

Forfar Instrumental Band: Hear them in The Square on Saturday afternoon, with a possible retreat to The Kirk in the unlikely event of it being cold or wet.

Freewheelin: a local group featuring Joyce Ramsay (accordion) Bill Carr (singer) Alf Birse (guitar) and fiddle player Alana Gowans. They play a great range of songs and music and, having made their Kirrie Festival debut in 2016, it's great to have them back again.

Ellen Mitchell: a cracking singer from Glasgow, Ellen is a real tradition bearer with a great repertoire of songs. This year she will be a guest at the festivals in Falkland, Cullerlie and Newcastleton, with the tour coming to a finale here in Angus.

Calum Morrison: is a Glasgow-based guitar, banjo, mandolin and bodhran player and teacher. He's spent the last 4 years touring the UK, Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand with a variety of shows and productions such as the National Theatre of Scotland and Irish Dance Show 'Celtic Legends', and now feels he can handle a Saturday night in Kirrie.

Sally Simpson: was born and raised in Portobello, Edinburgh, and has gone on to study at the National Centre for Excellence in Trad Music in Plockton, The Royal Music College in Stockholm and The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She's in great demand as a performer in a duo with pianist Catriona Hawksworth, and in a band with this year's BBC Young Trad winner, singer Hannah Rarity.

Skirdechal: Superb group of young Angus musicians, who play at The Thrums on Saturday afternoon.

Jim Taylor: following a well-deserved gap year in 2017, Jim is back to work again at Kirrie this year as an MC and singer. A great festival character and welcome addition to events across the country.

The Wayfarers' Project: features young musicians and singers brought together to learn and perform music of the local area. Working with tutors Josie Duncan, Calum Morrison and Sally Simpson in the run up to Festival weekend, they'll play at the Airlie Concert on Saturday night. We thank The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Youth Development Fund, administered by Creative Scotland through the Trad Music Forum for making this happen. Any young musicians interested in taking part should email: office@traditionalmusicforum.org

Festival Office: Kirrie Connections, 5 Bank Street (former council access office beside Bank of Scotland).

Kirrie Venue Map: Get this on our website, or pick one up from the festival office.

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We'd also like to thank all the performers, stewards, chair movers, judges, clerks and other helpers who give their time so generously to the festival. Kirrie Festival is a real labour of love for all concerned, and it's your support and the support of the audiences which make it possible.

If you'd like to become more involved with the festival or have any suggestions then please get in touch.

Also, if you'd like to join or find out more about the TMSA (Traditional Music and Song Association - of which Kirrie Festival is part) their website is www.tmsa.org.uk

37th Kirriemuir Festival of Music and Song

Friday 7th, Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th
September 2018

Ceilidhs, Concerts, Competitions,
Singarounds, Street Entertainment, Sessions



Performers include:

Paul Anderson
John Dickson
Murray Douglas
Josie Duncan
Ellen Mitchell
Angus Strathspey & Reel
Forfar Instrumental Band

Calum Morrison
Freewheelin
Sally Simpson
Skirdechal
Joe Aitken
Angus Folk
Jim Taylor



Saturday 1st September

The Wayfarers' Project starts a week before the Festival. Tutors Josie Duncan (song) Sally Simpson (fiddle) and Calum Morrison (guitar/groupwork) will work with young musicians (11—26 years old) to research, teach and perform songs and music from the local area. To sign up or enquire email: office@traditionalmusicforum.org

Wayfarer's Workshop 1 Websters High School
10:30am - 4pm. Free to take part

Friday 7th September

Opening Concert Airlie Arms Hotel, St Malcolm's Wynd Angus Strathspey & Reel Society, Paul Anderson, John Dickson, Murray Douglas, Ellen Mitchell, Freewheelin, Sally Simpson. MC: Joe Aitken
Starts 8:30pm Tickets £8

Sessions Airlie Arms Lounge Bar ~7:30pm
Kerymor Tavern 9pm

Saturday 8th September

Wayfarer's Workshop 2 In Kirrie, venue tbc
10:30am - 1:30pm. Free to take part

Competitions Happen throughout the day on Saturday in the Old Parish Kirk Hall, and in the Kirk itself.

Kirk in the morning

Fiddle Junior, Senior, Local, J.F. Dickie Cup

Starts 10:30am

Accordion Junior, Senior, Local

Starts 11:30am

Ceilidh Band

follows accordion

Instrumental Pairs

follows ceilidh band

Kirk Hall in the morning/afternoon

Men's Singing Junior, Senior

Starts 11am

Women's Singing Junior, Senior

Singing classes are run together

Bothy Ballad

(alternating male / female)

Local Singer

to let folk hear all the singing

Novice Singer

Kirk in the afternoon

Mouthorgan

Starts 1pm

Jews Harp

follows mouthorgan

Tin Whistle

follows jews harp

Melodeon

follows tin whistle

Concertina

follows melodeon

Oral Whistle

follows concertina

Diddling

follows oral whistle

Storytelling Junior, Senior

Starts 2:30pm

Doric Verse under 8, 9 - 12, 13 -15, Senior

follows storytelling

Chorus Cup is held during the evening singaround in Masonic Hall

Saturday 8th September continued

Forfar Instrumental Band 2 - 5pm in The Square

Sessions

Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon/Eve
Rennie's Shop ~ 10am - 6pm
Thrums ~ 2:30pm (with Skirdechal)
Airlie Lounge ~ 3pm (singaround)

Prizewinners Concert Kirk Hall, The Square
See the singers, musicians, and storytellers get their prizes and listen to them perform.

7 - 8:30pm. Tickets £5

Concert Ceilidh Bowling Club, Brechin Road
Angus Folk. Paul Anderson, John Dickson, Murray Douglas, Ellen Mitchell, Freewheelin, Sally Simpson. MC: Jim Taylor
8 - 10:30pm. Tickets £8

Concert Ceilidh Airlie Arms Hotel, St Malcolm's Wynd
The Wayfarers' Project, Paul Anderson, John Dickson, Murray Douglas, Ellen Mitchell, Freewheelin, Sally Simpson. MC: Joe Aitken

Starts 9:00pm. Tickets £8

Singaround Masonic Hall, Roods
Starts 11pm. No Bar. BYOB.

Sunday 9th September

Kirk Service The Glens and Kirriemuir Old Parish Kirk with Angus Strathspey and Reel Society. **Starts 11:15am**

Angus Heritage Week Talk Thrums Hotel, Bank Street
Paul Anderson talks about fiddle playing, fiddle players, neep production and dairy cow genetics.

12:15pm - 1:15pm. Admission Free

Sessions

Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon
Thrums: Afternoon

Thistle Club Concert Kirrie Thistle Club, Westview Park
Performers include: Joe Aitken, Jim Taylor, Paul Anderson, John Dickson, Murray Douglas, Josie Duncan, Ellen Mitchell, Freewheelin, Sally Simpson. And, as ever, a wheel of quality songs and tunes from audience members.
2pm—5:30pm. Tickets £8

Closing Concert Ceilidh Airlie Arms Hotel
Featuring surviving guests and others.
Starts 7:30pm. Admission Free

Music Sessions

Regular venues include Kerymor Tavern (up from the campsite on Glamis Road), Three Bellies Brae (generally instrumental in the main bar, and singing sessions through the back) Roods Bar, Rennie's Shop (2 St Malcolm's Wynd) Airlie Arms (doonstairs lounge) and Thrums Hotel. We've put some of the main sessions in the programme to give everyone a better idea of what goes on most years. This is just a guide however, and visiting musicians are welcome to start an impromptu session wherever appropriate.

Festival Guests

Joe Aitken: Reigning world bothy ballad champion and a great supporter and exponent of traditional singing. Joe's also one of our main MCs and our first choice transporter of chairs and sound equipment.

Angus Folk: A 20-strong singing group based here in Kirrie, hear them at the Bowling Club Concert on Saturday night. And keep an eye out for the concerts they put on in the town during the year.

Paul Anderson: legendary fiddle player from Tarland in Aberdeenshire. Paul has played and taught across the world and has a great way of putting over his knowledge and enthusiasm. Making just his second Kirrie appearance this century, he will also be doing the Angus Heritage Week Talk on Sunday lunchtime.

Angus Strathspey and Reel Society: Formed in 1963 and conducted by Kathryn Smeaton since 2015, they are ever presents at the Festival for the opening concert and Kirk Service.

John Dickson: won our bothy ballad competition in 2017 and has kindly agreed to come as a guest this year. Originally fae Newtongrange in Midlothian, he now lives in Tarves, Aberdeenshire and is a highly regarded singer of Scots songs old, new and self-penned.

Murray Douglas: Tremendous mouthorgan player and Festival favourite, Murray bides in Kemnay and is a great supporter of trad music events in the north-east.

Josie Duncan (Sunday only): singer and clarsach player from Lewis, graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and this year, with guitarist Pablo Lafuente, won the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award.