

Submitting material for review for Old Time News



The Old Time News is the membership magazine for the UK Friends of American Old Time Music and Dance. At the name suggests the aim of the organisation is to promote American old time music in the UK. Reviews of new material relating to old time music form an important element of the magazine.

We are interested to receive anything which is relevant to old-time music – recordings, books, DVDs. A very large proportion of the readership play an instrument or dance and so instructional material is of interest. One point for those from outside the UK – old-time and bluegrass are more clearly separated in the UK than is perhaps the case elsewhere. If you are not sure whether your material will be appropriate for review please contact the reviews editor at reviews@foaotmad.org.uk.

The majority of reviews are of CDs, and so for simplicity these instructions have been written with this in mind – for anything please interpret the instructions as best you can – or email reviews@foaotmad.org.uk for guidance.

- Both digital and physical formats are acceptable for review. If submitting your CD in digital format you must include the cover and any notes on the tracks, the band etc etc.
- Physical material can be submitted to: FOAOTMAD Reviews Editor, 15A Fore Street, Shaldon, Devon, TQ14 0DE, UK. If shipping from outside the EU please see the note below.
- If submitting digitally please email the reviews editor to arrange this.
- Please enclose some biographical information about the band. The easiest way to do this is by providing what is called a 'one-sheet' – a single side of A4 containing details of the band members, backgrounds, appearances. This needs to include contact details for the band.
- Please make sure that the magazine can download a good quality image of the CD cover – preferably 300dpi or better.
- Include information on how people can purchase the CD in physical and/or digital format.
- Feel free to mention anything noteworthy about the recording process e.g. a live recording, or a recording in an unusual location.

Shipping from outside the EU

Anything with a value over £15 is liable for UK Value Added Tax of 20%. Apart from an additional cost this creates some inconvenience because it can't be paid beforehand, which means that I have to collect the package from a Post Office and also pay a fine. To avoid attracting this charge

- Put the value on the customs form at a nominal amount which is less than £15
- Describe the item as a *Free Sample for Review* or similar
- If you need to put the real value, the item can be described as a *Gift* if it is worth less than £35

Full guidance can be found by searching for Note 143 from HMRC.