

**The Autumn Speyside Whisky Festival 2007 Programme  
(some events still to be confirmed)  
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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**10:00 (6 hrs) - Whisky Auction Preview @ The Whisky Shop Dufftown (Free):** A chance to see many of the bottles going into the following days auction, just pop in at any time.

**17:00 (1hr 15 min) -The 7 stills of Dufftown with Steve Oliver @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** The mighty Steve Oliver, from The Whisky Shop Dufftown, brings us this event which has become a bit of a tradition on the night before the first official day of the festival.. Steve will guide you around seven offerings from our fair village - the whisky capital of the world (or so some say). Not to be missed for those who arrive early to the festival. Or an excuse to get here early?

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**09:30 (3hr 30mins) - Bus tour to Glengarioch and Ardmore Distilleries @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 22):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. Max 15.

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**11:00 (2hrs) - Speyside Cooperage Tour @ The Cooperage (GBP12.50):** This extended tour is exclusive to the festival. Visit the Speyside Cooperage and experience the smells, sounds and sights at workshop level.

**11:00 (1hr) - An Introduction to Nosing and Tasting with Sandy Kenneway @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 10):** Just to make sure we can all do it and essential for first timers. Manager of The Whisky Shop Dufftown, Sandy Kenneway, shows you how to get the most from that dram in your glass with some great whiskies. One to break down the barriers and get you started. Or just a great way to start the festival. Oh, and you can always take the opportunity to get to know the new shop manager!

**13:00 (1hr 15mins) - Secret Speysides with Per @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Per Lovlie, whisky officando, takes you through some of the less well known Speyside whiskies and some unusual bottlings of others. A bit of a walk on the dark side.

**13:30 (2hr 30mins) - Bus tour to Glentauchers Distillery and Baird Maltings @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 22):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries plus a unique look at a commercial malter. Max 15.

**14:00 (2hrs) - Special Tour of Glenfiddich Distillery @ Glenfiddich Distillery (GBP 12):** This is an in-depth tour of the distillery that produces the world's No1 best selling malt. This tour will include access to part of the distillery not usually included in other tours.

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**15:00 (1hr 15mins) -The Wide World of Whisky Liqueurs @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Mike Lord, owner of The Whisky Shop Dufftown, will guide you through the minefield side of whisky. He's committed to find the best offerings from this widest of categories to bring you a genuinely unique tastings - one for everyone to enjoy.

**17:00 (1hr 15mins) -Latest Bottlings from Douglas Laing with ??? @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** TBC

**19:00 (2hr) -Whisky, Song and Words with Robin Laing @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** The WSD (Whisky Shop Dufftown for those not in the know) are very proud to finally get this great friend of ours to do an event for us. Robin is one of Scotland's premier folk singer-song writers. A great talent and a rye whitt! This undoubtedly will be an evening not to miss. Great music, great words on whisky, and a greatly enjoyable evening - and obviously several drams. He will also be introducing his latest book on Speyside. And then meet the great man himself and get a book or a CD to take home.

**19:30 Festival Opening Party @ The Square, Dufftown (Free):** All are welcome to join us in the square to share a dram, watch the fireworks and listen to the pipe band as our guest speaker officially launches the festival. Followed immediately by...

**20:00 Traditional Ceilidh @ Memorial Hall (GBP 5):** An evening of Scottish music, song and dance to watch and join in, featuring local artistes including Highland dancers, pipers, folk and bothy ballad singers Always a popular activity for festival goers. Stovies will be on sale during the evening at GBP2 a plate.

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**09:30 (3hr 30mins) - Bus tour to Tamdhu Distillery and Masterclass at Macallan Distillery @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 22):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. This includes an unforgettable masterclass at Macallan. Max 15.

**10:00 (4 hrs) - The Great Outdoors Show @ Memorial Hall, Dufftown (Free):** This event allows a chance to find out more about some of the many interesting outdoor activities available throughout the Moray area. Stalls, activities and exhibitions of a range of different activities.

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**11:00 (1hr 15mins) -Whisky and Muffins @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** The WSD (Whisky Shop Dufftown for those not in the know), and Mike the owner, continue to bring you fantastic food and whisky combinations. The ingredients of different muffins will be selected to compliment the whiskies we try today. Could there be a better breakfast.

**11.25 - Keith & Dufftown Railway.** This privately owned railway runs trains from Dufftown to Keith via Drummur on Saturdays and Sundays, travelling through beautiful countryside. Fares are GBP9.50 return and during the festival a dram & shortbread is included in the price. Also Scottish Afternoon Tea will be served at the Station in the Buffer Stop priced GBP5.50, consisting of dainty sandwiches, scones and a choice of cakes. There will also be a selection of teas to choose from.

**12.30 The Seven Stills Bus Tour @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 20):** Marathon trip ~ not for the faint-hearted.

**13:00 (1hr 15mins) -Susan Webster of Dewar Rattray @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):**

*Susan will bring us the best of this independent bottlers wares. She always draws a crowd with her born and bread knowledge of whisky and her approachable style.*

**13:30 (2hr 45mins) - Bus tour to Linkwood Distillery and a Mountain Oak Tour at Glen Moray Distillery @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 22):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. Max 15.

**14:00 (2hrs) -Meet Robin Laing @ The Whisky Shop Dufftown (Free):** Robin will be signing his books and CDs at the shop. Drop in and have a chat with him.

**14:00 Keith & Dufftown Railway.** See Saturday 11.25 for details.

**15:00 (1hr 15mins) - Tom Gerrie, Brewer of Tomintoul @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Tom Gerrie will bring you a selection of stunning whiskies from Tomintoul. As head brewer, he has a unique insight into how whisky is made. This looks like it's going to be fascinating.

**15:50 - Keith & Dufftown Railway.** See Saturday 11.25 for details

**17:00 (1hr 15mins) - Whisky talk and taste @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** TBC

**19:00 (1hr 15mins) - Scottish Spirits and Cocktails @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 12):** To ensure that you get your gala eating out night off to a start or just to try something different, The WSD team bring you whisky cocktails and a few others influenced by other Scottish spirits. The only way to get your evening started. There may even be a few nibbles.

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**09:00 (5hrs) -Whisky and Wildlife @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 19):** A guided walk from Tamdhu to Aberlour with a soup and sandwich lunch at the Old Pantry in Aberlour. Max 15.

**09:30 (5hr 30mins) - Bus tour to Tomintoul Distillery, The Whisky Castle and lunch at The Clock House Restaurant @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 25):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Tomintoul Distillery which is not open to the public. Head brewer, Tom Gerrie, will be your guide. This is followed by a tutored nosing and tasting with Mike Drury from The Whisky Castle. If this is not enough then there is a 2-course lunch at the fabulous Clockhouse Restaurant. Max 15.

**10.30 onwards - Lazy Sunday Morning, Noah's Wholefood Café and Licensed Bistro, Balvenie Street, Dufftown.** A chance to relax, enjoy a coffee, brunch or lunch with the Sunday papers. All proceeds (after overheads) to Clan Cancer at Aberdeen.

**11:00 (2hrs) - The Dufftown Treasure Trail @ The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 4):** Let's pound those streets on this Dufftown treasure hunt. Start from the whisky shop for the first clue and then sweep the town hunting down the rest. Lots of fun and a great way to shake off those cob webs.

**11:25 - Keith & Dufftown Railway.** See Saturday 11.25 for details

**12.30 - Open Air Highland Dancing @ The Square, Dufftown (Free):** A chance to watch some of the local youngsters displaying their traditional Highland Dance routines accompanied by bagpipes.

**13:00 (1hr 15mins) - The Whisky and Cured Meat @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Yep, it's another great food and whisky combo. Salamis and the like paired with whisky. A very European Sunday lunch. This has got to be experienced.

**14:00 (3hrs) - Bus tour to Aberlour Distillery @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 15):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. Max 15.

**14:00 - Keith & Dufftown Railway.** See Saturday 11.25 for details

**15:00 (1hr 15mins) - Alex Bruce from Adelphi @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Alex will

bring us the latest delights from this independent bottler which has proven to have a very high standard for its whiskies. All cask strength and all stunning.

**15:00 - Whisky Auction @ British Legion Hall, Dufftown (Free):** A huge range of whiskies and whisky paraphernalia will go under the hammer at the annual whisky auction. Watch some collectables reach amazing prices while keeping an eye out for a bargain or two! (Contact The Whisky Shop Dufftown - 01340 821 097 with regards to any entries you want to submit or any bids you wish to leave).

**15:50 - Keith & Dufftown Railway.** See Saturday 11.25 for details

**17:00 (1hr 15mins) - Gavin D Smith with "Half and a Half" @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** With the production of whisky and beer having so much in common it's no wonder that they have continued to cross paths in exciting ways. Gavin is both an expert on whisky and beer. He has written extensively and with authority on both subjects. In this tasting he will look at some of those cross-overs: Tullibardine and 1488, Brew Dog's Paradox and Caol Ila to name but two.

**19:00 (2hrs) - The Cairngorm Beer Party @ The Museum, Dufftown (GBP 12):** Repeating the success of the new style autumn beer party, The Whisky Shop Dufftown is again teaming up with Cairngorm Brewery Company to bring you some of the best Scottish beer ably led by the WSD team and Cairngorm staff.

**20:30 (1hr 15mins) - Sandy smokes! @ The Royal Oak, Dufftown (GBP 20):** The new man at The Whisky Shop Dufftown takes yoyo through a tutored tasting of two of his biggest passions in one - whisky and cigars. Sandy has been pairing whisky and cigars for a number of years and has entertained at numerous tastings with this sublime combo. This will be one of the finest and most refined events of the festival.

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007

**09:00 (3hr 45mins) - Bus tour to BenRinnes Distillery and Masterclass at Glenfarclas Distillery @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 20):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. This includes a stunning masterclass at Glenfarclas. Max 15.

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**11:00 (1hr 15mins) - Sandy Samples The World @ Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** There is a world of whisky outside of Speyside and even outside of Scotland. This is a great opportunity to try the fantastic whiskies that are available from around the world.

**13:00 (2hr 45mins) - Bus tour to Glendronach Distillery and tour of Duncan Taylor @ Meet at The Whisky Shop Dufftown (GBP 20):** Part of our programme of bus tours to local distilleries. This includes a fabulous visit to Duncan Taylor, multi award winning independent bottler. Max 15.

**13:00 (2hrs) - Tom Morton @ Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** Author, whisky writer, musician and award winning newspaper columnist. Star of BBC Radio Scotland at our festival? How did we manage it. You can't miss this fantastic afternoon of entertainment!

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**15:00 (1hr 15mins) - Mark Watt of Duncan Taylor @ Museum, Dufftown (GBP 15):** No other way to round up the festival than a selection of fabulous drams from Duncan Taylor. If that

wasn't enough then our own bad boy is here to tell you all you need to know about whisky and the ups and downs of life around the globe as a whisky ambassador.

**15:00 (1hr 15mins) - The Dregs Party @ Museum, Dufftown (GBP 10 with free whisky glass):** Tradition or curse? This is the end of the festival party.

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