

EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRUST

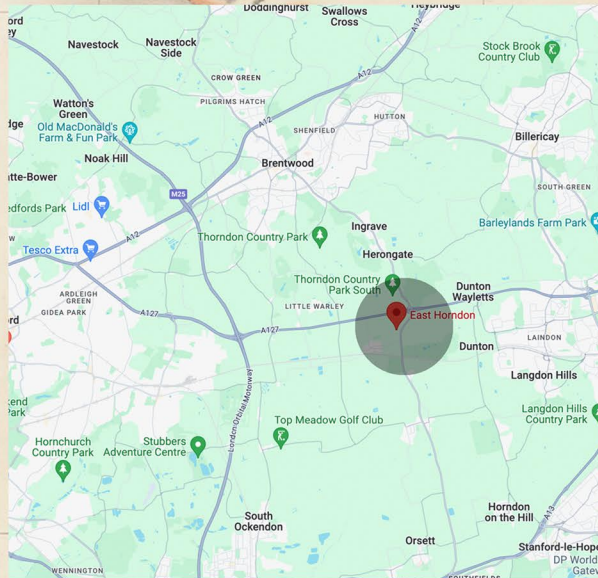
Vaughan Williams' Folk Van Diemen's Land

This song tells the cautionary tale of the fate of poachers and other petty criminals transported to Van Diemen's Land, now the island of Tasmania, for their crimes.

Vaughan Williams collected this version of from singer James Bloomfield. Mr Bloomfield met with him on several occasions between December 1903 and October 1904 but he sang this song on a visit to The Dog public house in East Horndon on 22nd April 1904, where Vaughan Williams erroneously recorded his name as Mr Broomfield in his notes. James Bloomfield was a general labourer from the area and sang 18 songs to Vaughan Williams during this period.

The map shows the village of East Horndon in Essex.

Task: Find out more about "Van Diemen's Land", the colonial name for the island of Tasmania. Around 73,000 prisoners were transported there between 1800 and 1853.



VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

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