

I AM A BRIGANTIAN.

I live in the Lake District.

Let me tell you about my life...

My name – **Amena**

My age – **33**

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I am married to **Caradoc**. We have five children. One of our sons is called **Carey**.

What do I do? I **spin wool and make clothes** for the family.

What else can I tell you?

I love to sing around the fire in the evening and when I do my spinning.

My eldest daughter **Brigit** is going to marry **Barris**, son of **Garnock**, at the spring festival of **Beltane**. I have made her a beautiful new green cloak.

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My name – **Bedelia**

My age – **10**

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I live with Aunt **Amena** and Uncle **Caradoc**

What do I do? I look after the animals that belong to our family.

What else can I tell you?

My mother and father died when I was very small.

I have a small brown and white dog. His name is **Beag**. My cousin **Anyon** sometimes takes him out hunting.

My best friend is **Cara**, I like to help her with the cows.

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My name – Cara

My age – 12

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I live with my parents, my sisters Megan and Eileen, my uncle and cousins.

What do I do? Milk the cows and make cheese for the family.

What else can I tell you?

I love picking flowers when I'm taking the cows to the fields. I weave them into my long golden hair.

I'm always the first to get up as I have to collect the cows from the fields and it takes me two hours to milk them.

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My name – Eileen

My age – 17

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I live with my parents, my sisters Megan and Cara, my uncle and cousins.

What do I do? Protect our clan's land alongside the men.

What else can I tell you?

I am to marry Dallas at the festival of Litha.

On my shield I have a picture of a stag. It is a symbol of grace.

I'm worried that when I marry Dallas I will have to stay at home and cook, clean and have children instead of fighting with the other warriors.

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My name – **Lynne**

My age – **9**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **My brothers are Barris and Edan. My parents are Wynne and Garnock.**

What do I do? **Collect water from the river so my mother can make beer.**

What else can I tell you?

I like helping my brother when he goes fishing. I sit and watch the pools for fish.

When I see a big one I call to Edan and he tries to spear it.

My father made me a beautiful new brooch for my cloak in the shape of a fish. It's my favourite possession.

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My name – **Megan**

My age – **15**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **I live with my parents, my sisters Eileen and Cara, my uncle and cousins.**

What do I do? **Cook all the food for my family.**

What else can I tell you?

It's hard work keeping the whole family fed.

I like making venison stew. Even though skinning the deer is hard work, the stew always tastes delicious.

My father has made a new cauldron for the fire. It is larger than the old one so now I can cook bigger stews.

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My name – Ula

My age – 16

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – My father is Angus, and my cousins are Cara, Megan and Eileen.

What do I do? Grind grain to make flour so we can bake bread.

What else can I tell you?

I have seen the Roman fort in Ambleside. My father took me with him last time he went.

One of the Romans spoke to me. He was very handsome.

My cousin Eileen says I mustn't think about the Roman. She thinks the Romans are dangerous and that we will have to fight them.

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My name – Wynne

My age – 34

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I am married to Garnock. We have two sons and one daughter.

What do I do? I'm a master brewer. I make beer from water and barley.

What else can I tell you?

I'm very busy at the moment, brewing beer for the two main spring time festivals of Ostara and Beltane.

I'm looking forward to welcoming Brigit, daughter of Caradoc, into our family.

I'm worried that the Romans will bring war to our peaceful land.

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My name – **Angus**

My age – **32**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – I live with my **brother's family, and my daughter Ula.**

What do I do? **Trade with the Romans, selling them cloth made by the village women.**

What else can I tell you?

The Romans are good to trade with. I welcome them to our lands.

My wife died five years ago. I'm grateful to Brianna, my brother's wife, for helping me bring up Ula.

My brother Arthur is suspicious of the Romans. He tells me to be careful in my dealings with them.

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My name – **Barris**

My age – **17**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – I live with my **parents Garnock and Wynne, and my brother and sister.**

What do I do? **I'm a craftsman. I help build and repair the roundhouses.**

What else can I tell you?

I love to work with my hands. At the moment I'm building a new roundhouse. It's hard work. My father and brother are helping me collect stones to make the walls.

I'm looking forward to marrying Brigit in a few weeks time. She will live with my family until the new house is finished.

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My name – **Caradoc**

My age – **40**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **My wife is called Armena. We have five children. Carey is one of our sons.**

What do I do? **Most days I go hunting to get meat for the family.**

What else can I tell you?

I have two hunting dogs called Bran and Meg. I need them to help me when I hunt deer.

I like to play music and accompany Armena when she sings by the fire.

I make drums from animal skins and decorate them with patterns and pictures of animals.

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My name – **Dallas**

My age – **22**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **I live with my brother Howell, and his wife and children.**

What do I do? **I'm a warrior. We protect and control the village.**

What else can I tell you?

I'm sure that the Romans will bring war to our village. I'm ready to fight them.

When I'm married to Eileen we will have many sons who will become warriors.

I carry a shield at all times and my sword is always sharp.

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My name – Carey

My age – 8

My home – a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I live with my brothers and sisters, my mother Amena and father Caradoc.

What do I do? Watch over the village's sheep and cattle when they're out in the fields.

What else can I tell you?

I like to sit up on the hills and watch the Romans come and go from their fort. They're so different from us with their funny clothes and speech.

My mother doesn't like them, but that's because her uncle was killed in a fight with some soldiers. I don't remember him but she gets upset.

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My name – Edan

My age – 15

My home – A large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof

My family – I live with my parents, my brother Barris and sister Lynne.

What do I do? I catch fish in the river, to make sure we have enough to eat.

What else can I tell you?

I like to go fishing somewhere very quiet, on my own. My sister Lynne tries to follow me. She makes too much noise and scares the fish away.

When our work is done, Barris and I practice our fighting skills. It's good to be able to defend your family.

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My name – **Garnock**

My age – **38**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **My wife is Wynne. We have two sons, Barris and Edan, and a daughter Lynne.**

What do I do? **I'm a master craftsman. I make fine metal jewellery.**

What else can I tell you?

This week I've been making jewellery for Brigit and Barris's wedding. It looks very beautiful, and will suit Brigit very well.

Work takes my mind off the loss of our youngest son, who died of a fever last year. My wife does not speak about him much but still cries at night.

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My name – **Howell**

My age – **26**

My home – **a large roundhouse with low stone walls and a thatched roof**

My family – **I live with my wife and children and my brother Dallas.**

What do I do? **I'm a farmer. I grow barley. I also go to the woods to find nuts and berries.**

What else can I tell you?

I'm looking forward to Barris and Brigit's wedding. There will be lots of dancing, and I'm a very good dancer!

My wife and I met at a dance. She said I looked very fine. I have a good voice too, and like to join in the singing.