"The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion."

Thomas Paine (1737 - 1809)

One day the inhabitants of Planet Earth might all learn how to do good.

But, until that day comes,

lets all go with Herodotus the Greek (485bc)
"If a man insisted always on being serious,
and never allowed himself a bit of fun and
relaxation, he would go mad or become
unstable without knowing it."

So in this 'Season of Goodwill', as we embark into the journey of the unknown that is 2020

Let's all get deliberately, festively, unstable.

Cheers All!

SEASON OF PEACE

Season of Peace, ground snowy white We are at peace with each other tonight But in how many places, while we sit at ease Does the firing of guns break the silence of peace

CHORUS Season of Peace - Season of War When will these battles divide us no more Work for the day when all wars will cease And each day that we live is a season of peace

> But in how many places do people still fight Slave against master - Black against white Catholic and Protestant - Muslim and Jew Friend against Neighbour - me against you

Now on this earth ... So shattered and torn May our hopes be, like the season reborn May we work together for all that we're worth To bring a true season of peace on this earth

Thankyou for this song Si Kahn©

Here is a look back on some of the Peace through Folk events and projects 2012 to 2019 Cheers!





Impact report on the sell out two-day "Zero Carbon Britain" course in Leek, Staffordshire on October 31st & November 1st 2019

presented by Paul Allen

from

The Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)

Machynlleth

Organised by



and Peace through Folk

in association with representatives from,

Buxton & Leek Colleges, Extinction Rebellion Stoke, Leek Town Council,
Moorlands Climate Action, North Staffordshire Friends of The Earth, Staffordshire
Moorlands Green Party, Staffordshire Moorlands Labour Party, and Staffordshire
Moorlands District Council.

Day time venue

Churnet Room, Moorlands House, Stockwell St, Leek ST13 6HQ by kind permission of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Thursday evening venue
Foxlowe Arts Centre, Stockwell Street LeekST13 6AD

Programme

Delegate course fee £29 (£15 for 25 year olds and under)

'Peace Through Folk', C/O 1 North Street, Leek, ST13 8DW

*('Only One World' projects and activities are planned, delivered and administered by the Leek based Peace Through Folk NFP Trust as set out in their 2019 action plan - see www.peacethroughfolk.org).

Zero Carbon Britain Staffordshire Moorlands Course programme

Thursday 31st October

09.30 Registration and coffee /tea

10.00 Session one

The extraordinary story of human beings, energy and happiness

11.30 feedback

12.30 Lunch (bring in your own food to venue (tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available throughout)

14.00 Session two

The Zero Carbon Britain model - energy and land use

15.30 feedback

17.00 finish of afternoon session

19.00 for 19.30 start - (note change of venue to Foxlowe Arts Centre)

'What Now' the ZCB Concert - free admission to all ZCB course delegates see attached flier App i

The premiere of a show specially written, produced and performed live by Janet Russell and Jim Woodland, supported by The Peace through Folk Choir. The shows content relates very much to this Zero Carbon Britain event.

'- Culture in all its forms has a unique role in helping to generate evidence based optimism in which it can bring to life net zero solutions and, in the process, help to foster a stronger, more resilient society, united in a new positive sense of collective purpose.—
Paul Allen 14 July 2019 '- see https://www.cat.org.uk/culture-declares/

21.30 informal social session in Foxlowe Bar

22.30 (ish !) end of day 1

Friday 1st Nov

coffee /tea 09.30

10.00 Session four

Zero Carbon Britain Making it Happen

Feedback

Session five 11.15

Making plans for local action

(break out into groups)

12.15 Plenary - reports back so far

Lunch 13.30 - delegates to bring own food for lunch at the venue to enable Paul to host informal discussions.

14.00 Paul Allen Departs

Continuation of session five at 14.30

Making plans for local action

re-convene groups.

15.45 Plenary - reports back. Panel including members of Moorland Climate Action team

Course round up -16.30.

Course finish at 17.00 with farewell drinks (Roebuck or other hostelries)

To get involved now in the many projects that are flowing out from this Zero Carbon Britain course in Staffordshire Moorlands go to www.facebook.com/StaffsMoorlandsClimateAction where you will be able to sign up to receive the news letters from Moorland Climate Action. Or you can email MCA at staffsmoorlandsclimateaction@gmail.com

Impact report on the two-day "Zero Carbon Britain" course in Leek, Staffordshire

31st October & 1st November, delivered by Paul Allen from the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) in conjunction with Peace through Folk, and Moorlands Climate Action (MCA).

Preamble -

Leek is a small market town with approximately 25,000 inhabitants. It sits on the edge of the Peak District and is surrounded by mostly agricultural land and moorland.

The 50 plus delegates to this Zero Carbon Britain course were from Moorland Climate Action group, 'Only One World' a project of Peace Through Folk, Friends of the Earth and Climate Extinction groups from Stoke on Trent, Newcastle Under Lyme, and wider reaches of Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire. They were joined by members of Staffs Moorlands District Council, Leek Town Council, and Staffordshire County Council.

The primary purpose of Moorlands Climate Action (MCA) was to encourage Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to declare a Climate Change Emergency and it succeeded in this aim on 10th July 2019 with a unanimous vote by the councillors. MCA has now extended its role to include not only ensuring that the council acts on its declaration but also into other areas including sustainable living, rewilding and biodiversity, sustainable transport and sustainable housing, renewable energy projects, and community participation.

The Only One World Sessions are an informal group meeting monthly to share ideas on sustainable living and on ways to lessen our carbon footprint. Music and the arts have also been a key part of the role of these OOW sessions.

The Immediate Impact of CAT's Zero Carbon course in Leek has been profound -

Paul Allen's opening revelations were succinct. He made it clear that the technology already exists to drastically reduce carbon emissions to an acceptable level if humans were to change their ways of living. This energised delegates into flurries of enthusiasm to change their own lifestyles and lessen their carbon footprint.

They also looked at how they could cascade this fundamental message down to the wider community, in whatever ways they could and by means of whatever specialisms they possess.

In 'break out' sessions groups discussed ways in which they could 'make a difference' in their chosen specialism and then reported back into Plenary session. This was especially valuable in unleashing the energy and enthusiasm of the delegates inspired by Paul Allen as his lectures came to fruition. After two intensive days the room was literally 'buzzing' and commitments were made by everyone to get involved and make a difference.

Long term Impact expectations

- Delegates left the final day of the course determined to take positive action to work for a reduction in carbon emissions both as individuals and as pressure groups on local politicians in the town and district councils. The Zero Carbon course has palpably had the effect of super-charging climate emergency action in Leek and Staffordshire and this will have significant impact on this community and its environment.
- This course has lifted, inspired and motivated over 50 people who are now already acting with added vigour on a number of projects including, re-wilding, cultural development, review of policy on wind power in the Staffordshire Moorlands, better community relations on climate change issues, and political lobbying.
- Over 50 people are now focused on ensuring the delivery of a council promise of Zero carbon by 2030. Those numbers will now grow and will be powerful new voices of change in any future local or national elections.
- The 5 elected Councillors attended the course are now intent on putting pressure on the rest of the SMDC Climate Change Committee to make some real commitments on delivery of the agreement to achieve Zero Carbon in Staffordshire Moorlands

 District by 2030. This will include a demand for a day of ZCB training for all councillors of SMDC and a raft of measures listed in App ii. Failure to act will be highly visible and may well have its consequences in the ballot box.
 - "As a local District Councillor, it was heartening to spend time with like-minded people, committed to taking action to bring about Zero Carbon Britain. It was disappointing to me that 56 councillors were invited to attend yet only 5 did. No sign of our Cabinet member for Climate Change sadly! Nevertheless the 5 of us and our supporters will work tirelessly to make sure we move forward quickly on the issues at The District Council. Actions not words!!" Clir Mike Gledhill Labour Group Leader SMDC
- 14 course delegates were already members of CAT we expect that number to grow concurrent with visits to Machynlleth.

 There is already the intention to organise one or more coach trips to CAT, and we have had three enquiries for information from our course delegates who want to organise ZCB courses in their own home-towns.

A selection of the many quotations from ZCB Course delegates -

The course increased the local knowledge base, everyone learnt something new, and the presence of Town, District and County councillors must be good. Networking and working with new friends created a general shot in the arm, and a boost for activists. Hopefully, increased momentum for change at the personal level will eventually trickle up through all levels of society, businesses, institutions and governments globally. James F

I found the course very useful. I have read a lot recently about net zero targets being unfeasible and unrealistic, so I found it interesting to look in practical terms about how it could be achieved. Paul Allen clearly has a lot of expertise and is a good speaker. I also found it useful to meet people who are involved in local actions. Sarah B

Before the course I was feeling depressed about the future, and powerless to do anything, I couldn't see how we as individuals or as a society could do enough to make the changes required to manage climate change and to make a more sustainable world. By the end of the course, I had learned enough to now have hope for the future, and to know that I can do something positive. I have already been able to share some of the learning by engaging in more informed discussions with friends and family. I'm also now looking forward to getting more involved with local environmental volunteering. Wendy B

It was a brilliant two days. Very informative and interesting and left me feeling more hopeful for our future. While I was listening to the first part of Paul's course I was thinking EVERYONE should have to see this. It explains things so clearly and would certainly change the minds of the sceptics out there. It's impact on me was to give me renewed enthusiasm for the Action Group and impatient to get things done using many of the ideas and pointers Paul gave us to keep up the momentum. I still worry about the future for my grandchildren but have more hope and that is what this course taught me. I suspect a lot of others felt the same way too. Sally P

An amazing couple of days. Hope+Action=Happiness - Much more detail to follow Mike

Thanks so much for putting on that wonderful course last week - very uplifting to be amongst like-minded people, and I learnt a lot. I made some notes and suggestions for Buxton & Leek College (University of Derby), which I have shared with some senior managers. (PA - Full report available on request.) Rachel L – see App.iii

The course attracted a large group of serious minded individuals who all listened intently to Paul Allen's informative and well-

researched presentation.

We learned that there is actually an awful lot of support for zero carbon action in Leek and that people power can and will influence political decisions. Anne H

It was great to be on such an energising course with like-minded people who really want to get things done to create a zero carbon Britain. Thanks for the opportunity to attend. Charlotte A

So much energy and enthusiasm Mike O

An amazing course. Nice to meet so many like-minded people. Kate L

Thank you to all those who helped organise the two day Climate action course. It was uplifting, amazingly. Lots to get stuck into and positive ideas to spread around. Caroline B

It was a great two days. Thank you for inviting me Matt S

We completed our new show 'What Now!' just in time to present it to the ZCB course delegates on the Thursday evening. The songs and quotations seemed to go down well and Paul Allen and Penny Barfield were very helpful with their critiques.

Paul is a mine of information of course, and this input has inspired us to review the style of the show a little in order to bring out the

narrative in a more story telling style, and also to bring in the vision of a positive future, in order to underpin the call to action." Jim Woodland and Janet Russell

Paul Allen is one of the most powerful speakers I have ever heard - quiet, relaxed, methodical, forensic, focussed on evidence and most of all able to give an optimistic sense of 'it can be done'. Mike G

Is that Paul Allen? If so he's an amazing and inspiring speaker Sarah B

Final comment from Malcolm Hawksworth, head of the Peace through Folk Trust & principal organiser of ZCB Leek course.

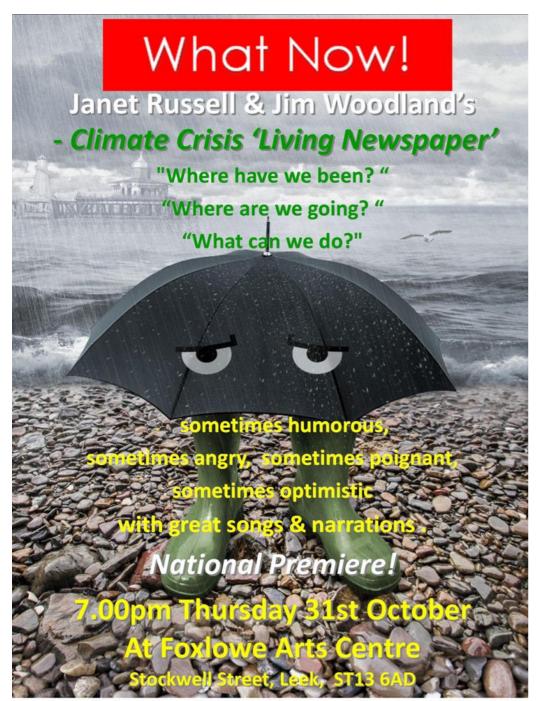
This event marks the conclusion of a seven year programme of over 40 events produced by Peace Through Folk.

My thanks to all the many people who have been with us on that journey. We all hope that we are leaving a small investment in the future of mankind. To find out what we might be up to next keep your eye on.

www.peacethroughfolk.org!

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Or phone or text 0749 473 8939



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Or direct from the Foxlowe Arts Centre - on line or in person.

What Now!

During the Zero Carbon Britain Course in Leek,

Janet Russell and Jim Woodland will be performing the Premiere of their new production

'What Now!

Not so much a concert more of a 'Living newspaper'
Supported by the Peace Through Folk Choir
With live songs and narration this inspirational show approaches the
Climate Crisis from a point of open curiosity -

"Where have we been? "

"Where are we going?

"What can we do?"

With a sometimes humorous, sometimes angry, sometimes poignant, sometimes optimistic look at the different angles people are coming from

- the climate change deniers,
- the people who stick their heads in the sand,
 - * the worriers,
 - the climate grievers
 - the doers.

The show will be quoting George Monbiot, Greta Thunberg, Zoe Williams, Ken Loach, and Tony Benn, amongst others, and include songs to provide perspective.

About Jim Woodland -

'Formidable & Powerful' (Tom Robinson)

'The most stimulating performance I've heard for a long time'

(The Guardian)

'Intense & Recommended'

(City Limits)

About Janet Russell -

"Janet Russell's arresting voice ... whose distinctive power and edge make dramatic listening"
(Tony Rose, The Guardian)

"Janet, I just wanted to let you know how moved everyone was by your version of "The Song of the Olive Tree".

(Leon Rosselson)

"Janet Russell is one of the Scottish folk scene's forgotten treasures"
(Rob Adams, the Glasgow Herald)

Admission tickets £10 (or £5 concessions) (ZCB Course delegates free)

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Great Get Together SPECIAL

"We are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us." Jo Cox MP 2016

Saturday 22nd June - 10.00am to 5.00pm 'Great Musical Get Together' & Garden Party



with an international mix of live music and songs, including Folk, Blues, Americana, Folk Punk, Finnish, and Estonian. Plus live portrait artists & crafts displays. And who knows what else!





Free Open Choir workshop

from 10.00am with Lester Simpson, and Penny Barfield (workshop spaces limited- to pre-book your place text or call 0780 552 9492)



Informal Sessions all day from 10.30am

with Matt Swindlehurst and friends including

Robbie Sherratt fiddler supreme, (from Leek & The Sibelius Academy, Helsinki)

Eva Väljaots, Kannel player (from Estonia, and the Sibelius Academy) other acoustic musicians and singers welcome



Afternoon concert from 11.30am

- The Peace Through Folk Choir
- 'Black Death' triplet girl folk punk band !







- Reg Meuross







it's going to be a Great Free Family Event celebrating all that unites us.

Chill out on the lawn; bring your rug (and big brolly if you have one...) Organised by Peace Through Folk with The Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek ST13 6AD

Free admission, Charitable bucket collection

please bring along a donation of an 'in date' food item (package or can) for Leek Food Bank. (Details correct on 19 June - check website www.peacethrough folk.org for latest information)

There really is Only One World so do something now

Last Friday of each month 6.00 til 9pm Haregate Community Centre Zero Carbon Britain Sessions - free admission

Discovering, enquiring, sharing, advising, learning and supporting each

Also, CAT and Paul Allen will be landing in Leek 31st October to deliver the two day course 'Zero Carbon Britain'. places limited - book early see overleaf for details.

Working together for a sustainable world (as well as enjoying, fun, good company and great craic) text 0780 552 9492 or email onlyoneworld2019@gmail.com

What ever you do do, don't do nowt

The Folk Gathering

Alstonefield Staffordshire DE6 2FR, Peak National Park 14th to 16th September 2018

Tickets Sold Out.

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www.thefolkgathering.org/

tickets.html

Or text us on

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Or email to

ptftickets@gmail.com

Artists confirmed so far -The Wilson Family, Pilgrims Way, Janet Russell, **Lester Simpson** Sound Tradition, Barrie & Ingrid Temple, Poacher, Tom Reid, The BirdScarers, Rick Ford, **Tom Perry & Clive Brooks** Brian Bull, Graham Bellinger, John Morris, The Mundys Son of a Gun, Peter Hopkins,

Hazel Richings,
Hector Gilchrist,
Stephen Edkins,
The Peace Through Folk
Choir

Esther Brennan & Ian Buchanan,

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Peace Concert, Alstonefield, Saturday 15th September 2018



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'Common Form' R. Kipling











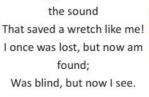












Amazing Grace -Amazing grace! How sweet



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing of Grace Than when we'd first begun.

(Grace - From the Greek Charis and Hebrew Chen - meaning a kindness given freely to someone who is unworthy)









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- 4 Home 5 Robins Song 6 I am not at war with anyone
- 7 Love calls me home 8 Sing about these hard times
- 9 Keep you in peace 10 Reconciliation 11 Only Remembered

for more information about 'Peace Through Folk'.

To join our choir or book us for an event

See www.peacethroughfolk.org

Beware! Over 90% of Tickets for The Folk Gathering, Alstonefield 14th to 16th September 2018 are already sold.

This will be the last of our series of centenary commemorative Folk Gatherings.



In honour of Jo Cox

Sunday 24th June - 12.00 noon to 10.30pm

At The Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek
a Garden Party & Picnic with Folk, Blues,
Americana, Songs and even Brass and Classical
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Great Free Family Event celebrating all that unites us.

Organised by Peace Through Folk with The Foxlowe Arts Centre - acts include

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Janet Russell with Silsden Singers & Settle Voices, Rick Ford, Kath Ord,

'Music Magic for Babies', Hilary and Phil Hands, Mike Gledhill,

Adam Coxon, Val Williamson, Jane Rushton, Dave Slater,

Esther Brennan & Ian Buchanan, Black Death, Denise Dryborough,

'Trouble at Mill', Ann and Tim Mundy, Derek Baker, Tom Perry and

Clive Brooks, Charles Walker, Steve Allen, Paul Johnson,

Midlands Salvation Army Youth Band, Rachel Bedford, Hazel Higham,

Scouts with Safe Archery, and much more!

Bring a rug or chair to sit on the lawn may be !
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I: Am I as offensive as I might be.

Hauptmann Van Horner, In trench traverse corner, Once heard what he thought

But he was mistaken Said Fritz Carl Von Haken, "I'll write to his widow, I know

her."

People We Take Our Hats Off To.

The person who re-introduced the sale of whisky in Pop.

The gallant C.O. who has just got his Brigade.

The officer in charge of the costume department of the Fancies.

The person who introduced the order forbidding Company Commanders to go beyond their front line trench.

The Editor of this earnest periodical. (Thank you SO much. ED.)



Things We Want To Know.

The name of the brunette infantry officer whose man got hold of the carrier pigeons, (sent to this celebrated Company Commander when his communications in the front line had broken down) and cooked them. Also who were his guests?

The name of the M.O. who attended one of the leading lights of the Fancies, and was overcome by her many charms.

The celebrated infantry officer who appears daily in the trenches disguised as a Xmas tree.

Why the dug-out of a certain Big Man is so much affected by subalterns of tender years, and if this has anything to do with the decorations on his walls.

The weekly wage bill at the Fancies.

R.B.

Lce. Cpl Albert Scrimshaw - 'Standing in Line'. Get to hear the whole story at
The Foxlowe 17.00hrs Sunday 12th November

Our respect and grateful thanks to the original Wipers team who graciously and posthumously granted us permission to adapt their work.

Editor Captain (later Lieutenant-Colonel) F. J. Roberts, MC, Sub Editor Lieutenant (later Lieutenant-Colonel) J. H. Pearson DSO, MC. Artilleryman Gilbert Frankau. E.J. Couzens and the P.B.I.

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Guest list so far

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(Lester Simpson, Barry Coope, Fi Frazer and Jo Freya)

Colum Sands, Steve Turner,
Tom Lewis, Anna Shannon,
Tom McConville,

The Birdscarers, Marie Little,

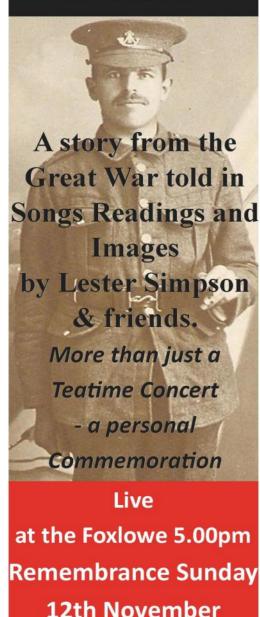
Tom Perry & Clive Brooks
Stephen Edkins,

The Laners, Rick Ford, Brian Bull Mark Robinson, John Morris, Peter Hopkins, Graham Bellinger, Pete Shirley & Esther Brennan

Sound Tradition
The Mundys,
Hazel Richings,
The Peace Through Folk Choir

Information correct at 1/2/2017 Changes may yet happen

STANDING IN LINE



'Standing In Line'

is a personal story from the Great War, specifically about Lance Corporal Albert Scrimshaw, Lester Simpson's great uncle who died at Passendale in October 1917.

Originally commissioned by 'Peace Concerts Passendale' it was premiered in Passendale Church, Belgium.

It was a trip to Belgium in 1994 that changed folk musician and BBC Radio Derby presenter Lester Simpson's perspective on the First World War forever



After being booked to perform music near to the scene of a bloody battle which took place in 1917, Lester remembered hearing of a relative who lost his life there

Research soon revealed that man to be Lance Corporal Albert Scrimshaw, Lester's great uncle.

Now, after many trips to Belgium and the Western Front, Lester reflects on the human cost of that 'war to end all wars' and sadly notes that those who survived the bitter conflict have all now passed on.



The performance is accompanied by a series of projected images and is centred around

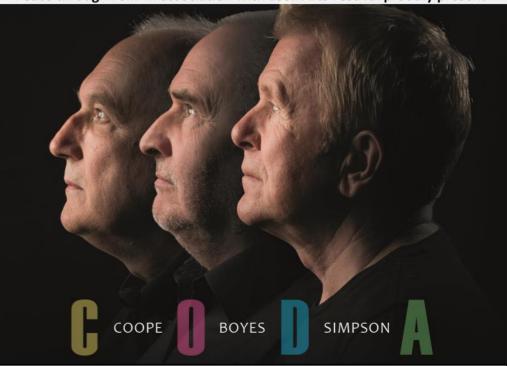
Lester's songs and also songs from the time. The narration includes poems by Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon. He rounds off the performance with some words of wisdom from Rudyard Kipling.

Supported by the Peace Through Folk Choir

5.00pm (doors open 4.30pm). on Remembrance Sunday 12th November at the Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek, ST13 6AD tickets £10.00 in advance or £12 at the door. online www.peacethroughfolk.org By phone 0780 552 9492

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- Coinciding with UN International Peace Day, we produce our Annual Folk Gathering with 'Peace Tent' reflecting also on the centenary of WW1 and the cruel waste & futility of war.
- We support artists, associated organisations, individuals, folk clubs and festivals who celebrate Peace, Friendship & Reconciliation and strive for social justice.
- We organise and promote The Peace Through Folk Choir.

see www.peacethroughfolk.org & our Youtube channels.

Peace through Folk Events Since 1994

We have organised and underwritten dozens of Events, Peace Concerts and Folk Gatherings.

We have planned and funded aid missions to UN refugee camps in the Sahara.

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Events in 2017

Thurs 11th May Coope Boyes and Simpson, 'CODA' Farewell Concert, with The PTF Choir. at Foxlowe Leek.

Sat 17th/Sun18th June, Peace through Folk Choir and others will be performing at 'The Great Get Together, Leek.

Fri 16th to Sun18th September The Folk Gathering, Peace Tent & Peace Concert, Alstonefield, SOLD OUT.

Saturday 11/11/ 2017 - Peace Day from 10.50am to 11.00pm. In Leek. Full programme culminating in a live performance of 'Standing in Line' by Lester Simpson and Company..



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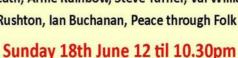
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Saturday 17th June 12noon till 10.30pm

Rick Ford, Phil Maddocks, The Mundys, The Rag Tag Band, Peter Branson, Cutts & Green, Adam Coxon, Wal Davies, Roy Heath, Arnie Rainbow, Steve Turner, Val Williamson, Jane Rushton, Ian Buchanan, Peace through Folk Choir.



Wal Davies, Phil Maddocks, The Mundys, Frances Naggs, Karen Pfeiffer & Paul Walker, Hilary & Phil Hands Esther Brennan & Ian Buchanan, Adam Coxon,



Charlie Walker, Rick Ford, The Loop.

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Provisional programme which may be subject to changes





'It'll all be over by Christmas ...?'

Remembering a promise made in 1914; as yet unfulfilled

and celebrating Peace, Friendship and Reconciliation with songs, music and film presented by Peace Through Folk, in aid of Foxlowe Funds

Sunday 11th December day and evening at Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek.

Featuring -

Janet Russell, The Peace Through Folk Choir, The Birdscarers,
Wal Davies, Steve Edkins, Rick Ford, Pete Shirley & Esther Brennan,
Pete Hopkins,
Ray Johnson,
Virginia Meir,
The Laners,
Malcolm Moger,
George Worth,
John Morris, & more guests,

1.00pm to 4.00pm 'At Home' - an informal afternoon session of songs and good cheer

- just good craic with a great bunch of singers and musicians (café open until 6.00pm, bar open throughout).

6.30pm Peace Through Folk Concert 2016

Featuring songs and films of commemoration, peace, friendship and reconciliation, about events of 100 years ago through to current conflicts with a special focus on ordinary innocent people – refugees, civilians, children!

Peace is for life, not just for Christmas.

Tickets £5 from The Foxlowe, Stockwell Street, Leek or phone 0780 552 9492. or on line at - www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk



Guest list so far

Bob Fox Tom McConville



Barry & Ingrid Temple











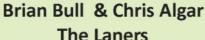
Sorry Tickets are all sold out for 2016 Gathering but a stand by list is in operation. For this and for useful information go to www.peacethroughfolk.org or phone us on 0780 552 9492







Winter Wilson Marie Little Tom Perry & **Clive Brooks**





Denise Dryburgh Peter Hopkins

Pete Shirley

Peace Through Folk Choir Phone 0780 552 9492 or email

thefolkgathering@gmail.com

Information correct at 1/2/2016. Changes may happen





The Folk Gathering

Alstonefield Staffordshire DE6 2FR, Peak National Park 16th to 18th September 2016





















Saturday 27th Feb Free Folk 'SpringSing' & Party

Longsdon Memorial Hall,

Near Leek, ST9 9QF

1.00pm to 12.00 midnight



with Lester

Simpson

Plus - The PeaceThrough
Folk Choir

Plus SteveTurner



Celebrating

Reconciliation

Peace Friendship 8

launching his new album 'Spirit of the Game'

provisional programme

1.00 pm afternoon choir workshop with Lester Simpson

3.00pm informal afternoon of singing, mirth, & good company hosted by Val and Jane
7.30 pm Steve Turner's album launch

8.00 - 'At Home' an evening of songs with Lester Simpson, the choir, & many guests.
11.00 Survivors singaround

Bring your own booze and food.

Free admission tickets for all folkies-

This event will be our chance to say thank you to the Folk Music community for supporting

The Folk Gathering and other Peace through Folk events.

We will also celebrate recent activities including £1000 worth of Charity presentations for 2015, publication of 'Rebuilding the Roof of the World' Himalayan Charity Recipe Book, World wide streaming of the film 'Out of Darkness Into Light.'

Reserve your free tickets in advance by email to peacethroughfolk@gmail.com or phone 0780 552 9492

Very close camp site with hook ups at Hilwyn Farm, phone 07891496 245

Hotels and B & B are also available. & Indoor camping available for Sat 27th

Excellent meals available in 'The Wheel' pub next to the hall. To book - phone pub on 01538 385012

Singing for a Happy, Harmonious & More Peaceful 2016!





A celebration of singer songwriters.

Organised by Peace through Folk as part of Leek Blues Festival and Live Age Festival, at the Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek

Sat 1st Oct pre event singaround folk singers social evening, 8.00pm Free admission Bucket collection

Sun 2nd October Main event

Free admission Bucket collection

12 noon **Harmony singing workshop and concert** with The Peace through Folk Choir

3.00 pm to 6.30pm Songsmiths Forum with



Hissyfit

(Hazel Richings and Linda Kelly)

Rick Ford, Peter Shirley, Birdscarers,

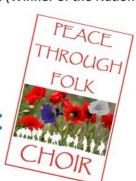
Val Williamson, Jane Rushton (Winner of the National

Songwriters trophy 2016), Rosie Rushton Jazz Stephens, Richard Watson, Farnham Haywood, Duncan Bourne, Mike Gledhill, Derek Baker + others Followed by-



With Hissyfit and friends

Then a final singaround from 9.30pm





On February 27th we will be launching 'Rebuilding the roof of the world' the latest of MikeTownend's recipe books sponsored by Peace through Folk. Price £5

The money raised from the sale of these books and from Nepalese Food Nights at events throughout the UK will go to Community Action Nepal (www.canepal.org.uk) a charity set up by Doug Scott MBE to tackle critical issues facing the Nepalese People.

Out of Darkness Into Light

'Out of Darkness into Light' was performed live as a onetake dramatised documentary in Leek, Staffordshire on April 24th 2015, - the 100th anniversary of the start of the Turkish genocide against Armenians.

Through spoken word, music and film the documentary traced a thread of evil of genocide and war crimes from Armenia in 1915 to Syria and ISIS today.

This is balanced with a celebration of mankind's capacity for goodness, reconciliation, kindness and decency through the stories of ordinary people as well as those who are better known - such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Ghandi, the Dalai Lama and Malala Yousafzai.

Music includes the traditional Armenian duduk played live by Tigran Aleksanyan and songs performed by the Phoenix Singers, the Bird Scarers, Peace through Folk Choir, Brian Bull, Kate Ridley, Rick Ford, & special Guest Ara Nahabedian

On Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm filmed highlights from the show will be screened at Stoke Film Theatre, College Road, Stoke,

ST4 2EF. Free admission.

A Peace through Folk Production

In 2015 we made a pledge that we would cover our event costs and make donations to charities working on the frontline with the problems being faced by refugee children.

On Feb 27th at The Peace through Folk 'SpringSing' over £1,000 will be presented to -

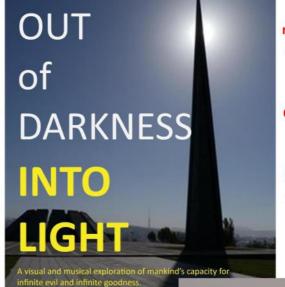








And in due course The Malala Fund when they are able to accept a UK donation.



Performed live on Friday 24th

on the centenary of the start of

Profits from sales

of the DVD will go

to our nominated

charities.

Or view this show

free on Youtube -

follow this link-

the Armenian Genocide

www.peacethroughfolk.org

April 2015

Friday 24th April 2015 was a memorable evening, captured live and now available on DVD price £9.95 direct from Malc, Rick or

Or you can order by post Cheques for £12.00 (inc P & P) payable please to 'Peace through Folk' 1, North Street, Leek, ST13 8DW. Or buy online from Staffordshire Film Archive follow this link

OUT OF DARKNESS



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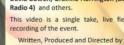
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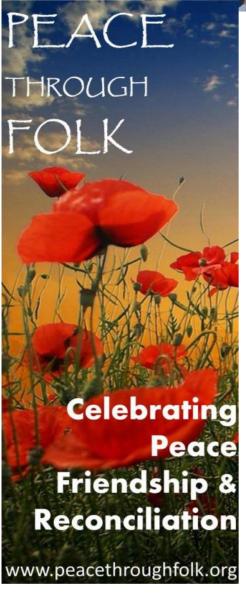














at The Roebuck, Leek,
Thursday 1st Oct Free admission

(to book your free seats for the evening see www.liveagefestival.co.uk)

An Informal Afternoon of songs, music + Leek Morris followed by an Evening Concert featuring - The Laners, Rick Ford,

Peace through Folk Choir, Brian Bull & Chris Algar, Peter Hopkins,

Kate Ridley, Val Williamson & Jane Rushden.

Thursday 23rd April

'A Day's Work'

Mick Ryan's folk opera at Stoke Rep Theatre.

Mick Ryan, Paul Downes, Pete Morton, Matt Quinn, Heather Bradford, and

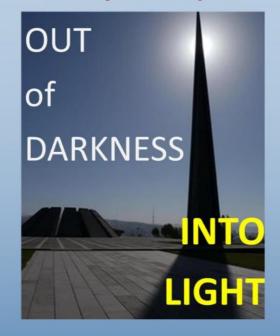


BBC Folk award winners

Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar

The story of a group of farm labourers,
members of a mummers' team, who join
up, or refuse to join up, and meet finally on
the first day of The Somme.

Friday 24th April



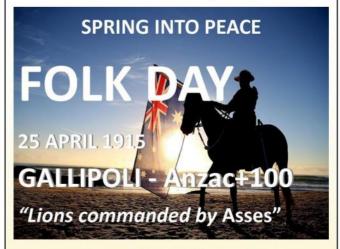
at Trinity Church, Leek

 a live documentary with music marking the centenary of the Armenian genocide and all that has happened since.

With the music of the Duduk by
Tigran Aleksanyan and songs from
Phoenix Singers, Birdscarers, Peace through
Folk Choir, Brian Bull, Rick Ford, and more.

Free Tickets!

Sat 25th April.



Longsdon Hall, Leek

Martyn Wyndham Read,
Lester Simpson & The Peace Choir,

Birdscarers, The Laners, Brian Bull,
Pete Shirley Rick Ford, & more
songs and music reflecting heroic roles
played in the Great War by
Commonwealth people of all faiths and
creeds. - a celebration of peace, goodwill
and reconciliation which will also contain
some cracking good singing

___ ... Spring into Peace Festival, North Staffordshire 23rd to 25th April 2015

see www.peacethroughfolk.org or phone 01538 360256 or 0780 552 9492 for tickets & full details

All profits made will be donated to - The Malala Fund, and the emergency appeals of UNHCR, Save the Children and War Child.

The Folk

Gathering

Alstonefield Staffordshire DE6 2FR, Peak National Park

18th to 20th September 2015

The Wilsons Tom McConville Pete Morton

Mike Wilson

& Damien Barber

Barry & Ingrid Temple

Janet Russell

Bertie Draycott

John Morris

Birdscarers

Rick Ford

Nine Tenths Below







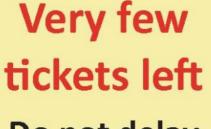












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or direct from Lorna, Wal or Malc

or Phone 0780 552 9492



Jim Radford Mark Robinson Pete Shirley Tom Perry &

Clive Brooks Poacher
Paula Ryan
Peace Through Folk Choir
Brian Bull & Chris Algar



And more!







Spring Into Peace Folk Day

at Longsdon Hall



An afternoon and evening of workshops and concerts with music and song in celebration of Peace, Goodwill and Reconciliation

Longsdon Memorial Hall, Longsdon, Nr Leek, ST9 9QF



On the centenary of The Gallipoli Landings, this day will include songs and music reflecting on the cruel futility of all wars and the heroic roles played in the Great War by Commonwealth people of all faiths and creeds. It will be a celebration of peace, goodwill and reconciliation and also contain lots of cracking good Folk Music featuring

Martyn Wyndham-Read

The Birdscarers, Rick Ford, Brian Bull, The Laners,
Pete Shirley, Pete Hopkins, Peace Through Folk Choir and others.

Full day tickets £12 each or group rate—£10 each for 10
- Afternoon only tickets £6 - Evening only £8
from www.peacethroughfolk.org or phone 01538 360256 or 0780 552 9492



At Trinity Church, Derby Street, Leek. 7.00 for 7.30pm







From Armenia 24th April 1915 to Syria today via Ukraine, The

Holocaust, Cambodia, Bosnia, Darfur, Rwanda, Palestine and all points in between

with traditional Armenian Duduk music played live by Tigran Aleksanyan, plus performances by Phoenix Singers,



Birdscarers, Peace through Folk Choir, Brian Bull, Rick Ford, Ray Johnson, Virginia Meir, Jackie Redgewell, David Bowen & others

A dramatised live documentary about Genocide and War crimes perpetrated by mankind on mankind, and

Celebrating reconciliation and the goodness, & decency that mankind is also capable of.

ERFE TICKETS available from www.peacethroughfolk

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APRIL 24, 1915



1.5 MILLION









Manifold

Folk

Gathering Alstonefield Staffordshire DE6 2FR, Peak National Park

19th to 21st September 2014

All weekend ticket £32

For details & ticket order form see www.manifoldfolk.co.uk or phone 0780 552 9492

Or email manifoldfolk@gmail.com

Dogs with well behaved owners on leads welcome in all venues!



Maggie Boyle & Paul Downes

Lucy Ward

Pete Morton

The Cannons Anna Shannon

<u>Hissyfit</u>

Piva

9/10ths Below

Steve Turner

Birdscarers

Rick Ford

Pete Shirley Brian Bull

John Williams

Poacher

The Laners

John Morris & Denise Smith

Songbirds

Herbs & Leekies MC's Ken Hall &

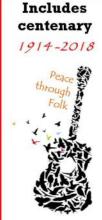
Dave Howdon, Ted and Lin Hulse











International
Day of Peace
concert
celebrating
peace,
reconciliation
fellowship
and
goodwill























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'1914 - 2014 - In Celebration of Peace'

A festival in celebration of the power of peace, reconciliation and goodwill through folk songs, music and verse

- supported by -

Leek Quakers, Foxlowe Arts Centre, Foxlowe Sessions, Peace Through Folk, British Legion, Herbs & Leekies Folk Club, etc.

Foxlowe Arts Centre, Market Place, Leek,

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April 2014

Saturday 5th Songs and Music

Afternoon programme of song workshops, singarounds & concerts featuring local artists

Evening concert 7.30pm featuring

Janet Russell

supported by
The Bird Scarers, Rick Ford, Pete Shirley



Sunday 6th - Poetry, Prose and Films with Songs

Afternoon -1.00pm until 5.00pm -

Roger Elkin & Pamela Brough Sandiford, Phil Edmeades,

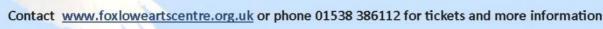
Evening concert 7.30pm

Pack Horse Poets, Leek Writers, and Borderland voices plus -

JOURNEYS

~ scenes in songs', images and film -

The premiere of Rick Ford's new show featuring his own songs live with film by Ray Johnson







'JOURNEYS'

LIVE PERFORMANCE & FREE SCREENING

> SONGS BY RICK FORD

FILM BY RAY JOHNSON

WEDNESDAY MAY 7

AT STOKE FILM THEATRE

College Road, Stoke, ST4 2EF

Bar open 7.00 - show starts at 7.45





Manifold Valley Folk Gathering

Alstonefield, Staffordshire, DE6 2FR, Peak National Park
20th to 22nd September 2013



- includes the launch of a four year centenary commemoration-

Peace - 14 - 18*

-celebrating peace, reconciliation and fellowship through performing arts







His Worship and the Pig Birdson Bill Whalley and Rick For Pete Street Flossie Malavialle Sons Keith Donnelly Clogg Marie Little Anna Hissyfit Shanr Piva Brian Festival Ceilidh Band John 9/10ths Below William

Trim Rig and a Doxy
Birdscarers
Rick Ford
Pete Shirley
Sons of
Clogger
Anna
Shannon
Brian Bull
John
Williams









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Manifold Valley Folk Gathering

September 14th to 16th 2012

at the

Manifold Inn, Hulme End, SK17 0EX
Peak National Park

Hulme End 2012 promises to be one amazing weekend the programme will include concerts, singarounds, sessions, workshops, ceilidh, English Roots Music, and so much more. Acts booked so far include -

Harvey Andrews
The Wilson Family
Piva
Les Barker
Nine Tenths Below
Birdscarers
The Festival Ceilidh Band.

plus much more.

There is also going to be space in the programmes of each day for all who want do a spot in a singaround or session, to dance or just have a great friendly folk weekend at possibly the most beautiful little folk gathering in Britain..

limited numbers of tickets - £18 Sat and Sun, £22 all wlend (plus £8 for Friday Ceilidh)
Camping £3.50 per person per night, phone 01298 84537 for hotel accommodation

Contact Wally, Lorna or Malcolm for more details. 0780 552 9492 website www.manifoldfolk.co.uk e mail - manifoldfolk@gmail.com