



English Folk Music: Key Contacts, Organisations and Festivals

Bright Young Folk – Folk website

www.brightyoungfolk.com

'Keeping a beady eye on the bright young folk scene of the British Isles. Gig listings, reviews and full discographies.'

East Anglian Traditional Music Trust – Folk arts development agency

www.eatmt.org.uk

'The East Anglian Traditional Music Trust is a registered charity based in Suffolk, which aims to promote awareness of and participation in the folk music traditions of East Anglia.'

English Folk Dance and Song Society – National folk arts development agency

www.efdss.org

'The English Folk Dance and Song Society has, for over a hundred years, worked to record, develop and promote the folk music, dance, song and traditions of England. It also home to the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library – the national collection of folk related material.'

English Dance & Song - Magazine

eds.efdss.org

The quarterly magazine of the English Folk Dance & Song Society – available to non-members

Fellside Recordings – Record Company

www.fellside.com

'Fellside was established in 1976 and has grown to be one of the UK's leading independent, specialist record companies; the original label specialises in Folk, Traditional and Roots music.'

Folk Arts England – Folk arts development agency

www.folkarts-england.org

'Folk Arts England supports the development of those working in/for Folk Arts in England, promotes Folk Arts to audiences, artists and the arts, education and tourism sectors, widens participation in Folk Arts in England for audiences, artists and organisers, gathers and disseminate information to support its members and the growth of our sector.'

Folkus – Folk arts development agency

www.folkus.co.uk

'Folkus is the Folk Arts Network of the North West. FOLKUS is a folk arts organisation founded by enthusiasts to celebrate, support, and build upon the continuing vitality of traditional and contemporary folk music, song and dance within the North West region.'

Folkworks - Folk arts development agency

www.thesagegateshead.org/folkworks

'The Sage Gateshead's Folkworks programme aims to develop interest and practical involvement in traditional music, song and dance.'

Folk South West - Folk arts development agency

www.folksw.org.uk

'Folk South West is the folk arts development organisation for the South West of England - working to stimulate enjoyment, participation and creativity in the traditions of the South West.'

fRoots – Magazine

www.frootsmag.com

'The essential worldwide roots music guide'

The Magpie's Nest – Folk club and folk collective

www.themagpiesnest.co.uk

www.myspace.com/themagpiesnest

'Old Folk - Nu folk - No Folk'

The Morris Dance Associations

Morris Ring - www.themorrisring.org - representing male only sides

Morris Federation - www.morrisfed.org.uk – representing mixed sides

Open Morris - www.open-morris.org – representing mixed sides

Ryburn 3 Step – Folk development project

www.ryburn3step.org.uk

'Ryburn Three Step is an independent folk development project which organises a range of regular activities and special events. It is located in the Ryburn Valley, West Yorkshire.'

South East Folk Arts Network (SEFAN) – Folk arts network

www.sefan.org.uk

'Your 1st port of call for folk/roots information in South East England'

Spiral Earth – Folk website

www.spiralearth.co.uk

'The online hub for UK folk and roots music from trad folk to pastoral psychedelia....'

Topic Records – Record Company

www.topicrecords.co.uk

'Topic is celebrating 70 years of independence and great recorded folk music – traditional and contemporary folk music from English, Scottish and Irish folk singers and musicians.'

Veteran – Record Company

www.veteran.co.uk

'Veteran is one of the UK's leading CD labels specialising in traditional folk music from England and Ireland.'

Wild Goose – Record Company

www.wildgoose.co.uk

'WildGoose specialises in traditional folk music, particularly that of England.'

Wren Music – Folk arts development agency

www.wrenmusic.co.uk

'Wren's mission is to work with traditional music to inspire creativity and celebrate cultural identities.'

Folk Festivals

April:

Oxford Folk Festival – Oxfordshire - Central England
16-18 April 2010
www.oxfordfolkfestival.com

May:

Shepley Spring Festival – Yorkshire - North England
21-23 May 2010
www.shepleyspringfestival.com

Chippenham Folk Festival – Wiltshire – South West England
28-31 May 2010
www.chippfolk.co.uk

June:

Thaxted Morris Weekend – Essex – East England
4-6 June 2010
www.thaxtedmorris.org

Beverley Festival – Yorkshire – North England
18-20 June 2010
www.beverleyfestival.com

Big Session – Leicestershire – Central England
18-20 June 2010
www.bigsessionfestival.com

July:

Brampton Live – Cumbria – North West England
16-18 July 2010
www.bramptonlive.net

Trowbridge Village Pump Festival – Wiltshire – South West England
22-25 July 2010
www.trowbridgefestival.co.uk

Warwick Folk Festival – Warwickshire – Central England
23-25 July 2010
www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk

Cambridge Folk Festival – Cambridgeshire – East England
29 July-1 August 2010
www.cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk

Sidmouth Folk Week – Dorset – South West England
30 July-6 August 2010
www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk

August:

Broadstairs Folk Week – Kent – South East England
6-10 August 2010
www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk

Fairport's Cropredy Convention – Oxfordshire – Central England
12-14 August 2010
www.fairportconvention.com

Whitby Folk Week – Yorkshire – North East England
21-27 August 2010

Towersey Village Festival – Oxfordshire – Central England
26-30 August 2010
www.towerseyfestival.com

Shrewsbury Folk Festival – Shropshire – Central England
27-30 August 2010
www.shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk

September:

Fylde – Lancashire – North West England
3-5 September 2010
www.fylde-folk-festival.com

Bromyard Folk Festival – Herefordshire – Central England
10-12 September 2010
www.bromyard-folk-festival.org.uk

October

Baring-Gould Folk Festival – Devon – South West England
22-24 October 2010
www.baring-gould.co.uk

January

The Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival – Cambridgeshire – East England
www.strawbear.org.uk
Tbc January 2011

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