

# Cut the Mustard



Cut the Mustard are a highly experienced three to six piece ceilidh band based in the West Midlands who are passionate about playing traditional music in an exciting, danceable, melodic and rhythmic style. We come from varying musical backgrounds which brings freshness and versatility to the music. Our common aim is to play traditional music at its best.

The band has evolved over the last 10 years to what is now its present line up, comprising:

- Roger Champkin – guitar, piano accordion
- Joanna King – fiddle, piano
- Richard Revett – guitar, mandolin
- Nada Meredith – fiddle

## Guest Musicians

- Ritchie Lund –drums
- Pete Hagan – banjo
- Andrea Elding – saxophone, flute

The band usually goes out as a three piece, plus caller, playing music from all the traditions, but we are privileged to have three guest musicians who we can call on if required to give an authentic and bigger Scottish or Irish sound.

Cut the Mustard have been playing for Weddings, Ceilidhs, Birthdays and Country Dances for many years. In fact for so long that Roger can't even remember when he started! This wealth of experience results in a vast repertoire of tunes to fit any occasion.

The music is mainly drawn from the English, Irish and Scottish traditions but there are also other influences which make it appeal to all ages. The band is also experienced singers and again can entertain with Irish, Scottish or even 60's songs during the night.

Whether it be dance or song you can be assured of exciting music guaranteed to give you a memorable occasion where a great time will be had by all.

The band tends to be booked up for at least 4 months in advance for Saturday nights in the summer so please bear this in mind when planning your event. Of course it is always worth trying to book at shorter notice as there are sometimes dates still available, especially Fridays and other weekdays, and particularly in the winter.

Every event is different and comes with its own special requirements so a phone call to Roger is a great way of letting him know what your exact needs are.

### **Some of our larger functions have included:**

- SAS Regiment, Hereford - Burns Night
- Royal Military Police Officers Mess
- Tank Regiment, Warminster - Burns Night
- Hyatt Hotel, Birmingham
- Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth
- Alveston Manor Hotel, Stratford on Avon
- Welcombe Hotel, Stratford on Avon
- RAF Cosford
- Bromyard Folk Festival
- Shrewsbury School
- Eton College
- Sandhurst Military Academy

### **Testimonials**

I just wanted to write to thank you and all the band members for helping to make Laurence's 50th birthday barn dance such an enjoyable occasion.

Even the most reluctant of dancers were persuaded onto the dance floor, to the amazement of those of us who know them! Thank you again for making it such a special evening.

Yours sincerely, Stephanie

Thanks for playing the music of our special day 14th June it created a great atmosphere.

Love Robin and Jayne

Dear Roger, Thank you so much for the entertainment you gave us on Saturday. It was wonderful – everyone enjoyed it even the neighbours right down the street. They said they sat in their gardens listening and tapping their feet!! Thank you again.

Best wishes, Sue

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