

## WHO ARE THE FESTIVAL SINGING DAYS FOR?

This Workshop is appropriate for people with ALL levels of musical/vocal experience. Michael brings the message that everyone has a singer and a musician inside them and looks forward to sharing his passion for this magical mid-winter music with you.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON SHARING

On the Sunday afternoon of the workshop we'll go and give voice in a local pub.

At the end of the weekend there'll be mince pies and a winter punch.

Then we'll go off to the local church to raise the roof with our glorious carols.

*(Families and friends are of course invited to come to these sharings.)*

## TESTIMONIALS

"I can honestly say it was one of the highlights of my life."

"Beyond our wildest dreams . . . This will live with me forever"

PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS ON 'SING THE SACRED' AND 'SONG OF THE EARTH'

**MICHAEL DEASON-BARROW** - Director of Tonalis Music Centre - is an inspirational choir leader. He runs courses all over the world connected to Singing and Sacred Musicing and has also conducted at the '3 Choirs Festival' - the world's most celebrated choral festival - in Gloucester Cathedral. Michael specialises in creating distinctive and original arrangements of folk songs and carols and has over 25 years experience of leading folk music in community choirs.

**Discounted Fee: £70** (for booking by Nov. 10th) **£77** (by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>) **£82** (thereafter)

**Concessions: £65** for students, OAPs & the unwaged when booked with evidence by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Couples/Partners & Group Bookings (3+): £58/£65/£70 each** (dates as above)

**Saturday attendance only: £48** (if booked by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.)

**Times:** 10am - 6pm Saturday, 10am - 5pm Sunday

**Lunches:** Bring & Share Lunches, with hot soup on offer. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

**A Registration Letter:** incl. venue details, etc. will be sent on receipt of your application.

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## Application Form - 'The Mysteries & Magic of Folk Carols'

Please complete & send to the above address with your cheque payable to - 'M. Edwards'.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

## Give Voice this Christmas to the Mysteries, Magic & Myths of FOLK CAROLS



**SING:** • Vibrant West Gallery & Village Carols  
from Sheffield & Derbyshire to Cornwall  
• Mysterious Mid-winter Ritual Songs  
& • Enchanting Irish & Hebridean Carols

Tonalis

Led by Michael Deason-Barrow

**7th - 8th December 2013**

**VENUE** - St. John's Centre, Cragg Vale, Hebden Bridge, W.YORKS

Enquiries: Tel. 01422-885249 info@tonalismusic.co.uk

**SING THE MYSTERIES & MAGIC OF FOLK CAROLS**  
is for all those people who want to participate in  
**AN UPLIFTING AND JOYFUL MID-WINTER CELEBRATION IN SONG.**

Nothing conjures up the merriment, mysteries and magic of the winter season more than  
**CHOIRS SINGING CAROLS.**

This winter, for the first time, Tonalis is offering you the opportunity  
to sing our vibrant living tradition of folk carols in a folk choir setting.

What you'll find here are hidden treasures that come from our oral tradition of village  
carol singing which have been lovingly handed down from generation to generation.  
These carols run the full gamut from vibrant West Gallery carols, to enchanting songs  
which tell the stories of ancient myths and rituals.

Here you will find no sense of 'Ye Olde Worlde England',  
but rather how each song has a **NEW** and **LIVING MESSAGE** that nourishes us now.

This is not the ethos of cathedral singing.  
Nor is it the singing of Victorian and Edwardian carols.

Instead, on 'The Mysteries and Magic of Folk Carols', you'll experience the emotionally  
charged, dramatic, beautiful and haunting melodies that were sung by blacksmiths,  
farm labourers and weavers, etc. in pubs, chapels, homes, streets, fields and orchards.

Some of the music is full-throated and elemental  
and is sure to get your **FEET STOMPING.**  
e.g. West Gallery and Village Carol Traditions  
that come from villages that take great pride in their own unique traditions  
From Sheffield to Derbyshire and from Cornwall to Sussex,

But there'll also be a more **PEACEFUL & CONTEMPLATIVE** side to our singing,  
at the heart of which will lie some of the most beautiful of all English melodies -  
e.g. the celebrated folk carol, '*This is the Truth Sent from Above*',  
collected by the renowned composer and folksong collector Vaughan Williams.

*Michael will also untangle the secrets and lead you into the* **HIDDEN MEANING**  
*of the mysterious symbols and myths*  
- that underlie so many of these songs (from the Green Man to the Boar's Head).

*There'll also be Festive Readings from*  
Laurie Lee, Dylan Thomas and Thomas Hardy  
and  
Carolling Visits to the Local Pub and Church.

**Meet extraordinary Characters and Myths in Song**

A unique winter Green Man dressed in holly, ivy and berries  
'Cock Robin and Cutty Wren' replete with characters such as Shiver to Shudder  
the Oxford scholar who slew the boar in a carol with echoes of a Norse fertility rite  
The Holly Boy and the Ivy Girl, and, of course, the ancient ritual of Wassailing.

**Get Inside the Mysteries of Legends from the Apocryphal Gospels**

from the deep mysteries of the Cherry Tree Carol  
to the miraculous harvest in King Pharim (a gypsy name for King Pharaoh).

**Take the Plaster off the Ceiling with West Gallery and Village Carols**

West Gallery Music (traditionally sung in the west galleries of village churches)  
overflows with **WONDER** and **ENERGY.**

This is sacred folk music that is vigorous, earthy, robust and uninhibited.  
You'll find it brings a **GRAND WILD FREEDOM** into sacred singing,  
that Thomas Hardy wrote about so lovingly in his novel, 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.

*So come and sing:*

- a rumbustious version of 'While Shepherds Watched',
- a rollicking rendering of 'Hark, Hark the News the Angels Bring'
- the celebrated carol, 'Shepherds Arise!', from the Copper Family, and
- a soaring evocation of 'Peace o'er the World'.

**Sing Enchanting Celtic Carols**

from the evocative 'That Night in Bethlehem' (Irish)  
to  
songs from the extraordinary ancient tradition from Kilmore in Co. Wexford where  
Celtic Carols - banished by the church - were sung in the winter fields on Christmas Eve,  
to  
a lilting Christmas lullaby that evokes a gently rocking Hebridean seascape.

**Give Voice to Dancing Medieval Folk Carols**

from the joyous, syncopated rhythms of 'Gaudete'  
to the driving elemental rhythms of 'Miri It Is'.

**So Come and Get Your Voices Vibrating in another Key  
& SING YOUR HEART OUT THIS CHRISTMAS.**