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n.

An ancient Celtic feast, usually observed on May 1, marked by the lighting of bonfires and the performance of various rites of purification.

[Middle English, from Scottish Gaelic *bealltainn*; see **bhel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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