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#### **JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2023**

Welcome to Issue 26 of Folk in Cornwall. Summer is here, the sun is shining, and the folk scene seems to have pretty much returned to its pre-pandemic bustle. However, while it's been nice to enjoy so many days of sunshine as I write this it's been over four weeks since we have had any rain and gardens and the country-side are now starting to suffer.

There is a Morris theme running through this issue. We have reprised our prepandemic feature of including the summer programmes of Morris sides and have an article and a book review on the subject of Morris dancing. Being a member of Tywardreath Morris I suppose I should declare an interest. It's certainly something I enjoy being part of. Cornwall has two new Morris sides this year - so why not go and support your local team when they dance near you. I'm sure you will get a very warm welcome.

John Tremaine



## **COUNTRYMAN SESSION**

Every Wednesday, in the bar of the Countryman Inn, Piece near Redruth, from 8 till 11pm there is a session open to all musicians of all skill levels.

It's run by Patrick,an Irishman who has been an entertainer for over 60 years. He welcomes everyone and has had some tee shirts printed which say 'Be at Piece every Wednesday at The Countryman;' with his phone number so people can ask him about it,where it is etc. He pays for the tee shirts himself and gives them out free. They are particularly good to give to holiday makers as they can tell prospective interested music lovers about it.

Many people shake Patrick's hand and thank him for making them feel welcome and come back every time they're in Cornwall.. The type of music is varied. Some of the players have been in the business for 50 years and Patrick sings beautifully a lot of Irish songs. I have been to a lot of sessions and can honestly say it's the best and we have a good laugh! Oh and Nick,the landlord, gives everyone a free drink at the end of the night if they've played or sung. If you're ever down this way do call in, it'd be nice to see you.

Lynne Neary



#### **Bodmin Folk Club**

St Petroc's Parish Centre Priory Road, Bodmin PL31 2DP

**July 2023** 

7th Open House

14th Theme:Country Life

21st Pete Coe

28th Jerry O'Reilly & Rosie Davies

August 2023

4th Theme: Around the World

11th Open House

18th Hilary Roberts &

**Malcolm Pinch** 

25th Open House

September 2023

1st Open House

8th Graham O'Callaghan

15th Open House

22nd John Connolly

29th Colm Sands

For further details and contact please visit our Facebook page, or website,

www.bodminfolk.co.uk



The Victoria Inn, 1 The Square, Four Lanes, Near Redruth, TR16 6PZ

Every Sunday at 7:30pm

16th July - Didjan
Bec Applebee & Richard Trethewey

13 Aug - Nerida Cuddy

3 Sept - Reg Meuross

24 Sept - John Conolly

All other Sundays are Open House / Come All Ye / Singers Nights www.dreamersfolk.co.uk

#### Morris Dancing: Ever thought of having a go?

**Seven Stars Morris** are looking to support a group or train individuals to dance and play Morris.

Morris dancing is an old English Folk Tradition, with some of its oldest roots established in Cornwall. First written about in 1448, Morris Dancing has waxed and waned in popularity over the centuries. Seven Stars Morris has just established itself out of the remnants of three Morris sides; Carn Brea, Blue Anchor, and Black Prince Morris. We have come together to try to rejuvenate Morris Dancing in West Cornwall.

For anyone that's interested in Morris music or dance, we meet at 8.15pm on a Wednesday night at the Stithians Centre, Stithians. We will also hold ad hoc 'demo' dances throughout the Summer, to attract an interested group, or individuals, to set up their own side, and carry on the tradition. Do come along to enjoy this old folk tradition - and maybe join in.

Contact: Jerry Board email: jrboard@btinternet.com mobile: 07813 860616.



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23 JUL MIKE SILVER
CLUB CLOSED AUGUST
3 SEP OLD GAFFERS
24 SEP HUW WILLIAMS
1 OCT COLUM SANDS
15 OCT DAOIRI FARRELL

Club meets every Sunday at 7.45pm Non-specified dates are Open Nights

For directions or more information, check our website: www.moorfolk.co.uk or email: folkonthemoor1@gmail.com

## Additional Copies of this issue of FOLK IN CORNWALL

All clubs listed in this magazine receive a few free copies.

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DEVORAN ACOUSTIC SESSIONS

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Wednesday 16th August

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or Truro TIC in person
coming up
Steve Knightley
Geoff Lakeman & Rob Murch
Harbottle & Jonas

#### JOHN THE FISH - A LEGEND OF FOLK SONG

John Langford, 'John the Fish', a towering figure in the Folk Music world of Cornwall, died in January following a stroke.

'Fish', as he was known universally, was greatly loved, a man of sweet nature and quiet reflection belied by his powerful voice and driving guitar style. He was also a man of strong Humanist convictions.

John Langford was a Londoner and in his early twenties he became fascinated by the London jazz world and the burgeoning skiffle and folk music scenes, learning guitar and focusing on the songs and style of the likes of Woody Guthrie and Ramblin' Jack Elliot. Soon John was persuaded by a friend to go to Cornwall to try his hand at fishing.



John began his connection with the folk music revival of the 1960s at the old Botallack tin and copper 'counting house on the north coast of the Land's End Peninsula and also at the Folk Cottage at Mitchell.

During its short life, the original Count House kick-started the careers of many other local performers as well as such figures as Ralph McTell and Michael Chapman, both of whom remained lifelong friends of John the Fish. It was that innovative early club on the lonely Botallack cliffs that set John the Fish and Brenda Wootton on their way, and they worked together in Cornwall and abroad for about 6 years before going their separate ways with John remaining a major figure in the Folk Scene in Cornwall & other parts of the country.

His marriage to Carrie produced two lovely daughters, Tabitha and Hannah. The birth of their second child, their son, Merrick, ended in tragedy when Merrick died suddenly at only a few months old, a harrowing loss that led John to become a Humanist Celebrant. In later life, John continued with his singing while making clogs and leather goods that he sold from a popular stall in Truro market. His clog-dancing ensemble, The Dandy Clog Dance Club, was yet another Fish achievement as was his regular folk music show on Radio Cornwall.

Folk singing remained John's great strength into retirement. Without need or taste for self-promotion he continued to be a much-loved and influential figure to a huge number of friends and fans worldwide. With Carrie, he led an active life well into his eighties in spite of cumulative illnesses. Together they travelled widely and enjoyed cycling and walking in their beloved Cornwall.

John the Fish was a man who became iconic in spite of his modesty and quiet restraint. His name and reputation, and much-loved personality will remain forever linked to a life lived well in music and with humane values and to its Cornish beginning in the Count House on that Botallack cliff top, probably the finest location for a musical revival and one ideally suited to the spirit of Peter John Langford...the late great John the Fish.

(Abridged from an article by Des Hannigan, first published in the St. Ives Times & Echo newspaper in February 2023).

Note: A tribute Concert to John the Fish is being held at Cornwall Folk Festival Wadebridge at 1pm on Sunday 27th August 2023.



#### **Every other Monday night 7-9pm**

If you're a beginner on <u>any</u> instrument and want to play along with others but are not up to pub sessions, this is just the club for you!

Listen to the beginners' tunes and download the tunebook from the web - soon you'll be joining in with others all at the same stage!

> Meet in the Quimperle Rooms, Public Hall, Liskeard. 3-5 West Street, PL14 6BW Any Questions?

Tel: Jimmy Manley on 07759 442059

We are on Facebook

## Philleigh Folk

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## MORRIS DANCING IN CORNWALL

It may surprise you to know that one of the very earliest written reference to Morris Dancing comes from Cornwall. The accounts of the Arundell family of Lanherne near Mawgan for Christmas 1466 show expenses for a morris dance. including bells, morris dancing was very widespread at this time.

The very earliest known reference to a performance of morris dancing comes from 1448 when the Worshipful Company

of Goldsmiths paid 7 shillings (35p) for a performance. Now at the time a craftsman could earn just 6d (2.5p) a day so that's 14 days work which I reckon is worth at least £2,240 today....probably more. Morris dancers must have been the rock n' roll stars of the 15th Century.

Another possible source of evidence for morris dancing in Cornwall comes from Altarnun church where the pew ends have medieval carvings. There is a bagpipe player and a fiddle player along with a 'fool' carrying a bladder. Two other carvings may depict dancers, although they have also been interpreted as depictions of St Michael.

Tywardreath Morris, along with other sides in Cornwall are keeping this ancient tradition alive, though we perform for local events and societies for a lot less money, Indeed a pasty and a pint would be considered a good reward in 2023.

One significant source of the dances that we perform is the Cotswold village of



Adderbury. The reason why these dances exist at all today is largely down to the efforts of one man, Cecil Sharp.

In 1899 Sharp was already collecting traditional folk songs and tunes when at Christmas he met the Headington Quarry Morris team and was entranced by their performance.

From that moment on he became inspired to collect as many dances as he could and inspire others to

do the same. He devised a system of recording the steps and movements of the dances and went on to collect hundreds of dances in the Cotswold area as well as many sword dances from the North of England and some dances from the Welsh Border counties as well. Without these records, many of these lovely old dances would now be lost to us as so many of the men who performed them were killed in the First World War.

Like most Morris sides Tywardreath dance out on Wednesdays in the summer at pubs houses around our area, as well as performing at local events. During the winter we practice in Tywardreath village hall. New dancers and musicians are always welcome. We're a very social bunch and feel privileged to be keeping a tradition that goes back at least 550 years and probably a lot longer alive and jingling.

**Dave Quoroll** 

Contact tywardreathmorris@yahoo.co.uk or John Tremaine 01208 872124

## **St Ives Festival Attractions**

With a back catalogue of legendary names including Fairport Convention, Ralph McTell, the Albion Band, Steeleye Span, Martin Carthy, Donovan, Lindisfarne and many more, the St Ives September Festival has a deserved reputation for bringing bigname folk performers to the town – and this year is no exception.

2023 could be the last chance to see West Country "folk royalty" Show Of Hands in St Ives as the duo of Steve Knightley and Phil Beer have announced their "Final Circle" autumn and spring shows ahead of halting touring together in order to embark on different projects.

Before that the long-time September Festival patrons will be back at The Guildhall for the first time since 2018, with ticket sales hurtling towards a "full house" as this edition of Folk In Cornwall went to press.

Show of Hands will be followed at The Guildhall by fellow BBC 2 Radio Folk

Award winners Kathryn Tickell, on Northumbrian pipes with her band The Darkening, and Jackie Oates with Mike Cosgrave.

The second week of the Festival will feature world-travelled Irish singer-songwriter Luka Bloom, who has sold out venues on tour in Germany and Holland since featuring in the last Folk In Cornwall.

Closer to home, Cornwall band The Countrymen return following their popular St Ives debut last year.

The penultimate night of the Festival – Friday, Sep 23, features and an evening of nos lowen dancing with legends of Cornish dance music Skillywidden.

The line-up includes members of internationally acclaimed Cornish traditional music band Dalla on bouzouki, fiddle, clarinets, viola and percussion, with the addition of guest musicians drawn



from the cream of Cornwall's talent from other genres with their exhilarating performances conveying the sheer joy they take in Cornwall's indigenous culture. As Skillywidden say: "It's great music to listen to, but if you feel like nos lowen dancing just jump up and follow the others – no previous experience needed!"

Irish star Cara Dillon, whose many awards include Album Of The Year at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, the Meteor Music Award for Best Irish Female, and Tatler's Woman Of The Year in Music, is the bigname attraction at St Ia Church – the Festival's second biggest venue on the middle Sunday, September 17.

For lovers of the shanty – surely oceangoing folk music? – Bryher's Boys return to St Ia Church with St Ives "crew" Cork an Barbor appearing at Café Art. Cornish folk singer Will Keating switches churches this year, moving from St Ia down the coast to St Senara's in Zennor as he takes some "special guests" to the scene of his first performance when he struck out as a solo performer in 2017 after many years singing shanties with The Oggymen.

Folk musicians, singers, dancers, poets and performers of pretty much anything legal wanting to take part rather than simply watch – along with spectators and drinkers! – are all welcome when folkie and newspaper proprietor Toni Carver again hosts his popular Big Cauldron marathon music sessions upstairs at The Western Hotel on all three Saturday afternoons of the 2023 Festival.

Full Festival information and tickets online at www.stivesseptemberfestival.co.uk

## CADGWITH COVE FOLK DAY

## SATURDAY 15 JULY

The Cadgwith Cove Inn from midday to the midnight bitter end. 29 years - would you believe it! In support of Music Therapy in Cornwall

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Richard Trethewey

Keskorra

Penzance Morris

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\*The Battle of the Nile

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# John the Fish Tribute at Cornwall Folk Festival

This year's 50th Cornwall Folk Festival will include a tribute to the late John 'the Fish' Langford.

Organised by Handpicked's Mic McCreadie, the segment will likely feature Phil Beer, Richard Trethewey, Geoff Lakeman, some or all of Thorn and Roses, Carmen and Steve Hunt, Terry Broad, Vivian Robertson, Mike Smith, Des Hannigan, plus Mic with Mike Sagar-Fenton. Mike Silver is also a possibility.

The tribute will be on Sunday 27th August at the festival's FAR Stage, behind Wadebridge Wines, in the centre of Wadebridge.

Wadebridge Town Hall welcomes Seth Lakeman with Alex Hart, Glasgow's

exciting all-female Kinnaris Quintet, and the Gigspanner Big Band. Windjammer, Our Atlantic Roots and Geoff Lakeman with Rob Murch support.

And the festival continues its Betjeman Sessions with brilliant trio Teyr, the lush, chocolatey tones of Sarah McQuaid, and two soloists who've previously shone on the FAR Stage, Chris Ostler and Cat Florence.

It opens party-style on Thursday 24th with a ceilidh with that hurricane of Irish trad that is KRELYS, and closes at the FAR Stage Monday 28th with Padstow's rumbustious finest, The Stowes.

CornwallFolkFestival.com for more info and tickets.



#### **DIARY DATES**

#### **JULY**

- **Sat 1** DANCE THE OTHER BAND. Pencoose Farm, Stithians. 7 pm Pay on door.
- **Thur 6** PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER TRIO PLUS KNIGHT & SPIERS. Double Header Concert, St Endellion Church, Port Isaac https://thelittleboxoffice.com/endelienta/event/view/178692
- Wed 12 PETER KNIGHT & JOHN SPIERS IN CONCERT
  Hosted by The Dante Summer Festival, St. Mary's Church, Callington, 7.30 pm.
  This will be preceded by a workshop on improvisation for any age and any instrument, with Peter and John.
  Tickets available from the Comish Riviera Box Office. https://www.dantefestival.org/
- Thur 13 PETER KNIGHT & JOHN SPIERS IN CONCERT Falmouth Poly https://thepoly.org/whats-on/event/2401/peter-knight-john-spiers

#### **AUG**

- **Tues 1** DANCE THE OTHER BAND. Trewince Caravan Park, St Issey. 7:30pm Information and tickets 01208 812830
- Fri 25 CONCERT SARAH McQUAID. Minack Theatre, Porthcurno Details / Tickets https://sarahmcquaid.com/tour

#### **SEPT**

- Sat 23 RSCDS Cornwall Branch Scottish Country Dancing Musicians' Workshop Roche Victory Hall, PL26 8JF. 10am to 4.30pm, followed by an evening dance. Fee £25.00 for the workshop. Optional lunch (£5) and 2 course evening meal (£10) available. Pre- booking essential for these. Tutor for the day lan Roberston Accordion and fiddle player. Details and application form from Ros McLaughlin (rosmac47@yahoo.co.uk) or 07999543078.
- Sat 30 TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB 5-0 Party from 8pm, celebrating anyone with a birthday ending in 5 or 0. As the dance is 5-0 Hawaiian theme is the option for the evening. At Kea Community Centre, 44A Old Coach Road, Playing Place, TR3 6ET. Postponed from 2020.

#### OCT

- Sat 28 LAUNCESTON FOLK DANCE CLUB Autumn Dance at Launceston Town Hall 8 11pm Band A Pair of Shears with Caller Jane Thomas. Bring and Share Supper.
- Sat 28 CONCERT PHIL BEER. Boscastle Village Hall PL35 0AT 7:30pm with support from local folk trio Drollys. Info / tickets from snappytickets.co.uk/events/phil-beer-boscastle-village-hall/

Please note that the deadline for Diary Dates and Advertising for the Oct - Nov - Dec 2023 Edition #27 will be September 1st 2023



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Both are regularly updated – check them out to see the latest news on the folk scene in Cornwall



## CONTACTS -LATEST NEWS

In this issue we are pleased to add two new Morris sides to our listings. **Boscastle Border Morris** meet at the Community Centre in Boscastle - contact them through email or Facebook, while **Seven Stars Morris** are based in the pub of the same name in Stithians.

Two new sessions have also been added to our listings. **Botallack Session**, held in the cafe in the Count House monthly on the 4th Friday - with additional sessions planned for Fridays the 11th August and 8th September. The **Royal Standard Session** takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at the Royal Standard Inn in Hayle and is organised by Alan Collins acollinspewter@gmail.com.

Finally a reminder. Some sessions listed close for a while during the summer so, as always, please confirm details with the organiser before travelling to a session.



## Bagas Crowd News



We are looking forward to a busy summer. It's always great to see Bagas members coming along to sessions and practices in such cheerful numbers and learning new tunes! There's always room for more musicians, so if you play fiddle or any other stringed instrument, or hand percussion, then you're very welcome to join us. We will be performing at the following events:

Sunday July 17th Rescorla Snail Creep, 2pm at the Rescorla Centre, near St Austell, PL26 8YT. Snail Creep Procession at 4pm.

Saturday July 22nd Saturday July 22nd, Cornish Music, Dance and Poetry Afternoon, Passmore Edwards Centenary Event, Miners and Mechanics Institute, 18 Vicarage Rd, St Agnes, TR5 OTL. 2pm – 5pm. Includes a set by harp player Jo Tagney.

Wednesday August 9th Sidmouth Folk Week outing! Tunes and picnic.

Saturday August 26th Tregajorran Show, Tregajorran, Carn Brea, Redruth TR15 3YU. 3pm onwards.

Sunday September 10th Morvah Church Sunday Sept 10th Morvah Church, near Penzance, TR120 8YT. Tunes before, after and during the short church service.

#### CONTACTS - FOLK CLUBS

These listing details are believed correct, but please contact the organisers to confirm dates and time before travelling to a session



**BAGAS CROWD** Community group for fiddles and strings of all ages and abilities. Meeting some Saturday mornings at Malabar Community Centre, Albany Road, TRURO TR1 3ND email bagascrowd@gmail.com

**BODMIN FOLK CLUB** St. Petroc's Parish Centre, Priory Road Bodmin PL31 2DT. Fridays 8pm. Contact Sylvia Watts -sylvwatts@aol.com

**BUDE FOLK CLUB** Falcon Hotel, Breakwater Water Road, Bude, EX23 8SD. Sunday Contact Vince Jerrison 07788 156210. www.budefolk.com

**DEVORAN SLOW AND EASY FOLK** Village Hall, Quay Road, Devoran, TR3 6PW. 4th Wednesday. Contact devoranvh@live.co.uk

**DREAMERS FOLK CLUB** Victoria Inn, Four Lanes, Redruth TR16 6PZ. Sundays 7.15pm. Contact Jonathan Ryan 01736 711743.

**FOLK ON THE MOOR** The Moorland Hotel, Wotter, PL7 5HP. Sunday 7.45pm. Contact Anton Horwich 01822 853620, www.moorfolk.co.uk

**LISKEARD SLOW AND EASY FOLK** Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW. Monday. Contact Jimmy Manley 07759 442059.

MILLBROOK FOLK CLUB Millbrook Village Hall, PL10 1AX. Normally takes place on the 3rd Friday in each month from 8pm. Contact Joshua Lacey-Roberts 07981 551454 or email millbrookfolk@gmail.com

**PENZANCE FOLK CLUB** Bath Inn, Cornwall Terrace, Penzance TR18 4HL. Alternate Wednesdays. 8.00pm to 10.30pm. Contact Linda Collins 01736 333007. Website: www.penzancefolkclub.co.uk currently being updated.

**PHILLEIGH FOLK** The Roseland Inn Philleigh TR2 5NB. Monthly. Contact Greg Williams 01326 270379 www.philleighfolk.co.uk

**WADEBRIDGE FOLK CLUB** The Barn, National Trust Cafe Pentireglaze, PL27 6QY. 3rd Thursday of each month (except August) 7-10pm. £5 entry to include hot drink and cake. Contact: neal.jolly@gmail.com

#### **CONTACTS - PUB SESSIONS**

**ARTILLERY ARMS SESSION** 6 Pound St, Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1 3RH. First and Third Tuesday in the month from 8.00pm. Contact Marilyn Cowan 01752 309983.

**BENBOW CORNISH SESSION** The Admiral Benbow, 46 Chapel Street, Penzance TR18 4AF. Thursdays. Contact John Gallagher – jg250750@gmail.com

**BLUE ANCHOR SESSION** Blue Anchor, 50 Coinagehall St, Helston TR13 8EL. Thursdays. Acoustic music – all styles. Contact Tim Hague 07383 988481.

**BOTALLACK SESSION** The Count House, Botallack Mine TR19 7QQ. 4th Friday in each month from 6:30pm. Folk session in cafe serving hot and cold drinks, cakes, sausage rolls and pasties. BYOB. Contact: eilidharmstrong23@gmail.com

**BUDE FOLK SESSION** Falcon Hotel, Breakwater Road, Bude, EX23 8SD. Tuesdays. Contact Vince Jerrison 07787 156210 or see www.budefolk.com

**CADGWITH SESSIONS** Cove Inn Cadgwith, TR12 7JX. Every Tuesday from 7.30pm. Contact Dave Greenough 01326 281417. Also first Sunday in each month from 3.00pm. Contact Brian Jenkins 01326 290008.

**CONSTANTINE SESSION** Trengilly Wartha Inn, Nancenoy, Constantine, Falmouth TR11 5RP. Wednesdays from 8.00pm. Alternates between traditional and contemporary sessions. Contact 01326 340332.

**CORNISH ANCESTOR SESSION** The Cornish Ancestor, Callington PL17 7AS. Third Friday in the month 8.00pm. Music/song session in the bar of the pub. Contact 07904 269495, or via Facebook.

**CORNWALL OLD TIME** American Old Time Music. Out of the Blue, Mill Lane, Porthleven TR13 9LQ. Some Wednesdays. For details see https://oldtimemusic-cornwall.weebly.com

**COUNTRYMAN CORNISH SESSION** Countryman Inn, Piece, Nr Redruth TR16 6SG. Every Monday from 8.00pm. Previously held at the Seiners in Perranporth. Contact 01209 215960.

**COUNTRYMAN INN SESSION** Countryman Inn, Piece, Nr Redruth TR16 6SG. Wednesdays. Contact 01209 215960.

**COUNTRYMAN UKEJAM** Countryman Inn, Piece, Nr Redruth TR16 6SG. Last Monday in each month 7:00-8:30pm. Round the Room Sing and Play Along 01209 215960.

**CROWS NEST SESSION** Crows Nest Inn, Nr Liskeard PL14 5JQ. Usually first or second Monday in each month. Bluegrass / Old Time / Americana acoustic session. Contact Jan Holden 077619 491990.

**DANCING FLEA'S UKEJAM** Smugglers Inn, Calais Road, St Erth, Praze TR27 6EG. Second Tuesday in each month. 7.30-9.30pm. Contact Dave on 07891 340539 or email: dancingfleaorchestra@gmail.com

**FLUSHING SESSION** The Royal Standard, St Peters Hill, Flushing, TR11 5TP Multi-genre acoustic session. Sundays from 8pm. Contact The Royal Standard 01326 374250.

**GOLOWAN BAND FOLK SESSION** Bath Inn, Cornwall Terrace, Penzance, TR18 4HL. First, third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays from 7.30pm. Please contact Cassandra 07572 518831.

#### **CONTACTS - PUB SESSIONS**

**JONAH'S LIFT** The Mariners, 4 Grove Place, Falmouth TR11 4AU. Second Friday in the month at 8.30pm. World and folk music. Play a tune, sing a song, read some poetry, or just come along and enjoy the craic!

**LOSTWITHIEL SESSION** Social Club, Fore Street, Lostwithiel, PL22 0BL. Acoustic Jam – all styles welcome. 2nd Friday in each month from 8pm. Contact 01208 872124.

**LUXULYAN CORNISH SESSION** Kings Arms, Bridges, PL30 5EF. Second Sunday in each month 5.00 to 8.00pm. Contact Chris Bartram 07545 094490.

**MELODEON PRACTICE GROUP** Various locations Stithians / Ponsanooth area. Contact organiser for times and locations. Email jarmins@btopenworld.com

**MOTH AND MOON SESSION** 31 Killigrew Street, Falmouth TR11 3PW. Tuesdays from 7.00pm. Acoustic session with traditional and contemporary folk songs and tunes, traditional blues, acapella singers and acoustic genres that fit with the theme of the evening. Contact 07717 097157.

**NANSTALLON SESSION** The Institute, Nanstallon PL30 5LZ. 1st Friday in each month. From 7pm. £1.50. Contact Mark Walters 01208 831875.Closed for summer.

**NEWBRIDGE SESSION** The Fountain Inn, Newbridge, Near Penzance. TR20 8QH. "Loosely folk" - tunes and songs by the fire. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month from 8pm. 07825 889645

**PENZANCE CROWN SESSION** Crown Inn, Victoria Square, Penzance, TR18 2EP. Every Monday 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Contact Alan Shepherd, 07866 949261.

**PENZANCE RAFFIDY DUMITZ BAND** Star Inn, 119 Market Jew Street, Penzance TR18 2LD. Saturdays 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Contact Tom Jane 07854 424513. Cornish folk for Cornish culture events. All abilities and acoustic instruments welcome.

**PENZANCE TRAD SESSION** The Union Hotel Bar, Chapel Street, Penzance, TR18 4AE. Tuesdays from 8pm. Contact Laura Luing 07960 082195.

**PONSANOOTH SESSION** The Stag Hunt Inn 20 St Michaels Road, Ponsanooth, TR3 7EE Multi-genre acoustic session. Wednesdays from 8:30pm. Contact; https://www.facebook.com/staghuntinnponsanooth/

**ROYAL STANDARD SESSION** Royal Standard Inn, 61 Penpoll Tce, Hayle, TR27 4BH. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. Contact Alan Collins acollinspewter@gmail.com

**ST DOMINICK SESSION** Who'd Have Thought It Inn, St Dominick PL12 6TG. Second Saturday in month from 7.30pm. Contact Sylvia Watts 01579 382711.

**ST JUST SESSION** The Kings Arms, 5 Market Square, TR19 7HF. 1st Sunday of each month from 7.30pm. Around the room acoustic session, open to all musicians, singers and genres. Contact 01736 788545.

**TOP HOUSE SESSION** The Top House Inn, Lizard, TR12 7NQ. Wednesdays from 7:30pm. 01326 450098.

**TRURO FOLK SESSION** The Old Ale House, 7 Quay Street, Truro, TR1 2HD. First Tuesday in each month 7.30pm. Contact via Facebook or phone 01872 271122.

**TYWARDREATH UKE JAM** Ship Inn, Polmear, Par. PL24 2AR. Monthly. For dates email dquoroll@hotmail.co.uk or contact via Facebook. All instruments welcome, Lyrics & chords provided

#### **CONTACTS – ONLINE SESSIONS**

**CORNISH ZOOM FOLK CLUB** 4th Saturday in each month. Please contact Nigel Morson **ntmorson@aol.com** for information. This session follows on from the Zoom sessions run by Dreamers Folk Club that have ceased now the club has started meeting again.

**WADEBRIDGE ZOOM CLUB** Every Tuesday from 7pm. Featuring invited performers but open to anyone who would like to listen.

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**NOT THE BODMIN ZOOM** Hosted by Pete Grassby. Every 2 weeks on Fridays from 7:45pm. link is 87338821694 password 115009

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Is **your** Club or Session here? If not let us know - there is no charge for these listings.

#### **CONTACTS – DANCE CLUBS**

**CAMELFORD DANCE CLUB** Camelford Hall, Clease Road, PL32 9QX. Fridays 2-4pm. Playford. Contact Barbara Perry 01840 212655.

**ILLOGAN DANCE CLUB** The Old School Centre, Nance Lane, Illogan TR16 4SW. Now on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays in each month from 2-4pm. Frances Oates 01209 217918.

**LAUNCESTON FOLK DANCE CLUB** Ambulance Hall, Westgate Street, Launceston PL15 7AE. Tuesdays 8pm. Rosemary Phillips 01566 774491.

**MADRON DANCE CLUB** 3rd Friday in each month. Madron Village Hall, 7:30pm Irish Social Dancing. Contact Jane 01736 788565

**PENSILVA DANCE CLUB** Millennium House, Pensilva, PL14 5NF. Alternate Thursdays starting 4th Jan 2023, 7.00 to 9.00pm. Contact Ray Buckingham 01579 382402 or Frances Tucker 01579 363718.

**ST AUSTELL CIRCLE DANCE** Meeting irregularly at various locations usually outdoors. For details contact Nina Riddell 01726 833806

**ST TUDY DANCE CLUB** Village Hall, Wadebridge Road, St Tudy PL30 3ND. Every Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Country Dance Club. Contact Jenny Muir 01208 850293

**TRURO DANCE CLUB** Kea Community Centre, 44a Old Coach Road, Playing Place TR3 6ET. Weds 8pm. Anne Humble 01872 864011.

Come along and have a try at this fun dancing - you know you want to!

#### **CONTACTS – MORRIS AND DANCE GROUPS**

**BOLINGEY TROYL** Perranporth Memorial Hall Annexe TR6 0DP. First and third Thursday of each month 7.30pm. Comish and Celtic Dance. New musicians and dancers very welcome. Contact Mary 01209 212019

**BOSCASTLE BORDER MORRIS** Community Centre, Boscastle, PL35 0AT. Contact: bag@boscastlebordermorris.uk. A fun, friendly group aiming to bring a bit of the Morris to Boscastle. We have an active Facebook group for anyone interested.

**CARN BREA MORRIS** Village Hall, Carnkie, Redruth TR16 6SB. Mondays. Mixed Cotswold. Contact Tom Sturch - tsturch@btinternet.com - for more information

**CARNKIE CLOGGERS** Carnkie Village Hall, Redruth TR16 6SB. Tuesdays 7.30pm. Contact Kate 01209 822221 or email: carnkie.cloggers@gmail.com

**CAT'S EYE MORRIS** Liskerrett Community Centre, Liskeard, PL14 4AP. Tuesdays 8.00pm. Mixed Border. Sally Kington 07768 613894.

**FRONT'ERE** - Breton dancing is back at The Front, Custom House Quay Falmouth. 2nd & 4th Momday each month from 7.30pm. Contact Andy Rendell. 07899903942 or email: andrewrendell@btinternet.com

**HEVVA CORNISH DANCING** 2nd Thursday in month in Redruth, and 4th Thursday in Truro. Dates / venues may change. Details: 01872 261263, or e-mail hevva@outlook.com

**PENSANS MORRIS** Humphrey Davy School, Coombe Road, Penzance TR18 2TG. Thursdays 7.30pm. Mixed Border. Contact Bob Glanville 07980 643121.

**PENZANCE GUIZERS** Cornish and Celtic Dance. For details contact Helen Musser 01736 362482 / 07773 755 605 or visit www.penzanceguizers.com

**PLYMOUTH CLOG** Emmanuel Church Hall, 1 Compton Avenue, Mannamead, Plymouth PL3 5BZ. Thursday evenings, https://www.plymouthclog.wixsite.com/plymouthclog (formerly Plymouth Maids)

**PLYMOUTH MORRIS** St Budeaux Church Community Hall, The Green, Higher St Budeaux, PL5 2HN. Wednesdays 7.30pm. Cotswold. Marion Reece 07837 271769. www.plymouthmorris.uk

**SEVEN STARS MORRIS** The Stithians Centre Stithians TR3 7DH. Wednesdays 8:15pm. Jerry Board 07813 860616. Email jrboard@btinternet.com

**TATTERS BORDER MORRIS** and **REDRUTH FESTIVAL BAND** Star Inn, Vogue, St Day, Redruth TR16 5NP. Tuesdays 7.00pm. Mixed border side with Cornish influences, session afterwards, everyone welcome. Contact Chris Bevington, 07972 015928 https://www.tattersmorris.co.uk/ or find us on Facebook.

**TRIGG MORRIS** Bodmin PL31 2DB. Thursdays 8.00pm. Cotswold. Roger Hancock 01208 73907. www.triggmorris.co.uk

**TROS AN TREYS** New Venue: The historic ballroom at the Union Inn, Chapel St., Penzance, TR18 4AE. Sundays 3.00-5.30pm. Cornish Dance. Contact Alex Taylor 01736 332238 for information on all activities. www.trosantreys.co.uk

**TYWARDREATH MORRIS** Village Hall, Tywardreath, Par PL24 2QG. Wednesdays 8.00pm. Mixed Cotswold. John Tremaine 01208 872124. www.tywardreathmorris.org.uk

**WRECKERS BORDER** Parish Hall, St Dominick, Callington, PL12 6TL. Thursdays 8.00pm. Mixed Border. Contact Judith Graham on wreckers.bag@gmail.com

#### **CONTACTS – SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**

More information about Scottish Country Dancing in Cornwall and over the border in Devon may be found on on the SCD website www.scdcornwall.co.uk.

Most groups have a break from dancing during the summer so please check with the group contact before attending.

(Marhamchurch meets every Wednesday throughout the year)

**BODMIN SC DANCERS** St Mary's Parish Centre, Bodmin PL31 1NF. Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm. Contact Jenny Scawin jscawin@hotmail.com

**LISKEARD SCD CLUB** St Martin's Lower Hall Liskeard PL14 3AQ. Wednesdays 7.30pm to 10pm. Contact Harry Richmond 01579 349550

**LOOE MONDAY MORNING SCD CLUB.** Mixed ability class. Looe Family Hub, Trewint Crescent, Looe PL13 1ET. Monday mornings 10.15am to 12.15pm Betty Attrill 01503 264862

**MARHAMCHURCH SCD CLUB.** The Central Methodist Hall EX23 8LA. Wednesdays 7.30pm to 10pm Les Burden 01840 261708

**SALTASH SCD CLUB.** Mixed ability class. St Nicholas Hall, Saltash PL12 6AN Fridays 7.30pm -10pm. Graham & Annette Quartly 01752 492471

**STAUSTELL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS** Trethurgy Village Hall, Trethurgy, St Austell PL26 8YE Tuesday afternoons 2-4pm Contact Dorothy Andrews dorothyandrews1941@gmail.com 01208 269026

ST GERMANS SCD CLUB. Beginners & mixed ability Community Centre (Eliot Hall) St Germans PL12 5NR Thursdays 7 – 9.30pm Contact Harry Richmond 01579 349550

**STOKE CLIMSLAND SCOTTISH DANCERS**. The Old School, Stoke Climsland, Callington, PL17 8NB. Mondays 7.30pm. Beginners welcome. Contact Pauline Champness – Pauline.champness@btinternet.com

**TREVONE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB**. Fraddon Village Hall, Fraddon. TR9 6NT. Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm Ros McLaughlin 01872 560786

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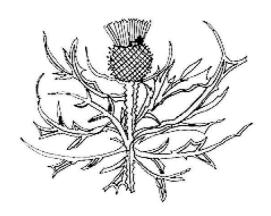
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## RSCDS Cornwall Branch Scottish Country Dancing Musicians' Workshop Saturday 23rd September 10am to 4:30pm

Come and join us at our second Musicians' workshop and evening dance at Roche Victory Hall and Social Club, Roche PL26 8JF. Fee £25.00 for the workshop. Optional lunch (£5) and 2 course evening meal (£10) available. Pre-booking essential for these.

As Folk in Cornwall went to press there were still a few

places available out of the 25 allocated. The dance programme for the evening has now been finalised and lan Robertson has put together the music packs which will include tune sets for each dance. The packs will also contain the dance instructions in both words and diagrams.



**Dance programme** - And for the Young ones 4 x 32Jig , Shiftin' Bobbins 8 x 32Reel, MacDonald of the Isles 3 x 32Strathspey, The Dancing Bees 8 x 32J,

Reel of the Royal Scots 8 x 32R, Sands of Morar 8x 32S, Inchmickery 5 x 32J, MacDonald of Keppoch sq set medley 64S+64R, A Capital Jig 8 x 32J,

Mairi's Wedding 8 x 40R, Postie's Jig 4 x 32J, Dashing White Sergeant 6 x 32R, Gay Gordon's.

This workshop represents excellent value for money £25 for the day – morning and after-

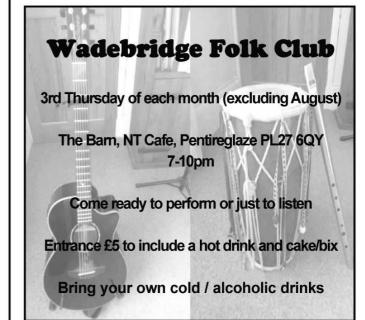


noon workshops, music pack (an extra £5 if you would like a hard copy) and the opportunity to hone your skills on playing as part of a group for Scottish Country Dancing. Having access to whole evening's programme of music is a real bonus too. One of the challenges of playing for Scottish Country Dancing is finding the appropriate tunes to

accompany the lead tune for each dance. Your music pack will include these.

lan Robertson is our Tutor for the day. He is an accomplished accordion and fiddle player with a wealth of experience playing for both Scottish and English folk dancing. This means that he will ensure you get the most out of the day.

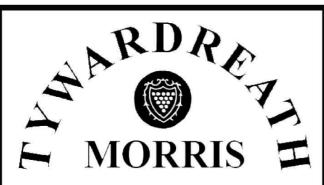
More information and application form may be obtained from our website www.scd-cornwall.co.uk or contact Ros McLaughlin (rosmac47@yahoo.co.uk) or 07999543078.



#### DANCE PROGRAMMES FOR MORRIS SIDES

Please note that all details shown below are provisional and subject to change.

Dates and venues should be confirmed with the side before attending.



Contact John Tremaine 01208 872124 to confirm details below

#### JULY:

Wed 5th 8pm-Lostwithiel Social Club, Fore St, PL22 0BL

Wed 12th 8pm - Charlestown Quay PL25 3NJ

9pm - Rashleigh Arms Charlestown PL25 3NJ

**Both venues with Trigg Morris** 

Wed 19th 8pm – Kings Arms, Luxulyan PL30 5EF Wed 26th 8pm – The Ship Inn Lerryn, PL22 0PT

#### AUG:

Wed 2nd 8pm & 9pm Mevagissey Quay PL26 6QU

Wed 9th 8pm - Fowey Town Quay PL23 1AT

9pm - Safe Harbour Hotel, Fowey PL23 1BQ

Wed 16th 8pm – Old Albion Inn, Crantock TR8 5RB Wed 23rd 8pm – Polgooth Inn, Polgooth PL26 7DA

Mon 28th CORNWALL FOLK FESTIVAL, WADEBRIDGE

Wed 30th 8pm – Ship Inn, Polmear PL24 2AR

#### SEP:

Wed 6th 8pm - The New Inn, Tywardreath PL24 2QP

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#### PLYMOUTH MORRIS

Contact: 07837 271769 www.plymouthmorris.uk

JULY

Wed 5 8pm Burrator Inn, Dousland, PL20 6NP

Sat 15 11am Walking Tour, West Hoe & The Hoe,

**Plymouth** 

Wed 19 8pm London Inn, Horrabridge PL20 7ST

Wed 26 8pm The White Thorn, Shaugh Prior, PL7 5HA

Sat 29 Mount Batten Pier and Boringdon Arms,

Turnchapel PL9 9TQ (Time TBC)

#### **AUGUST**

Wed 16 7:30pm The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2LS For British Fireworks Championships

Wed 23 8pm Riverside Caravan Park, Plym Valley

PL6 8LL

Wed 30 8pm Wilcove Inn, Wilcove PL11 2PG

#### SEPTEMBER

Wed 6 7.30pm Theatre Royal, Plymouth PL1 2TR 8.15pmNoah's Ark, Courtenay Street PL1 1EP

Wed 13 7.30pm Dolphin Inn, Barbican, Plymouth

PL1 2LS

#### **CAT'S EYE MORRIS**



Contact: Sally Kington 07768 613894

#### JULY

Sat 15th Lyme Regis Day of Dance

Tue 25th 8pm Pierhouse Charlestown PL25 3NJ

Tue 1st 8pm Looe Seafront

AUGUST

Sun 6th Sidmouth Folk Festival

Tue 8th Cornwood Inn, Cornwood PL21 9PU

(with Beltane Morris)

Tue 15th 8pm Mevagissey Harbour PL26 6QU

Sun 20th St Ewe Country Fair

Thu 24th Honicombe Manor nr Callington PL17 8JW

(with Lodestone Morris)

Sat 26th 5pm St Neot Beer Festival

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#### **Wreckers Border Morris**

email: wreckers.bag@gmail.com web: www.wreckersmorris.co.uk



JULY:

Thurs 6th 8pm - Weary Friar, Pillaton PL12 6QS Thurs 13th 8pm - Looe Sea Front Busking 8pm - Carpenters Arms Metherell Thurs 27th **PL17 8BJ** 

Sat 29th Saltash Regatta

AUG:

Sun 6th Sidmouth Folk Festival

8pm - Honicombe Holiday Park Thurs 17th

St Ann's Chapel, Callington PL17 8JW

Sat 26th Cornwall Folk Festival

8pm - Copley Arms Hessenford PL11 3HJ Thurs 31st

SEP:

Thurs 7th 7:30pm - The Dolphin The

Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2LS



#### **PLYMOUTH** CLOG

email: plymouthclog@outlook.com plymouthclog.wixsite.com/plymouthclog

JULY

Thu 6 8pm Mayflower Steps / Landing Stage The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2LS

Thu 13 8pm Avon Inn, Avonwick, TQ10 9NB With Green Willow

Thu 20 8pm Drakes Manor Buckland Monachorum PL20 7NA with Lodestone Morris

Sat 27 Calstock Heritage Festival

**AUGUST** 

Thu 17 8pm The Ferry House Inn, Plymouth PL5 1LA

Thu 24 8pm The Rock Inn, Yelverton PL20 6DS with Dartmoor Border Morris

Thu 29 7.30pm Maritime Barbican, Plymouth

**SEPTEMBER** 

Wed 6 7.30pm Theatre Royal, Plymouth PL1 2TR

8.15pm Noah's Ark, Courtenay St. PL1 1EP



Contact Roger Hancock 01208 73907 www.triggmorris.co.uk

JULY

Thu 6 8pm Silver Ball, St Columb TR9 6RL 9pm Falcon Inn, St Mawgan TR8 4EP

Wed 12 8pm Charlestown Habour PL25 3NJ (With Tywardreath Morris)

Thu 20 8 & 9 pm Padstow Harbour Walking Tour

Thu 27 8.30pm Maltsters Arms, Chapel, Amble **PL27 6EU** 

AUGUST

Thu 3 8pm Pentewan Square

9pm Crown Inn, St Ewe PL26 6EY

Thu 10 8pm Smugglers Inn, St Mawgan TR8 4EQ 9pm Merrymoor Inn, Mawgan PorthTR8 4BA

Thu 17 8 & pm Mevagissev Quav

8pm Ship Inn, Polmear PL24 2AR Thu 24 9pm New Inn, Tywardreath PL24 2QP

Thu 31 8pm Frog and Bucket South Petherwin

**PL15 7LP** 

9pm Bell Inn, Launceston PL15 8BQ

SEPTEMBER

Thu 7 8pm Blisland Inn Blisland PL30 4JF

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Contact: 01736 369310 or 01736 364113. www.pensansmorris.com



#### **CARN BREA MORRIS**

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Darkening,
Jackie Oates, Luka Bloom
The Countrymen, Skillywidden,
Bryher's Boys, Will Keating, Bailey
Tomkinson, True Foxes ... and more

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#### **LAUNCESTON CENTENARY DANCE**

Chandeliers gleamed, spotlights on, and bunting around the stage set the tone for the Launceston folk Dance clubs Centenary dance albeit three years late.

The scene was completed with celebration cakes, a bumper raffle and memerobilia courtesy of Jim and Anna Reade adding the final touches. With Sarah Bazley and the Dartmoor Pixie Band leading the dancing a fun evening was enjoyed by all-including those fairly new to folkdancing.

The bring and share supper was, as usual, excellent. Another new venture for those new to to the club was the chance to dance to a live band with

other dancers from elsewhere. The club is grateful for the grant made by the Launceston Rotary club three years ago which enabled the centenary dance to go ahead in these difficult times.

We understand we are one of the few clubs that still holds these dances in large venues - and we are only a small club!

We are looking forward to our autumn dance on 28th October when we will welcome the band "A Pair of Shears" with Jane Thomas calling. We hope to see you there.

For further information please contact: Rosemary Phillips 01566 774491.



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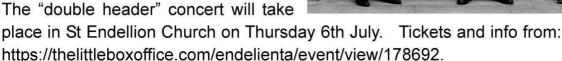
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#### Double Header Concert Brings Folk Legend to St Endellion

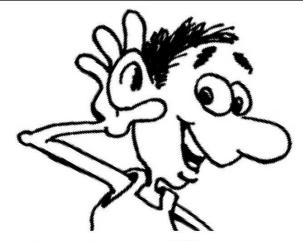
Since his inaugural performance with the fledgling Steeleye Span in 1970, Peter Knight has been a stalwart of the British folk scene.

Never a musician to rest on his laurels, Peter has carved a reputation as a questing musician "as mercurial as quicksilver" (Simon Jones/fRoots), and this special and rare concert offers the opportunity to see him in two of his current line-ups...with the Gigspanner Trio and as a duo with Bellowhead's cofounder, John Spiers, melodeon player extraordinaire.



Peter Knight and John Spiers will also be in concert at St Mary's Church in Callington on Wednesday 12th July and at the Poly in Falmouth on Thursday 13th July.





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the news of what's

going down in your

local folk scene!



## REVIEW - BY NEIL HARTWELL

This is a book for a very niche market - people with an interest in Morris dancing (I think there are about 13,000 dancers out there). It is a weighty tome (1.14kg) over 500 pages long and is the result of a lifetime of scholarship. It attempts to trace "Morris" in all its forms from the 15th Century to the present day - but you won't find a definite source for where it came from, what the name means, or what the original dances were. (Nobody knows).

The Ancient English
Morris Dance
Michael Heaney

What is certain comes from records of money spent on bells and ribbons over centuries, and a weath of parish, stately home and Guild records. The book is also well illustrated.

What seems clear is that folk have always been certain that the Morris reflects "Merry England" from an invented "authentic" past - and many authorities have tried to ban it - Puritans and Bishops included. Morris has seen many forms develop over the years,

often harking back to some rural idyll, which this book debunks. The more recent controversies over men-only sides, and blackfaces are also well covered.

As such it covers a greater span than either of the two otherwise excellent histories: John Forrest's "History of Morris dancing 1458-1750" and Keith Chandler's "Ribbons, Bells and Squeaking Fiddles". The social, religious and educational changes that have formed the background to Morris dancing are well explored up to the present day - including "Fluffy Morris". Cornwall is not ignored with its own rich folk history.

The Ancient English Morris Dance, by Michael Heaney. Published by Archaeopress.

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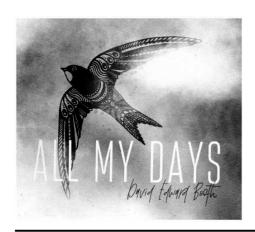
#### KELLY BAYFIELD - WAVE MACHINE

A deeply personal debut album from this Suffolk based singer/songwriter with a stellar supporting cast that includes Phil Beer and the late great Paul Sarlin. The songs deal with love and the loss of those close to the artist but have an optimistic outlook despite the emotional topics covered. Kelly has a very expressive and pleasant voice and accompanies herself on piano on several tracks. There is a variety of styles explored here from folk to jazzy to Americana.



It took me a couple of listens to start to appreciate the music as a cut above most singer/songwriter offerings. www.kellybayfield.co.uk

#### DAVID EDWARD BOOTH - ALL MY DAYS



A gentle, melodic album that deals with the themes of loss and separation. The inspiration behind the songs appears to be relationships with people and also with the natural world with inspiration taken from the rural Suffolk landscape. The lyrics create interesting imagery and the music; there may be some Nick Drake influences creeping in here.

https://davidedwardbooth.co.uk





#### **TUNE OF THE SEASON #26**

Now here's a jolly, bouncy tune. It was written by James Hill - a Scottish musician living in Northumberland. If you travel north on the A68 through Northumberland you reach the remote Redesdale Valley, at the end of which is the pass of Carter Bar at the Scottish border. On a good day this spot offers really good views over the Scottish border country. One wonders if James Hill saw Redesdale as the equivalent to our 'Coming Home Trees' and was inspired to name his composition after it. Now, there's a challenge to all you budding Cornish composers!

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