



# Northumbrian Workshop Day

A Feast of Great Traditional Music in Hexham

Saturday 20 March 2010

Tutors

**Stewart Hardy** (Fiddle)

**Anthony Robb** (Northumbrian Pipes)

**David Oliver** (Accordions and other melody instruments)

*Daytime Workshops \* Teatime Pub Session \* Evening Ceilidh*

- \* Learn new tunes, skills and techniques
- \* Develop your style and confidence
  - \* Have fun
  - \* Make friends

Enrolment £45 / £35 concessions

Open to participants aged 16 and over

Suitable for most ability-levels, but not for complete beginners

*Make a weekend of it in beautiful Northumberland*

*Why not profit from Hexham's wide choice of accommodation, and follow up, the workshop day by joining David Oliver on a Sunday morning walk in Hadrian's Wall country, followed by a lunchtime session at Hexham's legendary Tap & Spile?*

## Tutor and Workshop details

**Stewart Hardy, Anthony Robb** and **David Oliver** are among the most experienced and respected of all Northumbrian musicians and workshop leaders. Their workshops are always cheerful, positive and encouraging and they are great at responding to the particular needs of both individuals and groups. All have regularly taught on Newcastle University's Folk Music B.Mus Degree course, all have been directors of Folkworks Summer Schools, and all have run countless workshops in schools, in the community and at folk festivals and other major events throughout the UK and overseas.

Today's workshops will focus on the development of good instrumental technique and a deepening understanding of Northumbrian repertoire and style. They will be suitable for those who are new to this tradition as well as to those with some experience of it. Previous experience of folk music is not a requirement, and nor is the ability to read music. Much of the teaching will be done by ear, but copies of written notation will also be available. Participants may find it useful to bring with them a small portable recording device, but this is not essential.

Fiddle, Pipes and Accordion have been chosen as the focus for the day, because they are the classic instruments of Northumbrian music. Stewart and Anthony's workshops will be exclusively for fiddle and Northumbrian Pipes respectively. David's workshop will focus on accordion music, but other melody-playing instruments will be happily accommodated. N.B. Anthony's students will need pipes with a standard 'F' chanter (i.e. F + 20 cents).

The exact content and pace of the workshops will be judged in response to participants' needs. This workshop day is not for complete beginners: participants should have at least a basic command of their instrument and be able to play at least a few well-known tunes. The workshops will aim to stretch the most confident players and encourage the less experienced. If you are unsure about your suitability for the workshops, please contact David Oliver.

### Timetable

10.15	Arrival and checking in	Light refreshments available
10.30 - 12.15	Workshop 1	
12.15 - 1.30	Break for Lunch	
1.30 - 3.00	Workshop 2	
3.00 - 3.30	Break	Light refreshments available
3.30 - 5.00	Workshop 3	
5.15 - 7.15	Session at the <i>Tap &amp; Spile</i>	Hot and cold meals available
7.30 onwards	Ceilidh	

## Other Information

### Meals

**Lunch:** Hexham has a wide choice of sandwich shops, fish & chips, cafes, pubs and restaurants all within easy walking distance of Core Music.

**Evening:** Hot or cold meals can be pre-ordered from the *Tap & Spile* where we will be holding a session in the early evening. (Menu cards will be available at Core Music during the day; choices to be made by lunchtime.) Alternatively participants can make their own arrangements.

### Ceilidh

From 7.30 we will create a convivial evening including performance spots by the tutors, showcase items by the workshop groups, and a dance band led by David Oliver which anyone who wishes to can join (some copies of tunes available).

The ceilidh will 'officially' end at 9.30, but may continue, or turn into a session, according to participants' wishes.

The ceilidh will be open to family, friends and the public: admission £5 (£3 concessions)

### Accommodation

For those wishing to stay overnight, the Hexham area offers a wide variety of accommodation. For details contact Hexham Tourist Information Centre 01434 652 220, or visit [www.visitnorthumberland.com](http://www.visitnorthumberland.com)

### Sunday

For anyone interested, David Oliver will lead a not-too-strenuous walk in the Hexham/Hadrian's wall area on the Sunday morning, followed by lunch/session at the *Tap & Spile*. The arrangements for these activities will be made on the Saturday, according to people's preferences. There is no extra charge for the walk and/or session.

### If you have any questions or need further information . . .

. . . about the practical arrangements, logistics, venues or fees, please contact Core Music 14 a/b Gilesgate Hexham Northumberland, NE46 3NJ  
Telephone 01434 601993 mobile: 07961 590 921 email [info@coremusic.co.uk](mailto:info@coremusic.co.uk)

. . . about tutors, workshops, sessions, ceilidh or Sunday walk, please contact David Oliver by telephone 01434 607 432, mobile 07970 502 997  
or by post 9a Tynedale Terrace, Hexham NE46 3JE (no email please)

## Enrolment Form

Name of participant*			
Postal Address*			
Postcode*	telephone	mobile	
email address			
<i>Note: * = required information. Other details will be useful if we need to contact you at short notice. We will not disclose your contact information to any other organisation.</i>			
<u>Choice of workshop</u> * (circle one)	Fiddle	Northumbrian Pipes	Accordion / Other (please specify instrument)
Please give a brief indication of your level of experience/confidence on your instrument			
Any special access requirements or other particular needs.			
Are you likely to require an evening meal at the <i>Tap &amp; Spile?</i> (Please circle clearly)		Yes	No
Are you likely to join the walk and / or session on the Sunday? (Please circle clearly)		Walk	Session
ENROLMENT FEE		<b>Standard £45</b>	<b>Concession £35</b>
		(Concessions for anyone under 18 years of age, or in full-time education, or unwaged, or OAPs)	

Please complete this form and return it, with the appropriate enrolment fee, to  
Core Music 14 a/b Gilesgate Hexham Northumberland, NE46 3NJ.  
Cheques should be payable to Core Music. To enrol by telephone, call 01434 601993

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