

# First island visit for song project

## PREVIEW

THE Big Orkney Song Project will be holding its first Island Song Share this Saturday on Flotta.

The event will be at the school hall from 12.30 – 2.30pm. As with all of the events there will be a short concert where the Song Shop Trio and Brian Cromarty will perform. This time children from Flotta School will also be performing a wartime song. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Emily Turton, the project's administrator, said: "For this event we have been gathering information about entertainment during the World Wars in search of songs.

"We know that ENSA (Entertainments National Service Association) events were abundant during the war years with visits from artists such as Gracie Fields, George Formby, and Evelyn Laye to The Co-Optomists, Cockney Parade and The

Roundabout Review.

"Well-remembered songs such as Bless 'em All and Underneath the Arches are reported about in The Orkney Blast newspapers of the time but we would love to hear about any other memories of these and other songs and artists.

"There will be a display at the event of our findings so far and we are sharing this information with the Fortress Orkney Project – hope to see you there."

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