

Hipswing

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ALF - ALFA



For the last seventeen years, Alf Alfa and the Wild Oats have been one of the most popular and best known bands in the country, playing for ceilidhs, barn dances and folk festivals throughout the Midlands, Northern England and Wales.

At the end of 2007, three of the original band members left for various reasons. The remaining four have decided to continue providing high quality entertainment, relaunching under the name of Alf-Alfa.

The current band members are:

Lynda Fox: percussion, tin whistle

Terry Fox: fiddle

Jason Hill: guitar, melodeon

Phil Johnson: tenor banjo, mandolin, bass guitar

Linda Westrupp: caller

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They cover a wide range of styles:

The band's repertoire is still firmly based in the English ceilidh tradition, but also includes music from Scotland, Ireland and America, as well as original compositions. We have also been influenced by Western Swing, the jazz-tinged dance music of Texas, and some of our arrangements have a distinctive swing feel.

What is it that makes Ceilidhs such good entertainment? This type of dancing is suitable for all ages from about 6 or 7 upwards to older Grannies and Aunties! It gets everyone mixing together, even if they've never done this sort of dancing before and don't know the other people. Some dances are what's called "progressive", which means you (and sometimes your dancing partner) moving on to a different person (or couple) each time through the dance. In this way, a Ceilidh does a great job of mixing together a crowd of strangers. No previous experience is necessary, no prior knowledge is required.

Having a Ceilidh and a Disco in one evening caters for all tastes, providing both traditional and contemporary styles of music. If the evening is to work well, it is very important that the Ceilidh is the first half of the evening, and the Disco takes over after the Ceilidh has finished.

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