

**The award was presented to Paul Wilson and Marilyn Tucker of "Wren" on Friday 26 October by Anne Gill and Terry Underhill.**



In 1983 Paul Wilson and Marilyn Tucker created the organisation now known as Wren Music, with the vision of taking the people's music to the people of Devon. Since then, every year has seen major new projects, which have brought communities, large and small, together and they have touched the lives of tens of thousands of people.

There are a few strands that have run through their work during those years. Their links with Newfoundland go back to the earliest days of the organisation, but they have now taken their music to many other countries. Also, they have made the collection of Devonshire song collector, Sabine Baring-Gould, a basis for many projects over the years.

Wren has grown and its achievements are a team effort drawing on the expertise of several musicians and other staff. However, it is the combination of Paul's musical talent and creativity combined with Marilyn's practical business skills and resilience that have directed and ensured the success of the organisation, even when the going got tough.

It is those qualities that we recognise today by the presentation of the Devon Folk Award for 2012 to Paul Wilson and Marilyn Tucker – the visionary founders of Wren Music.