



Bocs Cân Idris

(Idris' song box)

I'm looking to set up a small project group in the new Shed Egryn where we will each make a simple stringed musical instrument based on the old fretted zithers of the 15th to 19th Centuries. I have in mind the sort of instrument that the rural communities around Europe and in the New World would have made at home to entertain themselves. Something that would be suitable for playing the old Welsh hymns, folk songs and the twmpath tunes that were carried to Llanegryn parish each year by the Romani Cymreig.

We'll use reclaimed woods and simple tools. No specialist skills needed; just a good eye to cut planks and decorate the box and a good ear to set the frets and tune the instrument.

So if you'd like to build your own Bocs Cân Idris and learn how to play the old Welsh tunes give me a call.

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