE Labra / Labraid / Luath ar Claideb / Luathlam ar
Cladeb
SEX M
FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY deity / hero / warrior / chieftain
CULTURE Danann
COUNTRY Ireland
TERRITORY The Otherworld - Field of Happiness (Magh Mell)
AGE Iron
DATES BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES Li Ban (wife); Fand (sister-in-law)
ENEMIES Eochaidh Iuil / Senach Siabathe / Eogan
Indber
SEE ALSO Cu Chulainn / Fand / Laeg / Li Ban / Manannan
REMARKS Labhraidh heard about Cu Chulainn's fighting
skill against the Fomorians so he sent his wife Li Ban with
a message asking for Cu Chulainn's help against his 3
enemies: Eochaidh Iuil, Senach Siabathe, and Eogan Indber.
In return for Cu Chulainn's help, Labhraidh offered him
the hand of Fand.

Li Ban returned with Cu Chulainn's charioteer Laeg so
that he could do a reckoning of Magh Mell, Labhraidh's
territory, which was an island in a lake. When Laeg
returned to Cu Chulainn, he described Labhraidh as having
long blond hair held back by a golden apple.

In the garden of Labhraidh was a house that could hold
150 warriors, purple trees with beautiful songbirds, fruit
trees that could bear enough fruit to feed 300 warriors, a
supernatural well and a vat of intoxicating mead that never
went dry. The island was also visited by troops of women.

Cu Chulainn came to Magh Mell and Labhraidh put him in
charge of his army and made him his champion. During the

battle with the Fomorians, Cu Chulainn killed Eochaidh Iuil and 30 of his warriors. The Fomorian chieftain Senach Siabharthe attacked next and he also was killed by Cu Chulainn. Labhraidh and his army, which had been held in reserve, then attacked and together they routed the remainder of their enemies including Manannan and his warriors who fought for Eogan Indber of the Fomorians. Cu Chulainn had to be cooled in three vats of water so that he would not turn his anger against his friends.

NAME Labraid Loingsech
 EPITHET The Mariner Who Speaks (Labraidh Loineach)
 ALTERNATIVE Labra / Labraidh / Maen / Maon / Moen (dumb)
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY hero / warrior / Ard Righ Eirinn
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel / Pictish
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Carlow / Meath
 TERRITORY Mide / Leinster / Munster / Connacht / Ulster
 LANDMARKS Barrow / Magh mBreg
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES *BC 6th c / BC 529-510 (Ard Righ - Kings List)*
 BATTLES Dind Rig
 ACCESSORIES Galian warriors
 RELATIVES Ailill (father); Moriath (wife); Oengus Ollom (grandson); Laoghaire (grandfather); Ugainne (great-grandfather); Cesair (great-grandmother); Cobhthach (granduncle); Scoriath (father-in-law); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Cobhthach
 SEE ALSO Ailill Aine / Cesair / Cobhthach Coel / Craiptine / Eremon / Ferchertne / Laoghaire Loc / Moriath / Scoriath / Ugainne / Tea
 REMARKS When Labraid was still a youth, his grandfather and then his father were both murdered by his grandfather's brother Cobhthach Coel. When Cobhthach poisoned Labraid's father, he cut out his heart and made Labraid eat it. The horror of the experience caused the boy to lose his voice and he became known as Moen (dumb).

Labraid fled from Ireland to the land of the Pretani where he served as a mercenary to the chieftain of the Armenia, a tribe who decorated their hair with flecks of gold. After some time passed, Labraid travelled on to Gaul to see if he could make use of his great-grandmother's connections. At the suggestion of his poet Ferchertne, he sailed to Aremorica and met Scoriath, the head chieftain of the Fir Morc.

While Labraid was playing hurley one day, he was hit with a stick which made him yell out, thereby regaining his speech. Scoriath had a beautiful daughter named Moriath

who fell in love with Labraid and they eventually married. With the help of his father-in-law, Labraid raised an army and set sail for Dinn Rig.

When they approached the shore, Cobhthach's druid asked the first ship if the leader could speak and the reply was "Yes, he is Labraidh Loineach (the mariner who speaks)" which was a play on his name.

Labraid landed at Wexford with his army of Gaesatae (battle-line) which was made up of Galian and Luaighni warriors of the Cauici and Menapii tribes. They carried spears with blue-green iron heads called Laighne (Lyna). Labraid and his warriors seized control of Dinn Rig and called the territory Laighin {Ly-in} which became known as Leinster.

Labraid spent a year secretly building a special iron house. On the eve of Samhain a great feast was held. Cobhthach and his chieftains who had survived the battle were invited as the guests of honor. They were tricked into entering the iron house which was then set afire and they were roasted alive. With the death of Cobhthach, Labraid became the high chieftain of Ireland.

Labraid could hear everything that was happening around him, even if it was whispered, because he had horse's ears. He wore his hair so his people would never see his disfigurement. Every time he had his hair cut, he would have the barber killed in order to keep the secret. One barber managed to tell the tree he was hanged on before he died. Eventually a branch of the tree was cut off and made into a harp for Craiphtine. The first time Craiphtine played the harp, it told of Labraid's horse ears.

Labraid spent 19 years as the high chieftain of Ireland before he was slain by Melge, son of Cobhthach, who became the next high chieftain. He ruled the island for 17 years until he was killed by Mug Corb, son of Rechtaid Rigderg of Mumu. Labraid's son Oengus Ollom also served 18 years as the high chieftain of Ireland until he was killed by Irereo, son of Melge.

NAME	Ladra
EPITHET	The ancient (Ada)
ALTERNATIVE	Ladha
SEX	M
CATEGORY	druid
TYPE	navigator
COUNTRY	Ireland
REGION	Kerry
TERRITORY	Munster
LANDMARKS	Corco Duibne
SITES	Dun na mBarc / Ard Ladrann
AGE	Bronze
DATES	BC 21st c
RELATIVES	Bith (father); Cessair (sister); Bath (brother)
SEE ALSO	Banba / Cessair

REMARKS When Cessair and her followers landed at Dun na mBarc in Corco Duibne in Munster, she divided the women into 3 groups. Ladra the navigator went with Banba and her 15 women to form a settlement but he died from excess of women. Another story said that he died when an oar pierced his buttock. He was buried (without a green point) at Ard Ladrann.

NAME Laeg
 EPITHET Greatest of Charioteers
 ALTERNATIVE Laeg {Lay} / Loeg
 SEX M
 SYMBOL raven
 CATEGORY hero / charioteer
 TYPE champion driver for Cu Chulainn
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Ulster
 SITES Ath Ferdiad (Ferdiaid's Ford) / The Otherworld - Plain of Delight (Magh Mell) / Ath Lethain (Lethan's Ford)
 CENTERS Dundalk (Dun Dealgan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid / Gairech & Irgairech
 ACCESSORIES buckskin tunic / cape of raven feathers / battle cap / head badge of red-gold / golden goad
 RELATIVES Riangabair (father); Id, Ibar and Sedlang (brothers)
 ENEMIES Host of Connacht / Lugaid mac Curoi
 SEE ALSO Badbh Catha / Calatin / Cu Chulainn / Fand / Ferdiaid / Follomain / Ibar mac Riangabra / Id macRiangabra / Lethan / Li Ban / Lugaid mac Curoi / Sedlang

REMARKS Laeg and his brothers were all charioteers for famous chariot warriors. Laeg was the charioteer and good friend to Cu Chulainn and could operate in a close proximity when Cu Chulainn was in his warrior's heat. He always called Cu Chulainn "Cucuc". Laeg was described as a slender, tall man with curly red hair and a freckled face.

Laeg and Cu Chulainn shared many adventures, and Laeg had to fight in some of the battles himself. He fought his brother Id, charioteer of Ferdiaid, during the combat between Cu Chulainn and Ferdiaid at Ath Ferdiad. He also fought Mulcha, Lethan's charioteer.

When Cu Chulainn had been cured by his god-father Lugh and had awoken from his 3-day healing sleep, he was told of the slaughter of the boy-troop of Ulster and their leader Follomain. Follomain and the troop of 3x50 warrior youths had been under Cu Chulainn's protection and now they were all dead.

Cu Chulainn told Laeg to prepare his battle chariot and to attach the scythes to the wheels, then to prepare

the horses and himself. The battle chariot was a heavy war chariot covered with sharp points and barbs so that it resembled a charging porcupine. The scythes were long blades that were parallel extensions of the wheel. They spun around as the wheel turned, causing considerable damage to the lower parts of animals and humans.

Laeg then prepared the horses: the Black of Saingliu and the Gray of Macha. He dressed them in their coats of armor and iron chain mail and attached them to the battle chariot. Laeg next put on his charioteer's battle dress with his tunic of buckskin and a cape of raven feathers over it. He wore his multi-colored battle-cap which was covered in figures. The battle-cap protected his shoulders and back and was fitted with a crest on the top. He then placed the strip of red-gold over his forehead which was his badge of charioteering. He took the hobbles off the horses, and with his golden goad in his right hand and the reins in his left, he drove over to pick up his master, Cucuc.

Cu Chulainn was dressed in his battle armor of 27 waxed tunics girdled by cord, swathings and ropes. This was to protect himself when he became deranged by his riastarthaes. Over this he wore his champion's battle girdle made from the forequarters of 7 young oxen. The girdle covered the area from under his armpits to the narrow of his waist. He then wore his silken trews with bands of golden plates against the soft parts of his loins. Over this he wore another battle girdle of cowhide. The next layer was a hide kilt made from the shoulders of 4 oxen. This protected him from the narrow part of his waist to the thick part of his legs.

Cu Chulainn then loaded his battle chariot with his favorite weapons of war. He took with him 1 tusk-hilted long sword, 8 little swords, 1 quiver of 8 small spears, 1 five-pronged spear, 8 little darts, 1 javelin, 8 small shafts, 1 play-staff, 8 shields for feats and his dark red curved shield with its keen cutting edge of hard iron. Cu Chulainn then put on his crested four-cornered war helmet with a carbuncle at each corner and placed his purple fan over his face. He then put a cloak of invisibility over himself, his charioteer and his horses: a talent he had learned from his foster-father Manannan.

Cu Chulainn then let out a warrior's yell that shook the very fabric of the earth and air around him, alerting the fiends, goblins and spirits of the coming slaughter. His body took on the contorted shape of his riastarthaes, shifting bone and muscle. One eye was sucked into his head and the other grew to 5 times its normal size. His mouth opened from ear to ear, his hair bristled and his champion's light stood out on his forehead. In this monstrous state, he then mounted his war chariot and was driven to the camp of the Host of Connacht.

Laeg manouevered the war chariot through the hoard of enemy warriors while Cu Chulainn delivered his thunder-feat

of 100, the thunder-feat of 200, the thunder-feat of 300, the thunder-feat of 400, until he reached the thunder-feat of 500.

Laeg then drove the chariot in a large circle around the Host of Connacht, pushing the earth into a high wall (the hedge of Badbh) so that they could not escape. He then rode 6 times in a spiralling circle through the warriors of Connacht, with the scythes piling the slaughtered mutilated corpses onto a bed of six rows. Sessrech Breslige (Great Sixfold Slaughter) was the name of this massacre. Laeg then drove off the battlefield without having any wounds or injuries to his master, his horses or himself.

Before the Battle of Gairech & Irgairech, Cu Chulainn had Laeg awaken the warriors of Ulster. Laeg reported to Cucuc that they went into battle naked (without armor) except for their weapons.

Laeg also sailed with Li Ban to Mag Mell (Plain of Delight) of The Otherworld in a bronze boat to inspect the beauty of Fand. He then returned with Cu Chulainn to recover Fand's territory in The Otherworld.

Laeg, the Black of Saingliu, Cu Chulainn and the Gray of Macha all died on the same day. Laeg was killed by a javelin that was especially made by the sons of Calatin to kill a champion. Lugaid mac Curoi was the warrior who threw the javelin. Laeg, the greatest of charioteers, was dead.

NAME	Laeghaire mac Crimthann
ALTERNATIVE	Laegaire / Laoghaire / Leaghaire / Loegaire / Loeghaire / Loegure / Loghaire
SEX	M
FESTIVAL	Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY	hero / warrior
TYPE	chariot warrior / Red Branch champion
CULTURE	Goidel
COUNTRY	Ireland
REGION	Tyrone
TERRITORY	Connacht / Ulster / The Otherworld - The Plain of the Two Mists (Magh Da Cheo)
SITES	Bird Lake (Enloch)
AGE	Iron
DATES	BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES	Crimthann (father); Der Greine (wife); Fiachna mac Retach (father-in-law)
ENEMIES	Goll mac Dolb
SEE ALSO	Dolb / Fiachna mac Retach
REMARKS	Crimthann Cass, a chieftain of Connacht, was holding an assembly at Bird Lake in county Tyrone when out of the mist came Fiachna mac Retach of the sidhe. He reported that his wife and daughter had been abducted and were being held by Goll mac Dolb of Magh Mell (Field of Happiness). Fiachna explained that he was hiring

mercenaries and would pay in silver and gold to those warriors willing to help. Laeghaire mac Crimthann, a Red Branch champion of Ulster, volunteered and brought 50 warriors with him. They followed Fiachna mac Retach to Magh Da Cheo (The Plain of Two Mists) in The Otherworld where Laeghaire killed Goll in combat.

Fiachna was so happy to be reunited with his wife and family that he offered his daughter's hand in marriage to Laighaire. Laighaire married Der Greine (Sun Tear) and decided to stay in the Sidhe. None of his warriors returned from the battle and legend claims that they all found partners among the Danann.

NAME Laighlinne
 ALTERNATIVE Laiglinde / Laiglinne
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Beltainn (Brilliant Fires)
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 CULTURE Partholean tribe
 COUNTRY Turkey / Ireland
 REGION Asia Minor
 TERRITORY Phrygia
 LANDMARKS Plateau of Phrygia
 SITE Loch Laiglinne (burial site)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 19th c
 BATTLES Magh Ibha
 RELATIVES Partholon (father); Dealgnaid (mother); Aife (sister/wife); Senboth, Slainge, Rudraidhe, Eber, Er, Orba, Ferann and Fergna (brothers); Aidne, Aine, Fochain, Muchos, Melepard, Glas, Grennach, Ablach and Gribendach (sisters); Magog (ancestor)
 ENEMIES Fomorii
 SEE ALSO Dealgnaid / Eber / Magog / Partholon / Rudraidhe / Senboth / Slainge
 REMARKS Laighlinne, son of Partholon, was one of the four chieftains who helped lead their people from their territory on the Plateau of Phrygia in Turkey to Ireland. In the 10th year of their arrival he led his warriors against the Fomorians during the battle of Magh Ibha. Fifteen years after they arrived in Ireland, Laighlinne died. When they were digging his grave, Loch Laiglinne in Ui mac Uais of Breg burst over the land.

NAME Lam Gabuid
 EPITHET Hand of the Yellow Spear
 ALTERNATIVE Lamha
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel

COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Ulster
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Aengus (son)
 ENEMIES Cet
 SEE ALSO Aengus mac Lamh Gabuid / Cet
 REMARKS Lam threw a spear at Cet who was raiding wild cattle in Ulster but Cet recovered the spear and threw it back at Lam, cutting off his hand.

NAME Lamfind
 ALTERNATIVE Lamfhind / (Lam = hand)/(fine = tribe or family)
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ri Ruirech
 TYPE chariot warrior / head chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Russia / Ukraine
 REGION Daghestan (Eastern Albania)
 TERRITORY Scythia
 LANDMARKS Caucasus / Caspian Sea / Black Sea / Strait of Kerch (Euxine River) / Rhipaeen Mountain / Azov Sea (Maeotic Marshes)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 18th c
 RELATIVES Agnomain (father); Eber Glunfhind (son); Glas and Allot (brothers); Iafeth and Rifath Scot (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Reafloir
 SEE ALSO Brath / Feinius Farsaid / Nel / Iafeth / Reafloir / Rifath Scot / Sru / Feinius Farsaid
 REMARKS Lamfind, son of Agnomain, was a descendant of Rifath Scot. Agnomain had killed Reafloir, son of Refill

"The Sea Lord", in combat for the position of head chieftain of the two arms of the family of Feinius Farsaid. The followers of Refloir refused to be led by Agnomain and drove the children of Nel out of the territory.

Agnomain secured 3 ships and put 20 female and 40 male warriors in each. After 7 years of searching the north side of the Caspian Sea looking for a way to the great ocean, Agnomain died.

The 3 ships were now led by Allot, Cing and Caicher the druid, all under the head chieftain Lamfind. The Goidel travelled from Eastern Albania (Dagestan), a territory situated north of the Caucasus on the Caspian Sea, to the Euxine River (Strait of Kerch).

The druid Caicher advised that when they should pass through the waters of the Sirens they could wax their ears for protection. Here north of the Rhipaeen mountain they found a spring with water that tasted like wine.

After 3 nights of rest they pushed onward to the Maeotic Marshes (Sea of Azov). Here Lamfhind had a son born to him who was named Eber Glunfhind (Glun = knee or

generation)/(fine = tribe or family). Eber Glunfhind was the next chieftain of his people.

Alloth, brother of Lamfind, also had a son born in the marshes and he was Eber Dub. The tribe stayed in the marshes until the time of Brath, son of Death.

NAME Laoghaire Lorc
 ALTERNATIVE Laegaire / Laeghaire / Leaghaire / Loegaire / Loeghaire / Loegure / Loghaire / Loiguire Lorc
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ard Righ Eirinn
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel / Pictish
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Mide / Leinster / Munster / Connacht / Ulster
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 6th c / BC 581-579 (*Ard Righ - Kings List*)
 RELATIVES Ugaine (father); Cesair (mother); Ailill Aine (son); Labraid (grandson); Cobhthach and Fergus Cnai (brothers)
 ENEMIES Cobhthach
 SEE ALSO Ailill Aine / Cesair / Cobhthach Coel / Labraid Loingsech / Ugaine
 REMARKS Laoghaire became the high chieftain of Ireland for 2 years after the death of his father. His brother Cobhthach hated him and was always looking for a way to kill him.

Laoghaire received word that his brother had died and was laid out in his burial chariot ready to be taken to his mound to be buried. Laoghaire was to erect the standing stone for his brother. When Laoghaire went into the tumulus and bent down to view his brother, Cobhthach, who was only faking death, stabbed Laoghaire in the heart.

NAME Larine macNois
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Armagh
 TERRITORY Ulster exile / cause of Connacht
 CENTERS Emain Macha (Navan) / Raith Cruachan
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid
 RELATIVES son of Nos / great-grandson of Blathmac / Lugaid (brother)
 ENEMIES Cualnge / Pictland / Ulster
 SEE ALSO Ailill macMata / Cu Chulainn / Lugaid macNois /

Medbh

REMARKS Larine was a younger, foolish and arrogant brother of Lugaid macNois. Medbh and Ailill were priming him to fight Cu Chulainn so that when he lost, Lugaid would avenge his death. Lugaid went to the camp of Cu Chulainn and told him of Medbh's plan.

When Larine arrived for battle in the early morning with his wagon of weapons, he was not accompanied by the usual array of warriors to watch the combat. The only followers he had were 3x50 women, boys and girls who went to jeer at him.

Cu Chulainn had decided not to bring any weapons to the encounter and when Larine arrived, Cu Chulainn rushed him and knocked his weapon away. Then he grabbed Larine in a bear hug and shook him until the air was fouled by his waste. Cu Chulainn then threw him with all his might and he landed at the door of Lugaid's tent.

Larine was the only combatant to escape death after having challenged Cu Chulainn on the Cualnge Cattle Raid. Larine's body was never the same again: his joints and muscles always ached, he could not eat right and he had to relieve himself frequently.

NAME Latis
 SEX F
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE water goddess
 CULTURE Pictish / Briton - Brigantes tribe
 COUNTRY England
 REGION Cumbria
 TERRITORY Lloegr
 LANDMARKS bogs / swamps / pools
 SITES Birdoswald / Fallstead
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 13th c / BC 6th c
 REMARKS The water deity Latis was venerated at Birdoswald and Fallstead in Cumbria in association with bogs, swamps, pools, and beer. This territory was settled by the Brigantes in two waves. The first group settled the area in BC 13th century and the second arrived in BC 6th century.

NAME Latobius
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE mountain god
 CULTURE Hallstatt
 COUNTRY Austria
 TERRITORY Alps
 LANDMARKS Alps / Mur
 SITES Mount Koralpe
 AGE Iron

DATES BC 4th c
 REMARKS Latobius was a mountain and sky god who was venerated on Mount Koralpe which reached 7000ft (2144 m) into the sky. A tributary of the Mur river has its headwaters there, eventually flowing into the Drave and into the Danube.
 The area was settled by early Hallstatt Celts who mined salt, then by invading Gallic warriors in BC 4th century.

NAME Le Fer Flaith
 ALTERNATIVE Le Fear Flaith / Lia Fer Flatha
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior / young son of Conaire (Ard Righ Eirinn)
 CULTURE Goidel / Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Connacht
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg / Magh Liffey / Magh Cnamroiss (Field of Bonewood)
 SITES Da Derga's Hostel
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Ath Cliath
 RELATIVES Mess Buachalla (grandmother); Conaire Mor (father); Cairbre Musc, Cairbre Baschain, Cairbre Riada, Oball and Oblene (brothers)
 ENEMIES Ingcel / sons of Donn Desa
 SEE ALSO Cairbre Musc / Cairbre Riada / Conaire Mor / Da Derga / Donn Desa / Ingcel / Mac Cecht / Mess Buachalla / Red Riders
 REMARKS Le Fer Flaith was with his father the high chieftain of Ireland on their way to Da Derga's Hostel when they came up behind the 3 Red Riders. Le Fer Flaith rode ahead on his horse to ask the 3 Reds if they would allow the entourage of the high chieftain of Ireland to pass. He could not get any closer than the distance of a good spear cast, but one of the red warriors recited a poem of coming doom, bloodshed and destruction.
 Ingcel described Le Fer Flaith as a boy of 7 years with 3 colors of hair: green, yellow-crimson and gold. He had red-freckled skin and wore a cloak of purple. He and 3x50 boys sat on blue-silver chairs. Le Fer Flaith carried 15 darts made from the stocks of bullrushes with thorns for heads. During the destruction at Da Derga's, Le Fer Flaith put out 15 right eyes including one of Ingcel's which had seven pupils.
 When Conaire asked Mac Cecht to get him water to quench his terrible thirst due to a druidic spell, Mac

Cecht took Le Fer Flaith with him. Mac Cecht hid him under his arm for protection but by the time his wild ride for water met with success, Mac Cecht's warrior heat had melted the flesh from Le Fer Flaith's body, leaving only bones. Mac Cecht buried his remains at Magh Cnamroiss (Field of Bonewood).

NAME Lebarcham
 ALTERNATIVE Lavarcham / Lebharcham / Lebhorcham
 SEX F
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY warrior / filidh
 TYPE warrior / watch guard / messenger / poet
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Armagh
 TERRITORY Ulster
 LANDMARKS Magh Muirthemni
 SITES Emain Macha (Navan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Aue (Ear) (mother); Adarc (Horn) (father); Deirdre (foster-daughter)
 SEE ALSO Conchobar / Cu Chulainn / Deirdre / Fand / Li Ban / Naoise
 REMARKS Lebarcham daughter of Aue (Ear) and Adarc (Horn) was on watch when Cu Chulainn approached the raith of Emain Macha and she gave the warning to Conchobar that the 7-year-old Cu Chulainn was returning in a battle frenzy. Conchobar sent Lebarcham to fetch Cu Chulainn for the Samhain festival at Emain Macha which led to the drunken ride to Temair Luachra. During another Samhain celebration, Lebarcham suggested to Cu Chulainn that he capture some birds for the women to wear on their shoulders. Cu Chulainn was angry because of the frivolousness of the deed until she reminded him that many of the women blemished themselves by going around with one eye closed in imitation of him when he was in his riastartha. The situation led to him trying to shoot down two Danann goddesses, Fand and Li Ban, who were disguised as birds. Lebarcham was the filidh whom Conchobar appointed to oversee the upbringing of Deirdre who would be his concubine when she was old enough. They lived in seclusion away from males with their female servants and Deirdre's maidens in a great wood of Ulster. One day when Deirdre was reaching womanhood and pining for a handsome man, Lebarcham told her of Naoise, a youth of raven-black hair, blood-red cheeks on snow-white skin. Deirdre immediately fell in love and demanded to meet this Red Branch warrior. When they finally met, Deirdre used her charms to persuade Naoise to take her away from her dreary life. Naoise and Deirdre eloped to Albainn (Scotland/northern England) where

Naoise and his brothers hired out as mercenaries and lived a life of youthful adventure.

When Conchobar was forced by the warriors of the Red Branch to allow Deirdre and Naoise to return to Ulster, Conchobar sent for Lebhoecham and asked if Deirdre was still beautiful. Lebarcham spoke of her bad points and tried to convince Conchobar that Deirdre had lost her looks. The situation eventually led to the the civil war of Ulster.

Years later when Cu Chulainn prepared for his death ride, Lebarcham begged him not to go and instigated 3x150 women to keen, lament and hit their hands in protest that they would not see him again.

NAME Leil
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Rix
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain of Britain
 CULTURE Goidel - Coritani tribe
 COUNTRY England / Wales / Scotland
 TERRITORY Lloegr / Cambria / Albainn
 SITES Caer Leil (Carlisle)
 CENTERS Caer Troia (Town of Troy) present-day Ilford
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 10th c (ruled 25 years) / BC 935 ca. (died)
 RELATIVES Brute Greenshield (father); Rud Hud Hudibras (son); Ebraucos (grandfather)
 SEE ALSO Ebraucos / Rud Hud Hudibras
 REMARKS During Leil's time as high chieftain of Britain he brought peace and prosperity to his people. He constructed a fort in northwestern England which he called Caer Leil.

In the last years of his rule, civil war broke out among the tribes and was still raging when his son Rud established himself as head chieftain.

NAME Leir
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Rix
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain of Britain
 CULTURE Goidel - Coritani tribe
 COUNTRY England / Wales / Scotland
 REGION Leicestershire / Lincolnshire
 TERRITORY Lloegr / Cambria / Albainn
 LANDMARKS Thames / Soar
 SITES burial chamber just south of Leinster
 CENTERS Caer Troia (Town of Troy) present-day Ilford / Caerleir (Leir's fort), present-day Leicester
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 9th (ruled 60 years) / BC 816 ca. (died)
 RELATIVES Bladud (father); Goneril, Regan and Cordelia (daughters); Marganus and Cunedagius (grandsons)

ENEMIES Goneril / Regan
 SEE ALSO Bladud / Cordelia / Cunedagius / Dianos /
 Goneril / Marganus / Regan
 REMARKS

Leir succeeded his father as the high chieftain of Britain and ruled for sixty years. During his reign he founded Caerleir (Leir's fort) on a tributary of the Soar river where present-day Leicester now stands.

Leir had three daughters and when he became older he asked his daughters how much they loved him. Goneril and Regan, the two oldest, flattered the old man and were married off to two important chieftains with dowries of huge sections of Britain.

Cordelia, who was his favorite daughter and who loved him the most, refused to answer such a silly question. The old man became angry and refused her a dowry, but she was allowed to marry a chieftain of Gaul.

Not long after, the two elder daughters conspired and divided his territory between themselves. Leir was maintained by his elder daughter Goneril and was allowed to keep a retinue of 140 warriors, which were soon reduced to 30. Leir appealed to his second daughter Regan, who took him in but reduced his retinue to 5 warriors. This was a major insult to the once-powerful chieftain so he returned to live with Goneril who added insult to injury by reducing his retinue to 1.

Leir, highly insulted, sailed to Gaul to visit his youngest daughter and there he was treated with the dignity he deserved. Cordelia outfitted her father with fine clothing that befitted his status and provided him with an army to recapture his territory.

When Leir died, his daughter Cordelia buried him in a chamber under the Soar river downriver from Leicester and dedicated the chamber to Dianos, god of the portal.

NAME Len
 EPITHET Of the Many Hammers
 SEX M
 CATEGORY artisan
 TYPE goldsmith
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Killarney
 TERRITORY Munster
 SITES Loch Leann (Lake of Learning)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 SEE ALSO Bobd Dearg
 REMARKS Len was a goldsmith for Bobd Dearg. Loch Leann (Lough Lena) was named after him.

NAME Lena
 SEX M

CATEGORY herder
 TYPE swineherd
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Leinster
 SITES Hostel (Bruidhean)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Mac Da Tho (father); Ucha (mother)
 SEE ALSO Eochaid Belbuide / Mac Da Tho / Ucha /
 REMARKS Lena found Mac Da Tho's boar in the oak forest
 and reared it for 7 years until it buried him alive with
 earth that it pushed over him when he was sleeping.
 Mac Da Tho's swineherd Follsaide took the animal to
 the hostel to be slaughtered for the feast. Lena was also
 accused of capturing 7 cows from Eochaid Belbuide.

NAME Lendabair
 SEX F
 CATEGORY rigbean (noble woman)
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Ulster
 LANDMARKS Dun Rudrige
 SITES Tech Midchuarta
 CENTERS Taltiu (Teltown)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Eogan (father); Findige (mother); Conall
 (husband); Rathand and Irial Glunmar (sons)
 SEE ALSO Bricriu / Conall Cernacht / Cu Chulainn / Emer /
 Eogan mac Durthacht / Fedlimid Nocruthach /
 Loeghaire Buadhach / Sencha mac Ailella
 REMARKS During the feast given by Bricriu at his new
 home Tech Midchuarta, he convinced Lendabair that because
 of her beauty and fame she should be the first of the women
 to enter the great hall ahead of Fedlimid and Emer: a
 privilege called first footing.
 When the time came for the women to make their grand
 entrance to the feast, the three wives of the champions and
 their 3x50 maidens began their procession slowly and with
 great dignity. As they came closer to the entrance they
 each began to hurry so they would be the first to enter.
 When each realized that the other was also trying to get
 there first, all three hiked their dresses to their hips
 and ran.
 Sencha realized that Bricriu was behind this and
 ordered the guards to close the door. Outside the door the
 women began a war of words as they praised their husbands.
 Conall and Loeghaire tore poles from the walls to let their
 women in but Cu Chulainn lifted the side of the building so
 Emer could make her grand entrance with her 150 women.
 When Cu Chulainn dropped the wall back into place it

sunk 7 feet into the ground and the house shook so much that Bricriu's bower fell and he and his wife ended in the garbage heap with the dogs. Bricriu put a geis of not eating and drinking on the host until the raith wall was fixed. Cu Chulainn completed the repairs in record time and the party continued.

NAME Leno
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE sun god
 CULTURE Ligurian
 COUNTRY France
 REGION Alpes-Maritimes
 TERRITORY Gaul
 LANDMARKS island of Lerins
 AGE Bronze
 REMARKS Leno was a sun god who was venerated on the island of Lerins in the Alpes-Maritimes region of France. This area of southern France was populated by people of the Ligurian culture who migrated into the area in the Bronze Age.

NAME Lenus
 ALTERNATIVE Lenos
 SEX M
 SYMBOL goose
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE sun healer god
 CULTURE Belgae - Treveri tribe
 COUNTRY Germany / Luxembourg / France
 REGION Rhineland
 TERRITORY Gaul
 LANDMARKS Ardenne Highlands / Moselle
 SITES curative spring
 CENTERS Trier
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 9th c / BC 1st c
 RELATIVES Ancamna (consort)
 SEE ALSO Ancamna
 REMARKS Lenus was a male consort of the goddess Ancamna who was venerated at Trier. He was venerated in a small wooded valley with steep sides across the river Moselle from Trier. The territory belonged to the Treveri tribe who had settled the area by BC 9th century and were still in the area when the Romans invaded Gaul in BC 1st century. The Nemetes tribe of the Celto-Germani culture also moved into the area during BC 1st century.

NAME Leonnorios
 SEX M

CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 TYPE horse warrior / war leader
 CULTURE Galatian - Tolistoboii, Tectosages and Trogmi tribes
 COUNTRY Turkey
 TERRITORY Gaul / Galatia
 LANDMARKS Plateau of Phrygia
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 3rd c / BC 278 / BC 270
 SEE ALSO Brennus / Lutarios
 REMARKS Leonnorios and Lutarios were two chieftains who

separated from Brennus and in BC 278 took 20,000 warriors across the Bosphorus to present-day Turkey.

There they fought as mercenaries for Nicomedes, leader of Bithynia. They must have had a large proportion of female warriors because one of the four subjects of the sculptures by Attalo and Eumenes was The Battle of the Amazons which was dedicated to the Gauls. St Jerome remarked about the Gallic virgins who killed themselves to avoid outrage.

In BC 270 the warriors of Leonnorios were badly defeated by Antiochos Soter and his war elephants. The survivors settled on the Plateau of Phrygia and developed the Territory of the Galatians with its tetrarchy system of rule.

NAME Lethan
 EPITHET The Broad
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Connacht / Conalle Muirthemni
 SITES Guala Mulchi (Mulcha's shoulder) / Ath Lethain
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid (died)
 ACCESSORIES Mulcha was his charioteer
 RELATIVES Meslethain (fosterling)
 ENEMIES Cualnge / Pictland / Ulster / Cu Chulainn
 SEE ALSO Cu Chulainn / Diliu macGarach
 REMARKS Lethan was angered because a mere boy had killed so many of Connacht's warriors, so he challenged Cu Chulainn to combat. During the combat, the two charioteers also fought and both chariots were smashed. The edge of the river was called Mulcha's shoulder (Guala Mulchi). Cu Chulainn took Lethan's head, and the ford in the district of Conalle Muirthemni was named Ath Lethain. Lethan's fosterling was the charioteer for Diliu macArach.

NAME Li Ban

EPITHET Paragon of Women
 ALTERNATIVE Le Bane
 SEX F
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY rigbean (noble woman)
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Field of Happiness (Magh Mell)
 LANDMARKS Magh Muirthemni
 SITES An Tête Brecc
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 ACCESSORIES bronze boat
 RELATIVES Aed Abrat (father); Labhraidh (husband); Fand (sister); Aeonghus (brother)
 SEE ALSO Aed Abrat / Aeonghus mac Aedh Abrat / Cu Chulainn / Emer / Fand / Labhraidh / Laeg / Manannan

REMARKS Li Ban was of the Danann and a daughter of Aed Abrat. She was asked by her husband Labhraidh to solicit the help of the Ulster champion Cu Chulainn.

Li Ban and her sister Fand changed themselves into birds and flew to the lake at Magh Muirthemni where Cu Chulainn was holding a Samhain festival. Cu Chulainn, against the wishes of his wife Emer, slung stones at the birds and grazed one. Later when he had fallen asleep sitting against a rock, he had a vision of two women approaching him. One wore a green cloak with five folds and the other wore a red cloak. They began to beat him with horsewhips and he went into a coma-like state that lasted for a year.

On the following Samhain after her brother Aeonghus had cured Cu Chulainn, Li Ban arrived at Magh Muirthemni and made this proposal to Cu Chulainn: if he would help Labhraidh in his fight against his enemies, he would be rewarded with the love of Fand who had been deserted by Manannan.

Li Ban took Laeg to the far side of the lake looking toward the island and they were met by a bronze boat that took them to the island and on to Magh Mell in The Otherworld. She took Laeg through a door into a house where there were 3x50 couches with a beautiful woman on each couch. She then took him to Oenach Fidgai to meet her father Aed Abrat and her sister Fand. Fand told Laeg to go and get Cu Chulainn because the battle would be that day.

NAME Li mac Dedaid
 ALTERNATIVE Li mic dedad
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel - Clanna Dedad (The Degads)
 COUNTRY Ireland

REGION Kerry
 TERRITORY Munster
 SITES Temair Luachra (Tara of the Rushes)
 CENTERS Raith Traigh Li - Tralee (Strand of Li)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Dedad (father); Dare, Conganchness, Echbel, Gabalglinde and Foenglinde (brothers); CuRoi (nephew); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
 SEE ALSO Conganchness mac Dedaid / CuRoi macDaire / Dare mac Dedaid / Dedad / Echbel mac Dedaid / Foenglinde mac Dedaid / Gabalglinde mac Dedaid
 REMARKS Li was a champion warrior of the Clanna Dedad of Munster. Temair Luachra was the headquarters of the clan but his own fortress was Raith Traigh Li (Tralee).

NAME Lia
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain / treasurer
 TYPE battle-line
 CULTURE Fianna - Clanna Morna
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Connacht / Luachar
 CENTERS Raith Luachar
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 RELATIVES Morna (wife); Goll and Conan (sons); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Fionn
 SEE ALSO Aoife / Conan Maol / Cumhal / Eremon / Fionn mac Cumhaill / Goll / Morna / Tea
 REMARKS When his son Goll killed Cumhal and became the chieftain of the Fianna, Lia was appointed treasurer. The wealth of the Fianna was kept in a bag from ancient times. It was made from the skin of Aoife taken when she was in the form of a crane. The treasure had been kept at Raith Luachar.
 Fionn killed Lia and took the crane bag with all its wealth. Lia's son Conan harassed Fionn for 7 years trying to avenge his father's death.

NAME Liath
 ALTERNATIVE Leithe (gray)
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Beltainn (Brilliant Fires)
 CATEGORY warrior / wood cutter
 CULTURE Nemedian tribe
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Mide
 SITES Druim Leith (Tara)
 AGE Bronze

DATES BC 19th-18th c
 RELATIVES son of Laigne Lethan-glas
 ENEMIES Fomorii
 SEE ALSO Nemhedh
 REMARKS Liath, a follower of Nemhedh, chopped the tangled woods off the hill of Tara (Druim Leith) so that its corn would grow rich. Until his time it had been covered with hazel trees.

NAME Lir
 EPITHET Of the Sorrow
 ALTERNATIVE Ler
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity / chieftain
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Armagh
 TERRITORY Ulster
 LANDMARKS Sliabh Fuait (Fuad's mountain)
 CENTERS Sidhe Fionnachaidh (Hill of the Whitefield)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 BATTLES Danann Civil War
 RELATIVES Aebh (1st wife); Fionnula and Fiachra (daughters); Aodh and Conn (sons); Aoife (2nd wife); Lodan (son); Sinainn (granddaughter)
 ENEMIES Midhir
 SEE ALSO Aebh / Ailill of Aran / Aoife / Bodb Dearg / Daghdha / Fionnbharr / Fionnula / Ilbhreach / Manannan / Midhir / Ochall / Ochne / Sinainn
 REMARKS Lir was a chieftain of the Danann and after the Danann were defeated, the Goidel divided the island into five coiceda (provinces). When Daghdha allotted his chieftains the sidhes of Ireland, Lir was given Sidhe Fionnachaidh on Slieve Fuad (Sliabh Fuait), close to present-day Newtonhamilton in county Armagh.

When the Daghdha appointed Bodb Dearg as the new head chieftain, Lir sided with Midhir during the civil war that followed. The main chieftains involved in the war were Bodb Dearg, Ilbhreach, Lir, Midhir, Ochall Ochne and Fionnbharr, who replaced Manannan after his death.

When the civil war was over, Bodb Derg tried to make amends with Lir by suggesting that he marry one of his foster-daughters who were daughters of Ailill of Aran. Lir chose Aebh because she was the oldest of the three and, he hoped, the wisest. She died giving birth to their second set of twins and Lir was very sad until Bobd Dearg convinced him to marry again and he chose Aoife, the next oldest sister.

Lir and Aoife were happy for a while and she was a good mother to her sister's children but she then started to become jealous of the attention they received, so she turned them into swans and cursed them to remain in that

form for 900 years.

NAME Litaviccus
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 TYPE freedom fighter / war leader
 CULTURE Gallic - Ædi tribe
 COUNTRY France
 TERRITORY Gaul
 SITES Bibracte / Gergovia
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 1st c / BC 55-52
 ACCESSORIES 10,000 battle-line soldiers
 ENEMIES Rome
 SEE ALSO Convictolitavis / Eporedorix / Vercingetorix /
 Viridomarus
 REMARKS Litaviccus was a youth of noble birth who set
 out to destroy the Roman domination over his people. He
 convinced his troops that the Romans had killed two Ædi
 chieftains named Eporedorix and Viridomarus and that they
 should attack Romans wherever they found them. After his
 trick was exposed, Litaviccus went to the Aedui stronghold
 of Bibracte where he convinced the Ædi vergobret
 (magistrate) Convictolitavis and other Ædi chieftains to
 raise troops to help Vercingetorix fight the invading
 Romans. They all made treaties with Vercingetorix and sent
 troops to help him at the fortress Gergovia.
 Eporedorix and Viridomarus arrived at the Ædi
 stronghold of Noviodunum and heard that their tribe was
 rebelling against the Romans. They killed the Roman guards
 and civilians at the fort, set Caesar's hostages free to
 return to their different tribes and recovered their stolen
 goods from the Romans.
 Litaviccus continued to fight skirmishes, recruited
 warriors to help Vercingetorix and disrupted the Roman
 grain supply and baggage trains.

NAME Llassar Llaes Gyfnewid
 ALTERNATIVE Llasar Laes Gyngwyd {Hlass-ar Lyze Gung-wud} /
 Llassar Llaesgyvnewid
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity / warrior / druid
 TYPE war god / giant / master artificer / smith /
 saddle-maker
 COUNTRY Ireland / Wales
 REGION Gwynedd {Gwin-eth} / Clwyd {clud}
 TERRITORY Gwynedd / The Otherworld
 SITES Lake of the Cauldron
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 ACCESSORIES supernatural cauldron / Azur Chaulk (Blue
 Enamel)

RELATIVES Cymidei Cymeinvoll (wife); Lassar (son)
 ENEMIES Matholwch
 SEE ALSO Bran / Cassubellaunos / Cymidei Cymeinvoll / Matholwch
 REMARKS Llassar Llaes Gyfnewid was a supernatural being from The Otherworld who emerged from the Lake of the Cauldron. He was a giant of man with yellow-red hair carrying a cauldron and followed by his wife who was even larger than he was.
 Matholwch the high chieftain of Ireland was present when they appeared and agreed to support them for 16 months. As time went on, the couple and their children became a burden so he decided to rid Ireland of them.
 Matholwch built an iron house and invited Llassar and his family to a feast. When all had drunk their fill and had fallen asleep, Matholwch had the iron house covered with charcoal and fired white-hot. Llassar and his wife used their incredible strength to break a hole through the wall and escaped with the cauldron to Wales but lost their children in the iron house.
 Bran granted the two sanctuary in exchange for the supernatural cauldron. The cauldron had the gift of reviving the dead although it left them speechless. In Wales, the couple prospered and produced many fine warriors. They forged the best weapons and Llassar proved to be a master saddle-maker renowned for his system of coloring the saddlehorn with blue enamel (Azur Chaulk), a process called "Calch Llassar". Llassar and Cymidei had a son named Lassar who was one of the Seith Marchawg (7 horsemen) left to protect Wales when Bran and his warriors invaded Ireland. He was killed by the Belgae chieftain Cassubellaunos when he invaded Wales.

NAME Llevelys
 ALTERNATIVE Llefelys / Llevelys {Hlev-ell-iss} / Lluelys
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Brenin
 TYPE chariot warrior / head chieftain
 CULTURE Belgae - Catuvellauni tribe
 COUNTRY England / Belgium
 TERRITORY Lloegr / Gaul
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Beli (father); Lludd, Cassubellaunos, Nynniaw (brothers); Penaraddun (aunt); Tasciovanos and Epaticcus (nephews)
 SEE ALSO Beli / Cassubellaunos / Epaticcus / Lludd / Nynniaw / Penarddon / Tasciovanos
 REMARKS Llevelys married the daughter of an important Gaulish chieftain and moved to Gaul to rule the territory. Llevelys' brother Lludd had a problem with 3 pests that were infecting England and he asked him for help.
 The two brothers met in the middle of the channel

between the territories and spoke through a copper tube to keep their conversation from being overheard by the Corainied who were one of the pests. The tube was infested with a demon who twisted their words but pouring wine through the tube cured the problem.

Llevelys then explained to his brother that the 3 pests or plagues of England were: the Corainied who could hear every whisper, two dragons that fought every Beltainn Eve, and a giant who was robbing his larder after using his sorcery to put everyone to sleep. Llevelys explained how Lludd could solve his problem, then sailed back to Gaul.

NAME Llew Llaw Gyffes
 EPITHET Lion of the Skillful Hand (Llew Llawgyffes)
 ALTERNATIVE Lieu Llaw Gyffes {hlahy' hlau' guh'-es, hlye low guff-ez}
 SEX M
 SYMBOL Lynx / eagle / holly
 CATEGORY deity / warrior / chieftain
 TYPE sun god / horse warrior / divine warrior
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Wales
 REGION Gwynedd {Gwin-eth} / Clwyd {clud}
 TERRITORY Gwynedd / the Cantref of Dinoding
 SITES Caer Dathl (Fort Dathal) at Caernarfon
 CENTERS Mur Castell
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Arianrod (mother); Gwyddion (father); Blodeuedd (wife); Dylan (half-brother); Gilfaethwy (uncle); Math (great-uncle)
 ENEMIES Grown
 SEE ALSO Arianrod / Blodeuedd / Dylan / Gilfaethwy / Gwyddion ap Don / Gronw Pebyr / Math
 REMARKS Llew was raised by his father at Caer Dathl (Fort Dathal) at present-day Caernarfon. His mother Arianrod was the moon goddess and would have nothing to do with Llew because he was conceived by rape. Because they were of the Danann, it was the mother's privilege to supply the child with a name, weapons and a wife.

Llew's father Gwyddion tricked Arianrod into giving Llew a name by disguising himself and his son as shoemakers and visiting Arianrod at her rath. Arianrod saw Llew pin a wren to the boat with an arrow without killing it. She asked who was the lion with the skillful hand and thus the boy was named.

When it was time for Llew to be armed, Gwyddion took him to Arianrod's raith Caer Sidin disguised as bard. Gwyddion used his sorcery to create the illusion that Arianrod's raith was under attack. Arianrod armed everyone including her son only to find that she had been tricked into arming Llew and that her fortress was not under attack.

Because Arianrod had cursed Llew never to have a wife of any known race that inhabited the earth, Math set about to create one for him. With the help of his student Gwyddion, they welded the flowers of oak, broom and meadowsweet and produced a maiden that was the most beautiful of all. She was named Blodeuedd and the two were married.

Math gave Llew the Cantref of Dinoding (Eifynydd / Ardudwy) to rule over from Mur Castell. Llew and his wife Blodeuedd lived happily and were loved by his people until, by chance, Blodeuedd met a young noble while he was hunting in their territory. Unknown to Llew, they began plotting to dispose of him.

Llew had to be tricked into revealing his vulnerability because as a solar deity he was almost impossible to kill. As it turned out, Llew could be killed by a special spear that was forged during the special sacrificial days and took a year in the making. Llew could be killed neither inside nor outside a house; neither on horseback nor on foot; neither standing in water nor on dry land; neither naked nor clothed.

One day, Blodeuedd tricked Llew into standing in a vulnerable situation and out from a hidden position came Gronw with the supernatural spear that he threw at Llew. The spear with its poisonous head sank into Llew's body.

Llew let out a scream, changed into an eagle and flew off. Gwyddion found him by following a sow until it stopped beneath a tree beside a brook now called Nant y Llew. Gwyddion knew that the dying eagle was his son and beckoned him close so he could touch him with his wand.

Llew changed back into his human shape and was taken to Caer Dathl where he was healed back to his former strength. Llew and Gwyddion went to take vengeance on his wife and her lover. After the ordeal was over, Llew invited the people of Gronw's territory to join with his, which they did.

NAME	Lludd
ALTERNATIVE	Llud {hlood} / Lludd {Hlooth} / Lud
SEX	M
CATEGORY	hero / warrior / Brenin
TYPE	horse warrior / head chieftain
CULTURE	Belgae - Catuvellauni tribe
COUNTRY	England / Wales
REGION	Greater London / Buckinghamshire / Oxfordshire
TERRITORY	Lloegr
LANDMARKS	Thames
SITES	Oxford / Dinas Ffaraon Dandde (Dinas Emrys) / Parth Ludd (Ludgate Hill)
CENTERS	Trinovantum - Caer Lludd (Kaerlud) present-day London
AGE	Iron
DATES	BC 2nd-1st c

RELATIVES Beli (father); Tasciovanos and Epaticcus (sons);
Cassubellaunos, Nynniaw, Llevelys (brothers);
Penarddun (aunt)

SEE ALSO Beli / Cassubellaunos / Epaticcus / Llevelys /
Nynniaw / Penarddun / Tasciovanos

REMARKS Lludd was a son of Beli and the head chieftain of the Belgae in England. During his time, England was plagued by 3 pests: the Corainied, a people who could hear every whisper on the breeze; a horrible scream that was heard every Beltainn Eve that would cause the crops to fail to grow and make the cows go barren; and the mysterious disappearance of all food from the larder every night.

Lludd was perplexed about how to resolve the situation and sent a message for help to his brother Llevelys, a head chieftain in Gaul, to meet him in the channel between the two territories. The brothers spoke through a copper tube so that their conversation could not be overheard by the Corainied. The tube was infested with a demon who twisted the words of the two brothers and they were ready to fight until wine was poured down the tube to cure the problem.

Lludd returned with poisonous insects given to him by his brother. He ground the insects and sprinkled them over the assembly of people. Because his own people were immune to them, only the Corainied died.

The horrible scream was coming from the dragon of Britain who was fighting off a foreign dragon. Lludd dug a pit in the center of Belgic Britain near present-day Oxford. In the pit he placed a vat of beer and covered it with a sheet. When the monsters fought long enough they changed into the shape of two wild boars and settled onto the sheet where they sank into the vat and became drunk on the mead. He then trapped them in the sheet and took them to Wales and at Dinas Ffaraon Dandde (Flaming Pharaoh), which later became known as Dinas Emrys, they were buried in a stone chamber (tumulus).

The third pest that was plaguing England was a giant who cast a spell over the raith, then stole all the food from the larder. Lludd stayed awake by submerging his head continuously into a vat of cold water. When the giant appeared, Lludd fought him and beat him by force and the giant swore that he would be Lludd's most loyal subject.

During his rule, Lludd captured Trinovantum, the center of the Trinovantes tribe, and renamed it Caer Lludd (Lludd's fort) or Lludd-din (Lludd's city). The name slowly evolved as Lundein and eventually London. He also built a sun temple on the top of a hill. He was buried there and it was called Parth Ludd (Ludgate Hill). After his death, Cassubellaunos became the head chieftain of the Belgic tribes because the children of Lludd were too young to rule.

NAME Llwyd fab Cil Coed
EPITHET Gray Son of the Wood Retreat (Llwyd fab Cil

Coed)
 ALTERNATIVE Llwyd {Hloid} / Lloyd / Loid
 SEX M
 CATEGORY ovate
 TYPE sorcerer
 CULTURE Pictish
 COUNTRY Scotland / Wales
 LANDMARKS River Clyde (Clud)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 ENEMIES Manawydan
 SEE ALSO Gwawl fab Clud / Manawyddan / Pryderi / Pwyll / Rhiannon
 REMARKS Llwyd was a friend of Gwawl son of Clud and sought revenge for him by making Rhiannon and Pryderi prisoners along with all their people and possessions.
 Manawyddan captured Llywd's wife while she and some of Gwawl's warriors were stealing the grain from Rhiannon's land in the disguise of mice. This was in revenge for the way Gwawl had been made a fool of when they used him to play Badger in the Bag after Rhiannon rejected Gwawl for Pwyll. In exchange for the safe return of his pregnant wife, Llwyd had to promise to do no more damage and seek no revenge.

NAME Llyr
 EPITHET Llediaith (half tongue / foreign accent)
 ALTERNATIVE Llyr {hloorr, hleer}
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity / hero / warrior / Brenin
 TYPE sun god / chariot warrior / head chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel - Coritani tribe
 COUNTRY Wales / England
 REGION Leicestershire
 TERRITORY Lloegr
 LANDMARKS Soar river
 SITES Leicester (Caerleir)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Iwerydd (1st wife); Bran (son); Branwen (daughter); Penarddun (2nd wife); Manawyddan (son)
 SEE ALSO Bran / Branwen / Iwerydd / Manawyddan / Penarddun
 REMARKS Llyr was a sun god of the Coritani tribe and was venerated at present-day Leicester, the camp of Llyr on the Soar river in Leicestershire. He married a sea goddess named Iwerydd (Atlantic) of the Danann and she bore a son (Bran) and a daughter (Branwen).
 Llyr also married Penarddun of the Belgae culture and she bore a son Manawyddan. Both consorts were of cultures that were invading Britain, one from the west and one from the east.

NAME Loarn macEirc
 EPITHET The Great (Mor)
 ALTERNATIVE Loarn mac Earca
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ri Ruirech
 TYPE head chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel - Dal Riada / Danann / Pictish / Scotti - Clanna Loarn
 COUNTRY Ireland / Scotland / England
 REGION Argyll
 TERRITORY Albainn / Cinel Loairn / Islay / Jura / Kintyre
 CENTERS Dunadd
 AGE Ui Néill
 DATES AD 6th c / AD 538 (died)
 RELATIVES Earc (mother); Muiredach (father); Fergus, Angus, Muirchertach (brothers); Domangart (nephew); Comgall and Gabran (great-nephews); Eremon, Tea and Cairbre Riada (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Pictish - Caledonians
 SEE ALSO Angus macEirc / Cairbre Riada / Comgall / Domangart / Eremon / Fergus macEirc / Gabran / Muirchertach / Muiredach / Niall Noighiallach / Tea
 REMARKS Loarn, son of Muiredach, son of Eogan, son of Niall Noighiallach, was a descendant of Eremon and Tea of the Milesian (Goidel) invaders to Ireland. He was the chieftain of the Clanna Loarn which settled on the north side of Loch Fyne. His territory was called Cinel Loair.
 After the death of his nephew, Loarn became the 3rd head chieftain of the Dal Riada of Albainn. Under his leadership the Dal Riada expanded their territory into the islands of Kintyre, Islay and Jura. The invading Goidel became known as Scotti, which meant Irish. Comgall son of Domangart was appointed head chieftain after him, and their descendants expanded into Morvern.

NAME Loch Lethglas
 EPITHET Green-gray Lake / Halfgreen
 ALTERNATIVE Liath Leathghlas mac Luasgaigh / Luog / Luoch
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL summer solstice
 CATEGORY filidh
 TYPE negotiator / poet
 CULTURE Fir Domnann tribe
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Sligo
 TERRITORY Connacht
 LANDMARKS Plain of Towers (Magh Tuireadh)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 BATTLES second battle of Magh Tuireadh (north Moytura)