

Old English

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The length of time of the presentation is about an hour.

Our fee is negotiable, but we think in terms of covering costs for our expenses.

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present

The King's Shilling



*Taking the King's Shilling for
Recruitment into the British
Army in 1812*



*Reading the Rules of
Stagshaw Bank Fair
at Market Cross*

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The King's Shilling

a talk

illustrated with songs
about the

History of Recruitment into the "Red Coat" Army

with special reference to
the North East of England

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Old English are Pete Cryer and Alan Giles, who have been singing together since 1966, and Pauline Giles who has joined them more recently.

Old English sing mainly English traditional songs, hence the name. They specialise in finding interesting arrangements for their three voices. Accompaniments are played on combinations of guitar, whistle, Northumbrian small pipes and percussion.

The King's Shilling

The presentation is an opportunity to hear about the history of enlistment into the army.

It mainly focusses on the 18th and 19th Centuries and highlights the role of the Recruiting Sergeant.

The talk is illustrated with performances of and reference to songs which give an insight into a bygone age.



A soldier of the 5th Regiment of Foot in 1742. This regiment was later to adopt the title Northumberland Fusiliers.

Some of our songs have a chorus or a refrain and we would be very pleased if you would join in.