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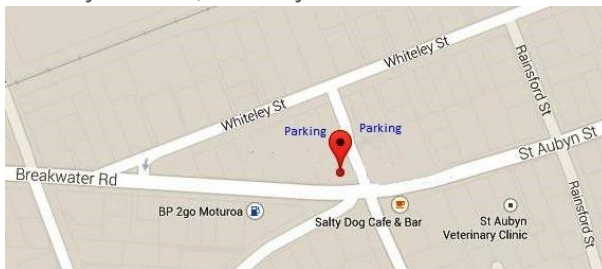


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NEWSLETTER

Notice of meeting

The biennial national meeting of the New Zealand Cornish Association will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday 9 May 2015 in the Genealogy Rooms at the back of the Moturoa Shops, St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth.



The programme for the afternoon will be:

- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Biennial National Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Entertainment
- 4:00 p.m. Afternoon tea
- 5:00 p.m. Farewells

Agenda for the biennial meeting:

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the 2013 biennial meeting
3. Matters arising
4. President's Report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of office holders
 - a. National president
 - b. National vice-presidents
 - c. National Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
8. National annual subscription
9. Reimbursement of travel costs of out-of-town officers
10. Annual expense allowances
11. General business

Notes

7 Election of officers

Nominations of the officers should be sent to Jean Harry (contact details above) to arrive by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 7 May 2015 (two days before the meeting).

7a. National president

Val Moore, president of the Christchurch Branch

and national vice-president, has been nominated for national president.

7b, Vice-presidents

The branch presidents have previously been appointed as national vice-presidents "ex officio". However, if Val is elected national president she cannot also be a vice-president. A proposal will be put to the meeting to continue with only one vice-president being the Taranaki Branch president.

7c and 7d secretary and treasurer

Jean Harry has indicated her strong desire to stand down from the role of treasurer along with some of the other jobs she does for the Association. Nick Bartle has been nominated as national secretary/treasurer. This would involve combining the two roles again and returning to the distribution of jobs before they were split four year ago.

Jean has graciously offered to continue to hold the Association's mail-order library and to print and post the newsletters.

8. Subscription

The national annual subscription currently stands at \$10.00 which is included in branch subscriptions for those lucky enough to be a member of one of our two wonderful branches. The meeting will consider the finances of the Association and the need to change the subscription for the next membership year.

9 and 10 expenses

The travel expenses of the national president and secretary to previous meetings have been reimbursed in full. The visiting national vice-president has received a contribution of \$150 towards their costs. It will be proposed to continue this practice.

The national secretary and the national treasurer have each previously received allowances of \$200 per annum to cover their incidental expenses such as stationery, telephone tolls, postage etc. Assuming that the two roles are combined as above, it will be proposed at the meeting to pay an annual allowance of \$200 to the secretary/treasurer.

Members are welcome to comment on any of the business for the meeting and to suggest any other issues to be discussed.

Add a little Cornish to your day

I like to set a theme (sometimes two) for each newsletter and there will be no prizes for spotting the link between this section and the next article.

Kernewek	Sounds like	English
Pel droos	<i>pell druze</i>	football
Pel roos	<i>pell ruze</i>	netball
Pel ganstel	<i>pell ganz tell</i>	basket ball
Rugbi	<i>rugby</i>	rugby
Tennis	<i>tennis</i>	tennis
Bokesi	<i>bock ezzi</i>	boxing
Omdowl	<i>omm dowel</i>	wrestling

Like English, words are combined in Kernewek. Pel is Cornish for ball and troos means foot. When they are combined the first letter of troos is softened to get pel droos – football. Roos means net and kanstel is basket. Spot the softening of the initial letter again in pel ganstel.

Omdowl Kernewek is the traditional Cornish form of wrestling (or “wrastring”).

AFC St Austell



The FA Vase is part of the three level National League System of the Football Association in the UK and is targeted at local provincial teams. The FA Cup is the top level and most famous piece of silverware.

St Austell football club, known as the Lilywhites to their fans, became the first Cornish team for five years to reach the national semi-finals when they beat Ascot United 3-2 on 2 March. In 2007 Truro City won the trophy.

Semi-finals are a two stage affair that eliminates the home crowd advantage. Games are played at both teams’ grounds and the scores aggregated. In the first leg, played at Poltair Park in St. Austell, the Lilywhites went down 2-0 to Glossop North End. They had a mountain to climb for the second leg, played in Derbyshire, on 28 March. Starting with a two goals deficit to make up, St Austell went into the game in a positive frame of mind. Coach Phil Lafferty said “Glossop’s best results have been away from home and although Poltair has been a fortress this season we have also proved that we can go away from home and do a job.”

The weather in the Derbyshire hills played a big role in the game with rain getting so heavy towards the end of the match that it was questionable whether play should have gone on. It was a goalless match until, in the ninetieth minute, centre forward, Liam Eddy, slotted one away for the Lilywhites securing a second leg victory 0-1. But one goal was not enough to compensate for the first leg loss so St Austell missed the chance to go forward to the final at Wembley. Supporters agreed it was a brave attempt and the team put up a strong enough fight at the end that they could go home with their heads held high.

The Knight Family

Member, Elaine Bolitho, was closely involved in organising celebrations to mark the arrival in NZ of the Knight family and has sent in this report.

Knights gather again 175 years on

Around 120 descendants of William Knight (1806-1867) and Mary Ann Knight (nee Penrose 1807-1871) gathered on 14-15 February 2015 to mark 175 years since the pioneers and their five children, along with 82 other Cornish settlers landed at Petone from the *Duke of Roxburgh*.



Woon Farm, Cornwall

Woon farm, near Roche, is believed to have been in the family for generations and where William was born

and raised. He was trained in both farming and mining, had a good dash of Cornish adaptability so could turn his hand to anything. As the third son in his St Austell family he knew neither he nor any of his first four sons had any hope of becoming farm owners in Cornwall. Other members of the family worked the farm until 1985 when it was demolished and the land was covered in the slag waste from china clay mining. Even at that point, the farmhouse did not have running water. Drinking water was drawn every day from a spring two paddocks away.

William and Mary Ann saw literacy and land as the keys to success and they took advantage of learning to read and write on the voyage. After arriving in New Zealand, William turned his hand to many things to pay for his first dairy herd and his first block of Lower Hutt land and watched for opportunities to buy land on which to set up his sons. Mary Ann, who gave birth to at least fifteen children, cared for their growing brood, and welcomed grandchildren while she was still

adding to her own family.

Celebrations began on Saturday with a beach blessing at Petone, including descendants portraying the pioneers' reactions on landing, and everyone singing the following ballad (written by Elaine) telling the family story.

The Knights set forth from Cornwall
to sail across the seas.
They left the mines and farmlands,
their friends and families;
no more to see St Austell,
Roche Rock or Cardinham,
they joined the hopeful settlers
aboard for New Zealand.

On board the Duke of Roxburgh
they met those who would be
companions and new settlers
within their new country.
With Udys and the U'rens,
the Prouses and the Poads,
they brought their skills and labour
and dreams of land and roads.

They spent four months together,
and learned to read and write.
They sailed through stormy weather,
hot days and becalmed nights.
At last they saw New Zealand
their land of hopes and dreams,
where Maori people showed them
new land with bush and streams.

To God who travelled with them,
Knights raised their hymns of praise
and sought empowering blessings
'midst earthquake, fire and rains.
They cleared the land, built houses,
caught fish, milked dairy cows;
they welcomed ten more children
into this land of ours.

The sons continued farming,
the daughters married well
New generations spreading -
of them we all can tell.
Thousands across New Zealand
and more are overseas -
making their contributions
in times of war and peace.

God bless the growing families
spread out so far and wide
from Cornwall and New Zealand
through town and countryside.
Your presence does not leave us,
You go with us each day
Your blessing leads us onward
As in your care we stay.

Later, after lunch, speeches and cake cutting, historic Knight sites in Lower Hutt were revisited - including Knights Road and Penrose Street, a

commemorative tree, sites where family members had lived and graveyards where they were buried.

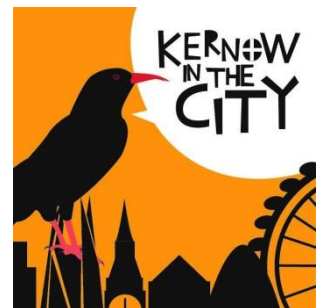
A thanksgiving service was held on Sunday morning at the recently-refurbished historic Wainuiomata Coast Road Church. Its 1866 builder Richard Prouse (II) honoured the promise of his father Richard Prouse (I) that if he succeeded in New Zealand he would build a church where everyone was welcome to worship. The Prouses, fellow travellers with the Knights on the *Duke of Roxburgh*, had ongoing contact with James Penrose Knight (1833-1904) and his family through being leaders in the same Methodist circuit. During the service, symbols were presented to mark each of the ten lines of descendants, including the All Black jersey of Scott Waldrom - the first Knight descendant All Black. A hymn, specially composed for the occasion by Colin Gibson was well sung - showing the Cornish singing ability is certainly not lost!

Thanks, Elaine. During the thanksgiving service there were mentions of the facts that

- ■ George Hunter, the first Mayor of Wellington was also on board the Duke of Roxburgh
- ■ the first Knight to be born in NZ tried gold mining near Wainuiomata but, without a major strike, reverted to farming - his family's way of life and
- ■ Steve Gurney, international athlete and multiple winner of the Coast-to-Coast is a descendent of the Knights.

St Piran's Day in London

A Cornish group organises Wrecker's Wednesdays - monthly Cornish catch-up and networking nights in London. Their main event of the year 'Kernow in the City' celebrates St Piran's Day. This year it featured a line-up of Cornish musicians including the Oggymen, Louis Eliot and The Grenaways and proper pasties washed down with Cornish beer. It also included Gool Peran Lowen (Happy St Piran's Day) video messages from around the world including one from NZ. The event was broadcast live on Radio Cornwall hosted by Duncan Warren.



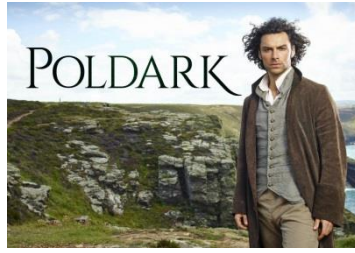
You can listen to Radio Cornwall online at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiocornwall>.

Return of Poldark

If, like me, you watch Prime TV, you are likely to have seen the promotional trailers for a new TV

adaptation in 8 episodes of the first two of Winston Graham's Poldark novels.

Hunk, Aidan Turner, who played Kili, one of the 13 dwarves in *The Hobbit*, is in the title role of Ross Poldark, a soldier returning from the American Revolution



who decides to re-open his family's old copper mine. Poldark's previous love is now engaged to his cousin but alternative romantic interest is provided by Demelza who Poldark rescues from a fight and then employs as a kitchen maid.

No specific date has been set for the start of the series except to say that it will be in April. Keep your eyes and ears open because there will be fabulous views of Cornwall.

Winston Graham was born in 1908 in, Manchester. At the age of 17, following an illness of his father, the family moved to Perranporth, Cornwall. Winston started writing as a child and apart from coastguard duty during the war he was a full-time writer all his life. His first published novel, *The House with the Stained Glass Windows*, came out in 1934; his last, *Bella Poldark*, was published in 2002 not long before he died at home in Sussex. In 1963 he was honoured with an OBE.

Winston married Jean Williamson in 1939. He had first met her in 1926 when she was 13 and some say that it was no coincidence that the fictional Ross Poldark met his love, Demelza, when she was also 13. Winston and Jean had two children, Andrew and Rosamund.

Although it was the Poldarks that brought Winston Graham the most fame, he wrote more than thirty other novels, six of which have been filmed, including *Marnie* directed by Alfred Hitchcock in 1964.

Christchurch branch

The President welcomed members and guests to the 8th annual St. Piran's lunch on Saturday, 7 March at St. Paul's Parish Centre, 1 Harewood Road, Papanui followed by the annual general meeting.

Joyce Doney proposed the Toast to Cornwall's patron saint, St. Piran.

Heather Gladstone on her accordion then led the singing "Hail to the Homeland" and grace was sung in the Cornish language.

The ladies of the committee had prepared and

served a buffet lunch. Bruce Moore proposed a vote of thanks for providing such a splendid meal and was greeted by loud applause.

While the tables were cleared and the kitchen duties taken care of, Les presented his monthly news from Cornwall.

The President declared the Annual General meeting for 2015 open at 2.10 p.m. with an attendance of 26. Apologies were received 13 members.

Resignations had been received from Warren Grenfell & John & Gillian McDonald, and were accepted with regret.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, which were accepted unanimously. The President then presented her annual report on the branch activities and took the opportunity to welcome new member Adrienne Parton to the Association. The Treasurer presented a favourable balance sheet

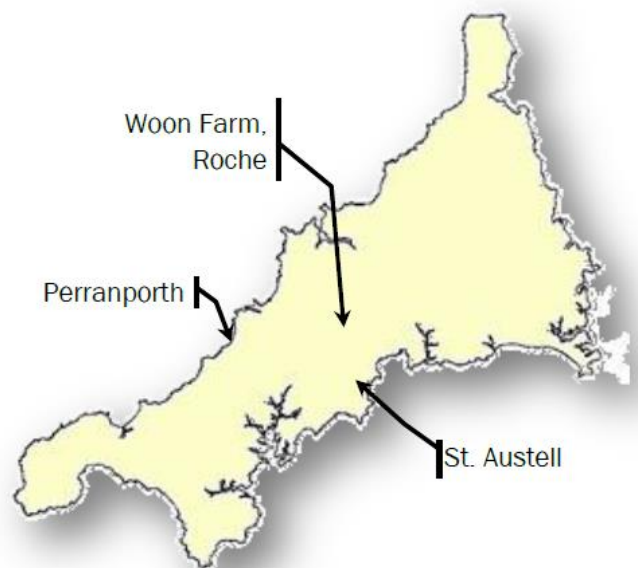
Val Moore was re-elected for a further term as president. Dorothy Drew, Les Mitchell, Mac Reynolds and Sister Deirdre Nelson were all re-elected as vice presidents. Les Mitchell was returned to the role of secretary and Jeanette Beaumont as treasurer.

The new committee consists of Margaret Swanney, Jean Piper, Frieda Looser, Joyce Doney, Bruce Moore plus the office holders and with the addition of Judy Wrighton.

Dorothy Drew proposed a vote of thanks to the President for her leadership in 2014.

The President declared the meeting closed at 2.43 p.m.

Places mentioned in this newsletter



That's it for this newsletter. All the best, my 'ansomes!