Sharing songs in St Andrews

The Big Orkney Song Project

PREVIEW

THE Big Orkney Song Project's next Song Share will take place in St Andrews this Saturday, February 28.

The Heritage Lottery funded project has been visiting different parts of Orkney since last October, and is looking for Orkney Songs old and new.

The Song Shares are free and open to everyone. They start with an informal concert by the Song Shop Trio, Sarah Jane Gibbon, Emily Turton and Aimee Leonard. This is followed by the chance to donate any material or information you might have over a cup of tea, followed by a workshop where an Orkney Song is taught.

Emily said: "This time we are particularly interested in songs that were sung in St Andrews, Holm and Deerness.

"So far the only songs we have are The Parson's Sheep, recorded in 1969 by Alan Bruford of the School of Scottish Studies from Gilbert Voy, and a fragment of a song called Poor Pussy, which was sung by a lady from Deerness in the early 1900s.

"Do you have any information that might help us? Everything is valuable, no matter how small or incomplete."

Everyone is invited to come along to the Song Share at the St Andrews Hall from 2-4.30pm on Saturday, February 28.

For more information, or if you can't make it along this weekend, call Sarah Jane on Tel: 872056.