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Bothy Buzz

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Welcome to the second edition of **Bothy Buzz**, a regular update about goings on at the Portsoy Salmon Bothy.

Recently at the Bothy... Our autumn/winter season of **talks** ended last week having included several high quality speakers on a variety of subject areas. Dr Catherine Smith (pictured right), author of a new biography '**The Stars of Robert Burns**' kicked off the programme and set a very high standard.



Sgt Tony Carlin (pictured left) from **RAF Lossiemouth** came next with a fascinating rendition of the history of the Lossiemouth Station complete with props and artefacts.

Continuing the forces theme, Duncan Leece (pictured right) provided a very touching and captivating talk on the wonderful work done for the armed forces by the volunteers who operate the **Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA)**.



We were also very pleased to welcome boat historian Pete Danks (pictured left) who gave an excellent illustrated talk on the intricate history of the **Navy in Nelson's time** and the following week, Pete returned to give an update on great progress made by the local boys involved in the boat building which has made the **Faering Project** so successful.

The **Salmon Net Fishing Association for Scotland** held their AGM at the Bothy on Friday 06th November. We were delighted to welcome the group and play host to their annual gathering. Feedback from the group was extremely positive and they have renewed the booking for next year.



The Salmon Bothy was delighted to host the launch of **Gene Genie**, a new Family History research service run by our own Genealogy Coordinator Alison Smith. Her new role as Gene Genie Scotland is to offer one-to-one guided research as well as additional services such as the transcription & interpretation of old manuscripts and ancestral tourism research & planning. The Salmon Bothy will serve as the base for many of her services as it comes fully equipped with on line access. If you would like to find out more please contact Alison on 01261 833574 or the Salmon Bothy – contact details above.

Activities... The Craft club is now going strong with members of varying craft talents. The group meet every other Thursday and has proved very popular. It provides a chance to bring along our own craft project to compare notes with others. In the run up to Christmas especially, this is a great way to start find out about making your own exciting, unusual and very personal Christmas presents!



The Bothy Camera Club is growing monthly and is also proving popular, offering a chance for budding photographers of any level of experience to get together informally to swap experiences, techniques and ideas.

Folk at the Salmon Bothy met on the 13th November, but for a reason other than the regular monthly session. This time it was for a Hogmanay themed film shoot, complete with Big Ben sounding out the Bells at midnight as well as good spirits (in both senses of the phrase) and first footers. The recording, which featured traditional Scottish music from all over the northeast was compered by Lorna Summers and Bob Philips and was recorded by James Kerr and will be posted on YouTube on Hogmanay. You can have a sneak preview of some images [here](#) and we will be doing our own count down: so look out for more news soon! This week the Folk Club have invited Shepherd, Spiers and Watson for an evening of song and story: read more on [our website](#).



Celebrate Scotland with a touch of pink

In association with the Salmon Bothy, a concert to celebrate the Homecoming Finale will be held in Portsoy Town hall on Saturday 21st November 2009. Organised by Moira Stewart, the event will see live music from The Saddellers and Shepherd, Spiers & Watson, plus a range of song and dance from the ‘cream’ of Portsoy. It will kick off at 7.00pm, and the proceeds will be split between ourselves and Breast Cancer Research, Aberdeen. Please contact us for more information.

Christmas ideas from the Bothy

Looking for that last minute idea for stocking fillers or for folks living away from Portsoy? We’ve got some perfect ideas for you including our charming Bothy Christmas cards, delightful tea towels in two designs, attractive slate fridge magnets...or if you want to splash out a little more, Clare Russell’s splendid books *I Love Food* and *I Love Banffshire*. All available at the Bothy and tea towels and Christmas cards also available at the Portsoy Thrift Shop.



**Want to know more about anything
you have read?
CALL THE BOTHY NOW
On 01261 842 951 or email
contact@salmonbothy.co.uk**

Museum Opening Hours

The Bothy museum will remain open through out the winter on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm, closing only for Christmas and New Year. Remember Upstairs at the Bothy can be hired for your very own Christmas party. It has a capacity of 60 people and can be tailored to any need. Catering can be organised and additional equipment required can be arranged.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Bothy could not operate without the dedication of volunteers who welcome visitors to the Bothy. We are still on the look out for new people to become members of the team. Committing only the time that suits you, it’s an enjoyable way of meeting interesting people – the only prerequisite being love of Portsoy and its culture and heritage.

Regular Sessions

All groups welcome new members, contact the Bothy for more info.

Day	Time	Frequency	Group
Mon	10am-12pm	Weekly	Knitting
Wed	7-9pm	Monthly, 1 st week	Folk Club rehearsal
Wed	7-9pm	Monthly, 3 rd week	Camera Club
Thur	7-9pm	Biweekly, Next on 26 th Nov and 10 th Dec.	Craft Club
Fri	2-4pm	Weekly	Art Class
Fri	7 – 10.30pm	Monthly, 3 rd Week	Folk Club