



We are delighted to welcome you to this year's festival, particularly as this year is a landmark, being our **TENTH** annual event. Michty, how the 10 years have passed in the blink of an eye; but ye ken, finn yer among freens, time flees past!

In the midst of the happiness however, we must record the desperately sad passing of our much loved and respected colleague, Douglas Prosser. As well as being a valued Festival Board member and Treasurer, Douglas was an entertainer par excellence, and most of all, a real gentleman. Sleep well, good friend.

As in all our previous nine festivals, **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** is unique in its involvement of as many local communities as possible. We are not based in one town with venues within walking distance of each other, but rather the whole purpose of our being is to provide a catalyst to engender a distinct hands-on action and re-action across the North-east of Scotland. At the time of writing this welcome we already have close on 60 events this year, right across the North-east map.

We really believe the Festival this year has something for just about everyone! You will be able to sample the very best of singers, musicians, orators, actors, poets, good company and great scenery over the festival fortnight. As this is our **TENTH** Festival we will whet your appetite by mentioning a few of the treats on offer. *Steve Robertson at 70:- Anne Lorn Gillies at Fyvie Castle & Castle Fraser:- The Tap Ten Cornkisters!; Innovative Bus Tour linking Sangs, people and places:- Storytelling for all ages:- Dance and Fiddle workshops:-* and many more.

We are very conscious of the need to keep the Doric to the forefront, to encourage the use of the language both orally and in print, and to preserve our fine North-east heritage and traditions, particularly we want to see our youngsters encouraged, by parents and teachers alike (and not forgetting politicians!). By presenting the opportunity that is the Doric Festival, we hope we are playing our part too.

By the time you read this **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** will have its own web site. Please visit us there, the address is given elsewhere in the programme.

With thanks to all who have helped to make the **TENTH** Festival possible, may we close now by wishing you, the customer, the very warmest of Doric welcomes. You too can help to wave the Doric flag by being there!



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Board Chairman



Sandy Stronach  
Festival Director  
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[www.thedoricfestival.com](http://www.thedoricfestival.com)

**THE DORIC FESTIVAL** is pleased to announce that in addition to our quality programme we are in the process of setting up a web page to better communicate with our potential audiences, with our event organisers and with our friends beyond the Scottish borders. The new web page will be available from mid September 2003. **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** gratefully acknowledges a grant from Awards for All which has made our new web page possible.

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**Event 1**

*"The saut an the glaur":*  
**Peter Buchan and David Taulmin**  
Boddam Library

**Event 2**

*Livin the Fishin*  
Cairnbulg Library

**Event 3**

*"Doric: A way of life" -*  
**photographs, poetry and prose**  
New Pitsligo Library

**Event 4**

*William Thom,*  
**The Inverurie Poet**  
Newmachar Library

**Event 5**

*"Big Hooses o the Nor-east"*  
**-photographs, poems and prose**  
Aboyne Library

**Event 6**

*"The Lilt o the Lan"*  
Banchory Library

Saturday 27th September 7.30 pm

Event 7

*"The Greig-Duncan Celebration Ceilidh" -*

NEW DEER HALL

To celebrate the completion of the publication of the The Greig - Duncan Folk Song Collection with North-east singers including:- **Jock Duncan**, **Anne Ried**, **Geordie Murison**, **Gordon Easton**, **Robert Lovie**, **Stanley Robertson**, **Sheena Blackhall**, **Barbara-Ann Burnett**, **Lindy Cheyne**, **Tom McKean**, **Katherine Campbell**, and others! **Special guest: Emily Lyle** (Senior Editor of the Collection)

**Plus Dancing to the 'Greig-Duncan Ceilidh Band'**

Organised by the Friends of The Elphinstone Institute,

Supported by TMSA (Aberdeen Branch), Buchan Heritage and the School of Scottish Studies Archives, University of Edinburgh.

**Tickets £4 Concession £2 from The Elphinstone Institute 01224 272996 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Friday 3rd October 7.30 pm

Event 8

*"Grand Opening Concert"*

DR.SPENCE MEMORIAL HALL,UDNY GREEN



Jack Webster

The **Tenth** Doric Festival opens with three prominent sons of the Northeast, who will present their thoughts on the Doric and the Northeast culture in their inimitable styles. They will later form a panel to fend off with brilliant repartee and wit piercing questions from YOU, the audience. They are:- **Jack Webster**, retired journalist and broadcaster, who has interviewed Presidents, Heavyweight Boxing Champions and a hundred others, bit his bidden a NE loon aye pleased tae be back home. **Charlie Allan**, another Journalist and broadcaster, songwriter, retired fairmer, MCC cricketer and cyclist, who occasionally cleans toilets in his spare time. **Robbie Shepherd**, MBE, yet another writer and broadcaster! one-time Accountant, Prize-winning Sweetpea grower, a Garlogie loon fiercely proud o his North-east heritage.

Music will intersperse the evening from the electrifying **Fochabers Young Fiddlers**. Vibrant arrangements of NE music by leader **James Alexander** would even set the feet of statues tapping!

**Tickets £6 concession £4 from George Bruce 01651 843484 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Charlie Allan



Robbie Shepherd

Friday 3rd October 7.30 pm

Event 9

*"Gran Doric Nicht"*

KIRKTON HALL, DURRIS

**Fred Davidson** and Freens'll gar the rafters ring wi singing, music an dancing, nae tae mention laughter. Mak yer wye tae the Kirkton Hall for a richt guid nicht wi tay an pieces at hauf time!

**Tickets £4 Concession £3 disabled access**

**Tickets from Sheila Watt 01330 844613**

Friday 3rd October 7.30 pm

Event 10

*"Doric at the Muggart"*

MUGGARTHAUGH HOTEL

The new proprietors at The Muggarthaugh have for the first time organised a concert for the festival. A gran nicht's enjoyment is guaranteed when **Gaye Anthony & Trish Norman**, singers, are joined by **Alex Green**, tin whistle maestro, **Madeline Miller**, accordion, **Edie and Ethel**, cleaners fae Kemnay, and all are kept in check by **Sandy Michie**, storyteller and tonight's MC.

**Tickets £5 concession £4 disabled access**

**Tickets from Ian & Karen Strachan, Muggarthaugh 019755 81227 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Friday 3rd October 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Event 11

*"Storytelling Collieshangie"*

CASTLE FRASER

(collieshangie - animated conversation)

A real evening's get together, sharing stories, poems and sangs as weel as the odd bit of music. Come along and hear **Jake Simpson**, **Phyllis Goodall** and ither Doric voices or even tell a tale or sing a song yourself. Please contact Jackie Ross 013398 86039 for details OR gas\_story@hotmail.com for more information.

**Tickets £3.50 Concession £2 from Jackie Ross 013398 86039 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

**Saturday 4th October 10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

**Event 12**

**Environmental Workshop with John Hamilton**

**BENNACHIE CENTRE**

**John Hamilton** has a special interest in stories which link with the environment and is currently in receipt of a Scottish Arts Council grant to explore the use of story in environmental education. In this workshop he will share a little of the theory and a lot of the fun of environmental storytelling!

Participants will leave with ample ideas on how to use a story to as a means of getting across environmental issues, with examples of suitable stories and where to find them.

A fun-filled day of activities to excite your imagination and teach you some 'green' tales is guaranteed.

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Tea / coffee available but bring your own packed lunch. Numbers limited so **BOOK EARLY!** Disabled access

**Cost: £15 Concessions £10 G.A.S. members' discount applies.**

**Tickets from Jackie Ross 013348 86039 OR The Bennachie Centre OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

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**Stravaig wi Sangs**

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**Tours are arranged for Saturdays 4th & 11th October**

**Saturday 4th October 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

**STRAVAIG wi SANGS roon Inverurie**

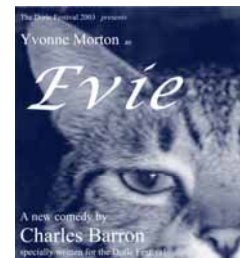
This tour will leave from the Railway Station, Inverurie at 1pm and travel round Bennachie, Harlaw, Burreldale, Udney and Oldmeldrum returning at approximately 5pm. Songs performed will include, *The Banks o Inverurie*, *Gin I were far Gadie rins*, *The Battle o Harlaw*, *The Moss o Burreldale*, *Bonnie Udney*, *Geordie Morris's Bothy ballads at his old pub in Oldmeldrum*. And you can hear tales of characters like *Jamie fleeman (Laird o Undy's Feel!)*

**Ticket £6 on the Ballad Bus OR in advance from THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



**Saturday 4th October 7.30 pm**

**Event 14**



Friday 10th October Gracie Gibbon Centre  
Thursday 16th October Memorial Hall, Udney  
Friday 17th October Kemnay Village Hall

**"EVIE" by Charles Barron**

**DALRYMPLE HALL, FRASERBURGH**

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Evie is played by Aberdeen actress, **Yvonne Morton**.

"Evie" was specially written for the Doric Festival, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.



**Tickets £5 from Dalrymple Hall 01346 518761 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

**Saturday 4th October 7.30 pm**

**Event 15**

**Variety Concert**

**AULD KIRK, CLATT**

The rafters of the Auld Kirk will ring the hale nicht wi music and mirth when the concert party strikes up.

Come hear **John Bone**, former All Scotland Accordion Champion; **Gaye Anthony** and **Trish Norman**, singers / songwriters, **Ann Ross**, recitations, **Jimmy Simpson**, compere.

**Tickets £5 concession £3.50 from Lachlan Rhodes 01464 831462 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

**Saturday 4th October 7.30 pm**

**Event 16**

**"Paul & Jim in Concert"**

**ROYAL HOTEL, KEITH**

**Paul Anderson**, one of Scotland's best fiddler and traditional music composer, teams up

with **Jim Reid**, singer, song writer, musician, to provide one of the highlights of the festival. This pair make a wonderful musical combination having toured Ireland together and played in countless gigs throughout Scotland.

We in the Doric Festival are delighted that they have come together for this event and we strongly urge you to come to the Royal for a royal night's entertainment!

**Tickets £6 Concession £4 from The Royal Hotel 01542 886978 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Sunday 5th October 9.30 am

Event 17

*"Vintage Ploughing Competition and Farm Day"*

FARMTONALFORD

(SIGNPOSTED FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF ALFORD)

Come and watch experts in the craft of ploughing, using ploughs of all ages and types, along with vintage and up-to-date tractors. There may also be some ploughing with horse, (subject to availability and ground conditions). Ploughing commences at 9-30 am.

Admission includes entry to the Alford Heritage Centre with its very comprehensive collection of tools, implements of by-gone days.

**Tickets (available at the gate) £2 children 60p disabled access**



Sunday 5th October 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Event 18

*Jock's Challenge: Storytelling Competition for under 18s*

BENNACHIE CENTRE

A chance for young storytellers to show off their talents under the listening ear of 'Jock the Giant'.

Prizes will be awarded for the best stories by Primary and Secondary pupils. A special prize will be awarded for the best story in Doric.

Please contact Jackie Ross 013398 86039 for details OR gas\_story@hotmail.com for more information.

**Tickets £2.50 Concession £1 or £5 Family (Free to competitors) disabled access**

Organised by the Grampian Association of Storytellers in Association with The Aberdeenshire Ranger Service and The Elphinstone Institute.

Sunday 5th October 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Event 19

*A Boorich o Beasties: Animal Tales & Songs for all the Family*

BENNACHIE CENTRE

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of animal songs and tales. A Doric Carnival o Animals wi Ringmaster Sheena Blackhall.

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**Tickets £2.50 Concession £1 or £5 Family disabled access**

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Sunday 5th October 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Event 20

*(Continues on 19th & 26th October; 2nd & 9th & 16th November)*

*Ceilidh Dancing Classes*

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, WESTHILL

Dance has always played an important part in the heritage and culture of the North-east and to reflect the growing interest in all the old-time dances (Gay Gordons, square dances etc) classes have been arranged.

Even if you have done these dances before, you can up-date your dancing technique under the expert tutelage of Pam Dignan. These classes will run for six weeks, at the same time and place, so book a place now!

**Cost only £3 per evening.**

There will be a celebratory dance in the Westhill Hotel on 21st November 2003

Details from Pam Dignan 01224 741078

Tuesday 7th October 3.00 pm

Event 21



*Kittlyneuk's Hairst*

STRATHBURN HOTEL

Keek into Kittlyneuk's kitchen noo aat e hairst's aa bye an ye'll hear **Paul Anderson**, Scotland's Best fiddler, wi **Jim Reid**, singer / songwriter, late of the Foundry Bar Band an **Sandy Stronach**, griever.

**Tickets £3 concession £2 from The Strathburn Hotel  
01467 621655 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Wednesday 8th October 7.00 pm

Event 22

*"A Couthie Forenicht"*

HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY

An informal and licht-haired evening o readings by THREE very local Doric writers:-

**Phyllis Goodall; Jimmy Simpson and Margaret Grant.**

Entries to a children's Doric Poetry competition will also be heard and judged during the evening by the Huntly writers.

**Tickets £3 Concession £2 from Deveron Arts 01466 794494**

Wednesday 8th October 8.00 pm

Event 23

*Doric Nicht*

BENNACHIE CENTRE

A programme o Doric Readins an Sangs wi Scottish Music. Members fae the audience will be invited ta participate.

**Admission FREE, but tickets should be obtained beforehand as numbers are limited.**

Contact: Algy Watson 01464 851611 Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday 8th October 7.30 pm

Event 24

*“Oor Tenth Doric Sampler”*

MONYMUSK ARTS CENTRE

The Monymusk Centre has been outstanding in its support of the aims of the Festival and in encouraging youngsters to perform. Once again the sampler carries on with another celebration of our heritage of language, song and music.

Among those appearing are: **Jim Reid**, singer, song writer; **Lorna Alexander**, Scots poems and stories; **Monymusk & Keig Children**; A group of performers from **Kemnay Academy** and **Alford Academy Brass Ensemble**

**Tickets £5 Friends £4 Children under 14 £1 disabled access**

**Tickets from: Monymusk Stores, THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE or Aberdeen Booking Office**



Wednesday 8th October 8.00 pm

Event 25

*“Session of Songs, Music and Stories”*

VALE HOTEL, FVYIE

Fyvie Folk Club will host this session of song, music and stories, and invites performers outwith the club to come along and join in. The session runs from eight till late.

**FREE ENTRY** disabled access

Thursday 9th October 7.30 pm

Event 26

*“Strathbogie Junior Fiddlers”*

MONYMUSK ARTS CENTRE

Another guid nicht’s entertainment from a very talented group of youngsters from Huntly. When we hear playing like this we can be assured at least the great fiddle heritage of the North-east is in good hands.

**Tickets £5 Friends £4 Children under 14 £1 disabled access**

**Tickets from: Monymusk Stores OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE or Aberdeen Booking Office**

The Floer O’ Strathearn

*Carolina Oliphant (Lady Nairne)*

“The lady is by far Scotland’s most enduringly popular song-writer after Burns.”  
(David Daiches: *Companion to Scottish Culture*.)

A contemporary of Robert Burns, Lady Nairne wrote exclusively in her native Scots tongue. Her songs include “*Will ye no come back again*”, “*Charlie is my darling*”, “*The Rowan Tree*”, “*The Land o’ the Leal*”, “*The auld hoose*”, “*Caller Herring*”, “*The Laird o’ Cockpen*” and many more. Born in Perthshire, and a great friend of the great Gow fiddling family, **Carolina Oliphant (Lady Nairne)** as she later became) wrote anonymously throughout her life. After taking up residence in Edinburgh she began publishing her songs under a variety of noms de plume, relying upon the help and discretion of a group of Edinburgh women - her “**Lady’s Song-writing Committee**” - which included Agnes and Eliza Hume, grand-nieces of the philosopher David Hume. Together these women selected and edited a huge number of songs for publication: the collection - “*The Scottish Minstrel*” - was arranged for voice and piano and became the basis for most subsequent collections of Scots song. This costumed one-woman play is performed in Scots. It is set in Edinburgh in 1822 - just after the visit of King George IV to Scotland’s capital - the first crowned head to cross the Border since the Union of the Crowns in 1603. It examines Lady Nairne’s life, and looks for clues as to her reasons - personal-social-political, religious and practical - for remaining anonymous: waiving all acknowledgment, rights and payment for her songs throughout her life, and even visiting the office of Mr Purdie, her publisher, in disguise as the mysterious **Mistress Bogan o’ Bogan**.

**Dr Anne Lorne Gillies** wrote the play in 1984, and performed it throughout the 1985 Edinburgh Festival as the centrepiece of Edinburgh School of Art’s “Scottish Enlightenment” programme. Since then she has performed it in many venues, including Ross Priory, Dunblane Cathedral, Glasgow University and Glasgow’s Merchant’s Hall.

*“Anne Lorne Gillies sings the songs beautifully with a quality that lingers in the mind...Something of the anonymity with which they were first published has clung to Lady Nairne’s songs. Anne Lorne Gillies restores her to life and identity.”*  
(Paul Scott, *The Scotsman*, 1985.)

As part of its 10th anniversary **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** is delighted to present Anne Lorne Gillies in her the one-woman play on the life of Carolina Oliphant and on the importance to Scottish culture of her prolific songwriting. Most of her songs are known and sung everywhere today.

**THE DORIC FESTIVAL** is indebted to **THE NATIONAL TRUST** for **SCOTLAND** for the two wonderful settings at Fyvie and Castle Fraser

Thursday 9th October 7.30 pm

FVYIE CASTLE

Event 27

Friday 10th October 7.30 pm

CASTLE FRASER

Event 28

Tickets £8 Concession £6 Tickets from Fyvie Castle 01651 891266 OR Castle Fraser 01330 833463 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE



Friday 10th October 7.30 pm

Event 29

## "Steve at 70"

INVERURIE TOWN HALL

An evening with **Steve Robertson** of *SCOTLAND THE WHAT?* With special guests **Val Munro** and **Eva Robertson**.

Steve, whose youthful appearance and stage presence belie his claim to be 70, says it all began back in the Student Show of 50 years ago, "...when I first experienced the thrill of hearing the sound of audience laughter at a line in a Doric sketch uttered by myself but written by a chap called Buff Hardie".

They teamed up later to write scripts, which, with the musical creations of George Donald, formed the core of that uniquely funny show *'SCOTLAND THE WHAT?'*

Steve graciously thanks Buff and George for permission to use items in tonight's performance.

**Val Munro** is a highly talented singer who likes to do a bit of acting and has done one-woman shows of her own.

Steve's wife, **Eva**, is the pianist who has performed for many years and of whom Steve says, "...I managed to persuade **Eva** to remove her far too modest light from under a bushel of too many years to be accompanist" **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** thanks Steve, who is also a Festival Board Member, for agreeing to restore to the stage the wonderfully funny and satirical sketches and lyrics of *SCOTLAND the WHAT?* for our 10th Annual festival.

Off-stage Alan Franchi, Tish Howard and David Eastwood will ensure a production as smooth as the performance of three artistes on-stage.

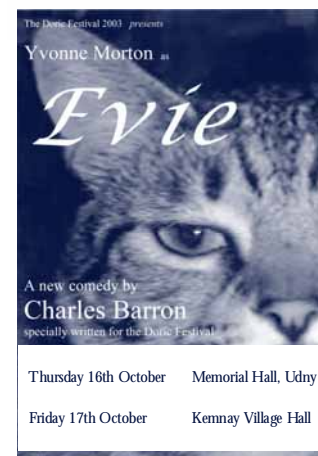
This is a one-off concert for **THE DORIC FESTIVAL** you cannot afford to miss!

**Tickets £7 concession £5 from THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE, The Bookstore, High Street, Inverurie Tel 01467 625800**



Friday 10th October 7.30 pm

Event 30



## "EVIE" by Charles Barron

THE GRASSIC GIBBON CENTRE, ARBUTHNOTT

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**Tickets £5 from The Grassic Gibbon Centre 01561 361668 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Friday 10th October 7.30 pm

Event 31

## Gran Variety Concert

KING EDWARD HALL

Eleanor Wilson and her Concert Party'll keep aabody weel entertained wi music, sang and stories.

**Tickets £4 Children £1 from Gladys Mennie 01888 551634**

**THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE 01467 625800**

Friday 10th October 7.45 pm

Event 32

**"Soiree at Forglen Hall!"**

FORGLEN HALL,(on Turriff - Aberchirder Road)

Enjoy an evening Concert at the Forglen Hall with party pieces from local talent and music from **The Forglen Ceilidh Band**.

Tea / coffee served wi a bit of shortbread.

**Tickets £3 Concession £2 from Lorna 01888 568543 OR from THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

**Why not come and join the Band?**

*We would like to 'expand'the band for the Soiree and have arranged the following practice nights.*

*Sundays 28th September and 5th October; 2 - 4 pm and Wednesday 8th October 7.30pm.*

*Bring your own instrument! 'Rusty'Players, music readers or players-by-ear are welcome to play a selection of traditional music! You don't have to brilliant just KEEN!*

For more information Contact Lorna or Ken at 01888 568543

Friday 10th October 7.30 pm

Event 33

**"Stovie Nicht an Dance"**

MELVIN HALL,TARVES

A gran nicht's entertainment wi a mixer o sang,poetry, music an dance featuring **The YTHAN FIDDLERS** wi ither local performers.

**Tickets £6 Concession £5.00 from John Davidson 01651 851280 The Butchers Shop, Tarves.**

**OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Organised by the Tarves Heritage Project

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Event 34

**Concert**

THE OLD MART,ALFORD

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**THE ALFORD HERITAGE CENTRE**

*The visitor's book says it all! "Great Show";"brocht back memories";"Like a walk down memory lane"; Fantastic! Wish I'd known about it before!";"Wonderful! Wish I had more time!";and "Fantastic! Its my 5th time!"from a young visitor.*

*These spontaneous, unsolicited comments came from visitors from all over the world,as well as from locals, to the comprehensive collection at Alford Heritage which opened in March 1991.The centre is run by a devoted band of volunteers and is self-financing. The centre is the old mart buildings just off the main street inAlford and displays every aspect of North East life down to the minutia of everyday life. The local shop is there; the tailor's shop is complete as is 'The Souters';memories of the war are there for you to reminisce or research;local history abounds in photos, letters etc;the literary culture of the North East especially Alford's own Charles Murray, is present. The 'kitchens' of yesteryear are recalled in the staggering layout of utensils fae caups tae kettles an'laypots fit fer the threshin mull! There's a school room with desks,blackboard,sclates, an of c o o r s e, the tag! In the old sale ring the visitor is confronted with another fantastic collection of everyday objects. Through into the old pens area a feast of toods used in previoos times at the smiddy,by the joiner, the wheelwright, the ditchers etc.unrolls before one. You can keek into typical 'chaumer'of the day. One of the largest collections of farm implements and tra c t o r s in Scotland will astound the visitor, not only by its size, but by the variation and by the standard of restoration.*



Saturday 11th October

Event 35

10.00 - 11.30am for 4-8 year olds  
10.30 - 11.30am for 8-12 year olds

**BAIRN'S STORIES** *wi Jackie Ross*

ALFORD LIBRARY

Come and hear local legends and popular fairy tales told in the local tongue. Learn some Doric and join in with action songs and poems. Ye'll hae a guid time!

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Saturday 11th October 7.30 pm

Event 37

**"MEAL & ALE"**

COOKNEY HALL, COOKNEY, NETHERLEY

A Meal & Ale Concert wi a bit o Bried an Kebbuck!

Wi **John Valentine** Compere come and be entertained by **Murray Douglas**, mouthie; **Sara Walker**, singer;

**Charlie Coutts**, accordion; **Jake Simpson**, Doric poetry & stories;

**Tickets £6 Concession £4 disabled access**

**Tickets from Joyce Murison 01569 731236 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Organised by the Traditional Music and Song Association

Saturday 11th October 7.30 pm

Event 38

**Grand North-East Concert**

THE PARISH HALL, NEW ABERDOUR

**Robert Lovie** an Freens wull gar the rafters in Aberdour ring wi music, sangs and stories, as will the lachin an heuchin fae the audience.

This gran nicht's entertainment his bin organised bi The St Drostan's Senior Citizen's Club tae celebrate their 30th anniversary. They normally meet every Thursday afternoon at the School bit they'll venture oot after dark this nicht!

**Tickets £5 fae Mrs Taylor 01346 561291 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Saturday 11th October 7.30 pm

Event 39

**"Gran Doric Nicht"**

PIPE BAND HALL, CHEYNE'S LANE, TURRIFF

A Traditional Nicht's entertainment by Strathbogie Strathspey & Reel Society & Freens. Tea, Coffee, Cheese & Bried served at half-time. Come early for a saft seat!

**Tickets £5 concession £4 disabled access**

**Tickets from "Scotch Corner"; or any Pipe Band member OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

**THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE 01467 625800**

Saturday 11th October 7.30 pm

Event 40

**"Fiddle Rally"**

ELLON ACADEMY HALL

A traditional Nicht's entertainment by The Ythan Fiddlers at their annual rally. This group of fiddlers have grown steadily into one of the Northeast's top groups, with an excellent group of around 24 young players. Visits abroad and recording of new CDs have matured the Ythan Fiddlers into a group whose performance you cannot afford to miss.

Guest star is **Colin Brockie**, singer. Check their website [www.ythanfiddlers.com](http://www.ythanfiddlers.com) for more information

**Tickets £6 concession £4 disabled access**

**Tickets from Colin Critchley, 01651 851721 or any Ythan Fiddlers member OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Sunday 12th October 2.00 pm

Event 41

**"Tap Ten Cornkisters"**

INVERURIE TOWN HALL

*Fin the wark's ower an supper deen*

*The bothy band comes on the scene*

*Aat jigs, strathspeys an Heilan reels*

*There's fyou can beat oor bothy chieis*

Chamers an Bothies ower aa the North-east were githerin places tae compose and sing sangs, tae play moothies, melodeons and fiddles, as weel as polish harness. The sangs took the lift o the fairmer an ither fowk, telt o luv requited an rejected and were about onythin aat wis gang at e time. Cornkisters got their name from the practice of the singers sittin on the 'corn kist', duntin their feet as they sang!

To celebrate the sang heritage and the TENTH Birthday of THE DORIC FESTIVAL we have invited TEN of the top bothy ballad singers to sing twa sangs. Come listen to the wealth of talent and sangs we have here in the North-east, **Jo Aitken, Neil Crilley, Jock Duncan, Gordon Easton, Scott Gardiner, Robert Lovie, Frank McNally, Geordie Murison, Eric Simpson, John Valentine.**

**Tickets £7 concession £5 from THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE 01467 625800**

**THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE 01467 625800**

Wednesday 15th October 7.30 pm

Event 42

**"Selection of NE Tales for all ages"**

MONYMUSK ARTS CENTRE

The North-east has a vast amount of stories from past ages which are at long last enjoying a revival with more and more storytellers collecting and performing from this heritage.

Members of The Grampian Association of Storytellers will regale the audience with stories of all types and for all ages!

**Tickets £5 Friends £4 Children under 14 £1 disabled access**

**Tickets from: Monymusk Stores, Aberdeen Booking Office OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

Thursday 16th October 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Event 43

**"Junior Fiddle Rally"**

THE INSTITUTE, FOCHABERS

**FIDDLE WORKSHOPS** for beginners to Master Classes have been arranged under the expert tuition of some of Scotland's top fiddle players, with emphasis on the different styles of Scottish fiddle playing. The tutors are **Paul Anderson, James Alexander and Colin Campbell.**

**ACCOMPANIST WORKSHOPS.** Tuition on the sympathetic art of accompanying solo players will be given for GUITAR and PIANO.

**FREE** entry but places must be booked. So make contact early to avoid disappointment at missing such a golden opportunity to advance your techniques.

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e-mail: [eric.hame@btinternet.com](mailto:eric.hame@btinternet.com)



Thursday 16th October 7.30 pm

Event 44

**"Anither Richt Guid Nicht"**

DEESIDE THEATRE, ABOYNE

Now an established favourite at Deeside Theatre, Aboyne, "A Richt Guid Nicht", again returns as part of the Doric Festival. The evening will feature accomplished performers, both local and from farther afield, among them, **Saltfishforty** from Orkney as part of their mainland tour. Come along and enjoy a locally produced dram and shortbreid wi your fly!

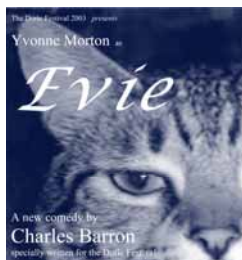
**Tickets £8, (including dram & a fly) Concession £6 disabled access**

**Tickets from The Community Education Centre, Tel 013398 86222**

**Proceeds to Deeside Theatre Fund and THE DORIC FESTIVAL**

Thursday 16th October 7.30 pm

Event 45



Friday 17th October Kemnay Village Hall

**"EVIE" by Charles Barron**

MEMORIAL HALL,UDNY GREEN

Evie's tongue is as biting as ever; her wit as sharp, her humour as lively and her opinions as fiendish, but now there is no-one to hear except Tutankhamen - and he would rather sleep in his basket, dreaming of mice and milk. Evie is 60 years old,an Aberdonian to her fingertips and about to experience a huge change in her way of life.

No writer has a better understanding of the women of the North East than **Charles Barron** and Evie is one of his finest creations - a sympathetic yet wickedly funny portrait of a woman we will all recognise and can sympathise with.

Evie is played by Aberdeen actress, **Yvonne Morton**.

"Evie" was specially written for the Doric Festival,celebrating its 10th anniversary this year  
**Tickets £5 from George Bruce 01651 843484 OR The DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Friday 17th October 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

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THE INSTITUTE,FOCHABERS

Friday 17th October 7.30 pm

Event 47

**Concert o Sangs, Music an Verse**

**Robert Lovie** comperes a Concert to celebrate the magnificent **Greig-Duncan** collection,a copy of which is to handed over to the Aberdeenshire Library Service for use in primary and Secondary schools in Aberdeenshire. Organised by The Buchan Heritage Society

**Tickets £4 from Marlene Lowe 01771 637 344 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

NEW DEER HALL

Friday 17th October 7.30 pm

Event 48

**"EVIE" by Charles Barron**

KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

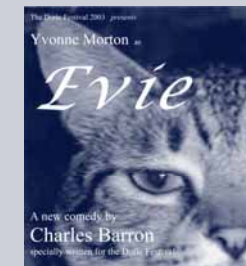
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Saturday 18th October 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Event 49

*“Junior Fiddle Rally”*

THE INSTITUTE,FOCHABERS

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Saturday 18th October

Event 50

10.00am - 11.30am for 4-8 year olds

10.30am - 11.30am for 8-12 year olds

**BAIRN’S Stories wi Jackie Ross**

ABOYNE LIBRARY

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Saturday 18th October 7.00 pm

Event 51

*“Thainstone Harvest Home”*

THAINSTONE CENTRE

This memorable evening starts with a barbecue at 7pm followed,at 8pm, by a wonderful line-up of talent for the closing concert of the Festival. **Robert Lovie** will introduce **Ann Lorn Gillies**, singer, **John Bone**, Accordion Champion,and Champion Highland dancers **Sarah Sleight** and **Laura Mitchell**.

Dancing follows at 9.30pm to one of Scotland’s top dance bands,the **Simon Howie Scottish Broadcasting Band** Tickets £15 (*including steak barbecue and dessert*)

*All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Lukaemia Research and will go towards the establishment of a new £2.25 million research centre in Glasgow. Dr Tessa Holyoake, who has strong NE connections, will head up this unit and will give a short address during the evening.*

*The organisers are greatly indebted to ANM Group Ltd for providing the Thainstone centre venue and the Scotch Premier Steaks.*

**Disabled access** Tickets from Thainstone Centre 01467 623760 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE

Sunday 19th October 9.30 am

Event 52

*Master Class “Junior Fiddle Rally”*

THE INSTITUTE,FOCHABERS

**Frankie Gavin**, the internationally renowned Irish fiddler, will give special master classes in the Irish style of playing.The Workshop tutors **Paul Anderson;James Alexander and Colin Campbell**, FREE entry but places must be booked. So make contact early to avoid disappointment at missing such a golden opportunity to advance your techniques.

**Tickets £6 Concession £4**

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**THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE 01467 625800**

Sunday 19th October 7.30 pm

Event 53

*"Junior Fiddle Rally"*

THE INSTITUTE,FOCHABERS

**The Rally Final Concert and Dance**

The Workshop tutors **Paul Anderson,James Alexander** and **Colin Campbell** join with **Frankie Gavin**, the Irish fiddle maestro, to form a " Four Flaming Fiddles " which will set the rafters of THE INSTITUTE dirlin (if not alight!),and the audience's feet tapping and dancing.

Players from the workshops will also be on stage and other well known performers will add to a great night's entertainment!

**Tickets £6 Concession £4**

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Sunday 19th October 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm

Event 54

**(Continues on 26th October; 2nd & 9th & 16th November ...mark up your diary!!)**

**Ceilidh Dancing Classes**

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS,WESTHILL

Dance has always played an important part in the heritage and culture of the North-east and to reflect the growing interest in all the old-time dances ( Gay Gordons,square dances etc) classes have been arranged.Even if you have done these dances before, you can up-date your dancing technique under the expert tutelage of **Pam Dignan**. These classes will run for another four weeks,at the same time and place,so book a place now! There will be a celebratory dance in the Westhill Hotel on Friday 21st November 2003

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**Details from Pam Dignan 01224 741078**

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Friday 24th October 7.30 pm

Event 55

*"Take Two Girls"*

KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Dragon Productions presents two new One-Act musical comedies written by Charles Barron.

**WITH FIONA LINDSAY AND SARAH MCNAIR.**

**Sal'n'Sue** is a hilarious tale of two best friends who fall for the same man.Sung throughout,all the music is based on Scots tunes.

**Hiss - And Make Up** is set in a theatre dressing room where two competing sopranos are getting ready for the show. Interwoven with songs and arias,this is a play full of delicious backstage backbiting.

**Dragon Productions** was founded by Fiona Lindsay in 1989 to perform specially written plays which include songs and music as an integral part of drama.Dragon has previously performed commissioned works by Charles Barron a well-known and successful playwright and director.

**Tickets £6 Concession £4 disabled access**

**Tickets from The Hair Shop,01467 642177 OR Mavis Wainman 01467 642391  
OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**



Friday 15th November 8.00 pm - 12.00 pm

Event 56

*"Ceilidh Dance"*

THE FUNCTION SUITE,WESTHILL HOTEL

The ceilidh dancing classes finish with a get-together tonight to demonstrate new-gotten skills and to enjoy a great night. All are invited. Dancing is to the celebrated NE band, "**Dennis Morrison Ceilidh Band**"

**Tickets £6 from Pam Dignan 01224 741078 OR THE DORIC FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE**

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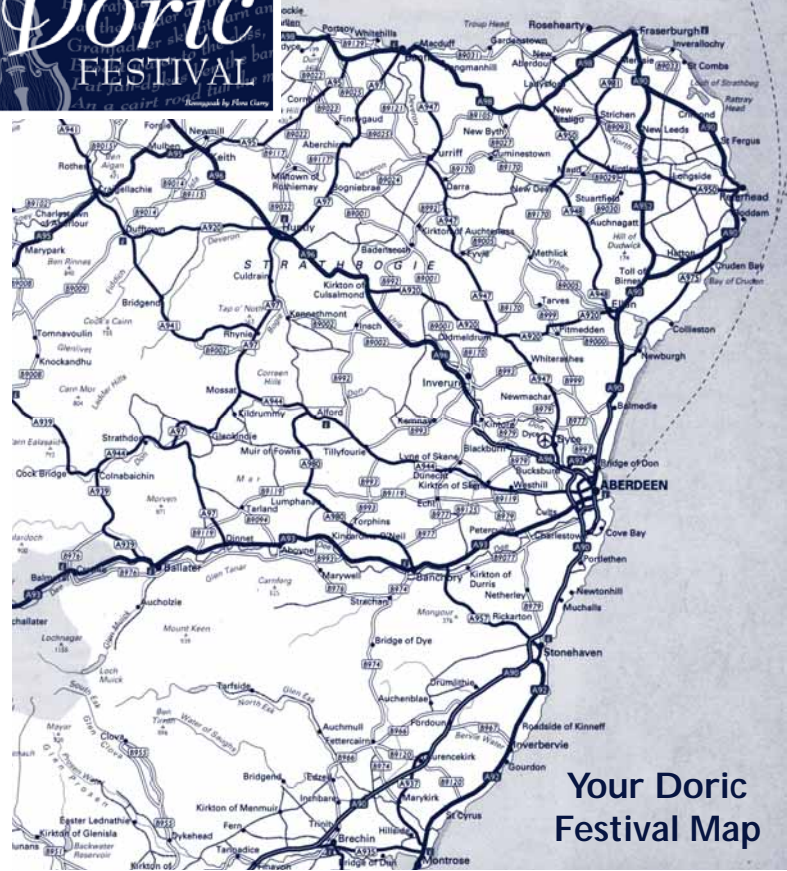
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