



Presents

The 16th Haal

5TH JUNE - 7TH JUNE 2026

A WEEKEND OF SONGS, TUNES, STORIES,
POETRY, DANCE, WORKSHOPS AND SESSIONS
TO BE HELD IN AND AROUND PORTSOY

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Friday 5th June

Festival office opens 12:00 - 17:00 in
The Station Hotel, Portsoy.

10:30 - 12:00 / 13:00 - 14:30

Macduff Primary and Portsoy Primary
Storytelling with *Pauline Cordiner* and
Sheena Blackhall.

15:00 - 17:15

Station Hotel - FREE

Informal opening singaround/session, led by
Doug Hay and *Bill Gray*.

19:30 - 22:45

Town Hall

Doors open 18:45 for ticket sales - £25.00

Jimmy McBeath Memorial Concert

An evening of Scottish and Irish traditional
songs, tunes and stories. Sponsored by
HYDRASUN LTD ABERDEEN MC — *Scott*
Gardiner.

Featuring *Natallie Chalmers*, *Thomas*
McCarthy, *Malcolm Reavell* and *Margaret*
Bennett, Supported by a group of *students*
from *RCS*.

The Concert will be opened by a set from
the winner of the Wheeler Trophy, awarded
to the most dedicated Trad Music Student,
attending Aberdeen Music School.

19:30 - 22:00

An Evening of Sea Shanties

Shore Inn/Boat Shed - FREE

Featuring *Bob Sharp*, *Kimbers Men* with Folk
At The Salmon Bothy Regulars.

Early evening songs and tunes to dine with at
Aspire Restaurant, featuring various guests
and local acts - See main programme.

23:00 - 01:00

Late Night Festival Club

Town Hall - Entry by Weekend Band or
£5.00

Late Night singaround hosted by *Scott* and
Natallie. Tunes Session in Town Hall Bar,
hosted by *Malcolm Reavell*, *Dick E* and
Maggie T. Storytelling hosted by *Sheena*,
Pauline, *Molly*, and *Thomas*.

Bar facilities in Town Hall Provided by
PORTSOY 75 CLUB, SPEYSIDE BREWERY and
KNOCKDHU DISTILLERY.

Please note that some minor changes may be
made between this publication and the event
and will be shown on line or notified during the
Festival Weekend.

Saturday 6th June

09:30

A song and a tale or two at the graveside of
Jimmy McBeath.

Led by *Danny Couper* and *Geordie Murrison*.

10:00

A Brackfast 'o' Porridge, Brose, & a Bothy
Ballad

Station Hotel - £8.00 / U16 FREE

Hosted by *Scott* and *John Dickson*. Porridge
supplied by HAMLYNS OF SCOTLAND. Wielding
the spurtle, our 'Orra Loon' with a cook's hat
on, *Doug Hay*.

12:00 - 13:45

Workshops / Presentations - All £10.00 or a
Weekend Band Pass

Fuller details on workshops will be
available on Club Web site soon and in main
programme.

New Workshop

My name is *Isabella*. A reimagining of the
famous Bothy Ballad Boggies Bonnie Belle.

Written and performed by *Lucy Beth*.

Scots Song

Station Hotel Hall, hosted by Trad Award
Finalist, *Natallie Chalmers*.

Flute and Whistle - Beginner

Town Hall Meeting Room, hosted by *Malcolm*
Reavell. Wendy De Rusett Trophy for most
enthusiastic participant.

Story Telling

For Youngsters and the Young at Heart
Scout Hall, hosted by *Sheena* and *Pauline*.

A Talk on Pipes by Students From RCS

Portsoy Community Church Hall. Led by *RCS*
Students. (TBC)

Ukulele - Walter Miller

Community Church Small Hall.

12:30 - 20:00

Fringe Performances - FREE

Various Performances by Guest and Local
Musicians at the Shore Inn, Port House
Café, Aspire Restaurant, Portsoy Ice Cream,
Symposium Café, and Portsoy Marble.
Full Details in Main Programme.

14:00 - Finish

Greig-Duncan Song Competition

Salmon Bothy

Participation FREE / Audience £5.00

Prizes /Sponsors *Couper*, *Les*, and *Sheila*
Wheeler.

Trophies - JNR AND SENIOR

Cash Prize - £25/£50/£100. JNR £25.

Open to all singers performing a song from
G-D Collection.

16:00 - 17:30

Town Hall - £7.00

Life as Part of the Travelling Communities
of Scotland and Ireland. Featuring *Bob*
Knight and *Thomas McCarthy*, with *Dr*
Margaret Bennett as host. There will also
be an opportunity for songs from the floor
that have been collected from the Travelling
Communities.

19:30 - 22:45

Main Festival Concert

Town Hall - £25.00

Featuring *Eileen Ordish*, joined on stage
by her daughter *Collette*. Enjoy a rousing
set from England's renowned shanty
group *Kimbers Men*, before closing the
night with a stunning performance from
multi-award-winning Scottish singer, *Siobhan*
Miller.

23:00 - 01:00 (ish)

Late Night Sessions

Town Hall Bar - £5.00

Tunes and singing sessions on main Town Hall.
Hosts TBC.

Sunday 7th June

10:30 - 11:30

Doric Church Service

Portsoy Community Church - All Welcome
Contributions from Beyond Boyndie and folk
club regulars.

11:45 - 12:45

Stories and Songs

Macrae Court

Led by *Sheena* and *Pauline*, plus a guest or
two.

13:00 - 15:00

Church Hall - £15.00

A Wheen O'Wimmin - A show about women
singing their stories. Featuring *Barbara*
Dymmock, *Amy Lord*, *Chris Miles*, *Aileen*
Carr and *Elspeth Cowie*.

15:30 - 17:15

Farewell Singaround - Strictly Nae

Instruments Town Hall Bar

Hosted by *Doug*.

Farewell Session

Shores Marquee

Led by *Ronan*, *Malcolm*, *Dick* and friends.

19:00 - Finish

Grand Farewell Concert

Town Hall - £12.00 - Conc. £7.00 / U16
FREE

MCs *The Glesca Lads* — *Bob Sharp* and *Ron*
Gardiner.

The concert will be opened by the winner
of the *Greig Duncan Song Competition*.

Those wishing to perform should give their
name to *Bob S* or *Bob P*. A percentage of
slots will be ring-fenced for club regulars,
and a draw will take place at 18:30 for any
remaining places.

Ticket Prices

Weekend Ticket	£70.00
(covers all events, workshops, etc.)	
Friday - Concert Only	£25.00
Saturday - Concert Only	£25.00
Fri/Sat OR Sat/Sun Ticket	£45.00
(covers all events, workshops, etc.)	
Sunday Afternoon Concert	£15.00
Workshops (without wristband)	£10.00
Farewell Concert	£12.00/£6.00 Conc.

Please note that minor changes may occur
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Tickets available from:

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