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Saturday 6th February 2021 - the meeting will be held via Zoom at 2.00 pm - Robyn Coates will speak on 'Thomas Curnow - The Glenrowan Hero'

Join our Zoom Meeting
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If you need help with Zoom, please contact Robyn on either 9478 6135 or 0419 551 320 and she will help you set it up.

Thursday 4th March 2021 at 2.00 pm -
Committee Meeting

Saturday 10th April 2021 - John Mildren will speak on Cornish Pirates.
Please Note - this is a week later than normal due to Easter

17th-23rd May Kernewek Lowender in South Australia - see notice on page 6

Christmas 2020 Gathering

On Saturday 5th December, after much toing and froing due to COVID-19 restrictions and the lockdown, 22 Members gathered at Barkly's Restaurant, corner Main Road and Barkly Street, the first time most had met since March.

After a warm welcome from our Chairperson, Keith Lanyon, we enjoyed a delicious two course Christmas meal amid much chatter and sharing of bon-bon jokes. Tea and Coffee with Christmas Cake ended the meal.

Robyn Coates made a small presentation to each of our Office bearers and then led everyone in a short Cornish Quiz, as a prequel to the CAV Christmas quiz to happen the following week (included on p 5)

It was so wonderful to see everyone in person and hopefully it won't be too much longer before we are again meeting at Skipton Street.



Normally meetings are held on the even months at Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall,
cnr Darling and Skipton Streets, Ballarat.
Meetings begin at 2.00 pm and are followed by a shared high tea.





**William Powne
1834-1917**

Story from Jenny Harding and used with her permission - with thanks to Wendy Benoit for contacting Jenny.

Jenny is a member of the Facebook Group, Genealogy: My Ancestors Came to Australia.

“Um, that’s really, aah, old”, I sheepishly mumbled to my Nan, who conversely, was beaming. It was the 1980’s and my 21st birthday. Nan had just passed down “her” 1886 sovereign. In 1934, it was also Nan’s 21st gift from her Pa. He was named William Powne.

Since my 21st, the sovereign had sat undisturbed in a small white box. The thin chain attached made me nervous I’d lose the heirloom if worn.

At my 21st, my Nan told me the sovereign was initially a gift received by William Powne’s father. He too was named William and emigrated to Ballarat from Cornwall.

Time had dimmed Nan’s memory. She couldn’t recall why my 3 x Great Grandfather had received the sovereign but knew it was something to do with a former employer in Melbourne.

I wish my Nan was here today to tell her I have found the answer.

And it’s marvellous! Thank-you TROVE!

Upon knowing my third great grandfather was a tailor from his occupation listed on migration records, (thanks to my mum’s second cousin’s research), I was able to use ‘tailor’ as a keyword, alongside his name and other identifying information to search Trove.

In the 1800’s, Melbourne’s pre-eminent store for fine garments was named ‘George and George’. The article I eventually found states that when William Powne Senior resigned from being a tailor at this store to open his own business, such was the esteem in which he was held, George and George gave him a gift ...being a pouch of gold sovereigns!

As my birthday approached this month, my husband thought it would be fitting to find a chain so I could finally wear “my” 21st birthday gift without the worry of losing the sovereign.

So today, six generations later, perhaps I’m equally humble as was William Powne Senior the day he received the sovereign.

I feel elated to share my happiness.



Jenny Harding wearing the necklace made from William Powne’s Sovereign in October 2020.

William Powne Snr came from Lanteglos by Fowey and married Sophia Trebilcock on 7th September 1858 at St Columb Minor. William was a draper. Sophia was a daughter of William Trebilcock and Sophia Rowe. She had been born at Ladock. Her father was a farmer of 200 acres in 1851.

They had three living children when they arrived in Melbourne on the 26th September 1870 aboard the *Yorkshire*.

William Jnr was 10 , Francis was 7 and Elizabeth 3.

Whilst in Ballarat other children were born.

Charles b 1871

Thomas b 1874

Sophia b 1876

Lucy b 1879

An article and advertisement in the *Ballarat Courier* in April 1881, shows that William Powne was in business with William Cray, trading as *Powne and Cray*

Messrs Powne and Cray, who are well-known to customers of the Criterion House drapery for the last ten years, have, we observe, commenced business on their own account at the corner of Sturt and Raglan streets, in the premises formerly known as Taylor's Red House. Extensive alterations have been made to the building, and their long local experience has guided them in the arrangement of an excellent stock of assorted goods. Being old and respected residents, and always courteous and obliging, we trust they will receive a fair share of patronage.

179 STURT STREET.
POWNE AND CRAY
Beg most respectfully to announce that they are now showing a
FIRST-CLASS ASSORTMENT
OF
ALL THE NEW SEASON'S GOODS,
Which they are selling,
F O R C A S H.
At prices which cannot fail to give satisfaction to all who will favor them with a call.
Flannels, Calicoes, Linens, Blankets, Dresses, Flowers, Feathers, Millinery and Underclothing, Haberdashery, Hosiery, and Gloves, &c., &c.
Dressmakers will find a splendid assortment of
CHENILLE FRINGES, BEADED GIMPS
BUTTONS, &c., &c.
A call is respectfully solicited.
POWNE AND CRAY,
CASH DRAPERS,
179 STURT STREET.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP lately subsisting between us, the undersigned, WILLIAM POWNE and WILLIAM EDWARD CRAY, as Drapers, at Ballarat, under the firm of POWNE AND CRAY, was, on the seventh day of July instant, DIS-OLVED by mutual consent; and that all debts due or owing to or by the late firm will be received and paid by the said William Powne.

As witness our hands this seventh day of July, 1882.

WILLIAM POWNE.
WILLIAM E. CRAY.

Witness—A. B. CRAY.

Ballarat Courier Saturday 8 July 1882, page 3

In the 1882, the business was dissolved and William, Sophia and family moved to Melbourne where William went to work for Messrs George and George.

ON Saturday last an interesting event took place at the Federal Emporium, the establishment of Messrs George and George, on which occasion Mr. Lang, on behalf of the members of the firm and employees presented to Mr. W. Powne, one of the senior hands, who is about to engage in business on his own account, with a purse of sovereigns as a token of their respect and goodwill. Mr. Lang expressed in complimentary terms the kindly feeling existing throughout the establishment, and their earnest hope for the future prosperity and happiness of the recipient. Mr. Powne made a suitable reply.

Age Tuesday 14 September 1886, page 6

The article above details William being presented with a purse of Sovereigns on his retirement from the firm before starting his own Drapery business in South Melbourne.



William Powne b Lanteglos by Fowey 1834 and d Melbourne 1917

Sophia Powne nee Trebilcock. b 1836 Ladock d Melbourne 1903

Children:

William Jnr b in St Colum Major m Susannah Attwood in Ballarat 1889 - three children. They were born in Brunswick/ Ascot Vale area. He died in Sydney 1941 and was an Accountant

Francis b St Colum Major m Florence Lightfoot, South Melbourne, 1903. He died in Footscray 1942. He was a Draper

Elizabeth b Penzance m John Thomas Norgrove in 1888 South Melbourne. She died at Fitzroy in 1912. John was an engineer.

Charles b 1871 married May Trebilcock in 1904 d 1926 Box Hill. He worked for a Gas Company.

Thomas b 1874 m Carol Ada Jones in 1903 d 1947 Canterbury. Thomas was a Draper.

Sophia b 1876 married Frederick Byers in 1898 d 1954 Gordon NSW. He was a warehouseman.

Lucy b 1879 m John Augustus Trebilcock in 1903 d 1966 in Canterbury. He was a farmer.

Editor's Note

Messrs George and George Federal Emporium was founded by brothers William and Alfred George, in 1880, and was later better known to Melbourne and Victorian residents as Georges.

The store's motto of *Quod facimus, Valde facimus* (What we do, We do well) exemplified the shop's philosophy of exclusive goods and amazing service.

On 20th April 1880, the Age newspaper first carried an advertisement for 'George and George', and in 1883 the brothers moved to four-storey premises at 11-17 Collins Street East.

In 1888, the Block Arcade development forced Georges to look for other premises, and after a disastrous fire in September 1889, the business moved to its location at 162-168 Collins Street.

The firm was taken over by Cox Brothers from 1960-66 and was later listed on the Melbourne Stock Exchange as Georges Australia Limited, and then David Jones Limited took over that company in 1981, finally closing it in 1995.

Test yourself on the CAV Christmas Quiz

Answers on page 6

What colours are the Cornish Flag?

Who lives here (fictitiously)?

When is St Piran's Day?



What is the name of this landmark?

Where would you find this statue of Richard Trevithick?



In which town might you find this gathering on May Day?



In which town would you find this plaque to Sir Robert Menzies?



What is this and which famous Methodist preached here?



Where in Cornwall is the Tate Gallery located?



Which cars were designed by a Cornish man born in Perranporth?



How many Pilgrim Steps are there?

What is Cornish Yarg?

What is it wrapped in during processing?

Supposedly Cornish Piskies can lead you up the garden path. How do you break their spell?

Within ten miles, how long is the Cornish Coastline?

In which garden would you find this?



Which Cornish River inspired Kenneth Grahame to write The Wind in the Willows?

Where in Cornwall would you find St Nonna's Church - the Cathedral of the Moors?

Supposedly, the writer of Trelawney used to sit and smoke opium in this hut, whilst looking out over the Atlantic Ocean.

What is his name and where is the hut?



What is the southern most point of mainland Cornwall and what is the most western point of mainland Cornwall?

Where are the World Pilot Gig Championships held each year?

Quiz Answers

- Cornish Flag colours are black and white.
- *Doc Martin* lives in this house in Port Isaac
- St Michael's Mount and causeway
- The statue of Richard Trevithick is in Camborne in front of the John Passmore Edwards Library.
- The 'Obby 'Oss is in Padstow on May Day.
- The Blue Plaque mentioning Sir Robert Menzies is in Penzance.
- The tiered grassed area is Gwennap Pit and John Wesley preached there.
- The Tate Gallery is in St Ives.
- The cars designed by Donald Healey born in Perranporth were Austin Healey.
- There are 200 steps on the Pilgrim Steps at St Michael's Mount.
- Cornish Yarg is a type of cheese and is wrapped in nettles.
- To prevent the Cornish Piskies from leading you up the garden path, turn your jacket/coat inside out.
- The Cornish coastline is about 422 miles.
- The sculpture is found in the Garden of Barbara Hepworth in St Ives.
- Kenneth Grahame took inspiration for *Wind in the Willows* from the River Fowey.
- The Cathedral on the Moors/St Nonna's Church is found at Altarnun.
- Robert Stephen Hawker wrote *Trelawney* and lived at Morwenstow.
- The southern most point of mainland Cornwall is the Lizard and the most western point is Lands End

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.
- 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 wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!
- Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- Growing old should have taken longer.

Kernewek Lowender - 17th -23rd May 2021

This Festival is held on the Copper Coast of South Australia - in the towns of Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta - and is a wonderful gathering.

The programme below is what has been sent regarding Cornish Activities.

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th May

Dressing the Graves will be held in Greens Plains, Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta

Thursday 20th May

Our Seminar will be held in the Wallaroo Town Hall (once again – dress warmly!)

The theme for the 2021 Seminar is "Cornish contributions to medicine, health and welfare"

Friday 21st May

'Sup and sing' – a three-course evening meal (including pasties, of course), and concert by our Association Choir, in the Wallaroo Town Hall.

There will be a greater chance for the audience to join in the singing.

Bardic ceremony rehearsal during the afternoon.

Saturday 22nd May

The Bardic ceremony is being planned for Davies Square, Wallaroo.

Sunday 23rd May

Heritage Church Service, Moonta Mines. It appears (at the moment) that numbers allowed in the building will be severely restricted.

For information about the Festival:

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

Several people from the Association have booked on this tour - I have no idea of the cost:

https://www.oshannessys.com.au/store/p388/Kernewek_Lowender_-_Copper_Coast_Cornish_Festival_May_2021_-_7_day_Tour.html

CORNISH NEWS SNIPPETS

Cornwall's Future Recovery and Renewal

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board has endorsed a plan that sets out a shared vision for Cornwall's future recovery and renewal.

Titled '*Gyllyn Warbarth, Together We Can: The Cornwall Plan*', the plan was endorsed by the board during December 2020.

The Board brings together elected leaders - including the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cornwall's MPs, the Leaders of Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly, and the Association of Cornwall's 213 local town and parish councils – with leaders from the local business sector, health and care, and environment sectors.

The plan was developed after Cornwall Council carried out a listening exercise, *The Cornwall We Want*, which saw thousands of people get involved and have their say about the Cornwall they wanted to see in 2050.

Over 25,000 people visited *The Cornwall We Want* online platform, and over 4000 people contributed to the campaign by taking a survey, participating in live events and focus groups or by sending written contributions.

Cornwall Council Leader and chair of the board, Julian German, said:
“People told us that sustainable living is more important to people than ever before, with calls to grow nature for a cleaner, greener, carbon neutral Cornwall; and to give everyone an equal chance of a good life in a fairer, more inclusive Cornwall. Getting the endorsement of the Leadership Board was the last step in getting the agreement of partners across Cornwall that this is what we all wanted to see for Cornwall’s future. We will now all work together to achieve its aims.”

The plan is organised around six goals for a more sustainable Cornwall. They are:

- A creative carbon zero economy
- Sustainable food, land and seas
- Thriving places with decent homes
- Equality, education and entrepreneurship
- Safe, healthy, resilient communities
- A digital revolution for sustainable living

Leadership Board member, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Alison Hernandez said:
“We’re very pleased to see the consideration of issues that are so high on the priorities of residents in Cornwall, like anti-social behaviour and road safety. This has the support of the Safer Cornwall Partnership”

Leadership Board member, Lord Robin Teverson from the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership said:
“Cornwall Council has really listened and taken into account the views of the Local Nature Partnership and this is reflected in the plan. We’re really happy with the result.”

The full plan can be accessed here:
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/45314386/20211-appendix-1-the-cornwall-plan-final.pdf>

From: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news-room/media-releases/>

COVID Cases - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
(population about 570 000 c.f. Victoria 6.4 million)

1352 cases in the week 12th -18th January which was 440 less than the previous week
Number of cases - 11190 to 22nd January
Number of deaths 257 registered to 8th January 2021

These places had no deaths:
Mid Saltash
Torpoint
Kingsand, Antony & Maryfield
Grampound Road
St Newlyn East and Cubert
Redruth North
St Day & Lanner
Crackington & Tintagel
Padstow & St Issey
The Isles of Scilly
From BBC News South West & Cornwall Live

St Agnes Cold War bunker for sale

An underground bunker built during the Cold War has been put up for sale with a guide price of £25 000. The bunker was manned by volunteers and consists of an access shaft, a toilet and a monitoring room. The bunker would have been one of around



1500 monitoring posts built in coastal regions in the UK between the 1960s and 1990s.

From BBC News South West

New mineral

A new type of mineral has been discovered by scientists analysing a rock mined in Cornwall about 220 years ago.

A group led by Natural History Museum (NHM) mineralogist Mike Rumsey made the discovery while studying a rock taken from Wheal Gorland mine in St Day.

For centuries, mineralogists believed the green crystals to be a variation of another mineral, liroconite, but Mr Rumsey and his team found it has a different chemical composition.

Blue liroconite is highly prized by collectors around the world, and the majority of it comes from the Wheal Gorland site.

A drone has delivered medical supplies to the Isles of Scilly.

Windracers first successful Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flight from Cornwall to the Isles of Scilly was completed as part of a response to support the NHS with COVID-19.

A 50kg load of medical supplies was delivered from Land's End to St Mary's NHS in less than 30 minutes.

Windracers, a UAV company which aims to provide transportation services for humanitarian aid, research and environmental causes, has been funded by Innovate UK to help support the NHS.

Normally medical supplies are transported by commercial aircraft and by sea between Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

From Cornwall Live

Cornwall's dream of joining the space race could finally be realised – and without too much longer to wait - in Spring 2022 - it is hoped the first launch will take off from Spaceport Cornwall. Virgin Orbit, a key partner in Spaceport Cornwall, recently completed its first test launch.

Spaceport Cornwall will be a horizontal launch site where modified aeroplanes will be used to launch small satellites into orbit above the Earth.

The first launch from Spaceport Cornwall had originally been earmarked for October this year but the various delays and the pandemic mean that it is now set for spring 2022.

The regulatory components and legislation are expected to go through Parliament in the summer which will enable Spaceport Cornwall to apply for the licences required to operate as a spaceport while Virgin Orbit will be able to apply for the licences needed to launch from the site.

One of the biggest milestones for Spaceport Cornwall occurred recently when Virgin Orbit successfully deployed its LauncherOne system from the US.

The system – which uses a modified 747 aeroplane – successfully launched small satellites into orbit.

There are four main strands to the project in the near future.

The first is to install the infrastructure needed at the Newquay airport so that it can operate as a spaceport – this is being funded by Cornwall Council, which owns the airport.

Secondly is the continuing work on the previously mentioned regulatory side of the project.

Thirdly, Spaceport Cornwall is focusing on the impact the project may have on the environment and climate change.

Lastly the spaceport outreach programme will continue with an aim to engage with every primary and secondary school in Cornwall in the next 18 months.

One of the major benefits, which have been highlighted by supporters of the spaceport, is the opportunity it provides for businesses in Cornwall as well as the opportunity to attract new businesses and investment into Cornwall.

Spaceport Cornwall is also working with the University of Exeter and with Truro and Penwith College and Cornwall College to get training and courses in place for those who might want to follow a career in the space industry and those related to it.

From Falmouth Packet

Articles and Cornish Snippets may be sourced from the Cornwall Council, BBC Cornwall, Pirate FM News, Falmouth Packet, Cornwall Live, various Facebook pages.

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