



2014 GREENTRAX TOP 20

1	Far, Far From Ypres	Various	CDTRAX1418
2	To Each & Everyone	Barbara Dickson	CDTRAX378
3	Abundance	Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas	CUL124
4	Break It Up	Rura	CDTRAX364
5	Born to Rottenrow	Ian Bruce & Ian Walker	DVTRAX2023
6	A Highland Journey	Various	CDGMP8008
7	Mysterious Boundaries	Tony McManus	CDTRAX376
8	Celtic Women from Scotland	Various	CDGMP8012
9	Og Mhadainn Shamhraidh	Kathleen MacInnes	CDTRAX294
10	The Great Scottish Tapestry	Various	CDTRAX372
11	Elements	The Paul McKenna Band	CDTRAX373
12	Heart of America	Donnie Munro	CDTRAX291
13	The Scottish Diaspora	Various	CDTRAX380
14	An Turas	Donnie Munro	CDTRAX323
15	For Freedom Alone	Various	CDTRAX1314
16	Celtic Airs & Reflective Melodies	Various	CDGMP8015
17	A Toss of The Coin	Eric Bogle	CDTRAX375
18	Whisky for Breakfast	Robin Laing	CDTRAX361
19	Seudan	Seudan	CDTRAX362
20	By Request	Eric Bogle	CDTRAX210

A NEW YEAR STORY

A Glasgow man - steaming and skint - is walking down Argyle Street when he spots a guy tinkering with the engine of his car. What's up, Jimmy?'he asks.

'Piston broke,'he replies.

'Aye, same as masel..."

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Christmas Newsletter 2014



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

from

THE GREENTRAX TEAM

**Ian & June, Cath, Elaine and Pat
plus Mhairi Bheg**



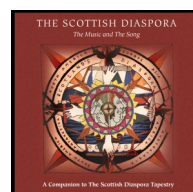
We would like to wish all our artists, media friends, business associates, distributors and retailers a Very Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year. As usual we are not sending Christmas cards but have made a donation to Cancer Research.



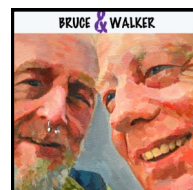
2014 NEW RELEASES

2014 was a quiet year for Greentrax as far as new releases are concerned but we managed the following:

CDTRAX380 'The Scottish Diaspora – The Music and Song'
A companion to The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry. A diverse and most enjoyable double CD collection for the price of one.



DVTRAX2023 Bruce and Walker – 'Rottenrow Born'.
A DVD/CD combination by this talented songwriting duo who have created a real buzz since they re-united.

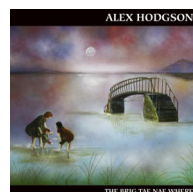


CDTRAX1314 'For Freedom Alone – The Wars of Independence'
(featuring Bannockburn).

This remarkable period of Scottish history is remembered in music and song, with a nod towards the Scottish Independence Referendum. Includes 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Both Sides The Tweed'.



CDTRAX382 Alex Hodgson - 'The Brig Tae Nae Where'. A second great album from the Prestonpans singer/songwriter who annually sings for The Queen at Balmoral.



CDGMP8016 'Favourite Scottish Songs'
'For a' the bairns and awbuddie else'.

To be directed at the Education Authorities and schoolchildren in general but it is a good listen for everyone, with top Scottish artists.



The record industry is in crisis worldwide as you will be aware and, while download sales rise slowly, regrettably CD sales continue to decline, especially abroad, although thankfully U.K. sales and artist gig sales are still fairly strong. What upsets us most is that there are so many talented young folk about and we cannot help them because of the uncertainty of recovering costs of debut recordings.



FAR FAR FROM YPRES STAGE SHOW



2014 is of course the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War 1 and the 'Far, Far From Ypres' stage show, which arose from the Greentrax best-selling album of the same title ('Songs Poems and Music of World War 1 - CDTRAX1418), was presented in the main auditorium of the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall at Celtic Connections 2014. It was a stunning success and the full house gave the cast a long standing ovation. The show then moved to The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, during the Edinburgh

International Festival Fringe; Perth Concert Hall a few weeks later; The Beacon Arts Centre, Greenock; and finally the show (reduced cast) was invited to Martignas Sur Jalle, France. In all these venues the audiences again gave the cast standing ovations and the feedback was amazing. Huge congratulations go to Ian McCalman who produced the show and worked tirelessly to make it the success it was. Well done Ian and all the cast.

LOCAL BUSINESS HERO

In October 2014 Ian received the premier Chambers of Commerce (Lothian Section) Award - 'Local Business Hero' - which was presented at their annual exhibition and dinner. Ian was especially proud of the award in view of how many outstanding and successful businesses there are in the Lothians area of Scotland.



JUNE GREEN

June Green, who does not keep good health, has given up her physical part in running the company but still retains a keen interest in all that is going on at Greentrax.



'NO MAN'S LAND' - ERIC BOGLE

The Royal British Legion was involved in a charity single by Joss Stone and Jeff Beck in November which caused a real stushie. The song at the centre of the row was Eric Bogle's 'No Man's Land' (aka 'The Green Fields of France'). In recording the song the producer opted to leave out the more important verses/lines, turning what is probably the greatest anti-war song of all time into a watered-down 'pop' song, which angered hundreds of Bogle fans and others. Eric Bogle issued a lengthy statement in which he said he was not asked for permission for the changes but that he had no intention of registering any complaint, although reading between the lines we believe he was disappointed with what they did to his song. The row entered the national press and there were loads of comments on You Tube. One You Tube critic described it as a 'safe, sanitised, soft-focus, X-Factor style cover'.

MAIRIBHEG

Mairibheg (Security and Staff Liaison!) gave June and Ian a fright when she became unwell in the second half of the year and was finally admitted to The Royal Dick Veterinary Hospital. They suspected cancer but luckily it was not and she is now on daily medication to cure ulcerations and inflammation of her stomach lining etc.

GIG DATES

Please send all your gig dates to Cath on cath@greentrax.com.

We can arrange for your gig dates to go on our fabulous website, we can put them on Facebook and we can send them out to our vast media database. Don't miss out.