



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

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for

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

There has been a long silence from this direction since the last newsletter on April 30th but no shortage of activity, notably from Mark, George and the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band. Their regular sessions and dance evenings in Ripley Town Hall and their promotion of Dales Music and Dance in community spaces in Wensleydale and Swaledale have swelled the number of "Dales Tunesmiths" in their Harrogate region and beyond. Great stuff! Recently they have spread westwards with a pub session in Otley on June 22nd and even further with sessions last Sunday 6th July in Rachel's Bunkbarn at Chapel Le Dale between Ingleborough and Whermside. An intended open air session in the Square in Grassington last Friday July 4th was wiped out by a dire weather forecast which turned out to be accurate. NOW COME AND CATCH UP WITH THEM:

Dancing Around the Dales
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Friday 18th July 2025
Doors 6:30 Dancing 7:00 until 10:00

 **Grassington Institute
Town Hall, 48 Main Street
Grassington, BD23 5AZ** 

Traditional village dancing with
**The No Lazy Dancing Dance Band
and caller Peter Barnard**
Celebrating the old dances & tunes of the Yorkshire Dales

Tickets: Adults £10. Children free.
No bar - bring your own refreshments

Book online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/nidd-music-and-dance
Contact for tickets : Mark Wallace
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Friday July 18th in
Grassington Town Hall

AND if you've ever heard Mark and George singing and playing Appalachian style you won't want to miss them promoting live US musicians in Ripley Town Hall on Wednesday 13th August 7pm to 10pm. The flyer will be attached to the email. Here's a bit of Mark's plug for it:

So, if you think you'd like to hear country/honky tonk songs plus driving fiddle/banjo tunes with some flatfoot dancing and Appalachian clogging then join us in Ripley to welcome Martha Spencer and the Wonderland Country Band. It is most likely to be a three piece band for this visit to the UK. Martha will be joined by Lucas Pasley on fiddle, banjo, guitar and feet and Jake Dwyer on washboard/percussion and feet.

Colin Speakman has just alerted those of you on our Collective mailing list with the news of the first ever "THRIDDINGS FEST" in St. John's Church in Ben Rhydding on the afternoons and evenings of August 2nd and 3rd. Our own Dales songsters and musicians Nigel and Jim will be performing. It looks like a great and attractive initiative.

A thankyou. Many thanks to Colin who funded the Collective Table at the big Yorkshire Heritage Day in Skipton on May 13th and to the Collective members who helped at it.

BUCK SESSION. The new season starts on Sunday October 12th 2pm to 5pm for the Dalesbus summer timetable.



**Happy traditional Dales
music making!**

Richard 10/7/2025



