

Moreton Traditional Sing. 27th February– 2nd March 2026**NEWSLETTER 1**

Hello everyone and thank you to those who have already been in contact.

We're preparing for our fourth event, which as ever, will take place at the Fire Service College. We're pleased to returning to host another gathering of traditional singers from far and wide. From a kernel of an idea four years ago, with support from a number of people involved in organising such events, we are delighted to be able to welcome people back to Moreton in Marsh.

<https://www.fireservicecollege.ac.uk/contact-us/how-to-find-us/>

Fire Service College
London Rd,
Moreton-in-Marsh
GL56 0RH

Singing guests invited so far include

Sylvia Barnes
Bob & Gill Berry
Jim Causley
Bernie Cherry & Ken Langsbury
Will Duke
Tori Lang
Graham O'Callaghan
Carolyn Robson & Moira Craig
Megan Wisdom

All events will take place in the Four Shires block on campus. We have additional rooms available, including a large meeting room between the Connections restaurant and the Edinburgh lounge for concerts, where Bob Hawkes will be taking care of the sound.

We will be holding another magnificent raffle on Saturday. Funds raised help support the festival. Prizes welcome.

Rather than bottled water available in each room, we are asked to use refillable water bottles and take advantage of the water coolers in the restaurant. Feel free to bring one you already have, though we can also buy the Fire Service College's own: details are on the booking form.

Planning a clear out? Thinking about downsizing? Please bring old CDs and books for the Bring & Buy stall – funds raised here will be donated to

<https://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/>

All retail opportunities are downstairs in the foyer. Let me know if you'd like to sell something. We are looking forward to the return of Veteran Music, among others.

The venue:

The venue is fully accessible, with lifts to different floors in the accommodation and a stair lift in the meeting area. Dietary needs are catered for and meals are clearly labelled on the menu. All meeting rooms are well ventilated with high ceilings.

There is some fully accessible bedroom accommodation with walk in showers without a step. Others have a shower cubicle. Standard rooms are ensuite and either twin, double or single occupancy. In addition, this year we have some shared budget accommodation in the College's Fire station. Full details below.

The site is level with plenty of parking. We are advised that for people travelling by public transport to Moreton in Marsh, it's best to book a taxi to reach the campus. We also had a number of volunteers last year who ferried train passengers to and from the station.

There are no camping/caravanning facilities.

We have use of the Sports Centre and swimming pool during our stay. Just saying.

I will not be able to process cheques between 5th – 15th February, though BACS transfers will be unaffected.

Booking:

Standard tickets for the weekend include

- accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights,
- all meals
- and cover the costs associated with guests and venue.

They are

£272.00 per person (where two people are **sharing** a twin/double room)

£392.00 each for a **single occupancy** room.

There is an option to extend the ticket for a third night and programmed events run till the end of the afternoon, with a survivors' session marked for the evening. **Further details are on the booking form.**

In addition this year:

As well as the standard ticket price this year there is an option **to pay a bit more/pay a bit less**, depending on your circumstances. **Further details on the booking form.**

Budget accommodation – hostel style. The college has offered us use of their fire station this time, which accommodates 16 in three 4 bed and 2 twin bed rooms (no bunks). Bathroom facilities are shared. I **will not** be choosing your room mates. You may need earplugs and sleep masks. I have reserved 8 places (two rooms) for Youth tickets. After that, it will be first come, first served and a waiting list, in the event that the Youth tickets aren't taken up. **If this option interests you, email to make sure there is still a place available.**

Please make sure to complete all sections of the booking form, particularly the section regarding special requirements. If you want a room next to friends, make a note of that as well. If you want to share a room, make a note of who you want to share it with!

Other developments:

If you'd love to come but have some doubts about transport, then let us know and we'll see if there's any way to organise a lift-share.

I will check with local taxi firms again to see which of them are available to collect folks from the train station, though last year our volunteer system worked best.

If you want to sponsor an event at the festival, get in touch.

Sponsorship:

Be one of the sponsors of a concert	£50
Be one of the sponsors of a presentation	£20
Be one of the sponsors of a session	£20

Or contact if you have other suggestions.

Programme:

If you would like to run one of the sessions, let me know. I can organise it.

If you want to advertise your event/cd/book/project in this year's programme, contact me for details and deadlines.