

Angus Folk: Kirrie based Community Singing Group who specialise in Scots Song.

Jimmy Hutchison: Cracking Scots singer originally from South Uist, but living in Newburgh for a lot of years now. Jimmy's songs and stories are much loved and (along with Pete Shepheard) he'll be doing the Angus Heritage Week Talk on Sunday.

Bryce Johnstone: A moothie maestro, Bryce has long been a regular at festivals across Scotland and is making a welcome return to Kirrie as a guest this year.

Aidan Moffat: Cult-pop raconteur and former Arab Strap frontman, Aidan first came to Kirrie in 2013 with filmmaker Paul Fegan. They were making a film as part of the Commonwealth Games cultural programme, and looking into traditional songs and singers. There's been many developments since then, but we're chuffed that Aidan and Paul are returning to let us see the finished film: Where You're Meant To Be.

Geordie Murison: Always kens where he's meant to be, and is a top-notch exponent of the songs of north-east Scotland. Two times winner of the World Bothy Ballad Championship, Geordie's also a fine fiddle, mandolin and guitar player.

Marie-Louise Napier: From Grantown on Spey, Marie-Louise is the matriarch of a family of well known musicians and she herself is a great clarsach player and singer of Scots and Gaelic song.

Carole & Alan Prior: Recently returned to Edinburgh after decades living in the south of England, and have quickly become regulars at singing events across Scotland. Carole also plays guitar, composes songs, and puts music to existing poems: the best known being "Baltic Street" which marries her tune with a poem written by Angus's own Violet Jacob.

Pete Shepheard: Founding father of the TMSA, and the Springthyme Music label, Pete (along with Jimmy Hutchison) will be doing the Angus Heritage Week Talk on Sunday, about the first Blairgowrie Festival (which then moved to Kinross and subsequently Kirrie in 1982) the travellers, the berryfields and the creation of the TMSA.

Jim Taylor: A weel kent face at festivals across the British Isles, Jim's Mc-ing, singing and congeniality is always a great boost to any event.

Festival Office: Downstairs Room at Age Concern The Square, Kirriemuir.

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

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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

Next Kirrie Festival
1st, 2nd & 3rd September
2017

35th Kirriemuir Festival of Music and Song

Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th
September 2016

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



Guest Artistes:

Carol Anderson	Aidan Moffat
Ian Cruickshanks	Geordie Murison
Marie-Louise Napier	Bryce Johnstone
Jimmy Hutchison	Freewheelin
Pete Shepheard	Carole & Alan Prior
Angus Strathspey & Reel	Joe Aitken
Forfar Instrumental Band	Jim Taylor



Friday 2nd September

Opening Night: Film/Concert Town Hall
 Film: "Where You're Meant To Be" stars Aidan Moffat and the late Sheila Stewart, and takes a wry but warm-hearted journey through the songs and landscapes of Scotland. Aidan, and filmmaker Paul Fegan, came to the Festival in 2013 to film/research and are returning with the finished article. It's rated 15 because there's a lot of swearies in it. Not for the easily offended.

The film will be followed (~9:30pm) by our opening concert, with Angus Strathspey and Reel Society, Carol Anderson, Ian Cruickshanks, Bryce Johnstone, Marie Louise Napier, Carole & Alan Prior and Jim Taylor. 3 singers featured in the film (Aidan Moffat, Joe Aitken and Geordie Murison) will also be performing.

Starts 7:30pm £10 for the whole event

Sessions Airlie Arms Lounge Bar
 Kerymor Tavern 9pm

Saturday 3rd September

Competitions Happen throughout the day on Saturday in the Old Parish Kirk Hall, and in the Kirk itself. Because competitor numbers vary from year to year many of the competitions are run consecutively (without definite start times) to keep things moving. Admission is free.

<u>Kirk in the morning</u>	
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
<u>Kirk Hall in the morning/afternoon</u>	
Men's Singing Junior, Senior	Starts 11am
Women's Singing Junior, Senior	<i>Singing classes are run together (alternating male / female)</i>
Bothy Ballad	<i>to let folk hear all the singing</i>
Local Singer	
Novice Singer	
<u>Kirk in the afternoon</u>	
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 at the Masonic Hall	

Saturday 3rd September continued

Forfar Instrumental Band 2 - 5pm in The Square

Sessions Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon/Eve
 Rennie's Shop ~ All Day
 Thrums ~ 2:30pm
 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 - 9pm Tickets £5

Concert Ceilidh Bowling Club, Brechin Road
 Angus Folk, Carol Anderson, Ian Cruickshanks, Freewheelin, Bryce Johnstone, Geordie Murison, Marie-Louise Napier, Carole & Alan Prior. MC: Jim Taylor
8 - 10:30pm Tickets £7

Concert Ceilidh Airlie Arms Hotel
 Carol Anderson, Ian Cruickshanks, Freewheelin, Bryce Johnstone, Geordie Murison, Marie Louise Napier, Carole & Alan Prior. MC: Joe Aitken
Starts 9:15pm Tickets £7

Singaround Masonic Hall
Starts 11pm No Bar. BYOB.

Sunday 4th 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
 Pete Shephard & Jimmy Hutchison talk about the first Blairgowrie festival, the travellers, the berryfields and the founding of the TMSA.
12:15pm - 1:15pm Admission Free

Afternoon Sessions Three Bellies & Thrums

Thistle Club Concert Kirrie Thistle Club, Westview Park
 Performers include: Joe Aitken, Carol Anderson, Freewheelin, Jimmy Hutchison, Bryce Johnstone, Geordie Murison, Marie Louise Napier, Carole & Alan Prior, Pete Shephard. Jim Taylor.
2pm—5:30pm Tickets £7

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

Music Sessions

These happen across town during the Festival. 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, Airlie Arms (doonstairs lounge) and Thrums Hotel. We've put some of the usual sessions & venues in the programme, to give everyone a better idea of what goes on. Festival guests, local musicians, and your hard-working committee members will be around to help things along. This is just a guide however, and visiting musicians are welcome to start an impromptu session wherever appropriate. **STOP PRESS:** In 2015 we bade fond farewell to the Rennie's Shop session, with Geordie & Mary retiring and their shop to be sold. No sale has been concluded however, so the empty shop session is on (10am—6pm). There'll be plenty soup & bannocks, but no so many bicycle tyres and Hoover belts.

Festival Guests

Joe Aitken: A firm favourite in Kirrie for his great singing, entertaining MC-ing, and low travelling expenses, Joe has long been one of Scotland's foremost traditional singers. Along with Geordie Murison and Danny Couper, he features heavily in our Friday film: Where You're Meant To Be.

Carol Anderson: A superb fiddler from Aberdeen, but now living in London, Carol's music is always a delight to listen to.

Angus Strathspey and Reel Society: Long-established fiddle group, based in the town, will play at Friday's opening concert and at the Kirk Service on Sunday.

Ian Cruickshanks: One of the finest button box players around, Ian is well known as a dance band leader, and prolific composer of tunes. It's great to have him back again as a guest.

Forfar Instrumental Band: A Festival institution, hear them playing all their hits in The Square on Saturday. Or in The Kirk Hall in the unlikely event of rain.

Freewheelin: Comprise Joyce Ramsay (accordion) Bill Carr (singing) and Alf Birse (guitar). Joyce was a guest in 2015, while Bill and his wife Mairi have been great supporters of the Festival in recent years, but collectively as Freewheelin, this is their Kirrie Festival debut.