



DALSTON FESTIVAL 2010

A new folk song dedicated to the village

“THE DALSTON LAMP”

To be performed just prior to Isla St.Clair's concert,
and also on The Square during Festival Friday.

It's a very amusing song, and in true Folk tradition, we hope you'll join in with the choruses.

The song tells the true story of two small but amusing events surrounding the first street lamp to be erected in Dalston in 1911, to commemorate the Coronation of King George V.

Firstly, villagers gathered round because they'd never seen concrete being poured before, and they wondered if it would set. However, the enterprising 15 year old apprentice Bill Walton put their minds at ease, and was given a big round of applause.

The second part tells of Mr Murray, a regular at “The Swan Inn” (now gone) After a few too many beers, he saw the newly lit lamp on his way home, and in a drunken haze, he thought he'd seen the devil.

Full details are on Dalston Village website's “History” page.
www.dalston.org.uk

Olly Roberts is the author, and he sourced the information from Parish Records and from the late Kate Scott (nee Bell) Other items of local history can also be seen on the website.

I was inspired to write the lyrics,
to which Carolyn Francis added music.

Sung by Sue Pattinson
Backing track arranged by Ron Green

Sincere thanks to all concerned.
Carol Douglas