

## **BOTHY BALLAD COMPETITION**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 : 12 noon – 1.30 pm**

**Stonehaven British Legion (Upstairs Hall)**

Entry to the competition can only be made on the day –  
registration from 11.30 am onwards at the venue.

Entry free.

### **Key Guidelines:**

- A **Bothy Ballad** is a song of Farming Life
- **Unaccompanied Singing:** Competitors must sing one ballad without any instrumental accompaniment.
- **No Written Words:** Competitors are not allowed to use written words during the performance.
- **Marking:** Judges will assess the performance based on several factors including the style, liveliness/feeling, timing/phrasing, tone/pitch, choice of song, and overall entertainment value.

### **Judges' Guidelines**

Marks will be awarded (out of 100) as follows:

- **Traditional Style (25)**
- **Liveliness or Feeling (30)**
- **Time & Phrasing (25)**
- **Tone & Pitch (10)**
- **Choice of Song (10)**