

FOLK AT THE SALMON BOTHY PORTSOY

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 *Natalie 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, Taylor
Dalrymple.

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
Natalie. 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 HAMLAYS 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, *Natalie Chalmers*.

Flute and Whistle
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*.

Women In Piping - *Eala McElhinney*
Eala will host a presentation / workshop
around the theme of Women in Piping. Have
a go at getting a tune on a chanter and
possibly learn some Canntaireachd. Eala is a
very enthusiastic piper, a student at RCS and
a member and soloist with a Grade One Band.
Ukulele - *Walter Miller*
Portsoy Church Centre, Lesser 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
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

11:45 - 12:45
Stories and Songs
Macrae Court
Led by *Sheena* and *Pauline*, plus a guest or
two.

13:00 - 15:00
Portsoy Church Centre - £15.00
A Wheen O'Wimmin - A show about women
singing their stories. Featuring *Barbara
Dymmock*, *Amy Lord*, *Chris Miles*, *Aileen
Carr* and *Elsbeth 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 (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.

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Tickets available from:

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