



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

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for

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

1. BUCK SESSIONS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025

- February 9th 1pm to 4pm - the weather (light rain and gentle breeze, temperature 3°) though not brilliant is less hostile than it was in January when we had to cancel the session. So let's hope for a strong turnout for music and songs to delight the pub staff, our travelling fans and ourselves!
- March 9th 1pm to 4pm - final session of the winter season. It looks like being an extra special occasion, fortified by a band of Dales Collective and Beresford present day musicians who will have been playing together in the Buck from 11am in preparation for the Beresford Celebration event in Buckden on Sunday April 13th.

2. A GREAT NEW INITIATIVE

Workshops to take traditional Dales tunes and dances into schools and the public. Caller Peter Barnard explains:

This spring Peter Barnard and Mark Wallace will be starting a project to take the Dales dances and tunes into communities across the Dales. As well as running workshops which anyone can attend, they are going into local schools to introduce the children - and later their parents - to their local dances, and to deepen their appreciation of their heritage.

They are starting their project in Middleham on Tuesday 18th March (the primary school and The Key Centre) and in Hawes (the primary school and The

Dales Countryside Museum) the following day. They aim to build on these visits in those locations as well as broadening out further across the Dales.

Dances of the Dales Workshop
with caller Peter Barnard and fiddler Mark Wallace
Wednesday 19th March 2025
Wednesday 7th May 2025
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Dales Countryside Museum
Station Yard, Burtsett Rd, Hawes DL8 3NT
Admission £5 payable on the door
Reserve a place with Peter on 07919627270
In this dance workshop you will dance some of the over 50 dances (a mixture of folk dances and old time dances) collected in the 20th century in the Yorkshire Dales.
Interpreted from the book "There Was None of this Lazy Dancing" by local Gayle musician/historian, Bob Ellis

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These flyers will also be attached to the email which brings you this newsletter. Congratulations to Mark and Peter on this scheme!

3. OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Saturday March 1st, Grassington Town Hall, 7pm to 10pm

By popular request after the energetically enjoyed evenings in March and October 2024. "COME traditional Dales village DANCING"

with the "Buttered Peas" band and caller Terry Evans



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 2023, 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." 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, with recent generation Brian Beresford and his family presenting their own music and joining in the playing of traditional Dales tunes.

Outline Programme

Part A - Concert

Short slide/talks: The Beresford farms and musicians, the tunes and dances they played for

Music by Brian (piano) and Peter Beresford (guitar)

Brian's "This is the moment" song for everyone

Interval with refreshments

Part B - "Jam Session"

Dales folk musicians and Beresford families playing together

Finale

Clear the floor for some Dales dances with expert caller Peter Barnard



These photos of Brian's family performing and previous generations Jackie and Peter Beresford will appear on publicity flyers when they are finished.



Happy traditional Dales music making!



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PS! The next Dales tune session in Ripley town hall will be on Thursday 13th February at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there, Mark and the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band.