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Where the Cornish Lived in Butte Montana
Little Cornwall



1866 ~ CENTERVILLE ~ 1866

The Town at the Crest of the Richest Hill on Earth



Hennessy's



Mountain Con Mines #1 and #2



Mullen House



St. Lawrence Church



Centerville Line



Centerville Hotel



Blaine School



Hibernia Hall

Courtesy of Paddy Dennehy, Butte Historical Society

Lewydh Messach (**President's Message**)

Myttin da, (*Good Morning*)

We are less than 2 months away from our Gathering. .

We are getting excited about Zooming our program out to the world. We have advertised in Cornwall as well as South Australia and of course North America. It will be so good to connect with our members and guests as in person as possible.

Our big drive right now is to find excellent folks that will take over the duties of the officers we have in CAHS. As you know from previous newsletters, we have had trouble finding folks that are willing to take over some of the positions in the Society. Some of us have been in positions for over 10 years. When we looked at our Gathering Board—Four of us are past Presidents and the other and 5 are current officers of their Cornish societies. It is time for new blood and/or a new way to operate our Society. The board has been discussing the future of our Society and I will present a brief overview below of how what we are doing now looks like and what the future *COULD* look like. We ask you to digest what we are suggesting and come to the Gathering ready to vote on our FUTURE. If you have strong feelings about either choice please free to email or call us.

CAHS has been maintained by only one-half dozen or so since at least 2015. This seems to be a trend in many organizations (lack of people willing to be officers), and perhaps simplification is necessary to maintain the two Purposes of our Society—publish a worthy newsletter quarterly and help host a Gathering of Cornish Cousins every 2 years (or within 5 yrs). **We want to stay viable and we are proud of our heritage and Cornwall! We can't do it without help from our membership.**

'Formal' vs 'Informal'

If we stay Formal:

Officers as listed in the newsletter

Maintain a formal membership database

Pay Dues

Printed and Digital newsletter and Gathering, etc.

If we change to Informal:

Digital only newsletter—posted on our website for easy access—no printed newsletter

No Dues

Database only for name and email address (Zoom) (snail mail address if no email)

Gathering

Zoom meeting between each newsletter—informal format: speakers or informal information or chat with members

Give us your thoughts NOW. We will be voting on the Future of our Society during the General Meeting at the Gathering on Friday. You will need to be a member in order to vote!. Hoping to see all of you at the Gathering! Join from the comfort of your own home. Invite some friends in to watch with you.

Oll an Gwella
Carolyn



Description of Elected Officer's Duties for The Cornish American Heritage Society

Editor's note: This is a timely description as a General Meeting (Members only) will be held at the 19th Gathering in July. As you read the descriptions let us know *NOW* if there is an office that might interest you and also be able to make use of your expertise. It is only meant to be for 2 years until the next Gathering!

Since the last Gathering we have scaled back our offices to President, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer / Membership, Media Specialist, and Historian. These can be combined in numerous ways.

Officers will be *confirmed* by vote at the General Meeting during the Gathering of Cornish Cousins, and serve through the next scheduled Gathering when the next election of officers shall be conducted. Computer literacy is advantageous for all officers in order to conduct the business of the society from their various geographical locations and a necessity in some offices.

The President presides at the General Meeting and/or of the Executive Committee, oversees the administration and carries out the policies of CAHS. He/she also is an ex-officio member of all committees, takes an active role in the public relations of the CAHS, communicates with the membership via Tam Kernewek, the quarterly newsletter, and works with the Board of the Gathering of Cornish Cousins to ensure a successful conference.

The Newsletter Editor encourages individual participation by receiving and editing submitted contributions, keeping membership informed regarding events and happenings which are pertinent to what is current in the Cornish world, working with the Gathering committee so members receive comprehensive information regarding the Gathering. He/she oversees the printing of paper / newsletters and sending them out to the members.

**The Treasurer/Membership Chair conducts the financial and membership affairs of the Society. This officer handles all aspects of Society activities at one time or another and should be computer literate.

The Treasurer **keeps all financial records up to date, providing any information required by the IRS regarding the Society's** non-profit status and periodically submitting all materials for audit. He/she receives returned mail and resends it out updating the Membership Chair.

The Membership Chair maintains a database of member information, creating a new record for each new member.

The Media Specialist **Chair maintains and updates the Society's website, and promotes our Cornish heritage and our Society via** social media channels. In addition, he/she sends out the email newsletter.

The Historian maintains contact with the curator of the Southwestern Wisconsin Room, Karman Library, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, coordinating as necessary, and collects and turns over to that curator those items determined to be of historical value to CAHS.

** Currently these duties have been split up and we are hoping that in the future they can be simplified so that one person **can handle both. See President's message.** We are currently looking for a Newsletter Editor and a Membership/Treasurer.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING OUR SOCIETY

Carolyn

19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins Speakers, Topics and Schedule

*Note: The schedule is set to Eastern Standard Time Zone
You will have to adjust the time for your particular time zone*

Times are set with 15 minutes between speakers to allow for attendees to take care of drinks, eats, standing up **and moving around and other activities. There will be an introduction to the speaker before each speaker's presentation.**
(Schedule times may change slightly closer to the Gathering)

Friday, July 16, 2021

1:30pm EST

Welcome

2:00pm EST

Gage McKinney, Keynote speaker, Author, Past President of the California Cornish Cousins, Lay Preacher

Forty Years of CAHS: Is Cornish Culture Safe? For forty years CAHS has assumed the challenge of promoting Cornish heritage and culture in North America. Our movement had shown all the signs of a neglected, minority culture struggling for survival, calling for a place among the nations and barely hanging on. We have made great strides for Kernow and Cornishness and its place, especially on the former frontiers of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Yet we must recognize our energy is largely spent. Did we do enough? And how can we encourage our descendants and compatriots to continue the mission of preserving our culture and making it known?

Discussion

General Meeting, Members Only—**Non Members: please take a break and come back at 4pm to join Wesley's talk**

4:00pm EST

Wesley Johnston, Family Historian; Masters Degrees in Mathematics & History; Author

Cornwall to Canada: Three Related Family Thicket Projects - St. Blazey Families, Cornwall to Canada Voyages, English Corners [Columbus, Ontario] Family thickets of multiple generations of inter-marriages were the reality of life for centuries, a landscape just as real to our ancestors as the terrain in which they lived. Putting all the families of a locality back together yields deep insight into their lives and the choices they made. This presentation looks at the family thicket of origin in St. Blazey, Cornwall, and the one of destination at Columbus, Ontario, as well as the passengers on the voyages that connected them and how the complexity of their inter-connected families is reconstructed into databases and web pages and analytical presentations.

6:00pm EST

Fisherman's Friends, video, 107 minutes—Based on a true story. Ends Friday session.

Saturday, July 17, 2021

11:15am EST

Welcome

11:30am EST

Larry Hoffman, P.E. Mining Engineer

Butte – Butte - Curse of Cornish Copper, Savior of Miners: The mines of Cornwall, major suppliers of copper (and tin) to the world for over a century, were devastated by the discoveries of incredibly rich copper deposits in the United States. The price of copper and even tin dropped dramatically. The old mines could not produce at a loss and closed, throwing thousands of families into economic chaos. The only escape for many miners was to leave their families and beloved country, and emigrate to where the work was—in the United States. Hard as it was to leave centuries of

Gathering con't:

tradition, country, and emigrate to where the work was—in the United States. Hard as it was to leave centuries of tradition, they found freedom they never dreamed of, working conditions far better than what they had taken for normal, and pay better than they could have imagined. In return, they brought their mining technology and skills, as well as an incredible work ethic that benefitted the new mines far beyond their labor. All combined to give them the opportunity to share their bounty with family back home, where the income was spent in depressed communities.

12:45pm EST

Aubrey Jaap, Assistant Director of Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives

Butte's Cornish Community: Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives staff member Aubrey Jaap will discuss Butte, Montana's Cornish community. The Cornish taught the world to mine, and the mining city of Butte, Montana, is no exception. Roughly 2,000 Cornish miners made their way to Butte and soon sent for their families. They brought with them their traditions of food, music, and religion, established businesses and boarding houses, and formed close-knit neighborhood communities. **Jaap will also discuss the Archives' genealogical and manuscript collections and how archival resources can assist with historical and family research.**

2:00pm EST

Samantha Felder, Junior at Grand Canyon University

Cornish Legacy in Idaho: In the picturesque, seemingly untouched, landscape of the Wood River Valley of Idaho, lies a dilapidated log cabin, known only to locals and the descendants of a Cornish immigrant who have kept its legacy alive for generation through oral tradition. With this presentation, we will explore the assumed and actual origins of this cabin, along with the research that has made these discoveries possible, including a collection of letters written by Richard Scoble, a Cornish immigrant from the late 19th century. We will also discuss the history of Cornish influence in Idaho, which has remained a relatively unresearched topic, along with a proposed project that will seek to preserve the heritage of notable communities in the area, including the Cornish.

3:00pm EST

Closing

We have directions below for how to use Zoom. We strongly suggest you practice with someone if you are not familiar with Zoom. **Board is available to 'meet' with you by appointment—email us!**

ZOOM: *click on the blue words or enter them into your browser*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUCzply8g-l&t=95s>

The video, which is designed for people who may find using a computer challenging, will show you how to join a Zoom meeting. You can feel confident in your ability to meet with others on Zoom after watching this step by step tutorial that breaks the process down in detail. If you have never used Zoom before, it will give you all you need to know to get started.

Thinking ahead.....

You will need a phone, ipad, computer, or smartphone to attend. You will need to share your email with us if you are currently not receiving an email newsletter. You will receive an invitation to the Gathering after you have registered. (there is a registration form in this newsletter or click on this link: <https://forms.gle/D3sdxDDfRLYUpa4a7>)

This invitation will have all the information you need to join in the meeting. PLEASE SAVE THE EMAIL OR TEXT. YOU WILL NEED IT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY! If you are joining with a phone we will need your phone number to text you the invitation. Note: if you are joining with a regular phone you will have audio but no video. We will have people standing by to help, but I know you won't want to be late and miss some of the presentations.

CORNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

19th GATHERING OF THE CORNISH COUSINS REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, July 16, 2021, 1:30pm EDT
Saturday, July 17, 2021, 11:15am EDT

Virtual in your own home or gathered safely with others

We have 87 zoom connections - Please register early!
Registration Deadline is July 9, 2021

Cost per Zoom Connection \$25 each

Please make sure your screen name on Zoom is a close match to your registration name on Zoom for attendance purposes. **(We need an email or a phone number that accepts "texts" to send you the link to the Zoom meeting.)**

You can register electronically with the following link: <https://forms.gle/D3sdxDDfRLYUpa4a7>

Or:

Name _____ Email _____

Phone: (for texts or problems) _____

*Please check if you agree to have your name/email address to be included in the Gathering program _____

Send registration form and your check to:

CAHS
486 Plat B Road
Sutherlin, OR 97479

Or make payment with PAYPAL— to: cornishamericanhs@gmail.com

*PAYPAL will convert your currency to \$US or click on: <https://paypal.me/CornishAmHS>

(please fill out and either send the registration form to the above address
or email: dot97479@gmail.com)

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Kesskrifans a-dre Eseleth

(Correspondence from Societies
and Cousin Jack Website)

New Zealand Cornish Association and Christchurch branch report they have had their Biennial and Annual meetings and elections of officers.

NZ Cornish Association newsletter

Abandoned Mine Models

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmZSO2r982ix_MqYXklqlq

The West Cornwall Mining Landscape 2020

This site has several videos that show in color all the different layers and shafts in the various mines.

It is really beautiful but can understand why homes collapse into the mines.

Sue Davey



Kresen Kernow

Kresen Kernow has been open for in person research since April. During the early part of this year we ran a series of online talks on the theme of 'Cornwall at Home...and Away'. These were due to tie in with our exhibition of the same name, which is yet to open because of lockdown. However, we were delighted to feature speakers on themes including Falmouth's Jewish cemetery, Cornish women writers, and the making of 'Cousin Jack'. The talks are available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2wq3qaJThYfWXLGXVYF8A>

Their next exhibition starting in June is "Out of the Ordinary", featuring 4 centuries-old Cornish language play scripts. This is the first time in hundreds of years that these manuscripts will be returned to Cornwall. The titles are *The Cornish Ordinalia*, *Gwrians an Bys*, *Bewnans Meriasek* and *Bewans Ke*. The exhibit will run until September.

Comparison of Surnames in Cornwall 1881 to 2021 Census

SURNAMES 1881	SURNAMES 2021
Williams 6800	Williams 5796
Thomas 5132	Thomas 3795
Richards 4269	Richards 3231
Rowe 3748	Rowe 2580
Harris 2936	Harris 236
Roberts 2460	Roberts 2533
Martin 2437	Martin 2206
James 2346	James 1789
Mitchell 2072	Mitchell 2145
Stephens 2348	Smith 4908
Pearce 2348	Jones 3568
Johns 2243	Taylor 2693
Pascoe 2060	Brown 2684

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### A TOUCH OF PIRATE HUMOUR

So, there's this ship in the midst of a long voyage. The men have grown terribly bored. A pirate amongst them happens to know a bunch of magic tricks, and he decides to put on a magic show. His parrot, however, is quite gossipy and can't keep it's mouth shut. The pirate begins his first trick, and the parrot gives it away by saying "rawwk, the coin is in the other hand, rawwk!"

Frustrated, the pirate tries another trick, but again, the parrot gives it away by blurting out "rawwk, look under the table, rawwk!"

This goes on for some time, to a point that the pirate can't manage to perform anything spectacular to entertain the crew. His anger towards his blabbermouth parrot eventually grows so phenomenal that one night he gets very drunk and accidentally crashes the ship into some rocks.

Sobering up the next morning, he finds himself adrift on some wreckage. The parrot, ever the attentive sidekick, happens to land next to him looking quite puzzled. It says to him: "Rawwk, Okay, I give up, What'd ya do with the boat?"

*Ballart Branch of the Cornish Assoc. of Victoria newsletter*



**Correspondence con't:**

The South Australia members enjoyed a St. Piran's Lunch at the Torrens Arms Hotel. 22 people attended and had an enjoyable time. One couple brought a friend of Cornish background and found that she knew 2 of the others from when they went to school.

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CASA Association Choir was included in a multi-faith service for Commonwealth Day, on Thursday, March 11th, in St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide. This service was live-streamed and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersCathedralAdelaide/videos/454626432405735>.

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**Couple Cannot have a Cornish Language Wedding**

A recent Facebook post reported that a Cornish couple feel "discriminated against" after being told they cannot have their wedding ceremony entirely in Cornish. Steph Norman and Aaron Willoughby were told by Cornwall Council their ceremony must be in English and Cornish. The council said "declaratory and contracting words" can only be said in English or Welsh for a legally binding marriage.

Ms Norman, from St Anne near St Day, then researched the Marriage Act 1949 and found an exception only applied to Welsh speakers. Cornwall Council told the couple their ceremony was not legally allowed to be entirely in Cornish. The Council confirmed the "declaratory and contracting words" of a marriage ceremony must be conducted in English or Welsh to be legally binding.

"Currently we don't have a fluent Cornish speaking registrar but we can accommodate a Cornish translator if one is provided by the couple." Cornwall Council estimated in 2015 about 300 to 400 people spoke the language fluently and used it regularly, with about 5,000 more having some conversational ability. Cornish language teacher Jenefer Lowe said she was "hopeful" that a couple like Steph and Aaron would be able to take their vows in Cornish in the future. "What we really need for that to happen is for Cornish to get official status like Welsh and Gaelic," she said.

In June, the South Australian group plans to have a 'soup and pasty dinner, followed by singing and quizzes if lucky.

**Kitty O'Meara Covid Poem**

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

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The Sheboygan Pasty Company opened on January 6 in Sheboygan Wisconsin. The first week they sold out and doubled their supply for the second week. With a full staff they are now making about 400 pasties each day. They can be taken out or eaten at the Four of a Kind. Several different flavors of pasties are available. The owners hope to be able to obtain a license to sell wholesale, frozen or par-baked to local shops or even ship them.

*Milwaukee Cornish Society newsletter*



Jim Thomas gave our Cornish Connection of Lower Michigan society a lesson on many Cornish songs for our St. Piran's Celebration. It was very interesting to hear the story behind many of the songs and then listen to them being sung. While we were not able to enjoy a pasty, Jim made up for it with his lovely music. We hope to be back in person next year and enjoying visiting with our friends and having a pasty again.





## Correspondence con't:

From the London Cornish Association;

**It will soon be St Piran's Day. Normally we get news of all sorts of celebrations which have been planned for this special occasion. Clearly most will not be able to take place. However, we encourage everyone to put up a (small) flag and enjoy a cream tea (jam first!) in their homes to celebrate this important Cornish event. The April Family History Day also had to be cancelled.**

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### Cornwall – God's chosen county?

An American tourist on holiday was visiting Westminster Abbey when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on **the wall with a sign that read '£10,000 per call'**.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for £10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went on his way.

Next stop was in Lincoln. There, at the cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in London and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for £10,000 he could talk to God.

He then travelled to York, Durham and Liverpool, and in every cathedral he saw the same golden telephone with **the same '£10,000 per call' sign under it.**

The American then decided to travel to Cornwall to see the youngest cathedral in the country, and again, as he entered Truro cathedral, there was the same golden telephone, **but this time the sign under it read '50 pence per call'.**

The holy man smiled and answered, 'You're in Cornwall now, my son... it's a local call.'

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## Farewell to a literary legend

John Le Carré, famed for his espionage novels, passed away in December. For over forty years, he lived in St Buryan, a **place which he loved because 'The Cornish leave people alone, which is wonderful. Here, I don't see many people. I write and walk and swim and drink'.**

One of the places he frequented, when in need of a drink and some company was the Logan Rock Pub at Treen, near St Buryan. This pub is run by Anita George, a cousin of LCA member, Jenny Bray and someone who got to know Le Carré well. After he died, she was interviewed on Radio Cornwall.

This interview can be heard at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p091ct3v>.

It gives a fascinating insight into the man and is well worth listening to.

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A musical performance that might interest you is **Carl Zeller's Grubenlichter (Davy Lamps)**. The note on the website **describes it as 'a sugarcoated spectacle with sweet sounds quite in contrast with the rest of the repertoire.'**

Carl Zeller - Grubenlichter, Walzer - YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tditQmbtBT8>

London Cornish Association newsletter

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The Toronto Cornish Association **celebrated St. Piran's Day with a zoom meeting 'and saw each other on little square islands on a computer screen and struggling to escape from 'mute.'**

But the legacy of having the Cornish flag flying on Toronto **Canada's City Hall on St. Piran's Day still went on. Of that the members were very pleased with President Marion's reminder to City Hall staff.**



## Correspondence con't:

### CENSUS 2021

People living in Cornwall and across the UK who wanted to identify as Cornish on the Census held on 21st March 2021, were able to do so by ticking the **box marked 'other' under the nationality, ethnicity and language questions and then write or type 'Cornish'.**

In 2011 Census 73 220 residents in Cornwall chose to record their nationality or ethnicity as Cornish by using the write-in option. In England and Wales, another 10 279 chose to identify as Cornish.

### We are awaiting the results of the current census.....

#### CORNWALL AND BRITTANY TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP

Cornwall is set to strengthen its relationship with Brittany on important areas such as trade, fishing and agriculture in a bid to work together in a post Brexit world to benefit **residents and businesses. On March 24th Cornwall Council's** leader, Julian German, signed what is known as a Memorandum of Understanding with the President of Brittany, Loig Chesnais-Girard.

The agreement between Cornwall Council and Brittany Council is important as it will help to build strong relations with a neighbouring European region at a time of a changing relationship with the EU.

It aims to open up increased dialogue to help deal with shared challenges – and could be instrumental in helping to solve issues in areas such as fishing and marine resources, trade, transport and ports, climate change, mobility and youth, tourism and culture. *(also see the article on Cousin Jack's—page 28*

### A Touch of Humour - Advice for Seniors

\* Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

\* "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.



Twitter.com, Mark Jenkin @cornwallcouncil

\* The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

\* "On time" is when you get there.

\* It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes, then come out wrinklefree and three sizes smaller!

\* Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

- Growing old should have taken longer.

*Cornish Association of Victoria – Ballarat newsletter*

From Butte, Montana

March 5th is the feast day of St. Piran, patron saint of Cornwall. It is his flag, white cross on black background which represents the Cornish people. The Cornish were one of many ethnic groups which were represented in Silver Bow County. Although settling all over the county, it was the town of Centerville that was their greatest concentration. In honor of the Cornish, their flag was raised at Centerville Park.

*Paddy Dennehy, Butte Historical Society*

Kernowite

.Last year a dark green mineral was found on the Wheal Gorland Estate. It has been named Kernowite after Kernow, the Cornish name for Cornwall. Mike Rumsey, mineralogist of the Natural History Museum and a group he was leading found it. It was from the Wheal Gorland mine in St. Day. For centuries they believed the green crystals to be a variation of Liroconite, but it has a different chemical composition. Liroconite crystals have aluminum in them and are blue. Liroconite is also very prized and comes from Wheal Gorland too. Kernowite crystals are dark emerald green and contain iron. These minerals are over 200 years old and in the Museum. Wheal Gorland was used between 1790 and 1909. Over 100 new minerals are discovered every year.

<http://www.geologyin.com/2020/12/kernowite-new-green-mineral-discovered.html>

## Some Early Rulers and Kings of Cornwall

### **The Province's of Roman Britain**

Following the departure of most Roman Legionaries to the continent of Europe in the 380s AD under the command of the military leader Magnus Maximus (Macsen Wledig in Welsh tales) to involvement in competing claims of the Emperor, the military defence of the romanised areas of the British Isles devolved to the partly centralised Roman but partly cooperative tribal leadership of the various provinces, including the still mainly Celtic Briton tribal leaders of Dumnonia in the southwest.

They dealt with Pictish and Irish raiders, and Saxon pirates, with only occasional support from Rome. The situation over the British Sea (aka The Channel) was deteriorating and German tribes, including the Franks, crossed the Rhine and at times overcame Roman authority in areas of northern Gaul.

About 408AD the Council of the provinces of Britain called on the Emperor Honorius to provide support to the still nominally Roman provinces against raiders. Honorius told them to look to their own defence in 410AD. This they did through strengthening the military role of the provinces, and contributing to a combined mobile force based on cavalry.

The eastern provinces also unwisely used a Roman tactic of settling Angle and Jute speaking mercenary warriors on weak points along the eastern seaboard to counter ever increasing Saxon raiding. The western provinces now took over Roman trade to the Continent, built oceangoing vessels and rebuilt historic sea borne forces to contain raiders.

In 468AD the Britons answered a call from the Gallo-Roman ruler of northern Gaul for aid against a new heathen foe, the Goths. A military commander Riotamus took 12,000 men to Gaul. Syagrius, son of the last local Roman Magistrate there, Aegidius, had held together a large area between the Loire River and The Somme. Alas Riotamus after many victories was betrayed to the Visigoths and neither he or his men returned to the defence of Britain. Other Romanised military leaders such as Ambrosius Aurelius, and perhaps Artorius Aurelius (Arthur?) appointed or elected by the remaining provinces would hold the Saxons and Angles from breaking out of the east and centre of the island for another 4 or 5 generations.

Of course we know that Germanic speaking mercenaries in the east eventually rebelled and over the next century more settled in and around the estuaries like the Thames, Ouse, Tees, Tyne and in the south The Solent. Though never large numbers compared to the native Britons they took command of the best territory and trade, and a stratified Germanic speaking society developed in the east. Christian Britons in western regions, still in control of the remnants of Roman towns and villas for generations more, looked west.

### Dumnonia, Cornwall and Brittany

Sea trade resumed to parts of Gaul and Iberia, and also to the now eastern part of the Roman Empire in Constantinople. The western Celts based on the former Roman province of the Dumnonii, with centres on the Exe River at Exeter (Isca Dumnorium) and increasingly far to the west in the Celtic lands of the Cornovii on the Cornish estuaries, and promontories, grew wealthier and strong. The Rivers Camel, Hayle, Fowey, Fal, and Tamar and Mounts Bay became key centres. Tintagel a centre of ceremony. Trade with Constantinople brought wealth and luxury items in exchange for cool climate goods and raw materials like tin - certainly until the plague of Justinian c. 549AD and perhaps a century more. When the sea routes in the Mediterranean became too unsafe trade and Christian missionaries became focused along the Atlantic coasts linking Cornwall with Wales, Ireland, Man, Scotland, Brittany and Galicia.

Starting in the late 300s, when Maximus took his troops to Armorica (thence Brittany) Britons had migrated/expanded from Dumnonia to the largely abandoned Roman province. There had been close ties pre Rome with the Venetti. As control over the peninsular became wider and still not under threat from Franks or Goths, Britons under pressure from Saxon expansion in the old area of the Durotriges just to the east of Dumnonia also crossed. Some settled in Galicia in support of the trade routes.

### Some of our native Kings

It is not possible to provide a complete King list, as the records are patchy - either never kept or lost over eons, esp. during the Dissolution of the Monasteries and The Civil War. We can provide sketchy details on some:  
GWRWAWR (Gervor) - meaning 'great man' in old Brittonic Celtic - late 400s AD/CE.

TUDWAWL (Tudwal) - son of Gwrwawr. Name meaning - 'worthy of the people' - His name appears in the settlement, Treluswell (In 1296 Trudutual, Tudwals homestead) - late 400s.



### **Kings con't:**

KYNWAWR (Kenvor) - son of Tudwawl. In Cornish, Kenvor, from Brittonic cuno-moro-s, 'Hound of the sea'. He is mentioned in the Life of St Pol Aurelian, largely in the area between St Austell and Fowey. The name occurs in 5 places in Cornwall eg. Crenver, Crowan Parish (1301 Caergenver, Kenvor's fort). St Pol was his chaplain for a time. The Breton Monk Wrmonoc, writing later in the 800s refers to 'Marcus, who other men call Quonomorius' - an historic King Mark of Tristan and Isolt legend? Perhaps; we don't know. The story/legend of Mark places his bases as Tintagel and Castle Dore on the Golant. St. Sampson of Dol is considered to have had contact with Kenvor. Kenvor's control likely spanned from Dumnonia to Brittany. Dated to start of the 500s and he died in 554AD in a battle in Brittany.

CONSTANTINE (Custennin Gorneu, 'Constantine of Cornwall'). Named after first Christian Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. The lamentations of British priest Gildas c. 540AD calls him the 'tyrannical whelp of the unclean lioness of Dumnonia' and accuses him of a range of unkingly sins and urges him to repent. It seems he did. Wetherhill explains "The Life of St. Petroc describes how, near to Little Petherick, the saint protects a stag from being hunted down by a wealthy man named Constantine, which is then converted to Christianity by the saint. Constantine becomes a monk, giving St Petroc an ivory horn ... and co-founds St. Petroc's monastery at Bodmin". The Life also mentions that Constantine gave up his crown to enter the monastery of St. David at Mynyw in Wales, and later a hermit. Constantine may have been the older brother of Drustan (Tristan) dying possibly in 576AD.

ERBIN, son of Constantine. Little is known of him. The name is a Celtic form of the Roman name Urbanus. There are four places named Treverbyn, 'Erbin's settlement'.

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, where 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 in the Welsh

Mabinogion, and one of the knights of the round table is named Cado 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 . **More to come.....**

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

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### These Tiny Tart Plums From Cornwall Make a Scarce Dessert Delicacy

Kea plums, an unusual fruit that grows only in a tiny 20-acre patch of Britain.

The plums, now called Kea plums made their way from Portugal with the sailors who sailed north to the English Channel. They brought the plums along to keep from getting scurvy. After they ate the fruit they tossed the seeds overboard and they washed up on the southern coast of England.

The stones eventually grew into trees and were named after the parish where they still grow. The 20 acres of plum trees **are a part of the Tregothnan country estate. They don't seem to grow successfully anywhere else.**

The plums can be purchased directly from Tregothnan either **frozen or as jars of jam for a 'proper Cornish cream tea'.**

For the entire article and recipe go to:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-04-07/tiny-tart-kea-plums-from-cornwall-make-a-scarce-dessert-delicacy>

*Extracted from Bloomberg, Businessweek, by Mark Ellwood April 7, 2021*



*Kea plums, Photographer: Catherine Losing for Bloomberg Businessweek*

## Cousin Jack Updates

The group has been busy over 2020 and have developed a mobile app—*Kevrenna*, for children and families that lead them on a GPS tracked trail. The children follow the app and then listen to a story and answer questions about it. They get tested on nature, photography and earn golden bezants.



On another project they are working with The Minack, Hall for Cornwall, Newquay Orchard, Trebah Garden and Carn to Cove and others to promote the Cornish language. They will present free one hour workshops to help learn some basic Kernewek to enhance the visitor and audience experience.

They are also working with the Finisterre Council in Brittany to explore the possibility of a shared project using both Kernewek and Breton in a performance in both countries.



*Photos from Cousin Jack website*

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Excerpt from *The Legendary Lore of the Holy Wells of England*, 1893. R.C.Hope

### Menacuddle Well

About half a mile from St. Austell there is an enclosed well of remarkably pure water, known as Menacuddle Well, i.e., maen-a-coedl, the hawk's stone; and also the remains of its little chapel or baptistry. The chapel is 11 feet long, 9 feet wide. There are north and south doorways, 2 feet 9 inches wide, and 5 feet high. The spring rises on the east side, and the basin, is divided by a stone bar. Its romantic situation moves us more than any idea of the virtue of the water. It is also a wishing well.



*At tip of arrow*

It lies in a vale at the foot of Menacuddle Grove, surrounded with romantic scenery, and covered with an ancient Gothic chapel, overgrown with ivy. The virtues of these waters are very extraordinary, but the advantages to be derived from

them are rather attributed to the sanctity of the fountain than to the natural excellence of its stream.

Weak children have frequently been carried here to be bathed; ulcers have also been washed in its sacred water, and people in season of sickness have been recommended by the neighbouring matrons to drink of this salubrious fluid. In most of these cases, instances may be procured of benefits received from the application, but the prevailing opinion is that the advantages enjoyed result rather from some mystical virtue attributed to the waters for ages past, than from the natural qualities.

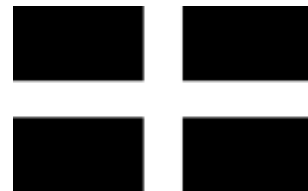
Within the memory of persons now living, this well was a place of general resort for the young and thoughtless. On approaching the margin, each visitor, if he hoped for good luck through life, was expected to throw a crooked pin into the water. It was presumed that the other pins which had been deposited there by former devotees might be seen rising from their beds, to meet it before it reached the bottom. Though many have gazed with eager expectation, no one has yet been permitted to witness this extraordinary phenomenon.



*Druid's Chair*

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## **TAMM GWYNS A'N HOWLDREVEL**

A Scat of Easterly Wind

By Terry Moyle

**Tamm Gwyns a'n Howldrevel covers the social history of the people and environs of St. Keverne Parish 1750 – 2020 and includes research undertaken into the families, places and events in the parish over a period of forty years.**

The book has 197 pages and almost three hundred photographs and includes aspects of the social history of the parish over a period of two hundred and seventy years.

Using Trades Directories the changes that occurred from the mid Nineteenth Century **are detailed in the first chapter which is followed by a study of one family's continuity** as stonemasons over two hundred and fifty years. There is a section on Education with details of early education and the four schools at Coverack, St. Keverne, Porthallow and Traboe.

The chapter on St. Keverne Church includes the installation and opening ceremony of the bells and clock in 1907 and details of restoration work over a period of three hundred years.

The Methodist Chapels in the parish are well covered and include Wesleyan (St. Keverne, Coverack, Porthoustock, Tregarne and Tregowris), Bible Christian (Porthallow, Ponsongath, Tregidden, Zoar and Coverack) and the United Methodist Chapel at Rosuick.

There is a section on St. Keverne Worthies, a total of twelve people from the parish who in one way or another made their mark both on the history of the villages and globally – these include Michael An Gof, Charles Incedon, Commander William Lory, Samuel James, Elizabeth Uren and Canon Diggins.

**The chapter on transport details the history of the “bus” services between St. Keverne and Coverack to Helston from the late 1800s to about 1950 and the rivalry between the proprietors of the buses in the early days.**

The section on Social Life includes ox-roasts, tea treats, agricultural shows, regattas, carnivals, sport, St. Keverne Feast and extracts from Kerrier Deanery Magazines 1896-1898. This is followed with a chapter on the musical life in the Parish and is centred on the Band and Male Voice Choir.

The final chapters cover quarrying at Porthoustock and Dean, the growth of the tourist industry in the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries and Emigration from the parish.

There are eleven appendices which include details of St. Keverne news from the local papers (1850-1950), village wells and pumps, shipwrecks, interesting people, preaching plans and holiday advertisements.

**This book is a “must” for those with interests in St. Keverne Parish** – there are references to hundreds of families and scores of events, far too many to list.

For more information: The book costs £15.00 + Postage to Canada is £18 and to the USA £23  
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US \$16 individual, \$220 Lifetime, Canadian \$22 individual, \$255 Lifetime

\*\**Email newsletter membership dues \$13 per year*

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I also enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul Smales Memorial Fund to bring presenters from Cornwall to the Gatherings.

I am Interested In *(please check all that apply)*

Family Research

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Cornish Language

Other

You're invited to become actively involved in CAHS *(please check items of interest)*

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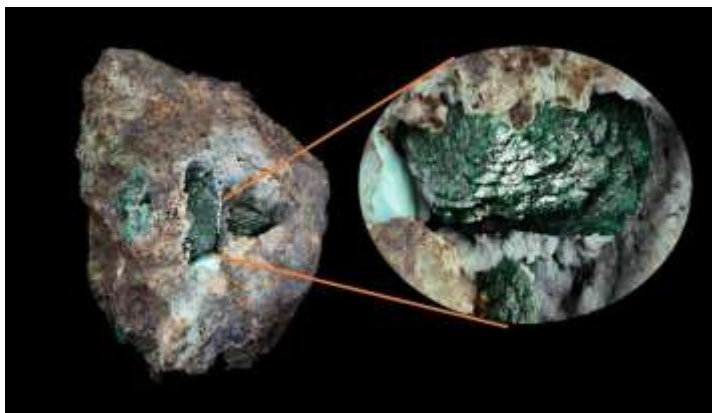
## Kernowite

## Gorsedh Kernow Comments on G7

With the announcement of the G7 meeting in Cornwall in June and the visit of the new President of the USA, Joe Biden, Bardh Meur took the opportunity to issue a press release which focused on the links between Cornwall and the USA, both past and present. She talked of the Mining Heritage site and of those prominent American figures who came from Cornish families, emigrating during the 19th century. She also spoke of the American servicemen stationed in Cornwall during World War II and expressed the hope that the President will take away from his visit and enduring picture of Cornwall 'as a place of deep resonance, of strong values, of distinctive constitutional pride, and of trading instincts that reach deeply into the earliest days of our history, and which persist today in so many fields.'

They are also hoping that Gorsedh ceremonies in September will be a go. Keep your fingers crossed!

<https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/>



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## Darvosow (Events)

19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins  
16-17 Jul 2021  
Comfort of your own home via ZOOM  
[Cousinjack.org](https://cousinjack.org)

Gorsedh  
Cornwall, UK  
September 2021

Keep your fingers crossed!

<https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/>

Hopefully there will be more events coming  
now people are getting vaccinated

