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**Newsletter of the
Cornish Association
of New South Wales**

**PROGRAM
SYDNEY & REGION EVENTS**

**PICNIC CAMDEN AREA
Wednesday 12th May**

Join Del Clinton for a day out around lovely Camden.



If you like to accept this very kind invitation, please contact Del and discuss the day with her - so that she can plan timing and preferred locations. Del can be contacted either by email delclinton@hotmail.com, or by on home telephone 02 4658 1925, mobile 0428 406 078

**RIVERBOAT POSTMAN
Monday 20th September**

from Brooklyn, Hawkesbury River

Come cruising with us on this Hawkesbury Mail Boat, the famous Riverboat Postman, and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as they deliver the mail and essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn.

Although this is a long way ahead, it is very popular and in school holidays, so bookings in advance will be needed, and payment soon.

Please Express Your Interest as soon as possible to:

Joy.Dunkerley@gmail.com or ring her on 0428

617 830 Cost is \$49 pension, \$59 full, \$19

School age. Discuss your interest with Joy.

FESTIVALS 2021

**28th Australian Celtic
Festival**

Glen Innes, NSW

– *The Year of Ireland and the Isle of Man*



**NOW Saturday
May 1st –
Sunday 2nd
May, 2021**

Some Cornish will be there! Contact Joy if you will be to, so arrange meeting up, and a meal.

23rd Cornish ceremony is on Sunday 11am!

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.

Kernewek Lowender

**Australia's Little Cornwall, South Australia:
Tuesday 17 - Sunday 23 May, 2021**



This will be the 25th Kernewek Lowender, and at it the 35th Assembly of the Bards of Cornwall in Australia is also expected be held.

Let Joy know if you are going.

For more details, check:

<http://www.kernewek.org/>

Committee News:

Bank account balance at 31/03/2021: **\$7,812.59**

Your new Committee held a very brief meeting immediately following the AGM. It appointed Ruth Cocks as Minutes Secretary, and Chris Dunkerley as Editor. It approved Doreen Davis as Family History Contact Email: doreen.davis11@bigpond.com and agreed to the activities for the year under consideration so far.

"Thank you to those who have joined the Committee for this year. We hope it will be a better one!" Joy Dunkerley, President

MEMBERSHIP

Your Subscription of \$15 per household for 2021/2022 became due from 7th March.

Well over half of our members have already paid, so to help identify whether you need to pay:

a) if you receive your Newsletter by Post – The CROSS here below indicates you are recorded as unfinancial.

b) If you received it by email, your will be informed by email, if you are recorded as unfinancial.

NEW COMMITTEE for 2021/22

Elected Office Bearers:

President - Joy Dunkerley of Sawtell (0428 617 830)
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Secretary - Chris Dunkerley (0409 393 059; Ph - 02 6699 2967) Sawtell ; kevrenor@ozemail.com.au
(also Editor, + Celtic Council, membership)

Treasurer - Joy Dunkerley

The other 9 Committee members elected:

Ruth Cocks (Minutes Secretary) (02 9639 5365) of Baulkham Hills - ruthandrussell@bigpond.com

Jennifer Meston of Camden (02 4655 1064)

David Evans (02 4360 2107)

Pretty Beach adevans@tpg.com.au

Jane Donnelly (0433 385 633) of Abbotsford
janedonnelly27@gmail.com

David Wilks (02 9477 3536) of Hornsby

davidnrose@optusnet.com.au

Bruce & Debbie Champion of Constitution Hill) 02 9636 6880 virdgeo@icloud.com

Others may be co-opted by Committee

Specially appointed from the Committee elected at the AGM to roles to assist the President as needed:

Deputy President – Del Clinton of Elderslie / Sussex Inlet – (Email: delclinton@hotmail.com Ph: Elderslie: 02 4658 1925)

Deputy President – Pamela O'Neill of Glen Innes (0421 470 900) pamaladh@gmail.com

Other Ex Officio members:

(Celtic Council reps) Chris Dunkerley nominated for new period from CCA AGM: Chris Dunkerley, Joy Dunkerley. Coopts can be made.

RECENT EVENT

AGM

Our AGM attracted 18 members (and we got 12 apologies). We were pleased that more came than last year, and that we were able to fill the positions and Committee again. Thank you. The reports, all read to and accepted by the meeting, are below, for members not attending:

CANSW Treasurer's Report for 2020

2020 was a different year financially, with special circumstances. Within a month of our last AGM the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic was biting in Australia, restricting normal activity. The Office Bearers made an emergency recommendation to the Committee that most activity of the Association would cease for most of 2020, and that although newsletters would continue to keep members in touch, fees would be stayed.

The gross operating result thus was a deficit for the year of \$806.2*

Income for the year 2020 was \$393.53 and expenditure \$1,199.75.

In the indicative partial Balance Sheet our current Assets decreased by 11% to \$7,041.99 while Liabilities were nil – current net worth at 31/12/20 therefore was \$7,041.99.

Other special notes to these accounts are: a) some income for 2020 is in fact now for 2021 due to those members who had pre-paid, b) the pre Covid purchase of a new stock of Pre-Paid

envelopes at a cost of \$607.50 (which will last for several years).

Note: any accounting value of non-current assets (library, sales stock, and misc equipment, etc) is not included.

The current account (bank) balance at 31/12/2020 was \$7,120.07

Your generous donations (money and in kind), and sales receipts, on top of our long-held reserves, mean we are still in an excellent state financially. Remember, members input to the Committee on use of their funds is always welcome.

More members are making direct deposits, and those able to make direct payments by internet electronic transfer can consider doing so under the banking system using OSKO - set up a new payee of the CANSW with Westpac BSB 032-287 and our A/C number 143-725. Payment will be immediate and you can include more details explaining who is paying and what for.

Deposits can still be made via Westpac bank counter deposits, or cheque/cash sent. Please let us know you have deposited, and any changes to your details (or send the renewal form with changes).

The Committee has retained the membership subscription fee at \$15 for at least another year; and this is due from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting.

NB: The \$15.00 fee has been held now for an amazing 22 years - to allow all who wish to be members to do so, and is thus very good value.

Joy Dunkerley
Hon. Treasurer 6/03/2021

CANSW President's Report 2020/2021

Thank you for the honour of being President for the past year (my 14th). Our activities were of course mostly stopped however we got in our AGM in February, and some members gathered here in November for a casual lunch.

Some personal highlights have been representing the Association Victorian gathering at Ballarat in March, and the contact with some members by phone, email, and even face to face during the year.

Thanks to Del Clinton for organising the lunch, and all the little extras at our AGM, and

CANSW banner bearing at Ballarat. Thanks to members of the Committee for their dedication, cooperation, support and friendship.

Sadly we lost another committed member through death during the year in Lorna Stephens – plus we also remember our dear friend Maxine Gray.

It is our 46th anniversary on 16th April. I give thanks to those who started the Association, those who have kept it going, and ask that you all to help give it a future – let's at least make 50! Please volunteer for Committee or nominate someone. Your ideas for our activities help so much (let the new Committee know).

Keep on the lookout for new members – personal contact is the best recruiter.

Thank you. **Joy Dunkerley** 6/03/2021

Secretary's Report 2020/21

It was my 35th year as Secretary, and 40th as a member, but a year like no other! As well as the AGM, we had one Committee meeting by Zoom and several consultations electronically. We also had two Zoom meetings attracting a small number of members.

Our membership number is still 70 financial households, and 5 unfinancial (ie. about 100 people). Over 40% of those households are from outside of Sydney itself, so we think as a state-wide organisation.

We obviously need more new members, and active ones, to remain a viable association, but at least we have not closed as many groups have under the weight of Covid-19.

Our key communication, Six (6) newsletters were again issued during the year; plus a number of Email News. Input from members welcome.

Continued contact with fellow Cornish Associations in Australia, and world-wide was kept up, and Joy and I hope to build on that in Glen Innes at the Celtic Festival and the Kernewek Lowender at Moonta, both in May as these festivals are held, in reduced form.

Thanks to all those who contribute, and special thanks to our Minutes Secretary, Ruth, and Del with the Sales. Thank you to the Committee, and particularly to Joy, for their support and patience.

Chris Dunkerley 06/03/2021

INFORMAL LUNCH & GET TOGETHER



It was great to see members and friends gathering for our lunch on 6th March, and also to stay for our get together after the AGM. Much thanks to Pamela O'Neill who a lot of work into putting together and presenting a challenging three part quiz, and to John Coombs for his wonderful musical contribution to the afternoon.

Some photos from gathering for our lunch below, and John on the harp above at the get together:



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 March and April.

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

QUOTE

"The Cornish are remarkable for their sanguine temperament, their indomitable perserverance, and their desire for discovery and novelty .. to this very cause has science to boast of so many brilliant ornamentals who claim Cornwall as their birthplace" - George Henwood, The Mining Journal, 1859

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Trewin – From *tre-(g)wyn*, fair homestead. Placename Trewin, Sheviok.

Trewolla – Possibly from *tre-(g)wallow*, homestead by ramparts. Placename Trewolla, Gorran and Constantine.

Treworgie – Possibly from *tre* + personal name *Gurgy*. Placename Trewirgie, Redruth.

Triggs – From Trigg, name of the ancient Cornish Hundred, but now found in west Cornwall.

Triniman – Possibly from *Tre-nawmen*, homestead by the stone circle ('9 stones'). Found in mid west Cornwall.

Trinick / Trinnick – Possibly as Trannack: *tre-(b)vrannoc*, homestead of Brannoc (personal name).

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

Notable Cornish / people of Cornwall

Goldsworthy Gurney – Surgeon, chemist, architect & inventor, invented limelight
Goldsworthy Gurney was born at Treator near Padstow on 14 February 1793 and attended Truro Grammar School.

After leaving school he studied medicine with a Dr Avery at Wadebridge and took over the practice in 1813. He married Elizabeth Symons, a farmer's daughter, from Launcells and settled in Wadebridge where he practiced as a surgeon.



In 1823 was awarded an Isis gold medal of the Royal Society of Arts for devising an oxy-hydrogen blowpipe (similar to a Bunsen burner). In 1830, Gurney leased some land overlooking Summerleaze Beach at Bude and started construction of a new house to be built amongst the sand hills. The property rested on a concrete raft foundation, one of the earliest examples of this form.

Here, Gurney developed the principle of illumination by the forcing of oxygen into a flame to increase the brilliance of that flame. He called this bright light the Bude Light. Bude lights were fitted in the House of Commons. It is claimed that he replaced 280 candles with 3 of his lamps and they lit the House for 60 years until the arrival of electricity. This work was applied to lighthouse lamps, in the choice of light source and the use of magnifying lenses to intensify the light. He introduced a system of on-off patterns to enable those at sea to identify which lighthouse they could see by virtue of the flashing.

The Gurney Stove, an invention which Gurney patented in 1856, was used extensively to heat a variety of buildings. Its most interesting feature is the use of ribs to increase the external surface area of the stove, thereby increasing the amount of heat transferred into the room.

He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1863, shortly before suffering a stroke. He retired to his small house at Poughill (near Bude) with his daughter until his death on 28 February 1875. He is buried at Launcells parish church.

NEWS

Our Life member **Ted Stark** reports that Rodda's Clotted Cream is now available at a local cafe in River Street, in his town of Ballina.

GROUP OF 7 CONFERENCE

Carbis Bay Hotel, Cornwall (near St Ives) has been chosen as the venue for the G7 Summit to be held from the 11th to 13th June, 2021. Serious illegal damage has been caused by the hotel in new shoreline developments, causing much angst by the locals.

Tanya Gold, The Telegraph (UK) - Imagining Cornwall for the G7 (part 2) [Warning: Pulls no punches]

Writing in the Telegraph article, On Rick Stein's BBC Cornwall program: *"There is, and Stein should know this, responsible and irresponsible tourism. The responsible tourist stays in a cheap hotel or caravan park, leaving housing for the locals, but there is no status - or profit - in that for the monied London classes."*

Stein brings no such doughty economic truths to his travelogues. How could he, for that would mean self-knowledge, and understanding of what he has done? His show is a brochure for his own hotels and restaurants and, as such, is not much of a tribute to the duchy he loves. It is, rather, as narcissistic in tone as the second home buyer, or the child seeking an ice-cream.

This show is still better, though, than Cornwall and Devon Walks with Julia Bradbury, which is functionally moronic. It is like browsing Google Maps with an incurious imbecile". [More on that next time] "

FEATURE STORIES

Some early rulers and Kings of Cornwall - Part 2

GEREINT 1 (Gerens) - son of Erbin. A Gerent rac Deheu, 'Gerent for the South' is named in the famous Welsh poem, Y Gododdin, as the hero of the battle of Catraeth (Catterick in Yorkshire) which took place in 597AD. Legend associates Gerens with the Roseland peninsula, wher a church is dedicated to St Gerens at Gerens.

CADO (Cador) - third son of Gerens. Gerens had two older sons Yestin and Selyf, who became priests and hence the Saints Just and Selevan. Little is known of Cador. 600s AD

PEREDUR - son of Cado. Nothing much is known, but he seems to have inspired a mention on the Welsh Mabinogion, and one of the knights of the round table names in many centuries later by Geoffrey of Monmouth. 600s.

THEUDU - son of Peredur. His name may have been used as King Teudur in the medieval myrical play Bewnans Meriask. NOW we have a frustrating likely gap, during which there may have been one or more Kings, until .. Gereint the 2nd. *To be continued ...*

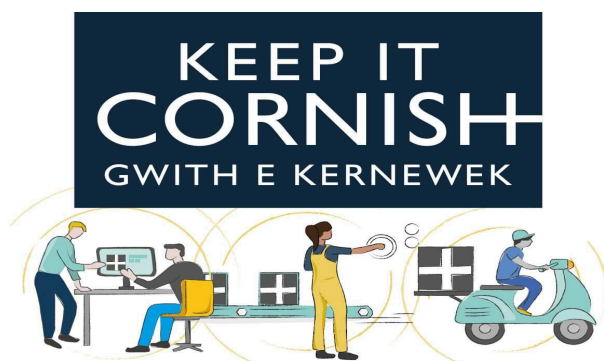
Compiled by Chris Dunkerley - Source: Various, especially The Promontory People (An Early History of the Cornish) by Craig Weatherhill.

OUR CORNISH PLACES



The Cornwall Hostel, Launceston, Tasmania

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:

ENEVALES • ANIMALS



Davas (f)
Sheep



Bugh (f)
Cow



Hogh
Pig



Yar (f)
Chicken



Margh
Horse



Gaver (f)
Goat



Kulyek
Cockerel



Goodh (f)
Goose



Kath (f)
Cat



Ki
Dog



Konin
Rabbit



Hamster
Hamster



Peswarpaw
Newt



Pedrevan (f)
Lizard



Kolyn
Puppy



Kathik
Kitten

kernewek • english

Silly Sayings - Unintended Church notices

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."



CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

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

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 391 for the months of May / June 2021 has a copy deadline, by 30 May. Contributions may be held for future use but more (electronic – emailed preferred) are welcome!

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