



Bookings to

The Traditional Singing Weekend

Cullerlie Farm Park

Echt

Skene

Aberdeenshire

AB32 6XL

Booking Enquiries – Tel: 01224 645486

Please note

Because of the limited number of places available, priority will be given to those who are coming for the whole weekend.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The festival is organised jointly by:

Tracey Walker (Anne's daughter), Eric Walker (Treasurer),
Scott Gardiner, Ian Russell (Director), Norma Russell (Secretary),
Robin Dempsey, and Morag Dempsey

The festival is a joint project between

Cullerlie Farm Park and

The Elphinstone Institute

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Directions

Cullerlie Farm Park nestles at the foot of the Hill of Fare where the battles of Corrichie and Cullerlie Moor were fought. It is 6 miles north-east of Banchory and 12 miles west of Aberdeen (follow the A944 towards Westhill). From north or south take the A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) and exit at A944 west. At the Westhill traffic lights, turn left on to the B9119 to Garlogie, then fork left again on the B9125 for 3 miles. The Park is on the right behind Birchmoss Depot.

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Programme

FRIDAY

7.30–11.30 **'Come-All-Ye'** – weekenders & guests

SATURDAY

10.00–11.30 **Workshop A1** – 'Watts Knit and Crochet', Susan Watts

Workshop A2 – 'Macramé and Zentangle', Jane & Natalie Chalmers

Workshop B – 'Women's Songs from Ireland and Scotland', Sandra & Shona

Workshop C – 'World Meat Roll Final', Shirley Foulkes vs Roy Lingard

Workshop D1 – 'Sheep Dog Demonstration', Gary Bruce

11.45–12.30 **'It's of My Rambles: Len Graham's Journey in Ulster Song'** (Marquee)

12.45–2.15 **Lunchtime**

2.15 – 3.00 **'Remembering the Bothy Ballad King'**, A Tribute to Tom Reid, with Scott Gardiner & Friends

3.15–5.15 **Singaround A** – Dougie Mackenzie

Singaround B – Mossy Christian

Singaround C – Allan Taylor

5.15–7.30 **Tea Break**

7.30–11.00 **Grand Concert** – in the Marquee

All Guests – hosted by Ian Russell and Scott Gardiner

SUNDAY

10.00–11.30 **Workshop A1** – 'Watts Knit and Crochet', Susan Watts

Workshop A2 – 'Macramé and Zentangle', Jane & Natalie Chalmers

Workshop B – 'Songs of Work and Hardship', Amy & Di

Workshop D – 'Sheep Shearing by Hand', David McCracken

11.45–1.30 **Lunchtime Singarounds**

Singaround A – Shona & Dougie

Singaround B – Sandra & Allan

Informal Music – in the tea room

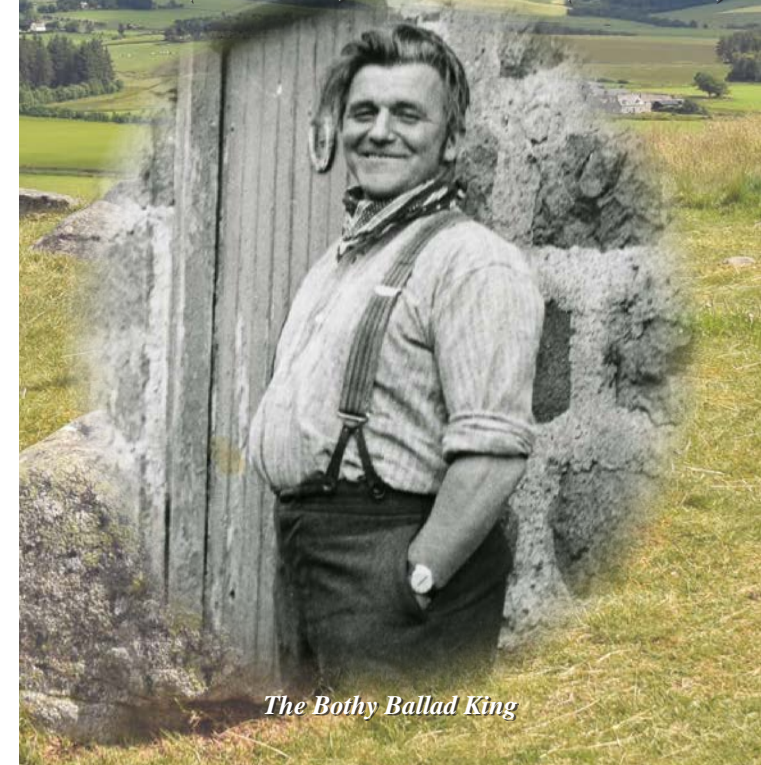
2.00–5.00 **Farewell Concert** in the Marquee

All Guests – hosted by Ian Russell and Scott Gardiner

A = Marquee B = Bothy/Wash Hoose C = Tea Room or Outside

THE TRADITIONAL SINGING WEEKEND AT CULLERLIE 21-23 JULY 2023

*A festival to celebrate the singing traditions of
Scotland, England and Ireland in memory of
Tom Reid (1929–2003) and Anne Reid (1939–2006)*



The Bothy Ballad King



The Festival is a unique celebration, bringing together outstanding traditional singers from Scotland, England, and Ireland. The event is especially for those who like to hear, enjoy, and join in unaccompanied traditional singing. Essentially informal, friendly and non-competitive, it will be just the place to encourage the young and less experienced as well as the old hands. The weekend includes informal concerts featuring the guest singers, singarounds for everyone who wants to join in, workshops, craft demonstrations and a talk.

Guest Singers

Mossy Christian is an award-winning singer, musician, and dancer, who specialises in the traditions of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. Drawing on a rich and diverse repertoire of songs, he charts the lives of everyday people, in their work and recreation, from the 1700s to the present day. He draws his inspiration from classic traditional singers, such as Joseph Taylor and Harry Cox, alongside more recent luminaries, including Mike Waterson and Peter Bellamy.

Shona Donaldson is one of Scotland's leading tradition bearers. She grew up in Huntly, Aberdeenshire, and was surrounded by music and song from a young age. She studied at RSAMD and has performed and taught worldwide. Shona is a former winner of the Scots Singer of the Year and is the only woman thus far to win the Bothy Ballad Championship at Elgin. She particularly enjoys singing and teaching local songs in Doric whether it be in a school or concert hall.

Len Graham is a renowned traditional singer, storyteller, author, and song collector from County Antrim. His work includes seminal recordings of Ulster song, collaborations, notably with Joe Holmes and with John Campbell, and storytelling and singing performances around the world. He is a leading authority on the folk music of Ireland, has featured in over twenty CD albums, and lectured on Irish song tradition, most notably for the Library of Congress.

Di Henderson living in Teesside, but originally from Tyneside, sings with passion and commitment. Her voice is rich and varied, as are her songs which are taken from traditional sources and the best of newer writers. They cover a range of subjects including pathos, humour, drinking, love, feminism, and not to mention the occasional bawdiness. She has sung at clubs and festivals throughout England and Scotland and has a much lauded CD.

Sandra Joyce is a traditional singer and bodhrán player, who has performed all over the world, most recently in Boston at Harvard University and at the Milwaukee IrishFest. She also performed in recent live-streamed and pre-recorded events notably the North Atlantic Fiddle Convention 2021. Her interests include Irish traditional song, harp music, and environmental issues. She has a senior post at the University of Limerick and was formerly Director of the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance.

Amy Lord was born in Dunblane where she first learned songs from her mum before being taught by notable singers Gordeanna McCulloch, Anne Neilson, and Alison McMorland at university. She has been a host of the House of Song at Celtic Connections, a nominee for Scots Singer of the Year, and is a former BBC Radio Scotland Young Trad finalist. She teaches Scots Song and Language and is a much sought-after tutor with singing groups and choirs all over Scotland.

Dougie Mackenzie from Inverness sang mostly Gaelic songs in his youth but was introduced to folk song at the famed Inverness Folk Club run by Duncan MacLennan, who mentored Dougie and gave him numerous songs. He is drawn to the Scots ballad tradition and the stories it carries to us from the past. Dougie is well-known from appearances at many Scottish and English festivals and has won many traditional singing competitions in the North East.

Allan Taylor is a singer from Aberdeenshire and was brought up listening to and singing the songs in his native tongue. He sings the ballads and bothy ballads of the North East and is a passionate promoter of its culture and traditions. He has taken part in many concerts and festivals as a singer/MC, including Celtic Connections, and released his first CD in February 2021. He is Chair of the Aberdeen Branch of the TMSA.

Food will be available over the weekend in the tea room.

You can buy an all-weekend meal ticket at a discount.

There will be no bar – BYOB.

Camping and caravanning can be booked. There is a charge of £15.00 per pitch.

There are several B&Bs in the area – for a list, contact:

Tourist Information: 01224 269180 (Banchory Library 01330 700441)

Bursaries are available for singers under 25 years in full-time education.

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Booking Form – Please book early to avoid disappointment.

First Name(s)

Surname

Address

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Postcode Email

Telephone (day) (evening)

Names of other persons included on form

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Tickets

Number of tickets

..... All Weekend @ £38 £.....

..... All Saturday @ £25 £.....

..... All Sunday @ £16 £.....

..... Sat Eve Concert @ £12 £.....

..... Sunday Concert @ £10 £.....

..... All-weekend meal ticket @ £50 £.....

..... Pitch for Camping @ £15 £.....

Cheques payable to: 'The Traditional Singing Weekend'.

Payment can be made by BACS.

Sort code: 80 08 41 Acc: 00101805 Ref: TSW23 + [your name]

Total in £ sterling £.....

Indicate camping or caravanning requirements:

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