

A ONE DAY REVIVAL

THE FYLDE FOLK FESTIVAL

**Saturday 22nd June
2019.**

**The Marine Hall,
The Esplanade,
Fleetwood,
Lancashire FY7 6HF**



***Celebrating Alan Bell's 85th Birthday
65yrs gigging and 55yrs composing.***

From climbing high Alpine peaks to singing folk songs in Lakeland pubs to performing in hundreds of Folk Clubs culminating in an appearance at a Royal Command Performance, Alan Bell has led a very adventurous life full of music and songs.

Through the Skiffle era to co-founding the Blackpool Folk Club and Taverners Folk Group in 1960. The group worked clubs, concerts, appeared on radio and television and recorded 4 LP's. For over 20 years they entertained audiences. Alan enthusiastically embraced the revival of interest in Folk Music and founded the Fylde Folk Festival in 1972 and was the director for 42 years.

Alan began writing songs, such as "Windmills" and "So, Here's to You." His most famous song "Bread & Fishes", known in Ireland as "The Wind in the Willows", topped the Irish hit parade. Many of his songs have been covered by artists such as The Clancy Brothers, Tommy Makem, The Spinners, Mary Black, Cathy Ryan.

Alan wrote the scripts for his radio shows "The Ballads of the North West" for the BBC and his programme format was adapted for BBC television, with Alan writing music and songs.

His suite for Brass Band and voices "The Band in the Park" won a Radio Italia prize for original regional broadcasting and his song cycles for Choral societies received great praise. His epic "The Century's People" for the millennium, featuring Brass Bands, choirs, folk singers and musicians received an English Heritage Award.

Alan was featured in a TV programme "One man and his Music" and also sang on BBC TV's "Songs of Praise". In the year 2000 he founded Folkus the Folk Arts Network of the North West, encouraging music making through workshops and concerts.

Alan is still performing and will appear with his band and the duo Scolds Bridle on the Saturday lunchtime concert. The superb guest artists all appeared at Fylde in the past and Alan thanks festival goers for their support and hopes his day of celebration in music and song is enjoyed by all.

An enjoyable event not to be missed!

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CELEBRATING ALAN BELL'S 85th BIRTHDAY

THE MARINE HALL, THE ESPLANADE,
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SATURDAY 22nd June 2019 11am to 11pm.

Artists SHOW OF HANDS, The Wilsons,
Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman,
Marie Little, Gary & Vera Aspey, Stanley Accrington,
Alan Bell Band, Scolds Bridle, Niamh Boadle, Thistle.

Comperes Dave Jones, Pat Ryan.

11am - 1pm "The Home Grown Un's Concert" £10.
2.15pm - 5.15pm "The Entertainers Concert" £15.
7.30pm - 11pm "The Birthday Concert" £25.
Full Day Ticket only £45.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA.....
FRIDAY 21st June 2019 8pm.

THE GATHERING

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