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We are always looking for volunteers to support our activities - from helping to serve coffee or as stewards at events, to fundraising, PR or web skills. Please let us know how you would like to be involved.

Performance Opportunities

We often receive inquiries for groups to perform at local events and celebrations. If any classes or other associated groups want to take their tunes out to the public, send your contact details and a brief description of the group for the database to Vikki at office@scottishculture.org

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Is there an upcoming event of interest to SC&T participants?
Have you written a song or a tune you want to share with SC&T?
Do you have a story for the newsletter?

We would love to hear your experiences of SC&T! If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, please send it to editor@scottishculture.org If we don't have room in the newsletter, we will certainly post it on the website!

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The newsletter is produced approximately four times a year. It is distributed to everyone on our database only in August. Other editions are distributed to those attending classes and sent by post to current 'Friends'. The newsletters are available on the website.

Notice board

Fiddle lessons

Folk & classical; beginner to advanced; music theory and exam preparations also available.

Jani Lang (BA, MA), Tel: 07872 918829
Email: janoslang@gmail.com

Fiddle lessons

For beginners, intermediate, and advanced. Completed the tutor training course at Sabhl Mor Ostaig.

Catriona Ramsay, Tel: 07980 181599
Email: catriona.ramsay@btinternet.com

Accordion Tutor

Accordion lessons, all ages and stages, from Lewis Kane, graduate of Sgoil Chiùil na Gàidhealtachd (The National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music). Tel: 07843757672 email lewismearns@hotmail.com

New Folk Programme on SHMU Radio (SHMU FM 99.8)

SHMU is the School House Media Unit based off Great Northern Road, Aberdeen. "getting to folk" is a live radio broadcast hosted by Gus MacDonald on Wednesdays 3pm till 4pm. The programme offers a wide range of world folk music, provides 'what's on' information and promotes guest performers. If anyone has any information they wish to share with Gus about events etc, please email gettingtofolk@shmu.org.uk and he may give a mention.

Pathways to Performance

SC&T has introduced 'Pathways to Performance' slots during our Saturday slots at the Lemon Tree, allowing young musicians a 15 minute slot during the main lunchtime performance. If you tutor young musicians or know of any young players/singers of trad or trad style music who would enjoy a Lemon Tree 'gig', please pass info about this opportunity on to them, or call Vikki on 01224 591900 for details or email office@scottishculture.org

SC&T instrument hire

The SC&T office currently has one set of full Highland pipes, one full-size fiddle, one clarsach and one mandolin available for hire.

Call Vikki on 01224 591900 for details or email office@scottishculture.org

****To advertise here please contact the SC&T office****

Our thanks to those below and all our Friends, class participants, tutors and supporters.



"We are delighted to welcome back Pete MacCallum's popular Guitar Accompaniment 2/3 class. Pete's class always fills up quickly, so be sure to enroll early!"

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Message from the chairman

Richard Ward, SC&T Chairman

SC&T's so-called summer break is now almost over. That is a bit of a misnomer as it hasn't been much of a summer or much of a break!

As soon as the summer term was over, planning started for the autumn term as well as for the various activities in which we have involved over the summer months.



The Davidson boys from Tarves at lunchtime concert at Lemon Tree, NAFCo 2010. Photo: Eilice Milton.

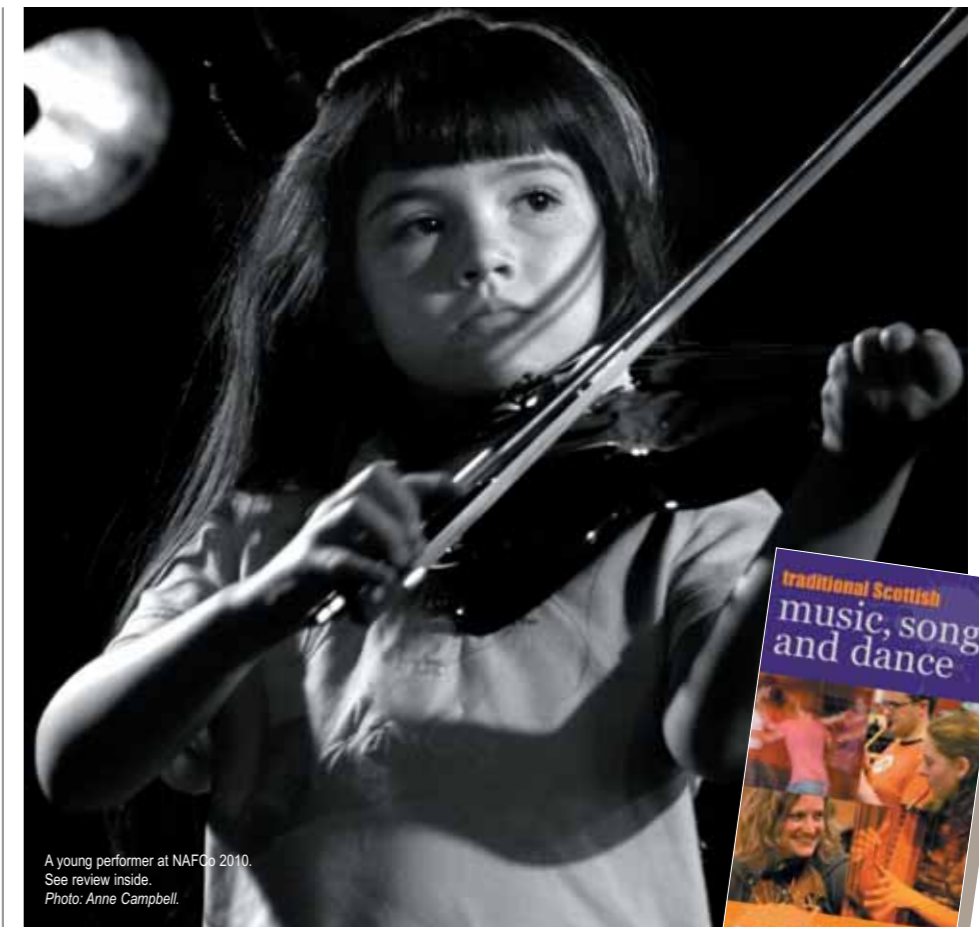
This year has been exceptionally busy because of our involvement as partners with the Elphinstone Institute in NAFCo 2010. Those of you who attended any of the workshops or concerts will know that it was a

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A young performer at NAFCo 2010. See review inside. Photo: Anne Campbell.

SC&T classes 2010-2011

Our autumn programme is now in place. While most of your favourite classes and tutors make a welcome return, we've also added some new ones.



Sharon Hassan (seated first left, second row), with her NAFCo 'band'. Sharon is the new Mixed Instruments Slow Session tutor for 2010-2011. Photo: Eilice Milton.

Christine Kydd, a very experienced song tutor who will be known to many of you, joins us as the new Scots Song 3 tutor. Lewis Kane, who led our recent successful Accordion for Accompaniment workshops, will take on Accordion 0/1.

Sharon Hassan, pictured left with her 'band' at NAFCo 2010, will lead the Mixed Instruments Slow Session

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Message from the chairman

Richard Ward, SC&T Chairman

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huge success. Ian Russell, director of the Elphinstone Institute (and also one of our board members) has asked me to pass on his heartfelt thanks to the many SC&T folk who volunteered their services as stewards, stage managers, ticket sellers, CD hawkers, etc.. Without this volunteer effort the event would not have been possible.

We have unfortunately had to increase our class fees this year. Although we have been successful in our grant applications to both Aberdeen City and Scottish Arts Council, the grants are, and have for several years been, at a standstill. However, the cost of running the organisation continues to rise and we have also experienced an increase in the number of participants who qualify for concessionary rates. We have researched the rates charged by similar providers of adult education in traditional music and our new rates are on a par with them and still represent excellent value for money.

'Early bird' booking incentive

Start of term is always a busy time and we are always looking for ways to reduce the administrative effort and avoid congestion. Busy hour has tended to be on the first nights of new terms so, as a bit of fun and to encourage you to register in advance, all enrolments received on or before 8th September will automatically be entered into a draw. The draw, for a place in a class for the following term, will be held at the end of term concert (no cash alternative is offered). We have plans to fast track booking confirmation for those who have enrolled in advance of the first class night and please also note that online enrolment also helps to reduce the administrative effort required. ...so get on-line and get booking now!

SC&T t-shirts available

Our redesigned SC&T t-shirts are available in black, grey or white in unisex sizes S to XL, and also in ladies fitted sizes S to XL. Priced £10 & £12. Available from the office or at classes.

SC&T on Facebook

Keep up to date with all our latest news. Visit our website and click the Facebook link to join up.

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class while Maggie Trickey of well-known duo 'Bridge the Gap', joins us as Bodhran tutor. Finally we have a brand new Clarsach 2/3 tutor, Fearghal McCartan. In addition, we're delighted to be welcoming back Pete MacCallum's very popular Guitar Accompaniment 2/3 class. Pete's class always fills up quickly, so be sure to enroll early! You can visit the tutors' pages on our website for full biographies of all our tutors.

However, we reluctantly say goodbye this term to Kenn Clark, Ali Leith, Frances Wilkins, Allen Welsh and Lu McClintock, all of whom have done a fantastic job for SC&T over the years. We wish them luck with their future musical endeavours.

The Course Guide is out now, available from the SC&T office or from our website. Get your copy for more information on all of our courses for 2010-2011. Plus this year we have an early bird incentive (see 'News' left) so get your enrolment in early to have a chance of entering the draw.

Our enrolment evenings this year are 7th & 8th September, 7pm - 9pm at Harlaw Academy. We look forward to seeing you there or at the classes when they begin week commencing 13th September!



SC&T upcoming events

Lunchtimes at the Lemon Tree Young SC&T Glen Clova Weekend

Lunchtimes @ the Lemon Tree

12.00pm - 2.00pm, every Saturday, The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen

Keep up to date with the latest Lemon Tree line-up for each weekend on our website or via our weekly Facebook updates. Lunch is served from 12.00pm. Free entry.

The musical performance is from 1.00pm - 2.00pm with a session afterwards - bring an instrument and join in! Children welcome.

Young SC&T

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st October 2010



Young SC&T allows young people to develop and explore their skills in traditional music, learning from experienced tutors and making music together. More details on course content will be posted on our website nearer the date, or in our dedicated Young SC&T leaflet, which will be published shortly. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the office to register your interest.

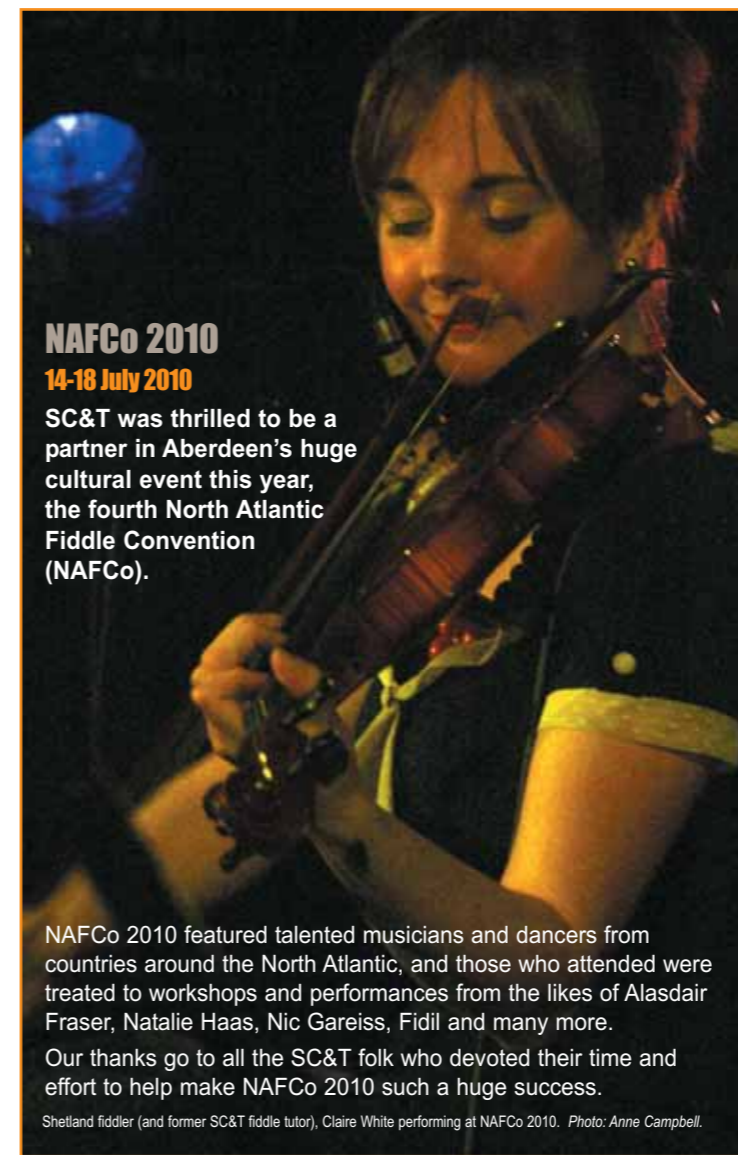
There will also be an opportunity for Young SC&T participants to perform at the Lemon Tree lunchtime performance at 12.30pm on Saturday 23 October.

Glen Clova weekend

27th - 29th May 2011, Glen Clova Hotel

We plan to run our popular Glen Clova weekend again in 2011. Arrangements are still being finalised, but watch this space and be sure to pencil the dates in your diary!

REVIEW



NAFCo 2010 14-18 July 2010

SC&T was thrilled to be a partner in Aberdeen's huge cultural event this year, the fourth North Atlantic Fiddle Convention (NAFCo).

NAFCo 2010 featured talented musicians and dancers from countries around the North Atlantic, and those who attended were treated to workshops and performances from the likes of Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, Nic Gareiss, Fiddle and many more.

Our thanks go to all the SC&T folk who devoted their time and effort to help make NAFCo 2010 such a huge success.

Shetland fiddler (and former SC&T fiddle tutor), Claire White performing at NAFCo 2010. Photo: Anne Campbell.

Accordion for Accompaniment Workshop 5 & 19 May 2010

A special workshop organised for those who wanted to accompany song or session tunes with their accordion. Led by Lewis Kane, a talented young accordionist, it ran over two evenings with course materials to prepare in advance. The participants thoroughly enjoyed being put through their paces. Lewis will take our Accordion 0/1 class for session 2010-2011.

Highland Games 20 June 2010

SC&T were again out in force at the Highland Games attracting traditional music lovers to our popular "Music in the Marquee" tent. Tutors and participants treated the crowds to a display of talent in guitar, whistle, fiddle, bodhran, song, and dance culminating in a Grand Stramash for everyone to join in.

Stonehaven Folk Festival 11 July 2010

SC&T hosted the popular slow session in the Belvedere Hotel, led by our very own Fiddle 2 tutor, Sandy Tweddle.

To catch up with all the latest news and reviews, and keep up to date with all our upcoming events, visit www.scottishculture.org

Autumn 2010 EVENT CALENDAR

To have an event listed in the next newsletter, please email details to editor@scottishculture.org

Traditional Music Session The Globe, North Silver Street	Tuesday Evenings, 9.30pm
Aberdeen Folk Club Blue Lamp, Gallowgate	Wednesday Evenings, 8.30pm
Traditional Music Session Newton Arms Lounge, Newtonhill	2nd Thursday of the Month 8.00pm-11.00pm
Scotch Broth Session St Peters Heritage Hall, off Station Road East, Peterculter Contact Christine Miller Tel: 01224 730091	Sunday Evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
Traditional Music Session Northern Vaults Bar, 9 North Esk Rd, Montrose	Sunday Evenings 8.00pm-11.00pm
Stonehaven Slow Session Stonehaven Email charlie_west@hotmail.com for more info	1st Thursday of the Month
TMSA Session The Sportsman Club, 11 Queens Road, Aberdeen	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8.00pm
Cults Folk at the HUB The HUB the café at Cults Outreach Centre, 404 North Deeside Road www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk/folk.htm	2nd Friday of the Month 7.30pm-10.30pm
SC&T Lunchtimes @ the Lemon Tree The Lemon Tree, West North Street, Aberdeen Performance from 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Visit our website for details of performers each week. www.scottishculture.org	every Saturday 12.00pm-2.00pm
Folk Session at Crathes Hall £2 on the door Bring your own refreshments www.woodendbarn.co.uk	27 August 2010 8.00pm
SC&T Enrolment Evenings Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen www.scottishculture.org	7 & 8 September 2010 7.00pm-9.00pm
SC&T Autumn Term begins Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen www.scottishculture.org	13 September 2010 7.00pm-9.00pm
Jerry Harmon (with support from Laura Lockyer) The Lemon Tree, West North Street, Aberdeen	4 October 2010 7.30pm
Young SC&T Plus Lemon Tree performance www.scottishculture.org	19 & 21 October 2010 23 October, 12.30pm
SC&T Christmas Concert The Lemon Tree, West North Street, Aberdeen (tbc) www.scottishculture.org	12 December 2010 6.00pm-9.00pm
Glen Clova Weekend Glen Clova Hotel www.scottishculture.org	27-29 May 2011
Kirsty McGee, Woodend Barn Twice nominated for BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Kirsty McGee has been recording and touring to critical acclaim since her debut in 2002. www.woodendbarn.co.uk	11 September 2010 8.00pm