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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 2nd April - Ted Curnow will be our speaker

February Meeting

Members showed interesting 'family treasures'

Les George – showed a sampler which had been embroidered by his great grandmother Elizabeth Hall, in May 1858, in Ballarat.

The colours of the sampler were vibrant and well preserved and the embroidered text was quite intricate for the time it was made.

It has been a treasured family item.

Robyn Coates – also showed an embroidery sampler which had been completed by Elizabeth Jane Hicks, when she was just nine years old, dated January 29th 1846, and living in Cornwall.

Elizabeth was born in Kenwyn Cornwall on 23rd November 1836 and baptised in St Mary's Wesleyan Church in Truro on 1st May 1837. Elizabeth Hicks arrived in South Australia on board the *Baboo* with her parents George and Jane and siblings – Ann, Mary, Thomas and Philippa - in 1848. Sadly, Elizabeth died from meningitis when the family was living at Burra. She was almost 14 years old. Her family came to Victoria from South Australia aboard the Brig *Champion* embarking Adelaide on 22nd April 1852.

After initially settling in Geelong the family came to Ballarat and settled in Mt Pleasant. George Hicks was a miner and later a farmer.

Their surviving children were Ann who married James Eustice – the great grandparents of Arthur Coates; Mary married John Vawdrey; Thomas married Elizabeth Caddy and Philippa married Charles Curnow Phillips.

Well known names in the Mt Pleasant area.



David Pratt - Diary of William Carvosso

David's mother's maiden name was Carvosso and her ancestor William Carvosso was born in Mousehole.

Originally a fisherman and later a farmer, William became one of the leaders of the church working with John Wesley.

The diary details many of his journeys around Cornwall, sometimes travelling with John Wesley but also as a leader and local preacher and is a wonderful tribute to a man who taught himself to read and write.

William's son Benjamin, a Wesleyan Minister, was the first Minister to preach in Hobart in 1820, on his way to an appointment in NSW.

William Carvosso's diary was at one time used as a



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.



manual for Wesleyan Ministers.

David managed to track down his copy of the diary in Virginia USA, after the original family copy was lost.

Ted Curnow

Ted showed a lamp in the form of an Engine House, typical of many seen dotted around Cornwall which he had bought in 1990 following a Curnow reunion in Cornwall.



Jenny Burrell

Jenny and John visited Mousehole in 1998 after John retired. Jenny bought a blue and white porcelain cat as a gift for her daughter Jane. Jenny also related the story of The Mousehole Cat, a children's book written by Antonia Barber and illustrated by Nicola Bayley.

The story is based on the legend of Cornish fisherman Tom Bawcock and tells the tale of a cat, Mowzer, who goes with its owner on a fishing expedition in rough and stormy seas to catch fish to feed the village. When the boat hits the storm, it is represented by a giant "Storm-Cat", which allows Mowzer to eventually save the day by soothing the storm with her purring. This purring becomes a song and while the Storm-Cat is resting Tom is able to haul in his catch and return to harbour. When they arrive back at the village, the entire catch is cooked into various dishes, including "star-gazy" pies, on which the villagers feast. This heroism is celebrated each year on 23rd December, Tom Bawcock's Eve, in Mousehole.

The book has been adapted into a film, a puppet show and a stage musical.

Beryl Curnow

Beryl and Ted spent a very happy time in ministry in Cornwall at Hayle and St Ives in 2003-2005. When they were leaving, they were presented with cuff links and a pin and also a brooch - all from the Blue Hills Tin Mine located on the north west coast of Cornwall, near to St Agnes.

Beryl told us that years ago metals were identified with the Solar System:

Gold with the Sun

Silver with the Moon

Tin with Jupiter

Copper with Venus

If you are interested to read more about the Blue Hills tin mine here is the link - [https://](https://www.cornishtin.com/)

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Lenice Stuchbery

Lenice's great, great grandfather Richard Major Quick was born in 1862 at Durham Lead and died in 1927 at Talbot Street, Ballarat.

He spent years looking for that elusive large gold find without success but he did find a small nugget which he made into a ring.

Richard Quick like many, many miners suffered with phthisis and his wife raised the family through owning a shop in Sturt Street (where current Cheesecake shop is located) which was a lending library and gift shop. The ring was given to Lenice's father on his 21st Birthday. He who was a cricket wicket keeper so it became slightly out of shape.

Lenice had it 'rounded' and the ring was given to her son David on his 21st birthday.



Arthur Coates

Arthur showed a leather family photo album which had been given to his grandparents, Arthur Coates and Clara Eustice, as a wedding gift on 4th January 1893.

In trying to identify some of the people in the Photo Album, who probably had lived at Mt Pleasant, it had been suggested to Robyn that she contact Lenice Stuchbery, then Secretary of the Ballarat Group, in 2008.

On Lenice's suggestion, Arthur and Robyn attended a meeting at



St Cuthbert's, in Sturt Street, and showed the photos via PowerPoint. They both enjoyed the evening and subsequently joined the Cornish Association attending in Ballarat and Melbourne.

Bev Pratt

Bev shared with members a tribute to her brother, Clive Luckman, who had died recently written by Stephen Hawke, the current President of the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

Clive had been the President of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (2002-2008) and at one time had been involved with the Ballarat Genealogical Society in the production of the Cemetery disks using his outstanding IT skills.

Keith Lanyon

Keith showed an old photographic negative on glass originally thought to be of Keith's great, great grandfather which Keith believes has now been discounted due to the photographic process with which the negative was produced – the Collodion Process



Keith visited Cornwall with a Pat Lay tour, along with Beryl Pearse and Del Clinton, and whilst there purchased a 1961 Falmouth and District Map with named farms in the district which he also showed.

Val D'Angri

Val's great, great grandfather Thomas Henry Lawn was the Secretary of the Amalgamated Miners Association.

Members of the AMA paid into the Association weekly and the AMA assisted many mining widows.

In 1901, Thomas Lawn, as an AMA official, received an invitation to the opening of Parliament in May 1901 at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne.

He was also invited to the Grand Parade and Dinner.

Val's grandfather had been in the Boer War and coincidentally arrived in Melbourne to view the Grand Parade.

Val's father found the invitation and other memorabilia on the top of a wardrobe and



thankfully they were facedown as the backs had drops of paint.

These were framed and were displayed alongside some souvenirs of celebrations for the 100th year of Australian Parliament which she attended with her son-in-law Ben Hardman who was the MP for Seymour.

Val also showed us a small china doll with hand crocheted clothing, unfortunately with a broken leg.

Chrissy Stancliffe

Chrissy began her family researching in 1972 just after her mum's death in a car accident.

After her mum's death, her great aunt Ada, gave her the ring that she still wears.



Her aunt had told Chrissy that it had belonged to her mother and had been her Wedding Keeper and that the owner of the ring shared Chrissy's birth date (28th March).

Chrissy has researched her family and the ring seems to have belonged to her great, great grandmother, whose name was Alice Ada Pearce - she was born on 28th March 1868 at Napoleon Lead to William Pearce and Ada Harriet (m/s Daniel).



William Pearce was a blacksmith and was from Perranuthnoe in Cornwall. He had arrived in Australia in 1859 and on 16th May 1863, at the age of 25 years he married Ada Harriet Daniel who was 18, in the residence of Mr George Harwood of Buninyong. They went on to have 13 children, Alice being the third child.

Alice Ada Pearce went on to marry Joseph Hill Trotman in 1896 and they had three children - Alice Ada, Chrissy's grandmother, born in 1898, William Joseph born and died in 1901, and Ada Annie, the giver of the ring, who was born in 1902.

In researching her family, Chrissy has found heaps of information about the Pearce, Daniel, Stephens and Trotman families and is excited about what she may find in the future.

Wendy Benoit

When Wendy and David were visiting Wendy's cousin in Ayr, Queensland during 2021, her cousin gave Wendy a tooled leather photo album of family photos including an original photo of her maternal great, great grandfather William Hicks who had been the Mine Manager of the Star of the East Mine in Sebastopol.



Whilst there are many unnamed photos in the Album, Wendy thinks she has deduced who some of the people in the photos are through referring to the compositions of the various families and the houses in the photo.

Wendy thinks she has found a photo of her great, great grandmother Jane Wallace who married William Hicks.

Wendy's cousin also had her brother's Naval Hat which he gave to Wendy.



St Piran's Day - 5th March 2022



Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall was the scene of this year's Ballarat St Piran's Day festivities on Saturday 5th March 2022.

Three visitors joined 21 members, seated at tables decorated with Cornish Flags.



Keith Lanyon welcomed everyone and shared some information about St Piran.

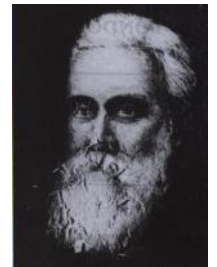
A Cornish Pasty lunch was enjoyed by all.

After lunch, our speaker Julia Walsh, accompanied by her friend Clare Gervasoni, joined us. Clare is the curator of Federation University's Art and Historical Collections and Julia is a volunteer at the Geoffrey Blainey Research Centre at Fed Uni.



L to R: Julia Walsh, Jenny Burrell, Clare Gervasoni

Julia is the great, great, great, great granddaughter of Henry Richards Caselli, a well known Ballarat Architect who was responsible for many of the 'older' buildings in Ballarat.



Picture from 'The Tradesman of Gazelle' by Dorothy Anderson

Henry Richards Caselli was the second child of six children born to Ranieri Caselli and Elizabeth Richards.

He was born in Falmouth, Cornwall on 4th June 1816.

His father is recorded as a block maker.

When Henry was just ten years old, in June 1826, his mother and three of his siblings died and his father married a woman named Joanna Rowe, in Mylor, in July 1827.

In the census of 1841, Henry is listed as a block maker and living at Deptford, Kent with his sister Caroline.

Henry later studied and became a naval architect.

On 23rd October 1841, Henry married Georgiana Ford, in the Church of St Paul, Deptford, Kent. They had two daughters - Georgi(a)na Henrietta (baptized 1st April 1846) and Elizabeth Mary

(baptized 25th April 1849).

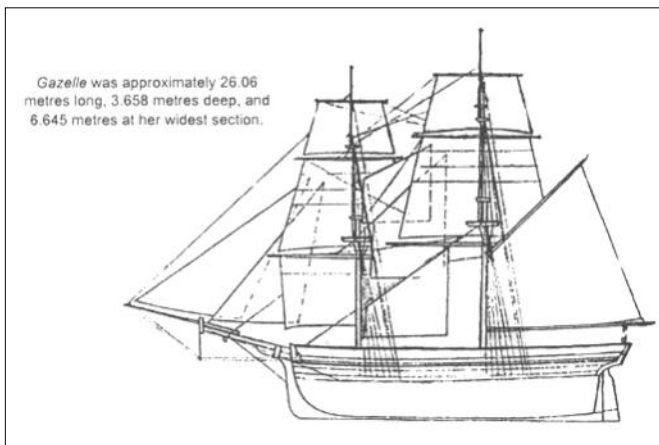
In 1851, they are living in Deptford with their two young daughters, Georgina and Elizabeth, and a family servant.

Henry is aged 35 and his wife 43. Henry is listed as a draughtsman and contractor.

Henry Caselli and his friends James Meek, Thomas Williams and Thompson Hart purchased the brig *Gazelle* and with their family members sailed to Geelong arriving in December 1853.

The ship was captained by William Parkin, the nephew of Georgiana Ford and neighbour of the Ford family.

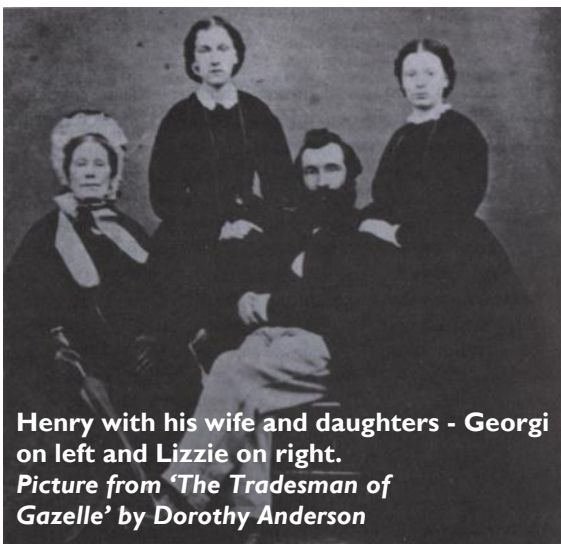
Whilst Henry had hoped to find employment as a



Picture from 'The Tradesman of Gazelle' by Dorothy Edwards

Lloyd's Insurance surveyor, these appointments had been awarded to others, by the time of Henry's arrival, so Henry became a builder amid the growing housing boom in Geelong.

Henry was keen to find more challenges and having watched the Gold escorts come into Geelong from Ballarat and the gold being loaded onto ships for export to Great Britain, he decided, in early 1855, to leave his wife and daughters in Geelong, and travel to Ballarat.

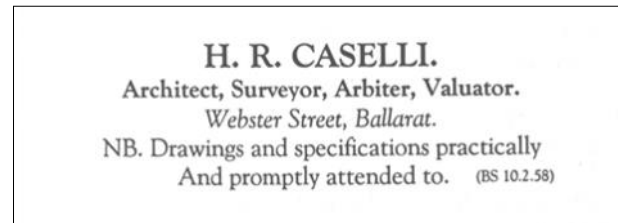


Henry with his wife and daughters - Georgina on left and Lizzie on right.
Picture from 'The Tradesman of Gazelle' by Dorothy Anderson

By 1856, Henry is living in a cottage in Webster Street and his wife Georgiana and their two children joined him from Geelong.

After trying his hand at many mining ventures, with moderate success, Henry turned to architecture and began designing and supervising the erection of buildings around Ballarat.

A few years later, Henry became involved with The Band of Hope Mine as a shareholder.



from 'The Tradesman of Gazelle' by Dorothy Edwards

Henry's reason for immigration to Australia is not what you think, while he did become involved with gold mining, his main reason for migrating was that he wished to participate in a new society, one which ideally gave him his due and one which would encourage cooperation for the greater good. (The Tradesman of the Gazelle)

Julia listed many of the Community activities with which Henry had been involved - some of their buildings he had also designed and supervised the construction.

- Ballarat Masonic Lodge (later Yarrowee Lodge)
- Ballarat Yacht Club
- Anglican Christ Church
- Ballarat West Council
- Volunteer Fireman
- IOOF
- Ballarat Mechanics' Institute
- Ballarat Benevolent Society
- School of Mines and Industries Ballarat

Julie showed us some of the buildings designed by Caselli, still standing, including:

- Wingara, Queenscliff
- house and dairy
- The Gatekeeper's Cottage Ballarat
- Botanical Gardens
- Bailey's Mansion St John of God Hospital
- Ballarat Mechanics Institute
- Myer Building
- Various churches
- Old Fire Stations - Barkly Street and Sturt Street



CORNISH NEWS

Death of Viscount George Hugh Boscawen, Lord Falmouth - aged 102

Britain's oldest peer and 'Father of the House of Lords' has died peacefully at his home estate, aged 102. Lord Falmouth, who owned the Tregothnan Estates in Cornwall – nearly twice the size of Prince Charles' own Cornish estate – died on March 7. Officially called George Boscawen, 9th Viscount Falmouth, he was the oldest living peer before he died, making him the now former 'Father of the House of Lords'.

Educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, he served with distinction in World War Two in Italy as a Captain of the Coldstream guards where he saw combat and was mentioned in dispatches.

During the war his elder brother, Hon. Evelyn Frederick Vere Boscawen, was killed in action in Italy, leaving Lord Falmouth as the heir to the family estate in 1962.

Lord Falmouth also served as Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall between 1977 and 1994.

He is survived by his four sons Evelyn, Nicholas, Charles and Vere – all Etonians – while his wife Elizabeth Price Browne died in 2007.

His eldest son, the Hon. Evelyn George Boscawen, will inherit the Viscountcy and become 10th Viscount Falmouth.

His funeral notice reads:

"George Hugh Boscawen 9th Viscount died peacefully at home in Cornwall on 7th March in his 103rd year.

"Much loved husband of the late Elizabeth, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at Truro Cathedral on Tuesday 5 April at 11.30 am."

Going back to 1264, the Boscawen family have a long history in Cornwall and, 750 years later, are one of the largest landowners in Cornwall.

The Boscawens still appoint priests of the Church of England in five parishes around the family mansion near Truro.

At the request of Lord Falmouth, there will not be a memorial service.

Falmouth Packet

Cornwall Council challenges boundary changes

Cornwall councillors will make the case against proposed changes to the areas covered by Cornwall's six MPs which some say will "slice and dice" communities.

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has set out proposals for boundary changes to Parliamentary constituencies across the UK. These are aimed to increase the number of constituencies in England whilst also attempting to

equalise the populations of each constituency area. Whilst the new proposals have scrapped the previous suggestion of a "Devonwall" constituency which would straddle the border between Devon and Cornwall some of the proposals aimed at equalising Cornwall's constituencies have proved controversial.

Amongst the most contentious proposals are plans to shift some Clay Country villages out of the St Austell and Newquay constituency and move them into the South East Cornwall constituency. Similarly plans to place Threemilestone and Chacewater into the Camborne and Redruth constituency from Truro and Falmouth have also met opposition.

Last August Cornwall Council made a submission to the BCE listing its suggested amendments to the proposals. These were drawn up following a number of meetings of councillors along with public consultation.

In the first round of BCE consultation more than 34,000 submissions were made of which 158 relate to Cornwall, including the submission from Cornwall Council. A second round of consultation is now underway and includes a hearing next week in Exeter where the BCE will hear evidence in support of any submissions.

One of the key suggestions put forward by Cornwall Council is to move Roche and Bugle from the proposed South East Cornwall constituency to the St Austell and Newquay constituency.

In order to balance the number of electors in St Austell and Newquay the council has suggested that St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn should be moved from there to the North Cornwall constituency.

However, other people who have responded to the consultation have suggested that the Fowey, Tywardreath and Par division should be moved from St Austell and Newquay into the South East Cornwall constituency in exchange for Roche and Bugle.

If that was done then St Columb Major, St Mawgan and St Wenn would remain in St Austell and Newquay.

CornwallLive

Cornwall - a dangerous place to drive

Cornwall is one of the top 10 most dangerous places to drive in the whole of the UK.

That's according to new research which has revealed which regions have the most dangerous drivers. Significant changes to the Highway Code were introduced last month, compelling UK drivers to reconsider how cautious they are on the roads.

But, while some pride themselves on their road safety, there are some motorists who are less careful behind the wheel.

New research by Quotezone has revealed that Cornwall is one of the worst areas in the UK for car accidents.

Experts analysed road accidents statistics from across the country and created a 'safe driver index score' out of 100 to rank each region according to how careful their drivers are.

Located in the north west of England, Blackburn with Darwen received the lowest safe driver score of all regions in the UK, with a safe driver score of 16.78 out of 100.

The region also has 253 road casualties per million people, resulting in 0.80 casualties on average. In comparison, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly received the tenth lowest safe driver score of all regions in the UK, with a safe driver score of 29.65 out of 100.

The region has 212 road casualties per million people, also resulting in 0.80 casualties on average. The six worst accident blackspots in the Duchy were roundabouts, with 60 accidents between them, nine fatalities or life changing injuries and 51 slight injuries being recorded.

Chiverton Cross on the A30 sadly took the top spot.

In second place, was Loggans Moor Roundabout in Hayle which reported 11 crashes, resulting in two fatalities or serious injuries, while third place, was Branwell Lane Roundabout - Jelbert Way Junction in Penzance which reported nine crashes, resulting in four fatalities or severe injuries.

The other roundabouts listed as accident blackspots in the top 10, were Penwinnick Double Roundabout - Penwinnick Road in St Austell, Chy-an-Mor Roundabout in Penzance, Trevenon Street Double Mini-Roundabout in Camborne.

While White Cross in Newquay, Antony Road in Torpoint, Cubert Crossroads on the A3075 and East Hill Traffic Signals at Trevenon Road in Pool came in at places seven to 10, respectively.

Unsurprisingly, Cornwall's trunk roads such as the A30, A38 and commuter roads such as the A39 or A390 from Truro to St Austell, Truro to Falmouth, or to Newquay are where a large number of accidents happen.

Cornwalllive

City of Culture

Cornwall's hopes of become the UK City of Culture 2025 have fallen at the final hurdle after it failed to make the shortlist.

The finalists were whittled down from a record 20

initial bids to eight 'longlist' applications, with Cornwall among them.

However, it was recently announced that the Duchy has not made the final four, which are Bradford, County Durham, Southampton and Wrexham County Borough.

The benefits of winning the prestigious title would have included attracting millions of pounds in additional investment to help boost regeneration, a year in the spotlight with hundreds of events encouraging participation in the arts, and growth for local tourism.

Coventry, the UK's City of Culture 2021, saw more than £172 million invested in funding music concerts, public art displays, the UK's first permanent immersive digital art gallery, a new children's play area in the centre of the city, the new Telegraph Hotel and improvements to public transport.

However, Cornwall did receive a £40,000 grant to develop its application, which was scrutinised by the expert advisory panel against published criteria.

It will now receive detailed feedback on the bid, as well as further support from government ministers and officials on how best it can maintain momentum and realise their ambitions in the future.

Cornwall had put together a detailed bid, explaining how it would use culture to grow and strengthen the local area, as well recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The bid, *Cornwall 2025 – Leading from the Edge*, focused on a call to action to address the climate emergency by using culture and creativity to connect communities across Cornwall with audiences around the world, on the themes of People, Place and Planet.

With millions of Cornish people now living in America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, Cornwall had pitched a 'Global Britain' year-long celebration designed to inspire and explore global issues, from plastic pollution to climate change and it wanted to forge new creative connections across the four nations of the UK, tapping into a rich seam of Celtic heritage.

The natural beauty that has inspired so much of Cornwall's celebrated culture and creativity continues to mask deep-rooted deprivation, in what remains one of the poorest parts of England, where a third of employees earn below the real living wage, the bid had said.

The winning city will be announced by the Culture Secretary in May.

Falmouth Packet