

## Saturday 6th June

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 Dymmuck*, *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 Singaround - Accompanied if Desired  
Station Hotel

Hosted by *Mike Blackburn*.

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

*Please note that minor changes may occur between the release of this flyer and the publication of the full Festival Programme.*

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# FOLK AT THE SALMON BOTHY PORTSOY

Presents

## The 16th Haal

5TH JUNE - 7TH JUNE 2026

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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.

## 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.