

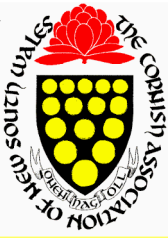
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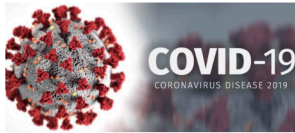
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PROGRAMME 2020 / 21



All activities that were to be considered: ie. Pasty meetup, Historic house visit, Pasty Day, River Cruise, Lunch – cannot take place until we can operate normally. Nothing should be expected before at least last quarter in 2020, and will depend on NSW government health advice and orders.

FESTIVALS

Clans on the Coast

[Still set for Saturday 19 September, 2020 – however this may change!]

Tomaree Sports Complex
Nelson Bay Road, Nelson Bay, Port Stephens
Gates open 8.30am until 4.30pm. More details:

<https://www.clansonthecoast.com.au/>

28th Australian Celtic Festival

Glen Innes, NSW

– The Year of Ireland and the Isle of Man



**NOW Friday
April 30th –
Sunday 2nd
May, 2021**

Some Cornish will be there!

For more information on program of events and accommodation, and booking keep looking at:

<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

Note: The Year of Brittany, Cornwall, and Wales will now be held in 2022.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW ARE NOT DUE

On average a Panda eats for 12 hours a day, which is the same as an Adult during this COVID-19 virus stay at home isolation!



**That is why we
call it a
Pandemic!**

Committee News:

Bank account balance at 30/4/2020: **\$7,519.87**
Accounts - 1st Quarter year @ 30/3: Expenditure \$704.15, Income \$338.92, Deficit \$365.23

"I hope you are all doing OK out there! It has been lovely to chat on the phone with a number of our members, and to read emails or social media comments.

This month we should have been meeting up firstly in Glen Innes and then in Bondi Junction. The one good thing to come out of the Australian Celtic Festival postponement is that the Year of Cornwall will now be in 2022, so we can invite our cousins in other states and overseas to join us. Here I am with Bard Leanne Lloyd from Bendigo in 2014".

Stay well, and enjoy life!
Joy Dunkerley, President



MEMBERS MILESTONES

Our best wishes to a number of members who have had reported non virus health problems, or have been having ongoing medical procedures.

Congratulations to all those with birthdays during May and June. A 'little birdie' tells me that Betty Bevins has a new addition in her clan. Marking the 80th birthday of our member in Victoria, Bard Stephen Amos, which took place on 13 April. Special happy birthday little Penny Rappo who is 8 on 1 June. Secretary Chris Dunkerley is 70 years young on 30 June.

Please still let us know of your good news, special events, or of those who are ill.

PAST EVENT

VISIT TO BALLARAT

In early March, after our AGM, four of us (Chris & Joy Dunkerley, and Del & Ron Clinton) travelled down to Ballarat in Victoria for 4 days of Cornishness, at the invitation of the Cornish Association of Victoria (CAV) Ballarat branch.

Celebrating St Piran's Day and the Cornish heritage of Ballarat and districts surrounding, we were very thankful for wonderful hospitality and friendship.

Below are extracts from an account of the weekend (with notations [] and our own photos and some from Arthur & Robyn Coates added) from the CAV Newsletter by the CAV's past president and Bard Derek Trewarne, who has done it much better than I could:

"On Thursday 5th March, Jenny [his wife] and I drove through heavy rain most of the way to Ballarat [from Melbourne] for day one of the St Piran's Day Festival in Ballarat, so it was a relief to find the rain had cleared by 11 o'clock in time for the St Piran's Flag raising Ceremony at the Town Hall".

"The Ceremony was conducted by Wendy Benoit, Vice Chair of the Ballarat Branch of the CAV and Councillor Mark Harris, gave the welcoming address on behalf of the Mayor of Ballarat. There were some 50 people in attendance proudly displaying their Cornish scarves, windcheaters etc. It certainly aroused

some interest in passers-by who must have wondered what was going on!



The ceremony was followed by a traditional pasty lunch at the Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall and the chance to catch up with old friends from SA and NSW who had made the trip to Victoria.



An excellent display of pictures etc. from previous festivals made a great backdrop and after lunch, Victorian CAV President Ken Peak gave an in depth talk on the extensive research he has done on his family tree.

On Friday morning we assembled back at the Church at 9:00am and boarded a coach which conveyed us to the historic town of Creswick". [NB: The account of the trip to Creswick is further on in this newsletter, with additional information].



"Saturday was largely taken up for a good number of us with the Bardic Ceremony

rehearsal at the Skipton Street Church in the morning, and later the very successful Bardic Ceremony held at 2:30pm in the South Gardens, Wendouree Parade just across the road from picturesque Lake Wendouree”.



“This was followed by afternoon tea for Bards, family and friends at the Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall. During the day, Jenny and I also managed a brief visit to the magnificent display of begonias in the Robert Clark Conservatory.

Saturday night saw us all gather in our finery at ‘Barkly’s’ Hotel where we dined in style and joined in the applause as Lenice Stuchbery cut a beautifully decorated St. Piran’s celebratory cake”.



“We were then treated to an interesting talk by Dr. Phil Roberts on Ballarat’s ‘Avenue of Honour,’ the first Avenue of its kind in Australia and possibly the world. The Avenue was to honour all those men and women from Ballarat and District who enlisted in WW1.

We learnt that the driving force behind the establishment of the Avenue of approximately 4,000 trees and the construction of the

impressive ‘Arch of Victory’ monument, was the 500 ‘Lucas Girls’ who worked at the clothing firm of E. Lucas & Co.”

“The Sunday Worship Service was held in the Skipton Uniting Church and was led by Rev. Ted Curnow, with Beryl Curnow assisting. The Order of Service was conducted in a format similar to that which our Cornish ancestors would have experienced in Chapel worship in the late 1800’s. We all sang with great gusto the good old Wesleyan hymns Ted had selected. After the Service, we enjoyed a light lunch in the Church Hall and then a short talk by Max Duthrie about the Mount Pleasant area of Ballarat, an early enclave of the Cornish.”

“Max explained that Mount Pleasant was settled in the early 1850’s by Cornish Miners and their families who viewed the area as an attractive refuge away from the hurly burly of the diggings. Following his talk, Max conducted a driving/walking tour of Mount Pleasant, showing us various points of interest including the site of the first day school which was conducted in a large tent that also served as a chapel and Sunday School for the Cornish Wesleyans”.

“In the evening, we had our final get together at the Ballarat Leagues Club where we all enjoyed each other’s company over the meal and then said our farewells. Seventy-eight people registered for one or more events over the course of the festival and there were twenty-one Bards. All in all, it was a most enjoyable and successful Festival”, by Derek Trewarne

QUOTE

“This Cornubia is a land of wonderment – historical, physical, spiritual. I am not sure that it is part of the created universe”. – Bishop Edward Benson, in A.C. Benson, The Life, 1899]

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Trehane - Possibly from *tre-Iahan*, John’s homestead. Placename Trehan in Davidstow, Trevalga, Probus, Cury (all with early spellings, Treyahan).

Trehearne – From *tre-hern*, homestead where iron is.

Trelawny / Trelawney – Possibly from *tre-lonow*, homestead of groves. Placename Trelawney, Altarnun, Trelawne, Pelynt. [Bishop Trelawny, of the song of the western men, 'Trelawny']

Trelease – From *tre-lys*, homestead by the court/hall. Placename Trelease, St. Keverne, and Kea. Found in mid west Cornwall.

Treleaven / Treleven – From *tre-leven*, level homestead, or homestead of Leven (personal name). Placename Treleaven, Mevagissey. Found in west & mid Cornwall.

Treloar – From *tre-lowarth*, homestead with a garden. Placename Treloar, Wendron. Found in west & mid Cornwall.

Tremayne / Tremaine – From *tre-meyn*. Homestead of stones. Placenames Tremayne & Tremain in 5 parishes. Found in mid west & north Cornwall.

Trembath / Tenbath – From *tre-an-bagh*, homestead in the nook or corner. Placename Trembath, Madron (spelt Trenbagh, 1327). Widespread name.

Trembeth – From *tre-an-beth*, homestead by the grave. Found in mid Cornwall.

Tremberth – From *tre-an-berth*, homestead by the bush. Found in mid & west Cornwall.

Tremearne – Possibly from *tre-mernans*, homestead of death. Placename Tremearne, Madron (spelt Tremern, 1445).

Tremeer – From *tre-mur*, big homestead. Placename Tremern (1445).

Tremelling – From *tre-melyn*, homestead of the mill. Placename Tremelling, St. Erth. Found in mid-west Cornwall.

To be continued [A reminder that these names come from 'A handbook of Cornish Surnames', by George Pawley White, 2nd ed. 1981.]

HOLY WELL

Sancreed, Chapel Euny Well

About 1 ½ miles from Sancreed, near ane, on the west Penwith peninsula, are the famous sites of the Chapel and well of St. Euny, as well as Carn Euny prehistoric village. It is interesting to note that here as elsewhere at

Redruth the cult of St. Euny is connected with a prehistoric site .. in this case a *fogou*, one of the largest and best preserved in the Duchy. There are still a few stones of the well left. The well obtains a great reputation for healing and it would take too long tell all of the stories about it. Borlase however (Nat. Hist ' Cornwall p. 31 1757) writes as follows "I happened lucky to be at this well on the last day of the year, on which according to vulgar opinion, it exerts its principal and most salutary powers. Two woman were here, who came from a neighbouring parish and were busily employed in bathing a child. They both assured me that people who had a mind to receive any benefit from St. Euny's well must come and wash upon the first three Wednesdays in May ".



Votive 'Clooties' are still tied to the bushes, in 2019

This dates from the middle of the 18th century. A writer in the Gentlemen Magazine for May 1844 dating h letter from Penzance says " Chapel Uny is now total ruined, though it is said to have been used for divine service four times in the year within the memory of persons but recently dead and was certainly not long ago in tolerable preservation ".

Hunt, in Popular Romances of the West of England (sic), writes in the 2nd half of the 19th century " On the first three Wednesdays in May children suffering from mesenteric diseases are dipped three times against the sun and dragged three times around the well on the grass in the same direction ". At such times according to *Halliwell* (Rambles in West Cornwall) a bath was formed by damming the water with turfs cut from the surrounding moor. *Stone*, in 1912 tells of children still be taken the the well for healing. There is another apparent man made well nearby, that may have been Chapel related.

Cloths, or 'Clooties' are often tied to bushes next to wells, as a votive offering .. it is thought that as the cloth was a sign of the wish made, and as it decayed so the disease would heal.

From Holy Wells of Cornwall, by A. Lane-Davies – Fed. of Old Cornwall Societies, 1970

NOTABLE CORNISH

Joseph Antonio Emidy

First composer of western classical music from the African Diaspora, he was a slave in Brazil, a virtuoso violinist at the Lisbon opera and the founder of the first Philharmonic Society in Great Britain.



Born in Guinea, west Africa, in 1775, he was captured at age 12 by Portuguese traders, to be shipped to Brazil and work in coffee plantations. Spotted for his talent as a young violinist, he was sold to the Portuguese court where he worked at the Lisbon Opera until he was press-ganged, seized by British sailors during the Napoleonic Wars. Over the following years, back to serfdom, he roamed the world as a ship fiddler on a vessel owned by the famous Navel Admiral, Captain Edward Pellew, until he was released in Falmouth in 1799. He then settled in Cornwall, and earned a living as a violinist and teacher, while also composing chamber music, concertos and symphonies, unfortunately lost.

Adopted by the Cornish, he was in term appointed director of the Orchestra of Truro, Cornwall's capital, and became one of the most

outstanding musical figures of the early nineteenth century. Emidy married Cornishwomen Jane Hutchins in 1802. He started taking on music students and became involved with the the first of Truro's biennial concerts in 1804. He fathered eight children and passed away in Truro on April 23, 1835. He is buried in Kenwyn churchyard.

His achievements were marked at Truro Cathedral with the erection of a 'boss' - a painted wooden carving featuring a violin and a map of Africa.

On his death in 1835, The West Briton newspaper reported in Emidy's obituary: "As an orchestral composer, his sinfonias may be mentioned as evincing not only deep musical research, but also those flights of genius." He has descendants still living in the UK.

FEATURE STORIES

CRESWICK

Creswick in western central Victoria, 18 kilometres north of Ballarat and 122 km northwest of Melbourne, is in the Shire of Hepburn. It is 430 metres above sea level. At the 2016 census, Creswick had a population of 3,170. It has many fine historic buildings, and historic sites.



It is a former gold-mining town, established during the Victorian gold rushes from the 1850s. The Post Office opened on 1 September 1854 but was named Creswick's Creek until around 1857. The population reached a peak of 25,000 during the gold rush. A sizable Cornish community was a part of that population, with miners, engineers, and traders. A Cornish pumping engine was imported. A large Wesleyan church was built in 1861. It was the birthplace of notables such as PM John Curtin

and painter Norman Lindsay. Today, local industries include forestry, grazing and agriculture.

Again Derek Trewarne writes: *"Along the way Jim & Bev Hocking provided a running commentary about points of interest. On arrival at Creswick, we were joined on the coach by local historian Val Lawrence who filled us in on the rich history of Creswick as we drove around the town."*

"We learnt that Creswick was named after the three Creswick brothers who leased the 'Bean Bean' Run in 1842. When James Esmond discovered gold in August 1851 in Creswick's Creek, a great wave of immigration began and it had a population of 25,000 by 1854."

"We had a walk around the Creswick Cemetery where the gravestones of several Cornish men and women had been conveniently flagged for us to find and we stopped briefly at the site of New Australasian Mine No. 2 where Australia's greatest mining disaster occurred in October 1882. Twenty-two miners were drowned when the mine was flooded from the adjacent Australasian Mine No. 1."



"Another stop was the attractive bluestone church of St Johns built in 1861. It has beautiful stained-glass windows and a grand pipe organ relocated from the Barkly Street Methodist Church."

The Church was the baptismal venue of three times Premier of Victoria, Sir Alexander Peacock. Interestingly, the Roman Catholic Church of St Augustine across the road was where WW2 Prime Minister, John Curtin was baptised.

This was followed by a visit to the historic Havilah Lodge which has ornate hand

paintings on the walls. A Lodge member was there to explain the history and significance of the various symbols and furniture."

"Some of us visited the Creswick Woollen Mill whilst others chose to have a leisurely lunch in the Town Centre. The tour concluded with a visit to the Creswick museum housed in the Town Hall. The displays were excellent."

NEWS

Cancellations in Cornwall



Although St Piran's Day celebrations went ahead in the days around 5th March, across Cornwall, with excellent crowds and enthusiasm, things very soon changed. Due to COVID-19 risks, cancellations escalated: Trevithick Day in Camborne, Padstow 'Obby 'Oss, Helston Flora Day, and sadly on it went with community event after community event cancelled. Just today news through that September's Pasty Festival in Redruth and even Mousehole Christmas lights are cancelled (due to the amount of cooperative work needed many months earlier). The fate of the Open Gorsedh at Bude in September is still up in the air.

SAD NEWS

As at the time of writing, there have been 158 deaths in Cornwall from COVID-19. Deeply upsetting, and mirrored in many parts of Europe. At least 33,186 in the UK, 31,106 in Italy, 27,074 in France. By comparison, 158 deaths in Cornwall with a population of 570,000, but Australia 97 from 25,400,000 – ie. per capita the Cornish figure is an astonishing 73 times higher!!



In it not surprising then than many places in the UK, which attract a lot of visitors are very worried. [Cornwall is closed, come back later]

PLAS AN TAVES

This is Plas an Tavas = Language Place - Introducing you to some daily Kernewek, the ancient Celtic language of Cornwall today, to practice.

Pronunciation? Cornish is mainly phonetic
More: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/>

In this issue you will learn about Position & place:

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						an fenester the window

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Agan Kernow project

The Cornish Association of Victoria has invited us to join in their Agan Kernow Project (Our Cornwall).

“Dydh da! (G'day) and greetings from Victoria!

Given the current restrictions regarding social distancing and our relative isolation during the COVID-19 crisis, people with Cornish heritage are invited to contribute a story to this international project now that we all have a lot more time on our hands. Come on folks: what better way to while away the time proactively than to write down a story or two about your Cornish ancestors and/or your memories of visiting Cornwall.

They don't have to be long stories and Ken Peak (President, Cornish Association of Victoria) has developed a series of questions to help you make a start. These documents, a helpful place to begin, are posted for download or printing at: <http://www.cornishvic.org.au/> our website here in Australia. Your stories don't even have to be typed – just send Ken what you have and he will gladly edit them.

Here in Victoria we remember Penny McGuire-White who, in 2019, spoke at a CAV meeting about her memories as a young girl of Penzance during World War 2. It was a poignant talk, as she took us back to a wartime tour of the streets and familiar parts of Penzance that many of us know and love. Penny kindly sent Ken her notes, which will be written up as part of the 'Agan Kernow Project'.

He has a number of other contributions as well, but he still wants more, especially from other states in Australia and our colleagues and friends in other parts of the UK, the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

Stories can be short, they can be funny but best of all they should be told from the heart. We all have funny stories or perhaps not so funny stories from holidays in Cornwall. Then there are the vignettes of our ancestors [or for migrants among us, our stories] coming out from Cornwall. Everyone has a story of our ancestors and what they did.

Even if you don't think it's interesting we are sure that there will be many who will be fascinated by our stories. These stories should not be lost; they should be written down on behalf of the Cornish Cousin Jack's and Jenny's' who literally helped forge our nations.

We want as many members of our Cornish Associations around the world to put together their stories and send them to Ken Peak for editing. We think it would be great to publish a book of these short stories about our ancestors or stories about our time spent in Cornwall. We think it would be a great read. It's something everyone can be involved in, especially these days when we might have more time. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

*Oll an Gwella (All the Best) **Ken Peak***

The project will remain open until the end of 2020.

More information from their President, Ken Peak: 15 Shorthorn Crescent, Doreen Vic 3754 or Phone: 0400 309 469 Email: pkicons29@bigpond.com

NEW ONLINE CORNISH MAGAZINE

There is a new Cornish website which is now live and free to everyone, and it will always remain free. Important at the moment for all those who are, like me, in isolation, it hopefully will give some joy and smiles.

It is located at:

<https://cornwalliesteryear.com/> please have a look, thanks.

Our aims are to get as many articles and photos to be seen worldwide. We are keen to get as many articles and photos hopefully some from your Society members please.

We have writers already involved like Michael Tangye and Rob Tremain, plus some wonderful dialect articles from the late great Joy Stephenson.

It was put into action during the isolation period caused by the Coronavirus in March 2020. Terry, who is St Day born and bred, started 'Cornwall Today, Yesterday and Dreckly' magazine in 1994. He has been a photographer for more years than he cares to recall and was

lucky enough to attend Redruth Grammar School. Nancy lives in Bude and has the onerous task of collating, typing the articles and proof reading.

Kind regards, Kernow bys vyken

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Silly Sayings - Church notices

"This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin."



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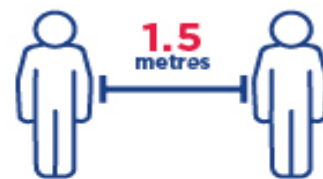
Please have a look through all the pages on our web site; especially the NSW 'Sites' pages developed by our own (late) Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm

Dates coming up ... *Feast days of St Petroc (4th June), St Paul Aurelian (12th June), St Samson of Dol (23rd July).*



Practise good hygiene



Practise physical distancing

Editorial note: The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather contributors and sources! If someone is sick let me know (get-well message), or other news please!

The next Newsletter: No 386 for July – August, 2020 has a copy deadline by 10 July, 2020.

Contributions may be held for future use but more (electronic – emailed preferred) are welcome!

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