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PROGRAM



Online ZOOM Sessions

18 April '22 – Autumn 'Cakey Tea & Chat', 3pm

Zoom link will be emailed a week prior



FESTIVALS 2022

**30th Anniversary of the
Stones**

29th Australian Celtic Festival

**– Year of Cornwall, Brittany & Wales –
Glen Innes, NSW**



Thursday 28th April – Sunday 1st May, 2022

Yes, the Cornish will be there for our year!
Contact Joy please if you hope be to be there
with us too!

Special Cornish Content:

Thursday 28 Apr - Colloquium at the The Croft: 2-5pm, Short Celtic Talks, coffee/cake. Talk on the Cornish Gorsedd included.

Friday 29 Apr 11am – Official Opening – Grey Street
Friday 29 Apr - Cornish 'Nos Keskows' (Chat Night) - 5.30 for 6pm - The Croft Celtic Centre - Great food, fine chat, good coffee, and perhaps some singing - plan is for you to order off a short menu and pay for what you eat and drink. [We will need firm numbers at least 1 week out. Venue courtesy of our member Pamela O'Neill, manager of The Croft. Thanks.]

Sat 30 Apr – Street Parade, Grey Street, 9.30am. The Cornish are booked in - Meet by 9am near the Club Hotel corner - for the Street Parade along Grey Street. Wear tartan, bring flags, or whatever Cornish identification you have. 'Oggy, 'oggy, 'oggy.

Sun 1 May - Cornish Stone Ceremony – 11am At the Gorsedd Stone, Standing Stones - all welcome to take part (meet at the Cornish Assoc. Stone 10.50am to form up for march to Gorsedd Stone)

Sat & Sun – Festival at the Australian Standing Stones - A Cornish meeting and display tent. (displays welcome - talk to Joy) – Sat. Celtic Symposium 2pm to 4pm Marquee (2.30pm Overview Cornish in NSW)

*The 24th Cornish stone ceremony is on Sunday
This is also the 30th year since the inauguration of the
Standing Stones in February, 1992*

For more information on the Festival:

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

Important: If you expect to be there at some time over the 4 days please contact Joy asap on 0428 617 830 or email joy.dunkerley@gmail.com



A Pleasant Celtic Afternoon

Noon – 4pm Sunday 15th May

Parc Menai

158-168 Menai Road, Menai, NSW

Program: Cromlech inspection and Official Opening, Derwent Irish dancers, Sydney Welsh Choir, Scottish Country dancers, Pipe Band, Sydney Irish Ceili Dancers, Highland Dancers, Lone Piper & Close

Other Dates for your Diary:

- End of Year Lunch – November, 2022
- CANSW 48th AGM – Sat 4 March 2023

Committee News:

Bank account balance at 18/3/2022: **\$7,231.59**

"I enjoyed seeing some of you at the AGM over lunch and at the meeting. See our reports later. Thank you to those who have joined the Committee for this year. I was honoured to have been made a Life Guardian in my own right, of the Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes on 1st February at the 30th anniversary of their inauguration (previously ex officio only, as your Pres). I hope to see some more members and friends in Glen Innes at the Australian Celtic Festival. Please let me know if you are coming". Joy Dunkerley, again President.

Membership Subscription NOW Due:



Please note that these for 2022/2023 are now due, from 6th March. Still \$15 per household. Many have already paid, but a paper Form is included for those receiving the Newsletter by post, and form enclosed with the email version. Some have already paid in advance, so if in doubt that you need to pay, please contact us.

Annual General Meeting

NEW COMMITTEE for 2022/23

Elected Office Bearers:

President - Joy Dunkerley of Sawtell (0428 617 830) joy.dunkerley@gmail.com

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

Treasurer - Joy Dunkerley (+Celtic Council)

The other 10 Committee members elected:

General

Jane Donnelly (0433 385 633) of Wareemba
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David Wilks of Waratah (0432 534 409)
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Bruce & Debbie Champion of Constitution Hill (02 9636 6880) virdgeo@icloud.com

Sue Thomas of Barrington (02 6558 4132) (+Celtic Council) thomascornwall@bigpond.com

Cathy Olds of Mereweather (0438 613 373)
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A full Committee of 12 was formed, Specially appointed from those Committee elected at the AGM, to a role 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

Deputy President – David Evans (02 4360 2107) of Pretty Beach adevans@tpg.com.au

Other Ex Officio members:

(Celtic Council reps) Chris Dunkerley (DP), Joy Dunkerley, Sue Thomas
Others may be co-opted by Committee.

Family History interest contact: Doreen Davis, email: doreen.davis11@bigpond.com

MEMBERS MILESTONES

Our best wishes to members who have non virus health problems, or have been having ongoing medical procedures. Get well soon to those who we know have had Covid-19.

Get better soon wishes to Frank Beard. Frank and Lorraine are long term and formerly active members until health slowed them down a little (like many). Frank's health has been particularly worrying for Lorraine and a recent stroke was particularly so but he appears to have made a welcome recovery from the worst of it but is still under active care.

Congratulations to all those with birthdays or anniversaries during May & June.

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

PAST CANSW EVENTS

AGM - 5th March (St Pirans Day)



Our AGM attracted 11 members plus 4 via Zoom (making 15 present - well over the quorum) (plus we got 18 apologies – thanks for your interest in the future of the Association). We were pleased 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:

Lunch, and Get together



Good to be able to freely have a meal together beforehand in the club bistro. After the AGM we learned just a bit more about Cornwall's key patron saint, St. Piran, whose feast day it was, and a talk on the Cornish and Mining in NSW

See our website link to it for those not there: <http://www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw/misc/Cornish&MiningNSW.mp4>

But also had some fun – coffee and chat, a quick quiz, lucky door prizes, and some impromptu signing. See you next year!

CCA - CORNISH REPRESENT



On Thursday 24th March, it was the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Celtic Council of Australia Inc. (CCA). All 3 Cornish representatives, Sue Thomas and Chris & Joy Dunkerley were present to mark the occasion. In addition Chris Dunkerley, one of two

remaining foundation members, was awarded a Life membership. CANSW has long supported the CCA, with late Roger Thomas 2nd Convenor. Sue Thomas read a remembrance of early years from her husband's (Roger) papers.



QUOTE

"Ascertain which of the lands under your jurisdiction are held by the men of Cornewaille and England" - Edward the Black Prince, in a letter to the Sheriff of Cornwall in 1352. [Edward, son of Edward III was made the first [Duke of Cornwall](#), the first such dukedom, in 1337]

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Wivell / Wevell – From the Keverangow/Shire name – Wivell

Wheal / Whell / Whale – From *whel*, mine working. Placename Trenwheal, Breage. Found in south east Cornwall.

Whear / Ware / Wheare – possibly from either *gwer*, green or *whar*, humble.

Wickett – Derivation obscure. Placename Wickett, Newlyn East. Found in mid and north Cornwall.

Widdon – Probably from *gwyn*, fair/white. Placename Trewidden, Madron (Trewen, 1300).

Wilce / Willis / Willes – Possibly from personal name *Welet* (recorded in Bodmin manumissions). Placename Trewillis, St Keverne (Trewelles, 1300)

Windle / Wintle – from *gwennol*, swallow. Placenames Tregwindle, St Neot (Tregwennell

1516); Tregwindles, St Breock; Tregwynnel 1280).

Windsor / Winsor / Winser – Recorded in Cornwall from 1327 onwards, but origin is obscure. Placename Windsor, Mawgan in Meneage.

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, and of the diaspora

Brenda Wootton (née Ellery) (b. 10 February 1928 – d. 11 March 1994) was a Cornish folk singer and poet and was seen as an ambassador for Cornish tradition and culture in all the Celtic nations and as far as Australia and Canada, including as a Cornish Bard. Brenda Ellery was born in London, during a brief few months when her Cornish-born parents were there looking for work, but was back home in Cornwall at 6 months old. She grew up in the fishing village of Newlyn. In 1948 she married John Wootton, a radio engineer from Wolverhampton, and their daughter Susan was born in 1949. They lived in Sennen, then Penzance, with Brenda running a bed and breakfast business and very involved in amateur dramatics. In 1964 she switched careers and helped her brother Peter Ellery set up his Tremaen Pottery business - becoming a director and running the family shop in Penzance, Tremaen Craft Market.



She first found her voice as a young schoolgirl, singing in chapel choirs and village halls in the remote communities of West Cornwall. Brenda became active on the Cornish music scene in the early 1960s, taking over the recently formed Count House Folk Music Club at Botallack near St Just in 1967, to found her own Pipers Folk Club, at St Buryan, Cornwall. She was later able to move Pipers back to the Count House, and subsequently into Penzance at the Western Hotel.

In 1973 she was introduced to Richard Gendall, who taught her two songs in Cornish to sing at that year's Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney in Ireland, and she welcomed the opportunity to sing in Cornwall's own language, Kernewek, pledging to sing at least one song in Cornish at every concert. Richard wrote over 460 songs for Brenda, over 140 of them in the Cornish language. In 1974, Brenda handed Tremaen Craft Market over to daughter Sue Ellery to manage, and turned professional as a singer.

Her early albums were recorded on Cornwall's Sentinel label, often with John the Fish (John Langford), with whom she sang for six years. Brenda later sang with Robert Bartlett and with guitarists Pete Berryman, Mike Silver, Al Fenn, David Penhale and Chris Newman.

Her repertoire over the years covered folk, rock, blues, jazz and even hymns, but she is best remembered for her Cornish "standards" such as Lamorna, The White Rose, Camborne Hill, The Stratton Carol and the ballads Mordonnow, Tamar, Silver Net and Lyonesse, those last all written by Richard Gendall. She visited Australia twice in the 1980s and performed at the Kernewek Lowender in Moonta, Wallaroo and Kadina (as her song goes).

NEWS

St Piran's Day

This day, the 5th March, is the feast day of the Cornish patron saint of tanners, Sen Perran or Perran Sans (St Piran in English). Now considered as the key national saint of Cornwall, with his banner (a black background

with a white cross) considered the national flag of the Cornish. Each year celebrations, commemorations, and let's face it – partying takes place across Cornwall and indeed across the world among the Cornish people.

One iconic event is the parade through Penhale sands to the ruins of the ancient oratory, said to date to the time of St Piran, a Christian missionary to these shores.



FEATURE STORIES

30th Anniversary of the Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes

The first of February this year saw a celebration to commemorate the inauguration of the Australian Standing Stones, by the NSW Governor Rear Admiral (ret) Sir Peter Sinclair. At that gathering two members of the CANSW, Joy Dunkerley and Sue Thomas were made lifetime Guardians of the Stones.



Chris Dunkerley, one of the original CCA team, spoke on the CCA role in the conception and delivery of this monument. He also spoke a blessing of peace in Cornish (with Welsh counterpart).



The Australian Standing Stones began as an idea in 1988 by the then and first Convenor of the Celtic Council of Australia, Peter Alexander AO. The CCA saw this initiative as a bold one - meeting one of its aims - to build a monumental symbol of the ancient Celtic nations of Europe as a focal point for new Australians from those lands but also for the millions of descendants of those Celtic pioneers (of which there are many around here).

With no local monument ie. in Australia, or memorial in common, the time was right. It was 1988, Australia's so called 'Bicentenary Year' and the Celtic Council (CCA) put out the call to towns and districts around the nation – respond to the idea of erecting a national monument to honour all Celtic peoples who helped pioneer Australia, a ring of standing stones aligned to the heavens, firstly inspired by the Ring of Brodgar on the Isle of Mainland in Scotland's Orkney archipelago.

A ring of standing stones was chosen as a very physical and monumental place and a reminder that would last into Australia's future. Although not identified with certainty as built by our Celtic speaking people's ancestors, clearly these sort of Atlantic fringe monuments have stood in common as part of our cultural landscape through the known 3,000+ year history of the insular Brythonic and Gaelic Celtic speaking people of what are now Brittany, Scotland, Cornwall, Ireland, Wales and Isle of Man.

A number of towns expressed interest, and the CCA was hugely encouraged by the response –

particularly as funding for the construction would be borne by the locality. After a short-listing of McLean on the NSW north coast, and of the town of Glen Innes on the highlands. An inspection group from the CCA visited the Glen Innes Municipality and (then) Severn Shire Council area in 1990. This group included our Cornish reps, the late member Roger Thomas, and Chris Dunkerley.

The inspection saw this proposed location on a flattened ridge on this hill to the east of the town (here in the Centennial Parklands), and even took in localities around the Red Range area where suitable stones lay in paddocks, and what stones they were - extending to the nearby areas settled by Celts from Scotland, Ireland, and Cornwall (eg. Emmaville and the Curnow mining museum & Toy's Cornish tin buddle at Torrington), and Wales (eg. the locality of Llangothlin).

It was an ambitious project taken on by a small, dedicated group of citizens who wanted to mark Glen Innes's Celtic heritage and create something to help secure the communities future. It was also proof that not only the right site for the stones had been found, but that the community knew its Celtic roots. The monument would sit well in a wider landscape that honoured the Celts and respected the original custodians. John & Jean Tregurtha, who later became CANSW members, were heavily involved at the Glen Innes end.

By late 1991 the stones were in place. The Australian Standing Stones were officially opened by the then Governor of NSW, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC, 30 years ago, on February 1, 1992. The next year a new Festival was officially started, the Australian Celtic Festival – so 2022 is the 30th year.

Around the Associations

The Cornish Association of Victoria (CAV) was formed in 1986 at a meeting in Castlemaine, from members of the Cornwall Family History Society and old Devon and Cornwall Society. has been active over the 2 Covid affected years. It is centred in Melbourne but also have formal branches in Ballarat and Geelong, plus interest groups including Bendigo region people, and

specific research areas, plus a library. During the past two Covid impacted years it kept active, either with occasional meetings esp. in Ballarat, and introduced Zoom internet based meetings. These Zoom meetings blossomed to include talks by interesting speakers from within and outside the CAV. Guests have joined from Cornwall and Canada, plus interstate,

A very kind invitation has been issued to members of the CANSW to be guests at these Zoom talks – IF interested please let Chris Dunkerley (also a member of CAV) know on kevrenor@ozemail.com.au or 0409 393 059 and when meeting notices come out you will be included.

SOME CORNISH NAMES - FOR CORNISH BOYS



Mebyon (BOYS)	Awen	Inspiration (also Bardic symbol)	Maban	Old name, from 'mab' (son)
	Alan	Breton Saint's name	Madern	A Saint - placename Madron
	Cadan	Old Cornish name (OCN)	Margh	Mark (pronounced "Mar'h")
	Cadoc	Old Cornish King	Massen	King in 'Bewnans Meryasek'
	Cador	Old Cornish King	Mawgan	Placename
	Colan	Saint - Colan near Newquay	Melor	Breton Saint - patron of Mylor
	Conan	10th C. Bishop, and a King	Meriasek	St. Meriasek - Camborne patron
	Daveth	David	Myghal	Michael - pron. "ma-HALL"
	Davy	Pet form of David	Pasco	Pasco - Common pre 17th C.
	Digory	Common name before 20th C.	Peder	Peter
	Gawen	Common before 19th C.	Perran	St. Piran - Patron of Cornwall
	Gerens	Cornish King, and St. Gerens	Petrok	St. Petrock - Patron of Miners
	Howel	Last Cornish King ("eminent")	Ruan	St. Rewan of Ruan Lanihorne
	Jacca	Jack	Talan	Old Cornish & Breton name
	Jory	George	Talek	"Big Browed"
	Jowan	John	Tomas	Thomas
	Kenan	A form of Conan	Trevelyan	From surname - Name currently used
	Kenver	Old name ("great chief")	Tristan	He of Tristan & Eseld legend
	Kenwyn	Old name ("splendid chief")	Wella	William
	Kevern	Saint's name	Yestin	Justin
	Kitto	Pet form of Christopher	Ythel	Cornish & Breton King

Silly Sayings - Unintended Church notices

"The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water!'" The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'" [apt for this weather]

PLAS AN TAVES

This is Plas an Tavas = Language Place - Introducing you to some daily Kernewek, the

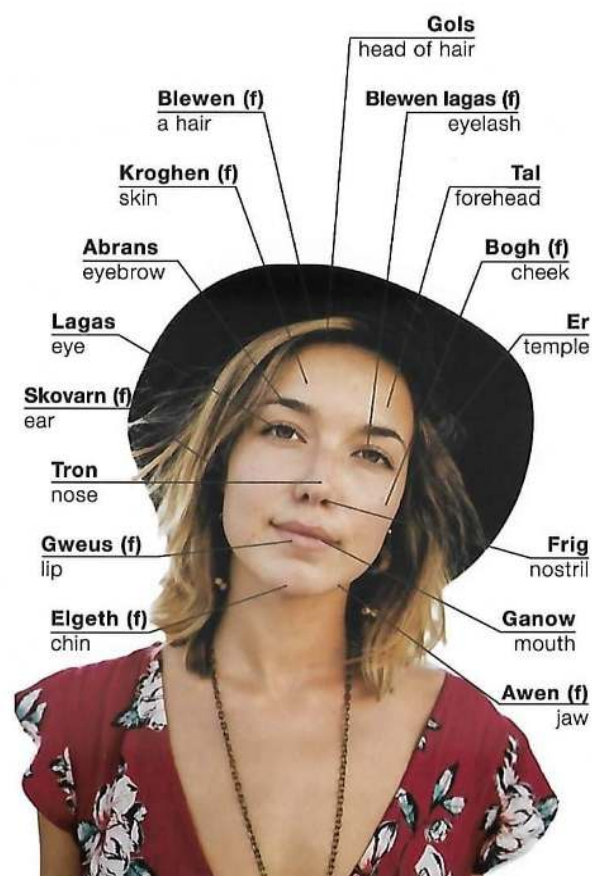
ancient Celtic language of Cornwall today, to practice.

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: Your Face

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FOR MEMBERS NOT AT OUR AGM – Summary REPORTS

CANSW President's Report 2021/2022

Thank you for the honour of being President for the past year (my 15th).

Our activities in these difficult times were limited, however we got in our AGM in March, some members gathered here in November for a casual lunch, some met up for a cruise on the Riverboat postman in January, and we had Zoom sessions. Some personal highlights have been representing the Association at Glen Innes for the Celtic Festival and at the Kernewek Lowender in SA in May, 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. Thanks to members of the

Committee for their dedication, cooperation, support and friendship.

Very sadly we lost so many very long term members through death during the year in Ruth Cocks, Betty Bevins, Stephen Amos, Iris Diprose, and Roger Thomas.

It is our 47th 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 us make 50! Your ideas for our activities help (let the new Committee know).

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

Thank you. **Joy Dunkerley** 5/03/2022

Secretary's Report 2021/22

It was my 36th year as Secretary, and 41st as a member, and what a ride it has been! As well as the AGM, we had three Committee meetings (two by Zoom) and email contact. We also had three Zoom meetings for a small number of members who can use it.

Our membership number is down to 60 financial households. 75 in total covering nearly 100 PEOPLE, but alas you heard that 15 of these are financial. 40% of our households [and a majority of the Committee] are from outside of Sydney itself, so we must think as a state-wide organisation. We obviously want more new members, and active ones, to remain a viable association – I can send you flyers and cards to use with interested people.

Our key communication, Six (6) newsletters were again issued during the year; plus a number of Email News. Input from members welcome. The hardest job I have had as Editor has been writing 5 tributes to deceased members during the year. 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.

Thanks to all those who contribute, and special thanks to Del with the Sales and ringing around. I give a sad recognition of the huge hole my mentor and long term Minutes Secretary, Ruth Cocks has left for me.

Thank you to all the Committee, and particularly to Joy, for their support and patience. **Chris Dunkerley** 05/03/2022

CANSW Treasurer's Report 2021

The financial Statement of Accounts has been completed. A copy was circulated with your January / February Newsletter. The Statement consisting of the Income & Expenditure Statement and a partial Balance Sheet was prepared in accordance with the Rules of Association, signed by me as Honorary Treasurer, and adopted by the Committee as at 28 January 2022.

It is submitted for formal receipt by this AGM meeting. I therefore move receipt, and in so doing make the following report: **2021** was a quiet year financially. After the extraordinary free year in 2020 fees were again levied but some 17 members have not paid fees for 2021, which impacted income. Thankfully some very generous donations on top of fees came in from a several members.

The gross operating result thus was a deficit for the year of \$182.88*

Income for the year 2021 was \$1,090 and expenditure \$1,272.68

In the indicative partial Balance Sheet our current **Assets** decreased by 1% to **\$6,937.39** while **Liabilities** were **nil** – current **net worth** at 31/12/21 therefore was **\$6,937.39**.

Other special notes to these accounts are: Purchase of a new stock of Pre Paid envelopes at a cost of \$607.50 (which will last for about two 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 31/12/2021 was **\$6,937.39**

We are still in an excellent state financially. 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.

Note: The \$15.00 fee has been held now for an amazing 23 years - to allow all who wish to be members to do so, and is thus very value.



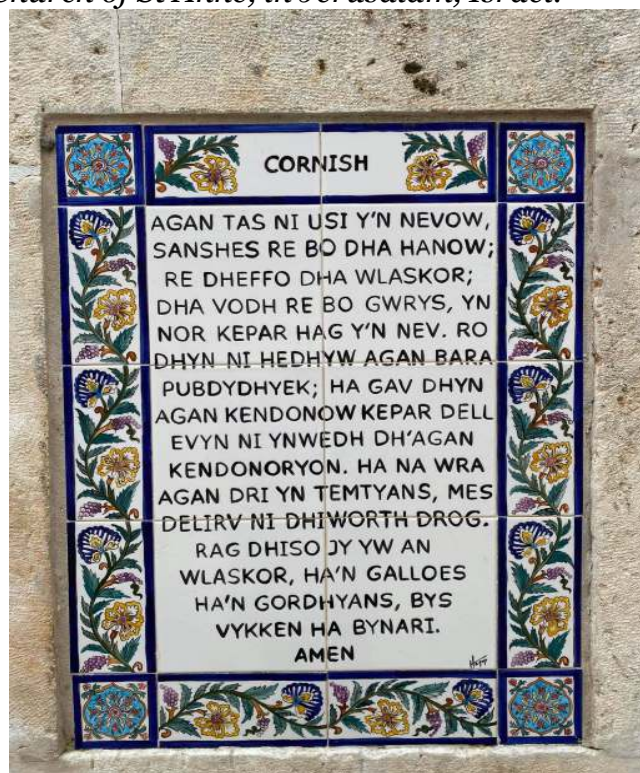
CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

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

Dates coming up ... *Feast day of St Enoder 27th April, Trevithick Day Camborne 30th April, Feast of St Teath 1st May, Padstow Obby 'Oss and Hal an Tow 1st May, Helton Furry 7th May (Flora Day).*

A Cornish version of the Lord's Prayer at the Church of St Anne, in Jerusalem, Israel.



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 397 for the months of May & June 2022 has a copy deadline - by 29 May.

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

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