

FOLK IN CORNWALL



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Welcome to Issue 29 of Folk in Cornwall. Judging by the steady stream of information arriving in our inbox, this spring and summer promises to be a very busy time for the folk world in Cornwall. As well as all the regular clubs, groups and sessions there seems to be an increasing number of concerts and other one off events. So much so that the event diary in this issue takes up two pages. We have also squeezed in an extra page of CD reviews.

As well as one off events we seem to be including an increasing number of clubs and sessions. However, I fear that this is because some of those we have been listing for a while now are no longer operating. Certainly there are a number I haven't heard anything about for a long time. So if anyone reading this has any information it would be really appreciated if they could pass it onto Folk in Cornwall.

John Tremain

NEW FOREST FOLK FESTIVAL

5 Day Ticket - £120

After June 1st - £130

Children - £50, under 5 free

July 3rd - 7th

Powells Farm, Plaitford,
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Motorhomes, Caravans & Tents £10 per pitch per night

Limited amount of Day Tickets Adults - £50, Children - £25



Feast of Fiddles - Oysterband - Steeleye Span

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Access Folk Small Project Grants are worth up to £1,000, and available to support new events and organisers, as well as existing organisers who are interested in making changes to the events they already run.

Access Folk is a University of Sheffield-based project led by folk singer and scholar Prof. Fay Hield that explores ways of increasing and diversifying participation in folk singing in England. Our Small Project Grants support people who are thinking about ways that folk singing can become more accessible to a wider range of people. But beyond thinking, awarding grants is one way of turning ideas into actions, testing out new strategies, and connecting people with related goals.

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<https://accessfolk.sites.sheffield.ac.uk/activities/action-research>



FOLK ON THE MOOR
The Moorland Hotel
Wotter

GUEST LIST

14 APR Mick Ryan / Paul Downes

28 APR L Nijland / B Ridderbos

12 MAY Boo Hewerdine

19 MAY Hilary Spencer

2 JUN Joe Topping

16 JUN Anthony John Clarke

30 JUN Steve Tilston



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

THE TOLMEN CENTRE

Fore St, Constantine, Falmouth, TR11 5AA

Saturday 4th May

Linde Nijland
sings Sandy Denny and more

Saturday 25th May

Daisy Chute, Lady Nade and Hollie Rogers
Three fabulous singers + mystery guest

Friday 7th June

Piers Lewin and John Elliott
Lost Songs of Scilly - Two exceptional
musicians with their soundscape of Scilly

Saturday 29th June

Black Umfolosi
Zimbabwe's answer to Ladysmith Black
Mambazo: joyous and uplifting

Info and tickets: www.tolmencentre.co.uk

Day of Dance in Hayle - Sat 8th June



A unique feature of Morris dancing in Cornwall is the relative isolation of each Morris side. Last year Carn Brea hosted a gathering of Morris sides in West Cornwall, at the 'Bird in Hand' pub Hayle, as a way of bringing neighbouring sides together. It was a great success with over 70 dancers and musicians taking part.

This year Carn Brea Morris extended the invitation to all Morris Sides in Cornwall. Already there are more sides expressing an interest than last year. It's an informal event at the 'Bird in Hand' to be held in the afternoon of Saturday 8th. June, from midday onwards. Nick, the landlord, is very welcoming, and as well as a range of real ales, there will be a barbecue available. The Bird in Hand has a very large car park and is in easy walking distance from the mainline railway station at Hayle.

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Reviving traditions – the Par & Tywardreath WASSAIL!

It was a fairly cold but dry afternoon on Saturday 13th January when people started to gather at the Ship Inn, Polmear, for the inaugural Par and Tywardreath Apple Tree Wassail, organised by 'In Search of Tywardreath'. Entertainment began with Morris dancing with our own local Tywardreath Morris playing host to the exuberant Catseye Morris.

The styles of the two teams complemented each other perfectly, the traditional handkerchief dances of Tywardreath performed in the 'Cotswold' style contrasted with the fast and energetic stick crashing dances of the Liskeard based visitors. The music was also very different with Tywardreath's acoustic fiddle, melodeon, concertina and clarinet playing ancient traditional tunes while Catseye's amplified sound suited their own original compositions. The thing that all the players had in common was how to keep their fingers moving while standing still in the cold!

As the audience built up and more and more people arrived, the dancing concluded and the Green Man and Mistletoe Woman led the Wassailing of the ancient apple trees in the pub garden. Songs were sung and an invocation chanted to encourage the trees to bloom well in the Spring and bring forth a good crop of Cider apples. A little cider was poured onto the tree roots to give the old trees an idea of what was expected of them.

Wassailing is a very ancient tradition. The expression "Wassail" in English or possibly "Wassel" in Cornish is derived from the Old toast "Ves heill" with the meaning "be in good health". There is some discussion as to whether it has Norse (Viking) origins or Old English.

We do not know when it was adopted into Cornish, but it could have arrived as early as the Ninth Century with the Danish Vikings. The people of Cornwall had a quite different relationship to the Danes than the communities further east in



Britain. There is only one historic record of a Viking raid in Cornwall as opposed to 17 across the border in Devon and, indeed, the Cornish and Danes were allies fighting against the English in the Battle of Hingston Down in 835. In 1624 we get a glimpse of the Wassail as an established custom in the will of one Nicholas Spey, ex-mayor of Bodmin, who bequeathed the sum of 13s 4d for an “annual wassail cup” to promote “the continuance of love and neighbourly meetings”.

Back to 2024. We also wanted our Wassail to bring our community together, and it certainly seemed to do that as young and old gathered outside the Ship Inn to process up Tywardreath Hill and through Polmear Parc, being led by Cornish musicians, supplemented by the morris and other players. We reached the Community Orchard just as the sun was beginning to drop and we were rewarded by beautiful views over the bay along with a blazing fire. For a lot of people this was the first time that they'd been in this lovely community space and saw the young trees that had been planted in about 2018.



Entertainment continued with a couple more morris dances performed on a flat area that was at one time intended to be a playground. There was then a performance of the ‘Boscastle breakdown’ solo dance and the Wassail began with singing to the trees and chanting. Everyone was given a shot cup of mulled apple juice to drink to the health of the trees and a huge noise was made to awaken the trees from their mid-winter slumber and, it was thought in ancient times, to drive away any evil spirits. Traditionally there would have been a wooden wassail bowl full of cider that would have been passed around and shot-guns may have been discharged into the branches.

We couldn’t wassail all of the trees but we will rely on the ‘Wood Wide Web’ for the message to be passed around between the trees, and that’s not fanciful thinking as cutting edge research has shown how much trees do actually communicate through their root systems. Toast was then dipped in apple juice and distributed to everyone to hang on the young trees although we’re not sure from where this part of the old ceremony comes. The festivities concluded with a lively Cornish Serpent dance, in which almost everyone joined in, that snaked around the orchard between the trees and curling back on itself to a joyful traditional tune.

The Wassailers then returned to the welcoming Ship Inn; some to go home, others to partake in a wholesome bowl of soup or pint of cider while the dancers and musicians retreated to the upper room for more tunes and somewhat chaotic rather than performance dancing. All in all, the first Wassail had been a great success and we trust will become an ongoing local event.



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Philleigh Folk News

Now settled into our new winter home at the Veryan Sports & Social Club we've enjoyed some great music from Annown in January, Vikky Swan and Jonny Dyer in February and Lynne Heraud and Pat Turner in March. Three very different groups, all much enjoyed by our audience.

Coming up next in April we welcome local superstars, River Blue with Trounce Guy as their special guest for an evening of music making and tales from the Roseland, told as only Trounce can, bringing the treasured memories he's collected over the years and re-tells so vividly and with such a gentle wit that every listener will smile as they hear the characters come to life. This show is part of the Roseland Festival and tickets will be available from their box office.

In May we're looking forward to welcoming back Tim Brine with Sue Franklin for an evening music drawn from both traditional and contemporary sources as well as their own self-penned songs of social comment which reflect their commitment to environmental and social causes.

Looking forward to warmer days we'll be moving back to the Bohella Bar in St Mawes for three months in the summer, with a great line up comprising Rob Barrett in June, Elliot Osborne in July and rounding it all off with Sue White and Kate Thompson as Bedlam Bess in August.

SLOW & EASY Folk Sessions



Every other Monday night 7-9pm

If you're a beginner on any 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

VERYAN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm

Tim Brine & Sue Franklin

Tickets £10.00

AT THE BOHELLA BAR – ST Mawes

Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm

Rob Barrett - Tickets £10

Thursday 11th July at 7.30pm

Elliot Osborne - Tickets £10

Thursday 15th August 7.30pm

Bedlam Bess - Tickets £10

Tickets will be available on the night or can be reserved in advance by calling Dave Shepperson on **07736 065406** or booking online at <https://www.visittruro.org.uk/whats-on>

Black Prince Flower Boat Festival - Mon 6th May



The Festival dates back to the 19th Century. At the time the Black Prince was a popular name for many Cornish ships, and the original Black Prince Flower Boat was remembered as being six feet long or more with two masts.

In the early days the boat was carried on the shoulders of four local men and decorated with flowers and garlands. It was remembered as being carried through the villages, while other people collected garland money and played instruments. Folk were remembered as wearing white clothing with red ribbons and sashes. Girls often favoured red flowers which decorated their sashes, hat or hair, while men chose white flowers to decorate their hats and buttonholes.

By the 1940s, evidence suggests that the procession had died out, leaving nothing but memories. In the 1980s Mill-on-the-brook Morris, together with a few local people, formed a committee to revive the festival.

The intention was to recreate the festival as accurately as possible, so as well as reviewing old photographs they interviewed some local people, who could remember the custom from their





own childhoods. A new flower boat was built and is now carried by young Royal Navy Ratings from HMS Raleigh.

The Town Crier still announces the beginning of festivities attended by Morris dancers, travelling from near and far, and by local schoolchildren. The original fife and drum bands

have been replaced with accordions and fiddles, but the musicians still play with great energy and enthusiasm. A chough, the bird so strongly associated with Cornwall, also joins the procession and is represented by someone wearing a costume.

Cross hooped garlands were traditionally carried throughout the procession to show an exchange for money. Now money is collected by The Lions and donated to local charities.

The festival route proceeds from Millbrook to Kingsand and Cawsand, where dancers continue to perform. The boat is finally launched from the beach, to symbolise the welcoming of summer and carrying away the dead of winter.



It has been a lovely start to the year at Launceston Folk Club, catching up with old friends and their beautiful music and entertainment! :)

We are pleased to announce that we have taken on Cornwall Folk Radio, in conjunction with Cornwall Folk Festival, and are working hard behind the scenes to rebrand, relaunch, and develop it going forwards.

We have a strong committee in place, and will be creating programmes, podcasts, and playlists in support of Cornwall based (extending to Devon and SW) musicians creating original music across genres, as well as traditional and contemporary folk music.

We will be at Cornwall Folk Festival (22nd to 26th August) recording music and interviews from the FAR stage all weekend : see cornwallfolkfestival.com for details and tickets - it's a great lineup!

If you feel you have something to contribute, please do contact us at: music@alfcic.org and keep an eye out on our social media channels !

SPRING/SUMMER 2024 DATES



All concerts are held at The Eagle House Hotel, 3 Castle Street, Launceston, PL15 8BA unless otherwise stated. Folk Club guests get 10% off room rates. Doors open 7pm.

10th to 12th May - Folk Retreat w/ Kevin Dempsey @ Morwellham Quay

12th May - Kevin Dempsey

27th May - Mike Silver

12th June - John Kirkpatrick

28th June - Steve Tilston

14th August - Ric Sanders & Vo Fletcher

15th August - Ric Sanders & Vo Fletcher (The Poly, Falmouth)

Tickets & Info available via the website, Eventbrite, & Launceston VIC. Any profits go towards work in the community with those struggling with PTSD/Trauma
www.launcestonfolkclub.co.uk

Welsh Legends to Play in St Austell



Welsh legends Ar Log will be in concert at St Austell Arts Centre on Saturday 4th May 2024. The band was formed in August 1976 to represent Wales at a Celtic Festival in Lorient, Brittany. Following the festival, on the advice of The Dubliners, the band decided to continue to perform and earned their living through touring full time spending nine months of each year abroad.

Since it was formed Ar Log's sets have followed the long tradition in Wales of performing songs in the Welsh language as well as reviving the more ancient instrumental pieces. The group feature the Welsh triple harp and the name Ar Log means 'on hire'.

The band has performed in twenty one countries across the UK, Europe and America, promoting Welsh traditional music and songs. Between 1978 and 2018 Ar Log released 11 albums and two singles.

Advance tickets for the concert in St Austell cost £15 and are available from **www.crbo.co.uk** or from the Arts Centre by phoning **01726 63513**. Doors and bar open and 7:00pm and the show starts at 7:30.

AR LOG are:

Dafydd Roberts – triple harp, flute, whistles, vocals

Iolo Jones – fiddle

Geraint Cynan – keyboards, vocals

Geraint Glynne Davies – guitar, lead vocal

Graham Pritchard – fiddle, mandolin, vocals

Gwyndaf Roberts – knee harp, vocals

Wadebridge Folk Club Presents

Richard Trethewey



Thursday 16th May 2024

The Barn, NT Cafe, Pentireglaze PL27 6QY

7pm (doors 6.30pm)

Bring own cold/alcoholic drinks

Tea and Cake included

Tickets at £10 to be purchased [here](#) or using the QR code

here ----->>



For further info

Contact jollygoodsinging@gmail.com



Wadebridge Folk Club

3rd Thursday of each month (excluding August)

The Barn, NT Cafe, Pentireglaze PL27 6QY

7-10pm

Come ready to perform or just to listen

Entrance £5 To include a hot drink and cake/bix

Bring your own cold/alcoholic drinks

Boscastle Village Hall

Gunpool Lane, Boscastle PL35 0AT

Presented by Jolly Good Gigs jollygoodsinging@gmail.com

23rd March 2024

Ben and Dom

SPRING SING and CONCERT

Afternoon song workshop and Evening concert with Ben See and Dominic Stichbury

Ben and Dom weave their voices through songs old and new using folks songs and original new material to demonstrate friendship and nature..

Scan the code for info and tickets →

<https://snappytickets.co.uk/events/spring-sing-with-ben-and-dom/>



20th April 2024

Tim Edey

Evening concert with bar

Expect remarkable musical virtuosity, an effervescent performance, engaging personality and a sense of fun – combining this with a show that celebrates Celtic music Support TBA

Scan the code for info and tickets →

<https://snappytickets.co.uk/events/tim-edey-in-boscastle/>



1st June 2024

Sarah McQuaid

Evening concert with bar

Sarah's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, subtle mastery onstage and brilliant musicianship to create a truly immersive experience. Expect emotion, beauty, passion, great arrangements, fab playing and to be moved. **Scan the code for info and tickets →**

<https://snappytickets.co.uk/events/sarah-mcquaid-in-boscastle/>



DIARY DATES

APRIL

- Sat 6** LAUNCESTON FOLK DANCE CLUB Dance. Launceston Town Hall PL15 7AR. Bring and Share supper. Band Dancing Keys, callers Alison and Gerry Tucker. Tickets on the door or on line via Launceston TIC (Ticketsource)
- Fri 12** CONCERT - Sarah McQuaid. The Old Library, 10 Lower Bore Street, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2JX - Tickets £10 / £12 / £15
- Sat 13** TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB - Charity Dance. At Kea Community Centre, 44A Old Coach Road, Playing Place, TR3 6ET. To raise funds and awareness of the Chestnut Appeal. Club callers to the music with Jig'n'Reel. Bring and Share supper. Raffle. £5 admission on the door.
- Sat 13** CONCERT - Sarah McQuaid. Praa Sands Community Centre, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, Penzance, Cornwall TR20 9RB - Tickets £11
- Sun 14** LAUNCESTON FOLK CLUB presents Merry Hell. At Launceston Town Hall. www.launcestonfolkclub.co.uk
- Fri 26** GEEVOR GIG CONCERT - Local Duo Two Foxes At the Counthouse Cafe Geevor Tin Mine, TR19 7EW Tickets £12. Bar / refreshments available.

MAY

- Fri 3** CONCERT - Harbottle and Jonas At Gorran Haven Memorial Hall, PL26 6JP Email:info@harbottleandjonas.com
- Sat 4** CONCERT - Welsh Legends Ar Log. At St Austell Arts Centre. Tickets £15. Licensed Bar. 01726 63513
- Sat 4** CONCERT – Linde Nijland sings Sandy Denny and more At The Tolmen Centre, Constantine, TR11 5AA. www.tolmencentre.co.uk



Bodmin Folk Club

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



April 2024

- 5th Ian Bruce
12th Open House
19th Maggy Duffy & Bob Thompson
26th Members' Showcase: Tim Joyce

May 2024

- 3rd Cathy Barclay, Sarah Yarwood,
Anni Fentiman, Dave Webber
10th Open H Theme: Spring in the Air
17th Bouzouki Bellows
24th Open House
31st Members' S'case: Lin & Ian Shevill

June 2024

- 7th Martin Graebe
14th Open House
21st Mossy Christian
28th Open House: Theme Sisters

To reserve tickets email sylvwatts@aol.com
Find us on Facebook or at
www.bodminfolk.co.uk



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

Sunday 7th April Harry Glasson

Cornish Bard & poet, Harry gives us an evening of songs & stories in his own unique style.

Sunday 5th May— Harry Bird

Singing troubadour Harry Bird. Original, entertaining and thought provoking, his energetic, feel-good shows are not to be missed.

Sunday 19th May Shackleton Trio

Captivating songwriting and fiery tunes that combine mandolin, fiddle, guitar and banjo with powerful three part harmonies

Sunday 23rd June—Foxes Fair

An eclectic mix of songs from the melodious to the macabre with Appalachian Dulcimer, Five string Banjo, Guitar & glorious harmonies.

All other Sundays are
Open House / Come All Ye / Singers Nights
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DIARY DATES - Continued

MAY (cont)

Thur 16 CONCERT - Gigspanner Trio. At Maker with Rame Community Hall, Fore Street, Kingsand, PL10 1NB. Tickets £20.

Sat 18 DANCE - The Other Band. Porthleven School. Tickets 01326 561666

Sat 18 CONCERT - Saltlines. Gigspanner Big Band and Raynor Winn (The Salt Path) Carnglaze Caverns, Liskeard. Tickets £29.

Fri 24 GEEVOR GIG CONCERT - Geoff Lakeman and Rob Murch At the Counthouse Cafe Geevor Tin Mine, TR19 7EW Tickets £12
Bar / refreshments available.

JUNE

Sat 1 CONCERT - Sarah McQuaid. Boscastle Village Hall, Gunpool Lane, Boscastle, Cornwall PL35 0AT - Tickets £15

Sat 1 CONCERT - Harbottle and Jonas At St Endellion Church near Port Isaac, PL29 3TP Email:info@harbottleandjonas.com

Fri 7 GEEVOR GIG CONCERT - Local Singer / Songwriter Winter Mountain. At the Counthouse Cafe Geevor Tin Mine, TR19 7EW Tickets £12
Bar / refreshments available.

Fri 7 CONCERT - Sarah McQuaid. At Penlee Park Open Air Theatre, Morrab Road, Penzance, Cornwall TR18 4HE - Tickets £14 advance / £16 on the door.

Sat 22 TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB - Charity Dance. At Kea Community Centre, 44A Old Coach Road, Playing Place, TR3 6ET. To raise funds and awareness of the The Cove (MacMillan). Club callers to the music with Jig'n'Reel. Bring and Share supper. Raffle. £5 admission on the door.

Sat 29 DANCE - The Other Band. Pencoose Farm nr Stithians TR3 7DN.
Pay on the door

JULY

Fri 5 CONCERT - Harbottle and Jonas At Mawgan Porth Village Hall, near Newquay, TR8 4BA

Wed 17 GEEVOR GIG CONCERT - Jackson's Claret At the Counthouse Cafe Geevor Tin Mine, TR19 7EW Tickets £12. Bar / refreshments available.

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Wed 7 DANCE - The Other Band. Trewince Farm St Issey.

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the folk scene in Cornwall**

CONTACTS – FOLK CLUBS

*These listing details are believed correct, but please
contact the organisers to
confirm date 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 devoranslowandeasy@outlook.com

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

LAUNCESTON FOLK CLUB Eagle House Hotel, 3 Castle Street, PL15 8BA. Concerts about every month – see diary page for dates. Details www.launcestonfolkclub.co.uk or email music@alfic.org

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 - see diary dates on website. Contact Linda Collins 01736 333007. Website: www.penzancefolkclub.co.uk.

PHILLEIGH FOLK Veryan Sports and Social Club, Elerkey Ln, Veryan, TR2 5UW. Monthly Tickets and information from Dave Shepperson on 07736 065406 or email: philleighfolk@btinternet.com. (Note – this club moves to the Bohella Bar in St Mawes for the summer season).

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 AND FOLK 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. 8pm Acoustic music – all styles. Contact Ralph Smethurst: ralph.watea@yahoo.co.uk

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. Also first Sunday in each month from 3.00pm. Contact Gary Holmes 01326 290513.

COBWEB SESSION The Cobweb Inn, The Bridge, Boscastle PL35 0HE
Sundays 6pm Great pub, great beer, great atmosphere, this is a Shout come sing-around come acoustic session, that often features a shanty set from the Cobweb Crew. Contact: Granville Jones 07913 903579

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.

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 Hayle Rugby Club, Marsh Lane, TR27 4PS. On a Wednesday evening, about once a month, at 7.30pm. For future dates see Facebook, or contact Dave on 07891 340539.

DOLPHIN COME ALL YE SESSION Dolphin Hotel. The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2LS. 2nd Monday in each month. at 7:30pm Mixed Session Songs and Tunes. Contact saxonjaxon@hotmail.co.uk or see Facebook.

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

CONTACTS - PUB AND FOLK SESSIONS

HAYLE SESSION Bird in Hand, Hayle, TR27 4HY (near Paradise Park),
2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Contact Alan Collins acollinspewter@gmail.com.
(Formally at the Royal Standard in Hayle)

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!

LAUNCESTON SLOW AND EASY SESSION uses tunes from the Tuneworks book
and meets regularly in Launceston. Details can be found on Facebook (Launceston
Cornwall Slow And Easy Folk Sessions) or by contacting Becky on 07709 222885.

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Jam – all styles welcome. 2nd Friday in each month from 8pm. Contact 01208 872124.

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MOREWELLHAM MUSIC MINE Morewellham Quay. Monthly on Sunday afternoons.
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MOTH AND MOON SESSION 31 Killigrew Street, Falmouth TR11 3PW. Tuesdays from
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traditional blues, acapella singers and acoustic genres that fit with the theme of the
evening. Contact 07546 936469.

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

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.
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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.

PLYMOUTH SINGERS SESSION The Providence, Providence St, Plymouth, PL4 8JQ
3rd Monday in each month, 7:30pm Contact saxonjaxon@hotmail.co.uk
or see Facebook.

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/>

PROBUS COMMRADES CLUB Last Monday in each month. Acoustic music and
song session all styles welcome. Commrades Club, Fore St, Probus, TRURO, TR2 4LG

CONTACTS - PUB AND FOLK SESSIONS

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. 2nd Sunday of each month from 7.30pm. Around the room acoustic session, open to all musicians, singers and genres. Contact 01736 788545. or email: johnmcgovern@gmail.com

THURSDAY MORNING MUSIC SESSION 10am to 12 noon. The Stithians Centre, Church Road, Stithians, Truro TR3 7DH. All Instruments Welcome. Contact Ann Cunningham 07765 423751 or email devoranvh@live.co.uk

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

WADEBRIDGE SESSION Ship Inn, Gonvena Hill PL27 6DF. 2nd Thursday in each month from 7:30. Traditional session - singers and musicians welcome. Hosted by Mel Babb



Is your Club or Session here?

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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.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531239117?pwd=cVRvK2M5bW5EUjc4bytSKzVXYWIRUT09>
Meeting ID: 895 3123 9117 Passcode: 013507

NOT THE BODMIN ZOOM Hosted by Pete Grassby. Every 2 weeks on Fridays from 7:45pm. link is 87338821694 password 115009
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87338821694?pwd=UGJDMW1VcnhuOEtjdTV0RUE5ZGZTUT09>

CONTACTS – DANCE CLUBS

<p>CAMELFORD DANCE CLUB Camelford Hall, Clease Road, PL32 9QX. Fridays 2-4pm. Playford. Contact Barbara Perry 01840 212655 .</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>LAUNCESTON FOLK DANCE CLUB Ambulance Hall, Westgate Street, Launceston PL15 7AE. Tuesdays 8pm. Rosemary Phillips 01566 774491.</p>
<p>MADRON DANCE CLUB 3rd Friday in each month. Madron Village Hall, 7:30pm Irish Set Dancing. Contact Jane 01736 788565</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>REDRUTH DANCE CLUB 1st Friday in each month. Tribute Lounge, Redruth Rugby Club, Cardrew Lane TR15 1SY. 7.30 pm, Irish Set Dancing. Contact Jane 01736 788565.</p>
<p>ST AUSTELL CIRCLE DANCE Meeting irregularly at various locations usually outdoors. For details contact Nina Riddell 01726 833806</p>
<p>ST TUDY DANCE CLUB Village Hall, Wadebridge Road, St Tudy PL30 3ND. Every Monday 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Country Dance Club. Contact Sheila Cottingham 01840 214582</p>
<p>TRURO DANCE CLUB Kea Community Centre, 44a Old Coach Road, Playing Place TR3 6ET. Weds 8pm. Anne Humble 01872 864011.</p>

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

CONTACTS – MORRIS AND DANCE GROUPS

<p>BOLINGEY TROYL Perranporth Memorial Hall Annexe TR6 0DP. First and third Thursday of each month 7.30pm. Cornish and Celtic Dance. New musicians and dancers very welcome. Contact Mary 01209 212019</p>
<p>BOSCASTLE BORDER MORRIS Community Centre, Boscastle, PL35 0AT. Contact: bag@boscastlebordermorrisk.uk. A fun, friendly group aiming to bring a bit of the Morris to Boscastle. We have an active Facebook group for anyone interested.</p>
<p>BOUDICA Xcel Dance Studio, Tamar Industrial Estate, Saltash PL12 6LD. Every other Monday 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Women's Border. Fast, fierce and wholly different. Contact Melanie 07860 602003. Email: boudicarocks@hotmail.com</p>
<p>CARN BREA MORRIS Village Hall, Carnkie, Redruth TR16 6SB. Mondays. Mixed Cotswold. Contact Tom Sturch - tsturch@btinternet.com - for more information</p>
<p>CAT'S EYE MORRIS Liskerrett Community Centre, Liskeard, PL14 4AP. Tuesdays 8.00pm. Mixed Border. Contact Rose email: catseyebag@aol.co.uk</p>

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CLOGWORKS Upton Farmhouse, Upton Cross PL14 5AZ. Every Wednesday 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Women's Appalachian. Bluegrass with a modern twist. Contact Melanie 07860 602003. Email: uptoncrossfox@hotmail.com

FRONT'ERE - Breton dancing is back at The Front, Custom House Quay Falmouth. Every 2 weeks on Momdays from 7.30pm. Contact Andy Rendell. 07899903942 or email: andrewrendell@btinternet.com

HEVVA CORNISH DANCING 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at St Andrew's Crypt Clinton Rd, Redruth TR15 2LL . 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. Contact Roger Hancock 01208 73907. www.triggmorris.co.uk

TROS AN TREYS 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 see: www.trosantreys.co.uk

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

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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.

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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Cornwall Scottish Country Dance Workshop

RSCDS Cornwall Branch are delighted to have Chris Dewhurst as our Tutor and Bandleader this year, ably assisted throughout the day by Julie. They have many years of experience playing for both Scottish and English Country dancing.

Chris firmly believes that the most important ingredients for a great evening's dance music are 'lift', fun, and infectious enthusiasm, underpinned by a good understanding of the dance.

The workshops throughout the day will therefore focus on playing well for Scottish Country Dancing, and having fun playing together as a band.

In addition to welcoming musicians with experience of playing for dancing, Chris and Julie would like to encourage those from different backgrounds to join them for the day, and to experience the thrill of playing in a massed band for the evening dance.

For more information contact Ros McLaughlin - rosmac47@yahoo.co.uk

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£26
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Application form & more details available on the Scottish
Country dancing in Cornwall Website -
<https://www.scdcornwall.co.uk> or
contact Ros McLaughlin 07999 543078

OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

Registration & Welcome	10.00 - 10.30
Playing Session - <i>Includes a coffee break</i>	10.30 - 13.00
Lunch Break - <i>Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch or enjoy a pre-ordered pasty</i>	13.00 - 14.00
Playing Session - <i>Includes a tea break</i>	14.00 - 16.30
Hot Evening Meal (pre-booked)	17.15 - 18.15
Evening Dance - <i>Includes light refreshments in the interval</i>	18.30 - 21.30

New Summer Folk Venue Opens

This year sees a new joint collaboration between Geevor Tin Mine and the Counthouse Café at Geevor who have put together a string of concerts by prominent folk performers from Cornwall and beyond. Geevor has had many musical acts play around the site for various events over the years, though this is the first time the café with its stunning views over the Atlantic Ocean has been used as a venue.

Friday 26th April - Folk duo True Foxes hailing from St Just and Pendeen will be kicking off the proceeding before embarking on a series of gigs across the country including a support slot with one of Britain's most loved folk acts Show of Hands at Abbotsbury Gardens.



Folk Duo Two Foxes

Friday 24th May - Coming from over the Tamar are Dartmoor-based duo Geoff Lakeman and Rob Murch.

Expect self-penned, West country songs, rattling folk tunes, foot stomping ragtime and cakewalk riffs which the duo have performed around the UK.

Friday 7th June - Cornish based singer/songwriter Winter Mountain (Joe Francis) turned professional in his late teens, his blend of



Winter Mountain

indie/folk rock and American has wowed audiences across Europe and America. He has recorded critically acclaimed albums at Abbey Road Studios and Sun Studios in Memphis and has recently done support slots for pop icon Seal, Elbow frontman Guy Garvey, Richard Thompson and The Feeling.

Wednesday 17th July - Taking the final spot of the Spring/Summer season in Lafrowda festival week are Jackson's Claret who will perform Cornish tunes and songs from



Playing Cornish Music - Jackson's Claret

the 1700s up until the present day. They bring new life into arrangements of well-known and more obscure Cornish songs, tunes and dances.

Licenced bar/refreshments and pasties available. Doors open at 6.30, performance starts at 7.30. Please note this is the Counthouse Café at Geevor (not Botallack!). Tickets are priced at £12 per gig and are available on the door and online at counthousecafe.com



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ALBUM OF THE SEASON

RICHARD TRETHEWEY - TWO HALVES

We could hardly fail to include a CD from a Cornishman who draws inspiration for his songs from our County; not least because it is so very good. Half the album is based upon stories from our beautiful river estuaries while the other half tells stories associated with Cornwall's industrial heritage . . . see, two halves – get it? This is more than wonderful story telling though, as the music is excellent and engaging throughout. Richard is an accomplished fiddle player and has a great voice together with a super supporting cast of guest musicians. I'm thinking a Cornish Johnny Coppin?
www.richardtretthewey.org/



ANGELINE, COHEN AND JON - GRACE WILL LEAD ME HOME



Any project that has Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne in it has got to be worth a listen, and this is no exception. This CD celebrates the 250th anniversary of the hymn Amazing Grace, and 300 years since the birth of it's author. I recommend going on Wikipedia and reading about the fascinating life of John Newton who in his time was a naval deserter, slave ship captain, slave, priest and abolitionist. Quite some paradox there! His story is told through the songs and music on this

excellent album and of course the song itself is on there. Check it out.

www.invisiblefolk.com

THE SCHMOOZENBERGS - MOUSE

Wow, here's a lively band with strains of Grapelli and Django. The music swings along delightfully conjuring up the atmosphere of the 1930s but with modern influences. Rather more jazz than folk, but who cares when the music is this enjoyable. Your player needs to be able to reproduce some good deep bass for this to reach it's complete ear filling potential though; there's nothing quite like a good acoustic double bass. The fiddle and guitars are pretty awesome as well. Heartwarming, hip swinging stuff; I'm off to catch them live. <https://schmusic.co.uk/>



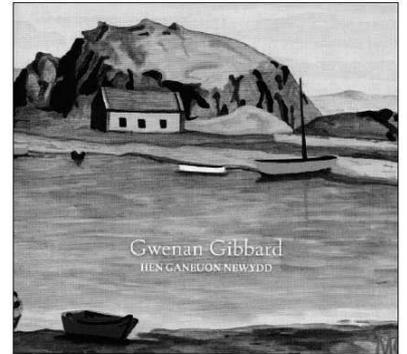
Reviews



GWENNAN GIBBARD - HEN GANEUON NEWYDD

It should be obvious from the title that this album is in Welsh! The title translates as 'New Old Songs' and are folk songs from the Llyn peninsula area of North Wales. There's a helpful little booklet that explains each song and provides background. The songs themselves are performed to the lovely accompaniment of the harp and are emotive and enjoyable to listen to. The songs speak of the close-knit rural communities, the characters and happenings of those who live their lives close to the hills and sea.

www.sainwales.com



CRAIG JOINER - A KIND OF CALM



Here's a nice new CD from someone with a rock background exploring their folk roots with a mix of original and traditional songs, all beautifully accompanied on acoustic guitar. I do enjoy contemporary songs written in a traditional idiom, and there is just a hint of Seth Lakeman in the songwriting and vocal delivery – high praise indeed! Storytelling is at the heart of this album, whether lamenting a love lost, celebrating the calming beauty of nature or relating an epic struggle at sea. There's also a

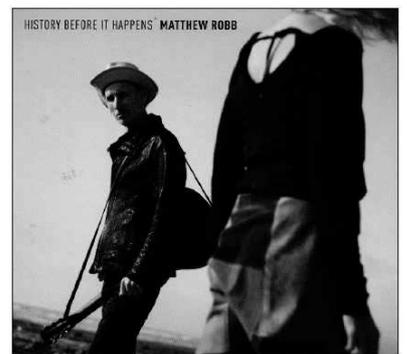
lovely song about a tree that fell and flattened his neighbours shed!

<https://craigjoinermusic.com/>

MATTHEW ROBB - HISTORY BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Here's an angry album with Robb railing against the failings of society, greed and the worst aspects of humanity in general. Think early Dylan here, maybe particularly when the master was doing his talking blues. The overall sound is at the edge of what I think of as Folk; more Blues and Americana, but nevertheless a very enjoyable sonic palette. The backing band is very tight and I enjoyed their music which greatly enhances this album which otherwise might have been a bit too negative. Robb's earthy voice suits his subject.

www.matthewrobb.com





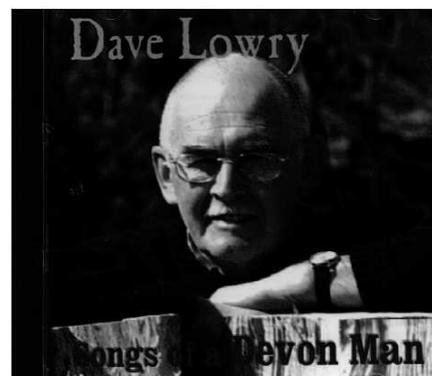
Reviews - Extra!



We have received many CDs for review recently: Two more not to be missed!

DAVE LOWRY - SONGS OF A DEVON MAN

This is really an archive recording of songs from the west country, many of which you will not hear performed by anyone else. Several of the songs come from the collection made by the antiquarian Sabine Baring-Gould and, despite having spent a lifetime listening to traditional music, there are several here that I'd not heard before. If you want to find new songs to sing this is a little goldmine and I should say the songs are not just Devon-based, with songs of Prussia Cove and Tom Bowcocks Eve included.



<https://www.wildgoose.co.uk/albums/wgs443cd-songs-of-a-devon-man/>

CHRIS BRAIN - STEADY AWAY



Am I listening to Nick Drake or Bert Jansch miraculously returned to us? No, but at times this young singer/song-writer sounds awfully like them. In some ways I guess that is all you need to know, unless you're very young or been living under a rock. The music just kinda washes over you, leaving a warm restful feeling, inspired by the gentle finger picking guitar style and mellow voice. Ten original songs and a Rabbe Burns poem make up this very enjoyable album.

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TUNE OF THE SEASON #29

This issue's tune is a great spirited march, albeit of a rather grim origin. Also known as 'The Pikeman's March' and 'The Wexford Pikemen'. According to Tommy Gunn, Irish fiddler and singer, the tune dates from the 1798 rebellion, when it was used for drilling pikemen. The checks in the tune are the point where they would thrust into the dummy enemy. Played faster than normal march tempo for full effect.

The Halting March



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