

# FOLK IN CORNWALL



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Welcome to Issue 31 of Folk in Cornwall. I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Mike Kessell. Mike was a very fine Cornishman, traditional singer and musician who, I'm sure, will be much missed by many both in the Folk and wider communities. I hadn't seen him for quite a while, but way back in the 1980s we were both members of Tattered Swan Morris.

Tattered Swan were, to coin a phrase, something completely different. At the time they were formed there were no other Border sides in Cornwall. The photo below shows us dancing outside the Greenbank pub. Mike is the right hand concertina player. As well as being a musician for Tattered Swan he also danced. In fact the side had a rule that all our musicians should also be dancers - and for one dance required them to do both at the same time! The result was an ever changing and varied musical line up that as well as the usual melodeons and concertinas at times included us dancing to bagpipes.



Tattered Swan embraced that fact that traditionally Border Morris was not a respectable activity, being basically a way for peasants to extort money or drink from the gentry - and had a lot of fun in the process.

They also created all the dances they performed making them unique. Happily versions of a couple of the dances have been re-created by Tywardreath Morris - although they haven't been able to reproduce the more disreputable features of the originals. I've also heard that one of the Tattered Swan dances is now performed by a Morris Team in New Zealand, but I've no idea how it got to the other side of the world.



Tattered Swan - maintaining the tradition that Border Morris is not respectable. Mike Kessell is on the right.

Rest in peace Mike - you will be much missed.

**John Tremaine**



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**PROGRAMME**

- 6 Oct Singers' Night
- 13 Oct While & Matthews
- 20 Oct Singers' Night
- 27 Oct Heraud & Turner
- 3 Nov Singers' Night
- 10 Nov Dan McKinnon
- 17 Nov Singers' Night
- 24 Nov Hunter Muskett
- 1 Dec Singers' Night
- 8 Dec Donnelly's Xmas Cracker
- 15 Dec Christmas Party
- 22 & 29 Dec CLUB CLOSED



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## ***A Cultural Revolution in Aid of a Vital Service***

In an uplifting blend of local culture and community support, Cornwall Air Ambulance will benefit from the release of a unique musical compilation. Titled 'Voices of Cornwall volume III – en-sol' which translates to 'Arise!' in Cornish, the album is a celebration of Cornwall's vibrant music scene, featuring an eclectic mix of contemporary artists with Cornish ties.

Curated by Executive Producer Rich Stever from New York and now, Newlyn, the album embodies the current "Cornish cultural revolution" in music, language, photography, cuisine, and art. This third instalment also aims to provide substantial support to Cornwall's Air Ambulance. With no direct government funding and needing over £7 million annually to operate, the charity relies on donations and fundraising efforts to continue its mission of saving lives.

The album spans a diverse range of genres across nineteen tracks, From folk and americana to rock and beyond, 'en-sol' promises to be a testament to the creativity and community spirit that thrives within the county.

Artists with international recognition, including Gwenno, Martha Tilston and Daisy Rickman have donated tracks along with musicians, like True Foxes and Our Atlantic Roots. Others on the album, like Bailly Tomkinson, Richard Trethewey and more, are on the brink of discovery and, without a doubt, will be signed soon.

In a time when community support is more important than ever, 'Voices of Cornwall volume III' stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when art and altruism come together.

The album can be purchased through **voicesofcornwall.co.uk** or at Cornwall Air Ambulance charity shops. It is also available on all major digital platforms.

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# TAVISTOCK CELEBRATES PUDSEY DAY



Meavy based Dartmoor Border Morris will be hosting this year's Pudsey day of Morris in Bedford Square Tavistock on Saturday 16th November. This will be the 9th event that the side have hosted and this year there will be 16 Morris sides performing in and around Tavistock.

The event organiser - known amongst the Morris fraternity as Treggie - says sides are expected to come from both locally and further afield. Newly formed Oryon Morris from Falmouth, along with Wild Moon Morris from Somerton are traveling the furthest to attend, along with other amazing & talented sides like Catseye Morris, Enigma Morris, Grimspound Morris, Otter Morris, and Plymouth Clog Morris to name just a few. Around 200 performers are expected, dancing with hankies, sticks, or garlands of flowers to the merry sound of live musicians playing an array of fine tunes, some ancient, some modern, but all live and not pre-recorded!

The day is designed to be a fund-raising event with proceeds going to the BBC Children in Need appeal. Mr Pudsey bear is usually the guest of honour and will be led around Tavistock by a member of Dartmoor Border, so please come and say hello. To date, this Morris



To date, this Morris dance event has raised £11,412 with every penny collected going to the appeal.

The day kicks off at 10am with Morris dancing in Bedford Square, plus the entrance to the Guildhall and outside the craft & knitting shop in the pannier market, with Morris sides dancing in hour long slots before swapping over with new teams coming to dance, so there is a constant flow of Morris dancing.

The live street performance will continue through till around 4pm when they will move to the Stannary Arms pub where thanks to Dartmoor Brewery, a pint of Jail Ale will cost £2 & the music session will continue till the beer runs out.

For more information contact Dartmoor Border Morris via [treggie@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:treggie@blueyonder.co.uk) or Facebook. Oh - and by the way we are always looking for new members to join Dartmoor Border Morris so you have a chance to perform next year!



**28<sup>th</sup> CORNISH VOICE TOUR**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9 pm Evening sing in the Ballroom, (Bar snacks available, open to all)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast in the Dining Room
	12 Noon Shanty sing at The Waterfront Bar, Custom House Quay
	6.30 pm Dinner in the Dining Room followed by main session of chorus songs and music 9 pm till late (Open to all)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon final sing in the bar, sandwiches available

Further information please contact:

Rowena Metters - Tel: 07890 454461 or Email: [rowpatt17@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rowpatt17@yahoo.co.uk)

Pip Franklin. - Tel: 07778 739341 or Email: [dilfranklin23@gmail.com](mailto:dilfranklin23@gmail.com)



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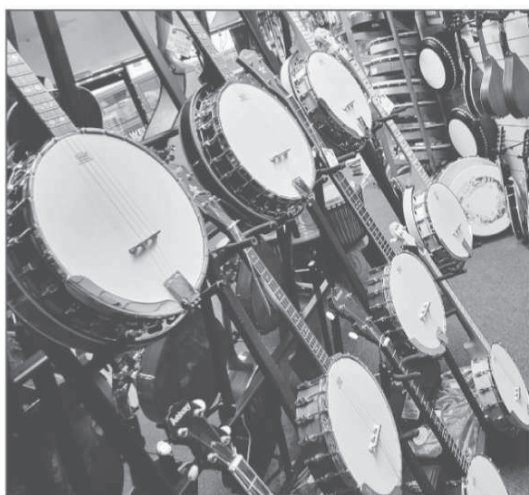




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# **BAGAS CROWD NEWS**



Bagas Crowd have had a busy spring and summer, playing all over Cornwall, and we still have some great events to come this year!

We are playing at a Beekeepers Conference in Pool on October 5th, wearing our black and gold of course! Look out for us this autumn at Redruth Wassail on Saturday November 30th, where we'll be playing the Redruth Wassail tune of course, and at the fabulous midwinter Montol festival in Penzance on Wednesday December 21st. We warmly welcome any new fiddle and other string players to join us, of all ages and levels, so please get in touch on **[bagascrowd@gmail.com](mailto:bagascrowd@gmail.com)**.

In other news, for its third season, Klub Nos Lowen will be happening at The Cornish Bank, 34 Church St, Falmouth, TR11 3EF. There will be a nos lowen each month, preceded by a dance workshop, starting on Sunday October 20th. Check the Nos Lowen facebook page or instagram for details. Bands such as Skillywidden, Tanek, Heb Mar, Salt and Sky, Bagas Fellyon and Bagas Crowd will feature!

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# Discovering Local Talent: The O2 Music Mapper

Cornwall, with its rich tapestry of culture and heritage, has always been a beacon for artists and musicians. In a recent effort to spotlight the region's vibrant folk scene, O2 have launched the innovative Music Mapper campaign. This initiative aims to connect music enthusiasts with emerging talents, providing a platform for local artists to gain the recognition they deserve.

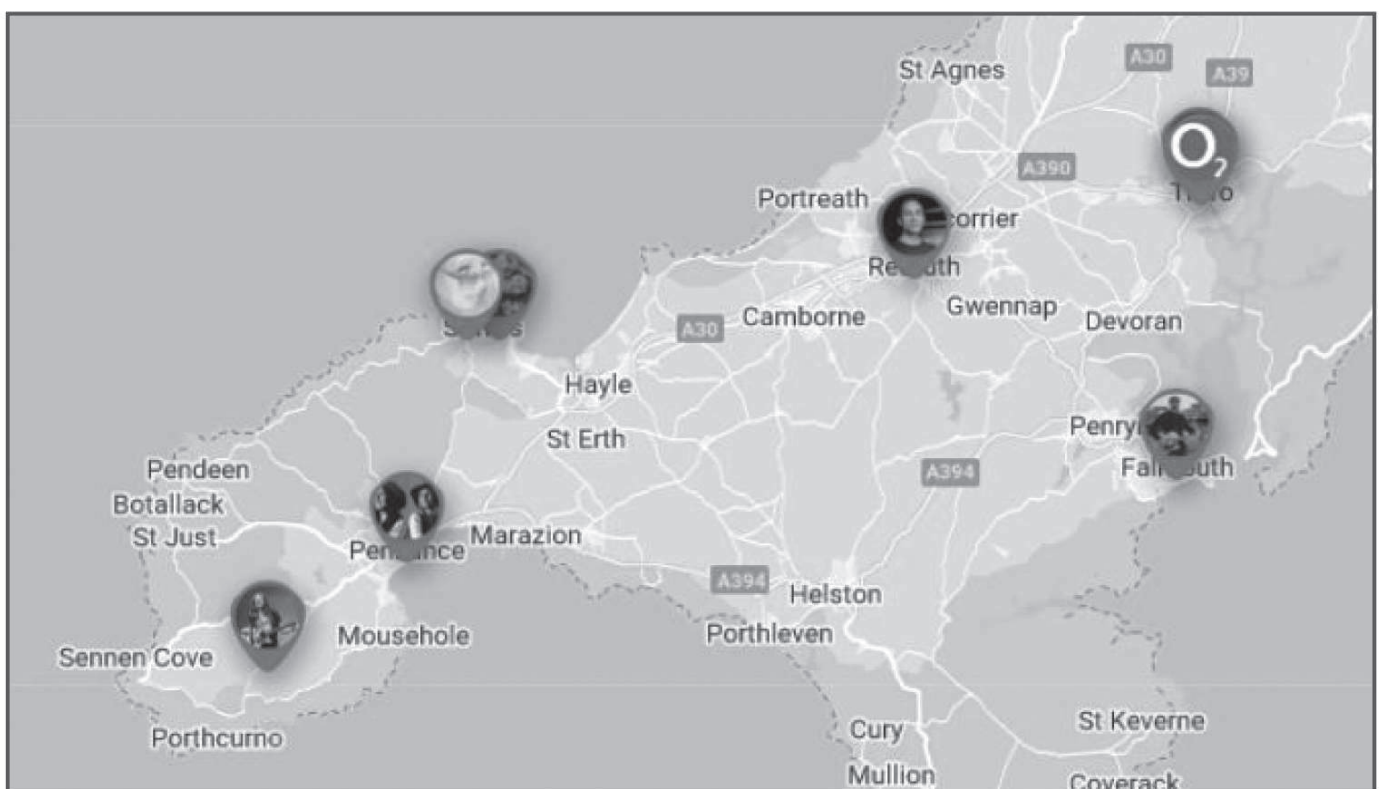
The O2 Music Mapper campaign is more than just a digital project, enabling users to explore Cornwall's musical landscape through an interactive online map.

The O2 Music Mapper campaign is a testament to the rich musical heritage of Cornwall, highlighting the diversity and talent within the local folk scene. It provides a platform for musicians to share their stories, connect with fans, and gain the recognition they deserve.

The campaign offers a unique opportunity to explore the musical heart of Cornwall, and to discover new artists.

More details can be found at:

**<https://www.o2.co.uk/music-mapper>**





# Sarah McQuaid - Building a Fanbase One Gig at a Time

She's been mentioned in a quiz question on BBC Radio 4's Counterpoint, featured on the O2 Music Map, supported by the Arts Council, presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her guitar work, and earned critical raves for her albums and live performances — but Sarah McQuaid remains largely unknown to the general public.

The Cornwall-based singer-songwriter aims to go a small distance towards changing that with a 55-show autumn UK and USA tour that brings her total number of gigs this year to 98.

"I'm basically trying to build a fanbase one gig at a time," Sarah laughs. "It's why I do a lot of village hall and library concerts, because those shows draw an audience that hasn't necessarily ever heard of me, but goes along anyway because it's in their local area. And then if they come up afterwards buy merchandise and sign up to the mailing list, I know I've got another fan or two, and hopefully they'll tell their friends to check out my music."



## Bodmin Folk Club

St Petroc's Parish Centre  
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### October 2024

4th Open House  
11th Reg Meuross  
18th Charity Night: Cornwall Hospice  
25th Brian Peters

### November

1st Open House  
8th Chris Foster  
15th Moe Keast Members Showcase  
22nd Strandline  
29th OH Theme Weird & Wonderful

### December

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# TYWARDREATH MORRIS

## - A SUMMER OF FUN



What a fantastic year it has been for Tywardreath Morris. We started our summer season back in May with optimism and an influx of new dancers which reinvigorated the side and gave us a boost of energy and enthusiasm. As well as dancing at local pubs each Wednesday evening we have performed at several weekend events during the summer, the first being St Tudy May fair where we not only danced but also led the village Maypole dancing.

Over the course of the summer there have been many great highlights; one of which was performing at Teignmouth Folk Festival – across the Tamar in Devon. There we joined with other Morris sides to perform throughout the day around the town. The variety of styles was fascinating including Border (from the English / Welsh border region), North West English Clog and American Appalachian. We also experienced the wider Morris community at a Day of Dance at the Bird in Hand ` pub in Hayle hosted by Carn Brea Morris, where several other Cornish sides were in attendance.

Tywardreath Morris also regularly invites other teams to join us



on Wednesday evenings. This summer we hosted Catseye Morris at Golant, Dartmoor Border Morris at Menheniot and two relatively new sides Boscastle Border Morris at the Borough Arms Dunmere and at Lerryn - a beautiful spot to visit on a fine evening where we were joined by Clogworks an Appalachian dance group based on Bodmin Moor - and posed on the stepping stones for this group photo.

We pride ourselves in supporting local village events and had a great afternoon at Tywardrai fest back in May. Tywardreath Fete at the New Inn is an absolute must for us and we were there again this August.

This is just a flavour of the summer of fun that we've enjoyed. If you are interested in having a go and joining a very inclusive and welcoming (if slightly bonkers) bunch we would love to see you. Absolute beginner or experienced dancer or musician you'd be made welcome, so come along to Tywardreath Village Hall on a Wednesday evening.

Check our Facebook page: Tywardreath Morris Dancers (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/21954713>).

### **Editor's Note:**

Other Morris Sides are available - see our listings pages. Almost all of them will be starting winter practice about now and would welcome any possible new members. So if you can't make Tywardreath on a Wednesday night why not visit one of them.

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# DIARY DATES

## OCT

**Sat 19** LAUNCESTON DANCE CLUB – AUTUMN DANCE 7.30pm at Launceston Town Hall- Caller Jane Thomas , Band" A Pair of Shears"-from Collumpton.

**Thur 24** CONCERT - Jim Causley and Miranda Sykes present Ghosts, Werewolves and Countryfolk - songs and stories of Sabine Baring Gould. At Calstock Arts Centre PL18 9QX.

**Sat 26** DANCE - The Other Band. 7:30pm The Old Cattle Market, Porthleven Road, Helston, TR13 0SR. Pay on the door.

**Sun 27** WADEBRIDGE FOLK CLUB APPLE DAY CELEBRATIONS 12 - 4pm with With music from Richard Trethewey and Neal Jolly and dancing by Boscastle Border Morris.

## NOV

**Sat 9** CONCERT - THE MIX FOLK CLUB - Kit Hawes and Aaron Catlow. At the Old Cemetery Chapel, Meneage Road, HELSTON, TR13 8BH

**Sat 16** TRURO DANCE CLUB - CHARITY DANCE. At Kea Community Centre, Old Coach Road, Playing Place, TR3 6ET. To raise funds for Friends of Cornwall Hospital. Music with Jig'n'Reel. £5 on the door. Bring and Share supper.

**Sat 30** CONCERT - Melange at Boscastle Village Hall PL35 0AT. Details from Neal Jolly - Wadebridge Folk Club.

## 2025 JAN

**Sun 5** WADEBRIDGE FOLK CLUB - WASSAIL. 12:30 to 3:30pm.

## FEB

**Sat 15** CONCERT - Our Atlantic Roots at Boscastle Village Hall PL35 0AT. Details from Neal Jolly - Wadebridge Folk Club.

## MAY

**Sat 17** LAUNCESTON DANCE CLUB – 2025 Spring Dance - details to follow

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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 07787 156210. [www.budefolk.com](http://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](http://www.moorfolk.co.uk)

**LAUNCESTON FOLK CLUB** Eagle House Hotel, 3 Castle Street, PL15 8BA. Concerts every month. Details [www.launcestonfolkclub.co.uk](http://www.launcestonfolkclub.co.uk) or email [music@alfic.org](mailto: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](mailto:millbrookfolk@gmail.com)

**PENZANCE FOLK CLUB** Bath Inn, Cornwall Terrace, Penzance TR18 4HL. Some Wednesdays 7.30pm - see calendar of dates on website. Contact Linda Collins 01736 333007. [www.penzancefolkclub.co.uk](http://www.penzancefolkclub.co.uk)

**PHILLEIGH FOLK** Veryan Sports and Social Club, Elerkey Ln, Veryan, TR2 5UW. Monthly Tickets and info from Dave Shepperson on 07736 065406 or email: [philleigh-folk@btinternet.com](mailto:philleigh-folk@btinternet.com).

**THE MIX FOLK CLUB** The Old Cemetery Chapel, Meneage Rd. Helston, TR13 8BH. Folk, BLues and Beyond, about once a month. Details [www.trevowhelston.co.uk](http://www.trevowhelston.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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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  
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**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.

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**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](mailto: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.



## CONTACTS - PUB SESSIONS

**HAYLE SESSION** Bird in Hand, Hayle, TR27 4HY (near Paradise Park),  
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(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.

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

**MOREWELLHAM MUSIC MINE** Morewellham Quay. Monthly on Sunday afternoons. Gathering where songwriters and traditional musicians can present their material, collaborate, and gain input from other musicians. For details and dates email [music@alfic.org](mailto:music@alfic.org)

**MOTH AND MOON SESSION** 31 Killigrew Street, Falmouth TR11 3PW. Tuesdays from 8.00pm. 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 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. 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.

**PLYMOUTH SINGERS SESSION** The Providence, Providence St, Plymouth, PL4 8JQ. 3rd Monday in each month, 7:30pm. Contact [saxonjaxon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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

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**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.

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Contact Ann Cunningham 07765 423751 or email devoranvh@live.co.uk

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**TYWARDREATH UKE JAM** Ship Inn, Polmear, Par. PL24 2AR. Monthly. For dates email dquoroll@hotmail.co.uk or contact via Facebook.  
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<b>MADRON DANCE CLUB</b> 3rd Friday in each month. Madron Village Hall, 7:30pm Irish Set Dancing. Contact Jane 01736 788565
<b>PENSILVA DANCE CLUB</b> Millennium House, Pensilva, PL14 5NF. Alternate Thursdays starting 3rd October 2024, 7.00 to 9.00pm. Contact Frances Tucker 01579 363718.
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<b>CAT'S EYE MORRIS</b> Liskerrett Community Centre, Liskeard, PL14 4AP. Tuesdays 8.00pm. Mixed Border. Contact Rose email: catseyebag@aol.co.uk

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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](mailto:uptoncrossfox@hotmail.com)

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

**PENZANCE GUIZERS** Alverton, YMCA Penzance, TR18 4SX. Tuesdays 5:15 to 6:45pm. Cornish and Celtic Dance. For details contact Helen Musser 01736 362482 / 07773 755 605 or visit [www.penzanceguizers.com](http://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](http://www.plymouthmorris.uk)

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



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

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

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**ST GERMAN'S 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](mailto:Pauline.champness@btinternet.com)

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# Cousin Jack in Ireland ?

I recently came across a folk tradition in Wexford, Ireland which consists of a team of Mummers who arrive in costumes in groups of 12. They then proclaim their venerable roots and perform a Mumming Play (with a script similar to many such plays in England). They then perform a stick dance to local tunes such as "Kelly the Boy from Killane".

It could be seen as a sword dance or a stick dance as the swords are all wooden. The dance steps and choreography are nothing to do with Border or Cotswold Morris and have a distinctly Irish feel to them.

The dancers are nowadays both male and female , and several different mumming groups perform in this Eastern part of Ireland. But... they have a folk myth that this dancing has been handed down to them by an unspecified shipwrecked Cornishman.

There are no known stick dances which started off in Cornwall in previous centuries, or least none that have been collected or recorded. The Catholic Church tried to ban the mumming in the 1930's, but it has continued to this day, using both versions in the English and Irish tongue.



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And our Facebook Page – [www.facebook.com/folkincornwallmagazine](http://www.facebook.com/folkincornwallmagazine).

***Both are regularly updated –  
check them out to see progress and keep up to date  
with the latest news on the folk scene in Cornwall***



If you look at the costumes, then the Bishop's Mitres and sashes (baldricks?) in green and yellow seem prominent. Even more prominent is a single figure in Black , decorated with white crosses.

It doesn't seem that this is St Piran himself, even if he did cross over from Ireland on a millstone. Instead it seems to be St Columb, so major or minor links to Cornish link are possible.

The other characters can include Nationalist heroes such as Daniel O'Connell , Napoleon and even Nelson. Mumming in Ireland seems to be traceable back to 1780, so I think it is unlikely that we can trace the actual errant Cousin Jack.

It's nice that they think it's Cornish - even is it leaves us scratching our heads. There is similar puzzlement over the Britannia Coconut Dancers of Bacup, who also claim Cornish roots.

If only Dolly Pentreath had left a written record for us to study. Instead we have enthusiastic films on YouTube.

**Neil Hartwell**

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# ***Folk in Cornwall***

## ***31 Issues and Counting***

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Issue 1 of Folk in Cornwall came out in January 2017. So when issue 32 appears at the start of 2025 this magazine will be 8 years old. A 'Happy Birthday' seems appropriate.

The inspiration for this publication was called Folknews Kernow and was produced, for many years, by Chris Ridley. Having always enjoyed Folknews, when Chris decided to stop production it seemed a shame that the information it provided would no longer be available. So with the help of a few friends I decided to produce a replacement. The main purpose of the original was to provide details of folk events happening in Cornwall and contacts for the Folk Clubs, Dance Clubs and Morris sides existing in the county and this is still the main purpose of Folk in Cornwall.

Although the production of each issue is basically a one person operation, what's inside it depends almost entirely on other people providing content by sending us details and information about what's happening - or going to happen - in Cornwall. Without them there would be no magazine so their efforts are much appreciated and I take this opportunity to give them a big vote of thanks.

Also due a vote of thanks are our loyal band of advertisers, most of whom have been with us since that first issue in 2017. The income received from advertising has basically paid for the cost of producing the magazine.

Like Folknews, Folk in Cornwall is distributed free through clubs and libraries with the cost of production covered by the adverts in each issue, by individual subscriptions and by voluntary donations from various organisations. This system has worked well and even managed to generate a small surplus of

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money. However the cost increases that have taken place recently, particularly in postage, mean that each issue is no longer covering it's costs and the surplus is draining away. The cost of advertising and subscriptions has remained the same since 2017, but now I'm afraid they will have to go up. The new rates are shown below.

Issue 1 in January 2017 had 12 pages. This issue has 28. I'm not sure what that means but there seems little doubt that the Folk scene in Cornwall is in good health and - with your help - hopefully we can provide information about it for another 31 issues.

John Tremaine

## FOLK IN CORNWALL



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**WELCOME** to the new publication **Folk in Cornwall**. For years we have had a thriving folk scene in Cornwall and this is, by no small means, due to the superb innovation and tireless efforts of Chris Ridley, who has produced and distributed **Folknews Kernow** for the past 41 years.

Chris has now produced his last issue and I wanted to carry on his good work in keeping all folk music enthusiasts in the area up to date with what's on.

I want to continue including reviews, etc., and I also wanted to include a "Your Page", where this section could be used as a window to tell us all about your club or group, and make us want to come along and see for ourselves.

I will also be printing a "Tune of the Season", to try and encourage the musicians out there to put their own slant on this tune and even upload their interpretation on YouTube under Folk in Cornwall. It would be really great if the tune started finding its way into sessions too!

It is hoped that our new Folk in Cornwall website and Facebook Page will become viewed with ever-increasing interest, and I look forward to the day when Folk in Cornwall will be able to be viewed online with links to your own personal sites.

I want to say a big thank you to Chris for all the time, effort and skill put in to Folknews over the last 41 years - and for the help and contacts he has given me to keep the venture going. I now know just how much time and effort Chris must have put into each magazine.

Also, an equally big thank you is due to Graham Owen for his help in producing the artwork and typesetting for the new Folk in Cornwall. Graham has also acted as 'advertising manager' during the transition to the new format.

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# CORNWALL'S NEW FOLK, BLUES AND BEYOND MUSIC CLUB

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## THE MIX

@ HELSTON OLD CHAPEL

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Cornwall's newest "folk, blues and beyond" music club - The Mix - opened at Helston Old Chapel in August.

The venture has been launched by Allen Greenall a former St Ives September Festival committee stalwart, with country and folk duo True Foxes as guests on the opening night.

Allen writes: "There is a massive resurgence of acoustic singer-songwriters and musicians within the loosely termed 'folk music' scene and my aim with The Mix is to bring as many of them as possible to Helston!"

The Mix is a music club with a resident band which will support a monthly guest feature. The date will be different each month which will give us the flexibility to attract exciting known and up-and-coming artists.

All events from The Mix will be shared through Trevow Helston's social channels and mailing list. If you want to get involved as a musician please do get in touch. Come along and share the music!"

Ropey Folk, the Celtic band which includes Allen Greenall, will be the support act at all The Mix nights. For tickets & information visit: [www.trevowhelston.co.uk](http://www.trevowhelston.co.uk)

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# Reviews



## ALBUM OF THE SEASON



### THE RHEINGANS SISTERS - START CLOSE IN

I do enjoy listening to new approaches to familiar music and one certainly gets that from this fascinating album which explores some very interesting sonic landscapes. Sometimes dissonant and challenging and at times haunting but always engaging and enjoyable. There is a profound depth to this music that grabs you between the ears, the singing and playing are both exceptional as is the reworking of trad tunes and the self penned material.

A joy of doing these reviews is to come across new artists that can just blow you away. 10/10. <https://rheinganssisters.co.uk/home>.



### COHEN BRAITHWAITE-KILCOYNE - PLAY UP THE MUSIC



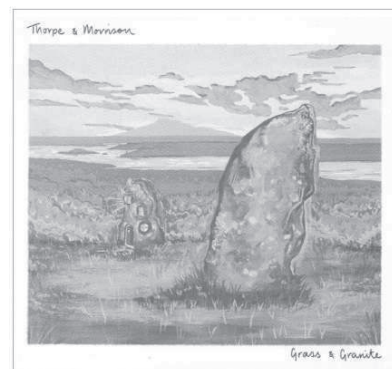
What an immense talent Cohen is. In this, his third solo album, he explores his Caribbean roots and performs songs and tunes collected on the other side of the 'big pond' that mainly have their origins in English Folk Song. So we have songs that are familiar yet are subtly different having been adapted and changed over generations from their antecedents that left these shores and it is these differences that makes the music so fascinating. There is also of course the superb box playing and singing of Cohen which is reason enough

on its own for you to acquire this CD. [www.cohenbk.com](http://www.cohenbk.com).

### THORPE AND MORRISON GRASS & GRANITE

I have to say that with the title and cover (it's actually the Hebrides) I expected this to be a Cornish based duo, but in fact they're from Brum. Never mind, because the music on this largely instrumental album is extremely enjoyable. We have traditional and self penned tunes played most tastefully on Guitar and Fiddle and I let the music wash over me. There are a couple of songs that you'll recognise but the majority is just the two very talented

guys playing beautiful tunes for you. The music has a haunting quality that I enjoyed with the two feeding off each others playing. <https://thorpeandmorrison.bandcamp.com/albumgrass-granite>

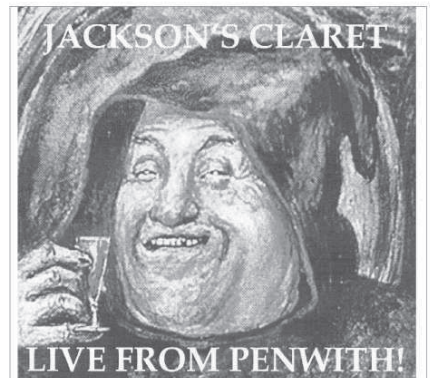




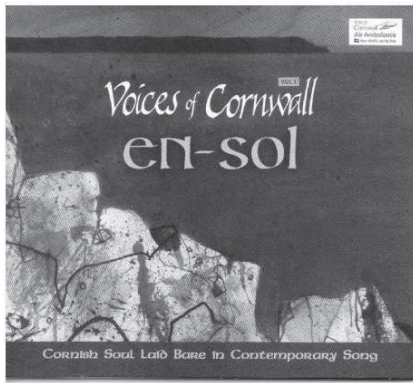
# Reviews - Cornish CDs

## JACKSON'S CLARET - LIVE FROM PENWITH

This is certainly a LIVE recording from this local band, recorded in the Acorn theatre and Farmer's Arms Penzance. There is an energy and enthusiasm that more than makes up for a certain lack of refinement in the recording, but then you probably wouldn't notice on an ordinary system and it is LIVE. The selection of trad and modern Cornish tunes and songs are performed with verve and energy and there is a great atmosphere - you can really imagine that you're in the pub rocking along to Tregajorran et al. So support local talent and purchase this great little CD for just £6:75 (inc. p&p) and have a dance around the kitchen. Order from [law.home@btopenworld.com](mailto:law.home@btopenworld.com) or check out their facebook page.



## VARIOUS ARTISTS - EN-SOL VOICES OF CORNWALL



As it says on the CD "Go on, do your ears a favour" and at the same time get a warm feeling for supporting the Cornwall Air Ambulance! All the tracks on this sampler have been donated by the artists and their labels and it makes very interesting listening. There will be some tracks that might not 'float yopur boat' but their will certainly be many that do. There are several genres to enjoy and everyone will have their personal favourites (I do) but it's an opportunity to hear some new artists for the first time, and all from Cornwall. So go out now to

your nearest Air Ambulance shop and buy this CD!

## NICOLE TESSEYMAN - OLL AN GWELLA

More years ago than I care to remember I heard the late great Brenda Wootton at the folk club in Gurnards Head. At this years Wadebridge festival I wandered into the FAR stage and was immediately struck by the vocal similarity of Tessa, accompanying herself just on guitar, with Brenda. This comes over most strongly on the CD on the unaccompanied songs, especially 'Window in St Ives' which sums up so much of local peoples experience of living in a tourist area. Nicole has always lived in St Ives and these 12 songs reflect the real gritty life of a fishing port rather than the tourist hot-spot it has become. The songs are derived from personal experience and cover a wide range of deeply felt emotions that will speak to any Cornish native. She deserves to be known much more widely.





## (CORNISH) - TUNES OF THE SEASON #31

This month we have received two Cornish tunes. Another Mike Hartland tune Michaels Folly and the popular session tune Gelasma - which says Frances Bennett has now travelled around many English folk festivals and is used for the song Black and Gold. Didn't want to choose to have included both!

### Michaels Folly

**Allegretto**



### Gelasma

Robin Holmes



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