

## Appendix 4.12: Social Dance Bands – Participant Observation

Between 2005 and 2010 the author regularly played with two social dance bands who advertised themselves as Cornish and used Cornish material extensively in their repertoire:

### Bagas Porthia

Based in St Ives performed at a variety of private events such as weddings and parties, some open events such as in poster also festivals including St Ives September Festival, Golowan, Mousel and Lowender Peran.

An evening of Cornish music and dance  
with  
**Bagas Porthia**



**Praa Sands Village Hall**  
Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> February 2009**  
at **7.30pm**

*Gwreugh dos dhe Nos Lowen;  
cleweugh ha donsya gans Bagas Porthia*

**i.e. come to a Happy Night;  
listen and dance to St Ives Band**

**"just like a ceilidh without the complications"**

BYO drinks

**Tickets £4**  
from Pip (01736 763766)  
or Dee (01736 799305)  
or on the door.

**www.bagasporthia.co.uk**  
directions: [www.praasands.info/villagehall](http://www.praasands.info/villagehall)

**2009 Lowender Peran Festival Programme:** “Bagas Porthia has been quietly building up a strong following with their unique take on Cornish and Celtic music. Traditional and contemporary tunes and songs, including some exciting new original material, combine with rich Celtic instrumentation to produce a mellow yet energetic sound. We can also include easy to follow Cornish dances - just like a ceilidh without the complications! It’s great fun and suitable for all ages to join in.”

### North Cornwall Ceili Band

North Cornwall Ceili Band is an acoustic three-piece band plus caller who expand to form a folk rock line up including bass, drums electric guitar and accordion, typically booked for parties, weddings and events such as Parent Teacher Association evenings for schools. Festivals performances include Cwlwmn Celtiadd, Lowender Peran and Europeade festivals in Bromley and Mayo.

Band Flyer:

**Ceilidhs / Troyls / Barn Dances**

The ultimate party for all ages with a caller to talk you through or lead dances which can be tailored to meet any ability. Whilst our core repertoire are dances from our native Cornwall we draw our material from a variety of European and American traditions.

We work as a trio: *North Cornwall Ceili Band*

But expand with a full folk rock sound with *Troyl and Error*

Troyl is a Cornish word for a reel, whirl or a spiral and thus its use for a barn dance or ceilidh



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## Repertoire Snapshots

*Bagas Porthia for Nos Lowen Acorn Penzance 17/07/09*

Dance	Dance Tunes	Song Selection from general play list
Nth Cwll Furry	Fer Lyskeris/St Keverne	Towl Ros
Old Hand In Hand	Mummers/Jack in the Box	Down in Lafayette
Improvised Furry	Quay Fair/Bodmin Riding	Whiskey in the Jar
Newlyn Reel	Newlyn Reel	Maguire & Patterson
Serpent	Duncan Hunkin	Say You Love Me
Bolingey Furry	Falmouth Polka / Bolingey Furry / Plethen a Dry	Yankee Clipper
Mr Martins Reel	Nine Brave Boys / Schottische Pencarrow / Ker Syllan	California/Jim Stacey
Boscastle Furry	Boscastle Breakdown	Cousin Jack
Waltze	Cornish Waltzes	Black Velvet Band
Waltze	Margaret's Waltz/Dark Island	County Down/Out on the Ocean
Schottische (French)	Saltash / Dunkin Hunkin	Wild Mountain Thyme
Bouree (French)	Cock in Britches / Up on the Carn	Midnight on the Water
		Galway Girl
		Sixteen Fishermen
		Lovely Nancy

## Repertoire Snapshot

North Cornwall Ceili Band, Port Isaac Village Hall 18/07/09

<i>Dance</i>	<i>Dance Tunes</i>	<i>Instrumental</i>
<i>Newlyn Reel</i>	<i>Newlyn Reel / An Awhesyth</i>	<i>Cornish Hornpipes</i>
<i>Venton Gimps Reel</i>	<i>Cornish Quickstep / Allens Quickstep / Lamorna / Jan Knuckey</i>	<i>Cornish Jig Set</i>
<i>Bolingey Furry</i>	<i>Bolingey Furry</i>	<i>Scottish Reels</i>
<i>Cornish Express</i>	<i>Cornish Express / Old One and All / St Just Cock Dance</i>	<i>Sliabh Luachra Polkas</i>
<i>Millers Dance</i>	<i>Millers Dance</i>	<i>Bastringue</i>
<i>Turkey Rhubarb</i>	<i>Turkey Rhubarb</i>	
<i>Mating Dance</i>	<i>Cats got The Measles</i>	
<i>Annie Askee</i>	<i>Thre Hand Reel / Harvey Darvey</i>	
<i>Old Hand in Hand</i>	<i>Truro Agricultural Show / An Marrak</i>	
<i>Heva</i>	<i>Heva</i>	
<i>Strip the Willow</i> <i>Hop Tu Naa (Manx)</i> <i>Heel Toe Polka (Irish)</i> <i>Delyn (Welsh)</i> <i>Gay Gordons</i>		