

## **Bude & Stratton Folk Festival**

**Bude and Stratton Folk Festival is a friendly mix of folk events held annually on the late May Bank Holiday weekend in this beautiful area of North Cornwall. It features music, song, dance, and storytelling, and there is a small programme of children's events. Festival information is at [www.budefolkfest.com](http://www.budefolkfest.com). The programme is published in April.**

### **What's it all about?**

**The Festival welcomes numerous talented guest performers, many internationally known, who give concerts and appear in other events during the festival. Local dance sides perform, and we are delighted to welcome children from local schools, who give a dance display on Saturday morning. Festival-goers can join in workshops, open mic stages, music sessions, sing arounds and a barn dance.**

### **What happens?**

**The Falcon Hotel hosts several concerts including the 'Cream of Cornwall and Devon' showcase of local talent, the barn dance and workshops. The Falcon and other local venues welcome participants in impromptu music sessions**

**The Rugby Club is the home for singers. There are sing-arounds, a Folk Club evening, short concerts, late night sings, workshops and informal gatherings.**

**Children's events start with instruction in school leading to demonstration dances on Bark House Green. They are provided at no cost to schools or parents.**

**This friendly Festival has always had a "joining-in" ethos. We are grateful to the core of professional artists who do just that outside of their formal events. But we encourage everyone's participation. There are workshops for musicians and singers of all abilities and a special concert on Monday showcases some of these. In other local venues free Fringe Events feature selected quality performers.**

**St Michael's Church has wonderful acoustics and hosts daily open-mic sessions. This is a great place to listen, for free, to the great talent the festival attracts and have a coffee and home-made cake or a light-bite lunch in support of church funds. There is a non-denominational folk service on Sunday.**

### **How can you take part?**

**The Festival offers weekend tickets and individual event tickets at very fair prices. Book on the website <http://www.budefolkfest.com> or call 07736 374003. Camping is available at the Rugby Club for weekend season ticket holders. Local campsites and accommodation can be found through Bude TIC.**

**We are most grateful to our Festival Patron Jim Causley and all our guest performers, for the continuing support of Bude's Town and County Councillors and Festival Friends. Thanks are also due to the Committee and staff of Bude Rugby Club and to the new owners of the Falcon Hotel for their commitment and encouragement.**