



**The Yorkshire
Garland Group**

Yorkshire Folk Song at your fingertips



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'York, Yo-ork for my mon-ey,
Of all the ci-ties that ever I see'

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Welcome

Our second newsletter is as promised, much shorter than our first. However, I will reiterate my hope this will become a two-way communication. We would welcome your comments, either good or bad. If you wish to suggest an aspect of work we might consider in our next phase of activity please get in touch. Contact details can be found on our website (see below for link).

New songs on the site

On the site you will find forty new songs, which include a mixture of contemporary and traditional songs. Something we are having real difficulty in finding is songs connected with Yorkshire but written by members of other ethnic groups. One of our stated aims is to reflect the multi-cultural nature of our county and not just come over as a parochial bunch of anoraks. This will not affect our primary aim in any way; Yorkshire songs by Yorkshire folk will always be the main thrust of our activity but it should be interested in how we are seen through others' eyes.

Phase 3

Final decisions have yet to be made. Some proposals so far:

1. Folk music in education
2. More of same (obviously).
3. A more practical workshop than our 2009 seminar, including both dance and song.
4. Yorkshire songs from ethnic groups (if we can find any).
5. An edited reprint of "Songs of The Ridings" (this is just dream in progress at present).

Please note that we only have a few copies of the original book for sale, if you want one I would buy it now if I were you. Given the enormity of the task and some lingering uncertainty about copyright we cannot guarantee production a reprint.

Events

Martin and Shan Graebe will give a talk at Ryburn 3 Step's Spring Sing this year, which should be of interest to many of you. Apparently a notebook has surfaced that relates to Baring Gould's collecting experiences in Yorkshire when he was the vicar at Horbury before moving back to Devon. For details follow this link:

<http://www.ryburn3step.org.uk/springsing.htm>

Ray Padgett has asked me to mention Barnsley's annual Easter festival. The dates are: April 2/3/4th and details can be had from him at: padgettray@yahoo.co.uk

A few reminders from the first newsletter:

MySpace

Our thanks to Tony Morris for setting up and maintaining this. If you haven't already seen it and want to have a look, follow this link <http://www.myspace.com/yorkshiregarland>

Website

Michael Jary looks after our website like a man born to the task. I assume you are all fully aware of the site and its contents but just in case not here's the link:

www.yorkshirefolksong.net/

Performers

A request to those of you who perform in any context: If you would be willing to mention us to your audiences we would be very grateful. Just point them towards the website and it should do the rest.

All the best,

Ray Black