

## **Bude & Stratton Folk Festival**

Bude and Stratton Folk Festival is a friendly mix of folk events held annually on or near 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 full programme is published in April.

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

The Festival welcomes many 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 contribute a dance display. Festival-goers can typically join in workshops, 'open mic' stages, music sessions, sing arounds, and a barn dance.

### **What happens?**

The Falcon Hotel hosts concerts showcasing both guests and local artists, barn dances and workshops.

The Falcon and other local venues welcome participants in impromptu music sessions.

The Park House Centre may be used for workshops and special events.

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

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

This friendly Festival has always had a 'joining-in' ethos and we encourage everyone's participation. We are specially grateful to our professional artists who do just that outside of their formal events.

### **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 through the Bude TIC at <https://www.visitbude.info/events/bude-stratton-folk-festival/>.

Local campsites and accommodation can also 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. Hearty thanks go to the owners of the Falcon Hotel for their commitment and encouragement.