## SATURDAY 26TH JULY

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| 10.00 - Noon | **Stick Puppet Drop-In workshop** Ages 4-11 years at Flowerfield Arts Centre | 4.40pm | **Sollus Highland Dancers** at the Bandstand |
| Noon | **Maritime Heritage Exhibition** Traditional boats & displays at the Harbour | 5.00pm | **Causeway Shantymen** at the Bandstand |
| Noon | **Northern Ireland Opera** Bring a chair, blanket and picnic to enjoy some of Northern Ireland's best Opera singers in Flowerfield Park | 5.20pm | **Innova Irish Dance Company** at the Bandstand |
| 1.15pm | **Children's Fancy Dress Parade** Meeting at Atlantic Circle, finishing at the Crescent. Prizes for Most Comical, Topical & Nautical. Special Guests include Superheroes, Carnival Promotions, Community Rescue & NIFRS | 6.30pm | **Superheroes** Meet Spiderman and friends along the Crescent and Promenade |
| | | 6.30pm | **Face Painting & Bubble Bike** at the Crescent and the Promenade |
| 2.20pm | **Fun with Drums** at the Crescent | 7.15pm | **BRÍ** Eclectic mix of Irish and Scottish traditional music at the Bandstand |
| 2.45pm | **Magic show** at the Bandstand | 8.00pm | **Victoria Lagan Dance Company** Performance at the Bandstand |
| 3.00pm | **Balloon Modelling** at the Crescent | 8.30pm | **Prize Raffle Draw** at the Bandstand Tickets (£1) available to purchase all week from the PCA Gazebo |
| 3.10pm | **Causeway Shantymen** Harbour and along the Promenade | 9.00pm | **Groove Robbers** at the Bandstand (CC & GBC Event) |
| 3.10pm | **Face Painting** in the Crescent | 10.30pm | **Fireworks Display** from Harbour Hill (CC & GBC Event) |
| 4.00pm | **Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band** at the Bandstand | | |

*All events are FREE and available on a First Come, First Served basis unless otherwise stated.*

## FRIDAY 25TH JULY

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| 10.15am | **Orchid Trail** Explore amazing sand dunes and learn about the native orchids.* | 3.00pm | **Face Painting** at the Crescent |
| 11.30am | **Butterfly Safari** Come join us to hunt, catch and identify butterflies on the magnificent dunes.* | 3.30pm | **Wanda the Fairy** at the Promenade |
| 1.00 - 4.00pm | **Mae Murray Foundation** Music and dance, Puppet show, Fun with Drums. Everyone welcome on the Strand | 3.30pm | **Kidz Farm Petting Zoo** at the Crescent |
| 1.30pm | **Children's Sandcastle Competition** With Tony Hawkins at the Crescent Bring your own buckets & spades! | 4.00pm | **Street Theatre** (CCGC event) at the Bandstand |
| 1.30pm | **Garth Brooks Tribute** at the Crescent | 6.15pm | **Benjamin Amos Trio** local singer/songwriter at Harry's Shack |
| 2.00pm | **The Cloak of Wisdom** Stories & new music with Anne Harper, Liz Weir and Vicky McFarland in Agherton Church, the Diamond | 6.30pm | **Mermaid Bellweather and Bobbins The Pirate** - the Promenade |
| | | 7.30pm | **String Ninjas** Belfast based instrumental powerhouse at the Bandstand |

**Taking place on the Strand. Booking essential via National Trust – see Portstewart Strand website for more details >>>*

# RED SAILS FESTIVAL PORTSTEWART SUNDAY 20TH – SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2025

## SUNDAY 20TH JULY

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| 11.00am | **Community Sand Art** with Gavin Wallace at the Strand. Come and take part from 12.30pm | 4.00pm | **The Soapy OPEN: Clean Shot Classic** See how many golf balls you can hit into our washing machine - prizes await the sharpest shot at the Crescent! |
| 2.00pm | **Blessing of the Boats** A time of reflection celebrating the power and beauty of the sea at the Bandstand | 4.15pm | **Portrush Music Society** at the Bandstand |
| 2.45pm | **Portstewart Ukulele Group** with guests at the Bandstand | 5.30pm | **Sarah Carson Music** Local country musician at the Bandstand |
| 3.30pm | **Inflatable Football, Mini Golf & More** including Connect 4 and Hopscotch at the Crescent | 6.30pm | **Bubble Bike** on the Promenade |
| 4.00pm | **Carnival Disco** Face painting, games and balloon modelling at the Crescent | 7.30pm | **BRÍ** Eclectic mix of Irish and Scottish traditional music at the Bandstand |

## MONDAY 21ST JULY

| | | | |
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| 8.00am | **Ladies Golf Open Competition** EJ Donnelly Cup at Portstewart Golf Club Phone club to enter: 028 7083 2015 | 2.00pm | **Fun with Drums** Community workshop at the Crescent |
| 11.00am | **Children's Sandcastle Workshop** with sculptor Tony Hawkins at the Crescent | 3.00pm | **Swing into Summer** Jazz and Summer Lullabies with pianist Louis Fields in Agherton Church |
| 12.30pm | **Community Exhibition Launch** at Flowerfield Arts Centre Exhibition runs until Sat 23rd August See our Facebook to submit artwork (Deadline: 27th June) | 4.00pm | **Carnival Disco** Facepainting, Games & Balloon Modelling at the Crescent |
| 2.00pm | **Portstewart Dog Show** at Star of the Sea Parish Centre, (behind Me and Mrs Jones) organised by Bubbles Dog Grooming See Facebook page for more info. | 7.00pm | **Bubble Bike** along the Promenade |
| | | 7.00 - 9.00pm | **Audience with Nasim Heidari & Guests** Persian sounds by musicians who found a safe harbour in NI, organised by Beyond Skin in Star of the Sea Church, Crescent |
| | | 7.30pm | **Blues Taxi** Blues & rock band at the Crescent |

## TUESDAY 22ND JULY

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| 10.00am | **Children's T-Shirt Design & Printing Workshop** Bring your own t-shirt to Agherton Parish Centre | 4.30pm | **Mr Hullabaloo Story Time** Story time and fun at the Bandstand |
| 1.00 - 3.00pm | **Sports Fun** Golf, archery, botcha, football, accessibility bikes. Suitable for age 8-13 years at Flowerfield Arts Centre, Park | 6.00pm | **Coastal Vocals Community Choir** at the Bandstand |
| 2.00pm | **Magic Show** at the Bandstand | 6.30pm | **Bubble Bike** along the Promenade |
| 3.00pm | **Street Theatre** (CC & GBC Event) at the Bandstand | 7.30pm | **Elvis Show** with Andy Rogers at the Bandstand |
| | | 8.30pm | **Jazz Lite (18+)** Jazz/Swing band at Me and Mrs Jones **A RED SAILS AT SUNSET EVENT** |

## WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

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| 10.00am | **Children's Art Workshop** Make your own sea life magnet Suitable for 6-12 years in Agherton Parish Centre | 2.30pm | **Painting the Sea in Oils** Two hour painting demo by artist Harry McMahon. Watch the canvas come to life at Portstewart Library, behind SuperValu |
| 10.00am | **Portstewart's Fishing History** A walking tour starting at Harbour Hill, finishing at the Berne | 3.30pm | **Carnival Disco** Face painting, games and balloon modelling at the Crescent play area |
| 10.00am | **Sketch and Walk with Heather Byrne** For adults, on the Promenade Limited places available, register via Flowerfield Arts Centre: 028 7083 1400 | 6.00pm | **Bubble Bike** along the Promenade |
| 1.30 - 3.00pm | **Treasure Hunt** From PCA Gazebo along the Promenade | 7.30pm | **Willie Drennan Band & friends** Ulster Scots folk band at the Bandstand |
| 2.00pm | **On A Summer's Day** Music recital with Lauren McKeown, Michael Diamond and Cheryl McCay In Star of the Sea Church, Crescent | 7.00 - 9.00pm | **North Coast Book Club** (18+) Q & A with author Ruby Free about her first book "Rathlin – A Wild Life". Free tickets available to book via Flowerfield Eventbrite Event is BYOB at Flowerfield Arts Centre **A RED SAILS AT SUNSET EVENT** |
| 2.00pm | **Sketch and Walk with Heather Byrne** or adults, on the Promenade Limited places available, register via Flowerfield Arts Centre: 028 7083 1400 | 9.00pm | **John Leighton Trio** (18+) Jazz music at Me And Mrs Jones, the Diamond. **A RED SAILS AT SUNSET EVENT** |

## THURSDAY 24TH JULY

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| 8.00am | **Men's Golf Open Competition** JB Kennedy Rose Bowl at Portstewart Golf Club Phone club to enter: 028 7083 2015 | 3.30pm | **Facepainting** at the Crescent |
| 10.00am | **Ocean Discoveries for Kids** Fun-filled seaside event featuring children's crafts, nature activities, games and more! In Agherton Parish Centre | 4.30pm | **Puppet Show** at the Bandstand |
| Noon | **Pavement Art Competition** Chalk provided. At the Crescent | 7.00 - 8.00pm | **Junior Fishing Competition** For U16 at the Harbour All children must be supervised by a responsible adult. |
| 2.00pm | **Children's Talent Show** at the Bandstand. Sponsored by Maxwell Freight. 30 slots available - first come first served. Registration from 12.30pm at Gazebo. Age categories 5-10 & 11-16 yrs. | 7.30pm | **Limavady Big Band** North Coast jazz and swing band at the Bandstand |
| 3.00pm | **Look Closer and Discover Nature** Partnership with NI Science Festival. "Tiny Wonders" film screening with a hands-on workshop led by QUB scientists in Agherton Parish Centre Suitable for 2-5 yrs | 9.00pm | **Comedy Club (18+)** Hosted by Gary Pollock (Kiwi's Comedy Club) Upstairs in Villa. Ticketed event, please book via PCA eventbrite using the QR Code >>> **A RED SAILS AT SUNSET EVENT** |

*Acts/venues are subject to change. All changes will be communicated via our website and social media channels. Red Sails at Sunset are 18+ events.*

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03. STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
04. FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE
05. PORTSTEWART GOLF CLUB
06. AGHERTON PARISH CENTRE
07. ME & MRS JONES
08. HARRY'S SHACK
09. PROMENADE
10. HARBOUR HILL
11. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL
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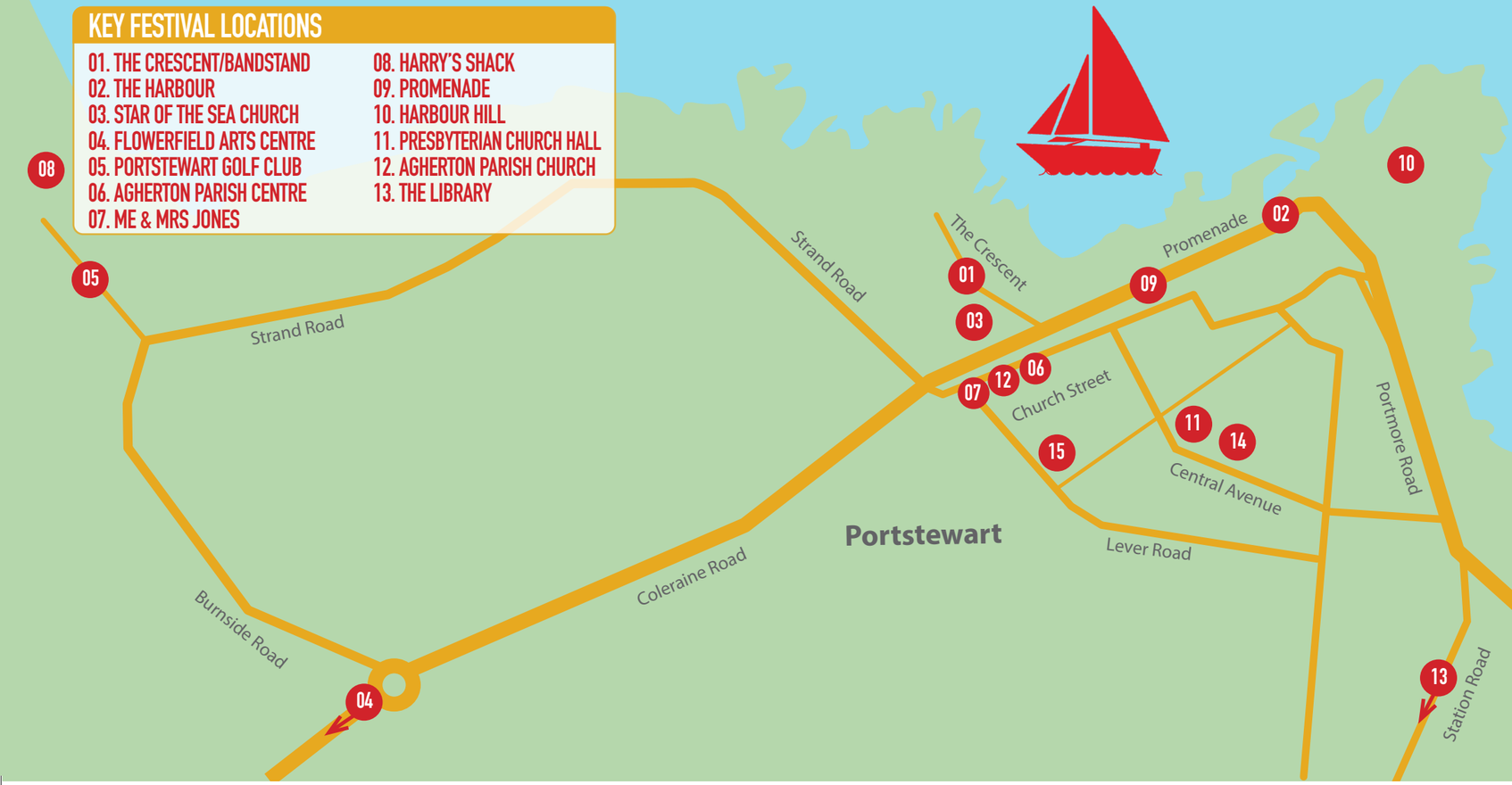


## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RED SAILS FESTIVAL

**Previously called the Portstewart Summer Carnival, the current community festival has its origins back in 1968.**

Back then a committee from St Mary's Star of Sea Parish Church decided to organise a Summer Carnival.

This first Carnival lasted four weeks and was very much a cross community enterprise.

In 1972 the organising of the Carnival was taken over by the Portstewart Community Association.

Membership was cross community and one of the first projects was to use the festival to raise money to provide a summer break in the seaside town of Portstewart for children living in areas of Northern Ireland experiencing the worst effects of "The Troubles".

In 2000, The P.C.A. committee decided to change the name of the Summer Carnival to The Red Sails Festival, in honour of songwriter Jimmy Kennedy, who wrote the lyrics to "Red Sails In The Sunset", whilst based in Portstewart.

In 2008 the programme included a Multi- Cultural Showcase.

Ever since multi-cultural events have been incorporated into the cross-community programme and have been an integral part of the Festival.


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