

Who were the Celts and where did they come from?

The Iron Age Celts were a tribe of people who lived all over Europe over two thousand years ago. The

period of time in Britain immediately before the Roman period is known as the Iron Age. From around 750BC to 12BC, the Celts were the most important people in central and northern Europe. These fierce warriors fought their way across most of Europe during the Iron Age. The name Celts is a modern name. The Romans called the Celts Britons. The word Celt comes from the Greek word, keltoi. When they settled in Britain, the Celts lived in small farming communities. The Iron Age ended in 43AD when the Romans arrived but there are still a lot of Celts living in the British Isles today. They live in Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. Their culture lives on today in music, dance, story and song.