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Welcome to the Spring issue of Folk in Cornwall. According to the TV weather presenters Spring officially started on the 1st of March – memorable this year for weather about as unlike Spring as it is possible to get, except perhaps inside the Arctic circle.

Hopefully by Easter the weather will have improved enough to make it possible, and maybe even pleasant, to travel to take part in the many folk events that make Spring special in Cornwall.

Spring is also the time when the various Morris sides emerge from their winter practice venues to dance out in public. Following the tradition of Folknews Kernow we have included details of their programmes – note that some dates were still to be confirmed when we went to press.

Folk in Cornwall seems to continue to grow. Throughout this year so far I've been contacted at least once a week by advertisers, and by people telling

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me about new events that are going on.

Folk in Cornwall has also recently set up a exchange with Folk Life magazine – see advert on the back page – enabling us to share news and information.

Thanks to the several people who responded to the request in the last issue for copy and have between them provided much of the content of this magazine.

It really does help to extend the reach of this publication, for example we have been able to include details of American Old Time sessions and festivals, a genre of music I confess I knew absolutely nothing about.

Please keep the news and information coming in – and enjoy the spring if and when it arrives.

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The Invisible Folk Club

Don't miss The Invisible Folk Club, 10pm, Thursday nights Radio St. Austell Bay.

Radio St. Austell Bay is a community radio station run by enthusiastic volunteers headed up by Sheila Vanloo. They are broadcasting a new folk show called The Invisible Folk Club.

It is presented by folksinger, songwriter Jon Bickley and produced by singer and archivist Steve Yarwood and contains some of the finest recorded acoustic music, ancient and modern, and specially commissioned live sessions.

The Invisible Folk Club started life as a podcast in February 2017 where presenter Jon Bickley interviewed and played songs with grass roots folk music activists.

Singers, musicians, organisers of folk clubs and folk festivals, morris dancers, promoters, poets, politicians and protesters. You can find these on i-tunes and new ones arrive all the time.

Subscribe to be sure of having them downloaded to your device automatically. Some of the live sessions have been made available for download at their Bandcamp page and past radio shows can be heard at their mixclod page. Go to www.invisiblefolkclub.com for links.

So if you want to hear Fairport Convention and the Incredible String Band, Stick in the Wheel and Lankum and to discover new artists, tune in to Radio St. Austell at 10pm on Thursday and join The Invisible Folk Club.

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Latest Folk News



The number and variety of folk clubs and sessions seems to be growing at the moment and we have three additional entries for this issue.

Firstly there is the very welcome news that Mike Walford and friends have managed to arrange a monthly session in Padstow. This will take place on the first Thursday of each month in the upstairs bar of Padstow's Brewery Shop, starting at 8pm.

Padstow seems an ideal place for a folk session, and the venue will allow you to enjoy the products of Padstow Brewery as well as the music and singing.

There is another new pub session to report, taking place at the Crown Inn Lanlivery on the last Thursday of each month from 8pm. This is held in the bar of the pub and welcomes all styles of song and acoustic music.

The third session is only new to this magazine for it has been going for a while. We are glad to be able to include details of the American Old Time session held at Out of the Blue in Porthleven on alternate Wednesdays. See the feature in this issue on American Old Time for more details of what to expect.

Bodmin Folk Club is certainly not a new session as it has been running now for 50 years. However they have recently moved to a new venue at St Petroc's Parish Centre, Priory Road, Bodmin. We hope the new venue will allow the club to continue for another 50 years.

On a sadder note the session run by Mike Warman at the Cross House Inn in Metherell has had to end as the pub, which had been up for sale for a while, has closed and will now be sold as a private residence.

Mike, with the help of the old landlord of the Cross House who loved the session, think they have found another venue to host the session from October so watch this space.

Finally an apology from Folk in Cornwall to the session at the Contryman Inn at Piece near Redruth. We heard about this session a while ago, and it got added to the website, but we forgot to included details of it in the magazine.

It takes place every Wednesday from about 8:30pm and alternates between a traditional folk evening and Americana. It's a friendly session and a good pub so it is well worth a visit.

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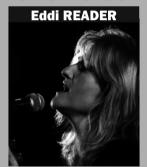
No pay I'm afraid, but if anyone feels they might llike to have a go at writing material for **Folk in Cornwall**, either about yourself and what you are doing - or more generally about anything of interest within the folk scene we would love to hear from you. We reserve the right to edit supplied material to fit available space.

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American Old Time Music in Cornwall

There is a small but burgeoning American Old Time music scene in Cornwall and I thoroughly enjoy the regular sessions and festivals which I go to with this fine and enthusiastic group of musicians.

Now, just to clarify, Old Time must not be confused with Bluegrass, which is a much younger and rather distant relation. Old Time has its own customs, tunes, songs and dance styles which date back to the first settlers in America and fuse traditional

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This American Old Time sound has arisen mainly from the Appalachian Mountain region of West Virginia, but there are variants from all over North America. For the player it is important to know the heritage of a tune: "Who is your source?" and "Where is that one from?" are often heard in an Old Time session as different sources will often play very different versions of the same tune.

But new tunes are also being written that fit into the Old Time canon and these are just as exciting as those with a more historical background.

Old Time music tends to be up-tempo and is played at barn dances and square dances. Often an Old Time session is accompanied by a flatfoot dancer who will add a rhythmic percussion to the music via the taps on their shoes which resound upon a hollow wooden board. This really helps to add energy and drive the music along.

As with all traditional music there are certain etiquettes which should be observed at an Old Time session. Firstly, as fiddles and banjos play different keys in different tunings, it is customary to pick a key and stay in that key for a while. Most tunes are played out of A, D or G major, with a few hardy souls daring to play in C as well.



Folk in Cornwall is also Online

There is now a website – www.folkincornwall.co.uk And a Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/folkincornwallmagazine.

Both are still being developed – check them out to see progress and keep up to date with the latest news on the folk scene in Cornwall

Secondly, the fiddles pick the tunes as well as decide the key and when to change key. The other players join in with the fiddles and help to create a wonderful musical energy together. There are no solos, as in bluegrass.

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Thirdly, there are restrictions as to which instruments are found in an Old Time session: fiddle, guitar, banjo, double bass, mandolin, flatfoot dancers and mountain dulcimer are all welcome, as are all levels of ability.

Traditionally the better players sit in the centre of the session with the less able around the outside so they can hear and play along as best they can and gradually pick up the tunes and improve their ability.

If you are interested in playing this exciting and dynamic music with us or want to find out more information about American Old Time music please visit:

https://oldtimemusic-cornwall.weebly.com/

or come along to our bi-weekly sessions held at Out Of The Blue in Porthleven on a Wednesday night at 8pm.

We are also putting on two free festivals of Old Time music in Cornwall this year: Ghost Hill, near Mullion 18-20th May, and Alsia Fest, near St Buryan 12-16th July. All details of these events can be found at the above website.

We are currently looking for a dance caller to work with at square and barn dances in Cornwall. If you are interested then please contact us via the website.

Kat Craddock



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PACE-EGGING TIME



We are a two-three Jolly-Boys, all of one mind, We are come a-Pace-Egging, and we hope you'll prove kind. We hope you'll prove kind with your eggs and strong beer, And we'll come no more a-Pace-Egging until another year.

Like me, you may have heard this song and wondered about the custom of Pace-Egging.

As you might suspect it's an Easter tradition, but not one that was ever practised in Cornwall, being mainly associated with the north of England where young men and lads would parade through the villages begging for eggs and other gifts and acting the Pace-Egg Play, an Easter version of a Mummers play.

Costume and disguise were essential parts of the tradition with those taking part appearing in a variety of costumes representing their parts in the play. The actors would also wear masks or black their faces as a disguise for this was essentially a begging tradition where the participants would expect something in return for their performance.

It has been recorded that in Lancashire they frequently carried wooden swords, with which they fought rival gangs of Jolly-Boys they encountered on their travels!

In an interesting variation practised in the Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland, boys would steal as many eggs as they could during Holy Week and hide them in some remote spot. Then on Easter Sunday they would gather secretly at the hiding place and use the eggs to make a feast of pancakes.

All had to be done in secret, although their parents probably had a fair idea of what was going on if only because they had done the same thing when they were young. The practice was sanctioned by

custom and was not regarded by anyone as ordinary theft.

Although acting of the Pace-Egg play seems to have declined in the early part of the 20th Century, the custom of begging for eggs survived in various forms throughout the UK and continues to this day in the form of the Easter egg hunt.

The Easter eggs hunted for by children today will almost certainly be chocolate ones, and commercially produced. However, the practice of decorating and giving eggs at Easter goes back far beyond the development of the chocolate version around the middle of the 19th Century.



For as long and wherever as Easter has been celebrated there have been traditions of decorating eggs – real hard boiled ones. In fact, the tradition of decorating eggs goes back to pre-Christian times, forming part of the great Pagan Spring Festivals, with eggs being seen as symbols of continuing life and resurrection.

Information in the article was taken from A Dictionary of British Folk Customs by Christina Hole, published by Paladin books 1986

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St Ives September Festival 2018

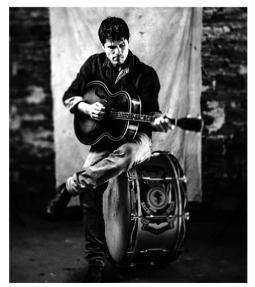
"Why so much folk music?" is the question often asked of the St Ives September Festival which spreads itself over 15 days, more than 300 events and a galaxy of music and arts genres.

The simple answer is that financial viability comes down to putting bums on seats at the main venue - the 400-plus capacity Guildhall.

And the proven musical formula over decades for the audience demographic of the September festival, which falls outside the educational holidays, is folk.

Last year Show of Hands sold out The Guildhall two weeks in advance, the year before Fairport Convention packed it to the rafters - and this year the organisers are pinning their belief in Seth Lakeman, who began the year touring the USA and Australia with legendary former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters, will do the same on Saturday, September 8 - this year's opening night.

Seth will set the tone for a first week with a distinct West Country flavour with Port



Seth Lakeman

Isaac's Fisherman's Friends on Monday, September 10, and Sound of the Sirens - Exeter-based Abbe Martin and Hannah Wood - returning two nights later following their successful 2016 appearance.

"What a year 2017 was", said Lakeman, who has shot to stardom since his last St Ives Festival appearance in 2014. "It started with a phone call from Robert Plant on New Year's Day to playing at the sold-out Royal Albert Hall in December. "Really looking forward to heading back to St Ives in September."

The Festival's first week also features singer-songwriter John Otway and "father of grunge folk" Wild Willy Barrett, still going strong more than 40 years after appearing together on the Old Grey Whistle Test - at St Ives Theatre on Friday the 14th.

New faces to St Ives Festival include the Hackney Colliery Band, who have gone from success to success since appearing at the 2012 London Olympic Games closing ceremony, at the Guildhall on Saturday, September 15. "We can't wait to get back to Cornwall," said leader Steve Pretty. "It's one of our favourite places in to tour in the UK."

Welsh indie-roots band Rusty Shackle make their St Ives debut the following night with Daphne's Flight - well-known folk singersongwriters Christine Collister, Melanie Harrold, Julie Matthews, Helen Watson and Chris While who last year returned from a 21-year hiatus since their debut album - on Monday the 17th.

The Young 'Uns, voted Best Group' at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2015 and 2016, headline Friday the 21st with Breabach, 2017 Scots Traditional Music Awards Folk Band of the Year, closing the 2018 Festival the following night.

Further details at: www.stivesseptemberfestival.co.uk Tickets available from crbo.co.uk

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- Sun 15 FRADDON FOLK DANCE CLUB. NEW YEAR DANCE. 2pm-4.30pm. Spring Sunday Special Dance at Summercourt Memorial Hall (NOTE VENUE). Caller Beryl Jukes to recorded music. £2.50. 01209 712357
- Fri 20 THE OTHER BAND 8pm. Dance in Porthleven as part of the food and music festival. www.theotherband.co.uk
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- Fri 11 FOWEY FESTIVAL. Opening concert by the award winning and talented Wildwood Kin. 01726 879 500 www.foweyfestival.com
- Wed 16 TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB 8pm. Free call night hosted by Peter Stevens. Music by Jig'n'Reel. trurofolkdanceclub@hotmail.co.uk 01726 879 500 www.fowevfestival.com
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- Sat 23 THE OTHER BAND 7:00- 10:30pm. Dance at Pencoose Farm, Stithians, TR3 7DN. www.theotherband.co.uk

JULY

- Sat 14 CADGWITH ANNUAL FOLK DAY. Midday to Midnight. Cadgwith Cove Inn. TR12 7JX. 01326 290513 www.cadgwithcoveinn.com
- Wed 18 TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB 8pm. Free call night hosted by Frances Oates. Music with Jig'n'Reel. trurofolkdanceclub@hotmail.co.uk
- Sun 29 THE OTHER BAND 7:30- 11pm. Dance at St. Buryan Steam Rally, Trevorgans Farm, 'St Buryan, West of Penzance TR19 6HP. www.theotherband.co.uk

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BODMIN STORYTELLING SESSION Mason's Arms, Bodmin PL31 2JY. Last Mon in each month, 8pm. Moe Keast 01208 75818.

BUDE FOLK CLUB Falcon Hotel, Bude EX23 8SD. Some Suns 7.30pm. Most nights "Come all Ye" - see website for details. Debbie Merritt 01409 254144, www.budefolk.com

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CRACKINGTON SESSION Higher Crackington Institute, Crackington EX23 0JL. Monthly Suns. Kevin Johnson 01840 230792. www.budefolk.com

CORNWALL FOLK FESTIVAL SESSION Ship Inn, Wadebridge PL27 6DF. 4th Tues in each month. Songs and Music. Mike Walford 01637 880604.

CRANTOCK SESSION Old Albion Inn, Crantock TR8 5RE. Last Sun in each month 8pm. Informal Sing and Play. Peter Brand 07889 282030.

DEVORAN SLOW AND EASY FOLK Lower Hall, Devoran Village Hall, Quay Road, Devoran TR3 6PW. 4th Weds in each month. 6-30-8.30pm. Tuneworks session. All abilities and instruments welcome. Ann Cunningham 07765 423751..

DREAMERS FOLK CLUB Sportsman's Arms, Four Lanes, Redruth TR16 6LR. Suns 7.30pm. Cathy Timmins 01736 850630. www.dreamersfolk.co.uk See advert for details.

FOLK ON THE MOOR Westward Inn, Lee Mill PL21 9EE. Suns 7.45pm. Anton Horwich 01822 853620. www.moorfolk.co.uk See advert for details.

GOLANT SESSION Fisherman's Arms, Golant PL23 1LN. Some Suns 8pm. Open session when the tide is out. John Tremaine 01208 872124.

JOLLY SAILOR TUESDAY SESSION Jolly Sailor, West Looe PL13 2EP. Tues, 8pm. Session by Miner Quay and friends. Brian Young 01503 265367 or brian@minerquay.org.uk.

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LANLIVERY Session at the Crown Inn, Lanlivery PL30 5BT Last Thurs in each month from 8pm. Acoustic music and song. All welcome. Contact gjcollins45@hotmail.com

LISKEARD ACOUSTIC SESSION White Horse, The Parade, Liskeard PL14 6AF. 1st Sun in each month starts 3.30pm. Acoustic session. Andrew Card - Dynlisk@hotmail.co.uk

LISKEARD SLOW AND EASY FOLK Quimperle Rooms, Public Hall, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW. alt Mondays, 7-9pm. Tuneworks Session. All instruments and abilities welcome. Jimmy Manley 07759 442059.

LOOE ACOUSTIC MUSIC CLUB Social Club, West Looe PL13 2BU. 1st and 3rd Sun in each month 7pm-10pm. www.looeacousticmusic.co.uk

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NANSTALLON SESSION The Institute, Nanstallon PL30 5LZ. 1st Fri in each month Sep to May 8pm. Acoustic Music Session £1. Mark Walters 01208 831875

PADSTOW Folk Sessions. Upstairs Bar, Padstow Brewery's Shop, Broad St, Padstow. 8pm. 1st Thurs in each month.. Local singers & musicians (all ages) invited to perform. Bucket passed around in aid of the Deep Sea Fisherman's Mission. All audiences welcome! Contact jerryclark@macace.net Mike Walford 01637 880604 / Tim & Sue Brine on 07880 592065.

PENSILVA SESSION Millennium House, Pensilva, PL14 5NF. Second Thursday of each month at 8pm. Steve Sutton 07410 447818 steve@stevesutton.plus.com

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PENZANCE PIRATE SESSION Pirate Inn, Alverton, Penzance TR18 4PS. Tues 8.30pm. Tunes session, some songs. Alan Collins 01736 363157.

PENZANCE TURK'S HEAD SESSION Turk's Head, Chapel Street, Penzance TR18 4AF. Now takes place 3rd Fri in each month (previously listed as 4th Fri), 8pm. Singing Cellar. Pete Wray 07740 409072. www.singingcellar.co.uk

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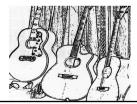
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In 1997 the first Daphne du Maurier Festival of Arts and Literature was held to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Daphne du Maurier's birth. In the preceding two years Restormel Borough Council had held some guided walks and talks on a wide variety of subjects.

The one about Daphne du Maurier proved very successful and became the starting point for the first Daphne du Maurier Festival. The aim was to provide a cultural event introducing a wide range of authors, speakers, entertainment and music to Fowey.

From 1998 the festival was housed in a tented village with a 600 seat and a smaller 100 seat auditorium on part of the secondary school playing field adjacent to Fowey Hall Hotel, Fowey. The Festival was funded by European grants, then Restormel Borough Council followed by Cornwall Council in 2009. A target of self funding by 2013 was agreed.

During this period Visit Cornwall (tourism department of Cornwall Council) insisted we change the name to Fowey Festival which it was hoped would broaden the Festivals appeal.

The Du Maurier Festival Society, a company limited by guarantee and now a

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charity, was formed to run the Fowey Festival. With no funding the Festival events are now housed in the St Fimbarrus Church, the Town Hall and in some of the hotels.

Today the Fowey Festival has several sponsors and works with a fantastic band of volunteer Champions and Festival Makers who act as stewards and helpers for every event.

Fowey Festival has a good track record of attracting well known authors and performers as well as introducing some debut authors. The Festival hosts an art and a garden trail. It supports a Children's Competition attracting some 800 entries and we have launched a short story competition for adults.

For 2018 we will have a marquee in the grounds of the Fowey Hotel to house a variety of events including some free lunchtime recitals. This year we are introducing more music from folk to rock with classical and jazz in between to compliment the lectures, discussions and workshops so loved by Festival goers.

The trustees, who are all volunteers, work with our Festival Director to make the festival sustainable whilst maintaining the original essence to celebrate literature and art through the Fowey Festival.

We have something for everyone to enjoy. Full details of the whole programme can be found on www.foweyfestival.com from 9th March 2018.

Keep up to date and see what we are doing! You can follow us and join in on:

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Wildwood Kin and The Rails to appear at Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature

The Fowey Festival is thrilled to announce that the 2018 festival will begin on Friday 11th May with a concert by the award winning and talented Wildwood Kin and close with folk rock band The Rails on Saturday 19th May.

Wildwood Kin; a family trio, two sisters and their cousin, are currently making their mark on the British music world with their debut Album Turning Tides which entered the UK album charts in the top 40. "We love folk, but we are also fans of Sigur Ros, Radiohead and Explosions in the Sky. We don't want to take the safe option" says Beth.

Their aim is to reflect the music they love whilst making music that is "ours entirely." Wildwood Kin have become one of Britain's most exciting and intriguing new bands, following a successful tour supporting Seth Lakeman, appearing on the BBC introducing stage at Glastonbury and with a number of high profile appearances.

The Rails is a folk rock band from London, composed of husband and wife James Walbourne and Kami Thompson. Their debut album Fair Warning (2014) won several awards including Mojo's folk

album of the year and BBC Folk Best Newcomer.

Their second album Other People (2017) is described as 'folk rock on steroids'. James has been described as a 'teenage prodigy' and has played with musical giants including Son Volt, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Davies, The Pogues and The Pretenders!

The attuned harmonies of Kami and James are their calling card and Kami echoes some of the styles of her mother Linda Thompson on her solo albums and her records with Richard Thompson.

Both events will be held in Fowey Parish Church and a there will be a support band to start the evening off.

Tickets will be available to the general public from Friday 12th January either on line at www.foweyfestival.com or by phone 0845 879500.

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Wed	

Sun 3

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9pm Welcome Home Inn. Par JUNE

Par Big Lunch Wed 6 8:30pm Ship Inn. Lerryn Wed 13 8pm The Quarryman, Edmonton

9pm Ring o Bells Inn, St Issey Wed 27 8pm Charlestown Harbour 9pm Rashleigh Inn, Charlestown

JULY Wed 11 8pm The Ship Inn, Polmear Par 9pm Rashleigh Inn, Polkerris



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8pm Plume of Feathers Scorrier Mon 14 9pm Kings Head Chasewater

Mon 21 8pm Royal Standard Flushing 9pm Seven Stars Flushing Mon 28 8pm Ship Inn Mousehole

JUNE Mon 4 8pm Chain Locker Falmouth Mon 11 8pm Royal Oak Perranwell 15 - 1740th Anniversary Weekend of

Dance 8pm Driftwood Spars St Agnes Mon 18 Mon 25 8pm Top House The Lizard 9pm Witchball The Lizard

JULY Mon 2 8pm Blue Anchor Helston

9pm Black Swan Gweek Mon 9 8pm Kings Arms Marazion



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Thur 10 8pm Bathpool

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Thur 24 8pm St Pinnock

9pm Halfway House Glynn Valley Thur 31 8pm Tredrea Inn Porthcothan

9pm The Harlyn Inn JUNE

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Demise of the Folk Scene - a Personal View

I first became involved on the fringes of the folk world about fifty years ago at the stable loft in Wadebridge which was run by Mervin Vincent with Charlie Bate.

In that club, and others in that period, the rule of the day was light and lively and mainly songs with a chorus.

Some clubs asked for little or no (often polite?) applause when a song finished in order to make every one feel a part of the scene regardless of ability. Ego trips were fairly rare.

Pub sessions were on the basis of join in if you can, don't wait for an invitation; this was how many of us learnt to play our instrument, and normally had the entertainment of non-folkie customers as a priority. This made landlords happy and helped to popularise folk music.

Most pub and club operators will put the likes of their paying customers before any small number of people who want to play music (or make a noise and spend little money), if their ordinary customers do not want to hear it.

I was told that folk music was the peoples' music, being known and recognised by many of the population. Many tunes today classed as folk music are recently written for a very small audience and unheard of by most people; they are frequently soon forgotten by most of the people who do hear them.

Also, the use of modern instruments ie. self-contained electronic instruments is frowned on, even though they are played and operate in the same way as 'traditional instruments'. Only the method of sound generation and strength required is different.

Although some people for various reasons are unable to play 'traditional instruments' they can manage the electronic versions, but, because they are excluded, by the "ethnic" folkies they stop going to clubs and sessions.

Many folk people use electronically produced sound but they will not admit it.

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Unless attitudes change in the folk world to reflect the changes in society, I feel that, sadly, many more folk clubs and session venues will be lost. This would be a shame as many famous entertainers started their careers in folk clubs.

If our forefathers had not embraced innovation the instruments currently classed as folk instruments would not be so classed, most are comparatively modern and virtually none are of English origin.

FRED PROUSE

The above is a personal and thought provoking view of the folk scene in Cornwall. Folk in Cornwall is here to represent all aspects of the folk scene and opinions so if you have a different view please let us know and we will happily consider publishing it. We reserve the right to edit if necessary

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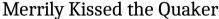
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TUNE OF THE SEASON #6

This issue's tune is a Slide which has dropped out of vogue. It appeared on the Irish group Planxty's 1973 album, played predominantly by Liam O'Flynn, who sadly died in March this year. Our inclusion also acts as a tribute to this outstanding uilleann piper. The tune can be found in Mally's 100 Vital Irish Session Tunes. Check out Mally's advert on the opposite page. As always, it would be great to see efforts uploaded on YouTube as **Folk in Cornwall TOTS#6**; all instruments and abilities would be viewed with interest.





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