# FOLK IN CORNWALL

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#### **ISSUE NUMBER TWO**

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**WELCOME** to the second issue of the replacement for Folknews Kernow. When, in an unguarded moment, I decided to have a go at producing this I didn't really know what to expect. It's probably fair to say that it's taken up rather more of my time than I thought. The Facebook page was obviously a good idea and has attracted a lot of interest – 'likes' in Facebook speak.

The downside is that instead of just having to worry about print deadlines every three months, I need to check and respond in real time to emails and messages. Apologies if I don't always manage to do this as quickly as I should. I'm sure the website would be a great success too, if I can ever get round to finishing it.

I've managed to get some content on there, but there is still some way to go. It is also looking a bit plain at the moment – it needs some pictures and graphics. So here is an appeal – if you have any photos of your club or group that I could include on the website please sent them to me and I will work out how to display them.

All this could have been discouraging if it were not for the many, many, messages of support and compliments about the magazine I have received. Clearly I was not the only one who was sad to see the end of Folknews, or who appreciated Chris Ridley's efforts in producing it for 41 years, as the letter from Chris inside confirms.

Support for this new venture has been wonderful and has come in many forms - encouragement, advertising, donations and information. So much so that we now have enough material to fill 16 pages! Many thanks to everyone.

John Tremaine



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### **MESSAGE FROM CHRIS RIDLEY**

Editor of Folknews Kernow for 41 years

#### Dear Folk in Cornwall

Congratulations on No.1 of Folk in Cornwall. Bursting with info and beautifully set out. Here's my £3 subscription for 2017.

And may I here thank all those wonderful people who sent me thank-you cards for my 41 years at the helm – it was really heart-warming to read them all, thank you.

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## **ELLA KNIGHT**

Ella Knight, stalwart of the Cornish Folk scene has died aged 84 on 25 February 2017.

Ella was a regular at the Folk Cottage in the 60s, and was one of the select few who sat on top of the piano at the side of the stage. Ella also frequented the Count House at Botallack becoming good friends with Brenda Wootton. The Folk Cottage moved to Rose and Ella took over the running of the club. After several changes of venue the club settled into The Swan at Truro, finally closing in the 1980s. She also ran a club at Jetwells, Camelford.



Ella would co-ordinate the bookings with other clubs at Penzance, Falmouth and Par so the performers worked on a circuit. Many of the performers became life long friends and remained in touch with her. Ella was also involved with the Falmouth Folk Festival in the late 1970s; this became the Cornwall Folk Festival and Ella was on the committee for several years and was regular there until her health prevented her.

In the 1980s she received the Charlie Bate Memorial Award for services to Folk Music in Cornwall. She was also a seasoned attender at the iconic Cambridge, Norwich & Village Pump Folk Festivals. Ella could always be seen at Padstow May Day and it was a great sorrow to her when she could no longer go.

She continued to attend events nearly to the end and her many friends helped her to get to them. Although not a musician herself Ella was a great encouragement to young performers. She was young at heart, a dynamic force, someone who stuck to her own principals and lived life as she wanted and on her own terms.

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- Sat 8 Bude Follies. Folk and Variety at the Falcon Hotel, Bude EX23 8SD £7.50. 7.30pm. Debbie Merritt 01409 254144
- Thu 13 Wadebridge Folk Club. Open House 8pm. Churchill Bars, 54 Molesworth St, Wadebridge PL27 7DR Then every month on the 2nd Thursday. 01637 880604.
- Fri 14 Hall For Comwall, Truro. Concert Seven Drunken Nights The Dubliners Tribute Band. 7.30pm. Booking Office 01872 262466
- Fri 14 The Other Band. Dance Falmouth Events Square Cider Festival. 8pm. Mike Smith 01326 563564
- Sat 15 Stithians. Session at the Golden Lion, Menherion TR16 6NW. 8.30pm. Roger Bryant 01326 617291
- Mon 17 Trigg Morris. Traditional Easter Monday Tour. Launceston Square 10:30am, Archer Ams Lewannick 11:30, Blisland Inn 12:45, Lanhydrock House 3:15 and Lanivet Inn 5:15. Roger Hancock 01208 73907
- Mon 17 Falmouth Folk'n'Cider Fayre. Concert Sarah McQuaid Events Square Falmouth TR11 3QY. 4pm. 07584 231391
- Wed 19 Penzance Folk Club. Guest Night Greg Russell & Ciaran Algar. 7.30pm. Linda Collins 01736 333007
- **Thu 20** No.8 Cafe and Deli, Westgate St., Launceston PL15 7AB. Concert Joseph Parsons and The Dog House Roses £10. 8pm. Box Office 01566 785386 Online www.wegottickets.com
- Fri 21 The Acom, Parade St., Penzance TR18 4BU. Concert Joseph Parsons and The Dog House Roses £10. 8pm. Box office 01736 363545
- Sat 22 Launceston Dance Club. Bring and Share Dance with the Pixie Band Launceston Town Hall. 7.30pm. Rosemary Philips 01566 774491.
- Sun 23 Dreamers Folk Club Guest Night Lynne Heraud & Pat Turner. 7.30pm. See advert.
- Thu 27 Eighth Cornwall International Male Choral Festival 2017. 60 male adult and youth choirs from all over the world. Runs till 1st May. Various locations throughout Cornwall. Gala concerts at the Hall for Cornwall. 7.30pm. Hall For Cornwall 01872 262466. www.hallforcornwall.co.uk

#### MAY

- Mon 1 Black Prince Flower Boat Procession. Start 10am at Millbrook Village Hall. Moving in the afternoon to Kingsand Community Hall at 1pm and then onto Cawsand. Lesley Weeks 01752 822271
- Sun 6 Illogan Dance Club. DANCE Tresillian Village Hall TR2 4AZ. Bring and share supper / raffle.
  Callers Frances Oates & Beryl Jukes. Music with tapes. 7.30pm. Christine James 01872 520638
- Sat 20 Stithians. Charity Night at the Golden Lion, Menherion TR16 6NW. 8.30pm. Roger Bryant 01326 617291
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- Wed 31 Penzance Folk Club. Guest Night Roger Bryant & Mike Jurkiewitz. 7.30pm. Linda Collins 01736 333007

#### JUNE

Fri 30 Penlee Park Open Air Theatre, Penzance. Concert – Sarah McQuaid - £12 (£14 door). 7.30pm. 01726 879500

### CONTACTS - SONG / MUSIC CLUBS AND SESSIONS

**BODMIN FOLK CLUB** Band Club, Honey Street, PL31 2DI. Fris 8.15pm. Steve Hunt 01579 348434. See Advert for details.

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**BUDE** The Falcon, EX23 8SD. Most Tues 9pm. Folk Session organised by Bude Folk Club - see website for details. Debbie Merritt 01409 254144, www.budefolk.com

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**CRACKINGTON** High Crackington Institute. Monthly Suns. Kevin Johnson 01840 230792.

**CRANTOCK** Old Albion Inn, TR8 5RE. Last Suns 8pm. Informal sing & play. Peter Brand 07889 282030.

**DEVORAN MELODEON PRACTICE GROUP** Tues 10am-12noon. Alternating between near Ponsanooth and near Stithians. Wide variety of tunes practised. All abilities welcome. Further details contact: jarmins@btopenworld.com.

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

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

**HELSTON ACOUSTIC SESSION** Blue Anchor, 50 Coinagehall St., Helston, TR13 8EL. Thurs, 8-11pm. Angus Baxter 01736 786463.

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**LOSTWITHIEL** Lost-e-Ukes - Ukelele group meets in Lostwithiel on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:45 to 4:15pm and are looking for new members. Contact Pete Ellis 01726 816787 or http://www.live-for-the-music.org.uk/lost-e-ukes/

**METHERILL** Cross House Inn, PL17 8DN. 1st Sats Oct to Apr 8.30pm. Mike Warman 01579 388711.

**NANSTALLON** The Institute. 1st Fris Sep to May 8pm. Acoustic Music Session £1. Mark Walters 01208 831875

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**PENRYN FOLK NIGHT** Waterside Cafe, Falmouth Road, TR10 8BE. 2nd Sat of each month, 8pm. In aid of Pants Cancer Charity. Will Keating willkeatingcomwall@gmail.com 07401 875695.

**PENZANCE** Admiral Benbow, Chapel Street, TR18 4AF. alt Weds 8.30pm. Mostly round the room – guest nights Wed 19th April - Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar. Wed 31st May - Roger Bryant and Mike Jurkiewitz. Linda Collins 01736 333007. www.penzancefolk.co.uk

**PENZANCE** The Bath Inn, Cornwall Terrace, TR18 4HN.alt Weds 8.30pm. All musical styles welcome. Bill Goodyear 07479 606950. www.bathinnfolk.co.uk

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**PORTHLEVEN ACOUSTIC SESSION** Out of the Blue, Mill Lane Porthleven, TR13 9LJ. Mons 8-11pm. Angus Baxter 01736 786463.

**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE** 87 Truro Road, PL25 5HJ. Weds 8.30pm. Acoustic Music Session. Ann Phillips 01726 74641 or 07810 643897.

**STITHIANS** The Golden Lion, Menherion, TR16 6NW. 3rd Sat, Sep-May. Open House. Roger Bryant 01326 617291.

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CARBIS BAY Memorial Hall, TR26 2TQ. 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm. Christine Donaldson 01736 798050.

**FALMOUTH** The Front Bar, Custom House Quay, TR11 3LH. Mons 8.30pm. Breton etc. See Front'ere display advert within.

**FRADDON** Village Hall, TR9 6NT. 1st Tues 8pm. Beryl Jukes 01209 712357. http://fraddonfolkdanceclub.weebly.com.

**ILLOGAN** Old School Centre, Nance Lane, TR16 4BB. 1st 3rd & 5th Thursdays 7.30pm. Christine James 01872 520368.

LAUNCESTON Ambulance Hall, PL15 7AE. Tues 8pm. Rosemary Philips 01566 774491.

MADRON Village Hall. Irish Set Dancing, 2nd Fridays. 01736 788565.

PENSILVA Millennium House, PL14 5NF. alt Thurs,. Ray Buckingham 01579 382402.

**TRURO FOLK DANCE CLUB** Kea Community Centre, Playing Place, TR3 6ES. Weds 8pm. Anne Humble 01872 864011.

**ST AUSTELL CIRCLE DANCE** The Quaker House, High Cross Street, St Austell PL25 4AN. Thurs 7.30pm, during school term time only. Nina Riddell 01726 833806.

ST EVAL Village Hall, alt Weds 2.30-4.30pm. Playford. Barbara Bassett 01841 532469.

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**TROS AN TREYS** Penlee Coach House, Penzance, TR18 4HE. Suns 3pm. Cornish Dance. Alex Taylor 01736 332238. www.trosantreys.co.uk

**TYWARDREATH MORRIS** Tywardreath Village Hall, PL24 2PQ. Weds 8pm. Mixed Cotswold Morris. John Tremaine 01208 872124. www.tywardreathmorris.org.uk

**WRECKERS BORDER MORRIS** St Dominick Village Hall, PL12 6TD. Thurs. Mixed Border. Heather MacKellar 07754 723846. wreckersmorris.yolasite.com

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- 8:00pm London Inn, Summercourt 9:00pm Pheasant, Newlyn East

- Charlestown with Trigg Morris
- 8:30pm New Inn, Veryan
- 8:30pm Fishermans Arms, Golant
- 28 8:30pm Crown Inn. St Ewe

#### JULY

- 9:00pm Packhorse, St Blazey
- 12 9:00pm Polgooth Inn



Thursday outings - to be confirmed

#### MAY

- 8pm Crown Inn. Lanlivery
- 9pm Kings Arms, Lostwithiel
- 8pm Pheasant, Newlyn East 9pm Hawkins Arms, Zelah
- 18 8pm Rashleigh, Polkerris 9pm New Inn, Tywardreath
- 8pm Malsters Arms, Chapel Amble 9pm St Kew Inn, St Kew

#### JUNE

- 8pm Henwood, near Liskeard 9pm Kings Head, Five Lanes
- 15 8pm Red Lion, St Kew Highway 9pm Port Gaverne Hotel
- 22 8pm Blunts, near Callington 9pm Weary Friar, Pillaton
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### WADEBRIDGE FOLK CLUB

Wadebridge Folk Club's Grand Opening Night was an outstanding success at the Churchill Bars in February, attracting an audience of over 70 folk fans turning out for the event with 59 enrolling as members.

Membership has been set at £5 per annum with free entry plus one raffle ticket on anybody's first night visiting the club and then £2.50 entry fee on future club nights. Nonmembers pay £3.50 on the night plus one free raffle ticket.

A host of very fine raffle prizes can be won at every folk night. The club will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and it is likely that a second night during the month will be run where we will have special quests. Further



Hosts Tim and Sue Brine - seen here performing at the Royal Cornwall Show in 2016

run where we will have special guests. Further info: ring Sue on 07880 592065 or Jan on 01637 880604.

Wadebridge has had the famous Cornwall Folk Festival here since 1972. In the 1980s older Folkies will remember clubs in the Ship Inn, where Mike O'Connor, Rowena Metters and Sylvia Fletcher of Thorn & Roses, were involved in helping to run it.

Much further back, in 1969, there were two clubs: One in the Stable Loft, run by Merv Vincent; and the other was in the Cygnet Room, run by Larry McLoughlin.

### LAUNCESTON FOLK DANCE CLUB

Launceston Folk Dance Club began in the 1960s and was started by Beatrice & Ron Bright. Meeting every Tuesday in the St Johns Ambulance Hall it has become part of the history of Launceston and seemed indestructible!

Beatrice died some years ago and Ron became ill and had to give up secretaryship and calling early in 2016. In September the committee and members were in for a shock when Jim and Anna Reade resigned for personal reasons. Jim was our Caller and Chairman, Anna had taken over as secretary and had both served the club for many years. With the Autumn Town Hall Dance looming decisions had to be made.

Two members joined the committee and we set about learning how to run a folk dance club. Among the many lessons was the need to share knowledge rather than

restricted it to one or two. Finances had to be examined - we now had to book callers could the club afford to run? We decided that the club had history and a strong membership, and that if possible we wanted it to continue

One thing that has really impressed the committee was the immediate support from the folk dancing community. Amazing! Encouraging! People volunteering to call for us regardless of distance. An IT-literate secretary is enabling the club to move into the 21st Century and the support from our members has been crucial to the clubs continuance.

There are still decisions to make as we move down the list of priorities but for anyone in the same situation spend time taking stock, prioritise, and remember - there is a folk dance community out there for you.

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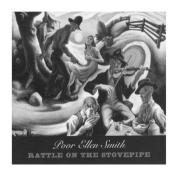
## The Passing Hour by Mick Ryan and Paul Downes

Mick is considered by many to be one of the best singer songwriters, while Paul is widely regarded as one of the best acoustic guitarists in any genre. This, their fourth collaboration, combines more new songs from Mick with some rarely heard traditional songs and examples by other writers. The understated arrangements beautifully accompany the lyrics and allow the quality of the material to shine through. To fully appreciate the songs you need to read the backgrounds explained in the sleeve notes provided. Available from Wild Goose – www.WildGoose.co.uk – 01264 860569



## Poor Ellen Smith by Rattle on the Stovepipe

Rattle on the Stovepipe are a three piece band with the classic combination of banjo, guitar and fiddle to play the traditional American 'Old Time' tunes and songs on this CD. If you are familiar with the genre you may recognise the source material for some of the tracks – although all the arrangements are different. There are a couple of English songs there as well to keep you on your toes – including a very different version of the shanty Blood Red Roses. This style of music has the ability to sound upbeat even when the songs, like the title track, deal with death, murder and execution.

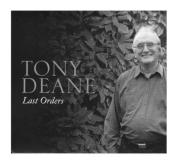


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Tony Franklin gave me this CD last Christmas so it's review is a bit delayed. The late Tony Deane was a singer, songwriter and author prominent in the folk scene in London, but with many connections to and a great love of Conrwall. This CD contains 19 of Tony's songs performed by a wide range of well known folk singers and musicians who gave their time to produce this tribute. Many of the songs are about, or have a connection to Cornwall.

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## **TUNE OF THE SEASON #2**

Carrying on with my attempt to include a tune in every issue, I have selected for this issue "Dusty Windowsills". The story of the title of this tune says that in a fit of inspiration the composer (John Harling) had nothing to write the tune down on, so he used his finger on a dusty windowsill. Also known as "Austin Barrett's" and "The Hiccough Jig". The tune is reproduced with kind permission from the compilation "100 Essential Irish Session Tunes" by Dave Mallinson, who has published a number of great Tune Books and we recommend that you check them out (see Mally's advert on Page 3). This is normally played as a slowish jig. It would be great to see efforts uploaded on YouTube as Folk in Cornwall TOTS#2; all instruments and abilities would be viewed with interest.



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