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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

Dydh da' ('G'day'),



Welcome to 2022.

It seems like a lifetime ago now, when things were pre-COVID. The last two years have indeed been difficult times for all of us coping with what seems like endless pandemic.

Like many of you, our family too was hit by COVID in December, preventing some from being at Christmas lunch.

Our daughter was the second in our extended family to contract Omicron early in January this year.

Caitlin spent fifteen days in isolation at home, as she had symptoms for all of that period; in particular she had difficulty breathing for many days. She is OK now.

Accordingly, like many of you, Lyn and I have been operating in a kind of shadow lockdown, as we continue to grandparent and look after elderly parents. We aren't too different to anyone else our age and I'm sure many of us have similar stories. Keeping calm and carrying on is all we can do, other than digging a hole and finding a Cornishman at the bottom of it!

Speaking of the Cornish, we look forward to an exciting year as we implement our CAV Program for 2022.

Our planned speaker for our meeting on February 19th, is Shauna Hicks who spoke to the CAV some years ago when she lived in Victoria.

Shauna now lives in Queensland and will present to us on Zoom. The title of Shauna's talk will be: *Using Archives to Discover Cornish Family History in Queensland.*

As a result I can announce that our meeting on February 19th will be available only on Zoom.

I know that some of you will be disappointed that we can't meet together this month but please be assured that our objective is to still meet at Oakleigh as well as maintaining a connection via Zoom.

We will do this when we are able to and subject to any restrictions that might be in place.

I think most people understand that it's going to be that sort of year once again.

We will keep CAV members posted about future arrangements, noting that it is our intention to meet together at Oakleigh as well as on Zoom for our March 19th meeting.

Helen Morgan, our CAV Program Coordinator, has been working on getting a range of speakers to speak with us on all things Cornish and we will provide members with an update very soon.

Congratulations to Helen who has started a new job in 2022 with Victoria Police and we wish her every success.

As you will read later in this newsletter, 20 of us met at Oakleigh on December 11th for our Christmas Meeting.

We were also able to celebrate the event by going live on Zoom as well.

It was a great success in spite of some minor teething issues with the technology.

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19th February 2022

Our speaker will be
Shauna Hicks - please
note this meeting will
be held via zoom.

Shauna has been tracing
her own family history
since 1977 and worked
in government for over 35 years in
Australian libraries and archives in
Brisbane, Canberra, and Melbourne.
She has tertiary qualifications from
Queensland universities including a
Master of Arts in Australian Studies, a
Graduate Diploma in Library Science,
and a Diploma in Family Historical
Studies from the Society of Australian
Genealogists.

She is a Fellow of the Queensland
Family History Society; Patron of
History Queensland, and a recipient of
the Australian Society of Archivists
Distinguished Achievement Award and
the Australasian Federation of Family
History Organisations' Services to
Family History Award.

She has written numerous family history
guides and is a well-known speaker at
conferences, seminars, workshops, and
genealogy cruises in Australia and
overseas.

Shauna is the Director of her own
genealogy business at
www.shaunahicks.com.au and is the
author of the blog, Diary of an
Australian Genealogist.

Join the Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 836546

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19th March 2022 - TBA

April 2022 - there will be no meeting as
the scheduled meeting falls between
Good Friday and Easter Day.



Pastoral Care

If you know of someone who is
unwell, celebrating a special
birthday or just needs a cheery
greeting, please let Evelyn Jones
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If you have an email address,
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For distribution contact
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Deadline for contributions for
the next issue:

Saturday 16th April 2022

Articles for inclusion are
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Please use plain text font size 12,
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Photos and tables should be
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Acknowledgment of source is
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Please mark - Article for CAV
Newsletter.

Cornish Tid Bits are sourced
from the Cornwall Council, BBC
Cornwall, Pirate FM News,
Falmouth Packet, CornwallLive,

I want to pay tribute to Arthur Coates for his persistence in making the event possible. As we settled in to the new way of operating it became a good way of combining a physical meeting at Oakleigh with the inclusion of those folk in more remote parts of the state. We even had some of our friends in Toronto attend our meeting which was terrific.

The TCA were the first Cornish Association in the Cornish diaspora to hold a physical meeting combined with Zoom on December 4th last year. Sadly, the TCA January Meeting had to be a Zoom only affair as Toronto was back in lockdown. However, I believe that this combined approach is the way forward for us, especially in these uncertain times.

We now urgently need a small team to assist Arthur, Robyn and myself in making future events a similar success.

The more who know how to use the technology the better.

I am excited to announce the possibility of the CAV jointly hosting an international event on Zoom. Some years ago Joe Flood spoke to the CAV and I think also the GSV about DNA and Cornwall. I recall using some of Joe's material in a talk I gave on the subject in 2018.

Our sister organisation in Toronto, Ontario, is currently assisting Joe to organise a talk on Zoom for folk across North America.

My good friend John Webb (TCA) and I are trying to work out how such a one off event might also be able to involve people from the CAV as well as from our sister associations across Australia and New Zealand.

We will need to perhaps change our meeting time for such a one off event, but as Joe is in Australia this is all possible.

I will keep CAV members informed on progress regarding this event.

I think that in the future we should take the opportunity to open up some other one-off type events to the rest of the Cornish diaspora around the world, depending on the topic and the time zones.

This would not replace our normal meetings but be an addition to them.

I would love to get a speaker live from Cornwall to speak with us and others if time zones allow it.

It would be magical to have speakers talking about Cornwall who actually live there.

The technology now opens up the possibility for this to occur and I know that Toronto were able to do this last year about the search for the Lady Agnes. It was a wonderful event.

Stay tuned.

I can also report that the editing of the *Agan Kernow* book is now complete.

The manuscript is now being considered by a number of publishers we have initially approached in the UK, especially in Cornwall.

I will keep members abreast of the outcomes of our discussions.

We are in the process of forwarding the edited versions of contributions to authors.

I can also report that the former Grand Bard, Elizabeth Carne, has written a foreword for the book.

We have put together a collection of 76 stories in a book of 267 pages, including photographs, written by 51 authors from four countries of the Cornish diaspora.

We have stories from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland in Australia.

We also have two stories about the Cornish in Tasmania written by authors living on the Australian mainland.

We also have many stories submitted from folk with Cornish heritage in Canada, the United States and New Zealand.

I wish to thank Robyn Coates and Dot Wickham for their assistance with the editing. It was an onerous task, I know, and their work was of the highest quality and much appreciated.

We all look forward to the book's publication, so keep your fingers crossed.

I believe that 2022 is an exciting time for the CAV, making use of technology to further enhance our objectives.

I'm hoping to see you all on Zoom at our meeting in February.

'Oll an Gwella'

Ken Peak
President

Cornish Association of Victoria

Christmas Meeting

Before the extensive onset of the Omicron variant of COVID in Victoria, 20 members were able to gather on Saturday 11th December for a Pasty Lunch at our usual CAV meeting place - the Baptist Church in Oakleigh.

Special thanks to Beryl and Ted Curnow for collecting the pasties.

It was just so wonderful to see people in person and have a chat and learn of their news.

Luncheon was followed by our first Zoom meeting broadcast from Oakleigh and although there were a couple of technical mishaps along the way, it was very successful and enabled good interaction.

After a welcome in Cornish by our President Ken Peak and the singing of *Trelawney*, we caught up with some Cornish news from various sources and some CAV members' news.

Lauris Allen played the piano for some traditional carols and one Cornish Carol; we had a Quiz which was fun - the winner of which was John Webb from Toronto, Canada - and we had some time where those at Oakleigh could chat with those on Zoom.

Ken Peak and Brian Rollason had donated prizes for a Christmas Raffle - these were won by Neil Thomas, Ann Locke and Penny McGuire-White.



Liz, John and Val



Lauris and Beth



Ann and Neil with their Christmas goodies



Felicity



Evelyn



Penny

Cornish Fiction - Author - Liz Fenwick

I recently discovered Liz Fenwick an author who now lives in Cornwall after moving there from Dubai in 2015. Liz was born in the USA.

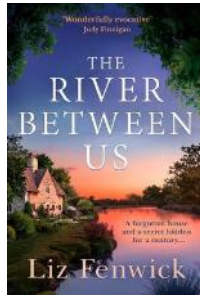
I read her last book first, *The River Between Us*.

Following the breakdown of her marriage, Theo bought a tumbledown cottage on the bank of the Tamar in Cornwall.

After cleaning the house and updating appliances, she turned to the jungle of the garden.

One night in the attic she found a bundle of old letters tied with ribbon. They had been sent from the battlefields on France in World War One.

With the help of her new found friends and her relatives, Theo traced the source of the letters and discovered relationships not previously known.



There is much of historic interest in this book and Liz has spent much time researching historical facts.

I found this novel fascinating and read it well into the night as I could not put it down.

Since reading this I have read several others.

**One Cornish Summer*.

Against the beauty of Cornwall a story of two women struggling with their past; one cannot remember hers, the other cannot forget.

The story of Hebe and Lucy-aunt and niece.



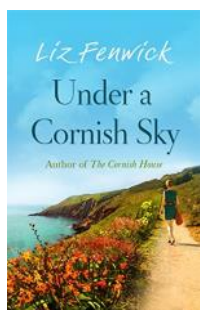
**Under a Cornish Sky*.

Demi travels to her grandfather's cottage, after a breakup with her boyfriend and missing out on her dream job.

Victoria's husband has suddenly died and the reading of his will left behind some problems.

Her beautiful Cornish estate, *Boscawen*, should belong to Victoria but the sudden appearance of a daughter of her husband causes issues.

The lives of these two women intertwine - can they find a way forward?



These are the only three Liz Fenwick's books I have read to date but I am looking forward to reading the others.

The Cornish countryside is beautifully described and her books include many historical facts.

I am unsure as to how she has written one book every year - an amazing achievement.

Her other books are

*The Path to The Sea

*The Returning Tide

* A Cornish Stranger

* A Cornish Affair

*The Cornish House

And a novella - A Cornish Christmas Carol

Liz Fenwick is a gifted storyteller; her books are an absolute pleasure and pure escapism at the best.

She also answers emails very quickly.

She had written that she was proof reading her next book, to be published in October 2022.

I emailed her saying I would not be alive in 2022 to read it.

Her reply, received within two hours, stated she had not drunk enough coffee!

She now writes a book every eighteen months as the historical facts need more time to research

Liz's website is: www.lizfenwick.com

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Leggo's Authentica - Italian or otherwise?

All the Leggo's advertising would have you believe that Leggo's is Italian with its Italian Nonna serving mouth watering Italian food to her large, extended family.

The Leggo's company is owned by American Company Simplot and its website states:

Leggo's is steeped in fine Italian cooking traditions and has been part of the Australian culinary landscape since 1894.

Since its beginnings Leggo's has been famous for its rich flavoursome sauces that form the heart of great cooking. Leggo's has always been made from the finest ingredients and this is as true today as it was over 100 years ago.

However, Leggo is very much a Cornish name, common in the towns of St Ives and Penzance.

The Leggo Company actually started business in Bendigo.



Henry Madren Leggo (1869–1938) and Arthur Victor Leggo (1875-1942)

Henry Madren Leggo (1869-1938), merchant and manufacturer, and **Arthur Victor Leggo** (1875-1942), metallurgist and merchant, were born on 28th February 1869 and 19th December 1875 at Eaglehawk, Victoria, the ninth and eleventh children of William Leggo (d.1879), goldminer, and his wife Elizabeth Jane, née Rowe, both of Cornwall.

Henry was educated at Eaglehawk State School and at Slade's private school.

In 1882 he became a clerk with Frederick Rickards, Bendigo grocery distributor.

Henry was admitted to partnership in 1891 and in the mid-1890s purchased Rickards's interest.

Trading as H. M. Leggo & Co., with premises among the largest in Bendigo, he manufactured grocers' sundries and bought a coffee, tea and spice business. Large purchases of flour and vegetables for the making of pickles and sauces stimulated the regional market through Leggo's resident buyers.

The output of the salt lakes in Victoria's northern districts was absorbed in the production of cooking and rock salt.

On 5th March 1890 he had married Edith Susan, daughter of Thomas Edwards, a Cornish proprietor of pyrites works at Bendigo and Ballarat.

By the early 1900s, the company was one of Victoria's foremost wholesale and manufacturing concerns.

Leggo closed his coffee business to concentrate on the manufacture of a range of products including condiments, preserves and canned foods.

He developed an export trade, formed a limited company in 1918, mainly a family concern, and progressively transferred processing operations to Abbotsford in Melbourne.

Living in Bendigo, Leggo had substantial investments in and was a director of several gold-mining companies.

He was involved in local organizations as a keen bowler, clubman, football enthusiast, Freemason and trustee of the Forest Street Methodist Church.

Henry died on 1st September 1938 during a business trip to Melbourne and was buried in Bendigo cemetery. His wife predeceased him by three months and he was survived by a son and four daughters.

Arthur Victor Leggo was educated at King's College, Melbourne, and the Ballarat School of Mines.

In 1892 he was appointed an assayer with Thomas Edwards's Ballarat metallurgical works.

He became manager in 1896 and subsequently acquired an interest.

In 1906 Leggo left the firm after a bitter legal battle instituted by Edwards over profit-sharing and disputed partnership.

As A. Victor Leggo & Co. he operated a plant at Spotswood, Melbourne, for three years before establishing a metal-refining works at Bendigo in 1909, and the Victor Leggo Chemical Co. in 1913 at Yarraville as well as an organization to market his products. The head office was in Melbourne with branches in Sydney and Brisbane.

Leggo invented and patented the 'Leggo' ore roasting furnace, and during World War I pioneered the manufacture of previously imported chemicals and raw materials essential to the munitions industry.

In the 1920s he claimed to be the largest producer of arsenic in the Southern Hemisphere.

His company supplied chemicals for the leather, wool and rubber industries, and seed wheat pickles, sheep dip, rabbit poison, pest sprays and weed-killers to primary producers.

He also had an agency for cosmetics and toiletries.

Leggo was a director of Bendigo mining companies. A founder, sometime treasurer and a vice-president (1919-33) of the Australian Industries Protection League, he was a member of clubs in Ballarat, Bendigo and Melbourne, and an associate and member respectively of the London and Australasian Institutes of Mining and Metallurgy.

On 23rd February 1916, Leggo married Ruby Gertrude Crawford at Bendigo.

He died suddenly of coronary vascular disease on 21st September 1942 at his home in St Kilda Road, Melbourne, and was cremated. His wife and two daughters survived him.

Citation details

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This article was published in hardcopy in Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 10, (Melbourne University Press), 1986 View

A Cornish Victorian - Josiah Jenkin

Josiah Jenkin was born 1847 in Constantine, Cornwall, the son of William Jenkin and Loveday Stephens.

He died 1922 in East Brunswick aged 75 years. He married (1) in 1874 to Mary Jane nee Brooks. Children born to this couple were: Joseph Josiah (1875 Brunswick-); Margaret Ann (1877 Brunswick-); Ethel Jane (1879 Brunswick-); Alice Ann (1881-1889); William Brooks (1883-1964); John Henry Stephen (c1885-1948); Margaret Broadbent (1887-); James Garfield (1891-1891); Alma Mary (1892-); Hazel Lucy (1895-1895); and Frederick Thomas (1896-1964). His wife Mary Jane died 1913 in Brunswick East aged 57 years.

Josiah remarried 1916 in Victoria to widow Elizabeth Ann Nankervis. She was born Elizabeth Ann Stephens the daughter of James Stephens and Ann nee Harvey. Elizabeth Ann died 1928 in Melbourne. She had been married previously to Henry Nankervis and they had two sons born to them – Richard James and Stephen.

Jenkin, described as a 'gentleman', owned a total of seven houses on the north side of Edward Street, Brunswick, which were all adjacent to one another and close to his own residence and his blacksmith's forge. He was an elder of the local Church of Christ congregation.

Additional information about Josiah can be found at the following site: <https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/areas/strategic-planning/brunswick-183-187-edward-street-citatioin.pdf>



Leanne Lloyd

Church of St Nonna



This church located on the north-eastern edge of Bodmin Moor at Altarnun (the Altar of the Nun). Altarnun is located just off the A30, about 14 kilometres south west of Launceston.

The church of St Nonna is also known as the Cathedral of the Moors. In Cornish and Welsh traditions, St Nonna was the mother of the Welsh Saint, David. Supposedly St Nonna left Wales around 527 as a missionary and passed through Cornwall on her way to Europe.

There is a Celtic Cross in the Churchyard dating from the 6th Century.

None of St Nonna's original building remains and although the Normans built a church in the 12th Century it no longer exists.



However the doorway shown above is perhaps part of the Norman Church.

The font, with its faces on each corner, may date from the 12th century and could be Norman.



The present church dates from the early 15th Century and is made from moor stone – cut from granite lying on the moor.

The wood for the church, according to local tradition, comes from the mansion of the Trelawney family who left the area in the 15th century.

According to the English Heritage register, the church was restored in 1867 by E Sedding.



An interesting feature of this church is the carved bench ends.

There are 79 bench ends which were carved between 1510 and 1530 and they are attributed to one man, Robart Daye – who on the end of one of the benches has carved that he created the work. The carvings depict both Christian symbols and medieval folk and art work.



Buried in the grounds is Digory Isbell in whose cottage John Wesley stayed and preached at Trewint (which is just down the road from Altarnun)

Trewint and Digory Isbell

On one of John Wesley's early visits to Cornwall, in 1743, he and his two itinerant preachers, John Nelson and John Downes, faced great hardship in travelling on the six day journey from London, being forced to share one horse - riding and walking.

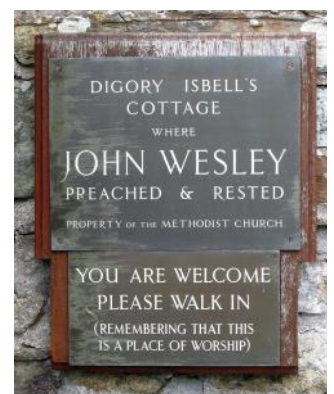
Wesley sent the two men ahead to look for refreshment and they came across Trewint cottage owned by stonemason, Digory Isbell.



He wasn't at home but his wife Elizabeth offered them both hospitality and also hay for their horse. When they were leaving, they offered payment which she refused and they offered extempore prayer. This was something she had never seen before.

A few weeks later they both returned – this time with John Wesley.

Supposedly three hundred people came to hear Wesley preach and Digory Isbell was inspired to build an extension on his house for the use of John Wesley and his preachers whenever they visited Cornwall.



The cottage was restored in 1950 and is now a museum.

Robyn Coates

Cornish born Victorian - John Christian Symons
Born on 24th January 1821 in Lower Street, St Columb, Cornwall the son of Mark Symons, yeoman farmer and his wife Ann nee Christian, John was christened on 2nd March 1821 in St Columb. (St Columb is about 10 kms east of Newquay)



He was a Wesleyan local preacher and an apprentice at the drapery firm of G. Hitchcock & Co. in London in 1844 when fourteen employees formed the first Young Men's Christian Association; he was elected secretary.

John arrived in Melbourne on 9th November 1846 aboard "Maitland" from London. He acted as a religious instructor to convict exiles on the voyage out.

He returned to Cornwall where he was married, on 6th July 1847, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Truro to Matilda nee Hodgson, the daughter of William Hodgson and his wife Margaret nee Hugo.

He returned to Melbourne in January 1848 and entered the Ministry in 1849. (he had been nominated for the ministry at a Melbourne Circuit Quarterly Meeting in July 1847, and was later approved by the British Conference.) His first appointment was to Kapunda in South Australia.

Children

James Osler born 1849 in Kapunda, South Australia and Samuel born 1852 in South Australia.

The family returned to Victoria from South Australia in 1852 and lived on the goldfields for a time before returning to Melbourne. Later he spent time in Beechworth, Geelong, Carisbrook, Maryborough and Amherst.

John died on 14th February 1894 in Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn and was buried on 16th February 1894 in the Melbourne General Cemetery. His wife Matilda died 1904 in Hawthorn.



From the papers:

Ovens and Murray Advertiser 17 February 1894

The many friends of the Rev. John Christian Symons in Beechworth and elsewhere, will regret to learn that his recovery from the severe illness from which he has long been suffering is considered hopeless. The reverend gentleman was connected with the religious life of Beechworth in the very early days, being its first Protestant Minister, close upon forty years ago, a position in which he gained universal respect by the earnestness and zeal displayed by him, not only in relation to the members of his own denomination, but in every matter tending to assist the religious, moral or social welfare of the town.

Before coming to Beechworth the Rev. J. C. Symons was a minister in South Australia.

He then transferred himself to Castlemaine where he took part in the erection on Wesley Hill of the first church established on the Victorian gold fields. His life altogether has been an energetic one, and there are few in Victoria who have done more to help the cause of religion.

He has latterly been on the supernumerary list and has devoted himself to the book department of his church.

There are none who know him who will not regret that his illness is of such a nature as to preclude all hope of recovery.

And we are sure there is not one who does not feel that he has not earned the reward which is waiting him.

Ovens and Murray Advertiser, 17 February 1894

The death of the Rev. J. C. Symons took place on Wednesday, as was anticipated, and whilst the loss sustained by the church of which he was so devoted and worthy a member will be greatly felt and deeply, there will be compensating reflection that after nearly half a century of unremitting labor he has earned the rest and the reward which follow a career of arduous toil in the service of the Creator. The reverend gentleman was in his 74th year. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon, moving from Wesley Church, where a short service was held, to the place of interment, the Melbourne General Cemetery.

The Age, Saturday 17 February 1894, page 8

The remains of the Rev. J. Symons, acting president of the Australian Wesleyan Conference, and founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, were interred yesterday in the Melbourne General Cemetery.

The funeral left the deceased's residence, Glenferrie - road, at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to the Wesley Church, Lonsdale-Street, where a service was conducted by the Revs. Dyson, Wells and Quick. The cortege then resumed its course to the place of interment.

There was a very large attendance, and the donations of flowers were profuse.

The pall bearers were the Revs. J. Watsford, D. Danniell. S. Williams, and Messrs. E. John, J. Johns, J. Callaghan, S. G. King, J. Jamieson and Dr. Cutts. The funeral was conducted by Mr. H. King, undertaker, of Richmond,

The Age, Melbourne 21 February 1894

In a paragraph which appeared in our columns on Saturday last it was stated that the late Rev. J. C. Symons was the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association.

We are requested by the family of the deceased gentleman to state that he did not claim to be the founder of the association.

He claimed, however, to have been one of the founders.

He was one of the first secretaries.

He drafted the resolutions which were considered at the meeting of young men who met in London half a century ago.

The result of that meeting was the formation of the society, which grew into the London Young Men's Christian Association, the germ out of which have sprung the Young Men's Christian Associations of the world.

Leanne Lloyd



Australian Celtic Festival - 28th April to 1st May
Every year thousands of visitors head to Glen Innes for the Australian Celtic Festival. They are attracted by the unique Celtic experience that is the 4-day event of the Australian Celtic Festival, the incredible entertainment, and the opportunity to enjoy our famous country hospitality. The Festival attracts clans, cultural groups, dancers, and performers from around the world. Visitors experience Celtic music, performances, and dance at the four stages at the Festival's main venue, the

Australian Standing Stones, and in many venues around town.

The four-day Festival features entertainment that includes a street parade, kirking of the Tartan, massed pipe bands, a re-enactment village, buskers, workshops, yard dog trials, children's entertainment, a fun run, dancing, flag-raising ceremonies, poet breakfasts, market stalls, and Celtic foods.

Each year the Festival celebrates one of the Celtic nations. The 2022 Festival will honour Brittany, Cornwall and Wales and will run from Thursday 28th April to 1st May 2022.

For further details head to the Australian Celtic Festival's website:

<https://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

or follow their Facebook page: Australian Celtic Festival.

Book sooner rather than later for the Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes is booked out every year.

Gorsedh Kernow announces host town for 2022

Gorsedh Kernow and Hayle Town Council are pleased to announce that Hayle will be the host town for the Esedhvos and Gorsedh ceremony in September 2022

"On behalf of the bards of Gorsedh Kernow, we are excited and delighted that the Gorsedh is coming to Hayle, the place where so many of our early saints first arrived in Cornwall" said Grand Bard Mab Stenak Veur, Pol Hodge. *"On a personal note, we used to go on holiday to Hayle even though we lived at Troon and I have many happy memories of it. We hope that many bards and indeed many visitors from all over Cornwall will take this opportunity to enjoy the Esedhvos and to sample all the great history, scenery, and culture that Hayle has to offer."*

At a recent meeting, Hayle Town Council supported the visit of the Gorsedh to Hayle in 2022. Mayor of Hayle Cllr Steve Benny said, *"Gorsedh Kernow last visited Hayle in 1999 and that visit is still remembered by many people. This visit will coincide with the lead-up to the celebration of the centenary of Hayle Old Cornwall Society and we look forward to working with Gorsedh Kernow and the community in Hayle to make this Gorsedh one to be remembered"*

A local committee is being formed which will work to organise the event. The Gorsedh ceremony takes place on the first Saturday of September and is preceded by the Esedhvos Kernow, a celebration of Cornish culture and of the host town.

COUNTRY COUSIN NEWS

Ballarat

Nineteen friends gathered for a Christmas meal at Barklys restaurant on Saturday 4th December. As this was the first 'in person' meeting for sometime, the AGM was held, it having been cancelled on several occasions.

Chairperson - Keith Lanyon

Vice-Chairperson - Wendy Benoit

Secretary - Lorice Jenkin

Treasurer - Jim Hocking

Committee Members - Di Christensen, Robyn Coates, Bev Hocking.

It is with sadness that we record the recent deaths of two former members from the Ballarat Branch - Hazel Luke (1931-2021) and Jeff Menhennet (1935-2021)

Our loving sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 5th February** and this will be a 'Bring a Cornish Treasure' or a special family treasure.

Saturday 5th March 2022 - St Piran's Day

Due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions, this year the Ballarat Group is holding a smaller celebration for St Piran's Day at the Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall.

All members are welcome to attend.

A pasty lunch will be served at 12.15 pm and after lunch we will have a speaker, Julia Walsh, who will share information about her ancestor Henry Richards Caselli, an architect responsible for many of Ballarat's fine buildings.

Pasties will be \$8 and will need to be pre-ordered by **Friday 25th February**.

If you have dietary restrictions please let Robyn Coates know when you order.

[0419 551 320 or robyncoates@hotmail.com]

You will need to check in with either a QR code or by writing your name and contact details on a supplied list as well as recording your attendance as you would normally.

Please wear a mask.

Under normal conditions, the group meets on the first Saturday of the even months at Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall at 2.00 pm.

Robyn Coates

Geelong Branch Report.

For the November meeting, despite having limited numbers allowed to attend because of COVID restrictions, Geelong Branch members and several guests enjoyed a High Tea at our normal meeting venue.

A toast was proposed to the Cornish Diaspora by Bob Congdon.

Bob was born at Gawler in South Australia and has Cornish ancestors who were copper miners.

He spoke of the Brythonic language which connects the Cornish, Welsh and Breton languages.

Liz Kraus who was also born in South Australia responded to the toast and spoke about her Cornish ancestors wading ashore at Port Adelaide and settling in Adelaide.

The guest speaker was Neil Thomas who spoke about a distant Cornish cousin, James Martin, who ended up employing over 700 people at his engineering business at Gawler, primarily making steam locomotives.

A High Tea followed with Ruth Taylor supplying the sponge cake and slices.

A very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Our regular branch meetings are held at the Uniting Church, Ormond Road, East Geelong at 1.30pm on the third Wednesday of the odd months.

Visitors and guests welcome.

Neil Thomas
Chairman

Geelong Branch of the CAV



Some Corny Pirate Jokes

What did the ocean say to the pirate?

Nothing, it just waved.



Why don't pirates shower before they walk the plank?

Because they'll just wash up on shore later.

What happened when Bluebeard fell overboard in the Red Sea?

He got marooned.

How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?

About a buck an ear.

How do pirates know that they are pirates?

They think, therefore they arrr.

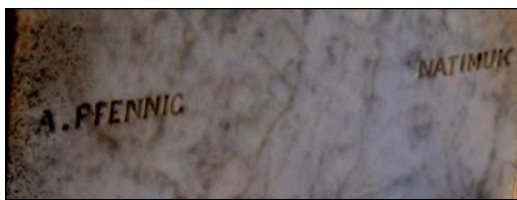
Why is pirating so addictive?

They say once ye lose yer first hand, ye get hooked.

Cemetery Icons

In searching for my ancestors' graves, in the small Natimuk cemetery (about 24 kilometres due west from Horsham), I couldn't help but notice how ornate some of the grave monuments were, given that the cemetery was in such an isolated area. The cemetery is located several miles from Natimuk and not all that far from Lake Natimuk, and has Mt Arapiles as a background.

It took me by surprise that people had erected such elaborate, marble memorials to their loved ones. On closer inspection, I was delighted to see on the base of some of these, the name of the stone mason – A Pfennig – Natimuk - my great grandfather.



The Pfennig family had travelled from the Hartz mountain area near Hannover in Germany, had worked at the mines in Burra and then settled in the Hahndorf area of SA.

As he was the only member of the Pfennig family to leave the Hahndorf district, Adolf probably made the long overland journey with a number of other German families, including the family of his wife to be Anna Speher, who are known to have arrived from Hahndorf about that time, settling on the banks of Lake Natimuk, where there was a good supply of fresh water.

Adolph was a skilled craftsman; he had completed an apprenticeship at a Monumental Marble Works in Hahndorf and he was also a competent coach painter and trimmer.

Although I had visited many cemeteries and seen various elaborate monuments, I suppose I had never thought much about the meaning or importance of the memorials found in cemeteries.

Most of my relatives' graves had plain headstones - some larger than others but in the main quite simple. It probably was an indication of the financial status of the family at the time of the death of their loved one.

However on seeing the monuments that my great-grandfather had erected and taking a few photos, I was keen to discover more.

What was the significance of some of these wonderful designs and sculptures?

This is where the internet is such a valuable tool. I soon discovered that 'cemetery iconology' is a topic that seems to interest many people. In some areas one could even attend workshops to learn more. I include some of the descriptions here.

Anchor

Early Christians used the anchor as a disguised cross, and as a marker to guide the way to secret meeting places also a Christian symbol of hope. It can also be an occupational symbol in sea-faring communities or the attribute of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of seamen who symbolized hope and steadfastness.

Angels

The agent of God, often pointing towards heaven; guardians of the dead.



Butterfly

New life - derived from the three stages of the life of the butterfly-the caterpillar, the chrysalis, and the butterfly. The three stages are symbols of life, death and resurrection. The soul.

Circle, ring, wreath

Continuity and eternal life



Cross

Christianity.

Usually mounted on three steps, signifying 'faith, hope and charity'.

Daisy

Innocence of child.

Dog

Dogs often appear at the feet of medieval women, signifying the loyalty and inferior place of each in the chivalric order.

Modern dogs only imply that the master was worth loving.

Dove

The little bird appears in both Christian and Jewish cemeteries, representing some of the same things and some different things in each.

Christians usually see the dove (which makes its first Biblical appearance in Genesis carrying an olive

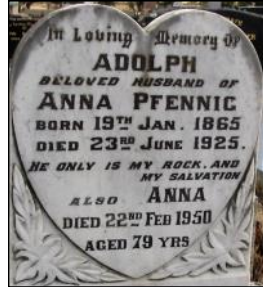
branch for Noah) as the Holy Spirit. Jewish people interpret the dove as a peace symbol. The biblical allusion to the dove also suggests a connectedness with the earth and its color, white, represents for Europeans, purity and spirituality.

Fern

Sorrow; sincerity; humility; solitude

Heart

Stylized hearts stand for the affection of the living for the dead. Two joined hearts on a stone mark a marriage.



Holly

People used to believe that holly bushes protected tombs and other monuments from lightning strikes.

Lamb

Usually marks the grave of a child. The lamb always stands for innocence. The Lamb of God, meaning Jesus.

Lily

Chastity, innocence and purity. A favored funeral flower of the Victorians. The use of lilies at funerals symbolizes the restored innocence of the soul at death.

Lion

Symbolizes the power of God and guards the tomb against evil spirits. Like other guardians, the lion's watch is as eternal as the stone of which it is depicted. The lion also recalls the courage and determination of the souls, which they guard.

Oak tree

Hospitality, stability, strength, honor, eternity, endurance, liberty. It is believed to have been the tree from which Jesus Christ's cross was made. In smaller pioneer cemeteries, it is common to place children's graves near oak trees. The oak tree was the tree of life in pre-Christian times. The Druids worshipped the oak. The oak, oak leaves and acorn can stand for power, authority or victory.

Rose

Love, beauty, hope, unfailing love.

A red rose symbolizes martyrdom and a white rose symbolizes purity and virginity.

Whether the rose is a bud, flower or somewhere in between indicates how old the person was at the

time of death:

Just a bud - normally a child 12 or under

Partial bloom - normally a teenager

Full bloom - normally in early/mid twenties. The

deceased died in the prime of life

Rosebud, broken - life cut short, usually found with a young person's grave

Scroll

A symbol of life and time.

Torch

Until the church banned such things, most people were buried at night. Torches furnished the light which both allowed the gravediggers to see and the bearers to scare off evil spirits and nocturnal scavengers.

Lit, the torch signifies life. It can also stand for living memory and eternal life (e.g. an eternal flame).

Extinguished, it stands for death.

Urn

Mortality, often with a cloth drape, symbolizing the curtain between life and death



Wheat

Wheat, like barley, was associated with the Egyptian cult of Osiris. The death of a grain crop is followed, after a period of stillness, by the re-sowing and germination of the seeds. Though no corpses have produced new people, tombstone carvers still employ the ear of wheat as a symbol of rebirth.

Wreath

Victory in death



Robyn Coates

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CORNISH TIDBITS

Rats found on Round Island

Rats have been found on the Isles of Scilly, and are threatening the islands' seabirds and other wildlife. A number of rats were spotted on the uninhabited Round Island during a survey last week. The Isles had been free of rats for a few years.

Conservationists are working hard to get rid of them before the birds return from South America for breeding season.

Biosecurity Officer for The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Jacqueline Pearson said the birds must be protected.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-60234201>

Levelling up Project

Cornwall is one of nine areas of England invited to take part in the government's "levelling up" programme.

The strategy to close the gap between rich and poor parts of the country was recently unveiled by Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove.

Details of what Cornwall might receive under the county deal have not been released.

Cornwall has also been named as one of 55 Education Investment Areas which will receive additional funding for education.

This will include cash to retain teaching staff, provide new training and skills facilities and more support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

City of Culture bid for Cornwall in 2025

Cornwall is the only area in the South West still in the running to be City of Culture 2025.

Cornwall is on the eight-strong longlist to be UK City of Culture 2025 alongside Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon, Bradford, County Durham, Derby, Southampton, Stirling and Wrexham County Borough.

The winning area will be announced in May 2022.

While Cornwall is not a city, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which runs the competition, has changed the rules to allow entries from wider areas.

The scheme is run every four years, aiming to shine a spotlight on UK areas outside the capital.

For the first time, each area will receive £40,000 to support its proposal. Already a glossy video has been produced to show off Cornwall's cultural

talent and heritage, drawing on its museums, arts, music and food.

The Cornwall City of Culture programme, if successful, would centre on three themes – People, Place and Planet – across three seasons – winter, spring and autumn – and would be curated to “foster a climate of conversation, connections and exchange”.

The Cornwall bid has been backed by a wide number of organisations, including Tate St Ives, the Eden Project, Falmouth University, Cornwall Council and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

It has also received cross-party support, not just from Cornwall's six Conservative MPs but also the Great South West All Party Parliamentary Group. Cornwall's City of Culture programme would include 25 large events in 25 locations throughout 2025.

The bid team believes winning the title could generate economic benefits for Cornwall, as it has for previous winners – and with inward investment and spend come skills and careers for young people. Coventry, the current City of Culture, is reported to have attracted more than £100m in capital investment to support cultural projects, while Hull saw more than 5.3 million visits after it won the title in 2017.

A report on the economic benefits said that being a City of Culture was directly responsible for at least £89.3m of investment in Hull and contributed to a 9.7% increase in tourism in 2017.

The city experienced a 29% increase in Tripadvisor visits, a 15% increase in hotel occupancy, a 33% increase in business in bars and a 54% increase in museum visits during holiday periods.

Kresen Kernow

On checking the website I found that there are some YouTube broadcasts in which people maybe interested - follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2wq3qajThYfWXLGXVYF8A>

Review of Parish Boundaries

Potential changes to parish boundaries across Cornwall are under review once more after decisions following an earlier consultation had to be deferred due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The original Community Governance Review took place during 2019 and 2020, looking at local government arrangements across Cornwall, and

seeing where changes could be made to reflect changing communities.

The review was placed on hold when the pandemic began, meaning the Council could not complete its decision making for all proposals. Those left outstanding are now going out for public consultation once more due to the time period that has elapsed since the original review.

Parish and Town Councils are the first tier of local government. They play a vital role in providing local services and involving people in their local community.

A Community Governance Review can make a number of changes to parish governance when there is clear evidence this would be an improvement:

It can make changes to parish areas including changes to boundaries between parishes, mergers of parishes or creating a new parish out of part of one or more existing parishes

It can make changes to the number of parish councillors or introduce or change parish warding arrangements

It can accommodate changing the name of a parish
It can accommodate the grouping together of parishes under a common parish council.

Parishes under review are:

Penzance, Madron

Hayle

Helston, Wendron

Ponsanooth, Stithians

Kenwyn, Truro

Cubert, Perranzabuloe

Colan, Newquay

St Austell, Pentewan Valley, Treverbyn

Padstow

St Breock, Wadebridge

St Minver Lowlands, St Minver Highlands

Davidstow, Treneglos, Warbstow

Liskeard, Menheniot

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/hub-page/cgr>

New orchard project

When I was watching Rick Stein's Cornwall on SBS Food recently, there was an interview with Sir Tim Smit concerning his development of an orchard at a former golf course at Lostwithiel.

Already 3500 rare fruit trees have been planted and it is hoped to plant many rare European vegetables also. He hoped that local farmers would join in with the scheme.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/rick-stein-cornwall>

Plans for a centre for the teaching and learning of agronomy have been submitted to Cornwall Council.

However further reading suggests that many local people are opposed to the idea.

Residents have raised concerns over a lack of consultation, the design of the project, the traffic it would create and the impact it would have on the environment.

They also claim that the project would be against the town's neighbourhood plan and that no development should be built on the site, as it is outside the development boundary around the town.

The cost of using the Tamar Bridge and ferry crossings increased by 30%.

Plymouth City Council voted for the tolls to increase from £2 to £2.60 for cash users, and from £1 to £1.30 for discounted tags.

The proposal was set out by the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee in December and has now been agreed by the council.

The new prices on tags could come in during the next few months with the new cash prices starting from January 2023.

Use of the crossings plummeted as a result of Covid-19, resulting in a large drop in revenue. A report by the council's transport chiefs argued that without the toll increase the crossings will run into deficits from the 2022/23 financial year onwards and reach over £10 million by 2025/26.

The 30% fare increases are forecast to create an £800,000 surplus by 2025/26.

Rules around the funding of the crossings were set by The Tamar Bridge Act 1957, which states that the crossings must be financially supported by tolls.

Rajasthan Royals: IPL side to open cricket academy in Cornwall

The franchise - which has a number of England players - already has a similar academy in London as well as one in Abu Dhabi, and hopes to nurture talent that could become future internationals.

World Cup-winning all-rounder Ben Stokes and fast bowler Jofra Archer are among the England players who have signed for the Jaipur-based side in recent seasons, while players including former Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne, current Australia batter Steve Smith and New Zealand seamer Tim Southee have also spent time with the franchise.

The Royals were the inaugural IPL champions in 2008 and have made the play-off three times since. The academy will be based at Truro School and the link came about after Hooper took a side from the

school to India in 2007 and forged relationships with some of the Royals' coaches.

COVID Numbers

The number of people testing positive for COVID is more than double what it was when masks were temporarily made mandatory in December.

With COVID deaths at more than 20 in January, data from the week ending January 28 (when the mask mandate ended) show that positive cases in the county are more than double what they were in the week ending December 14, 2021.

5,352 people tested positive for the virus between January 22-28, compared to 2,712 between December 8-14.

More than two-thirds of people in the county (aged 12 or over) have had all three doses of a Covid jab, making the virus far less deadly for most of the population.

67.9% have had all three jabs, 82.1% have had a second dose, and 87.1% a single jab.

Looking for lithium and minerals

A low-flying 1940s plane has recently been doing survey work over mid and west Cornwall.

The geological mapping plane is hoping to identify where lithium and other minerals may be located underground.

It is hoped the information gathered will be of use to companies hoping to evaluate potential for geothermal energy or lithium extraction, as well as to the British Geological Survey and the government. In recent years, Cornwall has been found to contain significant amounts of high-grade lithium, a critical mineral for the production of batteries for electric vehicles, among other uses.

Granite beneath the surface also makes Cornwall suitable for geothermal energy exploration, with two projects already established at United Downs and the Eden Project, and with four more planned.

Newquay to London Gatwick Air Route

The year-round air route between Cornwall Airport Newquay and London Gatwick will be operated by Eastern Airways.

The airline took over the public service obligation (PSO) contract route in December.

The PSO route is subsidised by the government to ensure a year-round service.

The four-year contract was put out to tender in July after a failed attempt earlier in the year.

It was previously operated by Flybe until the company went into administration in March 2020.

The PSO ensures flights continue throughout the year, including in quieter months that may not otherwise be commercially profitable.

Cornwall Council will receive up to £1.8m in total to run the year-round air route.

World Pasty Championships

The 10th edition of the great global pasty bake-off will take place on St Piran's Day, Saturday 5th March. Last year's championships had to be cancelled due to the country being in lockdown.

Eden is planning the return of the event with its partners the Cornish Pasty Association.

The event will also see the return of the World's Fastest Crimper contest, featuring top crimpers from across the industry and overseen by the Cornish Pasty Association.

At the last pasty championships in 2020 a team of 40 judges were faced with nearly 200 pasties entered across the classes.

In the grand finale of the event, winners in eight categories receive one of the prestigious Oggy Awards. The trophies are hand crafted in clay and each year there is a special extra award for Pasty Ambassador.

Since the event started at Eden in 2012 it has attracted overseas entrants from countries around the world including the USA, Canada, Chile and Ireland.

In 2011, the Cornish Pasty Association won a long campaign to gain European Union protected geographical status (PGI) for the Cornish pasty. Post-Brexit the Cornish pasty is now similarly protected with UK GI status.

Smoking costs Cornwall's economy £177million every year

It's due to the cost of treating smoking related health conditions as well as the damage caused by accidental fires.

Research commissioned by charity Action of Smoking and Health (ASH) found the cost to be around £17bn for the whole of England. It looked at the amount of cash spent by the NHS and other health and care services in helping people with smoking related conditions. It also looked at the amount of income spent on cigarettes and tobacco by people in the Duchy.

In total, smoking is costing the NHS an additional £30m annually, with £13m being spent on additional care for people with conditions caused by smoking. Smokers in Cornwall spend about £136m on tobacco annually, while the cost of damage to property and lives from accidental fires caused by cigarettes is said to be around £3.4m

There's also the cost of cleaning up cigarette waste, with around 34 tonnes worth of cigarette butts dropped every year in the Duchy alone.