

# BOOKING FORM

*The Fife Traditional Singing Weekend 11, 12, 13 May*

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## TICKETS:

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I would like to order the following tickets:

\_\_\_ All-In Ticket (Friday to Sunday) @ £24 is £  
\_\_\_ Concessions @ £20 is £  
\_\_\_ Friday Evening Concert @ £7 is £  
\_\_\_ Concessions @ £5 is £  
\_\_\_ All day Saturday & Evening Concert @ £16 is £  
\_\_\_ Concessions @ £14 is £  
\_\_\_ Saturday Evening Concert @ £8 is £  
\_\_\_ Concessions @ £6 is £  
\_\_\_ All day Sunday @ £8 is £  
\_\_\_ Concessions @ £6 is £  
\_\_\_ Concession prices are for Senior Citizens

*Old Songs at The Ship in Newburgh*  
Monday 14 May 7.30pm

\_\_\_ Old Songs and Bothy Ballads Concert @ £5 is £  
*(tickets for this event can be ordered here or purchased at the door)*

Total in £ Sterling: £

Cheques payable to *East of Scotland Traditional Song Group*

Indicate camping or caravanning requirements (free):

### Booking and Information:

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## FifeSing2007

### Monday Event:

**Monday 14 May**  
7.30pm  
**The Ship Hotel**  
**Newburgh**  
£5 (at the door)

### Old Songs & Bothy Ballads

with  
Ron Bissett  
Jimmy Hutchison  
Jim Aitken  
Shephard, Spiers &  
Watson

### FifeSingCDs £10.00

FifeSing - Volume 1:  
*Here's a Health to the Company*



FifeSing - Volume 2:  
*For Friendship and for Harmony*  
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Fife Traditional Singing Weekend 2005



*The East of Scotland Traditional Song Group  
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# FifeSing2007

## The Fife Traditional Singing Weekend

**Friday - Sunday 11, 12, 13 May**  
at the Fife Animal Park, Birnie, Collesie

*A celebration of traditional singing, the songs and the bothy ballads  
- for singers and enthusiasts!*

### Monday Event:

### Old Songs & Bothy Ballads

**Monday 14 May at 7.30pm**  
at The Ship Hotel, Newburgh

THIS IS the fifth **Fife Traditional Singing Weekend** - a unique opportunity to meet, hear and talk with a selection of the finest exponents of Scottish traditional singing to be found today - and, of course, to participate in the singing at sessions and singarounds.

The weekend will include:

**Concerts** - featuring the guest singers.

**Singarounds and Sessions** - where all who wish can participate.

**Workshops/Talks** - on topics related to traditional song and culture.

### Guest Singers

We welcome again **ELIZABETH STEWART** (Friday to Sunday) from Mintlaw many of whose songs came to her from her family the Fetterangus Stewarts and in particular from her aunt Lucy the noted traditional singer. For the first time we welcome **GORDEANNA McCULLOCH** (Friday to Sunday) who was first inspired to sing the ballads after hearing Jeannie Robertson in the 1960s. We will also be joined again by **RON BISSETT** (Friday to Monday) of Falkland the well known local bothy ballad singer and we welcome back our local, world renowned singer and storyteller **DUNCAN WILLIAMSON** (Saturday & Sunday). We again welcome **GORDON EASTON** (Friday to Sunday) singer, fiddle player and raconteur from Tyrie in Aberdeenshire. For the first time as guest we will be joined by **HENRY DOUGLAS** (Saturday & Sunday) from Hawick with a repertoire of songs from the borders. One or two other guest singers are unconfirmed and may join us for part of the weekend.

### Workshops/Talks

**Saturday morning** - **TIMOTHY NEAT**: *Hamish Henderson - the man.* **TOM MCKEAN**: *The archive collection of songs and ballads recorded by James Madison Carpenter in the 1930s.*

**Sunday morning** - **ADAM McNAUGHTAN**: *Glasgow music hall tradition.* **HENRY DOUGLAS**: *My border traditions - songs from the Common Ridings and other songs from Hawick and the Borders.*

## Guest Singers:

**ELIZABETH STEWART** from Mintlaw has been singing the old songs and ballads since childhood, inheriting a rich traditional repertoire from her family, the Fetterangus Stewarts - in particular from her aunt Lucy Stewart who became widely recognised after the release of recordings of her singing made in 1960 by the American collector Kenneth Goldstein.

**RON BISSETT** of Falkland was Born in Kincardineshire and came to Fife with his family when his father came as head shepherd to Kippo at Kingsbarns. Ron took his first job at Letham in 1950 - driving a pair of horse and living in the bothy. He learned some songs in the bothy and others from his mother and he was a member of the *Fife Yokels* bothy group when they competed in the Grampian TV Bothy Nichts competitions in the 1960s.

**GORDON EASTON** (b.1923) is from the Blackhills of Tyrie near Fraserburgh, where his family has crofted for generations. He learned many of his old songs from his mother and grandmother and is well-known for his fiddle, jew's harp and 'moochie' playing, not to mention his considerable skills as a 'diddler'. He has competed and sung at TMSA festivals for over twenty years and has won regularly in many categories and is an honorary life member of the TMSA.

**DUNCAN WILLIAMSON** was born in a bow tent on the shores of Loch Fyne in 1928, the seventh of sixteen children. At fifteen he began a traveller's life working alongside dry-stane dykers and thatchers, learning the craft of a horseman and earning his way in the scrap metal trade. His traditional tales and ballads, transcribed for publication by his second wife Linda, have brought him widespread fame with invitations from far and wide. He has lived many years in Fife and, now retired, lives in Ladybank.

**GORDEANNA McCULLOCH** began her singing in Norman Buchan's famous *Ballads Club* in the 60s where she heard and was inspired by the great Aberdeen ballad singer Jeannie Robertson. She went on to sing with Glasgow folk band *The Clutha*, travelling extensively at home and abroad singing mainly traditional songs and recording several albums with the Topic label. She now sings solo and with the Glasgow based *Eurydice Choir*.

**HENRY DOUGLAS** was born in the Yarrow Valley and has farmed all his life, mainly at Howahill near Bonchester Bridge. He is an enthusiast for Borders' poetry and song and has won the Traditional Singing competition at Newcastleton - most recently in August 2006. Very active in the Border common ridings he was Official Hawick Common Riding Song Singer from 1985 - 2000. He cites the late Willie Scott as his great friend and mentor.

## Workshops by:

**TIMOTHY NEAT** lives in Wormit, Fife. He is author of several books on folklore - *The Summer Walkers: Traveling People and Pearl-Fishers in the Highlands of Scotland* and *The Horseman's Word: Blacksmiths and Horsemanship in Twentieth-Century Scotland* - two of five published by Birlinn. He has also covered some of the same subjects as a film maker, has been a lecturer at Duncan of Jordanstone College in Dundee and is currently working to complete a biography of Hamish Henderson the first volume of which is due for publication later in 2007.

**DR TOM MCKEAN** is an enthusiast for Scotland's traditional songs. Born in the USA, a student of English literature, Gaelic and Scots and now Deputy Director of the Elphinstone Institute at Aberdeen University, he is one of a team working on the Carpenter Collection - an archive of cylinder recordings and texts of songs and ballads recorded in north-east Scotland by the American collector James Madison Carpenter during the 1930s.

**ADAM McNAUGHTAN** has been collecting, writing and singing songs for three decades and has become one of Glasgow's best-loved characters. Many of his own songs have stood the test of time including such classics as *Where is The Glasgow That I Used To Know*, *The Jeely Piece Song*, *The Yellow on The Broom* and the hilarious *Oor Hamlet*, his reduced version of the Shakespeare play. He has researched and published on the Poet's Box song sheets and was one of the editors of the Greig-Duncan Folk Song Collection. During his time as a teacher he came to know many children's street and playground songs and he has taken an interest in Glasgow's music hall tradition - the subject of his workshop presentation.

## Hosted by:

**SHEPHEARD, SPIERS & WATSON:** The singing weekend is organised and hosted by a committee of Peter Shephard, Tom Spiers and Arthur Watson who also sing together as *Shephard, Spiers & Watson*. All three are enthusiasts for traditional song. Pete is a singer, musician and folk song collector and runs the Scottish music label Springthyme from his home in Balmalcolm. Tom lives in Auchtermuchty, sings and plays fiddle and was for many years a member of the Aberdeen based group *The Gaugers*. Arthur sings and plays whistle, was also in *The Gaugers*, founded the renowned Peacock Print Makers in Aberdeen and is now Senior Lecturer in Fine Art at the University of Dundee. Their recently released CD: *They Smiled as We Cam In* has been enthusiastically reviewed.

## The Programme:

### Friday 11th May

**Evening Concert: 8.00pm - 10.30pm**  
The opening concert with songs and ballads from the guest artistes and participants.

**Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am**  
An opportunity for all to join in a singaround with a song from their own repertoire.

### Saturday 12th May

**Illustrated Talk: 10.00am - 11.00am**  
**TIMOTHY NEAT:** *Hamish Henderson - the man.*

**Illustrated Talk: 11.30am - 12.30pm**  
**TOM MCKEAN:** *The archive collection of songs and ballads recorded by James Madison Carpenter in the 1930s.*

**Ballad Concert: 2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
The guests and participants with traditional ballads from their repertoire. The classic big ballads - the muckle sangs.

**Evening Concert: 7.30pm - 10.30pm**  
Songs from near and far: Guest artistes present their song and ballad traditions.

**Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am**  
Another chance for all to join in a singaround with a song from their own repertoire.

### Sunday 13th May

**Illustrated Talk: 10.30am - 11.30am**  
**HENRY DOUGLAS:** *Myborder traditions - songs from the Common Ridings and other songs from Hawick and the Borders.*

**Illustrated Talk: 11.45am - 12.45pm**  
**ADAM McNAUGHTAN:** *Glasgow music-hall tradition.*

**Farewell Session: 2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
The guest artistes lead a farewell concert and singaround with songs from all who still have a good song to sing and a voice left to sing it!

With thanks to Fife Council Arts and the Elphinstone Institute for the assistance and support given to the East of Scotland Traditional Song Group and the Fife Traditional Singing Weekend over several years.

## The Place:

The Fife Animal Park  
The **Fife Animal Park** is on the B937 between Collessie and Ladybank on the left about half a mile south from the A91/B937 crossroads. Our hosts Jim and Edna Moffatt will be happy to answer any questions about the facilities available (*tel:* 01337 831810). There are good train services from Dundee or Edinburgh to Ladybank station. Taxi (*tel:* 01337 828630 or 828214) from Ladybank to the Fife Animal Park.

**Restaurant: Food and Bar Facilities**  
Food will be available in the **Birnie Loch Room** throughout the weekend between events - from Friday at 6.00pm and for Breakfast and Lunch (Saturday & Sunday) and Evening meal (Saturday). Full bar facilities at all events.

**On-site Accommodation**  
The **Fife Animal Park** has a paddock for free camping and caravans with on-site toilet facilities. Let us know at the time of booking if you plan to bring a caravan.

**Hotel and B&B Accommodation**  
**In Falkland:** The Covenanters Hotel *tel:* 01337 857224), Hunting Lodge Hotel *tel:* 01337 857226, Ladywell House *tel:* 01337 858414 and Honeysuckle Cottage *tel:* 01337 858600. **In Auchtermuchty:** Forest Hills Hotel *tel:* 01337 828318). **In Freuchie:** Ochilview *tel:* 01337 858031. Several have googleable websites.

### NEWS UPDATE:

If you have access to the internet, you can get information as it is updated at:  
[www.springthyme.co.uk/events/ffesing](http://www.springthyme.co.uk/events/ffesing)

Other websites with artiste information:  
**Elizabeth Stewart:**  
[www.mustrad.org.uk/reviews/e\\_stewrt.htm](http://www.mustrad.org.uk/reviews/e_stewrt.htm)  
**Gordeanna McCulloch:**  
[www.folkmusic.net/scotswomen/people\\_gordeanna.htm](http://www.folkmusic.net/scotswomen/people_gordeanna.htm)  
**Gordon Easton:**  
[www.springthyme.co.uk/ah002/ah002ffesing1.php](http://www.springthyme.co.uk/ah002/ah002ffesing1.php)  
**Duncan Williamson:**  
[www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/directory/Tell-erview.asp?key=23](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/directory/Tell-erview.asp?key=23)  
**Henry Douglas:**  
[www.thelandthelighthelocals.com/artman/publish/article\\_46.shtml](http://www.thelandthelighthelocals.com/artman/publish/article_46.shtml)  
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