



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 8th DECEMBER

Relatively few hardy performers made it to the Buck on this wild and wet weekend but the Bradford fan club on the Dalesbus provided smiling moral support. Alternating music and song with added poems and chaired by Nigel the session was enjoyed by all. And not just in the room itself; someone in the bar came in to thank us for the music with a glass of small change after a whip-round in the bar. A lovely gesture and £3. Should we open a bank account?!

2. NEXT BUCK SESSION Saturday January 12th. 1pm to 4pm. And thanks to John Dotchin there are Buck Session playbooks available, particularly helpful for younger or less experienced musicians who are welcome, of course.

3. OTHER SESSIONS. Don't forget the Dales Dance tunes drop-in sessions at Ripley Town Hall at 7pm on Thursday evenings with members of the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band. The next session is on Thursday 23rd January 2025, 7pm in the bar upstairs. Details from Mark Maw937@gmail.com. Or Mark Wallace [<nidd.music.and.dance@gmail.com>](mailto:nidd.music.and.dance@gmail.com)

Mark says the sessions are going well with new people joining each time. He also comes up with **this suggestion**:

“Here's an idea. If you know a friendly venue that would enjoy the occasional music session why not set up an ad hoc Dales tune session. I think that we've got enough people interested for it to work.”

Any offers from someone a bit nearer the Dales themselves? E.g. Skipton or thereabouts?

4. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Saturday March 1st, Grassington Town Hall, 7pm to 10pm,
"COME traditional Dales village DANCING" with the "Buttered Peas" band.
Again!

Bar, interval refreshments, free entry for children and refugees.

£10 on the door or advance tickets £8.50 from www.ticketcourse.co.uk or in person at Grassington Hub.

b) Sunday afternoon 13th April 2025, 2pm to 5pm in Buckden Village Institute.
"A Celebration - eight Generations of Beresford family music-making, from 1790s to 2020s, from Langstrothdale to Skipton and beyond." Please see attachment for details and booking. . The Institute is a very small venue so booking is essential via beresford@buckden.org. A small band of Collective musicians has been formed to lead the celebration. If as a Dales dance musician you would really love to be involved please get in touch with me, Richard, personally.

5. INTO 2025

Let's hope that all our readers have had an enjoyable Christmas, with music and singing, of course, and let us all help the Collective to spread the joy and fun of traditional Dales music, dance and song more widely through 2025.



Happy traditional Dales music making!

Richard 28/12/2024 strand@hawkswick.net

