



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

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for

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

1. Buck Session - Sunday October 20th 2pm to 5pm

A total of 13 people made it to the Buck for this first monthly session of the 2024-2025 season. Eight people performing with voice or instrument or both, our dedicated trio of Dalesbus followers from Bradford and a couple of non-combatants or potential performers another time. After establishing the pattern of alternating instrumental tunes and songs or poems there was a pause for discussion on the future of these sessions. Without the leadership and inspiration of the late lamented Bob Ellis and Muppett were these sessions viable?

CONCLUSION?

Positive commitment and desire to say we should keep going until March 2025 and review the situation at the end of the season.

Some practical suggestions made:

- Could there be use of Facebook or other social media to publicise the sessions more widely? No one present had the know-how to do this.
- Let there be a list available of a core selection of Dales and other tunes which have featured in the sessions since they started in June 2022. This would make it easier for would-be musicians to know what to expect and to come prepared. (Richard is working on something like this already.)
- Similarly how about some song sheets with the words of often performed songs? More people could then join in the singing. And a boon for people like me who never hear the words of songs unless they know them already!
- Is the landlord of the Buck happy to have us continuing? Richard to check. Confirmed 23/10, landlord Jeremy very happy. Staff love it!
- Winter dates - monthly 2nd Sunday - 1pm to 4pm for Dalesbus timing
November 9th - December 8th - January 12th - February 9th - March 9th

2. Grassington Town Hall - Saturday 12th October -
"COME Traditional Dales Village DANCING" with BUTTERED PEAS Band
HOW IT WENT:

44 tickets sold, some families with free entry children, total probably 50 plus.
Numbers down compared to March 2nd event but full and enthusiastic dancing
from the word go. Cheerful, lively atmosphere. Band and caller delighted to play
for it.

Many thanks to GDI (Grassington Development Institute) trustee chair Hazel
Drew and volunteer helpers on the day.

NEXT TIME

3. Grassington Town Hall - Saturday 1st March 2025 - 7pm to 10pm -
"COME Traditional Dales Village DANCING" with BUTTERED PEAS Band

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4. Another Muppett tribute

Thursday 14th November - 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Silk Hall, Manningham Mills. Community Centre, Lilycroft Road, Bradford BD9
5BD

5. Reminder. Regular monthly 3rd Sundays - Addingham Ceilidh Club - 7pm to 9pm
- but times vary - check www.addinghamceilidhclub.org.uk

6. Sunday afternoon April 13th 2025 - Buckden Village Institute - 2pm to 5pm -
LET'S CELEBRATE! 200+ years of Beresford family music making from
Upper Wharfedale to latter day Skipton and beyond. Part 1 "Talks and
concert", Part 2 "Jam Session- Dales and other tunes". Musicians please contact
Richard if you think of joining in.

STOP PRESS FOR:

7. Great news from "No Lazy Dancing" Mark Wallace.

Peter Barnard, very experienced caller and multi-instrumentalist musician from
Lincolnshire, who sometimes calls for Mark's "Dancing Round the Dales"
evenings, is also a great enthusiast for Bob Ellis's book. He has now compiled and
just published his own book on some the Dales dances listed in Bob's book and
with help and advice on how to call for them. Copy of cover on next page:

*An Evening of Dances from the Yorkshire Dales
19 Folk and Old Time Dances
Realised from Bob Ellis' book
(There was None of this Lazy Dancing!)
with Instructions and Explanations
BOOK 1
Compiled and Edited
by Peter Barnard*

Copies are £10 plus postage from Peter at peter.barnard@me.com
For full information about Peter's book please see the attachments on the email
with this newsletter. I can't wait to get my hands on it!



**Happy traditional Dales music
making!**

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