

Batala Lancaster Mountains and Dales Drumming for our 20th Anniversary – Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July.

We are so pleased to invite guest drummers from our sister bands on this special occasion to join us in a double gig weekend in Ingleton and drumming on the same mountain that we used for our Encontro in 2015.

INGLETON GALA

Please join us for our Ingleton Gala gig on Saturday 20th July for a parade and a static set at the gala. Costume for the parade is mix and match Notting Hill costume. This is always a low key, but enjoyable gig, in the scenic Yorkshire Dales town of Ingleton. Plenty of old-fashioned tea and cakes! Our plan is to meet in Ingleton (parking to be decided) at 12.30 ready to parade at 1pm. We should finish by 2pm, so you will have plenty of time to look around Ingleton in the afternoon.

MOUNTAIN DRUMMING ADVENTURE

Then on the Sunday (21st July) our intention is for you to enjoy your Mountain Drumming Adventure, carrying your drum up to Stony Cove Pike near Ullswater, and returning safely with great memories and photos. On a clear day there are spectacular views on the climb and from the summit of this mountain.



DETAILS

- Meet at the Kirkstone Pass car park (LA22 9LQ) at **9am** on Sunday 21st July – we will be setting off promptly at **9.30am**. Be aware that on a sunny day this car park can be very popular.
- Bring walking boots, strong shoes or trail running shoes. Avoid shoes with smooth soles which will slip on steep surfaces.
- Bring clothes prepared for temperatures on the summit being at least 2 degrees colder than the forecast. Wind chill which can lower your body temperature further and windproofs might be needed, check the forecast. Bring a Batala t-shirt for the photo at the top!
- Carry drinks and snacks to have on the mountain.
- Be aware that there are no toilets or other facilities but there is a dry stone wall that you could crouch behind for privacy.

SAFETY

- When you leave the car park to cross the road and assemble at the start take care as on this stretch of road drivers are often looking at the views and not looking out for pedestrians.
- The mountain path we will take is a particularly safe one, the biggest danger is from other drums hitting you in the face. Take care if you turn around with the drum on your back, remember you have a chunk of metal sticking out from your rucksack. We have first aiders in the Lancaster band who will treat injuries.
- In the case of a major accident such as a broken leg we have our own mountain rescue team. If other drummers wave their arms in the air and shout to identify the location, our team will move in, take over and call the emergency services if they feel it is required. Please don't call the emergency services yourselves.

DRUM CARRYING

- On arrival you need to immediately attach your drums to your rucksacks, so please come with a suitable sturdy rucksack to attach the drum to.
- Lancaster drummers will be carrying spare cable ties if you need them and will be able to help you attach your drums. They will have cutters for you to remove the ties later for your gig and when you return to the car park.
- You won't be used to carrying drums this way - move steadily without rushing and don't walk too close to the person in front, if they turn you may get hit in the face with their drum.

ON THE MOUNTAIN

- The steepest part of the climb is the first 15 to 20 minutes, after which it gets easier. Take your time on this section.
- We will briefly detour from the main path onto a grassy climb to avoid an awkward rocky section. On the descent make sure you avoid this rocky section.
- On the summit cut your cable ties off and assemble for the gig.
- Please put used cable ties and any litter in the bags we will provide.
- After your gig re-attach your drum to the rucksack with your spare cable ties and prepare to descend the mountain with care.
- The Kirkstone Pass Inn is currently closed for repair, but 3 miles away on the road back towards Windermere is the Queen's Head pub at LA23 1PW.

SPECIFIC MOUNTAIN DETAILS

- Stony Cove is nothing like climbing Everest, but neither is it a 'walk in the park', so please consider carefully if your fitness level is of an ability to cope with the following before you book:

Stony Cove Pike: Climb approx. 2 hours. Descent 1 ½ hrs.

Ascent: 450m by road, 300m by foot.

Distance: 4 miles in total.

Terrain: Half stone and steps, half grass.

Severity: 5/10 First 15 to 20 minutes (¼ mile) is steep and demanding. Then a broad and undulating path for ½ mile, then a steady climb. There can be many boggy parts on the walk so bring a spare pair of walking socks.

Views: High Street, Helvellyn range, Scafell range in distance, Ullswater and Windermere.

Gig: at 12ish at the summit for approx. 15 mins.

BAD WEATHER OPTION

- Fingers crossed for good weather, but if we need to cancel the Mountain Gig because of risky weather then we will be playing at Jubilee Tower near Lancaster where we can drive to our drumming spot and still get a bit of a mountain view.

ACCOMMODATION

- We recommend that you book your own accommodation either in Lancaster, Ingleton or near the Mountain walk on Sunday. Some Lancaster Batala members will also be able to accommodate you: a list will be available nearer the time of players who can host you.