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10. Eric Bogle	<i>At This Stage</i>	CDTRAX286
11. Fraser Bruce	<i>Every Song's A Story</i>	CDTRAX413
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13. Donnie Munro	<i>Donnie Munro Live</i>	CDTRAX323
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16. Eric Bogle	<i>Live at Stonyfell Winery</i>	DVTRAX2022
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20. Shooglenifty	<i>Venus in Tweeds</i>	CDTRAX076

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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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**CHRISTMAS  
 Newsletter  
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*"I COULD GET USED TO WORKING REMOTELY."*

*J. No'waker*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from  
 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.*

## Events of 2021

The major event of 2021 was moving all our stock back from the Gordon Duncan Distribution warehouse at Kilsyth to Cockenzie Business Hub, East Lothian.

This was forced upon us when Dougie Stevenson of B.G.S./Scottisc/Gordon Duncan Distribution found it necessary to sell off the extensive warehouse in Kilsyth and move to smaller premises. With the help of Graham Sunter (Elaine's husband), Elaine herself and friends John Barrow and Tom Ward, plus a hired van, the return of Greentrax stock was accomplished over a weekend in early February. It was fortunate that a fairly large room was at that time available within the Hub and was successfully negotiated as the new Greentrax warehouse. Unfortunately, due to restricted space a large number of back catalogue albums had to be deleted and stock sold off cheaply. This did, however, result in a real bonus for our mail order customers who were (and still are) benefitting from these deleted items being sold off, while stocks last, at £6.00 (including postage within the UK). A real bargain by any standard which should not be missed! The new warehouse at the Cockenzie Hub is now operating smoothly and has resulted in quicker turnaround of mail orders.

The second major event was: 2021 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greentrax Recordings. Is it really that long since Greentrax was launched?

Due to the ongoing and many problems created by Covid-19, Greentrax was forced to drastically reduce its release schedule in 2021, resulting in only three new releases and one re-release (see later). This has, however, allowed time to consolidate and manage the administration of Greentrax Recordings

by Elaine and Ian only. Elaine has now settled into operating our new Curve royalty software, which occupied much of her working hours in 2020 when transferring the data from the old to the new system. Meanwhile, Ian was busy re-organising the new warehouse facility and coping with the greatly increased mail order demand, presumably arising out of the demise of record retail outlets from our town centres.

Ian spends many happy Sunday mornings/afternoons at the home of Ellen and Ian McCalman in Lasswade when the two Ian's and Dick Gaughan 'put the world to rights', while having many a good laugh together. Dick continues to improve slowly and his sense of humour is strong. It is a pleasure to spend time with him and Ian.

The year has inevitably brought more deaths to our doorstep, including Ian's close friend Kate Ward, wife of Tom who was mentioned earlier, and old friend John Allan who was diagnosed with cancer and died within a few weeks. Shocking! John Allan, John Barrow and myself were the first to launch the annual Acoustic Music Centre during the Edinburgh International Festival, which John Barrow still runs to this day.

Eric Bogle is currently recovering from an operation but despite illness was able to complete a new album which Greentrax will release in February, 2022 (see later). We all wish him a speedy recovery and also wish Carmel well.

The late Iain MacDonald, singer/songwriter with two albums on Greentrax (CDTRAX003 and 025), wrote and recorded *The Iolaire* many years ago and the BBC chose to use the Greentrax recording in their highly rated TV series *The Vigil*. The ship named 'The Iolaire' sank off Stornoway on New Years' Day in 1919 when returning many servicemen to their island homes. ❁ IAN GREEN

## Greentrax releases in 2021



**CDTRAX414** Ian Bruce and The Tartan Spiders – *Young Territorial*. Songs and music from the archives of the famous London Scottish Regiment and their equally famous 'Hodden Grey' kilts. Ian was commissioned to record this album by the London Scottish Regiment and did so in his own studio, engaging the help of a host of Scottish folk talent, including Carol Jamieson (piano), Fiona Forbes (vocals), Denise Crighton-Ward (bass), Janet Weatherston (backing vocals), Katharina Bramkamp (recorders), Alasdair Gibb (bagpipes), Charlie Milne (vocals), Gregor Lowrey (accordion & melodeon), Pete Clark (fiddle), Alastair Morrow (drums) and more. Highly recommended.

**CDTRAX410** Hamish Henderson Tribute Vol. 2 – *Ballad of The Banffies*. More songs and poems of the great, late Hamish Henderson, produced by Dr. Fred Freeman who put his heart and soul into the recordings. Singers are Fiona Hunter (of Malinky), John Morran (of Deaf Shepherd) and young singer Cameron Nixon, plus Hamish himself. There are also some fine musicians involved: Marc Duff, Frank and Euan MacLaughlin and Angus Lyon. The South African group, Atte, sing a stirring version of *Rivonia*. The album is well arranged and a real pleasure to listen to. Getting great reviews.

**CDTRAX409** Eddie Seaman – *Cave of Gold*. Eddie studied at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and since then has worked with a variety of musicians, bands and theatre projects. He has travelled widely with his bagpipes and whistles, both of which he uses to great effect on the album. Eddie is accompanied on several tracks by Aaron Jones (bouzouki and double bass) and on one track he is joined by the brilliant Gaelic singer Maeve Mackinnon for the song *Uamb an Oir* (Cave of Gold). A very fine album also getting good reviews.

**CDGMP8017** Music And Song Of Scotland – *Top Scottish Singers and Musicians*. This is a re-release of the very popular and 'best selling' album CDTRAX030 from 1989, the very first Greentrax compilation, which has not dated a bit. An additional track of Gordon Duncan's 'Sleeping Tune', played

by top group Ceolbeg, has been added as a bonus and tribute to Gordon. This a great addition to the Greentrax budget priced label, Celtic Collections, and is re-released to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greentrax Recordings.

Not many for a year perhaps but all top class albums.

## New Releases For 2022

As mentioned earlier our first release in 2022 will be on 1<sup>st</sup> February:

**CDTRAX415** Eric Bogle – *The Source of Light*. The album, recorded late in 2021 in Australia, has 15 tracks, with two songs written by Peter Titchener and a tune by Emma Luker (both 'Bogle Band' stalwarts), plus a song by the late John Munro. The rest of the songs are by Eric and there are some crackers. On hearing the master, Ian Green immediately emailed Eric the following message: 'I cried, I laughed and pondered the issues raised - and I enjoyed every single moment of it'. This album is highly recommended by Ian Green. Advanced orders being accepted now.

Next for release:

**CDTRAX411** Kyle Warren – *Untitled as yet*. Kyle is a four-time World Champion winner, teacher and composer, who has recently returned to Scotland after spending five years teaching and playing in Australia. He also recently published a music book – *Eat Sleep Pipe Repeat*. Kyle has played with the Grade 1 Champions: The Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, plus the Australian champions: The Hawthorn Pipe Band and was for a while a member of The Red Hot Chilli Pipers. Kyle also played his bagpipes on the Disney Pixar Oscar winning movie *Brave*. This is greatly anticipated at the Greentrax office.

There are of course other projects on the go, including a compilation of the late Davy Steele's own songs. Other releases will be announced later but be assured all will be up to the Greentrax high standard. ❁ IAN GREEN – Managing Director