

Folklife West Journal N°6a

Folklife Diary

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A note from the Editor.

This new Diary, to be published quarterly in **Folklife West (FW)** magazine from Oct 2010, will also be available online. Alternate issues will be within **Folklife West Journal (FWJ)**, published 6-monthly, both as part of **Folklife West** magazine, and available separately. **We welcome appropriate Diary items.** This could include **non-profit workshops** (profitable ones are expected to contribute by Membership or advertising). **We will also welcome news of folklife publications.**
Articles for next Journal (1 Jan) most welcome, deadline 20 Nov.
We start this Diary with Doc's listings and thank him for his help and encouragement over the years. Sam

LISTINGS: SEASONAL LOCAL CELEBRATIONS, FROM DOC ROWE

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ALL ENTRIES FROM DOC *except any in italics.* Underlined: see photos.

We are very grateful to Doc for generously providing such detailed listings & photos.

More entries welcome
subject to consent of the event's organisers, please - smaller ones may not want publicity - including further details / detailed reports, contact details, and photos.

This Diary will be quarterly.

- our **Folklife Traditions Directory** has the complete list plus photos, some in colour. Printed £3 by post, or online as free downloads as PDFs from the FTD webpage: <http://ftdir.folklife-west.org.uk>

- Our **Journal's** webpage is <http://journal.folklife-west.org.uk>

TAR BARREL ROLLING
 Ottery St Mary, Devon
 5th November



MARI LWYD [below]
 different places in S. E. Wales; from before Christmas to New Year's Day



OCTOBER

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR	Nottingham	Notts	Last 3 days of 1st wk in Oct
BILLINGSGATE HARVEST FESTIVAL	Billingsgate	London	1st Sunday in October
PEARLIES HARVEST FESTIVAL	St Martins in the Field	London	1st Sunday in October
BELLRINGERS' FEAST	Twyford	Hants (Winchester)	7th October
GOOZEY VAIR	Tavistock	Devon	2nd Wednesday in Oct
COURT LEET	Clifton, York	N. York	October
BAMPTON PONY FAIR	Bampton	Exmoor	Last Thursday in October
PUNKIE NIGHT	Hinton St George	Somerset	Last Thursday in October
QUIT RENTS CEREMONY	Royal Courts of Justice	London	Late October
ANTROBUS SOULCAKERS	Antrobus	Cheshire	31st October and on
TRICK OR TREAT	various	UK	31st October

NOVEMBER

<u>KAKING NEE</u>	South and West of Sheffield		1st November or near
<u>GUY FAWKES</u>	various	UK	Up to & inc. 5th Nov
LEWES BONFIRE	Lewes	Sussex	5th November
HATHERLEIGH FIRE CARNIVAL	Hatherleigh	Devon	Wednesday near 5th Nov
BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL	Bridgwater	Somerset	Thursday near 5th Nov
<u>TAR BARREL ROLLING</u>	Ottery St Mary	Devon	5th November
<u>WROTH SILVER CEREMONY</u>	Knightlow Cross	Warks	11th November
<u>FIRING THE FENNY POPPERS</u>	Fenny Stratford	Bucks	11th November
ARMISTICE DAY	various	UK	11th November
YORKSHIRE CAROLS	various	Yorks	From 11th November
THE LORDS MAYOR'S SHOW	City Of London	London	2nd Saturday in November
LAXTON JURY DAY	Laxton	Notts (Newark)	Late November
WALL GAME	Eton	Berks	Late November
COURT LEET	Fylingthorpe	N. Yorks	December

DECEMBER INCLUDING CHRISTMAS, BOXING DAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE

TIN CAN BAND	Broughton	Northants	Sunday after 12th Dec
TUP PLAYS	Sheffield and Chesterfield area		Christmas
BURNING ASHEN FAGGOT	Dunster	Somerset	Christmas Eve
TOLLING THE DEVILS KNELL	Dewsbury	W Yorks	Christmas Eve
MUMMERS	Bampton	Oxon	Christmas Eve
FEATHER GUISERS	Uttoxeter	Staffs	Christmas Eve and Day
CROOKHAM MUMMERS	Crookham	Hants	Boxing Day
FLAMBOROUGH SWORD DANCE	Flamborough	Yorkshire	Boxing Day
GREATHAM SWORD DANCE PLAY	Greatham	Co. Durham	Boxing Day
STRAW BOYS/ MUMMERS	Fermanagh	Ireland	Christmas
<u>BARREL ROLLING COMPETITION</u>	<u>Denbigh</u>	<u>Denbighshire</u>	<u>Boxing Day [Eds]</u>
WREN BOYS	Dingle	Ireland	Boxing Day
DARKIE DAY	Padstow	Cornwall	Boxing Day & New Year's Day
HANDSWORTH SWORD DANCERS	Handsworth	S. Yorkshire	Boxing Day
GRENOSIDE SWORD DANCERS	Grenoside	S. Yorkshire	Boxing Day
MONKSEATON DANCERS	Monkseaton	Tyne-Tees	Boxing Day
MARSHFIELD MUMMERS	Marshfield	Glos	Boxing Day
RIPON SWORD DANCERS	Ripon	N. Yorks	Boxing Day
ANNUAL DIP	Whitby	N. Yorks	Boxing Day
SYMONDSBURY MUMMERS	Symondsbury	Dorset	Christmas
FYLINGDALE GUISERS	Fylingthorpe	N. Yorks	Christmas
FLAMBEAUX PROCESSION	Comrie	Tayside	New Year's Eve
SWINGING THE FIREBALLS	Stonehaven	Grampian	New Year's Eve
<u>MARI LWYD</u>	different places	S.E. Wales	Before Christmas to New Year's Day



KAKING NECT S & W of Sheffield; 1st Nov (or near)

SEASONAL LOCAL CELEBRATIONS A LIST BY DOC ROWE

The Doc Rowe Collection Support Group

has been set up to support the Archive of Doc's unique collection.

See: www.docrowe.org.uk



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GUY FAWKES various UK
Up to & including 5th November

WROTH SILVER CEREMONY
Knightlow Cross, Works
11th November below



FIRING THE FENNY POPPERS
Fenny Stratford Bucks. 11th November

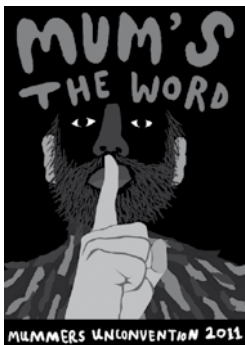
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2011 Saturday 1 October. As If Possessed: Celebrating the Life and Work of Maud Karpeles

1.30-4.30pm at Cecil Sharp House, London. Celebrate the launch of Singing and Dancing Wherever She Goes: A Life of Maud Karpeles with the EFDSS: Speakers include Georgina Boyes (author of The Imagined Village), Mike Yates and Derek Schofield. Tickets £5, available from folkshop.efdss.org

2011 November 17-20 The 1st Bath International Mumpers Unconvention.



The word 'mumpers' in the title is not meant to be restrictive or definitive; it is just a name for a festival celebrating traditional folk plays and related activities. So if you go *a-souling*, *hoodening*, *guising*, *plough jaggig*, *sword playing*, *Mari Lwyding*, *pace egging* or anything of a similar ilk, then we welcome you.

The term 'unconvention' is unashamedly stolen from the Illustrious Order of Fools and Beasts who hold an annual unconvention to bring together, fools, jesters, hobby horses and beasts of disguise.

Our unconvention will be organised along the lines of many folk gatherings, with lots of opportunity to perform, meet, drink, eat, exchange ideas, play music, dance and sing. The programme includes revels, a feast, workshops and a masterclass.

Mumpers are not mumpers without an audience. This is why we have chosen to hold the festival in Bath. Bath city centre is a mecca for all kinds of street musicians and performers. We have bagged the pick of the locations at the prime time, when the Christmas shopping frenzy is just getting underway.

Barry Grantham is delivering a masterclass on Sunday morning. Barry has worked with many of the comedy greats, like Morecambe and Wise, and is recognised as the leading authority on Commedia dell' Arte. There are many elements of the mumpers play which are also found in the C17th Commedia plays, for example, the scene

where Doctor examines and revives the fallen Knight.

For the academically minded we are planning a **symposium on the Friday afternoon**, and we have issued a call for papers. The festival programme will also include **two illustrated talks by Doc Rowe**.

No tickets are required for those who just want to perform on the Saturday. Mumpers groups wishing to participate need to complete a registration form so we can programme your slots. Those wishing to attend the other festival events: workshops, feast, etc. will need to purchase a ticket.

You will find the registration form, festival programme and booking form on the website: www.mumpersunconvention.com

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2011 Saturday 26th November: Traditional Song Forum meeting to be held at the University of Aberdeen

The details of the Traditional Song Forum meeting to be held at the University of Aberdeen on Saturday 26th November have now been put together by Ian Russell and his colleagues at the Elphinstone Institute. They have also created a social programme which will make this a very special weekend. The plan for the meeting and the surrounding events can be found on the **Traditional Song Forum website - www.tradsong.org**.

2012 25th February: TSF Broadside Day at Cecil Sharp House on 25th February (to be held jointly with EFDSS).

® **Martin Graebe (TSF Secretary)**

From Vic Gammon:

A L Lloyd ballad collection out

Fellside records have issued **Bramble Briars & Beams Of The Sun – Traditional English ballads sung by A L Lloyd (FECD240)** a double CD of 1950s recordings. To quote the blurb, *'handsomely packaged with an extended booklet written by Dr Vic Gammon'*: a 28,000 word piece (about a third of a normal book!). I discuss A L Lloyd's relationship to the traditional ballad, his characteristics and qualities as a singer, the significance and importance of F J Child's *The English and Scottish Popular Ballads* and its relationship to Lloyd's work. There are then short essays on each of the 33 ballads in the collection. These pieces give a general introduction to each ballad, the scholarship relating to it, the sources used and Lloyd's performance. The writing is appreciative but not uncritical of Lloyd's work.

... the extensive booklet written by Dr Vic Gammon. Every track is described as well and often includes an explanation as to how and why Lloyd constructed his version the way he did. It's a perfect companion to the ballads and very authoritative with extensive footnotes and referencing which demonstrates the length of research that has gone into this work.

<http://www.folkradio.co.uk/2011/07/a-l-lloyd-bramble-briars-and-beams-of-the-sun/>

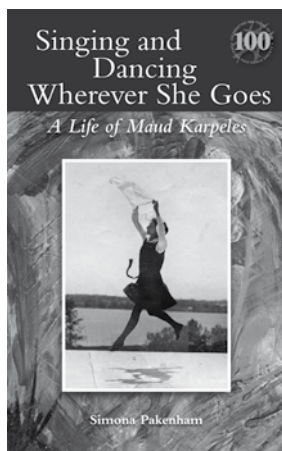
See <http://www.fellside.com/shop/Details.asp?ProductID=714> or order a copy.

Ashgate Book Sale

My book, **Desire, Drink and Death in English Folk and Vernacular Song, 1600–1900** is one of the many items included in Ashgate's Sale 2011 which lasts until 31st October 2011. <http://www.ashgate.com/Default.aspx?page=4368>. It is now £25 instead of £60 and you can get it direct from the Ashgate website at £22.50. Some other excellent books are available including **Michael Pickering's Blackface Minstrelsy in Britain** and **David Atkinson's The English Traditional Ballad**.

Vic Gammon Recordings

I have decided to share my music with people by putting free, downloadable recordings on the Internet. I greatly enjoy performing but have a fair dislike of extensive travelling, and so forays into other parts (away from my adopted but much-loved North East) are occasional rather than regular. Thus the decision to make free downloadable recordings. I have only just started but more recordings are in hand and you will find the first ones at <http://soundcloud.com/vic-gammon>



From EFDSS:

Singing and Dancing Wherever She Goes: A Life of Maud Karpeles, by Simona Pakenham. EFDSS, ISBN 978-0-85418-216-9. Published 1 October 2011, paperback, illustrated; xii, 276 pages. £10.

A biography of ground-breaking folk collector, teacher and dancer Maud Karpeles. A personal friend of Maud's, Pakenham has combined information from a number of sources: Maud's unpublished autobiography, notebooks, letters and diaries, supplemented by the reminiscences of many friends. This book reveals the invaluable and unique contribution Karpeles made to the development of the folk revival, fieldwork, the evolution of the *English Folk Dance Society (EFDS)* and the life and work of Cecil Sharp.

In the history of fieldwork in folklore Maud ranks very highly. A key figure in the life and work of Cecil Sharp, in whose shadow she has for so long been hidden, she is the unsung heroine of the English folk revival of the early 20th century. Maud was undeniably the major force behind the foundation of the *International Folk Music Council* in the aftermath of the Second World War and continued Sharp's exploration of the British song traditions in Newfoundland.

Malcolm Taylor, Library Director, commented: *"The Maud Karpeles manuscripts are in the archive of her beloved Cecil Sharp House in London – as, now, are the materials from Peter Kennedy's collections relating to his aunt Maud, which include the never previously seen photographs from her Newfoundland trips."*

From EFDSS: Vaughan Williams Memorial Library achieves MLA Designated status

England's folk music and dance archive has been awarded **Designated status** by the **Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA)**. The VWML is a one stop shop for anybody interested in the folk arts - **'the most important concentration of material on traditional song, dance and music in the country'** (*A Dictionary of English Folklore*) - and contains books, pamphlets, periodicals, press cuttings, broadsides, paintings, photographs, slides, artefacts, records, reel-to-reel tapes, phonograph cylinders, videos, cine films, compact discs, audio cassettes and more.

The **MLA Designation Scheme** identifies the **pre-eminent collections of national and international importance** held in England's non-national museums, libraries and archives, based on their quality and significance. These inspiring collections represent a vital part of our national cultural heritage.

Designated status for the VWML brings it into an elite group which includes the Fitzwilliam Museum collections at the University of Cambridge and Special Collections at the Bodleian Library (Oxford).

Katy Spicer, EFDSS Chief Executive, commented: *"We are absolutely thrilled with this recognition of the incomparable nature of the library and archive collections held at Cecil Sharp House, and of the hard work done by library staff and volunteers to maintain and enhance our unique heritage asset."*

For this issue of Folklife West, we concentrated on our **Folk Directory** (mainly our Members, who keep us going!) So, for this first **Diary**, just a few entries, mainly from existing Members.

For next quarterly issue, we shall be contacting others, so hope to expand this **Diary** section.

As with **FWJ** (and unlike **FW**), Membership is not required for your contributions, although new Members always welcome - **full Membership** or **Journal-only Membership**.

Journal-only Members receive the **Journal** by post every 6 months, and in future this new **Diary** emailed for non-Journal quarters: just £10 for 2 years.



• **NEWS and GENERAL INFORMATION:**

we welcome news / dates (as previous page) for non-profit / charity folklife organisations and about folklife studies whether you are a Member or not!

We don't include activities covered by *Folklife West* quarterly magazine - folk festivals, performers, clubs, folk shops & services - note that only *Folklife West* Members are publicised in *Folklife West* magazine.

- **WE THANK MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT**, without you, there'd be no *Journal*.

OTHER READERS CAN SUPPORT US BY JOINING, details are on page 2

- it's only £10 for 2 years for Journal Membership

or £12 for 1 year for full Membership (including Folklife West magazine)

❖ 5: MEMBER FOLKLIFE LISTINGS ❖

Based on our *FOLKLIFE TRADITIONS DIRECTORY* ("FTD"), printed, & as PDFs from <http://ftdir.folklife-west.org.uk>
FTD entries are free, and mostly not from Members. **Only our Members are listed here.** Other categories: no Member entries,

[A.] FOLKLIFE ORGANISATIONS Associations, Societies, Trusts

(not including those set up solely for 1 folk festival or club/venue or dance series)

Categories as *FTD*: firstly general (A1-A2), which also appear in our *Folk Directory*; then specific interests (A3-12).

A.1 NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ENGLISH FOLK SONG & DANCE SOCIETY (EFDSS)	020 7485 2206	www.efdss.org
FOLKLIFE WEST	Sam & Eleanor Simmons	01684 575704	www.folklife-west.org.uk

A.2 ENGLAND, REGIONAL & LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

[REGIONAL]

EM & WM	TRADITIONAL ARTS TEAM	Pam Bishop	0121 247 3856	www.tradartsteam.co.uk
NW	FOLKUS	Alan Bell	01253 872317	www.folkus.co.uk
SW	WREN MUSIC	Kevin Buckland	01837 53754	www.wrenmusic.co.uk

[LOCAL (County, Borough, local area)]

SW Devon	DEVON FOLK	Colin Andrews	01363 877216	www.devonfolk.co.uk
SW Glos	GLOSFOLK	Peter Cripps, Chairman	01452 780401	www.glosfolk.org.uk
WM Worcs	MALVERN FRINGE ARTS	www.malvernfringe.co.uk
NW Gtr Manc	TAMESIDE FOLK ASSOCIATION (TFA)	Mike Riley	0161 366 7326	no website

A.4 FOLK SONG ORGANISATIONS

TRADITIONAL SONG FORUM	Secretary: Martin Graebe	01452 523861	www.tradsong.org
PEDLARS PACK	Moderator: Steve Roud	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Pedlars_Pack	

A.9 FOLKLORE ORGANISATIONS

TALKING FOLKLORE	Moderator: Steve Roud	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TalkingFolklore	
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[Fs.] FOLKLIFE STUDIES

Fs.1 FOLKLIFE RESEARCHERS

DOC ROWE	07747 687734	www.docrowe.org.uk/
EDDIE CASS	please contact first by post, 548 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9LB; or by email [available from editor].	
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MARTIN GRAEBE	01452 523861	www.sbsongs.org
STEVE ROUD	01825 766751 / 07739 901998 (no site, email from ed)	
MIKE RILEY	0161 366 7326	(no website, no email)

Fs.2 FOLKLIFE LECTURERS / SPEAKERS

DOC ROWE	07747 687734	www.docrowe.org.uk/
GWILYM DAVIES	01242 603094	www.cmarge.demon.co.uk/gwilym
MARTIN GRAEBE	01452 523861	www.sbsongs.org

Fs.3 FOLKLIFE ARCHIVES

The DOC ROWE COLLECTION ARCHIVE	Access: please see note on website	www.docrowe.org.uk/
FOLKTRAX (the late Peter Kennedy's 'folktrax' website)		www.folktrax-archive.org
The ROUD FOLKSONG INDEX	Steve Roud	http://library.efdss.org/cgi-bin/query.cgi?query=

Fs.5 FOLKLIFE LIBRARIES [also appear in our *Folk Directory*]

HALSWAY MANOR LIBRARY (Kennedy-Grant Memorial Library)	01984 618274	www.halswaymanor.org/kgml/kgml.htm
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (EFDSS) The Librarian	020 7485 2206	http://library.efdss.org

Fs.7 FOLKLIFE STUDIES: BOOKSELLERS & PUBLISHERS

• Fs.7b Folklife Publishers - Books, Journals & Recordings

ENGLISH FOLK SONG & DANCE SOCIETY (EFDSS)	020 7485 2206	www.efdss.org
'The ROOTS OF WELSH BORDER MORRIS' from Mrs. A. J. Jones	01885 490323	(no website)
SAYDISC RECORDS	Gef Lucena	www.saydisc.com

• Fs.7c Folklife Publishers - Internet

With articles and/or detailed information re Folklife resources, not already listed above under Organisations		
SABINE BARING-GOULD WEBSITE	Martin Graebe	01452 523861 http://www.sbsongs.org

The following categories are listed in our *Folk Directory*, and not in *FTD*.

- Pf.5c Workshop organisers
- M.2 Folk directories & local folk magazines
- M.3 Websites for folk club etc listings
- M.4 Folk radio

SEE OUR *FOLKLIFE TRADITIONS DIRECTORY* ('FTD') FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

- up to 40 word description, contact details: address, tel, fax, mobile, web [not email]
- listing Folklife West Members & non-Members - free!

THESE 1-LINE SUMMARIES are based on our *FTD* plus *Updates*

- for Folklife Organisations and Folklife Studies, only members are listed here
- *UPDATES* will be listed here.

Other categories: see *FTD*. Suggestions for others always welcome.

See *FOLKLIFE WEST* and the *FOLK DIRECTORY* for Clubs, Performers, Festivals, Media, Services