

AN AFTERNOON of music

PERFORMERS

Following the success of our 'Celebration of Music' in June 2024, we are planning a 'Music Afternoon' for all u3a members in our Northumbria Region. To avoid confusion, the u3as in the whole region are listed below, Any member in any u3a is most welcome to perform or attend.

The Venue: It will be in the concert room in North Biddick Social Club, Bonemill Lane, Washington, NE38 8AJ see link below: There is plenty of free parking.

[North Biddick Social Club - Google Maps](#)

Our Celebration of Music in June 2024 was in a Club in Sunnyside, but we have chosen this new Venue partly because it is a little further South which should help our Southern members get there. There is plenty of parking.

The Date: It will be Thursday June 5th, 2025, 2pm - 5pm. We have the option of extending beyond 5pm into the evening if we wish.

The Event: The Afternoon will be similar to the afternoon we had in Sunnyside Club. That is, it will be rather like a "Buskers" afternoon where all performers / musicians are invited to perform to your fellow u3a members.

Equipment: There will be a small PA system present with microphones. The room has a stage and there will also be an acoustic combo, an electric combo and an electric piano available for all to use. We would prefer you use this equipment, but you can bring and use your own equipment if you wish.

Music: The event will differ a little from the last one in Sunnyside because this time there will not be any "electric bands". By that I mean bands with electric guitars, amps and drums. There are two reasons for this. 1) It is very difficult for bands to change over quickly on stage and 2) It is a lot to ask a full electric band to load-in, load-out and only play for 30 mins ! We hope that any member of an electric band will be able to perform solo, or team up to make a duo etc. 'Acoustic Bands' like a Ukelele band or an 'acoustic guitar' band or a choir will be fine.

Performers: The general rule is that all performers must be a member of a u3a in our Northumbria Region (see below). However, we might allow a non-member to play alongside a member. If you are in this situation please email me and each case will be individually considered. Another general rule is that each performance will be one or two songs. It might be possible to play more but that will depend on numbers present on the day.

Your Story: Before you play we will ask each person to tell the audience in a couple of sentences how you 'came to music / became a musician' and also explain why you chose to play your particular song(s).

Finale: We will all get together and play one finale song.

Entrance Fee: There is no entrance fee for performers. Spectators will pay £2 cash at the door.

Refreshments: There will be a bar present which might sell bar 'snacks', but it might not; so please bring something to eat, if you wish.

How to Play: Its simple. Just email me saying:

- a) who you are,**
- b) where you are from and**
- c) Your instrument**

Please remember, none of us are professionals so the afternoon is designed for everyone to contribute and enjoy themselves. Any questions to:

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Northumbria Region u3as

Alnwick
Ashington and District
Bedale and District
Bede of Jarrow
Berwick-upon-Tweed
Bishop Auckland and District
Blyth & District
Boldon and District
Caer Urfa
Cestria
Consett & District
Cowtons & Countryside
Coquetdale
Cramlington & District
Darlington
Derwent Valley
Derwentside
Dunston & District
Durham & District
Gateshead
Guisborough
Hartlepool & District
Houghton-le-Spring
Mid-Northumberland
Middlesbrough
Morpeth & District
Newcastle
Northallerton
Ponteland
Prudhoe and District
Saltburn District
Seaham and District
Seaham Harbour
Sedgefield & District
South Durham
South Tyneside
Stockton-on-Tees
Sunderland
Teesdale
Tynedale
Washington
Washington Village
Wearside
Wessington in Washington
Whickham & District
Whitley Bay
Wooler

