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- our "Folklife Traditions" articles ○ folk performers who visit our area ○ folk festivals who welcome visitors from our area
- publicity for all your folk activities, no extra cost eg performers, festival organisers involved in other folk activities

Other areas: not intended as comprehensive coverage! - but in addition to members, we have also invited a few news items from some folks we mostly met whilst out a-Zooming. Some enthusiasm that we thought would be of interest to our readers!

*So from this issue, our 'other areas' have been set up as separate regional news pages. We go a-Zooming overseas with new 'USA-Canada' news pages. Should there be any more countries, we'll amend accordingly .....*

## England: East Midlands & East

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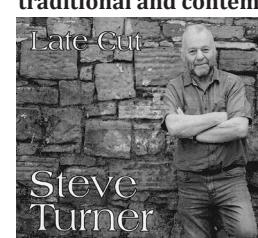
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Steve plays at many festivals and folk clubs as well as touring Australia, USA, Holland and Germany. He often also runs a concertina song accompaniment workshop at many of the festivals he performs at.

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- Member-performers are welcome to send publicity about their latest CD, up to 200 words (more if advertising).
- also, individual Folklife members can send in a review.

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## Scotland (UK & Eire magazine)



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**MORLEY FOLK CLUB** ®, Concert room, High Street Sports & Social Club, 27 High Street, Morley, W.Yorks LS27 9AL.

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays**, 7.30pm for 8pm, to 10.30pm

Morley Folk Club is well attended having an established program of local guests, national (and international) guests and singers nights. There is a modest admission charge for all-comers on guest nights but members and artists are admitted free of charge on the singers nights but are encouraged to subscribe to the raffle. Drinks too are modestly priced and the staff are welcoming and keen to please. In short, we are still very much alive and kicking.

We now meet on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday** in each month in the concert room of the High Street Sports & Social Club on High Street Morley. Doors open, as ever, 7:30pm for prompt start at **8pm**. The night finishes at 10:30 pm.

Our meetings are currently cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates.

*Organiser: Alan Street, info<at>morleyfolk.org  
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## North-West

### ALSTON HOUSE FOLK SESSION

Alston, Cumbria.

**1st Tuesdays**, 8pm until at least 11pm

A friendly gathering of local folkies, with both instrumentalists and singers. All visitors welcome on the first Tuesday of the month. Alston is the highest market town in England at ~1000' so your voice might unwittingly be raised a semi-tone (joke).

*For Zoom invitation, please email  
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### BRAMPTON FOLK SESSIONS

The Howard Arms, Front Street, Brampton, near Carlisle, Cumbria CA8 1NG.

**3rd Tuesdays**, 8pm

We work on a 'singers' session' format. We have lots of vocalists, not so many instrumentalists, but we'd be really pleased to welcome more. In the happy days when we could meet live, we would go round in a circle, taking turns. Now that we are reduced to Zoom, we still try to operate on a strict taking turns basis - though it's harder to keep track of whose turn it is!

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**Katy van den Berg**

**Zoom:** there is a monthly theme, for details see website:

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## North-East

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Songs, tunes, poems or just come for the craic and have a listen. All nationalities. All languages. All welcome.

**Zoom details see listings above.**

*Maria Hawthorne*



### GAEILIC SINGING WORKSHOPS

(normally: Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. **Weekly Thursdays, 5.30pm**)

**Now on Zoom, Weekly Fridays, 6.30pm - 8pm.**

Mixture of Irish and Scottish (with phonetics). Maria comes from an Irish-speaking background and sings in Irish and Scots Gaelic. Her 'phonetics' coupled with singable translations make these songs accessible to all and easy to learn.

Beginners always welcome – works best if you let Maria know in advance before coming for the first time, on **mariaboylegalway<at>gmail.com**

*Maria Hawthorne*

**PHOENIX FOLK LTD**, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**PHOENIX FOLK TUNES SESSIONS**

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**For singers**, we offer a friendly singaround on **Tuesday evenings** where participants take turns to be 'un-muted' and perform to each other.

Our Virtual Session playalong video collections currently offer 2.5 hours of session tunes with on-screen sheet music and chords. For guitar players, we have created digital resources explaining how to accompany session tunes in DADGAD tuning. We also offer downloads of original harmony arrangements of popular session tunes.

[www.phoenixfolk.co.uk](http://www.phoenixfolk.co.uk)



**PHOENIX FOLK LTD**, Newcastle upon Tyne. Phoenix directors/staff as performers.

Since 2009 **Phoenix Folk Ltd** has promoted participation and performance in folk and acoustic music, song and dance across the North East of England. Organised by and for enthusiastic musicians and fuelled by the great tradition of folk music in the region, we work to encourage talent and personal musical development across a diverse community of musicians and music lovers. With a passion for supporting and teaching music as a live and living experience, the directors perform in a range of bands.

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[www.phoenixfolk.co.uk](http://www.phoenixfolk.co.uk)

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All events subject to change, please check first.



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1st & 3rd Tue W.Yorks	MORLEY	<b>MORLEY FOLK CLUB</b>	www.morleyfolk.org	Alan Street
❖ MEMBERS LIST 2: PERFORMERS ❖ Pf.1 Folk Music & Song – Pf.2 Folk Dance – Pf.3 Spoken Word ❖				
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<b>Pf.1c Folk Music &amp; Song - Solo</b>				
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❖ MEMBERS LIST 3: MEDIA ❖				
<b>M.1 ONLINE FOLK MAGAZINES &amp; LISTINGS</b>				
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<b>M.2 PRINTED FOLK MAGAZINES &amp; LISTINGS</b> (for Journals, see List 8: Folklife Studies)				
England EDS (ENGLISH DANCE & SONG)	www.efdss.org/efdss-join-us/english-dance-and-song	EFDSS	020 7485 2206	
UK & Ireland LIVING TRADITION	www.livingtradition.co.uk	Office	01563 571220	
❖ MEMBERS LIST 4: SERVICES ❖				
<b>S.2 AGENTS, MANAGERS, PROMOTERS, MCs &amp; STAGE MANAGEMENT</b> (for Dance or Concert Series, see List 1: Venues)				
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Yorks+Humb Leeds HOBOGLIN LEEDS	https://hobgoblin.com/branches/leeds	.....	0113 245 3311.	
❖ see DIARY-LISTINGS PAGES (follows these news pages) for List 5 : WORKSHOP DIARY ❖ List 6 : FESTIVAL DIARY (NEXT 12 MONTHS) ❖				
for DETAILED LISTINGS, see our online Members DIRECTORY — <a href="http://www.folklife-directory.uk/other.html">www.folklife-directory.uk/other.html</a>				
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## VIRTUAL FOLK: NORTH of England ..... more entries welcome

live & recorded sessions, updated as we hear - Folklife's all-areas list of Zoom sessions etc is on [folklife.uk/virtual-folk.html](http://folklife.uk/virtual-folk.html)

Ø Normally, only Ø Folklife members listed, as we - er - need money coming in to keep going. So if you can spare £16 a year to help ...

## Exceptionally ## others' Zoom sessions, free, if you've signed up for our emailed occasional Newsletter

To publicise your zoom or other virtual session: we can draft a listing for you based on your website details.

Sign up for our free emailed Newsletter on Updates webpage on our [folklife.uk](http://folklife.uk) website, then email [sam@folklife.uk](mailto:sam@folklife.uk)SUNDAY

## North-East. LOCH DOWN FOLK CLUB, Weekly Sundays, 8pm. Songs, tunes, poems or just come for the craic and have a listen. All nationalities. All languages. All welcome. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/445376545?pwd=L1BiRlozc2NqYXJZQlQ4ZkVlaW45dz09>  
Meeting ID: 445 376 545 Password: 000338

MONDAY

## Newcastle upon Tyne. PHOENIX FOLK TUNES SESSIONS. Weekly Mondays & Thursdays, 8pm-9.30pm. You'll hear the tune leaders playing live fiddle & guitar so that you can play along at home. Everyone joining in will be muted during the tunes (this is how Zoom works). This means you won't hear each other, and we won't hear you... but we'll still all be playing music together, and your microphone can be unmuted in between tunes! Weblinks and other info on [phoenixfolk.org.uk/online-sessions/4594895190](http://phoenixfolk.org.uk/online-sessions/4594895190)

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## Cumbria. Brampton (near Carlisle). BRAMPTON FOLK SESSIONS, Third Tuesdays, 8pm. We work on a 'singers' session' format. We have lots of vocalists, not so many instrumentalists but we'd be really pleased to welcome more. In the happy days when we could meet live, we would go round in a circle, taking turns. Now that we are reduced to Zoom, we still try to operate on a strict taking turns basis - though it's harder to keep track of whose turn it is! What makes us a little different from most sessions is that we have a 'theme' each month which is discussed and decided upon the previous month and announced on our website. It gives us an incentive to learn new material, or to be very devious about finding a way of introducing what we wanted to sing/play all along! Katy van den Berg For Zoom invitation please email [kmvandenbergstewart<at>gmail.com](mailto:kmvandenbergstewart@gmail.com) There is a monthly theme, for details see website [laverocks.co.uk/folkclub/](http://laverocks.co.uk/folkclub/) Singers and players of all standards, and listeners are welcome to this friendly Sing-Around. For more information phone Katy on 01228 674209.

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# ***Below: since above Sept. magazine ~ more news welcome!***

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## **North-East**

**VIRTUAL THURSDAY ZOOM SESSION**, Central Bar, Gateshead.

***Weekly Thursdays, 1.00pm.***

Meeting number is 895 8997 2620 and pass number id 015239.

Ged Moore