

Hello!

Firstly, can we say how blown away we are by all of you – we are so thrilled that you've booked to come away with us on this Christmas weekender.

Secondly, we've never done this before. On that basis, we're very happy to be led by you – we've come up with a rough timetable for the weekend, but if there's something you'd like us to include then please let us know.

Thirdly, this is a holiday. There is no pressure on anyone to do anything. If you'd just like to sit by the fire all weekend then do that – it's a good fire. If you bring a musical instrument and would like to play then please bring it along and we're hoping that quite a few of you will be up for a bit of a sing. We'll be bringing some music for those of you who read (but don't worry if you don't read music – it's not a pre-requisite) as well as song sheets. We've also left aside some time for 1-1 clinics, so if you would like a bit of time with either of us to go through a piece, some singing or maybe a bit of instrumental assistance then please let us know in advance and we can prepare something for you.

You can email us at [mail@greenmatthews.co.uk](mailto:mail@greenmatthews.co.uk)

If you're arriving by train and need a lift from Taunton station to Halsway, let us know - we may either be able to help ourselves or maybe sort out a car share with someone else who's coming as well.

And lastly, we are looking forward to this so very much. It's really going to be the highlight of this year's Christmas tour and thank you for helping to make it possible. :)

## **Provisional Programme**

### **Friday**

**4pm onwards:** Arrive, check in and get yourselves settled.

**6:30pm:** dinner

**After dinner:** Session, singing and getting to know each other in the bar. Anything goes really; there's a piano in the bar for any pianists, if you'd like to sing a song, we can accompany you. Got a poem or a monologue? Do you have any requests from our back catalogue that you'd like us to do? Would you like to join in with a GM piece?

## Saturday

**8:30 – 9:30am:** Breakfast

**10:30am:** Walk on the Quantocks (unless it's absolutely tipping down). We will drive up to a car park (plenty of car sharing options) and walk from there. It's actually quite flat once you get up there. Bring sturdy shoes and we'll take it at a nice steady pace – don't worry, no one will be left behind!

**1pm:** Lunch

**2:30-3:30pm:** Fireside carols round the piano. A chance to get us all in the festive spirit. We'll bring song sheets and we'll cruise through all the classics – it'll be like King's College on Christmas Eve. :)

**4:30-5:30pm:** 1-1 clinic time. Do you play or sing and would like a bit of time with either of us to get a few pointers?

**5:30-6:30pm:** Free time (we'll be getting ready for the concert).

**6:30pm:** Dinner

**8pm:** Midwinter Revels concert in the Long Room

**10pm:** After-show party in the bar (it makes a great change from our usual Travelodge room!)

## Sunday:

**8:30-9:30am:** Breakfast

**10am-11am:** Part singing. We often do a lot of folk carols and West Gallery singing, so here's your chance to join in. All voices welcome. (If any voices are unwilling, then ears are equally welcome!)

**11pm-12pm:** Deliberately left blank.....let's see what we want to do when we get here! More walking, more singing....whatever.

**1pm:** Lunch

**2pm-3pm:** 1-1 clinic time.

**3pm:** Cream tea.

**4pm:** Head for home and a very merry Christmas!