

PULLING AWAY FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!



Kathy Mansfield

We are delighted to confirm that it was recently announced that Aberdeen Asset Management are the title sponsor of the Festival with a three year package which secures the future of the event. To quote Martin Gilbert, Aberdeen Asset Management's chief executive, *"When we became aware that the festival was at risk of being cancelled in 2011, it was important for us to do what we could to prevent this happening. The Scottish Traditional Boat Festival is a key highlight of the tourism calendar and, as well as being the largest gathering of traditional boats in Scotland it has an excellent range of on shore activities for all ages. As a company headquartered in the north east of Scotland it is important for us that we support such a vibrant community run event as The Scottish Traditional Boat Festival which attracts such a high level of tourists to the area."*

We are both grateful and absolutely delighted to have Aberdeen Asset Management on board and now look forward to an exciting event which will clearly reflect the national theme of "Active Scotland".

On The Water

Following the 2010 success of the St. Ayles Skiffs; the beautiful craft developed for the Scottish Coastal Rowing project by The Scottish Fisheries Museum, for 2011 we are planning on having many more skiffs and their crews in Portsoy. Throughout the weekend the skiffs will be in the bay participating in exciting rowing events.

A varied program of activities is planned within the harbour areas; the Peterhead Sea Cadets will be displaying their skills in seamanship, staff from Findhorn

Marina will be demonstrating how to learn to sail with Tazer dinghies and pupils from local schools will be demonstrating the Optimist dinghies they have recently built.

Within the old harbour, you will be able to learn how to skull a coracle or, for the younger visitors, practice sculling in a small pond set up beside the harbour. The Deveron Canoeists will be visiting, demonstrating their skills and playing games with sea going kayaks. Informal sailing events are planned for visiting sailing boats including

the return of the very popular Kipper Race.

Lastly, on Sunday afternoon, the historic boats, which will have been open to the public over the weekend, will depart Portsoy under sail providing a dramatic and colourful finale to the weekend.



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On The Stages

As ever, the music provided over the weekend is guaranteed to be varied and of a very high standard. Giants of the Scottish and International Folk scene The Tannahill Weavers are to headline the Friday night concert, with multi instrumentalist and singer songwriter Elsa McTaggart and harp duo Sileas. Tyneside Sea Shanty outfit The Keelers, who starred on the recent TV programme Shanties and Songs of The Sea, are to host workshops and perform on the Harbour Stage, as are N. E. favourites and Festival Regulars, Shephard, Spiers and Watson.



Also performing and hosting musical talks of a serious and not so serious nature on the subject of Whisky, is author and song writer, The Whisky Bard, Robin Laing. The Harbour Stage will have a host of local regulars entertaining us, as well as some new faces such as The Craig Soutar Band and Dutch Blues/ Folk/Jazz Band, De Kinkels.

The ever popular Saturday Night Ceilidh Dance will feature Cabrach and finally, Folk At The Salmon Bothy are to host Local Folk Clubs and open mic sessions at The Bothy Outdoor Stage. All in all an exciting weekend of music for all.

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Crafts Galore

Every year the range of craft and skill demonstrators seems to get bigger

and better and we're working hard to ensure that 2011 is no exception. With the accent on seeing skilled practitioners at work, the harbour and Salmon Bothy areas will host a wide range of all that's best in Scotland's great traditional skill heritage.

For The Inner Man (And Woman!)

Last year's Food Fayre was the biggest yet and we're confident that 2011 will be another great show of all that's best in the region's food and drink. Whether it's meat or fish, cheese or sweets or whisky, there'll be something to tempt your palate. We're also repeating the hugely successful cookery demonstration programme where you'll be able to taste and try before you buy!

Catering around the town will again be of the highest standard and we're delighted to say that Ian Spink's Arbroath Smokies will be back this year for the full two days of the Festival.

For The More Active

The national theme this year is Active Scotland and that will certainly be reflected at the Loch Soy area where, working

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with the Aberdeenshire Sport and Leisure team, we're creating a whole

range of activities including Street Sports, mountain bikes, basketball, hockey and touch rugby. We also hope to have the SPLASH dinghy team in operation on Loch Soy itself.

And of course on Sunday there will be the 2K fun and 10K road runs starting at the Playing Fields and finishing by the harbour.

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