



TFS Meeting Day Plan

TFS Meeting at the Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen MacRobert Building 040, AB24 5UA

Saturday, 26th Nov 2011



For the next meeting of the Traditional Song Forum we will, as announced earlier in the year, be making our way northwards to Aberdeen for our first meeting on Scottish soil. Our hosts will be the Elphinstone Institute at the University of Aberdeen. The arrangements are being led by Ian Russell, who has put together an exciting programme of events which will make this a weekend to remember. This document sets out the proposed programme for the weekend,

MEETING PROGRAMME (SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER):

09:30	Refreshments	
10:00	Welcome	Ian Russell
10:05	TFS Business <i>Treasurer's report, Plans for future meetings, etc.</i>	Steve Roud
10:15	Networking session <i>TFS Members and local guests share progress on personal projects, share ideas, seek help, etc.</i>	Steve Roud
12:00	Lunch <i>Sandwich lunch (see below), Sale of books, CDs etc</i>	
13:15	Forum Focus Session	Ian Russell
13:00	Julia Bishop - <i>'The James Madison Carpenter Project'</i>	
13:30	Ian Russell - <i>'Vernacular Performance and Creativity in the North-East of Scotland'</i>	
14:00	Irene Watt - <i>'Lullaby Research'</i>	
14:30	Tea break	
15:00	Thomas McKean - <i>'A Gaelic Macaronic Song from Easter Ross'</i>	
15:30	Tom Spiers - <i>'The Peter Hall Collection'</i>	
16:15	Elizabeth Stewart and Alison McMorland - <i>'Ballads and Songs of the Stewarts of Fetterangus'</i>	

17:15 Meeting closes (but see 'Social Events', below!)

THE VENUE:

The meeting is hosted by the Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen in the MacRobert Building, Kings Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5UA. Sessions will take place in MacRobert room 055, next to the Institute. Maps of the area and of the campus can be found on the University of Aberdeen website. Free parking is available at weekends in front of the MacRobert Building.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Friday Evening 25 November 2011

1800 You are welcome to join us at the Ashvale Fish Restaurant on Great Western Road to eat.

2000-2300 – Informal gathering and song session for early arrivers at Ian & Norma Russell's home, 41 Osborne Place, Aberdeen AB25 2BX (01224 645486).

Saturday Evening, 26th November

1725-1930 Dinner – for those who wish. The plan is that we will go as a group to a nearby restaurant. It would be helpful to know if you wish to join this party as we will make a provisional booking – but there will be a little flexibility.

1930-late(ish) Concert/Ceilidh (BYOB)

This is not a dance, but a concert with performances by local singers and by visitors with plenty of opportunities for socialising.

The singers are: Tom & Margaret Spiers, Hector Riddell, Irene Watt and Graham White, Tony Robertson, and Shona Donaldson (TBC).

Sunday Morning 27 November 2011

1000-1300 – Ballad excursion to Fyvie to explore the setting of 'Andrew Lammie' (Child 233)

We will travel to a location associated with one of the big ballads to hear it sung in the 'real' location and to hear something of the historical background to the ballad. In order to arrange transport it would be helpful to have numbers for those planning to go on the trip.

Lunch at the Ythan View Hotel, Methlick

FOOD:

We plan to have a variety of sandwiches brought in for lunch on Saturday and the plan is that we will ask for a modest payment [£4 – to include a drink] for these. If you have any preferences or dietary requirements please let us know.

Arrangements for Saturday evening are as above – we will go, as a group, to a nearby restaurant to have an early dinner before the Concert/Ceilidh.

ACCOMMODATION:

The recommended hotel is the Premier Inn, Aberdeen City Centre (West North Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5AS). Good deals will be available for early booking (currently two nights for £81 prepaid, no refund or £102 flexible booking). There are also a number of B&Bs on King Street, near the University and a short walk from the city centre. Please ask for a list.

TRAVEL:

If you are arriving by air it may be possible to arrange for someone to pick you up at the airport. Otherwise there are buses between the Airport and the city centre – about 25 minutes journey time.

If you are coming by train then Aberdeen station is a short walk (Google says 13 minutes) to the Premier Inn.

QUESTIONS AND HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS:

If you have any questions then please contact Martin Graebe (martin.graebe@btinternet.com) or Ian Russell (ianrussell@abdn.ac.uk) and we will try and help.