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# Nailsea Folk Club

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*W*elcome to our spring programme for 2010. We had a really good autumn and were pleased so many people turned out to see performers which may have been unfamiliar to them. We aim to keep

the programme fresh and bring new, top quality performers to Nailsea.

We were very sorry that Dave Robbins, a Nailsea Folk Club regular for over 20 years died in October. He was the guy in a wheelchair, smartly dressed in black and always wearing a smile on his face. His funeral was a highlight of the autumn. He went out in style in a horse-drawn carriage with Mendip Morris men escorting him dancing down Church Lane. We are putting on a special memorial night in memory of Dave in January.

We hope there is plenty to tempt you the programme and really look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Best wishes, *David*

## What's On

### • Club Events •

**Fri 22nd Jan**

**Dave Robbins Memorial Night**  
*Tim Brine & Sue Franklin,  
John Knowler, Magenta,  
Mendip Morris*

**Mon 8th Feb**

*Session A9 Band*

**Mon 1st March**

*Harry Browns*

**Fri 5th March**

*Dana and Sue Robinson*

**Fri 19th March**

*St Patrick's Night*

**Fri 26th March**

*Breabach*

**Fri 23rd April**

*Mawkin:Causley*

**Fri 14th May**

*Magenta*

**Fri 16th May**

*Martin Simpson*

### • Seasonal Event •

**Fri 10th - 16th May**

*Nailsea Music & Arts*

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**Doors open at 7.30pm for all performances unless otherwise stated**

Tickets are available from the club, Nailsea Music Shop or by sending a cheque + SAE to:  
Nailsea Folk Club, PO Box 1109, Nailsea, BS48 4WA

Please visit our website for more up to date news - [www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk](http://www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk)

# Ring O' Bells

## **Fri 22nd January - The Dave Robbins Memorial Night - £8**

Featuring Tim Brine & Sue Franklin, John Knowler, Magenta, Mendip Morris and many others.

All monies will be donated to Bristol Area Kidney Patients Association

Dave really loved his folk music and met Tim Brine, Sue Franklin and John Knowler over 40 years ago. They were all part of the original Bristol folk scene. Tim and Sue have become highly regarded and popular musicians performing songs which often touch on social justice. Tim is an excellent guitarist and Sue has a wonderful voice and plays cello, mandolin and recorders. John Knowler was a founder member of the successful Bristol group White on Black and in later life became inveigled with the Harry Browns.

Magenta were a very successful outfit 25 years ago and have recently made a big comeback. (See May 14th for more details).

We are planning a really rousing, joyful night with plenty opportunities for joining in as well as moments of poignancy and beautiful music.

It will certainly be very special, and I am sure there will be a big crowd.



## **Mon 8th February Session A9 Band Holy Trinity Church - £12**

This has to be the biggest musical folk extravaganza we have ever had the audacity to bring to Nailsea. Session A9 are Scotland's best super fiddle group with the cream of performers across a



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range of household names. The band features fiddlers Charlie McKewan and Dave Chump Robertson (Capercaillie), Adam Sutherland (Peatbog Fairies), Kevin Henderson (Fiddlers Bid), Marc Clements (Blazing Fiddles) Gordon Gunn (Anam) and Brian McAlpine on keyboard (Chieftains).

If you have never experienced the wall of sound and the enormous energy generated by a large fiddle group now is your chance. It is awe inspiring. This is music of the highest pedigree. It is invigorating, uplifting and full of joy. Session A9 tour internationally and headline at many festivals including Celtic Connections. It is a rare opportunity to hear such top class performers in the South West.

[www.sessiona9.com](http://www.sessiona9.com)

## **Fri 5th March**

### **Dana and Sue Robinson - £10**

Dana and Sue Robinson are on tour from North Carolina. Their music is honest, simple, beautiful and highly intelligent. They are consummate multi-instrumentalists, (guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin) and they integrate styles from the Appalachian, Celtic and African traditions to create a fresh contemporary sound that



is uniquely their own. Their songs and stories reflect a deep affection for their local landscape and are thoughtful, poetic, reflective and heartfelt. Dana and Sue bring warmth and joyful energy to their concerts and are thoroughly engaging. [www.robinsongs.com](http://www.robinsongs.com)

**Thornbridge** are supporting, wonderful harmonies and an excellent and very English compliment to the evening.

## **Fri 19th March St Patrick's night: including Finnegan's Chin - £8**

This is our annual bash to raise money for the music festival. There will be a range of Irish music performers, plenty of jigs and reels and opportunity to join in with some of those favourite Irish songs.

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## **Fri 26th March Breabach - £10**

Phenomenal.  
Nominated twice as  
best Scottish Folk  
Band this young  
group have been  
taking audiences  
by storm with its  
raucous, driving  
attack and energy.  
You can expect  
foot stomping



reels, extraordinary fiddle playing and a huge  
sound dominated by twin bagpipes; they unleash musical gems like  
a musical artillery to breathtaking effect. The line up features Calum  
MacCrimmon (pipes, whistles, backing vocals), Patsy Reid (5 string fiddle  
and vocals), Ewan Roberston (guitar and vocals) and Donal Brown (pipes,  
flute, whistles and stepdance).

With stirring tunes and top-notch songs, this is band has a delightful ability  
to connect with its audiences.

[www.breabach.com](http://www.breabach.com)



## **Fri 23rd April Mawkin:Causley - £10**

As this is St Georges Day it seemed fitting  
to have a band in the English tradition.  
Mawkin:Causley have quickly become  
a well loved and mighty supergroup.  
Those wicked Essex rascals Mawkin  
joined forces with the honey voiced Jim  
Causley to form an inspired alliance.  
Mawkin are one of the best instrumental  
outfits is to emerge in recent years,  
with punchy arrangements on fiddle,  
melodeon and guitars. Combined  
with Jim's rich bittersweet voice and

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rousing stage presence this line-up makes for spellbinding live performances. They have headlined many major festivals and were nominated as Best group in 2009 BBC Radio Two folk awards.

[www.mawkincausley.co.uk](http://www.mawkincausley.co.uk)



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## **Nailsea Arts and Music Festival Mon 10th – 16th May**

Our annual event to raise money for the Tithe Barn redevelopment. In addition to folk music, to be classical and jazz concerts and fingers crossed Blagovest choral ensemble from St Petersburg, Russia.

[www.nailseafestival.org.uk](http://www.nailseafestival.org.uk)



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## **Fri 14th May Magenta - £10**

*Part of Nailsea Arts + Music Festival*

Magenta were a hugely popular folk band operating out of the West Country from 1975 until 1985. They began as a duo when Arthur and Janet Brown (more latterly of Bulldog fame) teamed up to play local folk clubs. They soon met up with Mervyn Brown (no relation) and formed a trio who became

the resident performers at The Bell in Banwell for 9 years. In 1977 they were joined by multi-instrumentalist and singer Pete Thompson. The new line up developed a big following as they toured up and down the county. They released three albums and even ventured as far away as Singapore and Borneo. Between them they sing (superbly), play guitars, mandolins, dulcimer, whistles, recorders, glockenspiel and keyboards. They perform a

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mix of original and traditional music and are known for their friendly banter and Mervyn's humorous anecdotes and monologues.

In October 2009 they held a 25 year memorial concert at Blakehay Theatre in Weston. The first night sold out so quickly they had to book a second night which too sold out. It will be a treat to have them at Nailsea.

[www.magentamusic.co.uk](http://www.magentamusic.co.uk)



## **Sun 16th May Martin Simpson - £12**

*Part of Nailsea Arts+ Music Festival*

Martin Simpson's guitar playing is simply unsurpassed, He is one of the finest finger pickers and slide guitar players of our time. Winner of 5 BBC folk awards, an Indie award and a Lifetime Achievement Award he is recognised as a true master of his craft. He is an superb interpreter of traditional music from both sides of the Atlantic and his music is derived from an eclectic range

of influences from Martin Carthy and Davey Graham to Blind Willie Johnson and Doc Watson.

Martin is a truly expressive musician, his control of pace, phrasing and careful use of dynamics makes his performances memorable.

[www.martinsimpson.com](http://www.martinsimpson.com)

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# Seasonal Event

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## **Mon 1st March The Harry Browns Holy Trinity Church - 8pm - £6**

This is both to raise money for the festival and is our annual concert in memory of John Broomhead. For those who do not know the Harry Browns, they perform songs of the sea with harmonies and occasional instrumentation. Always fun and known for the delivery of high-quality music. Rousing, engaging and with songs you can join in with.

[www.harrybrowns.co.uk](http://www.harrybrowns.co.uk)

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# Barn Dances

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## **Sat 6th February 7:30pm**

Clevedon School: in aid of Southwest Wind Youth Sinfonia  
with live band Fougere Rouge.

*Tickets: 01275 540231*

## **Sat 13th March 7:30pm**

Rotary club event at Flax Bourton village hall  
with live band Fougere Rouge.

*Tickets: John 01275 463577*

## **Sat 24th April 7:30pm**

Rotary club event as Scotch Horn with live band Fougere Rouge.

*Tickets: Doris 01934 832837*

## **Sat 15th May 7:30pm**

Grove School. Festival barn dance.

*Tickets: 01275 790915*

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# Club Objectives

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Concerts are only one dimension of the folk club. If you are interested we also have singers and musicians nights, Irish sessions, barn dances, the Acorns youth group and the Barley Rye community choir.

Indeed congratulations are due to Barley Rye who have now been singing for ten years. Formed in 1999 as a one year project to celebrate the millennium they've gone from strength to strength under the stewardship of their musical director Keith Burrows. He deserves a medal!

We also support and run 'Music and Memories' on Sunday afternoons for people with dementia and carers. Anyone can come; if you know someone who might benefit please do contact us.

The folk club looks to play a role in the community and we have invested heavily in the redevelopment of the Tithe Barn.

Work on site commences this spring which is really exciting. At last!

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# Regular Events

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## **Singers/Musicians nights: 2nd Tuesdays 8.30pm Free!**

On the second Tuesday of the month we meet in the Grove Sports Centre opposite the Pub. This has a private lounge for those who like a quiet "space".

Also check out The Blue Flame at West End, 3rd Tuesdays.

### **Website**

The Club has a great Website: [www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk](http://www.nailseafolkclub.co.uk)  
Worth a look, it's linked to the websites of the guests appearing.  
We're also on mspace: [www.mspace.com/nailseafolkclub](http://www.mspace.com/nailseafolkclub)

### **Tickets**

Although we often have a few on the door, we regularly sell out, so it is best to buy in advance! (Note: Unclaimed tickets will be sold from 8.30).

Tickets are available from the club, Nailsea Music Shop or by sending a cheque + SAE to: Nailsea Folk Club, PO Box 1109, Nailsea, BS48 4WA.

The ticket information line 01275 790915 gives details regarding availability.

Doors open at 7.30 ish on Fridays, depending on sound checks.

### **Disabled Access**

The Ring o' Bells has easy, level, access although the toilet is not specially adapted. It is a similar situation at The Grove. If you need advice or assistance, please ring and let us know (tel: 540231) and we will do all we can to help.

### **Directions**

The Ring o' Bells is to the south of Nailsea next to Holy Trinity Church and Grove Sports Centre which are both sign-posted from Queens Road, a major arterial road which runs the length of Nailsea, south of the town centre. From the A370 traffic lights at Backwell, take sign to Nailsea. After hill, left into Queens Road, second left into The Perrings, third right into Whiteoak Way. The Pub is 300m on the right. (BS48 4NQ)

### **Plugs!**

Fine Ale and Food in a friendly pub at the Ring o' Bells 01275 790009

Nailsea Music Shop: High St. Local for all your needs 01275 855021

Fougere Rouge: Fun barn dance band. Ring David 01275 540231

Harry Browns: Salty Fun email: [harrybrowns@btinternet.com](mailto:harrybrowns@btinternet.com) Chris Fry: 01458 274407

### **Folkclub projects:**

Acorns; Youth music group, meets Saturdays; Contact David 01275 540231

Barley Rye Choir: meets Sunday evenings. Contact Keith Burrows 0117 9248817

Music and memories; Sunday afternoons. Contact David 01275 540231

Irish sessions: Sunday evenings. Email Lindsay: [lindsaymoore@btconnect.com](mailto:lindsaymoore@btconnect.com)

Singers / Musicians nights, second Tuesdays contact Rich 01275 857784

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