

## ***Nyckelharpa Workshop Weekend*** ***Fri 1 – Sun 3 Nov 2013***

The second nyckelharpa weekend workshop at Halsway Manor.

The nyckelharpa is entering an exciting time in the UK thanks to the enthusiasm of player and teacher Vicki Swan.

Set in the beautiful Halsway Manor in Somerset's Quantock Hills, with great accommodation and food, this will be a fun-packed nyckelharpa workshop weekend for beginners as well as more experienced players.

Workshops will cover all aspects of playing the nyckelharpa:  
Posture • technique • bowing  
Swedish tunes • British tunes • chord playing

Total beginners are welcome and instruments can be borrowed for the duration of the weekend, this must be pre-arranged at the time of booking to ensure availability.

This workshop weekend runs alongside Halsway Manor's annual Uilleann Pipers Weekend and there will be a combined concert on the Saturday night and a chance to mingle with the pipers at meal times and in the informal playing sessions in the bar.

## ***Scottish Smallpipes Weekend*** ***Fri 29 Nov - Sun 1 Dec 2013***

Intensive weekend of Scottish smallpipe playing; tackling piping technique, repertoire and ensemble playing. Vicki Swan is a versatile piper with extensive teaching, performing and composing experience.

The weekend is designed for players of Scottish smallpipes and will tackle technique, general repertoire and ensemble playing.

This is mainly for Scottish smallpipes in A. Please get in touch if you have pipes in other keys to see if you can be accommodated. The ability to read music or pick up tunes fairly quickly by ear is required.

Workshops will cover all aspects of playing the smallpipes:  
General technique • grace notes  
General repertoire • ensemble playing

This workshop weekend runs alongside the "Singing in the Folk Tradition" and there will be a combined concert on the Saturday night and a chance to mingle with the singers at meal times and in the informal playing sessions in the bar.

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### **Halsway Manor Rates**

Full board (all meals, accommodation, tuition, concert)

£200 per person – single ensuite room;

£180 per person – sharing an ensuite room.

£170 single non-ensuite room.

£160 sharing a non- ensuite room.

There are also very affordable options for day visitors (workshops only), camper vans, non-participants accompanying a participant and children. Phone for details.

### **About Vicki:**

Vicki is a fully qualified teacher, has a Masters in Education, studied at the Royal College of Music in Performance and also has a current enhanced CRB check.

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