

Early bird? **Thursday**

September 4 – 20:00-23:00

Cross Keys Hotel, Saddler's Bar traditional tune session.

Informal sessions before, between and after concerts at The Cobbles Inn, Cross Keys, Rutherford's and other pubs.

All year! Thursday and Friday nights + CD 'Across the Cobbles' see kelsofolk.co.uk for details



Friday September 5

Opening Concert

19:30-22:30 Divergence opening for Kris Drever

Old Parish Church (Kirk)

doors open 19:00

22.30 on Cobbles Inn, Rutherford's songs & tunes

Saturday September 6

10.30-12.00 Sessions in Square, Cross Keys, pubs

Workshops Instrumental and Vocal at Abbey Row Centre

Lunchtime Concert

12:30-14.00 Jon Doran & The Northern Assembly

Old Parish Church

doors open 11:45 – local support

14:00-17:00 Singaround in Oak Room

14:00-14:30 Rag Bag Morris in the Square

14:30-15:00 Small Hall Band in the Square

15:00-17.00 Open Air Mic at Rutherford's

15:00-16:40 Andrew Gordon Concert for 3-7 year olds Abbey Row Centre (free, must be with responsible adult)

Evening Concert

19:30-22.30 Skelpt opening for The Haar

Old Parish Church

doors open 19:00

Sunday September 7

Lunchtime Concert

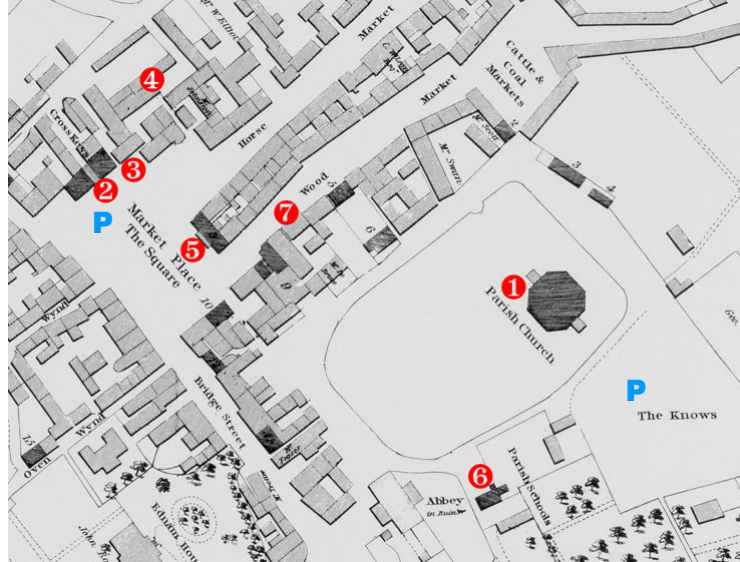
12:30-14:00 We Mavericks

Old Parish Church

doors open 11:45 – local support

14:30-17:00 Cross Keys – Songs & Tunes

Farewell Sessions



Venues are all in Kelso's historic centre – so our historic Wood's Map of 1823 still works!

1 – Old Parish Church **2** – The Cross Keys.

3 – Rutherford's **4** – Cobbles Inn **5** – The Square.

6 – Abbey Row Centre **7** – Brown's Newsagent for tickets. *Extended stay parking free in the Knowes.*

Caravan site at Border Events Showground, TD5 8LS – email info@borderseventscentre.co.uk or phone +44 (1573) 224188

Club web page kelsofolk.co.uk

Festival web page kelsofolkfest.org

Friday evening concert – £20

Saturday lunchtime concert – £15

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Sunday lunchtime concert – £15

Combined ticket for all events – £60

Children's Concert free, limited number available, please email kelsofmc@gmail.com for this and all other queries, and to join our mailing list

Workshops at Abbey Row Centre, £5 on door

Freya Rae – traditional tunes

Clare Watson – singing and harmony

Donald Knox – guitar

Tickets available – online from June 1st at

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ETOU>

(booking fees apply), at some club nights, and from Browns Newsagent, Kelso.



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KELSO FOLK 2025 FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 5th-7th



THE HAAR KRIS DREVER
WE MAVERICKS
JON DORAN AND THE
NORTHERN ASSEMBLY
DIVERGENCE SKELPT
RAG BAG MORRIS
SMALL HALL BAND
CHILDREN'S CONCERT
TUNE SESSIONS SINGAROUNDS
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Divergence Friday evening, opening



Divergence is a project led by Freya Rae on flute, whistles and clarinet. Joined by Siannie Moodie on clarsach and Tim Lane (Hidden Orchestra) on kit percussion and the tongue drum, the trio take Freya's own traditionally inspired melodies and twist them into sets and riffs using acoustic instruments and electronic effects making use of non-traditional instruments in traditional music.



Kris Drever Friday evening



As an acclaimed songwriter and interpreter of Scottish songs both old and new, **Kris** brings a unique voice to his guitar accompaniment as well as his rendering of tunes. With a family musical heritage and roots in Orkney, he combines virtuosity with powerful expression of the feeling and meaning behind the lyrics of the songs he performs. A rare chance to be an audience in our acoustic environment with Kris performing solo.

Skelpt Saturday evening, opening

'Fiery Scots folk' from trio **Skelpt** fae north of the Forth – Iain Anderson (fiddle, vocals), Andrew Gordon (guitar, vocals), and Euan Johnson (guitar, vocals, bodhran). Wake up your ears with what Scottish folk does best!



The Haar Saturday evening



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Anglo/Irish folk band **The Haar** brings the formidable singing talent of All-Ireland Scór na nÓg winner Molly Donnery combined with three of the most exciting instrumentalists on the folk and traditional music scene in Cormac Byrne (Show of Hands/Seth Lakeman), Adam Summerhayes, and Murray Grainger (both of the FATEA award-winning The Ciderhouse Rebellion).



Jon Doran and The Northern Assembly Saturday lunchtime



Newcastle based **Jon Doran** is a rising star interpreting and arranging traditional songs and tunes. With a light and distinctive guitar and bouzouki style, he is joined by Jordan Aitken (whistles) and Heather Ferrier (accordion)

We Mavericks Sunday lunchtime



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We Mavericks are a duo from Australia, Victoria Vigers and Lindsay Martin. Vic plays guitar and takes most of the vocal leads. Lindsay plays mandolin and fiddle, sings mostly harmonies. The instruments are joyous. Vic's driving guitar holds the rhythm while Lindsay's fiddle and mandolin soar in and out, dazzling, sweet, or intricate, and always brilliantly played.