

**TOP TWENTY BEST SELLERS 2019**

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| 01. Various                                | <i>Far, Far From Ypres DVD</i>               | DVTRAX2024 |
| 02. Malinky                                | <i>Handsel</i>                               | CDTRAX402  |
| 03. Sineag MacIntyre                       | <i>Lon Ban</i>                               | CDTRAX396  |
| 04. Dick Gaughan                           | <i>The Harvard Tapes</i>                     | CDTRAX406  |
| 05. Various                                | <i>Far, Far From Ypres</i>                   | CDTRAX1418 |
| 06. Tony McManus<br>& Julia Toaspern       | <i>Live in Concert</i>                       | CDTRAX405  |
| 07. Christine Kydd                         | <i>Shift &amp; Change</i>                    | CDTRAX401  |
| 08. Various                                | <i>Celtic Women from Scotland</i>            | CDGMP8012  |
| 09. Alexander McCall Smith<br>& James Ross | <i>These Are The Hands</i>                   | CDTRAX404  |
| 10. Kathleen MacInnes                      | <i>Summer Dawn</i>                           | CDTRAX294  |
| 11. Various                                | <i>Sandy Bells</i>                           | CDGMP8010  |
| 12. Eric Bogle                             | <i>By Request</i>                            | CDTRAX210  |
| 13. Barbara Dickson                        | <i>To Each &amp; Everyone</i>                | CDTRAX378  |
| 14. Robin Laing                            | <i>Whisky For Breakfast</i>                  | CDTRAX361  |
| 15. Tony McManus                           | <i>Makers Mark</i>                           | CDTRAX331  |
| 16. Various                                | <i>A Highland Journey Vol 2</i>              | CDGMP8014  |
| 17. The Occasionals                        | <i>The Full Set</i>                          | DVTRAX2021 |
| 18. Various                                | <i>Celtic Airs &amp; Reflective Melodies</i> | CDGMP8015  |
| 19. Duncan McCrone                         | <i>Land of Gold</i>                          | CDTRAX398  |
| 20. Dougie MacKenzie                       | <i>Along The Way</i>                         | CDTRAX403  |

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*And there's a hand, my trusty fiere, and gie's a hand o' thine!  
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught, for auld lang syne.*

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the Greentrax team – Ian and Elaine



## Seasonal Greetings

*Elaine and Ian would like to wish all our artists, media friends, business associates, distributors and retailers a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. As usual we are not sending out Christmas cards – a donation to Cancer Research will be made.*

## The Big Events of 2019

One of the biggest events of 2019 was Ian McCalman's 'Singing Sixties' sold out concert in The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, on 12th August.

The amazing cast of 40 or more included Barbara Dickson, Siobhan Miller, Archie Fisher, Dick Gaughan, Adam McNaughtan, Ian Bruce, Iain Rankin (Canada), Arthur Johnstone, Ian McCalman, Hamish Bayne, Gary West, John Barrow (yes, that one) and many more – too many to list here. A totally talented bunch! The audience was up for it and from the first song their singing was amazing, the like of which you only hear once in a lifetime. The proceeds went to very deserving causes, agreed by all the singers. Feedback on the concert was quite remarkable. Another wonderful piece of production by Ian McCalman, following his amazing success with the 'Far, Far From Ypres' Concert Series of 2018. The CD *'Far, Far From Ypres'* (CDTRAX1418) and the DVD *'Far, Far From Ypres – The Concert'* (DVTRAX2024) are still available from Greentrax (see our website: www.greentrax.com)

Drs John Barrow and Ian Green produced a special edition of the well-loved and sorely missed Sandy Bell's Broadsheet of the 70s and 80s, to mark the occasion of the above concert. It was on sale in Sandy Bell's Bar, at the concert and through the Greentrax website (copies are still available from the latter @ £2.00). Contributors included Jim Gilchrist (of The Scotsman). Mike Kamp (of the German 'Folker' magazine); Dolina MacLennan; Dick Gaughan; Ian McCalman, Hector Christie

and Ronnie Browne (of The Corries fame). Most were contributors in the 'old' days. The famous 'We Hear' and 'Diary' pages were also included, along with adverts from Sandy Bell's Bar and Greentrax. It is a good read with lots of humour. All very nostalgic and an enjoyable blast from the past.

Dick Gaughan's health is improving slowly and in addition to a song in the *'Far, Far From Ypres'* Concerts, of 2018, Dick sang *'Sleepy Toon'* (from the Sandy Bell's Ceilidh album CDGMP8010) in the 'Singing Sixties' Concert. Early in the year Ian McCalman and Ian Green listened to tracks recorded in 1982 in The Old Cambridge Baptist Church, near the Harvard University Campus, Massachusetts, USA, by broadcaster Brian O'Donovan. Both Ian's agreed that this was vintage Gaughan and when Dick listened he said they were the best live recordings of himself ever. Brian generously agreed to the tapes being used for a 'live' recording with a large royalty going to Dick, while he recovers and is unable to tour. Ian McCalman edited and mastered the album, which also included two bonus tracks from concerts in Milngavie, recorded and donated by Jason Smith, plus a track from the Greentrax archives. The two Ians and John Slavin gave their services free and Dick will earn handsomely from sales of the album. The interest was immediate and once the album was pressed, mail orders flowed into the Greentrax office at a rate never experienced before. Feedback has been astounding and the album has had masses of radio play. This is an album you must have! ❁



## Greentrax releases in 2019



A very busy year of new albums began with the release of Christine Kydd's highly rated *'Shift and Change'* album (CDTRAX401) in February; followed by a wee gem from festival and club singer Dougie Mackenzie of Inverness – *'Along The Way'* (CDTRAX403) – on which Brian Miller plays guitar. Dougie is nominated for *'Trad Singer of the Year'* at the Scots Trad Awards.

Next came Alexander McCall Smith (the famed author) and James Ross (pianist and composer) who joined forces on *'These Are The Hands'* (CDTRAX404) along with singers Kathleen MacInnes and Michelle Burke plus several musicians.

The June release was the long-awaited Malinky double CD *'Handsel'* (CDTRAX402) comprising two CDs – one of new recordings of the band with guest singers, while the other was a selection of recordings from their previous albums, plus demo and live tracks; hard on the heels of that brilliant double album, priced as one CD, came a stunning

guitar collection from Tony McManus, with a new touring partner, guitarist and fiddle player Julia Toaspern – *'Live In Concert'* (CDTRAX405).

Dick Gaughan's *'The Harvard Tapes – Definitive Gaughan Concert from 1982'* (CDTRAX406), mentioned earlier, was released in August; and in September Greentrax released the late John Campbell Munro's *'The Kelly Collection'* (CDTRAX407) album, recorded by John before his untimely death and with a great bunch of session musicians including his mate Eric Bogle, telling the story of The Ned Kelly Gang.

As this newsletter was being prepared another School of Scottish Studies Series album was nearing completion: *'Dhannasadh Gun Dannelsadh' - 'Dance-Songs of The Scottish Gaels'* (CDTRAX9028). This is another first from the School's Archives and Volume 28 of this highly rated series.

All in all, a very good year for Greentrax in these days of depressed CD sales. ❁

## NEW FOR 2020

At the time of preparing this newsletter Stevie Palmer was in Ian McCalman's Kevock Digital Studio recording a second album for Greentrax, with guidance from Dick Gaughan. Stevie's first: CDTRAX347 – *'Heartprint Shadow'* is still available and of course includes his now famous *'Black Is The Sun'* song, featured in the *'Far, Far From Ypres'* stage show.

A new Heather Heywood is awaiting a release date and she is a welcome return

to Greentrax after her much sought-after earlier albums.

Alex Hodgson, the popular East Lothian singer, with two previous Greentrax albums to his credit (CDTRAX351 and 382) is preparing for a third album for the label.

Dr Fred Freeman is currently rehearsing singers/musicians for a Hamish Henderson Tribute Album – Vol. 2 also for 2020.

Needless to say other albums are at the planning stage and as always there will be more new and original projects from Greentrax in the coming year. ❁