

## A WEEK OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

### Weekly traditional music sessions:

You can find traditional music sessions somewhere nearby just about nearly every night of the week, so it's the perfect way to relax after a day's exploring. You probably know what a session is, but just in case you don't – it's when a group of musicians meet up informally to play some tunes for fun. It's usually in a bar, they're pretty welcoming and visiting musicians are welcome to join in. You don't know who'll be there, what instruments or what they'll play but it's usually good fun. Here's a selection of what you'll find in our area:



### Wednesdays

**Taybank**, Dunkeld – 10 mins walk

8.30-11pm. Mainly guitars and the odd banjo for a laid back acoustic session of blues, folk and whatever they feel like on the night.

**Bankfoot Inn**, Bankfoot – 6 miles away

8.30-11pm – lots of singing. Can range from 6 to 20 people singing, playing guitars, fiddles, mandolins but they take it in turns to go round the group to ensure that everybody can have a turn. Good fun and very welcoming.

### Thursdays

**Royal Dunkeld Hotel**, Dunkeld – 10 mins walk

This is the main traditional music session in the area so people come to play and to listen from other towns too, but most of the musicians come from Pete Clark's fiddle class which meets beforehand. Other musicians are welcome to join in. This can be quite a large and noisy session and if you're lucky there might be a clarseach (harp), double bass and piano. The session leader is Pete Clark who specialises in the music of Niel Gow, a local fiddler and composer from the late 1800's, so this session has lots of local tunes. 8 -11pm.

For listings of sessions across Scotland, go to <http://www.scottish-folk-music.com/index.html>

## ANNUAL Traditional Music Events

### Niel Gow Fiddle Festival - March

A weekend long fiddle festival celebrating the music of famous local fiddler and composer, Niel Gow. Concerts, workshops and sessions.

### Pete Clark's week long fiddle schools – May & September

Daily tuition in fiddle combined with musical tours, meeting local fiddle society, maybe a trip to the Indian restaurant and the odd pub session. People of all ages travel from all over the world to take part. This gives us some great sessions at Jessie Mac's.

### **Perthshire Amber - November**

Weekend programme of concerts, sessions, workshops and day trips exploring the music of Perthshire and of local musician Dougie MacLean.

