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A couple of extra items

Firstly, to pass on the news that James James, with whom I collaborated on the 2 editions of this newsletter, died of a serious stroke on 11th July. He was the first to enthusiastically offer to take on the newsletter back in March, when Richard explained that he couldn't continue to compile it. James had been receiving treatment at the Bradford Royal Infirmary over the previous weeks. He was 56.

I'm aware that there was hardly time for many of you to get to know him, as I think March was also his 1st visit to a session at the Buck Inn. He was a familiar face around the Topic Folk Club and a number of pubs in Bradford & Shipley that ran singaround sessions, some of which he had a hand in running. He wrote the introductory piece in our first edition of this newsletter in April, with a wry comment on his approach to singing. There have been a number of tributes to him on the Topic's Facebook Page,

RIP James

Secondly - a reminder of our session on Sunday August 2nd at the Buck Inn, Buckden. This will be the first event of the weeklong **Thriddingsfest** programme for 2026. Please share the details, below with family & friends. Our thanks to the Buck Inn for agreeing to be our hosts..



DALES TRAD MUSIC & DANCE COLLECTIVE

at
THE BUCK INN

SUNDAY, THE 2ND OF AUGUST 2026

Come along to the Buck inn, Buckden in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales for an informal afternoon of traditional Yorkshire Dales tunes, songs, recitations, poems.

Accordion, fiddle and flute players, singer-songwriters and poets especially welcome – and you'll hear a bit of banter in Yorkshire dialect too.

WHERE:
The Buck, Inn Buckden

WHEN:
2pm – 5pm

Buckden is served by a direct DalesBus 875 /876 from York, Seacroft, Leeds, and Ilkley – connection from Harrogate, Otley and Skipton (see www.dalesbus.org)

**ADMISSION:
FREE**

OUR LAND ♥ OUR HISTORY ♥ OUR PEOPLE ♥ OUR CULTURE ☼ OUR IDENTITY ♥

Organised by The ThriddingsFest Group in association with The Yorkshire Society
Contact Vicki Warren if you require further information or want to book a performance slot
Email – TheThriddingsFestGroup@outlook.com

Future Music or Dance Events in and around the Dales

Should you have any events you would like us to flag up, kindly forward them to Joy using: joy.utistugu49.5.8@gmail.com They can also be posted on the website. www.dales-music-and-dance-collective.org.uk

Finally – an error correction from the previous edition of this newsletter. We tried running a QR code and only succeeded for 2 weeks. It is hoped to run this again in future, more efficiently.