



TAIN GALA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 1st JULY - SATURDAY 4th JULY

CROWNING CEREMONY IN THE MARQUEE

**TEDDY BEARS
PICNIC**

**FANCY DRESS &
FLOAT PARADE**



FOOTBALL

**TAIN'S GOT
TALENT**

**RUNNING
FESTIVAL**

& MUCH MORE!

FAMILY BINGO & GAMES NIGHT

TOGETHER ● SUPPORTING ● COMMUNITY

Welcome to TAIN GALA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2026

A very warm welcome to the 2026 Tain Gala!

We are delighted to bring you another four days of celebration, entertainment and community spirit here in the heart of Tain. The Gala has always been about bringing people together, supporting one another, and celebrating the community we are proud to call home.

We are excited to welcome back many much-loved favourites, including the 10k and Fun Run, Family Bingo and Games Night, Teddy Bears Picnic, Wheelie Disco, live music, and of course the ever-popular Fancy Dress and Float Parade – always a true highlight of Gala week.

Behind every event, parade, and celebration is a group of dedicated people who give up their time to keep the Gala going year after year. A heartfelt thank you goes to every member of our committee, volunteers, local businesses and sponsors for their continued support, hard work and kindness. The Gala simply would not happen without the people who continue to show up for our community, and we are incredibly grateful for every contribution, big or small.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who comes along, takes part and continues to support the Gala year after year. Seeing families, friends and visitors come together to enjoy everything the week has to offer is what makes Tain Gala so special. Your support, encouragement and community spirit help keep this tradition alive for future generations, and we are incredibly grateful to every single person who plays a part in making it happen.

We hope you enjoy every moment of this year's Tain Gala and make plenty of happy memories along the way.

Warmest wishes,

Amanda Bannerman
Chairperson



WEDNESDAY 1st JULY RUNNING FESTIVAL

We are delighted to have Ewan and Audrey Scott back from East Sutherland Running Club, who very kindly organise and run this event for us. There is always a good turn out for this event with a choice of 3 categories – 10k road race for those 16 years and over, a 5k fun run or walk, for all ages (children under 9 years **must be** accompanied by an adult) and a 1mile walk for anyone with additional support needs for those of primary school age. So, dust off your running or walking shoes and join us on the opening event of our 2025 Gala!



DARTS COMPETITION

After the success of last year's darts competition, we have decided to hold it again. This year we are holding it in The Golf Club. The event is open to anyone 16 years and over and was very popular last year – so dust off your Darts and please register with The Golf Club to avoid disappointment! There is a trophy and money prize up for grabs.



THURSDAY 2nd JULY CROWNING CEREMONY IN THE MARQUEE

The Crowning Ceremony will take place on the Links in the Marquee. This year's Royal party consists of Bethany Greenlees, 17. With Kayla MacDonald, 15 as her Attendant. The Prince and Princess this year are Charlie Smith and Lola Oliver, both 12 years old, all now attending Tain Community Campus. We are very much looking forward to having them represent Tain Gala during the 4 days of events and wish them well with their duties.



TAINS GOT TALENT

This year we are very excited to hold our second Talent Competition, showcasing just some of the array of talent within the Tain and District area. It was a very difficult task to pick this year's acts, and can't wait to present them to you, our live audience in the evening marquee. We would love to have as many people in the audience as possible cheering on our finalists and hope the 3 judges we have invited along don't find the task as hard as we did!



PRIMARY FOOTBALL

This year we are going to revive the Primary School Football Competition. So, we are calling all young footballers to come along, have fun, show off your skills and enjoy a great morning of children's football. Teams can be all boys, all girls or mixed. Don't worry if you don't have a complete 5 a side team, just come along and we can sort something out so you get a game or two! Register your team ahead of the day by messaging Amanda 07725822991

FRIDAY 3rd JULY

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

The Gala would not be the Gala unless we had the Teddy Bears Picnic! Bubbles the Clown is returning this year to entertain and teach circus skills. There will be games and messy play to keep you all entertained and of course a wee picnic for everyone. Remember to bring along your teddies – there are new categories this year including biggest, best non teddy, best dressed and Royal Party favourite.



WHEELIE DISCO

On the Friday afternoon we are holding a fun Wheelie Disco for those ages P1 – 7.

So dust off your wheels – scooters, roller blades or skates, balance bikes (not full-sized bikes please), skateboards.

Please make sure you wear a helmet.



FAMILY BINGO & GAMES NIGHT

Due to popular demand we are holding an evening of Bingo for all the family with a couple of game show games such as Play Your Cards Right introduced by DJ Ally Mac. Doors open at 6.30pm.



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WEDNESDAY 1st JULY

6.00pm DARTS COMPETITION

Darts Competition at The Golf Club – entry £5 per head. Trophy and money prize.
Please pre-register at The Golf Club – limited numbers. Age 16+ only.

7.00pm RUNNING FESTIVAL

Registration begins at 5.30pm in the Marquee, races begin at 7.00pm, prize-giving at 8.30pm.

- * 1 mile walk – primary school ASN and all St Duthus Pupils – £1 entry
- * 3k – any age but under nine must be accompanied by an adult – £3 entry
- * 10k – age 16 and over only – £10 entry

THURSDAY 2nd JULY

6.00pm CROWNING CEREMONY IN THE MARQUEE

7.00pm TAIN AND DISTRICT TALENT SHOWCASE

Talent Showcase in the Marquee at the Links.

Free entry (donations will be very welcome) and raffle – £1 per strip

FRIDAY 3rd JULY

11.00am-1.00pm TEDDY BEARS PICNIC IN THE MARQUEE

£3 per child. Please bring along your teddies for judging in the following categories:

- *Biggest
- *Best Non-Bear
- *Best Dressed
- *Royal Party Favourite

Entertainment by Bubbles the Clown, along with games, arts and crafts.

Picnic included in entry, please make us aware of any dietary needs or allergies.

11.00am-1.00pm PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Entry £5 per team/£1 per footballer. Boys & Girls 5-a-side Football.

Create your own team or just come along and join other players for a fun competition.

Register your team ahead of the day by messaging Amanda 07725 822991.

3.00pm-4.30pm WHEELIE DISCO

Entry £3. Bring along your wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller blades/skates, balance bikes – no bicycles). Please wear a helmet/knee and elbow pads where required – no equipment provided.

7.30pm FAMILY BINGO AND GAMES

With DJ Ally Mac in the Marquee. Free Entry. Doors open at 6.30pm

Bingo Books £6 (6 games) Flyer – £2 Raffle – £1 per strip

SATURDAY 4th JULY

12.00pm FANCY DRESS AND FLOAT PARADE

Follow the parade to the Links with Tain Pipe Band and a selection of our afternoon's entertainers.
Assemble on Geanies Street at 11.30am. Judging will take place before the parade begins at 12.00pm followed by prizegiving on the links.

Float Categories

*TGA Best Float *Best Youth Float *Best Community Float

Fancy Dress Categories

*Pre School *P1 -3 *P4+
*Group/Family *Best Homemade

From 1.00pm AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Commences (Centre Ring and Surrounding)

- *Tain Pipe Band
- *Trapeze Entertainment
- *Tug of War
- *Owl Exhibit
- *Horse Display
- *Herchers Fun Fair
- *Face Painting
- *Children's Races
- *Tractor Pull
- *Various Food Vans
- *Crafts
- *Highland Dancers
- *Henry Fosbrooke Drum Workshop with Sound Bath from 1.00-2.00pm, £3 (Advance Booking)

From 1.30pm IN THE MARQUEE

- *Siobhan Neylon
- *Liam Ross
- *Iain Macgillivray & Megan Mackay
- *Pipe Band
- *Family Disco
- *Davy Cowan
- *The Black Isle Peas
- *Callum Campbell
- *The Jarad Rowan Band

ENTRY

AFTERNOON WRISTBAND

12.30PM – 7.15PM

Adult £5 – Child/Concession £3

EVENING WRISTBAND

7PM – 1AM

Adult £14 (online price until 26th June) £18 at the door
Child (6-17) & Concession £8

ID will be required for evening entry. Under 18s must be accompanied by someone over 18 at the event.



****Scan here to buy tickets online****



SATURDAY 4th JULY

Saturday afternoon kicks off with our traditional Float and Fancy-dress parade. As with previous years the float vehicles can range from big wheels such as tractors and lorries to little wheels such as buggies, bikes, scooters – just use your imagination! Please congregate in Geanies Street from 11.30am and Tain Pipe Band will lead the parade through the High Street down to the Links along with some of the entertainers joining us for our Festival of Fun and Music. **This year we will assemble on geanies street at 11.30am as Judging will take place before the parade begins at 12 followed by prize giving on the links** Once on the Links the winners will be announced and then you are free to join in the festivities. There will be lots for you to see and do such as browsing craft



and charity stalls, taking part in races in the centre ring, joining a Drumming session with Henry Fosbrooke and his Homemade Scottish Drums and other instruments incorporating a Sound Bath with Stacy from Heart of Sutherland. Katie Louise from Trapeze Entertainment will be on hand to entertain you and teach you lots of circus skills and much, much more. Katie Louise likes lots of interaction! We are also excited to have Hollingwells Equestrians.



There will also be music from 1.30pm and we are extremely excited to introduce Siobhan Neylon to the stage followed by Liam Ross. Saturday afternoon also sees the return of Iain Macgillivray and Megan Mackay finishing with Tain Pipe Band.

Please see either the brochure, our Face Book page or website to view the line up and the times they will be onstage.

We really hope you will enjoy this years Gala and please, if you have any question don't hesitate to message us through Face Book Messenger.



MEET THE BANDS



SIOBHAN NEYLON

We would like to extend a warm first time to Tain welcome to Siobhan who is a singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist known for her warm vocals and blend of old style musical influences and blend of modern acoustic styles. Siobhan can be regularly spotted playing in the Victorian Market in Inverness.

LIAM ROSS

From Invergordon, Liam is described as a “highly experienced fingerstyle guitar player” with a diverse repertoire from pop hits, classic rock to classical style. His unique approach to guitar ensures he never fails to captivate his audience. Liam is also well known for his involvement in Feis Rois and as a music tutor.



THE BLACK ISLE PEAS

During Lockdown 3 friends began to play music together. All of them had completely different music likes from rap to Jim Reeves, it was only intended to be a bit of fun, but through their love of music something special happened during their jamming sessions together. Blending their natural musical talents together then adding the youngest on drums it gave them a truly unique sound, with some phenomenal vocals. Their stage appearances include Belladrum, Wildwoods, Beaully Buzz and Dubness to name a few. They have also appeared live on MFR breakfast show in aid of Cash for Kids. Tain Gala Association are delighted to have them back again for a fourth year promising “a whole lotta laughs, a whole lotta great music and a whole lotta fun!”

CALUM CAMPBELL

Calum is a Singer/ Songwriter from the North East of Scotland. With two original studio albums under his belt, he has decided to return to his roots and focus on his love for traditional folk music. In 2024 Calum released his first folk album 'Rovin' with a sold out! He has previously fronted folk bands, Get Tay Folk and Heidrum as well as headline solo performances. Calum has supported some great bands such as Big Country, Peat and Diesel and Skerryvore. 2025 was busy and saw Calum successfully releasing another folk album “A Man's A Man” celebrating the songs of Robert Burns with another sell out event to launch this album. Playing many Scottish festivals, a 15-night English tour Peat and Diesel and joining them for the Edinburgh Hogmanay event. This year is off to a great start with many festivals booked for the summer and some more new music on its way.





IAIN MACGILLIVRAY & MEGAN MACKAY

This year we are delighted to have two local trad musicians, both who have played at Tain Gala in the past. Iain is professional Celtic musician following in his father Duncan's footsteps, Iain tours globally with Scotland's longest standing and legendary premier music acts 'Tannahill Weavers' and had also featured on 'Outlander' and 'Men in Kilts'. He also pioneers Scottish/Celtic electro dance music with his brand 'IDMacG' and is crafting a new form of folk/ electronica with sister Annia and brother Gregory. Megan MacKay is graduate of the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music, she is an accomplished guitarist and a vibrant presence on Scotland's traditional music scene. Megan collaborates with a variety of solo musicians and performs regularly with ceilidh bands – currently as the guitarist for Flingstones and Reelig Ceilidh Bands – playing at venues and events across the country. Her music has taken her far beyond Scotland, with performances in Australia, Romania, and recent tours in the United States. At home, she works as a resident musician in Inverness, performing at The Highlander and An Seomar venues, where she continues to share her passion for Scottish traditional and contemporary music with audiences from around the world.

DAVY COWEN

Brought up in Invergordon, Davy grew up listening to Folk and Country music with some of his earliest memories coming from traditional Hogmanay parties in the family home. Attending Invergordon Academy, Davy and friends formed a punk inspired band known as The Yobs; their first gig was at a school disco playing to enthusiastic fellow pupils and bewildered teachers! From there Davy played in various bands throughout his teens before returning to his Folk Roots in the early 90's and was one of the original members of Highland Celtic Rock Band Coinneach. As well as touring with Coinneach, they released several albums over the next decade finishing on a high performing live with Deacon Blue and Hue and Cry Hogmanay 2004 in Union Street, Aberdeen. More recently Davy has performed with bands such as The Levellers, The Blockheads, Inspiral Carpets and Runrig. Over the years Davy has released his own albums, toured in his own right, and in 2016 was joined by Sam, his son, on drums aged just 12 years old. They love touring and gigging across the country as well as playing at festivals. Tain Gala is looking forwards to welcoming them to our evening of music and dancing.



THE JARAD ROWAN BAND

From The Rhins of Galloway, The Jarad Rowan Band have exploded onto the Scottish Music scene throughout 2025. Festival Favourites, Barn Stormers, Richt Gid Craic! With a blend of traditional folk, teuchter redo's of 90's clubland favourites and singalong originals, The Jarad Rowan Band are embarking on their biggest headline tour of the UK and Ireland in 2026. Tain Gala is over the moon to welcome Jarad and his band members "Mon, get on the wagon!"



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tain Gala Association would like to thank all the volunteers who make Tain Gala Week possible. We are greatly indebted to their support as without them we could not achieve the level of entertainment we endeavour to do.

We are also grateful to all the local businesses, family and friends for their help and commitment not just during Gala week but throughout the year.

Of course, your attendance at our events and entertainments makes it all worthwhile, so a big thank you to you, our community!



MUSIC @ TAIN GALA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 4th JULY

LINE UP

THE JARAD ROWAN BAND 10.30-LATE

CALUM CAMPBELL 9.00-10.00

THE BLACK ISLE PEAS 8.15-8.45

DAVY COWAN 7.00-8.00

Family disco with Almac 6.00-7.00

TAIN PIPE BAND ON THE LINKS 5.30

IAIN MACGILLIVRAY & MEGAN MACKAY 4.00-5.30

LIAM ROSS 2.45 - 3.45

SIOBHAN NEYLON 1.30-2.30