

BOOKING FORM

The Fife Traditional Singing Festival 15, 16, 17 May 2015

Name (first person booking):

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Names of others included in the booking:

Camping: Please tick: Tent or Campervan (<7m):

Camping and campervans (up to 7 metres) on Falkland Estate charged at £15 per tent or campervan (weekend) or £12 for one night. Advance booking is not essential. Hardstanding for caravans and larger campervans is available - phone to discuss possibilities.

NOTE: The Saturday evening Traditional Concert takes place in Falkland Village Hall. Most other events in the Old Town Hall.

TICKETS:

Tickets (add number in left column)

I would like to order the following tickets:

___ All-In Ticket (Friday to Sunday) @ £36 (£32) is £

___ Friday Evening Gathering @ £12 (£10) is £

___ All day Saturday & Evening Concert @ £20 (£16) is £

___ Saturday Morning Workshops/Talks @ £8 (£6) is £

___ Saturday Afternoon Ballad Concert @ £8 (£6) is £

___ Traditional Concert (Village Hall) @ £12 (£10) is £

___ All day Sunday @ £12 (£10) is £

___ Sunday Morning Workshops/Talks @ £8 (£6) is £

___ Sunday Farewell Concert @ £10 (£8) is £

___ Camping/ Campervan @ £15 or £12 is £

Concession prices (in brackets) for Senior Citizens & Students

Total in £ Sterling: £

Cheques payable to *East of Scotland Traditional Song Group*

Booking and Information:

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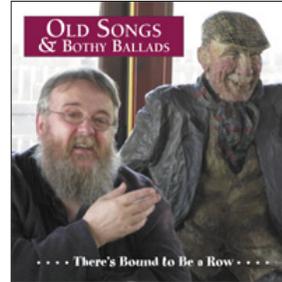
FifeSing - Volume 1:

Here's a Health to the Company



FifeSing - Volume 6:

There's Bound to Be a Row



FifeSing - Volume 7:

Hurrah Boys Hurrah



FifeSing - Volume 8:

The Little Ball of Yarn



*The East of Scotland Traditional Song Group
presents*

FifeSing2015

The Fife Traditional Singing Festival
Friday - Sunday 15, 16, 17 May
The Old Town Hall, Falkland, Fife KY15 7BY

**All events are in historic Falkland in the
ancient Kingdom of Fife.**

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



THIS IS the thirteenth Fife Traditional Singing Festival weekend - a unique opportunity to meet, hear and talk with a selection of the finest exponents of 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.

Guests

This year we have guests from England, Scotland, Ireland and the USA. From Miltown Malbay in Co Clare we welcome back a superb singer **ROISIN WHITE** who was a guest at FifeSing in 2004. **ARTHUR KNEVETT** has an enviable repertoire of old songs and ballads, a rich voice to carry the songs and is from Stallingborough in Lincolnshire. We are very pleased to be able to welcome **ANNA & ELIZABETH** (Anna Roberts Gevalt and Elizabeth LaPrelle) two very talented young singers & musicians from the Southern Appalachians who join us in Falkland as part of their UK tour. We have known the local Fife singer **RON FLEMING** for many years and we are very pleased he has agreed to join the weekend with his extensive repertoire of songs (and stories) learned from family and friends in and around Cardenden in Fife. **DOUGIE MCKENZIE** has been involved in the folk and traditional song scene in Scotland for many years and, in June 2014, he won at the Traditional Singing competition at Falkland Festival. **ARTHUR WATSON** needs no introduction! Born in Aberdeen, Arthur has long been an enthusiast for the North East ballad repertoire, a member of the FifeSing organising committee until last year and we welcome him this year as a guest. **EWAN MCVICAR**: Ewan will be joining us on Sunday to give his workshop on mining songs. Born in Inverness, Ewan has been involved in the folk song movement since the 1960s and now lives in Linlithgow.

Concerts/ Singarounds/ Workshops/Talks/Lectures

Full details of the events of the weekend, titles of the workshops and biographies of the guest singers are on the website at www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing

Guest Singers:

ROSIN WHITE: Róisín was born near Killeel near the Mourne mountains in Co. Down and remembers her mother singing all kinds of songs around the house which gave her a life-long interest in the old traditional repertoire. Rosin sings an eclectic mix of songs which have been passed on to her by the likes of Joe Holmes, Eddie Butcher, Paddy Tunney, Bridget Tunney and Robert Cinnamond. She worked as a teacher of Irish in Armagh and, after she retired, she and her husband Alwyn moved to Miltown Malbay in West Clare a place that she had come to know as a holiday (and music) destination since the 1970s. She has been a guest at Whitby Folk Week on numerous occasions and at festivals throughout England and Ireland, a past guest at FifeSing and at the Cullerlie Singing Weekend. Congratulations: Róisín was awarded Irish Traditional Singer of the Year 2015 at the TG4 Gradam Ceoil 2015 Irish Traditional Music Awards held in Cork on 27 January 2015.

ANNA AND ELIZABETH: Anna (Anna Roberts Gevalt) and Elizabeth (Elizabeth LaPrelle) are two young women from Virginia who follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before – the traditional singers and musicians of the Appalachian mountains. They sing both unaccompanied and with guitar, fiddle and banjo. Anna and Elizabeth have immersed themselves with old (and young) masters and folklorists, playing on porches and in kitchens, staying up all night to learn just one more song. Each used college to dive deep into history and archives, reading folklore and stories, listening to scratchy records of haunting voices, learning from relatives of long-gone greats. Their music has evolved, raw, sparse ballads, sweet lullabies and driving fiddle tunes and banjo songs. We are very pleased to be able to welcome two fine musicians to join us in Falkland as part of their UK tour.

RON FLEMING: Ron was brought up in a Fife family where a party and a sing-song were part of life and where he was of course expected to have a song to sing or a story to tell, and where first footing at New Year often lasted two or three days. Ron was a stalwart of the old Elbow Room in Kirkcaldy and the St Andrews Folk Club and Festival. Some of his songs came from his father and other family and friends but he is known in particular for one of his own songs with the fantastical title: *To View the Heights of Benarty from the Back of Keltly Store* - based on a local saying. He served his time as an iron moulder at Melville Brodie in Kirkcaldy, later working at Fairleys foundry in Auchtermuchty and finally in specialist bronze casting at Rosyth. He

followed his father's enthusiasm for motor bikes, his favourite being a 1934 Rudge

ARTHUR KNEVETT: Arthur has been singing traditional songs since the early 1960s when he was a founder member of the Kingston-upon-Thames Folk Club at the Fighting Cocks. He moved to North East Lincolnshire in 1974 and became a member and then a resident of the Grimsby Folk Club and a guest several years at Whitby Folk Week. Over the years he has earned a reputation as a fine performer and interpreter of traditional song, particularly ballads.

ARTHUR WATSON: Arthur who now lives in Perth, sings and plays whistle, founded the renowned Peacock Print Makers in Aberdeen and is now Senior Lecturer in Fine Art at the University of Dundee. He and Pete often sing together and both were in Shephard, Spiers & Watson and was a member of The Gaugers folk group from 1974 with Peter Hall and Tom Spiers, recording their first album for Topic in 1976. He is a fine singer and whistle player with his own distinctive style and a particular enthusiasm for the older ballads. Arthur was on the organising committee of FifeSing until last year. Now that he is no longer on the committee we have invited him as a guest – so at last he will get the chance to sing (and we will get the chance to hear) more than a couple of songs from his excellent ballad repertoire over the weekend!

DOUGIE MCKENZIE: Dougie is from Inverness and has been singing the old songs for many years and has participated at festivals from Keith to Stonehaven and Kinross to Auchtermuchty and last year he won the traditional singing contest at the Falkland Traditional Music Festival and also at Kirriemuir Festival. We welcome him as a guest to FifeSing.

EWAN McVICAR: Ewan will be joining us on Sunday to give his workshop on mining songs. He was born in Inverness, now lives in Linlithgow and has been involved in the folk song movement since the 1960s. He has edited several CDs of Alan Lomax's 1950s Scottish recordings and written several books on aspects of Scotland's traditional songs. In 2014 he gathered together 42 old and new songs of Scottish coalmining published as a book and CD that includes Burns songs, Joe Corrie singing *It's Fine Tae Keep In Wi The Gaffer*, a 1953 recording of *The Blantyre Disaster* from the wife of a man whose relative died in the disaster, and more recent songs including two of the 1845 Miners Strike. Ewan's workshop on Sunday morning will present some of these songs, and also look at coalminers' songs from England, the USA and Nova Scotia.

The Programme:

VENUE: Most events will take place in the Old Town Hall in the main street opposite Falkland Palace. Some refreshments (tea, coffee) will be available in the venue. If you wish to have other drink in the hall please bring this with you. Late evening singarounds will be in back room of the Bruce Inn with late licence till 1.00 am. The Traditional Concert on Saturday evening will take place in the Falkland Village Hall.

Friday 15th May

The Gathering: 8.00pm - 10.30pm

This year the opening event will be more of a sing-around than a concert with songs and ballads from the guest artistes and participants - continuing as:

Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am

More songs & some music - in The Bruce Inn.

Saturday 16th May

Illustrated Talk: 10.00am - 11.00am

ARTHUR WATSON AND PETE SHEPHEARD: *Songs and Ballads with Scottish Landscapes. An audio visual presentation.*

Illustrated Talk: 11.30am - 12.30pm

ANNA ROBERTS GEVALT AND ELIZABETH LAPRELLE: *Our route into folk song and music, the singers we have known, the songs and ballads of the Appalachians.*

Ballad Concert: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

The classic big ballads - the muckle sangs.

Traditional Concert in Falkland Village Hall: 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Old Songs & Bothy Ballads - The Living Tradition from England, Ireland, USA and Scotland.

Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am

Another opportunity for all - in The Bruce Inn.

Sunday 17th May

Illustrated Talk: 10.30am - 11.30am

EWAN McVICAR: *Bonny Collier Lads and Lassies: Hear and share songs of coalmining from Scotland and far afield.*

Interview: 12.00 noon - 1.00pm

JIMMY HUTCHISON TALKS WITH ROISIN WHITE: *Jimmy talks with Róisín about her background, the singers she has known and the songs she sings.*

Farewell Concert: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

The guest artistes lead a farewell concert.

The Place:

Falkland, Fife

The historic village of Falkland lies against the north slopes of the Lomond Hills in the ancient Kingdom of Fife just off the A912. The nearest station is at Ladybank (4 miles) on the main line from Edinburgh to Dundee. Taxi (tel: 01337 857485 or 858722). Go to the website to download a road map and street plan of Falkland.

Restaurant: Food and Bar Facilities

Falkland is well provided with places to eat: The Bruce Inn, The Covenanter, Lomond Inn, The Hay Loft, The Stag Inn and Campbell's.

Camping, Campervans & Caravans

There is a special site in the Falkland Estate (5 minutes walk) and hard standing for larger Campervans and Caravans close to the centre at Smith Andersons. Maps available on line and in the Old Town Hall.

Hotel and B&B Accommodation

Falkland: The Bruce Inn 01337 857226; The Covenanter Hotel 01337 857163; **Newton of Falkland:** Kiln House B&B tel: 01337 **Freuchie:** Lomond Hills Hotel tel: 01337 857329 857188 **Auchtermuchty:** Redwood Cottage tel: 01337 828272 **Gateside:** Edenshead Stables tel: 01337 868500 **Strathmiglo:** Gorno Grove House tel: 01337 860483

For more B&Bs see website link below.

Organised & Hosted by:

The current committee of the ESTSG: **PETE SHEPHEARD**, singer, musician and folksong collector. **JIMMY HUTCHISON**, originally from South Uist - his mother a Gaelic speaker, his father from Glasgow, has been singing traditional songs for many years, was involved in the St Andrews folk club in the 1960s and, along with Pete, was a founder of the TMSA's Blairgowrie Festival. **CHRIS MILES**, born in Falkland, now living in Kirkcaldy has been singing old songs for many years and was a member of *Palaver*.

With thanks:

Thanks to all who have given free use of their recordings to the East of Scotland Traditional Song Group for their CD series. Profit from their sale goes towards the Fife Traditional Singing Festival and events organised by the Group.

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Look up the FifeSing website for fuller biographies on the guest singers, for links to their own websites, for Google map and Plans of Falkland and for further B&B information.