



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE
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Newsletter No. 11 January 18th 2024
for

Yorkshire Dales Musicians, Callers, Singers, Dancers, Poets and Listeners
This is the promised newsletter following the brief No. 10 on January 11th

A. Pub Sessions

The Buck - December 9th 2023. Numbers were a bit down for this session, possibly due to many flooded roads in the December 'monsoon'. Nevertheless, it was a happy relaxed session with musicians, singers and poets able to contribute frequently.

Starbotton - Fox and Hounds January 14th 2024. The Buck was unavailable while the heating system was being repaired. Muppett used his persuasive powers to have the January session in the Fox and Hounds instead. Up to 15 people squeezed into a cosy room at the side. Given the name of the pub it felt appropriate for the musicians to play both the Buckden and Grassington versions of the Huntsman's Chorus. However, the main focus at the beginning of the session was our tribute to Bob Ellis who had died earlier in the week. Several members spoke warmly of Bob as a friend, melodeon musician and tutor at folk festivals in Sidmouth and Whitby, and above all as the author of the inspirational history of Yorkshire Dales village dances, the musicians and the tunes they played: *There was None of this Lazy Dancing! Folk Tunes and Dances from the Yorkshire Dales*. The book is popular among folk musicians country wide and it led to the creation of our own "Collective", the revival of pub sessions at the Buck and a series of Dales Dance events in Kettlewell, Ripley, Arncliffe and Grassington. We'll be back at the Buck on Sunday February 11th.

B. Dales Dance Events in the offing

1. Grassington Town Hall Saturday 2nd March, 7 - 10pm. On the next page is the 'blurb' for it which will be going out in the next GDI (Grassington Devonshire Institute) mailing. Attached are an A4 poster and A5 flyers for you to print out and spread around as widely as you can. Please! If this is a success the GDI would like it to be the first in a series of such Dales Dances in the Town Hall.

DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE - ALIVE AND LIVELY!

Grassington Town Hall - Saturday 2nd March 2024 - 7pm to 10pm

Call it a Barn Dance, Country Dancing or traditionally in the Dales a “Stir” this cheerful community event is part of the revival of the tunes and dances which were very popular in Dales communities from the 18th century till about the 1970s when other kinds of popular entertainment began to take over. The “Buttered Peas” band (flute, fiddle, octave mandolin, guitar and energetic caller Terry Evans to teach you the dance moves) are delighted to be playing in Grassington Town Hall on Saturday Evening March 2nd. We put on the widely enjoyed Dales Dance Sunday afternoons in Kettlewell in November 2022 and Arncliffe in October 2023. Now it is Grassington’s turn to enjoy the fun. Great tunes and flowing sociable dances in squares, pairs, threesomes or lines for a wide variety of dances. Tickets: £10 on the door or £8.50 in advance from Grassington Hub or www.ticketsource.co.uk. Special welcome with free entry for children, young people under 18 and refugees.

Grassington Town Hall,
Saturday 2nd March 2024, from 7-10pm

COME Traditional Dales Village DANCING!



“Buttered Peas”
with caller Terry Evans

ALL WELCOME – families, couples, groups or come on your own....there’s always someone to dance with! ENJOY lively tunes & dances from the Yorkshire Dales & elsewhere!

Licensed bar

Tickets £8.50 in advance from Grassington Hub (cash or cheque), t: 01756 752222 or via www.ticketsource.co.uk or £10 on the door

Entry FREE for refugees & under 18's

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Can I urge other bands to come or send a spy to check out the Hall as a possible venue for them.

2. Ripley Town Hall - Saturday 30th March, 7pm to 10pm

“Dancing Around the Dales” with the “No Lazy Dancing Dance Band” with Pete and Sue Coe calling. Tickets £10 on the door, £5 for students and children. This is their third such dance.

3. Ad Hoc Dales Music Sessions Mark Wallace writes:

I would like musicians to get in touch with me at email address nidd.music.and.dance@gmail.com if they are interested in ad hoc music sessions to learn and play Dales repertoire.

There are other ideas being considered but they will have to wait until the next newsletter.



Happy traditional Dales music making!

Richard 18/01/2024

