

DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

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for

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

Introducing James & Joy as your new Admin Team

A very warm welcome to friends and members of the collective and especially to anyone that joined us for the first time at the Buck Inn on March 8th.

We would like to do two things in this introduction, firstly to say a huge thank you to Richard for managing and composing the newsletter for such a long time, we would be delighted to continue to see Richard at the Buck inn sessions and other Dales Music & Dance events.

Thank you very much Richard for all your hard work and contributions over the years. You will be a hard act to follow but we will try.

Secondly, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, Joy Leach and James James as the new folk in charge of admin. We hope to do a good job, in the service of the Collective.

James says:

I've been on the folk scene in Bradford, Shipley and Saltaire for 31 years now. I started off singing acapella (some say I sound like a cat dying slowly on acid) no, only joking and now I'm learning to play the piano accordion. An extra string to my bow.

Joy is known to many of you – she has many strings on her bow (horsehair strings!) and has joined the sessions at the Buck Inn for 3 or 4 years, learning something of the history connected with the traditional music of the area and a few of the Dales dance tunes.

Keeping Your Emails Safe

We are using Richard's email list to contact you in the first instance and will look to treat your details with care. In recent days we have spoken to Anahata who runs our website, about your details and how we hold them. He has kindly created a facility for the data to be stored on www.dales-music-and-dance-collective.org.uk

This seems preferable and more secure than holding them in a personal account. It will also enable an easier transfer to other personnel, as and when necessary. Kindly let us know if you're not happy with this arrangement.

Future Music or Dance Events in and around the Dales

Should you have any events you would like us to flag up, from June onwards, kindly forward them to joy.utistugu49.5.8@gmail.com or jamesjamesings@hotmail.com

Attached with this newsletter is a flyer from Colin Speakman, inviting you to the launch of **The Nut Brown Maid and Other Stories of the Yorkshire Dales** on May 8th - 6.30 at the Bookshop in the Market Place in Otley.