



DALES TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE COLLECTIVE

www.dales-music-and-dance-collective.org.uk



Newsletter No. 33 October 13th 2025

for

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

1. SAD NEWS FROM THE BUCK

Without any advance warning, when members turned up for the Dales Music Session at the Buck yesterday they found it closed. Thanks to Nigel and Jim who were first on the scene there was a notice on the door: "Due to exceptional circumstances the Buck is closed. Dales Music Session now at the Fox and Hounds in Starbottton."



Eight of us then had a lovely afternoon in the sunshine at tables outside the Fox and Hounds, playing and singing to appreciative audiences who came and went during the afternoon.

One table stayed with us all afternoon, one man there following one of Jim's songs with one of his own. Colin's walking group made it from Buckden and beyond. At the very end a hurdy-gurdy and a concertina from Settle played us off with "Steamboat"



Many thanks to Emma from Settle for the photos

2. WHAT NEXT FOR THE MONTHLY SESSIONS?

Good question. On the way home I called at the Bluebell in Kettlewell to ask if we could hold Sunday afternoon sessions there. The manager was doubtful because they are so full serving food on Sundays but she will ask the owner and let me know. It was packed out at 4.30pm. Colin has an idea to sound out the Buckden Institute where we had the successful Beresford celebration in April this year. Any other ideas from anyone? Let me know and I'll pass them on.

3. WILL THE BUCK REOPEN?

Probably not for some time. I heard that it closed last Monday. The Inland Revenue are said to be pursuing the owners, a rich and big property empire, for unpaid tax. We feel for the tenant Jeremy and his family and all the staff who have welcomed us so warmly for our sessions and are now in limbo.

4. OTHER NEWS.

Message from Mark:

Hi musicians,

After a break for a few months we will be having another session on Thursday 20th November from 7:00-10:00pm.

See you there, Mark.



**Happy traditional Dales
music making!**

Richard 13/10/2025

