

# BOOKING FORM

*The Fife Traditional Singing Festival 10, 11, 12 May 2019*

Name (first person booking - and additional names below):

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Names of others included in the booking:

NOTE: Most events are in the Lumsden Memorial Hall in Freuchie.

Saturday evening Traditional Concert in Falkland Community Hall.

Buffer Lunch (£8) and Festival Dinner (£16) in the Lomond Hills Hotel

PLEASE tick to indicate intention (payment on the day):

Saturday Lunch      Festival Dinner      Sunday Lunch

## TICKETS:

Tickets (add number in left column)

I would like to order the following tickets:

--- All-In Ticket (Friday to Sunday) @ £40 (£36) is £

--- Friday Evening Gathering @ £10 (£8) is £

--- All day Saturday & Evening Concert @ £24 (£20) is £

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

--- Saturday Afternoon Ballad Concert @ £10 (£8) 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 £10 is £

Our NEW campsite is at the Freuchie Cricket Club (see map online)

Concession prices (brackets) for Senior Citizens, Students & Unwaged

Total in £ Sterling: £

Cheques payable to **East of Scotland Traditional Song Group**

or by Online Transfer (see website)

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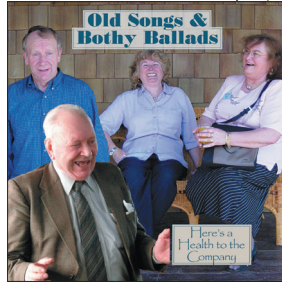
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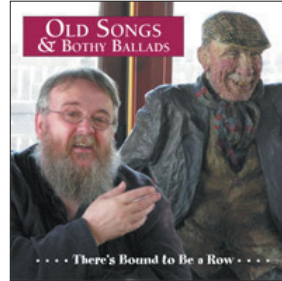
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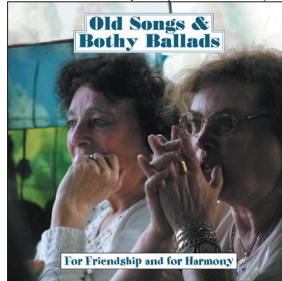
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# FifeSing2019

**The Fife Traditional Singing Festival**  
**Friday - Sunday 10, 11, 12 May**

**All events are in Freuchie and 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 sixteenth **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 **Shona Donaldson** - one of the finest tradition bearers of her generation originally from Huntly in Aberdeenshire. **Peta Webb & Ken Hall** are both fine singers rooted in the oral tradition and who together run the Musical Traditions Club in London, their style absorbed over the years by listening to and singing alongside traditional singers in England and Ireland. From the West of Ireland we welcome two brothers, **Brían and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn**, who sing together as **Ye Vagabonds** with a style based on their traditional songs but adding close harmonies and acoustic instrumentation. We welcome back **Hector Riddell** from Finzean beside Banchory who has known the old bothy ballads for many years and has been five times winner of the Bothy Ballad Champion of Champions at Elgin. From West Virginia we welcome **Alice Wylde** who was born and raised in a singing family who can trace their Appalachian roots back to before the Revolutionary war. Together with her partner **David** they accompany some of their songs on banjo, guitar and dulcimer.

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## Guest Singers:

**SHONA DONALDSON:** Shona grew up in Huntly surrounded by music and dancing in the heart of North-east Scotland's bothy ballad country and is recognised as one of the finest tradition bearers of her generation. While still at school, she took part in fiddle competitions at local traditional festivals including Keith and Strichen and there she heard the great bothy ballad singers Jock Duncan and Geordie Murison and was inspired to sing the old songs. She then studied Scots Singing at the RSAMD and she went on to appear in the Young Scottish Traditional Musician of the Year final in 2003 and 2004. Shona was voted Scots Singer of the year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2009. A particular highlight has to be winning the Bothy ballad Champion of Champions competition in Elgin in 2016 - the first woman to do. Shona was a guest at FifeSing in 2008 and we are very pleased to welcome her back this year.

**PETA WEBB & KEN HALL:** Born in Essex, England, Peta is a singer in traditional style, known for her ballad singing and her Irish repertoire as well as her songs about the lives of women. She and Ken Hall (originally from Liverpool) run the Musical Traditions Club in London. They sing unaccompanied and sometimes together in harmony. Peta & Ken's singing is rooted in the oral tradition, their style absorbed over the years by listening to and singing alongside traditional singers in England and Ireland. Long admired as solo singers, their coming together to explore duet singing sparked off a new creativity. They have a rich, distinctive sound, based on traditions of unison and harmony singing. The diversity of their material, from England, Ireland and America, celebrates the essential cultural links.

**YE VAGABONDS:** Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn sing together as Ye Vagabonds. They grew up playing music around their hometown of Carlow forging a style based on their traditional songs but adding close harmonies and acoustic instrumentation and bringing together Irish, English and Appalachian folk traditions. They were inspired by traditional singers, especially Northern singers like Paddy Tunney and Geordie Hanna and also by bands like Sweeney's Men, Planxty, and the Incredible String Band. Their roots are in the Gaeltacht of Árann Mhór Island in Donegal where

their mother is from and they also have a repertoire of the local Irish language songs. After moving to Dublin in 2012, they quickly became a staple of the vibrant live music and session scene in Ireland. We met Brian and Diarmuid at the Inishowen Traditional Singing Weekend 2018 and heard two very fine young singers and when we mentioned FifeSing they, without hesitation, said they would love to join us. They have recorded two albums, toured widely in Ireland, England and taken part in the 2018 Folk Alliance in Kansas City and at Celtic Connections 2019.

**HECTOR RIDDELL:** Hector Riddell has lived at Finzean beside Banchory but hails from Leochel Cushnie near Alford where he farmed in his younger days and later ran the Finzean Estate farm for 30 years. He has known the old bothy ballads for many years but has only recently started singing them in public. After turning up at the singing festival at Collessie in May 2007 at which he sang the Moss o Burreldale and Bogie's Bonnie Belle he went on to win the Bothy Ballad cup at the Auchtermuchty Festival in August 2008 and then gained the cup at the Bothy Ballad Champion of Champions at Elgin at his second attempt in February 2009 and then won another four times.

**ALICE & DAVID WYLDE:** Alice Wylde was born and raised as one of eight children in the heart of West Virginia, the only state completely within the Appalachian Mountain range. She comes from a singing family who can trace their Appalachian roots back to before the Revolutionary war. They went to church where there were no musical instruments and sang shape note hymns with so much passion she thought the roof would surely fly off. Music has always been part of her life, just as it was for her mother before her. She sings at home, at work, and when walking around the supermarket. Alice plays banjo, guitar and mountain dulcimer to accompany some of her songs. She spent 43 years of her life living up the same 'holler', until she made the move to England to be with David in 2004. She quickly found an outlet for her singing in the local folk clubs of Hampshire and Wiltshire and it wasn't long before Alice had David singing along with her. Following their many return visits to West Virginia to breathe in the culture, Alice reckons his style is improving!

## The Programme:

**VENUE:** Most events of the weekend will take place in the Lumsden Hall in the main street in Freuchie. The Friday Gathering will be laid out with seats around tables - bring along your own refreshments - food/ drink. Late evening singaround on Friday will be in the Lomond Hills Hotel, Freuchie and on the Saturday night in the back room of the Bruce Inn in Falkland. The Festival Dinner will be in the Lomond Hills Hotel. The Traditional Concert on Saturday evening will be a larger event and will take place in the Falkland Community Hall.

### Friday 10th May

The Gathering: 8.00pm - 10.30pm

This will be more of a singaround than a concert with songs and ballads from the guest artistes and participants - continuing as:

Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am

### Saturday 11th May

Workshop: 10.00am - 11.00am

SHONA DONALDSON: *The three incarnations - What should we make of the bothy ballads?*

Illustrated Talk: 11.30am - 12.30pm

ALICE & DAVID WYLDE: *The living traditions of a singing family in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia.*

Ballad Concert: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

The classic big ballads - the muckle sangs.

Festival Dinner: (Lomond Hills Hotel):  
5.00pm - 6.30pm

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

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

Singaround: 10.30pm - 12.30am

Another opportunity for all - in The Bruce Inn.

### Sunday 12th May

Illustrated Talk: 10.30am - 11.30am

PETE SHEPHEARD: *Take the Fresh Air - Songs from Gypsy traveller families of Gloucestershire.*

Interview: 12.00 noon - 1.00pm

YE VAGABONDS: *Chris Miles encourages Brian and Diarmuid to talk, sing, play and generally tell about themselves and their roots and routes in traditional song.*

Farewell Concert: 2.30pm - 5.00pm

The guest artistes lead a farewell concert.

## The Place:

### Freuchie & Falkland, Fife

Freuchie & Falkland both lie against the north slopes of the Lomond Hills in the ancient Kingdom of Fife just off the A92 and A912. The nearest station is at Ladybank (4 miles) on the main line from Edinburgh to Dundee. Taxi (tel: 01337 858722). Street plans are on the website.

### Restaurant: Food and Bar Facilities

Festival Dinner in the Lomond Hills Hotel Freuchie on Saturday is organised (£16) and Buffet Lunches Saturday & Sunday (£8) - Please tick boxes on the Booking Form. There is an excellent bar - the Albert Tavern in Freuchie (no food).

### Camping, Campervans & Caravans

We now have NEW provision for camping, caravans and campervans in the Cricket Club ground in Freuchie. Route to the site clearly shown on the Freuchie Map. Charged at £15 per Tent, Campervan or Caravan for the weekend or £10 for one night.

### Hotel and B&B Accommodation

**Freuchie:** We have arranged discount at the Lomond Hills Hotel - mention FifeSing when booking. *tel:* 01337 857329. **Falkland:** The Bruce Inn 01337 857226; The Covenanter Hotel 01337 857163. For other accommodation try Google Search and Airbnb and the FifeSing website 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.

### Website News:

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