



LOCAL ONLINE LISTINGS *(details/links in our Directory www.folklife.uk/v-north)*

- **FOLK NORTH WEST** on www.folknorthwest.co.uk The website of the northwest area which is generally covered by **The North West Federation of Folk Clubs**. There's also a **Facebook page**, search for **folknorthwest**. Thanks to Mark & Maggi, of *The Room At The Top Folk Club*
- **FOLKIMAGES** on <https://www.folkimages.com> Contact Roger Liptrot, folkimagesuk@at@yahoo.co.uk
- Home page: original photos of musicians, plus North West England what's on guides, folk music on the radio and magazine details.
- **CALENDAR: Open Mike, Folk & Acoustic Events**  on <http://ruthinallstyles.co.uk>, contact Chris Birchall, chris@chrisbirchall.co.uk, 01824 704844. North Wales based, includes Merseyside/Cheshire. Folk & other categories. You can add your event, and request a review.

SOUTH CUMBRIA & NORTH LANCASHIRE FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT STEVE HARRISON



Steve & Sandra are the organisers of **Lake District Folk & Acoustic Club**  (2nd Fri) & **Arnside Sailing Club**  (Oct-Apr, 2nd Tue). They perform as a duo, & with Jen Wilson as **Close Quarters**  and in the **All@Sea**  group, see news below.

Hi everyone.

Winter has arrived:

- ★ **The Lake District Folk and Acoustic Club** , on the 2nd Friday each month at the Pavilion, Main St.

Staveley from 8pm, continues to thrive. Singers and Musicians nights (alternate months) bring a host of local & visiting performers to the club, and we are continually amazed at the quality and variety (see listings) <https://www.facebook.com/lakedistrictfolkclub>

- ★ The club also hosts a popular, monthly, afternoon singaround over the cooler months of the year (October - April) at **Arnside Sailing Club** , 17 The Promenade, Arnside. First of the new season is on Tuesday 14th

October (1pm - 4pm) then every 2nd Tuesday until April 2026. £2 entry.

- ★ **Folk at the Silverdale**, Shore Rd, Silverdale LA5 0TP, takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 8pm to 10.30pm. Entry £7.50. Contact: grantdav66@gmail.com **January 14th** Eskrigg, **February 11th** Mark Dowding, **March 11th** Tom Perry & Clive Brooks, **April 8th** Litany.
- ★ The Watermill, Ings, hosts the **South Lakes Storytelling Club** on the 1st Tuesday of the month, your host Taffy Thomas. You will find a warm welcome, good tales, a song and a tune and free sandwiches! 7.30pm start. Email info@taffythomas.co.uk
- ★ **Coniston Institute**, Yewdale Rd, Coniston LA21 8DU, Tel 01539 441823, email conistoninstituteuk@gmail.com, **January 31st** The Foghorn String Band, **February 7th** Rod Demick & Jackie Macauley, **March 7th** Tim Edey, **April 17th** Holly Clarke.
- ★ **The Good Times Theme Time Song & Music Session**. An acoustic (no PA) monthly session, it welcomes musicians, singers, appreciative audiences, and music of any genre relating to their monthly theme, however tenuously. 3pm until 7pm, 1st Sunday of the month at Ruskins Bar, 12-14 Stricklandgate Kendal LA9 4ND. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087379878740>
- ★ Over in **Ambleside**, monthly on the 1st Thursday, at the Library, Nick Marshall and Laura run a song and acoustic music session, everyone welcome 8pm start. www.earthwoodmusic.com
- ★ **Lancaster Folk Club** meets 1st Wednesday of the month at the Tite and Locke, Lancaster Train station, from 7.30pm: <https://www.facebook.com/lancasterfolkclub>
- ★ **Heron Theatre** in Beetham, Cumbria have regular performances. For more details and Tickets from www.theherontheatre.com
- ★ **Staveley Roundhouse Theatre** Main St. Staveley on **February 25th** Filkins Drift, **March 17th** Songs from Ireland. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start. For more information and to book tickets, visit www.staveleyroundhouse.com
- ★ The **Brewery Arts Centre Kendal** have a full programme of events visit breweryarts.co.uk
- ★ **Furness Trad** keeps a session running every Tuesday at Hope & Anchor in **Ulverston**. Starts about 8.30pm.
- ★ Also at the Hope & Anchor, Ulverston on the 2nd Sunday of the month, is **South Cumbria American Roots** "Bluegrass and Old Time Music Session" 7.45 for an 8pm start. String players and songs welcome. <https://thornswb.wixsite.com/scars>
- ★ At Ford Park, Ulverston, you can see Tony McManus & Julia Toasperm, see **Furness Trad** website
- ★ The popular monthly **Folk & Acoustic Session**, songs and tunes welcome, at Dockray Hall, **Penrith** CA11 7DE, continues on every **4th Tuesday** at 8pm.
- ★ There are **weekly song and music sessions** every Monday evening at the Ring O' Bells and the Duke of Cumberland in **Kendal**.
- ★ Simon Rose hosts the monthly **last Thursday** mixed song & music session at The Punchbowl, **Barrows Green**. simonrose64@tiscali.co.uk
- ★ **Folk North West** magazine has ceased its quarterly printed publication, but you can still find news from the north west clubs and venues online www.folknorthwest.co.uk
- ★ For information about **Folk Music in Cumbria** visit [Cumbria Folk Music Facebook page](#)
- ★ For details on other events in **South Cumbria** - folk clubs, dance sides etc. - visit southlakesfolkevents.org.uk

That's all for now.

Steve

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Lancashire

ARNSIDE SAILING CLUB SINGAROUND , The Old Customs House, The Promenade, Arnside, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 0HD. 2nd Tuesdays Oct-Apr. Opens at 12.30pm for 1pm start, finishes around 4pm. A popular afternoon gathering for songs, tunes and spoken word. Entry just £2, you can have soup and a roll for £4. A lovely venue overlooking the estuary attracts a wealth of talent and you are sure to be made very welcome.

Contact Sandra & Steve by email lakedistrictfolk@gmail.com



THE ROOM AT THE TOP FOLK CLUB , The Red Lion, Ash Brow, Newburgh, Lancs, WN8 7NF.

every Monday, 8.15 - 11pm

The club runs from 8.15 with 2 songs per performer with a break around 9.20. Depending on the number of performers there is usually

time for another round with one song each. At 10.20 we hold the raffle and say goodnight to people who wish to go early.

From 10.30pm we sup up, put the room straight and go home!

All nights are Singers Nights and we welcome singers, poets and readers to have a go at any time. All styles of acoustic music are encouraged.

Admission is £1 for everybody which includes a raffle ticket for a bottle of wine.

Zoom at the Top , every **Thursday** 8.15 for 8.30 start.

We're on Facebook or e-mail for the link, maggihuyton@yahoo.com.

For more information please contact Mark or Maggi on 01257 464215.

www.markdowding.co.uk/room-at-the-top.htm

MARK DOWDING

Mark's Lancashire roots being in Lancashire, he sings many songs from the area, including those reintroduced by Harry Boardman, alongside more recent songs written in traditional style by people such as Peter Bond, Bernie Parry, and Keith Marsden, as well as early 20th century Music Hall and Variety.

Mark's accomplished singing and musicianship, alongside his knowledge of the history of the songs he sings, has earned him an excellent reputation at folk clubs and other events. His mellow voice has been likened to a 'chocolate box'!

Mark's CDs include "Dreams of the Past", "Brown Photographs", "Travelling Tales", "The Well Worn Path", and, with Chris Harvey, (Cock Robin Music), "A Mon Like Harry", a Harry Boardman tribute, and "Manchester Ballads" based on the book edited by Harry Boardman and Roy Palmer.

Mark has done session work and has appeared on BBC and Local Radio Folk Programmes as guest and stand-in presenter, as well as various TV work.

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