



Greenshoots

Music Group

Come and play with us!

What are We?

We are a small, amateur, music practice group, with origins in the folk tradition, but playing a range of traditional music. Greenshoots was set up to help people who wanted to play together, but found folk sessions too fast.

Where, When, and How?

We usually meet at the [The Lord Byron Inn](#) at Trumpington, near Cambridge (UK!) on alternate Monday evenings. New players are always welcomed! Cost is zero. Contact details are at the bottom of the page. Since the 2020 Coronavirus lockdown we have also been recording and Zoom streaming sessions – see <https://pghardy.net/greenshoots/virtual/>.

What Instruments do We Play?

Currently the group wields concertinas (Anglo and English), fiddles, guitars, bass guitar, mandolins, dulcimers, flutes, whistles, recorders, plus occasional melodeon, accordion etc.

What Music do We Play?

Mainly British Isles traditional music, particularly folk dance tunes. Exceptions range from Nellie the Elephant and Lily Marlene, to American Patrol and Ashokan Farewell. The majority are single line melodies with chords, but we are increasing our use of harmony settings (mainly 2-part). Most of the tunes are now available in Paul Hardy's Session Tunebook, which is free as PDF to download and print, and also in abc format to play and manipulate (<https://pghardy.net/tunebooks/>).

What is the Standard?

Variable! We are a mix of abilities and experience. We start tunes slowly, and speed up gradually. We are not afraid of stopping and practicing difficult bits several times.

How is it Organised

We are a self-help group, with no single boss (a benevolent oligarchy?). Paul is the usual leader when he's there, because of the use of his Session tunebook as the core repertoire, and because his concertina can be heard! Mike as long-term secretary handles the finances (minimal) and accommodation arrangements.

Do We Perform in Public?

Rarely! We exist to play for our own pleasure, and to improve. However, we have done a carol session for charity near Christmas, and a couple of spots at local folk events.

Contacts

See our web site at <http://greenshootsmusic.org.uk/>, or email Paul Hardy at greenshoots@paulhardy.net, or telephone him on 01223 263232.