



Talis Kimberley

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"If Talis's songs lived in your street, they'd turn up on your doorstep wearing flowery wellies, a patchwork skirt and a hand-knit shawl, bringing you cake, tea and at least three good reasons to smile"

It's been a while, hey? Welcome to the occasional newsletter for Talis Kimberley and her music. **Whether you've followed her for years or just heard of her last week, sit down with a cuppa and catch up - we've plenty to tell you!**

Goodnight, Sarah-Jane...

When Doctor Who actor Lis Sladen passed away in April, Talis said goodbye to one of her childhood heroes, with the song 'Goodnight, Sarah-Jane'. She uploaded it to her Bandcamp site to share with others who regarded Lis Sladen with the same fondness. Talis was astonished and moved by the number of people who listened, downloaded, and shared the song across the 'net, causing quite a flurry of activity and inclusion on a couple of podcasts.

It hit Youtube (<http://youtu.be/pPnmui7kpwM>, <http://youtu.be/fxg0uEop6PE>) shortly afterward and Talis heard from very many people who felt the same sentiments expressed in the lyrics.

Talis was reluctant to benefit financially from this particular song, so the money raised from the Bandcamp purchases will go towards helping those fighting cancer. We'll keep you updated.

Talis is glad that 'Goodnight, Sarah-Jane' helped others to find a way to say farewell to a wonderful woman who inspired so many of us. Even though the activity around the song has lessened, Talis hopes it continues to help others to express what they perhaps couldn't put into words.

12th July: Live on AiiRadio

There's exciting news on the air... air waves that is! Talis will be appearing on 12th July on AiiRadio.net, a non-profit net radio station, with one or two bandmates. The two-hour show will feature songs from several of Talis's releases plus unreleased tracks - some new, and a few gems that Talis has kept locked away.

The show is hosted by Brian Dade and begins at 10pm (BST).

Here's what happened: Steve Paine of prog rock band [Legend](#) featured on AiiRadio, promoting the new album 'Cardinal Points', and Skypeing into the show. Several years ago Talis worked with Steve; he produced and played on a long lost prog rock album of Talis's songs, with the Mythical Beasts line-up. That project was called 'Receiving Stolen Gods', and Steve included a couple of tracks from it on his show ('Velvet' and 'A Harp Strung With Wind', if you're interested).

While the show aired, Talis dropped into the online chatroom to reminisce with Steve and his bandmates. The response to the 'Receiving Stolen Gods' tracks was resoundingly positive, and plans are now afoot to achieve some sort of release. We'll keep you posted. The next thing was the invitation to create 'An Evening With Talis Kimberley' on AiiRadio.

Talis has been looking through past recordings, released and unreleased, and hopes to spring a few surprises during the show, including a couple of songs hardly anyone's heard. She's looking forward to seeing some of you in the chatroom and hopes many more of you will tune in to listen.

All the Green Places

Talis's new 'floating band' line-up (Chantelle Smith, Rika Koerte, Simon Fairbourn, & Jan Simlat) will soon be welcoming occasional fiddler Nic Ashton to the line-up. It was wonderful to have John Jones play in again recently; we hope to see him again soon! ~ They've been performing at folk clubs, literary festivals & folk festivals, Transition Town (LINK) initiatives, green events & stranger places still ~ 'Green Places', the Talis mini-album offered as a cover disc on the Beltane 'Greenmantle' (LINK) magazine, has all but sold out ~ The short film 'The Threshold' features a soundtrack by Talis, a new challenge for her but very enjoyable ~ 'Queen of Spindles' is now in its final stages, the follow-up album to 'The Hearth and the Hive', will take the big green issues and bring them home to your garden, kitchen, and apple-orchard, always with the story at the heart of every song.

www.talis.net carries all the latest updates on Talis's gigs, and the online shop there is an easy place to order CDs - besides, you can catch Talis on FaceBook and LiveJournal, and occasionally Twitter too.

Talis is available for 2012 bookings of all kinds. She and her band would love to share her songs with you... Here's literate contemporary folk with green edges and a warm and whimsical heart.

("...I'm seeing shimmying with tentacles, here?" "Oh, yes, you can't have too many tentacles!")

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We hope you're happy to read about Talis's music - of course, if you'd prefer not to receive any further emails, then just let us know.



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