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## Newsletter of the Cornish Association of New South Wales

### PROGRAM



#### Online ZOOM Sessions

**'Spring has sprung!' Sun 30 October**

**'Long hot Summer!' January '23**

Time and Zoom link will be emailed a week prior



#### **Pre-Christmas Members & Friends Lunch**

**Thursday 10 November, 2022**

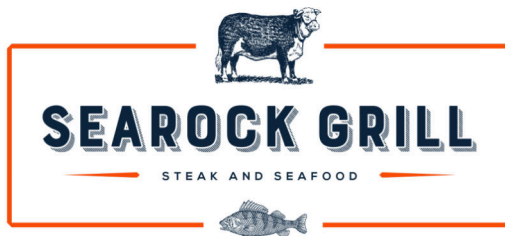
*Searock Grill* - at East Circular Quay, Sydney

Come for an informal get-together. Chose and pay for what you have. A range of quality food of varying prices. If you can get in to Sydney city, please join us for this great chance this year to actually meet and chat! President Joy Dunkerley will be down to welcome all.

**Meet at 11.30am** (for noon meal)

**For more information Del Clinton**  
**on mobile 0428 406 078 or**  
**[delclinton@hotmail.com](mailto:delclinton@hotmail.com)**

Location: Shop 15 (5 Macquarie Street) but entrance on Opera Quays level, **East Circular Quay**, Sydney (about 200m walk around from ferries)



Menu:

<https://searock.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/All-Day-Menu-online-1.pdf>

P: (02) 9252 0777

<http://www.searock.com.au/>

[Looking to East Circular Quay](#)



*Please put this in your diary or calender now!*



### FESTIVALS 2023

30th

#### **Australian Celtic Festival**

**Glen Innes, NSW**

**- The Year of Scotland -**



**Thursday 4th –  
Sunday 7th  
May, 2023**

Yes, the Cornish will still be there !

*Saturday morning our parade in town, and the  
25th Cornish stone ceremony is on Sunday.*

#### **Other Dates for your Diary:**

**CANSW 48<sup>th</sup> AGM – Sat 4 March  
2023**

(plus informal lunch, a talk on the Bards  
of Cornwall, and generally a fun get  
together)

#### **Kernewek Lowender 50<sup>th</sup> YEARS**

15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023

Moonta, Wallaroo, and Kadina, SA

<https://www.kernewek.org>

## Committee News:

Bank account balance at 10/9/22: **\$7,469.09**  
Committee Meeting by Zoom 2.30pm Oct 30th

*“Sorry to those who tried to ring recently, but we enjoyed a lovely trip away in Qld, by 4WD bus right up to Cape York and more time in the Cairns area”.*

*“I hope to see some of you on our next Zoom in Spring, and some at our special Lunch in Sydney on Thursday 10 November (our flight down is already booked)”* Joy Dunkerley, President.



Notices have been send out with the last 2 Newsletters, but we still have **23 memberships who are not up to date** on their subscription, but yet have not resigned.

It is still \$15 per household. Those receiving the Newsletter by post should note the paid to **month/year on their envelope**. Others can email [kevrenor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kevrenor@ozemail.com.au) to check on currency. See reminders last 2 times!

## CARDS and LEAFLETS

Are still available for handing out to interested people, ans mentioned last newsletter. Contact me on [kevrenor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kevrenor@ozemail.com.au) or 0409 393 059 to get copies.



## MEMBERS MILESTONES

**VALE Esmé Morrell** who died on 21 July 2022.

She was a very long standing Cornish born member of our Association. We received this message from her son.

*“She was always proud of her Cornish birth and upbringing, but sadly over the past two years her worsening dementia meant she was*

*no longer able to enjoy news of ex-pat Cornish folk through your newsletter. Thank you for your part in helping her maintain her Cornish identity. Cheers Michael Robinson (Esmé's son)”* Our condolences to Michael and all her family and friends.

**Our best wishes** to members who have non virus health problems, or have been having ongoing medical procedures.

**Congratulations** to all those with birthdays or anniversaries during September and October.

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

## QUOTE

*“It may be worth consideration that the high physical and intellectual average of the Cornish people may not be partly due to their having in their veins a double portion of the blood of the old Romano-British chiefs and military class” – John Beddoe, ‘Races of Britain’, 1885.*

## SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

**Boscawen**– Alternative derivation: from *bos-Gawen*, abode of Gawen (*personal name*).

**Bosustow** – Chirgwin suggests from *bo-ysow* – abode at the corn.

**Brokenshaw / Brokenshire** – Possibly from *bro-kensa*, first or chief abode.

**Bunt** – Possibly from *Bans*, high place/cliff

**Carwin / Carwyn**– From *car-wyn*, white camp.

**Cattran** – Cornish form of Catherine

**Cavell** – Possibly from Cornish *keval*, horse

**Cock / Cocks** – possible from *kok*. sailing boat

**Collett** – Originated in Roseland (86 marriages of Collett's there 1600-1812)

**Cowling** – Possibly from *cawlen*, cabbage. Suggested also as a diminutive of Colyn, and Nicholas.



To be continued [These names came from the Appendix to 'A Handbook of Cornish Surnames', by George Pawley White, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1981.

## HOLY WELLS

### Laneast Holy Well

Laneast is a village and civil parish. It lies above the River Inny valley, about six miles (9km) west of Launceston. Its Holy Well is a Grade II listed building, and survives as a small stone building constructed over a well basin. The well house is constructed of coursed greenstone walls, with a flat arched granite entrance suggesting a 15th to 16th century date for the structure. The greenstone roof is capped with three large overlapping slate slabs. It is probable that the roof was originally pointed, but illustrations of 1854 and 1891 show it in its present form. Photo below: by Kaithy Laity



The historian Quiller Couch recorded that this well was known as the 'wishing well' or the 'Jordan well' and that it was consulted for '*intimations of the future*'. M and L Quiller Couch in 1891 recorded that the well itself was used for butter making and that water from the well was used for baptisms at Laneast church 160m to the north west. By 1996 the roof was slumping inwards and the pointing in poor repair. In 1997 the roof was rebuilt and the walls repointed.

## Ancient Cornish Places

**Lanyon Quoit** Lanyon is one of a number of 8 Quoits (known also as Dolmens) remaining in West Penwith. These sites were probably

designed as repositories for the bones of the dead, whose bodies may have been laid out on the capstones for the carrion birds to remove the flesh (a practice known as 'excarnation'). Yet it would be a mistake to think of these monuments simply as 'burial chambers'. The bone evidence from other places indicates that the disarticulated bones of a number of individuals may have been placed inside, and from time to time some bones were probably removed and were replaced by others. We may perhaps rather think of these sites as places where the 'tribe' (or the 'shamans' of the tribe) would go to consult with the spirits of their dead ancestors perhaps in trance journeys and altered states of consciousness.



Lanyon Quoit is located on relatively low-lying land close to Lanyon Farm, beside the Penzance-Madron-Morvah road. The immediate site is owned and maintained by the National Trust, and has 2 car parking spots and a stile over the roadside hedge. Please note that though it is perhaps the best known and most photographed of any of Cornwall's prehistoric monuments, and most accessible – it is also unfortunately today one of the least authentic!

It originally dated from the early Neolithic period (3500-2500 BCE) and consisted of a large capstone 5.3m (17½ft) long and 2.7m (9ft) wide on 4 upright support stones, similar to Chûn Quoit on the moors to the west. In 1815, it collapsed in a storm and some stones were fractured, so that when it was re-erected in 1824 (at right angles to its original position)

the capstone was placed on only 3 uprights which were shortened and squared off. It is thus much lower than before, and does not retain the distinctive rectangular box-like appearance of other Quoits. It originally stood at the northern end of a burial mound 27m (90ft) long and 12m (40ft) broad, the outline of which is still visible. At the southern end is a collection of stones which may originally have formed a small chamber or cist. In the 18th century Dr. Borlase dug at the site and reported that between the support stones, he had found a grave containing 'black earth'. [Photo: by Joy Dunkerley of The Editor in 2009]

## NEWS

### Duk Noweth / New Duke

Following the sad death at Balmoral in Scotland on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, Queen of the United Kingdom, and her other Realms and dependencies, and Lord of Mann, at the venerable age of 96, the royal succession fell to her immediate heir, Charles.

He thus became King, styled King Charles, and no longer Duke. On his succession to the throne, the constitutional title of Duke of Cornwall fell then immediately to the eldest living son of the UK sovereign.

This now being William Arthur Philip Louis, William has become the new **Duke of Cornwall** (in Cornish Duk Kernow). This is his pre-eminent title, higher than his various bestowed titles.

Welcome William – may you serve the Duchy and the Cornish people actively, wisely and justly.



### Call for Papers – Cornish History Seminar, South Australia, May 2023

At each Kernewek Lowender festival for over 20 years the Cornish Association of SA has held a History Seminar, focussed on the Cornish in Australia. Next year the theme is "Cornish Life Beyond the Mines". It will be held at Wallaroo Town Hall on Thursday 18 May, 2023. They have called for papers. These would be presented in either a 15 minute or 25 minute session. You can deliver it yourself or arrange for others to do so if you can't be present.

For full details of the Seminar please contact Chris Dunkerley asap on email address [kevrenor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kevrenor@ozemail.com.au) or phone 0409 393 059 - in the first instance who can send you the *Call Document*.

### Gorsedh Kernow ceremony in Hayle

This year's Open Gorsedh ceremony was held in Hayle, on 3 September as part of the Esethvos.



Due the very wet and wild weather, after a summer of heat and drought, the ceremony was held inside Hayle Academy (school), photo see above - the Official Party take their place.

Gorsedh Kernow's Esedhvos of Cornish Culture started on Thursday 1st September when the exhibition of Adult and Young People's Awards winners' work went on display alongside the historic Grand Bard's Chair in the Passmore Edwards Institute. During the evening the Gorsedh Kernow Awards presentation when winners received their Awen medals and certificates from the Grand Bard. Friday was a full day of talks, activities and presentation centred on Cornwall and on Hayle in particular. The Hayle Heritage Centre hosted a talk on Hayle history, a presentation of the Cornwall



National Music Archive alongside a new exhibition on Male Voice Choirs, while there was a taster sessions for gig rowing and a Koffi ha Kows (Coffee and Chat) morning for Cornish speakers and those interested in the language at Lulas. Story Republic brought performances of stories and tales to Hayle throughout the afternoon, while there was also an opportunity to look around the historic Masonic Hall and an opportunity to explore the Towans on a guided walk with the Towans Ranger. *“The Esedhvos in Hayle on Friday gave everyone the chance to learn more about what is going on in Cornwall and in Hayle in particular,”* said Grand Bard Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Veur* *“One of the benefits of Gorsedh Kernow moving around Cornwall is the chance to spotlight a different town and area each September, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the rich variety of our culture.”* Hayle’s Mayor, Anne-Marie Rance, says *“It is an honour and a privilege for Hayle to host Gorsedh Kernow this year. Hayle has strong historic links with the Gorsedh and some of its founders, also earlier founded the Hayle Old Cornwall Society - who celebrate their centenary next year, so it is fitting that the Gorsedh is being held here.”*

A traditional Troyl/Ceilidh led by local Cornish dance and music group Tros an Treys, several of whose musicians live in Hayle itself, on Friday night. The annual concert on the Saturday evening featured local performers and entertainers including Cornish music duo MacQuarrie and Toms, and also on Saturday evening a Cornish music and song session at the Commercial Hotel led by St Aubyn’s Singers. On the Sunday Cornish language to the fore in the *Blas a Gernewek* taste of Cornish session held at Penpol School. A heritage walk around Hayle completes the morning, then Evensong in the Cornish language will be held at Phillack Church.

The centerpiece was of course on Saturday 3rd at the 2pm bardic ceremony in Hayle Academy where 19 new bards were initiated in recognition of their outstanding work in serving

Cornwall and her distinctive Celtic identity (No Australians this time).

More information of the Gorsedh can be found at <https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk> or come to the our AGM next year where there will be a talk on the Gorsedh and the Bards of Cornwall. Perhaps your next visit to Cornwall will include the Esthevos?

### **Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro**



The Royal Cornwall Museum in River Street, Truro holds an extensive mineral collection rooted in Cornwall's mining and engineering heritage. The county's artistic heritage is reflected in the museum's art collection. Through the Courtney Library the museum also provides a collection of rare books and manuscripts to help with education, research and the discovery of Cornish life and culture. The museum also highlights Cornwall's relationship with the wider world through one of the most significant British emigrations of the 19th century. The museum hosts a permanent exhibition of ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman objects, supported by the British Museum. It is part of the Royal Institution of Cornwall (RIC), a learned society and registered charity. Sadly one of the key financial supporters of the Museum, Cornwall Council, has discontinued funding quite inexplicably and threatens its survival. Debate and negotiation continue. The executive director, Jonathan Morton, said the museum – founded by the Royal Institution of Cornwall in 1818 – was “shocked, bewildered and stunned” that its funding had been cut ..”

## Celtic Nations Protests

With the easing of Covid restrictions and spring and summer weather marches and other protests have resumed seeking more variously autonomy and for specific policies to benefit Cornwall, Wales, and Scotland and their people.



All Under One Banner march in Cornwall on 16 June



Earlier Housing shortage crisis protest in Cornwall

## NEW BOOKS

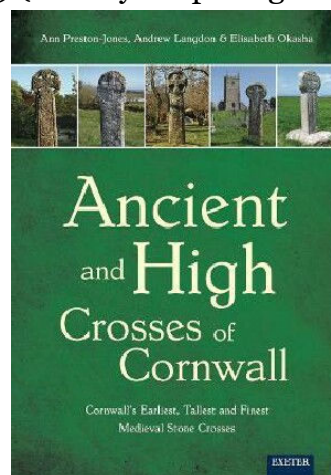
### Ancient and High Crosses of Cornwall

By Ann Preston-Jones, Andrew Langdon & Elisabeth Okasha

An illustrated guide to one hundred of the finest early Cornish stone crosses, dating from around AD 900 to 1300. This beautiful book reveals just how greatly Cornwall is blessed to have so many splendid examples surviving. The academic rigour is impressive as is the care with which the images have been taken. It is easy to 'snap' anything when you happen to be

there, with frequently inadequate results. Each of the featured crosses has been visited by Anne Preston-Jones and Andrew Langdon at appropriate times of day (and year when overhanging trees and shrubs preclude good photography) to ensure suitable lighting which reveals the detail so well. Besides that, it makes the book visually attractive, of course. In addition to its Introduction, there is a Historical overview, a look at Inscriptions (found on seventeen crosses), Cornish groups or schools of stone sculpture, sections on Dating, and the Function of crosses. Antiquarian study and restoration is reviewed, and a Glossary (with illustrations) is provided. Postcodes and National Grid References are shown for each of

the 100 crosses described and illustrated, as are References to earlier published sources. Additionally, the book has an extensive Bibliography and a proper Index. Ancient and High Crosses of Cornwall offers an ideal introduction for the general reader but will also prove essential to local historians, landscape historians, archaeologists and anyone working in the area of Cornish studies or connected with the Cornish diaspora. £19.99. Available at <https://www.kernowgoth.org> or Amazon.com from \$27.99 (check your postage and packing)



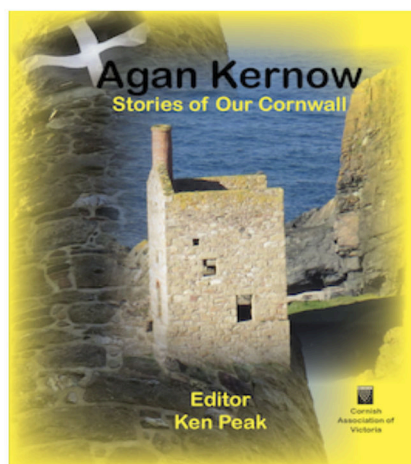
### Agan Kernow

"Highly recommended" (Chris Dunkerley)

The Cornish Association of Victoria has put together a collection of 76 stories written by 51 authors from 4 countries of the Cornish Diaspora. We have stories from Victoria, SA, NSW, Tas, ACT and QLD. Plus



those from folk with Cornish heritage in Canada, the USA and NZ.



The CAV has this book for sale **NOW** - taking orders and payment via the CAV website at: <http://www.cornishvic.org.au> or direct at the distributor :

<https://www.arcoates.com/Agan-Kernow/>

[To do this, enter the following into the Customer login boxes: **Username: post Password: buy** Then click on the *Login* button. This will take you to another page on their A & R Coates Events Photography site where you click on the gallery named "Agan Kernow". Now click on the 'Agan Kernow' image of the book and you will be able to purchase. You can also order copies of Agan Kernow (Our Cornwall) by sending send a cheque or Money Order payable to Cornish Association of Victoria, along with your postal details to Robyn Coates, 28 Town Hall Avenue, Preston VIC 3072. Posted books cost \$A35 each including postage and handling.

## Notable Cornish, people of Cornwall, and of the diaspora

### Oswald Pryor

'Oswald Pryor (1881-1971), cartoonist and author, was born on 15 February 1881 at Moonta Mines, South Australia, second of three surviving children of Cornish parents James Pryor, mine agent, and his wife Caroline Jane, née Richards. James migrated to Victoria in 1866, moved to Moonta Mines in 1869 and married Caroline that year'.

'After primary schooling Oswald began work at 13 for the Wallaroo & Moonta Mining &

Smelting Co., under H. R. Hancock whose entry he eventually wrote for this dictionary [the Australian Dictionary of Biography]. Pryor was an apprentice in the mechanical shops but also developed his talent in the drawing office. He attended night classes at the Moonta School of Mines, became a mechanical draftsman and, from 1911, was the manager of the Moonta Mines cementation works. On 8 January 1908 he married Mabel Dixon; they had one son. Pryor was an accomplished organist at the Moonta Mines Methodist Church and later at Kensington Park Methodist Church, Adelaide.

'In 1919 or 1920 with the Wallaroo and Moonta mines slipping into a serious decline he moved to Adelaide where he worked briefly for the Hume Pipe Co. Later he was a staff artist for the News and later again he ran a small distributing office for the Sydney Bulletin. He freelanced as a cartoonist from the front room of his Leabrook home on a wooden table he made himself. His wife was totally deaf from the age of 30; they lived simply and quietly. Pryor was a small, slight man whose humour was droll and whimsical.



*When I say a thing is, it IS,  
even if 'tedden'*

‘His first cartoon was published in Quiz on 9 October 1901. Then for two years from 1902 he attended the School of Design, Painting and Technical Art under H. P. Gill in Adelaide. C. J. Dennis, editor in turn of the Critic and the Gadfly, published Pryor's drawings and encouraged him to use his Cornish compatriots as subjects. For some years he used the signature, “Cipher”. Subsequently his cartoons were accepted for the Bulletin, the South Australian Wireless Monthly and several other periodicals. Most appeared in the Bulletin and Cornish families at Moonta and Wallaroo, the miners, their “cappens”, preachers, chapels and goats were comically portrayed to a large and appreciative audience. His last drawing was published when he was 85.

‘Pryor's work for the News in the late 1920s into the 1930s included a weekly political cartoon. He published a collection of his cartoons privately as Cornish Pasty in 1950. It was re-published by Rigby in 1961 and Cousin Jacks and Jennys followed in 1966. His illustrated folk-history of the Moonta-Kadina-Wallaroo district, Australia's Little Cornwall (the name has been used ever since), won third prize in the book section of the first Advertiser literary competition in 1962. A Labor sympathizer, Pryor followed politics by listening to parliamentary broadcasts.

‘In 1937 he visited Cornwall, where his drawings were popular, and in 1951 he was made a bard of the Gorsedh of Cornwall for his contribution to Cornish history in Australia; he took the Cornish name *Carer Creftow* (lover of the arts). Subsequently he was a vice-president and patron of the Cornish Association of South Australia. ‘For the last few years of his life he lived in Canberra with his son Lindsay Dixon, professor of botany at the Australian National University. Oswald Pryor died at nearby Queanbeyan on 13 June 1971 and was cremated. A grandson Geoff Pryor has been the cartoonist for the Canberra Times.’ Oswalds’ cartoons from the book “Cornish Pasty” used by kind permission of Geoffrey Pryor to CANSW.

Source: The late Bard Jim Faull writing in <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/pryor-oswald-8127>

## OUR CORNISH PLACES



**Trevillion Lane, Catherine Hill Bay, NSW.** Trevillion is a Cornish surname. Trevillion Lane was named after one of the original hoteliers in bay in 1877

### Silly Sayings - Wise words on Ageing

“*“We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary.”* - C.S. Lewis“



### 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](http://www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm)

**Dates coming up ...** Feast day of St. St Mawgan 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, St Keyne 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Allantide / Nos Calan Gwav [aka Halloween] 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**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 400* for the months of November / December 2022 has a copy deadline - by 9 November.

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

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