

DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE Newsletter No. 4 April 12th 2023



Welcome

Yorkshire Dales Musicians, Singers, Dancers, Poets and fans to the Collective's fourth newsletter

- 1. REMINDER! Sessions at the Buck
 - a) A one-off cheerful Summer reunion at the Buck on Sunday June 4th 2023, 2pm to 5pm (Dalesbus time).
 - b) Regular sessions from October: October 8th 2pm to 5pm (Dalesbus summer timetable), then 1pm to 4pm (Dalesbus winter timetable) on Nov.12th, Dec. 10th, Jan. 14th, Feb.11th and March 10th. (Subject to changes in Dalesbus times)
- 2. Bob Pegg Yorkshire visit and a session with us and others. POSTPONED! Unable to visit in April he hopes to make it perhaps in the Autumn. So, watch this space for a bit longer!
- 3. SUCCESS! The "Dancing Around the Dales" gig on April 1st with the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band in Ripley Town Hall attracted 60 or more enthusiastic dancers. "Brilliant", says flautist/singer George (aka Georgina Lawes). "You're right the audience were clearly there to dance, and were up for it all evening. The event had a great atmosphere, lots of laughter and



smiles - there were lots of people who were clearly experienced in folk dancing, so the less experienced had good support and were guided in the right direction. Having said that, it was great to see people enjoying their mistakes, and those of others - as a band member with a good view of the dance floor, the mistakes and consequent hilarity is a constant entertainment."

Caller crisis! Pete and Sue Coe were due to call but two days beforehand Pete became ill and had to be rushed to hospital and a long wait in A&E for full treatment in a ward. (He is now safely back home.) Terry Evans from Huddersfield nobly responded to the emergency summons, "doing a fab job" and enjoying herself into the bargain. Thank you, Terry.

Date for your Diary. Repeat Performance! Saturday September 30th 2023. Ripley Town Hall.

4. A dance/tunes/calling workshop? Stop-press item from 'George'. "The Ripley dance was attended by many experienced dancers, as well as novices. Several members of the Heatherdene Folk Dance Group in Harrogate came along, including Bob Carter who helps organise events and is a caller. Once Pete Coe has recovered, Bob, Pete and The No Lazy Dancing Dance Band will plan to provide at least one workshop to teach and showcase Traditional Dales Dances. There could also be an opportunity for less experienced callers to learn some different dances to call. Sue Coe has expressed interest in mentoring people who would like to do this."

5. Another reminder:

YORKSHIRE HERITAGE DAY

Victoria Hall, Saltaire, Thursday May 18^{th} , 10am to 4.30pmColin says, "I have provisionally booked The Buckden Sessions in as a Yorkshire Heritage Guardian for the Yorkshire Society "Yorkshire Heritage Summit" (see <u>https://theyorkshiresociety.org/what-we-</u><u>do/heritage-guardians</u> at the Victoria Hall in Saltaire World Heritage Site on Thursday May 18^{th} ; I will pay the registration fee -£25 - as a donation as we don't have a bank account. Everyone can come along (free entry) and on our stand we can sell books, CDs, advertise your events, have bus timetables, and generally blow our own trumpets. Details at <u>2023 Yorkshire Heritage Summit - The</u> <u>Yorkshire Society</u>.

(It sounds like Colin could do with more support on the day!)

6. Masham - English Country Music Weekend June 23rd to 25^{th.}

This looks a great event, lots of sessions, workshops and more formal concerts all weekend, fortified by the iconic breweries in the town. It may be all booked up by now but I hope it'll be possible to squeeze into a pub session or two to play or listen. Here is a flyer

https://englishcountrymusicweekend.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/ 2023/02/2023ECMW-flyer.jpeg and the programme for the weekend: https://englishcountrymusicweekend.org.uk/

7. Spreading the word - of Dales Music, Song and Dance Please remember to send me details you know of any forthcoming relevant events, happenings, articles of Dales Music, Song and Dance interest for publicising in this newsletter. And if you are one of the band musicians on this mailing list please tell me of any public gigs you'll be doing.

Happy traditional Dales music making!

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