

BOOKING FORM

The Fife Traditional Singing Festival 13, 14, 15 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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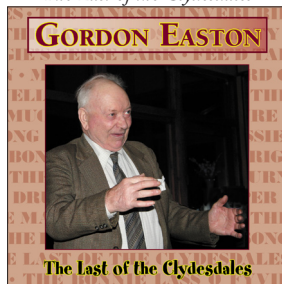
FifeSing - Volume 6:

There's Bound to Be a Row



Gordon Easton:

The Last of the Clydesdales



FifeSing - Volume 8:

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*The East of Scotland Traditional Song Group
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The Fife Traditional Singing Festival

Friday - Sunday 13, 14, 15 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 fourteenth 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 welcome as guests **Jim & Kate Taylor** from Skene in Aberdeenshire - both with extensive repertoires of old songs and bothy ballads of the northeast. From Ripponden in Yorkshire we welcome **Pete Coe** who has been involved in many aspects of the folk music scene as musician, singer, collector, dancer and teacher for the last half century. Pete will be with us on the Saturday and Sunday and will also be giving a workshop on the collector Frank Kidson. Originally from St Andrews, Fife we welcome a fine singer and old friend **Chris Hendry** and her husband **Johnny Handle** with their extensive repertoire of Scots songs and ballads and Tyneside songs. Johnny will also be presenting a workshop on Newcastle songs. Making a return visit, we welcome **Alex Clarke** with his repertoire of Dundee songs and tales. This year we will be treating committee member **Pete Shephard** as a guest (even though he is still one of our organising committee) and **Jimmy Hutchison** will also be interviewing Pete as one of our morning workshop events.

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:

JIM AND KATE TAYLOR:

Jim Taylor was born near Garlogie where he still lives, and is a retired Quantity Surveyor. A nephew of the late King of the Bothy Ballads, Tam Reid, Jim is keeping Tam's songs going as well as a few others. He is in great demand as a compere, which allows his native North East humour to shine through, and he has been a guest at several singing festivals throughout the UK and Ireland.

Kate Taylor started singing at the tender age of 40 and has not stopped since. She is passionately fond of traditional singing and has been influenced mainly by Sheila Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart and Jane Turriff. Kate is a member of the Aberdeen Folk Club and the Aberdeen Branch of the TMSA, and she has also been a guest at several folk festivals and singing weekends.

PETE COE: Pete lives in Ripponden near Halifax. He first became inspired by traditional singing when he went to the local folk club when he was at college in Cheltenham: "The first night I went along, the guest was Louis Killen and he sang these wonderful songs and played this funny thing – a concertina. I'd never heard a Geordie at all – couldn't understand a word but I thought these were wonderful tunes and from that night on I was hooked." Pete later ran the Halifax Traditions Festival, has had extensive appearances at clubs and festivals up and down the country as singer and musician. He is also an expert dancer, step dancer and dance caller. He has made important contributions to song collecting – notably from the Cornish traveller Betsy Renals. On Saturday Pete presents his workshop on the song collector Frank Kidson: *From Leeds to Glasgow in search of Frank Kidson's Collection*.

CHRIS HENDRY: Chris is a Scottish singer who learnt many of her songs first hand from such important source singers as Jeannie Robertson, Norman Kennedy and the Stewart family. As a teenager in the early 1960s she became part of the Fife folk club scene, based at St. Andrews, and was recorded by Hamish Henderson for the School of Scottish Studies at Edinburgh. Later moving to North East England to study and teach, Chris joined the team of residents at the prestigious Folksong and Ballad Club Newcastle. After working in the south of England, and performing regularly at Oxford and Bristol, she returned to Tyneside where she now lives with her husband, Johnny Handle. Regarded as one of the best singers in the region, Chris has a wide repertoire of material from the old ballads to farming and industrial songs.

Johnny Handle: Johnny was born in Wallsend-on-Tyne in 1935. Although he started work in the pits when he left school he had been in the school trad jazz band and he soon became involved in dance halls, concert parties and pub piano gigs. He had also become proficient on various other instruments including guitar, banjo, bass and played trumpet at Winlaton Mill village dance and he started his own trad jazz band - The Levee Ramblers. In 1958 Johnny met folksinger Louis Killen and enthused by the revival of folk music, they started the Folksong & Ballad Club in Newcastle. During 1961 his musical interests took him into the world of television and he met up with Ewan MacColl, Peggy Seeger and AL Lloyd whilst producing and performing in various radio and TV projects. Soon he was playing melodeon, accordion and Northumbrian pipes and, in 1965, as well as starting teacher training, he formed the High Level Ranters folk group. Johnny and Chris are regular guests at the great Whitby Folk Week.

PETE SHEPHEARD: Pete is a singer, musician and folksong collector. A founder member of the Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) in the mid 1960s, his enthusiasm as a singer and collector resulted in the creation of Springthyme Records in the 1970s specialising in the release of recordings of Scottish traditional song and music. Pete has recorded two CDs as a member of *Shepherd, Spiers & Watson*.

ALEX CLARKE: We are very pleased to welcome a return visit by Alex Clarke with his repertoire of Dundee songs and tales (for Saturday and Sunday). Alex was brought up in a tenement just off Dundee's Hilltown - hence his signature song - We're the lads fae the tap o the hill. His mother was a weaver in the jute mills as was his granny, his father an engineer. As a boy he started out singing Harry Lauder songs and was soon singing in concert parties. He was taught Highland dancing as a boy and later took up Scottish dancing, forming his own troupe for shows with Robert Wilson and Andy Stewart and appearing with the White Heather Club. His granny Clarke was a source of songs and old stories of Dundee, of McGonagall and the fall of the Tay Bridge. He was first 'discovered' by Maurice Fleming in the 1950s and was later recorded on the *Coorse and Fine* LP of Dundee songs on Springthyme in 1985. He has been a guest before at FifeSing and has songs are included on two FifeSing CDs.

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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 13th 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 14th May

Illustrated Talk: 10.00am - 11.00am

PETE COE: *From Leeds to Glasgow in search of Frank Kidson's Collection.*

Illustrated Talk: 11.30am - 12.30pm

To be confirmed: *To be confirmed.*

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 15th May

Illustrated Talk: 10.30am - 11.30am

JOHNNY HANDLE: *Newcastle Songs - the singers, the songs and their social and historic background.*

Interview: 12.00 noon - 1.00pm

JIMMY HUTCHISON TALKS WITH PETE SHEPHEARD: *Jimmy talks with Pete about his enthusiasm for traditional song, his collecting, the singers he has known and the songs he 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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