



# **Frittenden Old-Fashioned Night Out**

## **Programme**

**12 noon — Tunes and songs session** in the bar at the *Bell & Jorrocks* pub. Let chairman Gavin Atkin know if you'd like to entertain us and we'll try hard to fit as many in as possible; Nonesuch Mummers appear around 1pm (free entry)

### **2pm — Bar concert: Songs of Rural Life and Work**

- 2pm Annie Dearman and Steve Harrison
- 2.30pm Alvar Smith and Roger Middleditch
- 3pm Nonesuch Mummers
- 3.20pm Will Duke
- 3.40pm Peter Collins
- 4pm formal concert ends

(If you want to go on sessioning, check behind the bar and be prepared for a 10 minute break at 4.15 for the Grand National on TV.)

**8:00pm The Old Fashioned Night Out Dance** in the function room behind the pub, calling by Rosie Davis and music from the Horsmonden Traditional Music Class and friends. There will be songs from our guests and party games for all ages. Black tie (in a light-hearted sense) is encouraged but not essential. Children very welcome. Entry £7/£4

Food will be available in the pub at lunchtime and in the evening.

*For information, see <http://frittendenfestival.com> or email [gmatkin@gmail.com](mailto:gmatkin@gmail.com) and tel 07985 522734*



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Our guests for 2013:

- **Peter Collins** — Peter's a long-established and greatly admired local singer who has a wonderful voice, a genial personality, an outstanding collection of modern songs and an unaccompanied singing style strongly influenced by many of the great names in traditional singing in Sussex, including Ron Spicer, Gordon Hall and Bob Copper.
- **Will Duke** — Will is a super singer and anglo concertina player who draws much of his material from the musicians and singers of Sussex, the county in which he has lived for many years. He'll provide us with some cracking traditional songs, both serious and silly, as well as tunes in his unmistakable light and decorated style.
- **Alvar Smith and Roger Middleditch** — these two bring a blast of old Suffolk down to Kent. Retired gamekeeper Alvar's grandfathers were both well known for singing at the legendary singing pub The Blaxhall Ship in years gone by, and he still sings many of his family songs. Roger is blessed with a particularly clear, strong and tuneful voice. Both are stalwarts of their local traditional music scene.
- **Annie Dearman and Steve Harrison** — we're delighted that Annie and Steve have become such regulars at Frittenden. Singer Annie and Steve (melodeon, mouthorgan, anglo-concertina, banjo) perform British Isles and American traditional and modern songs in a robust and firmly-rooted English style, and take care to know as much as it's possible to learn about the histories of the songs they sing. Annie's terrific voice and considered way of working with a song are sure to impress, and do make sure you don't miss Steve's distinctive and driving mouthorgan playing.
- **Rosie Davis** — we'll be forever in Rosie's debt for calling for our dances, but she's also a splendid and hugely experienced singer, songwriter, dancer and musician, and performs with various high class acts on the folk and old time music scenes.
- **Nonesuch Mummers** — the Nonesuch Mummers are a newly formed local mumming side about which little is known since they're in disguise — though there are rumours they include some local singers and musicians...
- **Horsmonden Traditional Music Class** — the free class led by Gavin Atkin is at the Gun and Spitroast pub at Horsmonden from September until the spring on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. See <http://singdanceandplay.net> .

**Thanks:** Our sincere thanks to our guests for travelling to Frittenden to perform: we hope they each thoroughly enjoy their day. Ticket sales and collection monies go to essential expenses and advertising future events. Heartfelt thanks also to the *Bell & Jorrocks* for their hospitality and the use of their rooms, Annie Bull for looking after the door and running the raffle, Bob Telford for managing the bar, Peter Collins for emceeing during the afternoon, and to Martin and Zubeida Roberts for their help with preparing the hall, putting up posters and much more.