

## 2013 Newsletter, Issue 1

WELCOME! Hope this finds you well. The sun is now shining, and just like this first newsletter of 2013..... 'better late than never'. We hope you enjoy it! If you have any news, photos or events you would like to share in the next newsletter, please get in touch by sending an email to [office@tmsa.org.uk](mailto:office@tmsa.org.uk).

### General News

#### **Intangible Cultural Heritage Petition (ICH)**

This may not be a familiar term to many, but this is all the stuff that isn't the built heritage, such as traditional music and song. There has been quite a bit of work in Scotland around this subject, including a 'Wiki' style site created to start capturing elements of it. Though at this point in time, the International Agreement on ICH has yet to be ratified by the UK government, despite the Scottish Government's attempt to do so. A petition has been launched to at least get a UK parliamentary debate on the subject (if 100,000 signatures are achieved) which hopefully in turn will encourage the UK government to sign and so help safeguard the future of culture and tradition all over the United Kingdom. Please read, sign and spread the word: <http://epetitions.directgov.uk/petitiond.46671>



#### **Promote your activity through Voluntary Arts Week**

Are you running an special or a regular event during 11-19 May 2013? Why not profile it as part of Voluntary Arts Week and maybe attract some new people? More details at [www.voluntaryartsweek.org](http://www.voluntaryartsweek.org) or t: 0131 225 9790.

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## Northern Streams & TradFest Edinburgh : Dùnideann

TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch continues in its tenth year of bringing award winning and emerging artists from Scotland and Scandinavia to Scottish audiences, such as Rona Wilkie & Marit Fält (Scotland/Norway/Sweden), Irmelin (Sweden), Hal & Nikolaj (Scotland/Denmark), Kirsty-Jacqueline Lingard (Scotland / Sweden) and '3 Men & a Bottle' – male Danish dancers with accompanist, Pia Nygaard. Northern Streams takes place 26 & 27 April at The Pleasance and Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh. More details are at:

[www.northernstreams.org](http://www.northernstreams.org) or tel: 0795 191 8366 / 0786 661 1954.



Northern Streams is part of Edinburgh's first TradFest (replacing the previous Ceilidh Culture). Tradfest is an exciting 12 day 'feast' encompassing all aspects of traditional and contemporary Scottish Folk Art — from music and crafts to the May Day and Beltane festivals.

Organised by the Scottish Storytelling Centre on behalf of Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland (TRACS), the programme will surely have something to appeal to all.

For further information and tickets :

Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR tel: 0131 556 9579 or

[www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/tradfest/tradfest.asp](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/tradfest/tradfest.asp)

### Dr. Sheila Douglas

We are saddened to hear about the very recent death of Dr. Sheila Douglas. She was a long-time supporter, a previous Convener and recently an Honorary member of the TMSA. More information is on the TMSA website - [www.tmsa.org.uk](http://www.tmsa.org.uk).

## National News

### Changes at the TMSA Office

Our farewells to Emma Nicolson who has done a sterling job, initially as a Community Jobs Scotland placement, helping keeping the TMSA administration ticking over. She has now gone onto a marketing role with Knockando Woollen Mill in Moray.

We now welcome Alison Brydon to the TMSA Administrator position. She has a background in music, currently playing with Ceilidh Caleerie group in Edinburgh and enjoying getting back into the scene after spending time down in Somerset. Just to note, Alison is working for the TMSA part-time and generally is only around in the mornings so this is the best time to try to phone her if you need to or send an email.

### Changes to the TMSA Board

We welcomed Siobhan Miller, Alistair Ogilvy and Allan Taylor to the TMSA Board recently. Fiona Campbell is now Convener with Kay Thomson taking on the role as Treasurer. Alison Mackinnon (Vice-Convener) has also temporarily taken on the Secretary role. If you are interested in helping run the TMSA at this interesting time – please let us know through the office as there is still room to co-opt onto the Board.

### Trad Trails

This National Session Programme for the Year of Creative Scotland 2012 (funded by Creative Scotland), has now come to an end.



Thanks to all the musicians, venues and participants who took part and our marketing partner, Feis Ross, who conducted the National Ceilidh Trail part of the Trad Trails programme. We are looking forward to 2014 and the prospect of a similar programme for the Homecoming and/or the Commonwealth Games, if there is funding to do so!

## TMSA Young Trad Tour

Watchers of BBC Alba may have seen the finals of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award, organised in partnership with Hands Up for Trad!, broadcast on a number of occasions earlier this year. Paddy Callaghan was the winner of the TMSA Quaich, which Convener, Fiona Campbell, was pleased to present to him on the night.

Work is underway to pull together the TMSA Young Trad Tour for 2013 (the tenth year!) after receiving funding from Creative Scotland. The tour itself will happen later in the year but the CD recording is expected to take place in the next few months. Due to availability we may be calling on some of the 2012 cohort to join the tour group as well. And remember previous year CDs are still available in the shop on [www.tmsa.org.uk](http://www.tmsa.org.uk) or contact the office t: 0792 253 3915.



*Photo: Winner of BBC Radio Scotland Traditional Young Musician of the Year 2013, Paddy Callaghan, talks to presenter of the Award show - Mary Ann Kennedy - after his win.  
Photo by Fiona Campbell.*

## National Raffle

The TMSA is still looking to run a national fundraising raffle later this year, so if anyone is able to assist in providing prizes we would be very grateful.

Anyone who feels they can contribute in any way please contact Alison Mackinnon at [alison@cuillin1.co.uk](mailto:alison@cuillin1.co.uk)

## Branch News

### **Aberdeen Competition Day Results**

On Saturday 16 March the Aberdeen Branch held its annual competitions day for traditional music, song and verse at the Boys Brigade HQ, Crimon Place. A most enjoyable day was had by all, whether competing or being part of the audience. The day was rounded off by an evening concert/ceilidh where prizewinners, young and old had an opportunity to repeat their winning performances to a larger audience.

The winners were as follows -

Junior Fiddle - Niamh Dreelan

Intermediate Fiddle - Aoife Dreelan

Senior Fiddle - Anne Nicol

Junior Scots Verse - Amber Park

Senior Scots Verse - Russell Taylor

Accordion- Calum Mitchell

Mouth Organ - Murray Douglas

Melodeon - Ian Russell

Junior Tin Whistle - Valerie Wagner

Senior Tin Whistle - Laura Simpson

Instrumental Groups - The Andersons

Clarsach - Shona Coull

Tune Writing - Ross Hull

Song Writing - Pauline Cordiner & Iona Mathieson (1st Equal)

Diddling - Geordie Murison & Shirley Watt (1st Equal)

Junior Bothy Ballad - Rhiann Matthew

Junior Traditional Song - Rhiann Matthew

Bothy Ballad Open - Allan Taylor

Ladies Traditional Song- Pauline Cordiner

Mens Traditional Song - Allan Taylor & Russell Taylor (1st Equal)

Freestyle Singing - Jim Taylor & Geordie Murison

Sea Shanty/Work Song - Arty Hepple & Russell Taylor (1st Equal)

Novice Singer Prize - Bill Anderson

*Report from Shirley Watt – Secretary, Aberdeen Branch*

Murray Douglas receiving the mouth organ cup from judge, Charlie Abel.



Allan Taylor (new TMSA Board member!) receiving the Bothy Ballad Open cup from judges, Tom & Maggie Spiers.



Molly's First Band comprising Shirley Watt, Pauline Cordiner, Molly (on Mum's knee) and David Hunter, who came third in the Free-Style singing event



Doris Rougvie, Kate Taylor, Joyce Murison and Alison Mackinnon, relaxing at the evening concert ceilidh session



*All photos taken by Hugh Hoffman*

### **Perth at Glenfarg Folk Feast**

Perth Branch ran workshops at the recent Glenfarg Folk Feast featuring Intermediate Fiddle with Fiona Cuthill, Song Writing with Anthony John Clarke and Traditional Singing with Jimmy Hutchison. We understand they all went well!

## Edinburgh & Lothians Branch Singers Gathering 2013

Another very enjoyable day of singing workshops, followed by an evening concert, was held on 9 February in Linlithgow. The biggest difficulty for participants was in choosing which workshops to attend as they were all of great interest and very high quality. We were delighted to have Sandra Kerr, tutor on the Newcastle Traditional Music Degree course, first delivering an absorbing talk, illustrated by source recordings, as well as taking the Muckle Sing workshop in the afternoon. For the

morning, Barbara Dymock and Aileen Carr taught a variety of songs with lovely harmonies, while Barbara took us on a virtual tour of Dundee in song after lunch. During the evening



concert Barbara appeared with Chris Marra, a “new” duo collaboration which worked very well, and the TMSA Young Traditional Singer of Merit slot was ably occupied by Natalie Chalmers. Sandra accompanied herself variously on guitar and concertina, and brought the house down with her “Big Knicker Blues” song, as well as satisfying those whose tastes were more traditional! We are grateful to all who attended for their useful feedback, and hope that we shall continue to follow the pattern of having a “Muckle Sing” in 2014, followed by a Singers’ Gathering in 2015.

**The Edinburgh & Lothians Branch Monthly Singers’ Sessions’** location is changing to **The Canon’s Gait, 232 Canongate, Edinburgh, EH8 8DQ: downstairs bar from Tuesday 14 May.**

Time: 8.00. - 11.00.pm. Sessions are always the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, except in August. Many thanks to The Royal Oak pub for allowing us to hold sessions there for the last couple of years.

*Photo and report from Trish Santer - Singers’ Gathering Organiser*

## Changes for Auchtermuchty

Due to changes in the set up of the Auchtermuchty Festival, the traditional music part of the event is now going to be held on a different date and in a new location. **The competitions and ceilidh will now be held 29 June in Falkland.** More details will be posted on the website as they get finalised. We are hopeful that the planned re-establishment of the Branch - to be called the Fife Branch - will go ahead later this year.

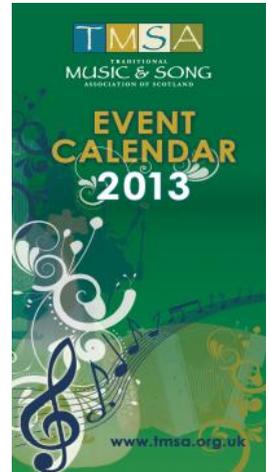
## Event Calendar and future events

If you haven't already received your hard copy of our calendar, (or lost it under that pile of events fliers!), you can view on our website. If we have excluded any events or useful information, please email to [office@tmsa.org.uk](mailto:office@tmsa.org.uk) **And remember you can win a prize by answering the Event Calendar survey either in the publication or online at the website!**

### Other upcoming TMSA Events

Keith Festival 14-16 June

Glasgow Branch Canal Cruise - Sat 27 July



See the Event Calendar for details of these and other affiliated festivals and events in the next few months such as FifeSing 2013, Elphinstone Institute's 'Day of Song' Strichen Festival, Orkney Folk Festival, The Border Gatherin, Loanhead Music Festival, The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra and Stonehaven Folk Festival.

**Deadline for next newsletter: 30 June 2013**

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