

Knutsford Accordion Day

**Accordion workshop and concert for
accordionists of all abilities**

Bring your accordion for a fun-filled event



featuring
**Anita
Bašić**

Workshop
Leader

assisted by
**Anna
Leskelä**

**10am - 5pm
Sunday
14th May
2023**



at
**Marthall Village Hall
Sandlebridge Lane
Knutsford, WA16 7SB**

Tickets £20

available from
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Research
UK**

In aid of Alzheimer's Research UK

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10 am Sunday 14th May, 2023.

The Hall at Marthall

Sandlebridge Lane, Knutsford, WA16 7 SB

Experience an exciting day of accordion indulgence led by **Anita Bašić** and **Anna Leskelä**:

Anita Bašić

Anita is the Musical Director of Bradford Accordion Band (BAB) which she founded in 1997. Anita grew up in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and began taking accordion lessons at the age of 9. At 17, she won the NAO All-British Entertainer Championship in Llandudno and went on to teach the accordion for many years. Anita's major passion is Balkan music, and she plays as part of a British-Serbian ensemble: Nostalgija Band. Anita's mission in all her musical activities is to have fun, engage with other accordion-lovers and help move players out of their comfort zones to increase confidence. www.bradfordaccordionband.co.uk

Anna Leskelä

Anna is an outstanding Finnish chromatic accordionist who currently lives in Bingley, West Yorkshire. Before moving to the UK, Anna studied accordion music and pedagogy at the Metropolia University of Applied Sciences. As well as teaching the instrument, Anna has delivered countless solo performances and participated in a variety of musical groups. Her major passion is the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, but Anna loves to experiment with a broad range of musical genres, including her homeland's folk music.

The event will take place at The Hall at Marthall near Knutsford, a central location for members of the Chester, North Staffs, and Stockport Accordion Clubs, though attendance is absolutely not restricted to members of those clubs. Any proceeds from the event will be donated to Alzheimer's Research UK.

Three pieces of music have been selected and will be provided in advance. A short concert will follow the day's proceedings with the orchestra performing the music of the day, followed by a short recital performed by Anna Leskelä.

Programme

- Date: Sunday 14th May 2020
- Meet between 9 and 9.30 am for refreshments and chat
- Workshop: 10 am to approx. 4 pm with morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch break.
- Raffle and collection in support of Alzheimer's Research UK
- Concert: approx. 4.30 pm
- Orchestra play the three pieces from the workshop
- Short recital by **Anna Leskelä**
- Ends 5 pm

Cost

Ticket price £20, family member or friend, £3.
Price includes light refreshments on arrival and in the morning and afternoon breaks, also lunchtime tea or coffee.
Bring your own packed lunch.

Booking

Post or scan-and-email completed booking form
email info@northstaffsaccordionclub.co.uk

Pay

Bank transfer to 'North Staffs Accordion Club'
08-92-99 65862542

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More about the concert players:

Anna Leskelä /Anita Bašić (see event brochure)

Anna Leskelä /Anita Bašić - our presenters for the day.

Ben Cobb (Finland)

Ben, from Finland, will be staying with his grandparents in Liverpool on a visit to see the (Ukrainian) Eurovision Song Contest. Fortunate planning means that he is able to get to our Accordion Day on this visit. He was smitten with the instrument at an earlier age but was only allowed to play the accordion from the age of five! Ben has performed and competed internationally in Finland, UK and Latvia. He plays all genres of music from Baroque to contemporary and folk music and regularly plays in care homes for the elderly. He always travels with an accordion, even on safari!

Helen Rich

Helen was born in West Cumbria and began playing the accordion, 6 months after her brother, when she was about 6 years old. They had lessons in Workington and the Ronmar School of Music in Carlisle, taking part in NAO competitions, also winning one for a composition. She also plays the violin and played both instruments in folk groups which took her on tour in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, France and Turkey and even busking in Budapest, Paris and Vienna. Helen is a regular guest artist at accordion festivals and clubs in the UK having a wide repertoire in many musical genres.

Johnny-Lee Leslie

Johnny-Lee has been the United Kingdom accordion champion across several categories, including the musette class, recital and virtuoso, and more recently was awarded the Roland 'V' accordion UK champion. He has also competed in the 'Coupe Mondiale' and 'Trophee Mondiale' international accordion competitions.

Julie Best

Julie was a pupil at the Ronmar School of Music in Carlisle and under the guidance of Ron Hodgson gained her ABCA & LBCA performers diploma from the BCA. She was placed 3rd in the All Britain senior solo, and was the leader of Ron's orchestra for many years.

Julie is a popular performer at a wide range of musical events not only as a soloist but as part of a duet with Jean Corrighan and a newly formed accordion quartet which also includes Helen Rich & Anne-Marie Devine.