

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 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 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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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.