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**Saturday 2nd October 2021 -**

2.00 pm - Val D'Angri will share insights into 'Restoring the Stawell mining banner'. This meeting is dependent on the Victorian COVID Regulations allowing people to gather. Closer to the date, we will contact people if there are changes.

Special birthday greetings to **Lenice Stuchbery**, celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

**Vale - (Maxwell) Glenn Bray**
(6/10 /1946 - 5/9/ 2021)

Glenn Bray was a very regular attendee at Ballarat until his move to Elsternwick to live with his partner, Keith Stodden, where they both attended meetings in Oakleigh, before going into care at Graceland Manor, Elsternwick. Glenn was born in Ballarat and went to Sebastopol State School and then Ballarat North Tech. He was apprenticed as a welder/boiler maker and worked at Thompson's foundry in Castlemaine; he worked in Western Australia for a time, later returning to work in Ballarat. When the steel fabrication company in Ballarat, he was working with closed, he completed a cookery course at a Community House, and later, whilst in Elsternwick, he cooked meals for those less fortunate.



Glenn joined the Association, in Ballarat, in 2004 and was a regular participant in Festivals in Victoria and also at Kernewek Lowender in South Australia. Glenn enjoyed travel and he and Keith travelled to China, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore and the UK. In 2012, Glenn and Keith travelled to Cornwall with the CAV group touring Cornwall. For many years, he battled diabetes and was unfortunate to have a lower leg amputated. Glenn's immediate and extended families had a very long association with the Napoleons/Cambrian Hill area.

Glenn's family was descended from William Bray and his wife Catherine Thorn, from Launcells, in Cornwall, (not far from Bude/Stratton) and they arrived in Australia, in 1854, aboard the *Panama*, which stopped in Portland and then sailed to Melbourne where the family disembarked. William Bray was one of the first settlers to fence and cultivate land at Dog Trap, Napoleons. One of their children was Samuel Bray who married Elizabeth Davies from Napoleons. Samuel and Elizabeth farmed "Hillside" Napoleons - an orchard/ berry farm/dairy farm. One of Samuel and Elizabeth's sons was Edmund Arthur Bray who married Lillian Hannah Renkin from Cambrian Hill, in 1910. Of the five children born to Lillian and Edmund, one son was Glenn's father, (Arthur) Maxwell Bray who married Carolyn Matilda Watts (Tillie) in 1944. Glenn's father was a dairyman in Sebastopol. Glenn had one sister Janine.

With thanks to Les George for some of this information.

Normally meetings are held on the even months at Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall,
cnr Darling and Skipton Streets, Ballarat.
Meetings begin at 2.00 pm and are followed by a shared high tea.



Report of Ballarat CAV Meeting August 2021

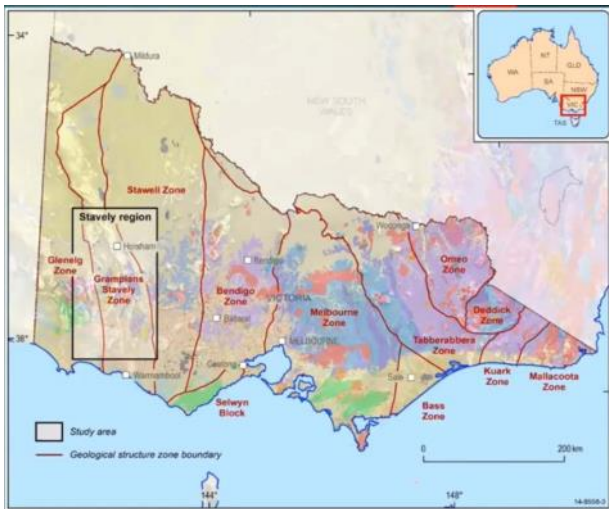
Our Ballarat CAV meeting in August had to be conducted via Zoom as strict Covid 19 restrictions were in place. That did not detract from an excellent presentation on “Gold Mining In Victoria” given to us by Austell Lanyon.

Austell was a plant and senior metallurgist with Stawell Gold Mines for three years and is now Senior Metallurgist with Gekko Systems.

His topics for the presentation were:

- Exploration and Geological techniques for resource definition
- The underground mining process, the equipment and practices
- Processing Techniques

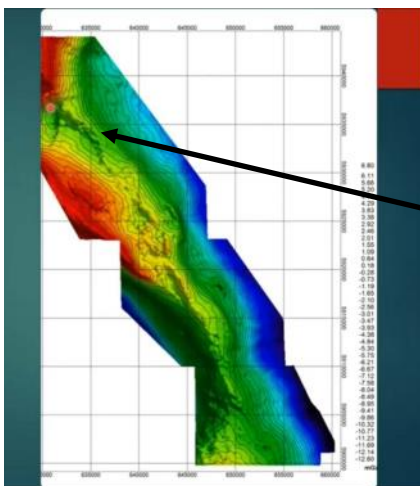
Austell show us this image of the fault lines running approx. North South across Victoria. He explained that gold may be found along these lines.



The fundamental tool used to find an ore body is “Diamond Drilling”, but to decide just where to drill is a complex problem.

These include the use of magnetic, gravimetric, radio and conductivity surveys some of which may be conducted from the air.

Here is one of Austell’s slides showing a “Heat Map” survey.



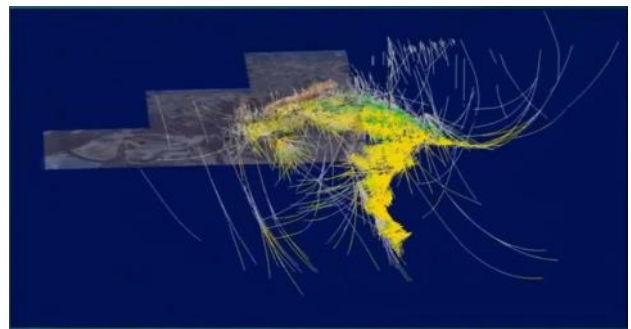
The arrow points to a depression where a possible drilling site might find gold.

Diamond Drilling results in “Rock Core Samples” which the geologists examine and are assayed for gold. Here is a photo of a rock core being held above a tray of cores.



If gold is found in the sample, extensive drilling is undertaken to establish the size, depth and gold bearing potential of the ore body to decide if mining is to be conducted.

Here is a model of an ore body (green and gold) along with the white lines which indicate all the drilling done so far.

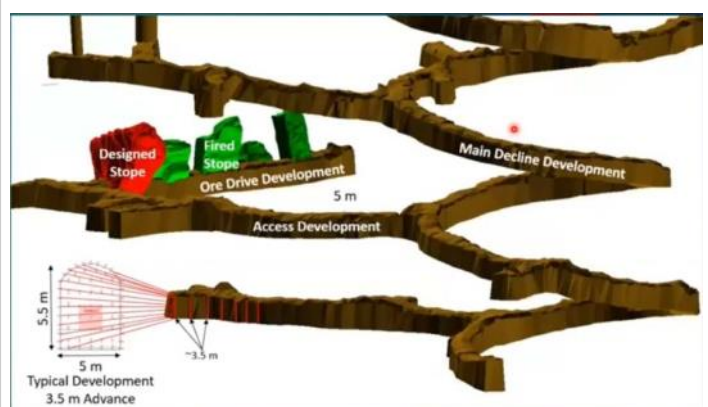


Austell acknowledged that in some places, such as Western Australia, there are open cut mines but his expertise is underground mining.

He explained that the old method of sinking a shaft has been replaced and now the method is called “Retreat Stoking”.

A current mine consists of “Declines” and “Drives”. A decline is a sloping tunnel down to the level of the ore from which a “Drive” is made into the ore body. Drives are blasted 3.5 meters at a time using remotely operated machines so that the process is extremely safe compared to earlier days.

That ore is taken to the surface and processed and the tailings are taken back down into the mine to fill the chamber where ore was previously removed. Here is an illustration of the workings of a modern mine.

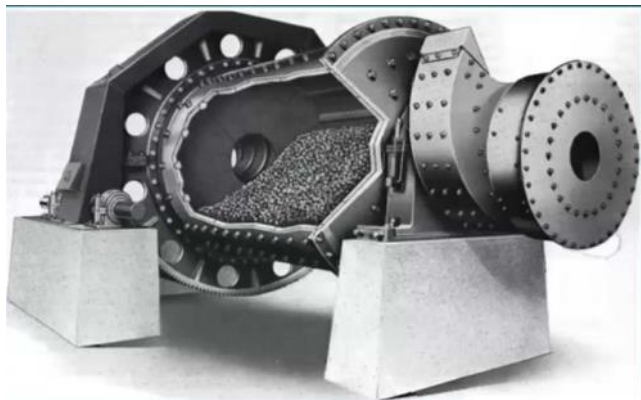


Once the ore is at the surface, the mineral must be processed. This can be divided into “Liberation”, “Concentration” and “Extraction”.

Austell told us that crushing has not advanced much in recent times but it is a far cry from the stamping batteries of my father’s youth.

Today it is a wet process with multiple stages resulting in a pulp or slurry 0.1 of a millimetres in size.

Here is a cut away illustration.



Concentration methods range from gravity and density separation, floatation technology using added air, and newer processes of optical sorting, electro/magnetic, and microwave sorting.



Gravity Separation

Floatation Separation

To extract the metal a leaching process is usually used whereby the metal is dissolved and the resulting solution placed in the equivalent of an electroplating bath.



The metal being attracted to the cathode plate.

This is a very brief summary, but Austell’s presentation was recorded and can be watched, alongside other recent presentations, by following this link.

<http://www.cornishvic.org.au/Videos.html>

Arthur Coates

Black Sheep in the family

During the lockdown, I have been revising some of my family histories and have been reminded of some ‘black sheep’. I wonder how many others have them in their families.

Both my great, great grandparents in one branch of my family committed bigamy.

Edward Cuddeford had married Ann Wildman, at St Pancras, London, in 1853, and travelled to Victoria in 1855.

For some years of researching, I believed that Edward must have died, as Ann had remarried and had another ten children, although I didn’t seem to be able to find his death nor could I find him on any shipping lists leaving Australia.

The last record I could find for him was the baptism of a son in Kilmore. We visited the Kilmore Historical group, and also checked all the headstones and grave records in the Kilmore Cemetery.

Unfortunately without success.

Quite accidentally and whilst searching for something else, I found a notice concerning an Annie Cuddeford in the Victorian Police Gazette on 17th June 1885 which yielded much information.

Information is requested concerning Annie Cuddeford, nee Wildman, who sailed from Plymouth for Portland Bay, Victoria, per ship Birmingham, on 27th September 1854.

She was accompanied by her husband, Edward Cuddeford, with whom she lived for some years at Yea, Muddy Creek, but they subsequently went to Melbourne, where it is said, she left her husband and took her three children with her, since which time nothing has been heard of her.

The names of the children were Robert who would be now 30 years of age; Annie, 27 years and Edward, 25 years.

Her husband is married again, and lives on a farm at Warrow, 40 miles from Port Lincoln, South Australia, but he declines to give any satisfactory account of his first wife or children.

These enquiries are instituted at the instances of her friends in London, through Mrs Eliza Cooper, Terrace Street, Albion, Brisbane.

Information to the officer in charge of detectives - 28th May 1885.

Knowing that Edward was at Yarrow, in South Australia, enabled me to find more information concerning him - first by searching the Biographical Index of SA (BISA) and then searching TROVE, the National Library collection of newspapers, where there are a few references, notably his death by strychnine poisoning, apparently self administered.

CASE OF STRYCHNINE POISONING.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) Saturday 25 November 1905 p 13 Article

Port Lincoln—November 19 -

A death occurred at Warrow on Friday. Edward Cuddeford, a well-known resident, 75 years of age, postmaster of the district, so far ascertained, took milk and strychnine at about 2 o'clock and died an hour later. He has left a large family.

The deceased was highly respected.

This brought me to my second 'black sheep' who also died from strychnine poisoning, administered by a person or persons unknown.

My great, great, great grandfather Heinrich Friedrich Spöher (Speher) was born in Zellerfeld, Hanover in 1811 and travelled to South Australia, with his wife Johanne and two young children, Otilie and Heinrich (known as Henry) arriving in 1847. Heinrich mined at the Glen Osmond and Burra mines and then bought land near Birdwood where he farmed.

Sadly his wife Johanne died in 1859 and he remarried two years later, a much younger, widowed woman, Augusta Shaal.

Heinrich and Augusta shifted to Victoria where they farmed at Mortlake. Both his children, Henry and Ottilie had married and were farming at Mortlake. Heinrich and Augusta then farmed at Natimuk and it was at Natimuk where they lost their farm to a loan shark.

As a result, Augusta and Heinrich shifted to Ballarat where they obtained work as a housekeeper and gardener for a solicitor, Mr Hardy, in Armstrong Street

One evening Heinrich saw Augusta, who was twenty years younger than Heinrich, chatting to a young travelling salesman, with whom he thought Augusta was having an affair, so he shot at the young man.

Thankfully he missed but Heinrich was taken into custody and charged with attempted murder.

Bail was granted and Heinrich went to stay with his daughter, Ottilie and her family who were farming in NSW and for a time with his son, Henry, who by now was farming at Natimuk.

On the evening before his trial, he went to his wife's

home and Heinrich suggested to his wife, for the sake of old times, that they should have a drink together and took a jug to a nearby hotel where he obtained a pint of beer.

Both Heinrich and Augusta remarked that the beer tasted bitter and Augusta drank only a small amount.

Heinrich accused the barman of putting something in the beer but continued to drink it.

After a short time, he began convulsing and even though the doctor was summonsed, Heinrich died.

A small amount of strychnine was later found in Heinrich's stomach.

At a Coronial Enquiry, a jury of 12 jurors could not agree on a verdict, as to whom was responsible, and came in with a verdict '*that the deceased died from the effects of strychnine, but by whom administered, there is no evidence to show.*'

Heinrich may have committed suicide through fear of an unfavourable court outcome or a much younger wife, under suspicion for infidelity, may have poisoned him.

We will never know.

The Ballarat Star and *The Ballarat Courier* extensively reported the details of the shooting in February 1880 and the Coronial enquiry in May 1880.

Robyn Coates

2021 Gorsedh Kernow

The ceremony was held in the grounds of the Castle in Bude, on Saturday 4th September 2021, and was conducted by the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek*, assisted by Gorsedh Kernow Officers.

This year the ceremony included the installation of the new Grand Bard, the current Deputy Grand Bard Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur*, and the installation of the new Deputy Grand Bard, the current Deputy Grand Bard elect Jenefer Lowe, *Gwythvosen*.

Two Australian Bards were welcomed into the College of Bards - Ken Peak (CAV President) and Liesl Warner from South Australia (Harpist at Bardic Ceremonies in SA since 1983)

You can watch the Ceremony at this link:

<https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/live-streaming-of-2021-bude-gorsedh/>

During the recording, Ken was welcomed as a Bard at about 1.02 and Liesl at 1.07.

Ken's proxy was Mike Millard, who announced, "love to the Diaspora" and Liesl's proxy was Dee Brotherton.

CORNISH snippets

Wildflowers Flourish

Wildflowers are being left to flourish in towns and villages under Cornwall Council's new approach to urban verge-cutting.

The Council is responsible for maintaining over 75 hectares of urban verges across the Duchy. These are the verges you see within 30 mph zones.

Previously, these sites were mown around eight times a year starting in spring.

However, at the start of the pandemic, grounds maintenance operations on urban verges were held back which resulted in a flush of native wild flora, drawing in insects and other wildlife.

Over the winter, Cornwall Council carried out a public consultation asking residents how they wanted the verges to be managed in the future.

The results of the survey, which received more than 2 000 responses, overwhelmingly suggested that residents wanted to see nature encouraged to flourish.

As a result, Cornwall Council has introduced a new policy which aims to encourage wildflowers and pollinators to thrive, without compromising road safety.

Verges will now be cut two or three times a year, instead of eight, and cuttings will take place after the flowers have finished blooming and seeds are set.

The Council will still be tidying path edges, cut around benches and fixtures, ensuring visibility for safety reasons, as well as removing noxious weeds.

Cutting at junctions and bends on the highway will also continue to ensure roads remain safe and visibility is not compromised.

Liskeard Park transformed

A park in Liskeard has been transformed into a beautiful space for residents and visitors to enjoy and a safe haven for bees, butterflies, birds and hedgehogs.

The works have been carried out as part of the Making Space for Nature project.

The Cornwall Council and University of Exeter project team is working with Cormac across seven towns in Cornwall: Bodmin, Falmouth, Launceston, Liskeard, Newquay, Penryn and St Austell. In total, an area approximately the size of 28 rugby pitches will be improved for biodiversity.

At Castle Park, bubbles of wildflower meadow, trees and flower beds designed to attract pollinators have been planted and new seating, picnic furniture and paths have been installed.

Kresen Kernow Window

A stained-glass window designed by local school children to celebrate medieval Cornish history has been unveiled at Kresen Kernow.

Artist Melanie Young worked with 120 children on four large collage pieces inspired by the Cornish language playscripts currently on display at Kresen Kernow as part of the exhibition *Mes a'n Kemmyn/ Out of the Ordinary*.

Out of the Ordinary unites the four historic Cornish manuscripts - The Cornish Ordinalia and The Creation of the World (on loan from the Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford) and The Life of St Meriadoc, and The Life of St Kea (on loan from the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth) – under one roof for the first time in history.

During a series of workshops, the youngsters, from Kea Community Primary School, Mullion Community Primary School, Nansloe Academy and St Meriadoc CoE Junior Academy, heard stories from the manuscripts and researched medieval images and stained-glass artwork before getting to grips with inks and acrylics to create their own collages.

The art project was part of a programme of activities hosted by Kresen Kernow this summer, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to celebrate the *Out of the Ordinary* exhibition, including a symposium, free online talks, family learning, creative workshops, performances and Cornish conversation classes.

Written in Cornish to spread Christian teachings and stories, the manuscripts on display at the exhibition feature well-known Bible stories - including Noah's flood and the Passion of Christ - as well as more obscure and forgotten tales, such as the life of St Meriadoc, Camborne's patron saint. The Cornish Ordinalia, which dates from the 1400s, contains possibly Britain's earliest full play scripts, pre-dating Shakespeare by 200 years. It also contains what may be the world's earliest stage diagrams and is one of the oldest complete texts in the Cornish language.

The 'stained glass' window will be on display until January 2022, when the artwork will be returned to the schools. This will make way for a new public art commission which will be situated in the same space. The public art commission, funded by Arts Council England, has been awarded to Abigail Reynolds, who is based at Porthmeor Studios in St Ives.

Her multifaceted practice encompasses collage, photography, sculpture, printing, film, video, performance, and installation.

For Kresen Kernow, Abigail will create a permanent glass piece referencing medieval stained glass, bringing together images and associations from the

Cornish manuscripts which are being loaned to Kresen Kernow in 2021.

The artwork will be unveiled on St Piran's Day 2022.

The above articles are from the Cornwall Council website:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/>

Member activities since we last met Lenice Stuchbery

John of course has his great love of the garden and this has kept him busy. Our Magnolia and Prunus Elvins trees are a mass of blossoms. Other than fighting weeds, John has prepared beds for summer vegetables and his tomato seedlings are already on the window ledge of the north facing window.

Whilst John has been occupied in the garden, I have done some Spring cleaning including washing crystal and china in the display cabinets.

I have been reading books by Thea Cooper - not Cornish but set in early NSW – they are easy reading - I have also been exchanging books with a friend.

My Demon supporter cousin in Glen Iris and I have been keeping in touch by phone.

We have had many phone calls to our son and his family in Hoppers Crossing and to the Ballarat grand and great, granddaughters. We have photos of their birthdays earlier in the year.

Di Christensen

Greetings everyone.

Meetings and talks on Zoom

Last year this was a fairly new happening but now they are almost every week. It's so great to be able to see friends far and wide, and even from overseas. I even chaired an AGM for my Narre Warren Family History group, and this week will be making a zoom presentation on 'Researching in Ballarat' to them.

Recently, I assisted my husband to attend two church coffee meetings chaired by Bishop Gary. Robert really enjoyed his first ZOOM experiences. Sadly, we have attended several streamed funerals. We would not have been able to attend these physically, but it was very sad to see a church with so few in attendance, when the life of the deceased would normally have been celebrated with a full church, with beautiful music and singing.

I have continued keeping in touch with many family members and am endeavoring to finish the story of my WILLIAMS family from Shropshire to Ballarat. I need to hasten this along as some of the family are

approaching their nineties; sadly two have passed away in this last week.

We had some very happy news - our son Marcus and his wife have left Fiji, where he has lived for over fifteen years. On August 27th, they flew into Brisbane and two weeks' quarantine. Then after this is completed, they will travel to Darwin and Howard Springs quarantine for several days, then to a new job in Darwin.

We may not see them for some time, but Darwin is much closer than Fiji.

Wendy Benoit

We left Ballarat, in mid May, to go to Kernewek Lowender, in South Australia, and following a wonderful time catching up with others, we made a dash through NSW before the Queensland border was closed. To get to Queensland, we stopped at Broken Hill and then Free Camped just out of Cobar, before heading north, to arrive in Queensland at Cunnamulla.

From Cunnamulla we went to St George where we stayed for five days. We found St George a most interesting town with lots of History.

We did a river cruise and also a small round town tour where we visited an old house that had been restored to its former glory. It was built in 1910 but had been let go when the land it is on was purchased by Cubbie Station. The current owners purchased it and a few acres from Cubbie Station. We left St George and headed to the Gold Coast where I was able to catch up with my brother whom I had not seen for over 18 months. He is not well as he has Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. He was much better than I expected but he and his wife certainly struggle.

Also caught up with my son and two grand daughters.

Left the Gold Coast and headed north and caught up with some friends on the way.

Continued on to Ayr where we stayed with my cousin and his wife. Whilst there, the South East of Queensland went into lockdown.

Left Ayr and went to The Tablelands where we stayed at Mareeba. Most days, we went off exploring as there are so many things to see in the area.

Then Covid was found in Cairns so we stayed well away from there! We really wanted to do a Cruise to the reef but not to be!

We headed back to Ayr staying at Innisfail and Ingham on the way.

At Innisfail, it poured from just after our arrival and all night so we left next morning.

By the time I went to get into the car from the van

the water was up to my calves.
Down to Ingham where it had rained but only lightly.
We stayed there visiting nearby beaches and
I walked around the Tyto Wetlands.
Back to Ayr... another three weeks watching what
was happening down south.
Lots of talking with the cousin about our
grandparents and other relatives.
I was also surprised as he gave me an old photo
album which has many photos of My Great, Great
Grandfather Hick's family.
The only trouble, beside the one of him and his
house, I am guessing to the identity of the others.
I would think one would be his wife Jane.
I know it is him as it is the one from Ballarat and
Vicinity. The house from his Illuminated Address
which is at the Gold Museum.
The brain certainly was given a good workout
wondering as to who the others were.
We are now at Mt Isa heading to the Northern
Territory.
On the way here we stopped at Hughenden and
Richmond to see the Dinosaur Displays in both
towns.
We needed Permits to get into Northern Territory
and South Australia.
Take care everyone.

Les George

Over the past twelve months I have been very
involved with activities at Cambrian Hill.
On 15th December 2020, a new Avenue of Honour
was opened at Cambrian Hill.
A committee, which included the Napoleons &
District Historical Society, had been formed
earlier in the year. Funds were available from the
State Government to renew or replace
existing Avenues of Honour.
We received \$20 000 with which we established the
new avenue.
New trees were planted and plinths and plaques
were purchased and placed for the 56 WWI and
WW2 who attended the Cambrian Hill Primary
School and served in the wars.
In addition an information board, seating, and
flagpole were installed and a commemoration
booklet published.
A Commemoration service was held on the
afternoon of ANZAC Day this year by the
Buninyong RSL, which followed their service in the
morning.
Forty people attended, which was very encouraging.
It was agreed that this would be a yearly event.
A feature was that during the commemoration three
light planes did a low flyover down the avenue.
If anyone wishes to view the avenue it is in Glasson's

Road Cambrian Hill. This is on the left on
the Colac Road just before Porter Plant.
The avenue is a worthy tribute to those who
enlisted in WWI & 2.

Chrissy Stancliffe

I can't really remember the last time we all met in
person, not on zoom, or by Facebook, or on a
phone call, but in person, face to face.
It seems to be a lifetime ago but really it can't be all
that long.
This time last year we all thought this COVID thing
would be all over and we would be 'free'.
Little did we know that we would be still facing
lockdowns, mask wearing, lack of toilet paper in the
supermarkets, kids attending school at the kitchen
table, not being able to visit family or friends.
But, as I keep telling myself, we are still here.
We are surviving which is much more than what
some countries in the world are doing at the
moment.

So what have I done during lockdown?
My garden has improved greatly....weeds get the
heave-ho pretty quick smart.
Parsnips, leeks, beetroot, spring onions, beans and
peas are doing very well in the veggie garden.
Orchids, winter roses, pansies, blue bells, cerinthe,
wisteria, snapdragons, and freesias are flowering
well. The foxgloves, sweet-peas, poppies, sunflowers,
granny bonnets, lupins, delphiniums and lilies are
starting to show life.
Gardening is my life saver.

I've also transcribed some of the 'Cornerisms' of
Tom Bury (Tom Touchstone), who wrote for the
Courier from 1880 to his death in 1900.
Tom travelled home to Ireland in 1890 and his trip
was included in his supplement to the *Courier* each
Saturday.
He wrote of the ship and fellow passengers; his
observations of London, Ireland (which he left as a
17 year old in 1854), Scotland and the countries he
visited on his trip back to Ballarat and all the places
and people on his travels.
A man who I would love to go back in time to meet.
His sister, Mary, was married to my maternal great
grandfather....no relation to me at all but I am
intrigued by his view on life.

Geoff has now retired from driving buses.
More time to 'do' stuff, but with lockdowns etc he
hasn't been able to explore what he will do
now. The shed has had a bit of a tidy up though.

Perhaps one day we will be able to travel and enjoy this beautiful planet of ours.

There has been health issues in our family but nothing we can't cope with.

We look forward to the day when we can all be together again.

Stay safe everyone.

Robyn Coates

For most of the recent Melbourne lockdowns, I have been recuperating from an arthroscopy and also a total knee replacement of my left knee. These surgeries involved short stays in hospital and weeks of exercises with the physiotherapist in the home/rooms plus many circuits of the block around our home, walking on uneven pavement.

I have had many hours of screen time and have thoroughly enjoyed watching DVDs of various old time favourites.

I have also enjoyed the documentaries on SBS in the 7.30 pm slot, a few ABC favourites, (Grand Design, Landline, the Repair Shop and the Gardening Show), and many of the old shows on channel 72/channel 62 (Ballarat). Over these months, it feels as if I have watched a lifetime of television.

The highlights of the week have been travelling to the supermarket, medical appointments, post office or pharmacy, all within five kilometres from home, and I admit one tries to think of excuses to leave home legitimately.

On a few occasions, we have been able to travel out of our five kilometre zone to a medical/surgical appointment or to see the physiotherapist.

Small pleasures mean so much more during lockdown.

FaceTime and Zoom meetings have enabled us to see our families particularly our new grandson, Gilbert, who is now almost five months old and whom we have only seen in person a handful of times.

Some revising of family histories has been undertaken and I have been proof reading the 'Agan Kernow' stories.

My recovery has been good and this past week I have been taking cuttings of various plants to propagate and I managed to buy some seeds, to raise as seedlings.

Our camelias, azaleas, bluebells, daisies and some lavenders are in bloom and buzzing with bees and our roses are shooting as are the weeds - I have been trying to de-dandelion the lawn.

Being outside in the sun and fresh air lifts the spirits and I am hoping that soon all restrictions will be eased and we can meet with our family and friends.

I am also hoping Melbourne can win the AFL Grand Final.

Arthur Coates

Apart from teaching, I have had two enduring interests - photography and computing.

I still remember the thrill of being allowed to print a photo from a 35mm negative in my grandfather's darkroom using his enlarger, paper and chemicals.

I have been interested in photography ever since and in the 70s Robyn and I became interested in amateur film making, first using standard 8, then super 8 film then digital.

I also vividly remember when the room in which I taught junior science at Footscray Technical College was rebuilt into a climate-controlled space to house the College's first computer.

It was huge and only the technicians were allowed anywhere near it.

When we purchased our first home computer in 1983, I became interested in the components from which it was constructed, and what it could do.

This brings me to the "Lock-downs".

With COVID 19 came the restrictions on personal movement throughout the world. This resulted in an exponential growth in the use of personal video streaming platforms with Zoom leading the field but others following.

Robyn and I have been involved in introducing this technology to the members of the various groups to which we belong, the CAV being a standout.

I have not had the opportunity to photograph since the Kernewek Lowender in May, but the CAV has met regularly this year and many of the presentations have been captured.

This has given me the opportunity to edit these and the motivation to update the CAV website to include the activities throughout 2020-21 and to embed in the pages the videos mentioned above.

When you have a few minutes, take a look.

As it says on the "Home" page, "Browse the menus above and enjoy all we have to offer".

There are photographs and stories going back many years.

You can re-read the Newsletters published over the last two years and much more.

The videos are found on the "Latest News" page.

<http://www.cornishvic.org.au/index.html>

I like you am longing for freedom to return and to see loved ones and friends like you again, but in the meantime, I try to make the most of what opportunities exist to "Keep in Touch".