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❖ For our April issue, we welcomed our first Staffordshire members • **More welcome!**

TAMWORTH FOLK AND RAMBLING CLUB®, Bolehall Manor Club (1st floor function room), Amington Road, Tamworth B77 3LH.

Every Friday, 8.30pm, Sept-July



We meet every Friday, a fairly prompt start at 8.30pm, an informal format on most evenings, and we welcome any visiting performers. You'll get the opportunity to do a 'turn' or two. Regular visitors can apply for Affiliated Membership to Bolehall Manor. Large car park, entrance off main road.

We have feature guest evenings most months, free admission, advertised on our **Diary page**. Floor spots are still available on these evenings.

Guests: Friday 5th October, Kilderkin. Winners of Shrewsbury Folk Festival's open competition, headed up by Chris Elliott (guitar, bouzouki, fiddle and vocals) and Caitlin Jones (vocals, whistles), joined by Heather Sirrel (bass, backing vocals) and Ed Beasant (percussion, melodeon), a mix of traditional arrangements and original compositions.

Friday 9th November, Sweet Molly. A welcome return of this top class Irish band.

Friday 30th November, Chase Mist. 5-piece local Burntwood folk band, traditional and original vocal and instrumental pieces, performing at Staffordshire and West Midlands folk clubs and festivals over the last ten years. Polished and exciting contemporary acoustic/folk act, with their undoubted ability to spot or write a good tune, an eclectic mix of songs. This, plus solid musicianship and outstanding vocal ability, an act not to be missed!

Malcolm Robinson®

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BAND ON THE RUM®

The five-member Band on the Rum are acknowledged performers of traditional shanties and other songs of the sea. Usually unaccompanied, the band knows how to belt out stirring shanties or soothe with easy on the ear nautical songs. Occasional humorous or moving songs on other subjects are also in band's repertoire. Individually and as part of other bands, Band on the Rum members have been energetic folk and shanty singers for over 30 years. As it is based in the centre of England, Band on the Rum is fortunate in being able to easily travel around the country for bookings and festivals. CDs are available through the **Band on the Rum Facebook Page**.

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MITRE'S WELL®

Folk music songs and tunes from Stephen Edkins: Vocals, Guitar, Mandola, Banjo, Bass, Bodhrun; Stephen Swoffer: Vocals, Bass, Guitar, Bouzouki, Ukele, Bodhrun; Malcolm Robinson: Whistles, Mandolin, Banjo, Backing Vocals.

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www.youtube.com/user/TheMitresWell/videos



THE ANKER VALLEY BOYS®

Bluegrass, Irish, Folk, Americana. Whatever the genre we'll guarantee to get your foot tapping! Looking for a band, with caller, to play at a Barn Dance/Hoe Down for your event? Look no further, we can help!

The Band: Bob, Vocals, Fiddle, Keyboard, Clarinet, Sax; **Dave**, Vocals, Tenor Guitar, 5 String Banjo, Mandolin; **Steve**, Vocals, Guitar, Bass; **Malcolm**, Tenor Banjo, Mandolin, Whistle, Accordion.

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