

The 12th Anniversary Meeting of the Traditional Song Forum

Armstrong Building, Newcastle University, Saturday 6th March 2010

Chair: Steve Gardham

0930-1000	Refreshments available on arrival	Music Staff Room
1000-1200	Welcome. Informal reports on member's activities and general discussion	Steve Gardham
1200-1325	Lunch	TBA
1325-1330	Forum Focus: 'Folk Music Research in the North of England'	Vic Gammon
1330-1405	Doubly Darwinian: the First English Folk Song Revival	Malcolm Smith
1405-1440	Tyneside Song - Print and be Trad?	Peter Wood
1440-1445	Comfort break	
1445-1520	Women in Tyneside Song	Susan Tilley
1520-1600	Patterns in the Production of Tune Variants: the Development of Tunes from the North East English Fiddle Repertoire	Stewart Hardy
1600-1620	Tea	Music Staff Room
1630-1800	Singaround [perhaps at another venue]	TBA

Notes on speakers:

Malcolm Smith is a senior lecturer in the Department of Anthropology at Durham University, is interested in both biological and cultural aspects of evolution and has had a lifelong interest in English traditional song.

Peter Wood is a retired academic biologist, singer and instrumentalist (a regular performer at Blaydon and Birtley) who recently published a book, *The Elliotts of Birtley*.

Susan Tilley has a background in human resources, has had a long term interest in traditional song, is a regular at South Shields Folk Club, and recently completed an MLitt at Newcastle University.

Stewart Hardy is an eminent fiddle player who, among many professional commitments, teaches on the BMus in Folk and Traditional Music at Newcastle University and has conducted some fascinating, as yet unpublished work on tune variants.

This meeting of the Traditional Song Forum will take place in the CETL Seminar Room on the Music corridor of the Armstrong Building on the main Newcastle University campus. The Armstrong Building (building 24 on most campus maps) is a very short walk from the Haymarket bus and metro station - just two metro stops from the mainline Newcastle Central Station. On reaching the campus, head for the 1870s-ish red brick gothic pile in the middle of the campus, find the main entrance (on the Queen Victoria Road side opposite the Victoria Royal Infirmary – the other side from Haymarket) and ask or follow signs we will put up. There is a campus map at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/travel/maps/> (Armstrong is building 24 on most campus maps). If you are coming by car the campus usually allows public parking on a Saturday for a small fee, otherwise there are public car parks nearby. On street parking is metered. In case of emergency my mobile phone number is 07905 032012. We look forward to welcoming you to Newcastle.

Vic Gammon