



Hello folks,

We're in the mother of all change and it'll probably be OK in the end, but bloody bonkers to be going through it.

What I do know is I love our weekly [Campbell's Ceilidh](#). Folk are getting to know one another as time goes on and the form of turns followed by breakout rooms seems to be working well enough and will morph if required. Please come along if you haven't checked us out.

I hope that we can dovetail the Campbell's Ceilidh experience into localised events next year, if I'm taking a show on the road. Which I will by the way! Social distancing will hopefully no longer be needed - that's my mantra anyway.

For the foreseeable future, Campbell's Ceilidh will continue to run online each Sunday at 7 (British Summer Time) - including this evening.

If you're keen to join, email me at mairi@mairicampbell.scot and I'll put you on the Campbell's Ceilidh list. I then email out the Zoom link each week. There's also a [Campbell's Ceilidh Facebook group](#) which is lively with further comments, words and music from folks.

Mairi xx

"No one should miss this wonderful gathering with its live performances from around the world and fun interactions with others. A true virtual ceilidh that is refreshing and soothing for these times. I'm there every week!"

Black Lives Matter



The family recently attended a Black Lives Matter protest on the Porty beach. This photo was taken by [Jon Davey](#).

Campbell's Ceilidh continues to evolve

We're looking at how we can continue to evolve Campbell's Ceilidh to have both local and international airings. We're hoping to create a Campbell's Ceilidh in specific regions in Scotland to support local creative activity.

The idea is to pull people together in their areas and use the expressive arts to activate communities - in this new digital way. More on this to follow.

I'm working on the next show!

Been messing around with motifs and symbols which can carry a weight and have quite an impact. Pre-Christian, Pagan, Christian... and then the shape of the pendulum and the weight of the stone is very pleasing indeed. Anyhoo, we'll find the thing and have it up on stage in a year or so I hope. I'm setting up a crowdfunded campaign in mid-August to support its making.

Watch this space...

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Sitting around, writing, internal work...

Recently had a songwriting blastoff with a couple of pals, to get through my inner blocks around songwriting - haven't written one in a long time. I took the bull by the horns and headed into the field of song. It's a 'write 12 songs in 12 hours' exercise and I managed to find around six ideas.

I thought I'd take the every day things I was up to, like daily swims in Porty beach:

The tide it is low and still it pulls away
As I don my swimming togs in the middle of the day

We jump over the wall and walk across the sand
And wade into the water, leaving the land

The power of the pushing, of her pulling, of her play
Makes my body feel alive in the middle of the day

And then it is over, we walk back across the sand
This memory of water on returning to land

Ceilidh Cabaret

Jed and Jo's Ceilidh Cabaret show is on a Friday nights. They have also played at Campbell's Ceilidh and their energy is just infectious... tis a joy!

Get involved in their Friday nights through their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jedandjo/>

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Although Covid-19 has been devastating for the arts, I remain hopeful that we can come back stronger, both individually and collectively.

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things moving again, and heck since it's summer and I'm feeling hopeful despite everything, I'm offering 20% off all downloads, CDs and sheet music. Available for the rest of June.

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