

# FifeSing2026: Programme

## Friday 15 May

**The Gathering: (Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie) 8.00pm - 10.00pm**

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

**Singaround: (Albert Tavern) 10.00pm - 12.30am**

An opportunity for more songs, some music and a bar till midnight.

## Saturday 16 May

**Presentation: 10.00am - 11.00am**

**Jack Beck: From Dunfermline to Appalachia:** *The Howff in Dunfermline and the folk clubs of the 1960s, hearing the Scots songs and ballads from the traditional singers of the time and the joy of discovering the related traditional culture of Appalachia.*

**Illustrated Talk: 11.30am - 12.30pm**

**Alison McMorland: Alison presents:** *"The Ballad World of Anna Gordon, Mrs Brown of Falkland"* - an illustrated account of the biography by Ruth Perry of the notable 18th century ballad singer. The accompanying CD has been produced by Alison joined by Jo Miller and Kirsty Potts.

*Buffet Lunch in Lumsden Memorial Hall*

**Ballad Concert: 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

The guests and participants with traditional ballads from their repertoire.

The classic big ballads - the muckle sangs.

**Festival Dinner: (Lumsden Memorial Hall) 5.30pm - 7.00pm**

Excellent beers in the Albert Tavern next door and the Lomond Hills Hotel over the road.

**Traditional Concert: (Lumsden Memorial Hall) 7.30pm - 10.00pm**

Old Songs & Bothy Ballads from the FifeSing Guests.

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## Sunday 17 May

**Illustrated Talk: 10.30am - 11.30am**

**Brian Peters: "Sharp's Appalachian Harvest".** *Brian Peters describes Cecil Sharp's collecting adventures in the Appalachian Mountains and performs some of the songs and ballads he found, with photographs of the singers and rare recordings.*

**Presentation: 12.00 noon - 1.00pm**

**Seán Lyons talks and sings:** Growing up in a family deeply rooted in the traditional music of County Clare, playing the tin whistle and uilleann pipes from a young age, and becoming an enthusiast for the older traditional song repertoire with many songs picked up from his father John Lyons and uncle Tim Lyons.

*Buffet Lunch in Lumsden Memorial Hall*

**Farewell Singaround Concert: 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

The guest artistes lead a farewell concert.