



Canadian celebrations: On May 6, 2023, Canadians will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort. This historic event, the first coronation of a Canadian Head of State and Monarch in 7 decades, will allow communities to come together and highlight themes that both King Charles III and Canadians hold dear, including service, the environment and sustainability, and our nation's diversity.

As a constitutional monarchy and Commonwealth realm, Canada will be marking this milestone event with a number of national initiatives that celebrate the close ties between His Majesty and Canada, as well as the role the Crown plays in our system of government and our sense of identity.



Ontario celebrations:

On May 6, 2023, Ontario will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort. This historic occasion will mark the first coronation of a Canadian Head of State in seven decades.

To commemorate The King's Coronation, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, Speaker Ted Arnott, and Indigenous leaders will hold a flag raising ceremony, 21-gun salute, and drum circle at 11:15 a.m. on May 6. The ceremony will also include a special presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Members of the public are invited to attend. The event will also be available to view via livestream on the [Government of Ontario YouTube Channel](#).

Following the ceremony, 'Coronation Celebration: A Fun Royal Fair' will be held on the South Lawn of Queen's Park from noon to 6 p.m. Free family fun activities will include carnival rides and live entertainment. A 'Taste of Ontario' will provide complimentary food and beverages from Ontario farmers and processors. The Coronation Celebration is open to the public, free of charge.

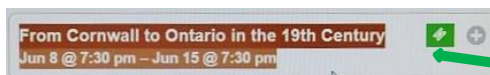
EVENTOW NESSA + KEVEWI TCA (Next Event + TCA Party)



May 6th, Sat. morning 05:00 am
The TCA will celebrate
The Coronation of King Charles III'
Ontario celebrations are noted on
the front page of the Review.
Of course we will be glued to our TV
and other screens to watch it all live.

May 7th, Sunday, 5:00 pm (17:00 EDT) Eastern CAHS Zoom**
The CAHS Book Club: *Peril at End House* by Agatha Christie.
**google website: cousinjack.org and click on EVENTS to register.

May 11th, Thursday, 7:30 pm (19:30 EDT) Ontario Genealogy Society Zoom***
'Immigration to Early Ontario': Online Series
***click or google http://torontofamilyhistory.org/calendar/cat_ids~55/
to open the OGS Calendar - click on the **green button** to register -
\$20 CDN non-members, \$15 CDN (Canadian) for members.



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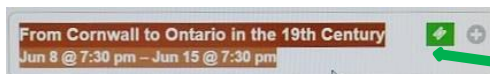
***May 13th, Sat, 10:00 am, In-Person at the Orono Cemetery in**
Orono, Ontario : Sher Leetooze and the Durham Cornish Group
and TCA will explore our heritage (meeting and party).
(Some details below - more to follow when you register)



May 21st, Sunday, 6:00 pm Eastern CAHS Zoom**
Jane Howells of Bewnans Kernow: will present "Remodelling
the old Penzance Library into *Cornish Heritage in Penzance*"
Zoom link will be sent the week prior to this meeting.
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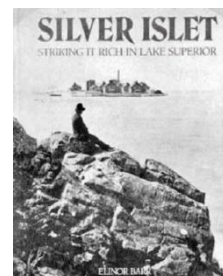
June 8th, Thursday, 7:30 pm (19:30 EDT) Ontario Genealogical Society Zoom***
'From Cornwall to Ontario in the 19th Century' Online Series
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June 17th, Saturday, 2:00 pm TCA Zoom
Elle Andra-Warner will present
'*The Cornish miners of Silver Islet and Silver Mountain*'.
Known as the world's richest silver mine, *Silver Islet's* mine
shaft was beneath the icy waters of Lake Superior.

The Zoom link will be circulated shortly before the meeting.



More TCA and Other Events

* May 13, 2023 Toronto Cornish and Durham Cornish Joint Meeting Saturday,

Sher Leetooze has put together an interesting programme for the day.

This is an opportunity to socialise with our Cornish cousins in Durham County and enjoy listening to and sharing Cornish stories. TCA *kevrenogyon* (participants) should come to this one.

If you haven't already registered, please contact Maxine McKenzie mmckenzie2001@hotmail.com



Here are the details for the day:

Arrival 10:00 a.m.

Orono cemetery (28 North Mill Lane)

There will be stories about the Cornish settlers who are buried there.

Lunch 12 noon.

At the historic Rebekah Lodge,
124 Church Street North, Orono,
(near the antique market hall)

Cost: \$9. Lunch & soft drink.

Orono is a 60 minute drive from east Toronto.

Take the Don Valley north to the 401 east. Head north on 115 north of Wilmot Creek to Orono.

There are no washroom facilities at the cemetery.

The closest washroom is McDonald's on highway 115.

Maps and further details will be sent to those who sign up **before May 8, 2023**

From Cornwall to Ontario in the 19th century

A two-part online series from the OGS:

During the first half of the 19th century thousands of people left their homes in Cornwall to seek a better life elsewhere. Many of this Cornish diaspora came to Canada and a significant number settled in Ontario, north of present-day Oshawa. This two-part online series to be held on **June 8 + June 15 at 7:30 pm** will explore their journey from Cornwall and settlement in Ontario.

Part 1

June 8: 7:30 pm Cornish Settlers in East Whitby Township: 1830s and 1840s

Many families from St. Blazey, Cornwall, emigrated together and settled in the east half of Whitby Township. Historian **Wesley Johnston** will look at the conditions leading to emigration then follow the story of one family's journey from St. Blazey to Whitby, the focus of the English Corner's Project. He will explain the strategy he used to untangle these "Family Thickets" and how it can be applied to other immigrant groups. Wesley will also talk about what resources he expects will further his research.

Part 2

June 15: 7:30 pm The Bible Christians of Ontario

Many of the Cornish immigrants were Bible Christians. Author and researcher **Sher Leetooze** will describe how exploring the roots of Bible Christians led to her writing three books about them. We'll learn where they came from, why they left, and where they settled and built their chapels. Sher will describe some of the original sources she used to understand how the Bible Christian preachers became the glue binding these Cornish immigrant communities together.

Register at: <https://torontofamilyhistory.org/event/cornwall-to-ontario-series/>

The webinars will be recorded, so that registrants who can't attend the live presentations may watch at a more convenient time. **The cost of the series is \$20 (CDN).**



Notes from contributing Editor John Webb:

It's springtime,
and Cornwall's
weird and
wonderful rituals
make the place
so unique



Crossing the
Tamar on the
Flying Scotsman



Trevithick Day in Camborne



Floral Day in Helston

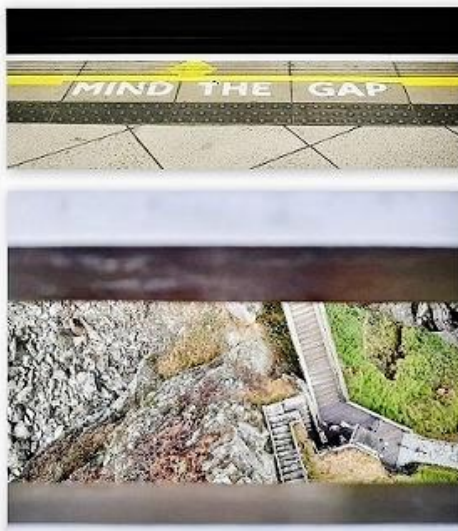


"Obby Oss" in Padstow

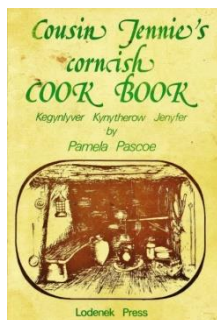


And Coronation Parties everywhere.

And for those who enjoy visiting Cornwall's landmarks, try a walk on
The Tintagel Castle footbridge



But, for those of us with slight vertigo, beware the gap in the middle



A new item from Sheldon Creek Dairies turned up in my local store, and it may be of interest to those of us seeking a change to the bottled imports.

I was assured that it was made in the traditional manner, that is, as described on page 75 of Cousin Jennie's Cookbook. And thanks to Len Snell for donating the book, it was covered with so many sticky finger marks it was clearly well used and well loved.



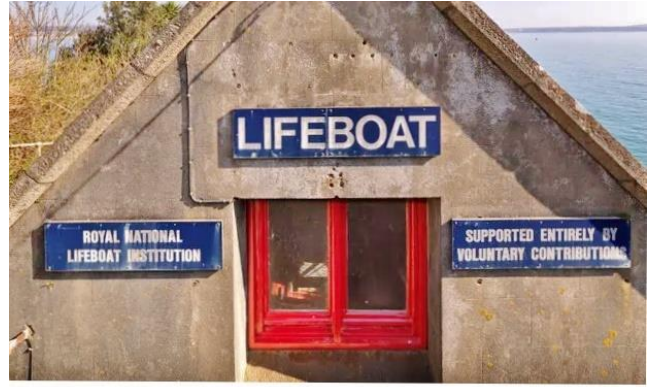
The Penlee Lifeboat Disaster *by John Webb*

On 19 December 1981, off the coast of Cornwall, the RNLI lifeboat, *Solomon Browne*, based at the Penlee Lifeboat Station near Mousehole, went to the aid of the vessel *Union Star* after its engines failed in heavy seas. After the lifeboat had rescued four people, both vessels were lost with all hands. Sixteen people died, including eight volunteer lifeboat men.

Just recently, the lifeboat station and its concrete slipway [have been granted Grade II-listed status, which means they are considered of national importance.](#)



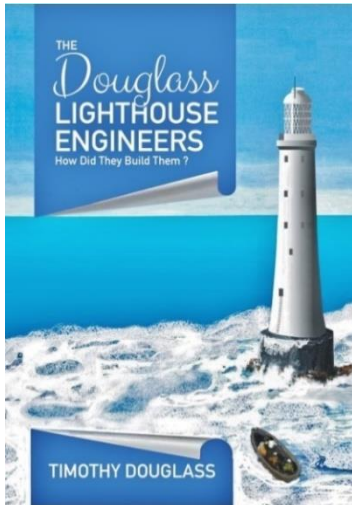
📷 The concrete slipway in front of the Penlee lifeboat station. Photograph: James O Davies/The Historic England Archive, Historic England



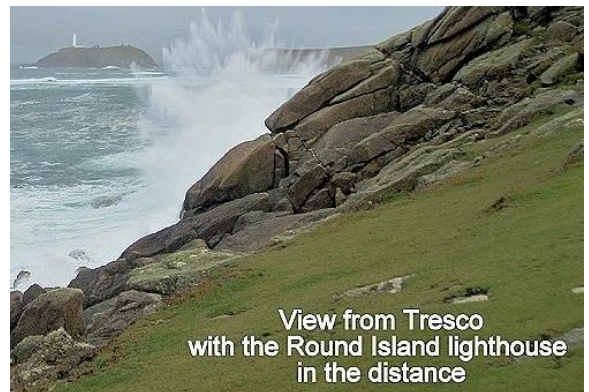
📷 A detail of the lifeboat station at Penlee Point near Mousehole in Cornwall. Photograph: James O Davies/The Historic England Archive, Historic England

The lifeboat station at Penlee Point was designed by the RNLI engineer and architect William Tregarthen Douglass, a prolific and innovative designer of maritime structures.

It was formally opened in 1913. TCA member Tim Douglass is the descendant of that lighthouse engineering family. Tim provided some more information on this member of his family, and his story is another example of the depth of the Cornish heritage represented by club members.



“William started off his career by assisting his father, Sir James Nicholas Douglass, with the construction of the Eddystone Lighthouse. He was then put in charge of the work in constructing the Bishop Rock lighthouse and the lighthouse on Round Island, Scilly.(R) He then went on to form his own business covering lighthouses, harbors, lifeboat stations, piers and sea defense work.”



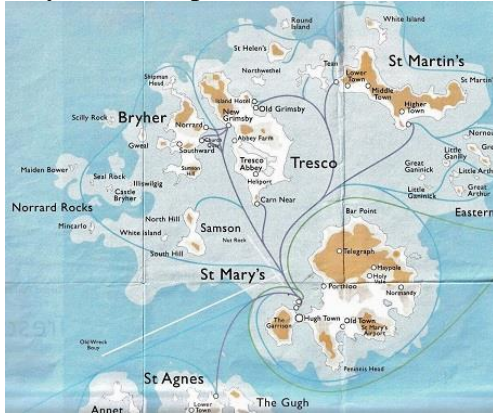
“In addition to the lifeboat station at Penlee Point, other notable works of his in Cornwall are the breakwater at Sennen Cove, Newlyn harbour north pier and the reconstruction of the outer harbour walls at Mevagissey. William’s middle name is taken after his mother, Mary Tregarthen, daughter of James Tregarthen, a ship owner in the Isles of Scilly.”

The Methodist Church of St Martin's, Isle of Scilly, by John Webb

During my research into the life of my Jenkin's ancestors on the Isles of Scilly during the 1800s, I came across this item in a family will:

I give the sum of One Hundred pounds to Mr William Gibson of St Martins, Isles of Scilly, in Trust for the use and benefit of the Bible Christian Association in connection with the Isles of Scilly alone.

So on a recent visit to Scilly, I visited St Martin's and the chapel and acquired perhaps a view into the life of those hardy souls. (The history of the chapel and the photographs have been taken from notes in the visitor's lobby of the chapel).



The Isles of Scilly



A traditional cottage

This Methodist Church is one of two on the Isles of Scilly, the other being on St. Mary's. Methodism was founded by the brothers John and Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century. John Wesley visited Scilly in September 1743, sailing over from St. Ives in a fishing boat. It seems to have been a rough crossing. He preached on St. Mary's, but does not appear to have visited any of the Off Islands.

In the nineteenth century, Methodism had several branches which were active. Two of these - the Wesleyans and the Bible Christians - had worked on Scilly. This chapel on St. Martin's was founded by the latter.

The Bible Christians were notable, in their early days, especially, for having women preachers. It was one of these, Mary Ann Wherry, who visited all the islands and soon a chapel was built on this site. The Bible Christians' simple revivalistic style of preaching and worship appealed to Scillonians and soon they were the larger of the two Methodist denominations in Scilly, drawn largely from the poorer members of Scillonian society.

This was a period when there was a great deal of extreme poverty and destitution on the Islands, so the Bible Christians had to build their simple places of worship largely by the labours of their own bare hands. The number one industry on the islands during that time was growing spring flowers. Every year, sweet narcissus and daffodil stems would be carefully packed and loaded onto boats for Penzance to meet the overnight London flower special to Covent Garden. These pictures possibly capture the life of my extended Jenkins family.

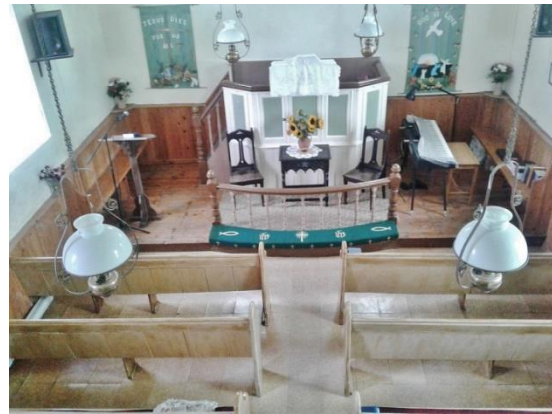


The Jenkins family at work



The Isles of Scilly: Ploughing in Bulls on St. Martins

The original St. Martin's Chapel seems to have been quite a simple, thatched construction and was replaced in 1836 by the present building which, apart from the roof, was built entirely by the members. Apart from the rather plain exterior, which speaks powerfully of its origins, there are, inside, several notable features significant in Methodist worship. The simple pulpit has central place, an indication of the importance of “*the word*”, whether read from the Bible, or preached by the minister or a local preacher. The pulpit is the only place that can be seen from any point in the building. The pews are intended to cater for as many people as possible. Paying for new chapels was often a problem and pews would be “rented” out to members of the congregation to help defray the costs.



Outside and inside views of the Chapel

Originally, there were pews on either side of the pulpit for a choir. Before the days of organs in churches, there would probably have been a 'singer's seat' below the pulpit where someone would strike up a note for the hymns. The oil lamps were still in use until electricity was brought from the mainland in 1984.

The Sunday School hall was used for teaching the children - in the early days before compulsory schooling, it was often where children (and sometimes adults) were taught the basics of reading and writing. The hall was also used for events such as Band of Hope meetings, and social events. The Band of Hope was a temperance organization. Although never compulsory, teetotalism was an important feature of most Methodists' lives from about the third decade of the nineteenth century. Eventually the various strands of Methodism were united, in what is now the Methodist Church.

A message from the Toronto Cornish Crew (the TCC)

We continue with the Zoom platform, our annual costs for TCA operation have been reduced, therefore **the membership fee and renewal paper work are waived until further notice.**

We have expenditures for Zoom, printing & mailing and memberships of sister Cornish organizations.

Donations continue to be needed as before and will be gratefully received.

(Make a cheque payable out to The Toronto Cornish Association and send it to

TCA, c/o 2611-33 Empress Ave, Toronto ON M2N 6Y7

(For e-transfer - contact rradclif@sympatico.ca or eradcliffe@sympatico.ca for instructions)



My tuppence worth: **The danger of “the polls”** conducted willy-nilly by “respected opinion samplers”. For example, in an article in the - - - Toronto newspaper, it was noted that, “A poll last month for the - - - Institute found 52 per cent of Canadians do not want the country to continue as a Constitutional Monarchy for generations to come. The survey of 1,607 Canadian adults, members of the - - - Forum, was conducted from April 5-7.” A far too small sample taken from within the institute’s own entrails would make the conclusion, I think, somewhat slippery information! *James Dagg TCA*





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(Jim Dagg 1968)

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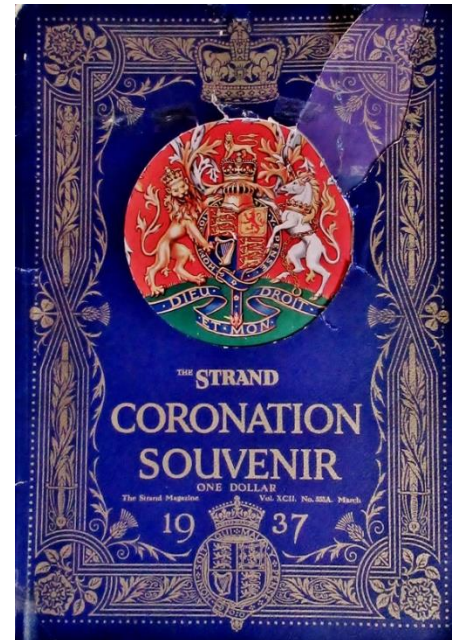
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THE KING, NOW CROWNED, MOVES
OFFICIALLY UP TO THE BIG HOUSE,



A couple of souvenirs I have
from the 1937 Coronation.
(Missed it by a couple of years.)

Jim Dagg