

# COPPER

## *The* FAMILY

EARLY RECORDINGS OF  
THE COPPER FAMILY OF ROTTINGDEAN



**COPPER FAMILY RECORDINGS:  
A COMPLETE DISCOGRAPHY**



SINGER(S)	TITLE	DATE	LABEL	INCLUDES	NOTES
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16060	ADIEU SWEET LOVELY NANCY; CLAUDY BANKS [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16061	TWO YOUNG BRETHREN (?2 VERSIONS) [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16062	CHARMING MOLLY; WHEN SPRING COMES ON; BRISK AND BONNY LAD [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16063	SWEEP CHIMNEY SWEEP; NO JOHN NO; BRISK YOUNG PLOUGHBOY (?) [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16064	BRISK YOUNG PLOUGHBOY (?) [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16065	THE PLOUGHSHARE; COME WRITE ME DOWN [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16066	SPENCER THE ROVER; SHEPHERD OF THE DOWNS [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	1/3/51	BBC ARCHIVE 16067	PLEASANT MONTH OF MAY; BABES IN THE WOOD [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
NOTE: SIX SONGS FROM THE ABOVE 1951 RECORDINGS OF JAMES COPPER WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED COMMERCIALY ON TWANKYDILLO.					
JAMES (JIM), JOHN, BOB AND RON COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY SEAMUS ENNIS, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	3/4/52	BBC ARCHIVE 17986	WARLIKE SEAMEN; COME WRITE ME DOWN [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES (JIM), JOHN, BOB AND RON COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY SEAMUS ENNIS, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	3/4/52	BBC ARCHIVE 17987	ADMIRAL BENBOW [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES (JIM) COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY SEAMUS ENNIS, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	24/4/52	BBC ARCHIVE 17988	NO DETAILS	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES (JIM) AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY SEAMUS ENNIS, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	24/4/52	BBC ARCHIVE 17989	THOUSANDS OR MORE; MY LOVE HAS GONE (FRAGMENT); HEIGH HO, SING IVY [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JAMES (JIM) AND BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY SEAMUS ENNIS, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	24/4/52	BBC ARCHIVE 17990	A WEEK BEFORE EASTER [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
NOTE: TWO SONGS FROM THE ABOVE 1952 RECORDINGS OF JIM, JOHN, RON AND BOB COPPER WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED COMMERCIALY: "BANKS OF THE SWEET PRIMROSES" ON THE ELECTRIC MUSE AND "WARLIKE SEAMEN" ON COPPERSONGS.					
BOB AND RON COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	2/2/55	BBC ARCHIVE 21543	WHEN ADAM WAS FIRST CREATED [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE



BOB AND RON COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	2/2/55	BBC ARCHIVE 21544	THE SHEPHERD'S SONG; A LAWYER BOLD; SHEPHERDS ARISE [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	2/2/55	BBC ARCHIVE 21545	BRISK AND LIVELY LAD; SWEET LEMENEY [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING BY PETER KENNEDY, ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	2/2/55	BBC ARCHIVE 21546	SPOTTED COW; SHEEP SHEARING SONG [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
JOHN(?) COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING	Nov 1955	BBC LP 26349	BRISK AND BONNY LAD; HEIGH HO, SING IVY [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
BOB COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDING	24/12/1957	BBC LP 25616	BABES IN THE WOOD [+ OTHERS?]	NOT COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE
VARIOUS ARTISTS	FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN (TEN-LP SET OF FIELD RECORDINGS)	1961	CAEDMON 1142-1146, 1162-1164, 1224-1225. REISSUED IN ENGLAND AS TOPIC 157-161, 194-198	11 SONGS FROM BOB AND RON COPPER ON VARIOUS VOLUMES	ROUNDER RECORDS REISSUED EXPANDED VERSIONS OF SOME OF THESE LPS ON CD, EDITED BY PETER KENNEDY, AS PART OF THE ALAN LOMAX COLLECTION
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN, VOL 1. THE SONGS OF COURTSHIP	1961	CAEDMON TC 1142 (USA); ISSUED IN UK AS TOPIC 12T157 (1966)	BOB COPPER: THE FALSE BRIDE; BOB AND RON COPPER: THE SWEET PRIMEROSSES; BOB AND RON COPPER: DAME DURDEN; BOB AND RON COPPER: NO JOHN, NO.	COPPERS TRACKS PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN, VOL 3. JACK OF ALL TRADES	1961	CAEDMON TC 1144 (USA); ISSUED IN UK AS TOPIC 12T159 (1966)	BOB AND RON COPPER: JOVIAL TRADESMAN; BOB AND RON COPPER: MERRY HAYMAKERS; BOB AND RON COPPER: SWEEP, CHIMNEY, SWEEP.	COPPERS TRACKS PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN, VOL 4. THE CHILD BALLADS 1 [2-95]	1961	CAEDMON TC 1145 (USA); ISSUED IN UK AS TOPIC 12T160 (1966)	BOB AND RON COPPER: THE ELFIN KNIGHT (=AN ACRE OF LAND; STRAWBERRY LANE)	COPPERS TRACKS PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN, VOL 6. SAILOR MEN AND SERVING MAIDS	196?	CAEDMON TC 1162 (USA); ISSUED IN UK AS TOPIC 12T194 (1969)	BOB AND RON COPPER: WARLIKE SEAMAN	COPPERS TRACKS PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK SONGS OF BRITAIN, VOL 9. SONGS OF CEREMONY		ISSUED IN UK AS TOPIC 12T197	BOB AND RON COPPER: TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AND SHEPHERDS ARISE	COPPERS TRACKS RECORDED AT ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX BY PETER KENNEDY AND PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57
BOB AND RON COPPER	TRADITIONAL SONGS FROM ROTTINGDEAN	1963	EFDSS LP 1002	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	LIMITED RELEASE; AVAILABLE TO EFDSS MEMBERS ONLY. TRACKS PROB. TAKEN FROM BBC RECORDINGS, 1951-57, MOST/ALL REC. BY PETER KENNEDY



BOB AND RON COPPER	ENGLISH SHEPHERD AND FARMING SONGS	1964	FOLK LEGACY (USA) FSB 019	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	REISSUE OF EFDSS LP 1002 (ABOVE) UNDER A DIFFERENT TITLE
BOB AND RON COPPER	BBC ARCHIVE RECORDINGS BY PETER KENNEDY	1963			A SELECTION OF THESE RECORDINGS WERE LATER RELEASED ON THE BANKS OF CLAUDY
VARIOUS ARTISTS	FOLKSOUND OF BRITAIN (LP) (RECORDED LIVE AT ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 4/6/65)	1965	HMV CLP 1910	BOB AND JOHN COPPER: COME WRITE ME DOWN	
THE COPPER FAMILY	A SONG FOR EVERY SEASON	1971	LEAB 404 (LEA 4046-4049)	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	BOXED SET OF 4 RECORDS, WITH 16 PAGE BOOKLET. REC. BY BILL LEADER, PEACEHAVEN, C.1971
THE COPPER FAMILY	A SONG FOR EVERY SEASON [SELECTED TRACKS FROM THE 4LP SET]	1971	LEADER LED 2067	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE BRAVE PLOUGHBOY: SONGS AND STORIES IN A SUSSEX PUB	1975 (RECORDED 1974)	XTRA 1150	BOB, JOHN, AND LYNNE COPPER: "TWO YOUNG BRETHREN"; BOB AND JOHN COPPER: "THE BRISK YOUNG PLOUGHBOY"	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE ELECTRIC MUSE [4-LP BOX SET]	1975	ISLAND / TRANSATLANTIC FOLK 1001	JIM, JOHN, BOB AND RON COPPER: THE BANKS OF SWEET PRIMROSES	RECORDED BY SEAMUS ENNIS, 1952 FOR BBC
BOB AND RON COPPER	THE BANKS OF CLAUDY	1975	FOLKTRAX 081 (CASSETTE: 60 MIN.); CD RELEASE FOLKTRAX SPCD 081 (2000)	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	RECORDED IN ROTTINGDEAN BY PETER KENNEDY (?FOR THE BBC) IN 1963
BOB, RON AND JIM COPPER	TWANKYDILLO	1975	FOLKTRAX 082 (CASSETTE: 60 MIN.); CD RELEASE FOLKTRAX SPCD 082 (2000)	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	
BOB COPPER	SWEET ROSE IN JUNE (COUNTRYSIDE SONGS FROM THE SOUTH)	1977	TOPIC 12TS 328	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	SOUTHERN ENGLISH SONGS FROM OUTSIDE THE COPPER FAMILY REPERTOIRE, SONGS COLLECTED BY BOB COPPER IN HAMPSHIRE AND SUSSEX
THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPER FAMILY - 1: COME ALL YOU BOLD BRITONS	1983	FOLKTRAX 238 (CASSETTE: 90 MIN.)	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	RECORDED ITEMS RANGE IN DATE FROM 1963-1983
THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPER FAMILY - 2: ADAM AND EVE	1983	FOLKTRAX 239 (CASSETTE: 90 MIN.)	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	RECORDINGS BY PETER KENNEDY AT ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX BETWEEN 1951-1983
VARIOUS ARTISTS	WILL'S BARN	1987	EFDSS VWML 002	SEVEN SONGS BY BOB, JOHN, JILL, AND JON DUDLEY, RECORDED AT A LIVE "SINGAROUND" IN SEPTEMBER 1986.	ALSO THE HOLME VALLEY TRADITION, BOB DAVENPORT AND THE RAKES, AND MARTIN CARTHY AND NORMA WATERSON



THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPERSONGS	1988	EFDSS VWML 004	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	ALL TRACKS REC. LONDON, OCTOBER 1987 EXCEPT WARLIKE SEAMEN (THE IRISH CAPTAIN) REC. SEAMUS ENNIS FOR THE BBC ARCHIVE, 3/4/1952, FEATURING JIM, JOHN (SNR), BOB AND RON COPPER
VARIOUS ARTISTS	SEA SONGS & SHANTIES	1994	SAYDISC 405	BOB AND RON COPPER: "WARLIKE SEAMEN," "THE BANKS OF CLAUDY" (RECORDED 1955)	
THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPERSONGS 2: THE LIVING TRADITION OF THE COPPER FAMILY	1995	COPPERSONGS CD2	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	WHEN THE MAY IS ALL IN BLOOM: TRADITIONAL SINGING FROM THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND	1995	VETERAN TAPES VT 131 CD	BOB COPPER: "GEORGE COLLINS," "THE TREES THEY DO GROW HIGH"; JOHN COPPER: "SHIFT UP A LITTLE BIT FARTHER, "THE CLOTHES HORSE".	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	HIDDEN ENGLISH: A CELEBRATION OF ENGLISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC	1996	TOPIC TSCD 600	BOB & RON COPPER: THE SWEET PRIMROSES	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	NEW ELECTRIC MUSE: THE STORY OF FOLK INTO ROCK [3 CD SET]	1996	CASTLE COMMUNICATION ESB CD 416	THE COPPER FAMILY: SPENCER THE ROVER [FROM "A SONG FOR EVERY SEASON", 1971]	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	FROOTS #6	1996	FROOTS #6	BOB COPPER: "RAGS AND OLD IRON"	FREE CD INCLUDED WITH THE JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 1996 ISSUE OF FOLK ROOTS
THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPERSONGS 3: THE LEGACY CONTINUES	1998	COPPERSONGS CD3	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	WORLD LIBRARY OF FOLK AND PRIMITIVE MUSIC. VOL 1. ENGLAND	1998	ROUNDER 1741	JIM AND BOB COPPER: CONTENTED COUNTRY LAD; JIM COPPER: THE THRESHING MACHINE	PROBABLY EARLY 50S RECORDINGS FROM THE BBC ARCHIVE
VARIOUS ARTISTS	RICH AT THE ROOTS: THE FOLK ALLIANCE SHOWCASE COMPILATION, VOL. II	1998	NO DETAILS	THE COPPER FAMILY: BY THE GREEN GROVES	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	A CENTURY OF SONG: A CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL SINGERS SINCE 1898	1998	EFDSS CD02	THE COPPER FAMILY (BOB, JOHN AND LYNNE, JILL AND JON DUDLEY): CLAUDY BANKS (RECORDED 1986); BOB AND RON COPPER: SPENCER THE ROVER (RECORDED 1951)	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE ALAN LOMAX COLLECTION SAMPLER	1997	ROUNDER CD 1700	BOB & RON COPPER: THE JOVIAL TRADESMAN (RECORDED 1955)	
VARIOUS ARTISTS	SONGS OF CHRISTMAS FROM THE ALAN LOMAX COLLECTION	1998	ROUNDER CD 611719	BOB & RON COPPER: THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS; SHEPHERDS ARISE	



VARIOUS ARTISTS	FROOTS #10	1998	FROOTS #10	BOB COPPER: GOIN' DOWN TO BROWNSVILLE	FREE CD INCLUDED WITH THE JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 1998 ISSUE OF FOLK ROOTS
VARIOUS ARTISTS	THE FOLK AWARDS	2001	TOPIC TSCD 850	THE COPPER FAMILY: SPENCER THE ROVER	
JIM, JOHN, RON AND BOB COPPER	COME WRITE ME DOWN: EARLY RECORDINGS OF THE COPPER FAMILY OF ROTTINGDEAN	5 NOVEMBER 2001	TOPIC TSCD 534	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	THESE ARE ALL ARCHIVE RECORDINGS LISTED ABOVE AND RE- RELEASED ON CD
VARIOUS ARTISTS	SONG LINKS: A CELEBRATION OF ENGLISH TRADITIONAL SONGS AND THEIR AUSTRALIAN VARIANTS	2003	FELLSIDE FECDD176D	THE COPPER FAMILY: HERE'S ADIEU SWEET LOVELY NANCY; CLAUDY BANKS.	
BOB COPPER: DOWN BY THE GREEN BUSHES; THE BONNY BUNCH OF ROSES - O					
VARIOUS ARTISTS	TALES AND SONGS FROM ROTTINGDEAN	2007	5 060104 321475	THOUSANDS OR MORE; THE SAGA OF THE CHRISTMAS DINNER	THE CD IS (AS AT OCTOBER 2007) AVAILABLE FOR £10 + P&P FROM PARC CHILDRENS CHARITY SHOP, 42 HIGH STREET, ROTTINGDEAN BN2 7HR, EAST SUSSEX. TEL: +44(0)1273308886.
THE COPPER FAMILY	COPPERS AT CHRISTMAS: THE CAROL COLLECTION OF THE COPPER FAMILY OF ROTTINGDEAN, SUSSEX	2007	COPPERSONGS CD 4	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	
THE YOUNG COPPERS	PASSING OUT	2008	COPPERSONGS CD 5	FOR DETAILS OF TRACKS SEE THIS PAGE	

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The following sources were particularly helpful:

For historic BBC sessions: on-line catalogue, National Sound Archive, London, and Dave Bland's detailed notes (with Mike Yates' discographical assistance) to the 4-lp song for every season box set. For album details and tracklists: the folk index; the complete topic records discography by Mike Brocken, Alistair Banfield & Rod Stradling; Peter Kennedy's folktrax on-line catalogue; plus information previously held on Garry Gillard's coppers website (now this site!), 1998 Onwards. Various album sleeve notes and track lists.