Fri.6th,Sat.7th & Sun.8th October 2023

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Chairman's Introduction & Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you all to the 12th Edgworth Folk Festival.

Last year's Festival was a great success enjoyed by everyone who came and we hope that this year's Festival will be equally successful. As regular Festival-goers will know, all proceeds from the Festival support the Barlow.

We kick off on Friday evening with a ceilidh, a folk club and a tunes session. Throughout Saturday and Sunday we have singarounds, tunes sessions and workshops, including a children's workshop. We have three concerts – Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. As last year the Lancashire Society will have a bookstall where you can buy books and magazines with Lancashire connections. There will be food and drink for sale. Full details will be posted on notice boards and announced by the MCs of the various sessions

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Festival Committee for their hard work in planning this event. I would particularly like to thank Ed McGurk who organised the concerts and ceilidh, Dave Howard who organised and is operating the sound and Brian Frew who organised the Workshops and Martin Duckworth, Anne Rawcliffe, Chris Nash and Jamie Blatchley who organised the publicity which has helped to bring the Festival to your notice. Thanks also to Mike and Kath Simmons for organising the Stewarding and tickets and to Sara, Philip, Judith and the rest of the Barlow staff and volunteers for their help.

The committee and I look forward to welcoming you to the Barlow on the weekend of 6th October.

Simon Blatchley (Chair)

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Thank you to our Guests

Thanks to all performers and workshop leaders for working and performing free of charge for the benefit of the Barlow.

They have made this festival happen! If you like what you hear, please buy their CDs & other merchandise.

Riot Band	All@Sea	Dave Middlehurst
Leap to Your Feet	Mark Dowding	The Dodgers
LocTup Together	Stan Accrington	Mick Dillon
Tom Perry & Clive	Wet the Tea	Eleanor Hill
Brooks	Karin Grandal-Park	Brian Bull
Corrie Shelly	Nick Dow	Tre Burch
Sid Calderbank	Nick Mallion	MALpractice
•	Caffrey McGurk Madge	Dave Hamflett
Redmayne	Nonsuch Dulcimers	

Thank you to our Team

Edgworth Festival Committee : Simon Blatchley (Chair), Mike & Kath Simmons, Ed McGurk, Elaine Wedge, Jamie Blatchley, Chris & Ann Nash, Martin Duckworth, Brian Frew, Anne Rawcliffe, Tre Burch, Eleanor Hill, Helen & Dave Howard On the Sound Desk : Dave Howard On the Front Desk : Kath Simmons, Heather Dunn

Behind the Scenes : Folk at the Barlow members. Barlow trustees, management & volunteers

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Friday Evening



The Riot Band return for the Festival Ceilidh with their unique blend of Lancashire, Celtic and American style folk dance music.

Featuring guitar, concertina, fiddle, base guitar and drums, the Riot Band give that full band sound and are probably Lancashire's most successful and enduring ceilidh band. Caller Peter Crowther will lead the dancing for your entertainment, delectation and exercise! Foot-stompingly good . <u>www.theriotband.co.uk</u>

LocTup Together are Chris Lock and Ian Tupling. Their well-crafted harmonies and Ian's skilful guitar playing make them a joy to listen to. Their principal musical interest is in songs of the sea for which they are well-known in the UK and also mainland Europe.

Chris and Ian are also one half of the foursome maritime group Four 'n' Aft. www.Loctuptogether.co.uk





Leap to Your Feet Appalachian Dancers and musicians perform the traditional dance and music of the Southern Appalachian Mountains of America. The dances incorporate the various traditions several European and African of Dancers wear tap shoes to countries. add a percussive sound to the music. Appalachian Dancing evolved from the "Clog" dancing common in England and Ireland and taken to the Appalachian mountains of America by early settlers www.leaptoyourfeet.co.uk

Saturday 10:30—11:45 Líttle Folk : Ugly Bug Ball

Workshop by our own nature-loving creative teacher Tre Burch, aimed at our youngest members. Round up the kids for a music, movement and folk tales workshop based around bugs! Find out about the wonders of insects, how they move and sound, and hear stories about them. Explore a range of musical instruments to create our own ugly bug ball soundscape. All ages are welcome to join in, parents and grandparents too!



Saturday Afternoon

Tom Perry & Clive Brooks Tom is a resident singer at the Co-op Folk Club, Standish, a regular at The Wooden Horse Club and a recent guest there. He has performed at festivals and clubs up and down the country in the last few years and at Edgworth Festival with the group Nine Tenths Below. Clive Brooks has been a stalwart of the West Midlands folk scene for many years. Together they create a wonderful blend of harmony and their selected material is an audience pleaser wherever they perform.





Corrie Shelley is a singer/songwriter from Lancashire. Corrie writes from the heart and doesn't shy away from any subject matter. Every song has a personal meaning and her voice transports you through the ages right up to the present day. www.corrieshelley.com

Sid Calderbank is a native speaker of the Lancashire dialect who has been researching and collecting the songs and stories of old Lancashire for over 40 years, performing them at folk and arts festivals, historical society meetings, Lancashire-themed nights. Sid is a firm favourite at Edgworth Festival.





Redmayne began in the 1960's, but retired from gigging around 2010, going on to produce two studio albums : "the Loft Album", a mixture of individual and ensemble tracks, and "On the Road Again", all ensemble pieces. Redmayne's music is an eclectic mix of modern and traditional English folk, modern American and bluegrass. You might hear songs by Dylan or Joni Mitchell followed by traditional English folk. These days Redmayne's outings are fairly rare, so

we are pleased and privileged to have them on the bill. An exciting band to listen to!

Friday Evening 6th Oct						
Start	Finish	Where	Event	Leader / MC	Guest Spot	
7:00		Entrance	Tickets & Registration	Mike & Kath Simmons		
7:30	11:00	Hall	Ceilidh	Riot Band with Caller Peter Crowther	8:30—8:50 Leap to your Feet 9:45-10:05 LocTup Together	
8:00	11:00	Library	Festival Folk Club	Simon & Jamie Blatchley	9:00– 9:20 LocTup Together	
8:00	11:00	Bar (Reading Room)	Informal Tunes Session	Robin & Anne Madge		
		Saturda	y Mornin	g 8th Oci	:	
Start	Finish	Where	Event	Led/ hosted by	Details	
10:00		Entrance	Tickets & Registration	Mike & Kath Simmons		
10:30	11:45	Hall	"Little Folk" Musical activities for kids 0-10	Tre Burch		
10:30	11:45	Billiard Room	Celtic Tunes and Songs	Brian Frew		
10:30	11:45	Library	"The Bold Poachers"	Brian Bull		
10:30	2:45	Reading Room	Musicians Corner	All comers	Turn up anytime, play anything	

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Saturday Afternoon 7th Oct							
Start	Finish	Where	EVENT	Leader /MC/ Artist	Details		
12:00	1:15	Hall	"Shanty Shout" Songs of the Sea	All@Sea			
12:00	1:15	Library	Percussion Workshop	Helen Howard/ Brian Frew	Bodhran Spoons Bones		
1:00	1:45		LUNCH				
1:30	2:30	Billiard Room	Dulcimer Work- shop/ Session	Nonesuch Dulcimers			
1:30	2:30	Library	Harmony Sing- ing Workshop	Eleanor Hill			
2:25	6:00	HALL	CONCERT	MC Jamie Blatchley			
2:30	3:15	"	"	Tom Perry & Clive Brooks			
3:20	4:05			Corrie Shelley			
4:05	4:20		"	Interval			
4:20	5:05	"	"	Sid Calderbank			
5:10	5:55		"	Redmayne			

5:55	7:15		TEA		
6:00	7:15	Library	Americana/ Skiffle	MALpractice	Sing & play session
6:00	7:15	Billiard Room	Ukulele Workshop	Mick Dillon	
6:00	7:15	Reading Room	Musicians Corner	All comers	Casual join in session

Saturday Evening 7th Oct					
Start	Finish	Where	Event	Artist	
7:25	11:00	HALL	CONCERT	MCHelen Howard	
7:30	8:15		"	All@Sea	
8:20	9:05	"	"	Mark Dowding	
9:05	9:20	"	"	Interval	
9:20	10:05			Stan Accrington	
10:10	10:55	"		Wet the Tea	

Sunday Morning & Early Afternoon 8th Oct

Start	Finish	Where	Event	Led/Hosted by	I
11:00		Entrance	Tickets & Registration	Mike & Kath Simmons	
11:00	12:15	Hall	Tunes Session	Dave Middlehurst	
11:00	12:15	Library	Willie Hampson Edgworth poet	Nick Mallion	
12:15	1:30	Reading Room	Musicians Corner	All comers	
12:15	1:15	Library	"Last Man Standing"	Dave Hamflett	Songs & Tunes

Sunday Afternoon 8th Oct

Start	Finish	Where	Event	Artist	
1:30	4:30	HALL	CONCERT	MCSimon Blatchley	
1:30	2:15	"	"	Demdike's Cat	
2:20	3:05	"	W	Nick Dow	
3:05	3:20			Interval	
3:20	4:05			Nick Mallion	
4:10	4:55	"		Caffrey McGurk Madge	
4:55	5:00	"		Finale	

Sunday Morning

Organiser of the ever-popular afternoon music sessions at the Railway, Pleasington, **Dave**

Middlehurst has a great store of tunes to share, which he plays expertly on fiddle and melodeon. As well as being an encouraging and inclusive session leader, Dave dances and plays for Royal Preston Morris and has written a book "The Lancashire String Band" which takes a look at local musicians between 1880 and 1920. Dave will be leading the Sunday morning tunes session.



Nick Mallion



On Sunday morning **Nick Mallion** will present the work of Lancashire dialect writer **Willie Hampson** (1877-1955). Willie lived in Edgworth for about 40 years before moving to Bolton to become a writer of dialect prose and poetry. Although not widely known now, he was popular at the time and deserves wider recognition. Much of his work was humorous and several poems were put to music and broadcast on the radio in the 1940s and 50s.

Saturday Evening



All@Sea are Steve & Sandra Harrison, John & Maggie Stockdale and Jen Wilson. Songs of the river or sea, mostly shanties, are what All@Sea bring to their audience, and of course great choruses. Our shanty session last year was so well received we felt it worthy of a main stage event. You'll love it.

Mark Dowding

Mark Dowding A stalwart of the Lancashire folk scene for many years, a popular and regular performer at The Barlow, Mark is a fine singer and multi-instrumentalist. He has recorded his own CDs and collaborated with many other performers to promote the rich heritage of music and songs of Lancashire. His repertoire includes a wide range of traditional and contemporary songs, featuring material from Harry Boardman and the Manchester Ballads, through classic songs from the Music Hall era to the seriously funny songs of Jake Thackeray. <u>www.markdowding.co.uk</u>





Stanley Accrington emerged from the dark days of the 70's and has been terrorising the cultural world ever since. He has written hundreds of songs in various styles on a vast range of subjects. There are old-style songs on current happenings and modern style songs on ancient events. He does poems, pastiches, parodies, and possibly anything. Apart from silly and very silly material, Stan writes serious songs to confuse the situation further. Whether at home or abroad, Stan is a great performer and a popular guest at Folk at the Barlow and the Festival. www.stanleyaccrington.me.uk

Wet The Tea return again by popular demand. A proper band to fill our hall with sound, they perform a mix of traditional Irish, English, modern, bluegrass, and a few old



gems. Based in Merseyside, their original songs and tune sets have a unique quality. They play fiddle, mandolin, flute, whistles, guitar, banjo and bass and are sure to get your feet tapping even if you don't want to get up and dance! <u>www.facebook.com/WetTheTeaMusic</u>

Sunday Afternoon



Demdike's Cat are singer/guitarist, Karin Grandal-Park and fiddler Ava Greenhall. The duo appeared at our 2022 festival and return by popular demand. Karin is a fabulous singer/songwriter and Ava's fiddle accompaniments are wonderfully crafted. We look forward to welcoming them back to Edgworth.

Nick Dow is a great folk singer with a well-earned national reputation. He has performed at many folk clubs and festivals. Nick has an encyclopaedic knowledge of traditional folk songs and material, especially from the travelling community. Nick was also a former presenter of BBC Radio Lancashire "The Drift" – our own regional folk programme. We welcome Nick back to our festival.





Nick Mallion is a singer/songwriter from Edgworth. He has a growing reputation for his songwriting, some of which reflect on our local history and industrial past here in Edgworth and surrounding areas. Nick will be showcasing his own songs which, apart from their historical interest, will give plenty of opportunity for audience participation

Caffrey McGurk Madge have delighted audiences throughout the UK with their own take on traditional and contemporary folksong. With good humour and informed understanding of the song subjects, they show a flare for musicianship harmonv. fine and skillful arrangements making each song a joy to hear. CMM are described by many as amongst the very best English traditional and contemporary singers. We welcome them back to our 2023 festival. www.caffreymcgurkmadge.com



Nonsuch Dulcimers are long time supporters of the Festival. They will be demonstrating a variety of dulcimers and psalteries, offering you a chance to try them out. They will lead a workshop and music session at 1:30 on Saturday. www.dulcimer.co.uk



Saturday 6—7:15 Ukulele Mick Dillon is a seasoned Workshop performer on guitar, ukulele and vocals, leading groups in the Lancaster area. The workshop will be an introduction to the



ukulele as a genuine musical instrument with a chance to run through some tunes. Suitable for beginners or anyone more advanced to demonstrate their skills. Bring your ukulele and, if you have one, a music stand.



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Volunteer Stewards will be on duty throughout the weekend to help you make the most of the Festival. In the event of an emergency please follow their instructions.

The Bar : with real ale, open on Friday evening and on Saturday and Sunday

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Sings, Sessions & Workshops

H = Hall B= Billiard Room

L = Library

Plauing

R = Reading Room (i.e. the Bar)

Singing

Festival Folk Club Simon & Jamie Blatchlev

Fri 8:00-11:00

Kick the weekend off by with this well-known pair of jolly songsters. Special guest spot from LocTup Together.

Shanty Shout All@Sea



Join in a Songs of the Sea singaround led by shanty singing group All@Sea

Harmony Singing Workshop Sat 1:30-2:30 **Eleanor Hill**

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"Little Folk" Musical Activities

Sat 10:30 -S 11:45 H **Tre Burch** For the 5-10s and their siblings, carers and hangers-on, join in bug-inspired music and activities.

Celtic Tunes and Songs Sat 10:30 - 11:45 B **Brian Frew**

Join in session and tune-share. Celtic includes Scottish. Welsh. Cornish. Irish. Breton etc.

Americana/Skiffle Sing and Play Session Sat 6:00-7:15 MALpractice All comers ioin in session

Last Man Standing Songs and Tunes

Dave Hamflett Sun 12:15 - 1:15 B A last chance to share your songs and tunes

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"The Bold Poachers" Sat 10:30-11:45 L Brian Bull Talk on effects of Enclosures Acts 1750—1820 and its reflection in song

Willie Hampson, the Edgworth Poet Nick Mallion Sun 11:00-12:15 L

Nick presents the work of Lancashire dialect writer, Willie Hampson

Informal Tunes Session Robin & Anne Madge	Fri 8:00—11:00	R
All genres tune session as a drop- Folk Club, or play all evening if you singing		
Percussion Workshop	Sat 12:00- 1:15	L
Helen Howard & Brian Frew Come and have a try at bodhran,	spoons or bones	
Dulcimer Workshop	Sat 1:30—2:30	в
Nonsuch Dulcimer Club Music session led by the beautiful dulcimers	sound of hammered	

Ukulele Workshop Mick Dillon

Sat 6:00-7:15 L.

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Dust off your ukulele and join in some communal tunes All abilities.

Tunes Session **Dave Middlehurst**

Sun 11-12:15 н

All-comers tune session, any instrument, any genre

Musicians Corner All comers, no leader

Sat 10:30-2:45, 6:00-7:15 R Sun 12:15-1:30

Musicians with spare time and a spare tune or song are invited to play in the bar corner when there is no concert in progress

Dancing

Ceilidh

Fri 7:30-11

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The Riot Band with caller Peter Crowther

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- 15 Dec 23 : Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies with Mark Dowding
- 19 Jan 24 : Close Quarters with Dave Boulton
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- 15 Mar 24 : Brothers Gillespie with Gleo
- 19 Apr 24 : Fay Hield with the Dodgers
- 17 May 24 : Jaywalkers with Liz & Dave Walmisley

21 Jun 24 : Sherburn Bartley Sanders with Nick Mallion



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- \Rightarrow Saturday All Day and Evening: £30
- \Rightarrow Sat Daytime only : £20
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- Children under 16 free but must be accompanied by an adult \Rightarrow
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