City Of York (Roland Walls) Folk Weekend 2023

This Folk Weekend is dedicated to our late friend and long-time organiser Roland Walls. Roland died from Motor Neurone Disease in 2019 and had been the inspiration for live folk and roots related music in and around the city of York for the last 40 years.

Neither musician nor performer, he dedicated his spare time to encouraging, supporting and promoting a huge variety of local music events.

Since the early 1980s Roland was the sole organiser of the Black Swan Folk Club in York. The club, established in the early seventies, is one of the longest running in the UK. His superb organisation and meticulous attention to detail resulted in the BBC Folk Club of the Year accolade in 2009. In 2016 it was voted Best Small Music Venue in a poll conducted by the Yorkshire Gig Guide.

Under Roland's guidance the folk club has supported many local community events including the York Residents' Festival, providing an afternoon and evening of folk music every year in January, free to all York residents, and he went on to inaugurate this annual City of York Folk Weekend. This extremely popular free folk festival is now well established as a major event in the Yorkshire music calendar and has become something of a magnet for tourists.

His efforts were recently recognised by way of a 'Special Mention' during the ceremony at the York Culture Awards for 2018 and he also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Yorkshire Gig Guide.

He was a true champion of all music related to folk traditions and cultures which he tirelessly supported and encouraged.

Festival Organization: Stan Graham

Marquee Sound: Chris Euesden & Eddie Affleck

Marquee MCs: John Storey, Sarah Dean, Paula Ryan

Wolfe Room Sound: David Hardy; Mick O'Kelly

Wolfe Room MCs: Toni Bunnell, Phil Cerny, Peter Quinn

Information Desk: Jack and Janet Costello

Catherine Pease

Christine West

Peter Quinn



Programme

City Of York



(Roland Walls)



Folk Weekend 2023

Fri 2nd - Sat 3rd - Sun 4th June



'A big thank you to everyone involved in our festival, performers, stage crew, organisers and all at The Black Swan Inn. We couldn't do this without you.'

The Black Swan Inn, Peasholme Green, York YO1 Tel; 01904 679131

Saturday — Marquee Stage — 1.00pm to 7.15pm

TWO BLACK SHEEP & A STALLION - Acapella Harmonies and Shanties - 1.00pm. Rooted firmly in the tradition of vocal harmony, Two Black Sheep and a Stallion are now four voices with a passion for storytelling through song. Accompanied by violin and guitar that subtly compliments the strong and assured four part harmony.

<u>DUNCAN MCFARLANE BAND - Energetic folk-rock band - 1.35 pm.</u> Fiddle, guitars, melodeon, bass & drums and we all sing! We get dubbed 'vibrant, lively, energetic' and play a mix of our own and traditional songs... very much rocked up! "Chock full of absolutely great stuff, really powerful playing and singing. "He writes some great stuff that guy and I love their lively versions of traditional folk songs" - Mike Harding www.duncanmcfarlane.com

<u>CHECHELELE ('Cheh-cheh-leh') World Music Choir - 2.20pm</u>. Chechelele have been delighting audiences from Edinburgh to Dresden with enchanting, vibrant harmonies from a global repertoire of traditional songs of love, freedom, suffering and celebration. Still principally acapella, recent years have seen the addition of musical accompaniment, percussion and strings, to a number of songs where appropriate. www.chechelele.co.uk

KAMINARI TAIKO DRUMMING DUO - Car Park - 3.00pm. Featuring Mary and Tony the ever popular Folk Festival regulars Kaminari UK Taiko drummers. We present a selection of 2-person drumming pieces from a range of Japanese folk drumming traditions. From moody and quiet to bold and loud, sometimes funny, you will be surprised at the variety that Taiko Drumming can have. Find them on Facebook:

Kaminari UK Taiko Drummers/Facebook

GRAHAM HODGE Superb Singer Guitarist 3.30pm. One of Yorkshires most popular and most entertaining solo performers, who breathes new life into every song he sings.

THE BARBERELLAS Close Harmonies Folk Inspires Songs - 4.15pm, Five-woman A cappella outfit the Barberellas have been delighting audiences in York (and far beyond) since 2005 with close harmony, wit and wisdom. They'll bring to the Black Swan Folk Weekend a lively set of folk-inspired songs, both well-loved and self-written, that will take you round the world and right back to the meadows and rivers of York.

<u>BLONDE ON BOB - Celebrating the music of Bob Dylan - 5.00pm.</u> With a line up of guitars, harmonicas, keyboards, mandolin, accordion, fiddle, bass & drums 5-piece band, Blonde on Bob celebrate the music of iconic singer-songwriter Bob Dylan. <u>www.facebook.com/BlondeOnBob</u>

<u>CLURACHAN: an intoxicating mix of Irish, Scottish and American Music</u> - <u>5.45pm</u>. Clurachan, so-called after the mischievous fairy of Irish folklore, known for his great love of drinking and a tendency to haunt breweries, pubs and wine cellars, perhaps tells you all you need to know about this folk band! Our music influences are eclectic and include Irish, Scottish, American and even a cover version of a Beyonce song! Instruments are also varied – guitars, mandolin, banjo, flute, whistle, bodhran and fiddle.

<u>UNION JILL Acoustic Duo - 6.30pm.</u> Union Jill are a Yorkshire-based female acoustic duo with over a decade of festival and folk club experience. As singers, instrumentalists and songwriters, they bring a sense of storytelling with their songs, with vocals that produce spellbinding effects with their rich harmonies. Taking their inspiration from a wide range of styles, Union Jill bring their own energy and passion to the acoustic music scene. They mix traditional folk instrumentation (guitars, mandola, concertina) with an edgy contemporary feel and powerful vocal delivery.

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Sunday Afternoon Wolfe Room Concert 2.00pm to 5.00pm

PHIL PIPE - Songs for cat-loving caffeine addicts - 2.00pm. Phil Pipe is a highly original singer-songwriter with an eclectic collection of songs. These range from the poignant tale of a man obsessed with Rita Hayworth to the coincidences that initiate relationships and a whimsical description of a feline afterlife. www.philpipe.co.uk

<u>PEN AND STU - Original contemporary folk duo - 2.30pm</u> Husband and wife duo Pen and Stu write and perform songs about love, life and history, including Dick Turpin, graverobbers and pirates. They play acoustic guitars, bass, whistles and more, with Pen's rich, emotive, haunting vocals bringing the songs to life. www.facebook.com/penandstumusic

MARTIN HEATON - Contemporary Singer/Songwriter 3.00pm. Martin is an award winning, contemporary folk singer/ songwriter fitting neatly into the English tradition of singers like Billy Bragg & Richard Thompson, who he readily brings to mind. "Martin is a gifted player in the Richard Thompson style and an unfancy authentic singer" www.martinheaton.co.uk)

<u>MARY CALLAN - Poet and story-teller - 4.00PM.</u> Mary has honed her craft during twenty-five years at the Black Swan. For six years she performed her one-woman shows at the Edinburgh Fringe. This Sunday's show, HERE BE DRAGONS, celebrates monsters old and new, and dips into some of her recent publications. Visit Mary's new website www.notsodeadpoet.com

<u>SIMON ALEXANDER</u> <u>Singer Songwriter - 4.30pm.</u> Simon has been performing at the BSFC for over a decade. His performances feature sensitive self penned songs and a few covers combined with nimble guitar work. He has released two CDs ... Adelaide Street in 2009 and Skylark in 2017 both of which have been well received.

Sunday Evening Wolfe Room Concert 7.00pm to 10.30pm

TOMMY COYLE - Singer songwriter - 7.00pm. An excellent singer songwriter. An honest and thoughtful lad from York. Lyrics that are always immediately touching and provoking are spliced with simple melodies that you end up singing the next day.

<u>PAULA RYAN - Songstress 7.30pm</u>. Paula is a compelling singer / songwriter, born and bred in Tipperary, Ireland, whose powerful, insightful songs are inspired by the lyricism and musical passion of her Irish roots and driven by the funky rhythmic influences and instruments of music from other cultures. Paula charms and beguiles audiences with: sheer delight in music-making, unmistakeable joy of singing, potent, thought-provoking lyrics, and lively Celtic wit and humour!

<u>JUDITH HASWELL Singer and songwriter - 8.00pm.</u> Judith has been a regular floor singer and support for the club since she moved to York from Guisborough over 7 years ago. She occasionally sings with Trish McLean from Guisborough and the two of them gave us a great night as guests at the club in January. Tonight she is appearing solo with a lovely blend of self penned and contemporary and traditional songs.

<u>SARAH DEAN - Celtic Harper/Singer Songwriter 8.30pm.</u> Affectionately known as "The Incredible String Blonde!" Her songs are set against beautiful & mesmeric soundscapes. A member of alto-folk trio White Sail her solo performances are spellbinding & also full of warmth and wit! <u>www.sarahdeanmusic.com</u>

CHRIS EUESDEN - Singer/Songwriter/Instrumentalist - 9.00pm. Chris is perhaps better known as the voice behind "Blonde On Bob" but has been guiding and organising the club since Roland passed away and is doing a superb job. A singer-songwriter in his own right who plays several instruments including keyboard and guitar.

RAMSHACKLE (the Club Band) - 9.30 - 10.3pm - Close the Weekend in Style join the "Folk Slam" with the Black Swan Resident Band. A chance to finish off the weekend with a great mix of folk, jazz and country. If you're around, join in. All musicians and singers welcome!

Sunday - Marquee Stage 1.30pm - 7.30pm

BOUNTY HUNTERS Folk Rock Band - 1.00pm Are a Country/Folk/Rock covers band based in North Yorkshire. Featuring three singers working in harmony backed up with a full instrumental line-up.

<u>SOUNDSPHERE 1.45PM. A capella Singing Group - 1.45pm.</u> The Soundsphere style specialises in singing 'a cappella'. This tradition of singing means, basically, without accompaniment, textured harmonies give the arrangements a rich and vibrant sound. Most of the songs in the Soundsphere repertoire are sung without accompaniment but frequently percussion and drums are used to great effect - if the song calls for it! Some are old and some are new and some are self-penned pieces but all are sung because they are special.

<u>LES RUSTIQUES -Traditional French Music Trio 2.30pm.</u> Les Rustiques are Janet Porter, Jonathan Bynoe and Nigel Swan who play traditional French music such as bourrées, mazurkas, polkas and Scottishes with occasional cafe style tunes on clarinets, recorders, pipes, octave mandolin and guitar. nigelswan@tiscali.co.uk

<u>LEATHER'O - Celtic Gypsy Band 3.15pm.</u> The ever popular Leather'o are a high energy Alternative Celtic – Gypsy Band based in York. They play all acoustic, traditional instruments in venues from pubs to major festivals, extensively reworking tunes and songs from the Irish, Scottish and Eastern European traditions.

WHITE SAIL - Alt-folk Chroniclers of Love, Life, Land & Sea - 4.00pm. Melding glorious 3-part harmonies over beautiful instrumentation, the trio accompany themselves on guitar, harp, mandolin, wind instruments, percussion & more. They weave their magic on self-penned and traditional songs. "White Sail are rooted in the music of the people and the music of the land. There is a heart driven energy in the way they share their music and songs. I had the pleasure of touring with them 2 years in succession. We made a lot of music together venturing in to the unknown" ~ Liam Ó Maonlaí ~ Hothouse Flowers. www.whitesailband.com

EDWINA HAYES Yorkshire Finest Songstress - 4.45PM. One of the finest female singer/songwriters this country has produced in years. Edwina brings together English folk, Americana and the rich Northern singer/songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own. Highly accomplished, she's toured with such notable performers as Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Nanci Griffith and Loudon Wainwright III. The title track of her album Pour Me A Drink was covered by Nanci Griffith who called her 'the sweetest voice in England'. Her cover of the Randy Newman song Feels Like Home was featured in the Cameron Diaz film My Sister's Keeper and has since had over ten million plays on Spotify and over thirty million plays on You Tube.

<u>THE MINSTER STRAYS MORRIS GROUP - 5.30PM</u>. The Minster Strays: are a mixed Morris Side, based in the York/Ryedale area. Founded in 2003, we are currently celebrating our twentieth year. Wearing green, burgundy and gold waistcoats and colourful tatter jackets, we dance both Cotswold and border. Currently seeking new member. www.minsterstrays.org.uk

CARAMBA - A Celebration of World Music - 6.00pm. Caramba is a 3-piece band unashamedly addicted to Afro-Latino music, from Cuba to Capetown, Bamako to Brazil. Polyphonic and multi-instrumental, we blend song and instrumental riffs into a seamless web of foot-tapping virtuosity. The band members are: Rob Kealey, Frans Maathuis, and John Low.

THE OLD HUMPY BAND - Popular Local Band - 6.45PM. Steve & Dee have been playing music and various instruments for many years. Steve played in a blues band in the 60's, then resident at a folk club in Derby in the 1970's, & ran a folk club in the mid 1970's. Steve joined Dee in the York based folk band "The Foresters" which continued for 47 years. Dee started public performance when she was 16 following her folk heroes. More recent interests from both involves playing in various big bands. Their aim is to involve an audience in good music. "12 years ago Jo Wheldon joined The Foresters on fiddle and continued until the bands final gig in December 2018 after which Dee , Jo and Steve continued under the title of The Old Humpy Band (named after the oldest bridge in York).

Saturday Afternoon - Wolfe Room Concert 3.00pm to 5.30pm.

<u>PETER QUINN 3.00pm</u> Peter is a man who combines a fine voice with fine traditional and entertaining music hall songs, along with his wry sense of humour and charm he always entertains.

<u>DAVID HARDY 3.30pm. Guitarist and Singer.</u> David has a wide repertoire of classic folk songs, which he combines with some excellent guitar technique. He is currently working on a new album which he will release later this year

ALEX O'NEIL - Guitarist with classical, folk/acoustic repertoire 4.00pm. Acoustic and Blues meets classical guitar. Alex mixes these repertoires together with self-composed instrumentals and songs. www.facebook.com/alexoneilguitar.

PAUL CULKIN - **Ukelele & Songs** - **4.30pm.** Paul began writing songs while at school in the 60s. Influenced by trad jazz, music hall, and The Beatles. He switched from guitar to ukulele in 1991. He has performed in the USA, Canada and several European countries., as well as on regional TV and radio in the UK.

<u>TIM PHEBY - Singer Songwriter 5.00pm.</u> Entertaining and eclectic songwriter, guaranteed to have you singing along to his memorable songs. Tim's album "From The Heart" is available on Bandcamp.

Saturday Evening - Wolfe Room Concert 7.00pm to 11.00pm

<u>JOHN STOREY - Singer Songwriter - 7.00pm.</u> A talented singer-songwriter, John has long been part of the North Yorkshire Folk Scene and is an acclaimed writer of captivating songs. A regular MC and floor singer at BSFC. He recently launched his 6th studio album, "Landscapes" the proceeds of which are going towards local Harrogate charities. www.johnstoreymusic.net

<u>TONI BUNNELL - Singer songwriter & Multi-instrumentalist - 7.30pm.</u> Possesses one of the best voices I've ever heard from a traditional style singer' Rock N Reel. Original songs include reflections on life, social commentary, the environment, myth and legend. Toni accompanies her songs using guitar, bouzouki, dulcimer and hurdy gurdy. www.tonibunnell.com

<u>'EXTEMPORE' - Instrumental Trio - 8.00pm.</u> 'Extempore' is a dynamic band made up of a bouzouki, a fiddle and a double bass, formed especially for the occasion. They'll be playing a lively mixture of Irish, American, English and Eastern Mediterranean tunes.

<u>PHIL CERNY 8.30 pm.</u> Phil plays an eclectic mix of traditional music -- from Britain to America, from ballads (songs with stories) to blues and country, from rural to industrial societies, from the local to the global -- as well as a few favorite contemporary songs. www.philcerny.co.uk

<u>DAVID SWANN Singer/Songwriter - 9.00pm.</u> David Swann is a folk singer and songwriter from Pickering in North Yorkshire. He writes story and comic songs about the people and places of North Yorkshire as well as songs about love lost & found. David accompanies himself on guitar and ukelele and he always likes to get his audiences involved by getting them to sing the catchy choruses he writes. <u>David Swann Singer & Songwriter - Home (weebly.com)</u>

<u>STAN GRAHAM Multi Award Winning Singer/Songwriter - 9.30PM.</u> Our ever-popular club resident and well-known, multi award-winning singer songwriter. Stan's songs are being covered by an increasing number of folk artists across the world. He has seven highly acclaimed albums to his name and his latest album" One Man and His Guitar" has been praised for its songwriting quality, by no less than American Folk Legend Tom Paxton. www.stangraham.co.uk

<u>EDDIE AFFLECK - Scottish Songs 10,00pm.</u> Eddie Affleck, originally from Edinburgh, tends to concentrate on traditional folk songs mainly from Scotland, he also includes songs from England, Ireland, Canada and the USA. Eddie has just released a new CD 'Love Found, Love Lost'. All the songs on the album are love songs both traditional and modern.

Friday 2nd June Special Charity Event in the Wolfe Room starting at 8.00pm.



Tom Bliss and the Burning Bridges with support from Stan Graham.

Free Entry with all proceeds going to MND and MS charities.

This is a free festival, but during the weekend there will be a chance to donate to the club to help pay for our costs. Thank you for your support.

Saturday Afternoon

2.00pm - 5.00pm "Come Ye All" run by Toni Bunnell.

A casual musicians get together in the front room, come along and join in our tunes session hosted by Toni Bunnell. *All musicians welcome.*

What's On At The Black Swan Folk Club

EVERY THURSDAY

DOOR OPEN 730

MUSIC FROM 8.00

June 2-4 City of York 'Roland Walls' Folk Weekend

June 8 Louise Rogan

June 15 Eamon Fogarty (USA)

June 22 Donnelly & South

June 29 Soundsphere

July 6 Open Mic

July 13 Leather'o

July 20 Nigel Wearne

July 27 Jack Rutter

Aug 3 Open Mic

Aug 10 Open Mic

Aug 17 Martyn Wyndham Read

Aug 24 Steve Turner

Aug 31 Jon Palmer Band

Sept 7 Vikki Clayton

Sept 14 Owen Spafford and Louis Campbell

Sept 21 Open Mic

Sept 28 Maz O'Connor

Oct 5 Lynne Hanson

Oct 11 and 12 Clive Carroll & Dariush Kanani

(Music of John Renbourn & Bert Jansch)

Nov 9 Heidi Talbot & Boo Hewerdine



The Club holds regular Open Mic Nights where all singers, listeners and musicians are welcome.



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CD Sales and Donations

We will be offering a wide selection of pre loved CDs for sales at £1 for 2 CDs.

Any money raised will be donated to Motor Neurons

<u>Disease Charity in York.</u>

In Memory Of Roland Walls



Shape note singing workshop

The York Shape Note group are running an introductory workshop so you can learn about and try shape note singing.

Traditionally sung in the southern US, shape note singing is a form of notation designed to make learning songs easier, and typically takes the form of hymns arranged with four-part harmonies. Songs in this tradition have been sung by The Watersons and The Young Tradition. In this workshop we will give an introduction of the style, before teaching and singing a song or two. No singing experience necessary, just a curiosity and a give-it-a-go attitude. No prebooking required, just turn up on the day.

Matthew Mason

City of York Folk Weekend, Saturday 4 June 2023, Wolfe Room, 1:30pm

Saturday — Marquee Stage — 1.00pm to 7.10pm

1.00 - Two Black Sheep

1.35 - Duncan McFarlane Band

2.20 - Chechelele

3.00 - Kaminari Taiko

3.30 - Graham Hodge

4.15 - The Barberellas

5.00 - Blonde On Bob

5.45 - Clurachan

6.30 Union JIII

Saturday — Wolfe Room — 3.00 to 10.30

3.00 - Peter Quinn

3.30 - David Hardy

4.00 - Alex O'Neil

4.30 - Paul Culkin

5.00 — Tim Pheby

Break

7.00 - John Storey

7.30 - Toni Bunnell

8.00 - 'Extempore'

8.30 - Phil Cerny

9.00 - David Swann

9.30 - Stan Graham

10.00 - Eddie Affleck

Sunday - Marquee Stage 1.00pm - 7.30pm

1.00 - The Bounty Hunters

1.45 - Soundsphere

2.30 - Les Rustiques

3.15 - Leather'o

4.00 - White Sail

4.45 - Edwina Hayes

5.30 - The Minster Strays Morris

6.00 - Caramba

6.45 The Old Humpy Band

Sunday - Wolfe Room 2.00pm - 10.30pm

2.30 - Phil Pipe

3.00 - Pen & Stu

3.30 - Martin Heaton

4.00 - Mary Callan

4.30 - Simon Alexander

Break

7.00 - Tommy Coyle

7.30 - Paula Ryan

8.00 -- Judith Haswell

8.30 - Sarah Dean

9.00 - Chris Euesden

9.30 - Ramshackle