

**Crying the neck: a celebration of west
country harvest music and customs with
Brigstowe Village Band**

*Intro: Opera (Harvest)Hat x4 : Intro
Clarinet*

Intro link / Liz: Our offering is..

Colin : Reading: The Hock Cart

Link / Liz: Tunes that remind us of the
countryside and harvest time ..

*Band : All in a Garden Green x4 : Intro :
Fiddles Lead FK*

*Thrashing of the Oats x 4 : Intro: Fiddles arr
Matt Norman- 2.43*

LINK (Liz) We start with before the
harvest ...The following tunes remind us of
some of these superstitions

*Band : King Bramble x3: Intro: Wind and
boxes*

Forbidden Fruitx 5: Intro: Accordions. 3 bars B

Man in the Moonx3 : Intro: Wind and Boxes /Fiddles .

LINK/ Liz: The Wiltshire folk song collector
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Reading: *Alastair* ... lived the year for nothing.

LINK: / Liz The antecedents of the next tune are shrouded in mystery The Abbots Bromley Horn Dance ...

Briggies' canter in

Liz / LINK We are going to hear and see this dance 3 times

Performance of AB Horn Dance

1. Band plays once through

2. Young Briggys performs the dance for Old Briggys to watch, Old Briggys stands in the middle watching YB antics,

3. Both Briggys repeat the dance. The 'two steps to the side and twirl round' are done alternately.

4. The band then reprise part of the music as the two Briggys dance off down the centre aisle.

LINK/ Liz Thomas Hardy was interested in Wessex superstitions

Reading: Colin , Lyn , Heather :The Weather Forecaster

Lyn (**Cue for Band**)

You have given me a crown because you have one too many yourself.

no break

*Band: Wet Weather x4: Intro: Concertina;
Heather M :*

Oats and Beans:Intro: Clarinet

*Speed the Plough x3. Intro: Fiddles: last 2
bars*

LINK/ Liz After the Harvest the last sheaf of standing corn.

Link / Gill :The custom of Crying the neck

Farmer/ Alastair *Now , when all the corn was cut at Heligan , ...*

Dairymaid / Gill :and says very loudly three times

Farmer/Alastair : ' I have em I have 'em I have em' and then the others respond

BAND : All ' what have you, what have you what have you ?'

Farmer/Alastair: *‘the neck and neck and neck’.*

Dairymaid ; Gill *and when he has said this all the people make a very great shouting .*

All: *‘ Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah*

Farmer / Alastair: *After a famous shout they go away , give thanks , eat supper, dance and sing songs*

LINK (Liz) At the end of all the hard work most farmers treated their workers to a celebratory **harvest supper with singing and dancing.**

Poem: Mary, Pauline , Chris Zumner
Evenin dance – William Barnes

no break

New Rigged Ship (Jig) x4 : Intro: Clarinet.
Trad.

Fred Pigeons Triumph (March / reel) x 4 :
Intro: Brass Trad .arr. Matt Norman

Singers: The Farmers Toast 2.30

Dance : Long Ashton Schottische x3 Intro:
Boxes Pat, Heather
Dancers : Fritjof , Colin, Lyn, Heather,
Briggies. Dep : Pete

Liz : 7th Sept 2022