



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:

- a) The final session 2024/2025 on Sunday afternoon March 9th was 'extra special', as predicted in the last newsletter. We were joined by the team which had been rehearsing in the morning for the Beresford Family Celebration on April 13th.

This added seven musicians from the Collective, Beresford brothers Brian (piano) and Peter(guitar), and caller Peter Barnard who also got people doing Dales dances on the floor. They did not stay for the full session, having some considerable distances to travel home.

- b) Future Sessions? The stalwart performers and our dedicated Dalesbus fans discussed whether to continue. The conclusion was positive, so we start a new season again on Sunday afternoon October 13th, 2pm to 5pm for the Dalesbus summer timetable. They will revert to 1pm to 4pm for the second Sundays in the month from November to March 2026.

2. "COME Traditional Dales Village DANCING"

Grassington Town Hall. Saturday 1st March . For the third time in a year "Buttered Peas" played and Terry Evans called for another evening of music and dance from the Dales and elsewhere. 46 people attended and danced enthusiastically or otherwise enjoyed a lively evening.

3. Dance Workshops for communities and young people. Mark Wallace and the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band" visited community centres and primary schools in Hawes and Middleham to teach Dales Dances to students and parents but also holding afternoon workshops for anyone wanting to learn more about Dales dance. Mark reports, "We had two really enjoyable days giving Dales dance workshops in Middleham and Hawes. In the schools the children and staff were very receptive with full participation, enjoyment and an eagerness to have some more and to endorse us for workshops in other schools. The workshops at the Middleham Key Centre and the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes attracted only six people to each but they were very enjoyable and well received, with all attendees inspired to participate in future events. It was also good practice, particularly for me, at presenting a workshop and so proved a valuable experience all round. The bonus was the travel to and from the venues through the glorious Dales with sunshine and blue skies."

4. FUTURE EVENTS

- a) "Celebrating Generations of Beresford Family Music Making"
Sunday afternoon 13th April 2pm - 5pm, Buckden Village Institute. Fully booked!
- b) Tuesday May 13th - Skipton Town Hall

By 'eck, Skipton to host this year's Yorkshire Heritage Summit

The fourth annual event, which is organised by The Yorkshire Society, will bring together organisations and people interested in the heritage of Yorkshire at Skipton Town Hall on Tuesday, May 13th. See email attachment.

The summit, which last year was held in Hull, is the brainchild of author and environmental campaigner Colin Speakman, who lives in Burley-in-Wharfedale and is co-creator of the Dales Way long distance park. First held in 2022 it has quickly established itself as an important annual event for the largely voluntary heritage sector and thousands are expected to visit the event in 2025, featuring the importance of the region's unique culture, history and landscape. Up to 40 organisations are expected to take part in the event.

A table for the Collective? Colin has offered to include a table to show what the Collective does to promote Yorkshire Dales Traditional Music and Dance. Volunteers to be a presence there or to provide posters, flyers, or other material for display would be warmly welcomed. Contact Colin if you can help:
colinspeakman799@gmail.com

5. WORKSHOPS AND DANCE EVENTS with the "No Lazy Dancing Dance Band" and caller Peter Barnard:

- a) <https://www.swalefest.org/Whats-On/Programme/EventId/5603/e/workshop-dances-from-the-yorkshire-dales-29-may-2025> Thursday 29 May 2025 10:00 - 13:00 Venue: [Reeth Memorial Hall](#) the old-time dances of the Dales
- b) Killinghall Village Hall Trust is having a ceilidh on Saturday 5th April. The caller is Pete Coe and the band are ourselves, The No Lazy Dancing Dance Band. All details are on the flyer attached to the email.



Happy traditional Dales music making!

Richard 22/3/2025

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