



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

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Newsletter No. 30 April 29th 2025

for

Yorkshire Dales and Other Musicians, Callers, Singers, Dancers, Poets and
Listeners

A. PAST EVENTS

1. "Celebrating Generations of Beresford Family Music Making" Sunday afternoon 13th April 2pm - 5pm, Buckden Village Institute.

This turned out to be a truly joyous event. Nearly 70 people squeezed in to play, listen, sing, dance or watch. Brian, Peter and cousin Kenneth of present day Beresfords joined in the playing of Dales tunes with the "No Lazy Dancing Dance Band" and others from the Collective. Then they presented their own contemporary music on piano and guitar before Brian had everyone singing his climate change song "This Is the Moment".



After refreshments and chat, ace caller Peter Barnard led all who were willing through nine Dales dances in an hour, kindly adapting his programme so that all the tunes on the set list were ones for which the Beresfords had worked out the chords so that they could join in. Happiness and fun all round! "I haven't danced like that with my husband for 30 years", said one local resident.



Tribute was paid to the late Bob Ellis, whose book was the inspiration for the event, and also to Dales musician Tim Boothman whose band had played for local Dales events up to about 2020. Tim had very much hoped to come but had had to cry off at the last moment.

Many thanks to Peter Vetch, chair of the Buckden Village Institute, for all his help in hosting us, and to all who donated the £210 to be split equally between Yorkshire Air Ambulance and BIASAN's support for refugees and asylum seekers in Bradford. Warm thanks too to Colin Speakman for his account which has so far appeared in the Craven Herald and the 'LINK'

Local parish magazine. That is attached to the email which brings this newsletter, along with the set list of dances and tunes which could of interest to musician readers elsewhere.

B. FUTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

1. YORKSHIRE HERITAGE SUMMIT EXHIBITION

Skipton Town Hall

Tuesday May 13th 10am to 4pm

INCLUDING A DALES MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE TABLE.

2. DALES MUSIC SESSION for players. Ripley Town Hall

7.pm to 10pm Thursday 17th May. And regularly every 3rd Thursday in the month.

3. DANCING ROUND THE DALES with Mark, George and the N L D D B

Dancing Around the Dales

*Hawes Market House
Hawes
North Yorkshire
DL8 3QX*

Traditional village dancing with
**The No Lazy Dancing Dance Band
and caller Peter Barnard**

Celebrating the old dances & tunes of the Yorkshire Dales

Friday 9th May 2025
Doors 6:30 Dancing 7:00 until 10:00
Tickets: Adults £10. Children free.
No bar - bring your own drinks

Contact for tickets : Mark Wallace
Email: nidd.music.and.dance@gmail.com
Mobile: 07714 939646
Book online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/nidd-music-and-dance

Dancing Around the Dales

*Ripley Town Hall
Main Street, Ripley
North Yorkshire
HG3 3AX*

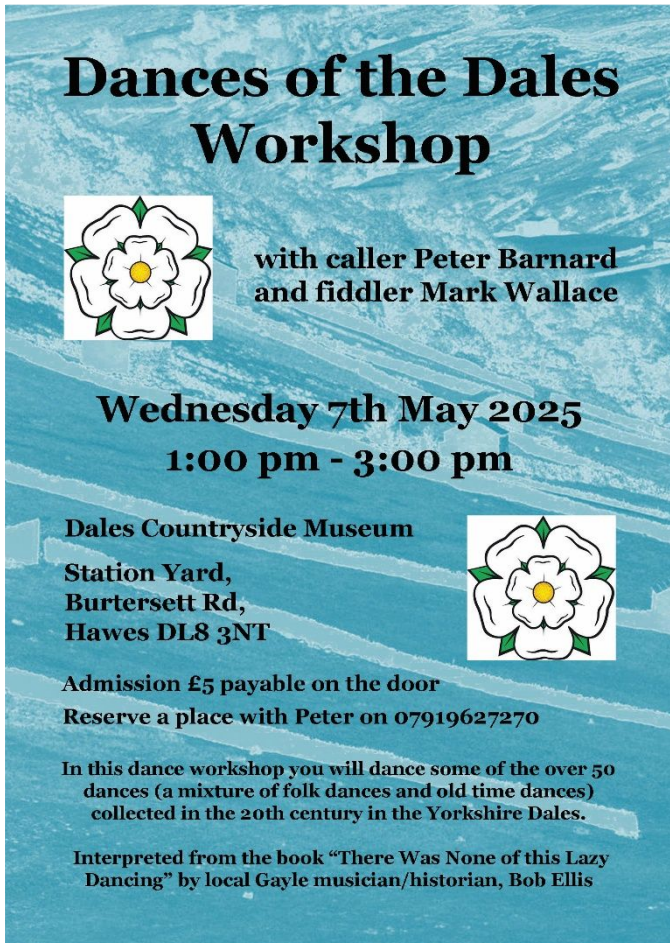
Traditional village dancing with
**The No Lazy Dancing Dance Band
and caller Pete Coe**

*Celebrating the old dances & tunes of the Yorkshire Dales
and other Coe-favorites*


Saturday 31st May 2025
Doors 6:30 Dancing 7:00 until 10:00
Tickets: Adults £10. Children free.
There will be a bar for refreshments

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4. And even more from the indefatigable team:



**Dances of the Dales
Workshop**

 with caller **Peter Barnard**
and fiddler **Mark Wallace**

Wednesday 7th May 2025
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Dales Countryside Museum 
Station Yard,
Burtersett Rd,
Hawes DL8 3NT

Admission £5 payable on the door
Reserve a place with Peter on 07919627270

**In this dance workshop you will dance some of the over 50
dances (a mixture of folk dances and old time dances)
collected in the 20th century in the Yorkshire Dales.**

**Interpreted from the book "There Was None of this Lazy
Dancing" by local Gayle musician/historian, Bob Ellis**

5. PLUS SWALEDALE

We will also be running a Dales Dance workshop as part of the Swaledale Festival on Thursday 29th May. Peter Barnard will be teaching and the band, in contradiction to the picture on the web site, will be myself on fiddle, Kate Bilmore on bass clarinet, Simon Carey on mandolin and Keith Mandel on accordion. <https://www.swalefest.org/Whats-On/Programme/EventId/5603/e/workshop-dances-from-the-yorkshire-dales-29-may-2025>



**Happy traditional Dales
music making!**

Richard 29/4

