

## Mick McGarry

Mick McGarry is performing at Ingleton this year for a second time with Owd Chyvers singing contemporary, maritime and traditional songs unaccompanied. He is also the singers' session host at the Hill Inn on Saturday afternoon.

During the past year Mick has been booked at festivals from Bedworth to Doncaster on his own, hosting sessions at Beverley & Whitby and appearing with Owd Chyvers at Shepley, Ellesmere Port, Goole, Hartlepool, Great Yarmouth and various locations in the Hull area. He was director of Hull Shanty Festival 2011, stepping in when the City Council was unable to fund it after 21 years.

Mick is working on a Yorkshire Garland project aiming to produce CDs of sea songs for the Town Docks Museum, and, in an exciting new venture, recently became lead vocalist with a high energy musical fusion band: the Hillbilly Troupe.

The Hillbilly Troupe are a collective of musicians in Hull spanning generations including members of young indie punks The Paddingtons, old shanty singing locals along with an ever-evolving mix of local talent. Bringing to the people a traditional mix of folk and Americana from the UK, the US and beyond, this band is certainly not just hillbilly, using traditional home made instruments along with banjo's, guitars, and stomping drums to breath new life into songs near forgotten.



At Scarborough Seafest Fundraiser & with The Hillbilly Troupe @ Hull Freedom Festival