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## Folklife Traditions: Publications

Please consult Eds as to what is appropriate to publicise here. Up to 200 words per CD or book, more if advertising.

#### ALL ABOUT THE MORRIS



Mike Salter

#### ALL ABOUT THE MORRIS, **MIKE SALTER**

Mike's latest book All About The Morris tells the story of the history of Morris dancing from the 15th century to the present day. The book commemorates Mike's forty years in the Morris, and the founding of a new series of women's teams that started to perform in 1973-74. The concluding section quotes statistics from a survey of modern teams by the author, and notes a trend for new teams to be mixed, and perform dances other than those from the Cotswolds and NW England.

Many different forms of morris

are described, illustrated, compared and contrasted, and their seasonal and historical backgrounds explained.

Also described are the early 20th century revivals and controversies over female and mixed teams that led to the founding of two further morris organisations in addition to the all-male Morris Ring. The book tries to answer questions like: "How old is Sword Dancing?" or "Did Wales have any morris dances?"

This 88 page book priced at £7.95 (& £1.50 p&p) contains 57 colour pictures of modern teams and 43 other illustrations. There are also 7 maps showing places where dancing was recorded prior to 20th century revivals.

Parker, Roy Palmer and Ion Rayen, none of which have been previously released. Both include passages of speech about the songs and her life. Another 'complete recorded repertoire' release. The recordings date from three distinct periods: the early Fifties, when she was 67; the late Sixties, when she was 83; and the early Seventies,

CD 2 has 63 songs and fragments recorded in 1967 and '71 by Charles

CD 1 contains all the *Leader* and *Folktrax* 1951 recordings, while

when she was 87. Mrs Costello's voice and memory were in quite different condition on each of these three occasions. Also, it would seem that the 'mediation' so often encountered in the earlier years of the Folk Revival, ensured that it was the 'folk songs' in her repertoire which were recorded by Kennedy and Slocombe, while the later collectors encountered few of these, but lots of music hall and 'pop' songs from her youth.

Accordingly, I decided to make CD1 contain only the 1951 recordings, and CD2 the later material. I felt that an interesting recording of an old pop song, more recited than sung in 1971, might sit rather uncomfortably next to a brilliant performance of a classic ballad, recorded twenty years earlier, when Mrs Costello was in her prime.

We are able to publish two CDs, each running to almost 80 minutes duration. CD1 contains 26 Kennedy and Slocombe recordings, presented in the order they appeared on the Leader and Folktrax releases - the 24 songs plus two pieces of speech. CD 2 contains 63 songs and fragments, a few of which have pieces of speech associated with them, and none of which have been previously released.

All the very best ....... rod@mustrad.org.uk Rod Stradling, Musical Traditions Records: www.mtrecords.co.uk Musical Traditions Internet Magazine at: www.mustrad.org.uk

## Talks, Conferences, Exhibitions

- format is simply news in date order
- our usual word limits (up-to-200 words per item; more if advertising)

Fri 4 Apr CHARLES PARKER DAY: RADIO BALLADS 50TH ANNIVERSARY 50 years ago, in April 1964, the brilliant ground-breaking Radio Ballad series, made in Birmingham by the revolutionary radio producer Charles Parker, came to an end with Travelling People. Written by Ewan MacColl, orchestrated by Peggy Seeger, and produced by Charles Parker, it told the stories of traveller communities in their own words and the songs Ewan MacColl fashioned from their memories. Several rapidly became folk classics - Moving On Song, Freeborn Man, Thirty Foot Trailer - to join those from the other Radio Ballads, such as Shoals of Herring.

To mark that anniversary, the Charles Parker Archive Trust will hold its annual Charles Parker Day in the new Library of Birmingham - the city where Charles Parker worked as a radio producer and where his extensive archive is held - featuring Peggy Seeger. In conversation with Peter Cox, Peggy will talk about the innovative series of Radio Ballads, and in particular The Travelling People.

The Conference begins at 10.30am, and also explores the legacy of Peggy, Ewan & Charles in terms of music, radio features, oral history, film & theatre. There will be music, drama and great pieces of radio. Day conference tickets: £30 (£20 concs), more details on www.cpatrust.org.uk • Followed by a concert in the CBSO Centre, featuring Peggy Seeger and Jez Lowe ⇒ see Advert + News: W. Midlands, Trad. Arts Team, p19

® Pam Bishop, Trustee, Charles Parker Archive. The Archive is deposited in the Archives, Heritage & Photography section, Library of Birmingham. www.cpatrust.org.uk

TSF: TRADITIONAL SONG FORUM MEETING 12 Apr Guests of the Devonshire Association's Music Section.

#### 11-13 Apr FLS: A JOINT CONFERENCE WITH THE HARDY SOCIETY FOLKLORE, THOMAS HARDY, AND RURAL WRITING

A joint conference of The Thomas Hardy Society and The Folklore Society, together with the FLS AGM 2014, at The Corn Exchange, Dorchester, Dorset. 

More information from www.folklore-society.com

For further details, see Mike's website: www.follypublications.co.uk



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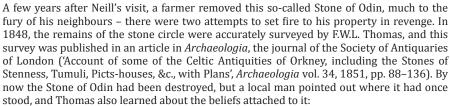
## The Standing Stones Ballad & by Roy & Lesley Adkins &

Drawings of the Stenness stone circle from the 1848 survey by F.W.L. Thomas

any prehistoric sites across the British Isles have associated Many premision to sites actions and standing legends and folklore, particularly stone circles and standing stones, but apparently the only one with a folk song is the circle of standing stones, known as the Stones of Stenness, 4 miles north-east of Stromness in Orkney. The song mentions only the Orkney Isles and Sandwick, but seems to refer to Stenness by its description of the stone circle being on a narrow neck of land and one stone having a hole that was used for making marriage vows.

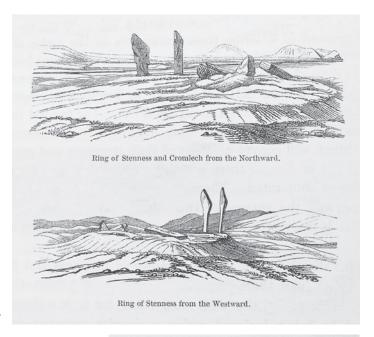
When Patrick Neill visited Stenness in the early 1800s (published in his book A Tour Through Orkney and Shetland, 1806, p. 18), the custom

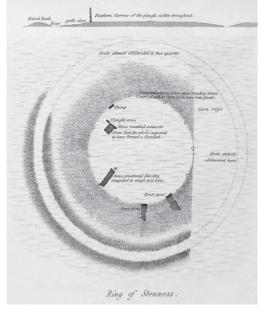
'At a little distance stands a solitary stone of great size, having, about two or three feet from the ground, a round perforation in it ... The common people still attach a good deal of veneration to it; if a lover and his mistress join hands through it, this (we are told) is considered as the sign of a vow of the most sacred kind: it is called the promise of Odin.'



'Many traditions were connected with this stone, though with its name I believe them to have been imposed at a late period; for instance, it was said that a child passed through the hole when young would never shake with palsy in old age. Up to the time of its destruction, it was customary to leave some offering on visiting the stone, such as a piece of bread, or cheese, or a rag, or even a stone; but a still more romantic character was associated with this pillar, for it was considered that a promise made while the plighting parties grasped their hands through the hole was peculiarly sacred, and this rude column has no doubt often been a mute witness to "the soft music of a lover's vow".

The song associated with Stenness is usually called 'The Standing Stones Ballad' (Roud Number 2151). It was published in 1883 by John Mooney in a small collection called Songs of the Norse. There is a most chilling rendition by Dave and Toni Arthur on their album Hearken to the Witches Rune (Vinyl LP Trailer LER 2017, released in 1970 and now unobtainable). The song was collected as a field recording in Orkney three times during the 1960s from Ethel Findlater, and the recordings can be heard on the Tobar an Dualchais (Kist O Riches)





website (www.tobarandualchais.co.uk/en/fullrecord/46818/1). Ethel originally learned the song from her husband, which was known as "The Standing Stones of Stenness', linking it to this stone circle. The version she sung is broadly the same as that by Dave and Toni Arthur, except for some extra lines at the end. The story is of two unnamed lovers who meet at the stones on Christmas Eve. They pass their hands through the 'lovers' stone' and pledge their love for one another. They then part, and the young man crosses the land bridge (the 'narrow neck of land') heading northwards to his home at Sandwick, but is stabbed to death by a jealous rival. Just before the young woman reaches her home, an apparition of her lover appears before her, and she knows he is dead. In the extra lines of the version sung by Ethel Findlater, the young woman pines away and dies soon afterwards.

Over four decades before Mooney's publication of the song, an almost identical legend appeared in the John O'Groats Journal, and Northern Miscellany for Caithness, Sutherland, Orkney and Shetland (on 20th January 1837, p. 4). 'Helen Isbister, A Traditional Story of Orkney' was spread over three columns - nearly half a page of print. The newspaper related that seventeen-year-old Helen Isbister, the daughter of 'a small proprietor by the name of Magnus Isbister', was courted by the young laird of Hacland. Although her parents were in favour of the match, she was in love with Laurence Skaithway, 'the son of poor but honest cottagers'.

The lovers often met at the standing stones of Stenness, but one evening Helen was weeping because of a recurring dream in which Laurence appeared to her 'pale and bleeding, as if from the hands of an assassin'. Laurence tried to calm Helen, and 'they joined hands through the perforated column, intending to add to this engagement, as soon as circumstances should permit, the legal sanction of a priest'. They then parted to return to their homes, but when Helen was a few hundred yards from her father's cottage,

'a bright light suddenly shone around her, and immediately after she perceived her lover walking a few paces before her. So striking, indeed, was the resemblance, that she addressed him by name, and enquired, with much surprise whither he was going, and why he did not speak to her? The figure made no reply, but continued walking on before her, till she reached the cottage door, when it suddenly vanished. The startling truth now flashed upon her at once, that it was his apparition, and no sooner did she enter the cottage than she dropped down apparently lifeless.'

The John O'Groats Journal continued to relate that on the next day, Laurence's body was found 'cruelly murdered', and suspicion fell on Hacland, who had been away from home that evening. No direct evidence to incriminate him was found, and Helen fell into a deep melancholy and died -'of a broken heart'. She was buried in the same grave as her lover, and although Hacland married somebody else, he was struck with remorse and founded a chapel. On his deathbed he confessed to carrying out the murder with an unnamed accomplice.

The song follows this legend fairly closely, the main difference being that the murder takes place on Christmas Eve, whereas according to the legend, 'It was a calm and beautiful evening about the end of harvest'. The song does not mention the murderer's name, his later confession or the accomplice, but in the final lines of Ethel Findlater's version, the heroine dies of grief, as Helen did in the legend. Various features of the legend are



striking, but it has not been possible to pin down any of the apparently specific elements: Isbister and Hackland (not Hacland) are places not far from Stenness, and both are not uncommon surnames in Orkney, but Skaithway does not occur, nor can the chapel be identified.

Although the writer of the John O'Groats Journal article, identified only as 'J.C.', quoted lines of poetry by John Malcolm and Thomas Moore, as well as mentioning Sir Walter Scott's works, nothing is said about The Standing Stones Ballad. It could have been in circulation then (in 1837), but if so, it was presumably unknown to 'J.C.', who may have lived in the John O'Groats area, not Orkney. When the song was published by Mooney in 1883, it had the title 'The Lovers – A West Mainland Legend'. It has often been assumed that because the song mentions the standing stone with the hole (the Stone of Odin), it must predate 1814 when that stone was removed, but the song could have been based on the old legend, the events of which the newspaper stated to have occurred 'some centuries ago'. While the date of the song remains uncertain, the newspaper article does show that the legend and ballad are both firmly attached to the prehistoric stone circle at Stenness.

We are grateful to Keith Gregson for providing information about Orkney during the research for this article.

#### Roy and Lesley Adkins © 2014

**Roy and Lesley Adkins** are authors of several books on history and archaeology. Their latest book is *Eavesdropping on Jane Austen's England* (published as *Jane Austen's England* in the US). See **www. adkinshistory.com**.

## Talks, Conferences, Exhibitions, from p41 NEWS: EFDSS, THE FULL ENGLISH FREE ARCHIVE OPEN DAYS

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SAT 14 JUN 10am to 4pm, Cecil Sharp House, London; this day includes 2

free archive workshops (10.30am-12 & 2pm-3.30pm, Booking required) where you can learn more about conserving your treasured possessions. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-full-english-archive-day-tickets-10550363421 Programme includes:

- a talk from Malcolm Taylor, The Full English project and its development, followed by a demonstration of the use of the digital archive
- A talk from Steve Roud The context of the Cecil Sharp collection
- Display of Cecil Sharp's original manuscripts
  Steve and Malcolm will also be available to answer questions inbetween times. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available to visitors.

Jo Cunningham, for www.efdss.org

ENGLAND

## LIST 9: SEASONAL LOCAL CELEBRATIONS: CYMRU / WALES ARTICLES & NOTES

Mai / May CADI HA Treffynno Cadi Ha festival Holywell	n Sir y Fflint Flintshire	Sad 3 Meh 2014 Sat 3 May 2014	A list of some events currently celebrated in Wales,
Mehefin / June GŴYL IFAN	Caerdydd Cardiff	13-15 Meh 2014 13-15 Jun 2014	will be found on <u>List 9</u> on our new(ish) <u>webpage</u> <u>www.folklife-west.co.uk/cymru.html</u>

# Cadi Ha By Frances Jones \*\*\* SEE PHOTOS ON PAGE 46 \*\*\*

**Summer dancing** in various forms is celebrated throughout Wales, but the *Cadi Ha Festival* is peculiar to North East Wales and has centred around **Holywell** for many years. It is a revival of a tradition which has existed in the coal communities of Flintshire since as early as 1788. This tradition has changed and evolved throughout each generation. *Cadi Ha* was performed in the first fortnight in May when the lime works in Mostyn were closed to clean the flues. Apparently the team originating in Bagillt started early in the morning dancing along the road to dance in Holywell in the afternoon.

The North Wales Morris (or  $dawnsiwrh\hat{a}$ ) was danced up to the great war in 1914. It is believed that the last known performance of  $Cadi\,Ha$  was given in the Point of Ayr district, and there are people still alive today who remember this event. The  $Cadi\,Ha$  was performed as late as 1936 in Mold to celebrate the centenary of Daniel Owen's birth. This was organised by Lois Blake, a founder member of the Welsh Folk Dance Society.

During the 1970's-1980's Ieuan ap Sion, a local tenor and former teacher gathered a group of people together to continue the *Cadi Ha* tradition. His research was based on his gradfather's recollections.

In 1983 for the proclamation of the Urdd Eisteddfod in Mold, Ron Parry, a local headmaster, Prydwen Elfed Owens and Geoff Jenkins arranged a procession of local school children dancing the *Cadi Ha*.

In 1998 the first of the current *Cadi Ha* festivals was held with between 100 and 150 local school children taking part. This was organised by Chris Bailey and Geoff Jenkins with *Dawnswyr Delyn* from Mold taking a lead role. The festival has been held on a yearly basis since then, with the school children processing down the main street of Holywell before dancing a series of dances.

The *Cadi Ha* is traditionally a dance for men waving white handkerchiefs, akin to the English Morris dance, joined by the traditional characters, the *Cadi* and the *Bili*. The sounds and the movement of the men are meant to awake the good sprits of the earth which have slumbered over the winter. The dance was welcomed by country folk as they believed that it would bring blessings or the crops. Dancers would blacken their faces with coal soot, so that the evil spirits would not recognise them. They wore white smocks with red and blue ribbons.

Boys and girls now perform the *Cadi Ha* dance but this is certainly not traditional.

During the dance verses were sung in Welsh:

Cadi Ha, Morys stowt
Am yr uchla' neidio
Hwp dene fo!
A chynffon buwch a chynffon llo
A chynffon Rhisiart Parri'r go'
Hwp, dene fo!
Fy ladal i , a'i ladal o
A'r ladal gawsom fenthyg
A chynnfon buwch etc...

Summer Kate and stout Morris
Leaping for the highest
Whoop there it is!
A cow's tail and a calf's tail
And Richard Parry the blacksmith's tail.
Whoop there it is!
Here's my ladle and here's his ladle.
And here is the ladle we borrowed.
A cow's tail and a calf's tail etc...

The humour was provided by the Cadi and the Bili. **Bili** was the fool and always dressed to raise a smile. He was accompanied by **Cadi**, a man dressed in woman's clothing and a blackened face.

Leading the procession was the Garland bearer who carried **Y Gangen Ha** - a summer branch of blackthorn. During the week preceding the festival he would go around the parish with some of the dancers begging the loan of silverware for the branch. These days the branch is adorned with ribbons.

A musician, playing a fiddle or concertina ,would accompany the dancers and occasionally an animal would be present.

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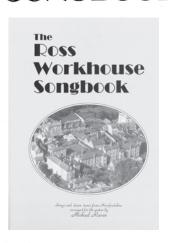
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- For further information: ffranses@btinternet.com

Thanks to Frances & Dawnswyr Delyn for this, & photos on p46.

• This article is also on <u>www.folklife-west.co.uk/cymru.html</u>, as are photos of *Dawnswyr Delyn*.

## Michael Raven's.....

# THE ROSS WORKHOUSE SONGBOOK - Transcriptions of al



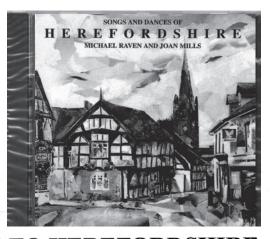
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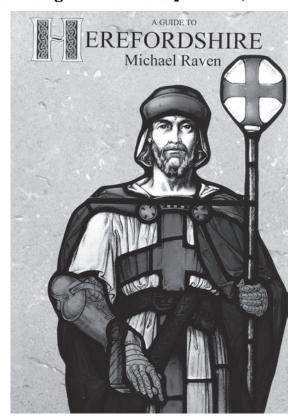
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#### ❖ List 9: S€ASONAL LOCAL C€L€BRATIONS: A LIST BY DOC ROW€

HUNGERFORD HOCKTIDE

ST GEORGES COURT

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#### APRIL, AND ... GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER

(1) HEPTONSTALL PACE EGG

❖ Gary Heywood-Everett 5/1/10: "I attend the Heptonstall Pace Egg every year on Good Friday"

#### MAY, & WHIT, & ASCENSIONTIDE

#### (1) MINEHEAD HOBBY HORSE

- \* Do come to Minehead for the Hobby Horse celebrations to welcome in the summer, protest about the "cow tax" (rather historic), frighten away the Vikings (even more historic), hear The Minehead Hobby Horse tune, and see the three horses, The Original, The Traditional and The Town Horse, each giving a warning on 30th April, and then see them meet at White Cross at 6 am on 1st May to welcome in the summer, and to hear the drums awaken the town. Also you can join in the "booty" on 3rd May, when some unsuspecting lass will be given "the boot" - a fertility rite or a punishment for not contributing to the pot(?) - see for yourself and then revelries - drinking and song until the horses are stabled until the next year.
- ❖ Eileen Ann Moore and Jim Parham 4/2/14

#### (2) RANDWICK CHEESE-ROLLING & RANDWICK WAP

Audrey Smith reported: "Cheese-rolling, 1st Sunday in May. The Wap (a fair), the following Saturday."

#### (3) HUNTING THE EARL OF RONE

- Custom reintroduced in 1974, which includes Hobby Horse and Fool, 'Grenadiers', music, drums and dancers and the Earl of Rone character. Processions take place throughout the weekend, culminating in full pageant on the Monday evening.
  - ❖ Tom & Barbara Brown
  - www.earl-of-rone.org.uk

#### (4) BISLEY WELL-DRESSING

- Audrey Smith reported: "Children from the Bisley Bluecoat School lay flowers at the Village Well".
  - We welcome articles on seasonal celebrations

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28<sup>th</sup> May deadline for 1 Jul **FQ** ... don't miss it!

#### APRIL, AND MAUNDY THURSDAY, PALM SUNDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER

SIR JOHN STOW QUILL PEN St Andrew Undershaft London 5th April or near PALM SUNDAY CAKES various (esp. Herefordshire) Palm Sunday HENRY TRAVICE CHARITY Manchester Maundy Thur Leigh SKIPPING Alciston Sussex Good Friday UPPIES AND DOONIES Cumbria GF/Tues & following Sat Workington MIDGLEY PACE EGG PLAY Calder Valley Yorks Good Friday West Yorks Good Friday [Gary H-E] Heptonstall HEPTONSTALL PACE EGG WIDOW'S BUN CEREMONY Bow London Good Friday BRITANNIA COCONUT DANCERS Bacup Lancs Easter Saturday Brighouse BRIGHOUSE PACE EGG PLAY W. Yorks Easter Saturday Battersea Park EASTER PARADE London Easter Sunday Easter Sunday CHURCH CLIPPYNG Radley Oxon Barwick-in-Elmet MAYPOLE LOWERING W Yorks Easter every 3 years HARNESS HORSE PARADE Regents Park Easter Monday London **EGG ROLLING** Preston Lancs Easter Monday **Dunstable Down** Easter Monday ORANGE ROLLING Beds CHULKHURST CHARITY DOLE Biddenden Easter Monday Kent HARE PIE SCRAMBLE & BOTTLE KICKING Hallaton Easter Mon Leics TUPENNY STARVERS St Michaels Bristol Tuesday after Easter MAIDSERVANTS CHARITY St Mary's Church House Reading Thursday after Easter 2nd Tuesday after Easter

Berks

Staffs

23rd April

Hungerford

Lichfield

MAY, & WHIT, & ASCENSIONTIDE (ASCENSION DAY IS 40 DAYS AFTER EASTER) WELL DRESSING Derbyshire various From Ascensiontide - Sept MAY-POLE RAISING Barwick In Elmet Yorks Whit/May 1st May Cornwall PADSTOW MAY DAY **Padstow** MINCHEAD HOBBY HORSE (1) Minehead Somerset 1st-3rd May JACK IN THE GREEN Hastings Sussex May Bank Holiday wk'end May BH weekend [Eds] **WELL DRESSING** Malvern Worcs RANDWICK CHEESE-ROLLING (2) 1st Sun in May Randwick Glos RANDWICK WAP Randwick Glos Sat after Cheese-rolling KNUTSFORD ROYAL MAY DAY Cheshire Knutsford First Saturday in May ICKWELL GREEN MAY DAY Ickwell **Beds** Saturday / Monday Cornwall HELSTON FLORA DANCE Helston 8th May ABBOTSBURY GARLAND DAY Abbotsbury Dorset 13th May ETWELL WELL DRESSING Etwell Derbys 2nd week in May Hayes Common 2nd Saturday in May MAY FESTIVAL Kent DUNTING THE FREEHOLDER Newbiggin by the Sea Northumberland Wed near 18th May West Midland Sunday near to 21st May CYCLISTS MEMORIAL SERVICE Meriden MAYORING DAY/HOT PENNIES Rve E. Sussex 23rd May BLESSING THE SEA Hastings E. Sussex End of May CASTLETON GARLAND DAY Castleton Derbys 29th May **GROVELY RIGHTS** Wishford Magna Wilts 29th May Chelsea Royal Hospital FOLINDERS DAY London 29th May ARBOR TREE Aston on Clun Salops 29th May **BAMPTON MORRIS DANCING** Spring Bank Holiday Bampton Oxon Spring Bank Holiday **HEADINGTON QUARRY MORRIS** Headington Oxon Combe Martin Spring Bank Holiday HUNTING THE EARL OF RONE (3) N Devon Cooper's Hill, Birdlip CHEESE ROLLING Glos Spring Bank Holiday W. Yorks MAYPOLE RAISING Barwick-in-Elmet Spring BH every 3 yrs 2014 Surrey DICING FOR MAIDS MONEY Guildford Mid-May [was late Jan] DOVERS GAMES Chipping Campden Glos Friday after Bank Holiday Chipping Campden Sat. after Bank Holiday SCUTTLEBROOK WAKE Glos PLANTING THE PENNY HEDGE Yorks Ascension Eve Whitby Derbyshire WELL DRESSING various From Ascensiontide - Sept **BEATING THE BOUNDS** Tower Of London London Ascension Day ev. 3yrs 2014 BISLEY WELL-DRESSING Bisley Glos Ascension Day

**BREAD & CHEESE THROWING** St Briavels DICING FOR BIBLES St Ives JUNE THAXTED MORRIS FESTIVAL Thaxted BLESSING THE BOATS Whitby APPLEBY FAIR Appleby BORDER RIDING Hawick ELECTION OF MAYOR OF OCK STREET Abingdon SELKIRK RIDINGS

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WELL DRESSING

Wicken

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Selkirk MIDSUMMER FIRES various YOULGREAVE WELL DRESSING Youlgreave TIDESWELL WELL DRESSING Tideswell WINSTER WAKES Winster CAKES AND ALE CEREMONY Bury St Edmunds RUSHBEARING Warcup WALKING DAY

Essex June / July N. Yorks June Cumbria 2nd week June **Borders** Fri after 2nd Mon in June Berks Saturday near 19th June **Borders** Third week in month Cornwall 23rd June Derbys Saturday near 24th June Derbys Saturday near 24th June Derbys Sat following Sun after 24 Jun Suffolk Last Thursday in June Cumbria 28th June Friday near 30th June Cheshire

Ascension Day

Ascension Day

Whit Sunday

Whit Sunday

Whit Monday

Northants

Derbys

Bristol

Cambs

Glos

#### Seasonal Local Celebrations ~ Photos

Listings, corresponding to these photos, will be found on p45 for England - Doc's photos on right. on p43 for Wales - as noted, below. All photos © contributors.

#### Cymru/Wales

GŴYL IFAN 13-15 Meh/Jun 2014

~ photos: front cover, right, below, from Dai James of Cwmni Dawns Werin Caerdydd





## Gŵyl Ifan By Dai James

This is the largest festival of its kind in Wales, attracting hundreds of dancers to Cardiff from all over Wales to parade through the streets of our capital city and raise the Summer Pole outside City Hall.

After the Welsh Folk Dance Society held its second summer festival in Cardiff in 1976, the idea of holding an annual folk dance festival in the capital was mooted. And so Gŵyl Ifan was born.

The festival has changed over the years, in length and location. The first Taplas (feast and dance) was held in Cardiff Castle before moving to Caerphilly Castle and City Hall. By now, the Taplas has moved to the Angel Hotel.

The custom of raising the Summer Pole has developed over the years. The pole was first raised at St Fagans National History Museum, then in front of the City Hall and also in Cardiff Bay.

But although there have been many changes, the nature and ideal of the festival remains the same, namely giving people the chance to meet and dance together and to welcome dancers from Wales and abroad. Over the years, Gŵyl Ifan has invited groups from the Celtic countries namely, Brittany, Cornwall, Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man and also from England, France, Germany, Japan, The Netherlands and Norway.

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- www.gwylifan.org Dai James, 02920 563 989
- This article, and an article on Cwmni Dawns Werin Caerdydd, the official Welsh folk dance team of Cardiff, are also on www.folklife-west.co.uk/cymru.html, in English and in Welsh.

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- ~ photos: below, from Frances Jones of Dawnswyr Delyn.
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MIDGLEY PACE EGG PLAY Good Friday



MINCHEAD HOBBY HORSE 1st May above photo © R James Parham, insert photo © J K [Sam] Simmons



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HARE PIE SCRAMBLE AND BOTTLE KICKING Easter Monday





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A.2 FOLK MUSIC, SONG & DANCE SOCIETIES, REGION.			247 2054		
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SW ® WREN MUSIC			7 53754 www.wrenmusic.co.uk		
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A.5 FOLK SONG SOCIETIES (for Folk Music Societies)					
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® TRADITIONAL SONG FORUM	Secretary: Martin Gr	debe 0145	2 523861		
A.8 FOLKLORE SOCIETIES		020	79/2 95/4		
<ul> <li>The FOLKLORE SOCIETY</li> <li>TALKING FOLKLORE</li> </ul>	Moderator: Steve Ro		<b>7862 8564</b> www.folklore-society.com ctp://groups.yahoo.com/group/TalkingFolklore		
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