

Wiltshire Folk Arts

Research of Folk Music, Songs,
Customs and Traditions of Wiltshire

Wiltshire Folk Arts is an organisation that researches, collects, collates, and re-enacts traditional music, song, customs and traditions of the County of Wiltshire.

One of the main aims of the organisation is to link all the sources of traditional song, music and dance in Wiltshire and make them available for use by schools, historical groups, musicians and the general public alike.

WILTSHIRE FOLK ARTS has a small collection of music, recorded and printed, from people in Wiltshire area and a database is being constructed of available material and other private collections.

WILTSHIRE FOLK ARTS have re-enacted "Harvest Homes" in The Tithe Barn, Lacock in Wiltshire and Cogges Farm, Witney, Oxfordshire around harvest time for several years with over 40 performers taking part. Other similar live events are planned.

Groups and performers that are part of the organisation include Tinkers Bag & Bob & Gill Berry

The DEVIZES FOLK CLUB is held at the Lamb Inn, St Johns St, Devizes, Wiltshire Monday Evenings at 8pm. (except August & Bank Holidays)

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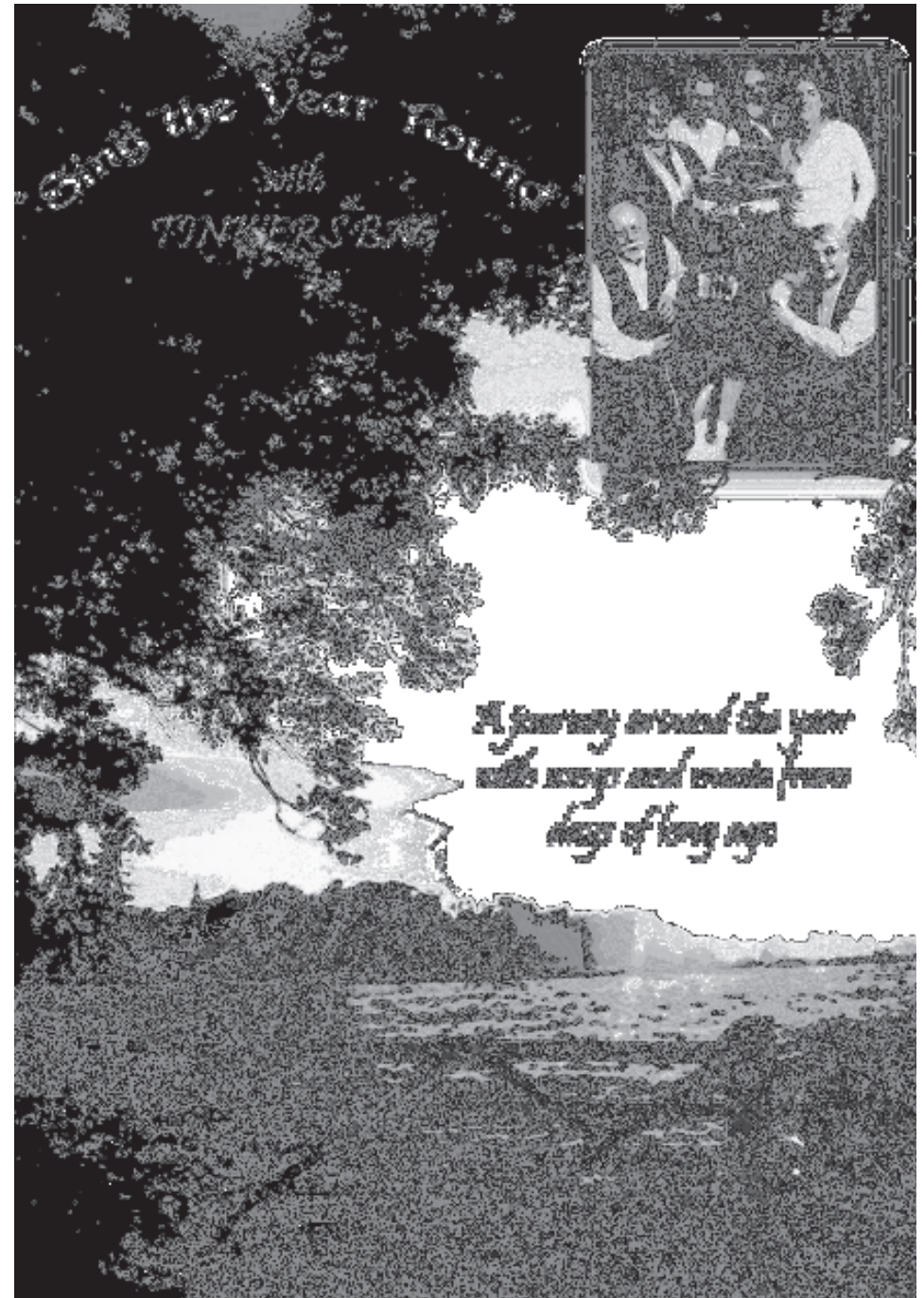
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"Sing the Year Round" with Tinkers Bag

Welcome to our show

This new show for 2009 draws on some of the more popular of the band's repertoire and also introduces some brand new songs for this year. Many of these songs come from the extensive collection of Wiltshire songs. Many of these were collected in the north of the county by the poet and writer Alfred Williams. He collected over 900 songs in just a few years and we are indebted to him for some very fine songs indeed.

We will start our show with a fine pair of tunes called the "Worcester Hornpipe" and "Jack of the Green". And will follow that by the ever popular "All Among the Barley" "The Bedmaking" is a song which had it's first outing with the band in "The Wiltshire Wedding" show some years ago and we felt that it now needed another airing!. "Maggie May" is one of our most asked for songs and Mick is just the man to do it justice.

Here's a song for everyone in the country ~ "Man of British Weather". A great song about one of our favourite subjects. We could only possibly follow that with a great tune called "The Wiltshire Tempest".

At this point we will go into a series of Wiltshire collected songs and we will start with "All the Little Chickens in the Garden" with a new tune written by Bob.

"Where Be'est Gwyng" is a song that takes four verses for a young girl to tell a lusty old Lawyer just one word ~ NO!

The "Shearer's Song" is another one with a new tune by Bob and tells of the many sheep shearers that used to roam around the county looking for work.

Finally we have a song about the perils gambling called "The Broken Down Gentleman". However it does have a very jolly tune!



We start off the second half with a protest song, at least it was in about 1860 anyway.

"Deny No Man His Rights" we think comes from the Chartist period and has a very spirited message for the common man to rise up to claim what he is due.

After all that protesting it's time for a bit of love in this lovely song called "Sprig of Thyme"

We follow that with another entitled "Through the Groves"

Ok now we're off to work with the ever popular Wiltshire version of "Turmut Hoein" which most people remember as "The Vly". Sung just about everywhere in Wiltshire and the surrounding counties.

Suddenly we're off to sea with a great rendition of a woman cheated on by her Husband and she seeking revenge, and getting it !

"William Taylor" is a fine "girl dresses up as a sailor in order to find her true love and put right his wrongs" type song.

A band favourite tune for 3 mandolins ~ "Herbert Smiths Polka" is followed by a song about a drinking family "Father had a Knife".

Now we are on the subject of Booze lets see what it will do for you ~ and to you! "Good Old Ale" is swiftly followed by a song that has the opposite ideal "Stick to Water!"

The Last two Songs are great all round favourites and are "I've got a bonnet trimmed with Blue" and "Marche Du Verner"

Please do join in where appropriate.

Enjoy!

About Tinkers Bag

Tinkers Bag are a group of friends that have played music and sung together since 1997,

In that the group has written and played 6 full length shows and performed at concerts and clubs throughout the county and at Festivals and clubs well beyond Wiltshire's borders.

Their shows have been "A Labourer's Year", "A Seasonal Feast", "A Wiltshire Wedding", "Through a Wiltshire Vale" and "A Drop of Nelsons Blood", "Songs of Old Wiltshire" and this, their latest for 2009, "Sing The Year Round"

Between them, the group plays a vast array of instruments including, Melodeons, Concertinas, bouzouki, Mandola, Mandolin, Guitar, Whistles, flute, recorder, Appalachian Dulcimer, Drums and cymbals, kazoos, triangle, shaky egg and many others. (though not **all** at the same time!!)

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n early 2007 the group changed to their current line up.

Bob & Gill Berry, Nigel & Christine Owen, Mick Hiscock and Richard Rees will perform as Tinkers Bag with others joining them on special occasions and as the need arises.

There is a home produced CD "Tinkering around" available and can be purchased at their various performances or can be sent in the post

If you would like Tinkers Bag do a performance for you please ask any members of the band or send us your email and or address and telephone number and we'll do our best to help out

All songs and tunes are arranged by Tinkers Bag for "Sing The Year Round" 2009

We hope that you enjoy our show and please feel free to join in wherever appropriate.

