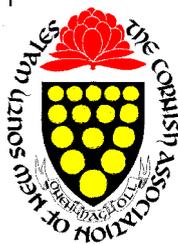


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## PROGRAMME 2017

### SYDNEY

**Pasty Day at Betty's**  
at Warriewood  
**Sunday 13 August, 2017**  
from 11:30am



Betty Bevins invites you to her home by the sea for an enjoyable get-together, and of course eat a wonderful home-made proper Cornish pasty made by our own members! For details or directions – contact Betty 02 9999 4106

E: [bettybevins@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bettybevins@optusnet.com.au)  
and/or: [betteb1924@gmail.com](mailto:betteb1924@gmail.com)

Please bring an item, or story, a song, or question about Cornwall to talk about - or just come for a pasty, a 'bit chat and a nice dish o'tay!'

Please bring a plate of food for afternoon tea. Tea & Coffee provided, but bring your own other drinks. A \$5 contribution will provide you with a pasty and to cover other costs. Bring some extra change for a Raffle, or buy leftover pasties.

Betty's home is at 134 Narrabeen Park Parade, near the 'bend' & intersection with Melbourne Ave. Map online: <https://goo.gl/maps/d432E>

## End of Year Lunch

**Pre Christmas Lunch (11:30am) on Wednesday 22 November**

At a restaurant in the Sydney Circular Quay area of the CBD - planning has started – please reserve the date - details of the venue in the next newsletter.

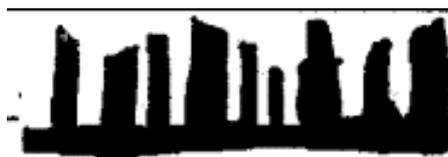
## FESTIVALS

### Clans on the Coast Festival

**Saturday 16 September, 2017**  
**Nelson Bay – Tomaree Sports Complex**  
Gates open: 8.30am – 4.30pm. More details from Di Soper on 0411 619 471  
<https://clansonthecoast.com/>

### 26<sup>th</sup> Australian Celtic Festival

**Glen Innes, NSW – The Year of Brittany, Galicia & Asturias**



**Friday 3 –  
Sunday 6  
May, 2018**

Some Cornish will be there!  
For more information on program of events and accommodation, and booking keep looking at:  
<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

### WIDER COMING EVENTS

#### Southern Sons of Cornwall Inc

For more details contact: *Sonia Reuter*, Events Co-ordinator, and her phone number is 02 4421 8187 Her email address is: [oneandall2@bigpond.com](mailto:oneandall2@bigpond.com)

*Eddie Lyon, Librarian*

## Committee News:

Bank account at 25/6/17 bal: **\$8,917.39**

**President's report:** "What a pleasure it has been to attend in May the Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes (21 members and friends at our informal dinner, 30 people in the parade, and 40+ people at our Cornish ceremony); the Kernewek Lowender in SA with some members (and as a Bard at our 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly)); and to see Barbara Davis and Scots friends at Bonnie Wingham festival. It was pleasing to see Chris made a Guardian of the Australian Standing Stones after over 25 years of support. (See photos in past events). I also represented the Cornish at the winter solstice bonfire at Boambee, near us. I will be in London on Betty's Pasty Day so apologies - but I hope you all have a great day." *Joy Dunkerley*

Next Full Committee Meeting tba

Next Sydney sub-committee meeting  
at and prior to Pasty Day at Betty Bevins

***You and your ideas are always welcome***

### MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

Those receiving our Newsletter by post will have their 'paid to' date (eg. **3-2017 means now overdue**, 3-2018 or later is financial) typed on the envelope, *whilst others will be reminded by email if they are un-financial.*

### Our Lending & Research Library



The full listing of books has been on the CANSW web site for some time, and is still available.

Following divestment of some material a revised list has been published. The direct page link to view is:

[http://members.optusnet.com.au/~kevrenor/canswlib5\\_alpha.xls](http://members.optusnet.com.au/~kevrenor/canswlib5_alpha.xls)

This can also be posted to you on request, It has Catalogue Id order & in alphabetical order on the members' web. To borrow books or other items .. Contact *Eddie and Eileen* on **02 9349 1491** Email: [ealyon45@gmail.com](mailto:ealyon45@gmail.com)

**A full listing** on our web site:

Fast link <http://tinyurl.com/46c9cl>

## MEMBERS MILESTONES

**Congratulations** to young members Penny Rappo who turned 5 and her aunt Kerensa Dunkerley who turned 30.

**Best wishes** to a number of members who have had reported health problems recently. Get better soon. Sorry to hear Dave Evans was not able to be at the Pasty Outing – we hope things are going better for you now.

Please let us know of your good news, special events, or of those who are ill.

## Past Events:

### Australian Celtic Festival (Glen Innes)

In May it was the 25<sup>th</sup> festival and year of Ireland, but there were still plenty of Cornish there ..



Chris Dunkerley installed as Guardian of the Stones



Street parade (Joy, Poppy, Sue & Roger)



## Wingham



Joy with Jean and James Burdon of the Lamont Clan

## Kernewek Lowender, SA

This Cornish Festival has been going since 1973 and attracts many thousands. Members of Cornish Associations gathered for a week of fellowship and fun. In May several members of CANSW were there (below)



Roger, Sue, Julie, Joy, Bryan, Sheila, Chris, & Sonia



We saw this cute this Cornish Tartan clad Bear, who is available for \$65 plus postage & packing, from *Valinor* tel: 02 4754 1563

## Our Pasty Outing at Bondi Junction

Ten members / family met up for a chat, and a pasty or two on 6 June.



5 Bards from NSW, and the Grand Bard Merv Davey



A mining Barista?

## 'POTTED' GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

### Castle-an-Dinas

Castle-an-Dinas, near St Columb Major, is one of the largest and most impressive hillforts in Cornwall, sited in an imposing position on the summit of Castle Downs with extensive and panoramic views across central Cornwall to both north and south coasts. It dates from around the second and third centuries BCE and consists of three ditch and rampart concentric rings, 850 feet in diameter and standing 700 feet above sea level.



It is mentioned in Cornish legends as one of the seats of the Duke of Cornwall and as the place where Cadur, Duke of Cornwall and husband of King Arthur's mother, met his death. The existence of such legends suggests that this site remained important long after its construction in the Iron Age.

The hillfort is surrounded by three ramparts and ditches. There are two Bronze Age barrows in the central enclosed area and these may be traces of the first human use of this hill, although recent surveys have suggested that there is a levelled-off platform between the outer and inner banks and ditches which may represent the traces of even earlier (Neolithic) use.

Excavations carried out in the 1960s in the interior suggested that the main period of use was during the Iron Age, when the ramparts would have stood at their highest, probably topped by a wooden palisade. The main entrance lies on the south-west side, and the gateway had a cobbled surface. There is a wet, marshy area inside the enclosed area, suggesting that it might once have contained a well, making it possible to live on the site. It is

likely that there would have been timber roundhouses and other structures and work areas. There are no traces of stone hut-circles.

Hillforts like this are now thought to have been less a military fortress and more a place of focus for the community, symbols of the wealth and power of the tribe, a central place for social ceremonies, trade and ritual.

A 20th century wolfram mine had a significant impact on Castle-an-Dinas, such as platforms cut into the prehistoric ramparts to carry an aerial ropeway known as a 'blondin' to transport skips of ore from the mine on the northern side of the hill to the processing works on the south. Within the enclosed central there are obvious places where recent human activity has disturbed the surface. The so-called "dew pond" marshy area may even hide a mining shaft sunk in the very middle of the hillfort within the past 100 years.

Castle-an-Dinas is administered by the Cornwall Heritage Trust

### QUOTE

*"The Cornish are remarkable for their sanguine temperament, their indomitable perseverance, their ardent hope in adventure, and their desire for discovery and novelty .. to this very cause has science to boast of so many brilliant ornaments who claim Cornwall as their birthplace!"*

George Henwood, the *Mining Journal*, 1859

### SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

**Laity** – From leth-ty, milk house (dairy). Place name in 7 parishes. Found in west Cornwall.

**Lambrick** – From lan-bron-wyk, enclosure of a hill village or wood. Found in south Cornwall.

**Lander / Launder / Ladner** – From lan-tyr, churchyard. Found across Cornwall.

**Landeryou** – From Lyn-derow, pool by oak-trees. Placename Landerio, Mylor. Found around Falmouth.

**Landry / Landrey / Laundry** – From Landre, homestead by the church enclosure. Found in east Cornwall.

**Lanyon** – From Lyn-yeyn, cold pool / lake. Placename Lanyon, Madron, Gwinear & Illogan. Found in west Cornwall.

**Lavin** – Possibly from leven, smooth/even. Found in mid Cornwall.

**Lawry / Lowry / Lory** (etc.) - Possibly derived from the old Welsh Llyw-ri, ruler, king. It may be a form of Lawrence. Placename Trelawry, Mannacan. Found west / mid Cornwall. [Walter Lawry (1793-1859), Methodist missionary, was born on 3 August 1793 in Rutheren, near Bodmin, Cornwall. He was chaplain in the convict ship *Lady Castlereagh* arrived in Sydney on 1 May 1818. On 29 October 1820 he conducted the first Methodist service west of the Blue Mountains in the Court House, Bathurst. The first Methodist church at Parramatta, dedicated on 20 April 1821, was built at his expense at a cost of £300].

**Lean** – From lyn, stitch of land. Placename Lean, Liskeard, St Martin in Meneage, and Penlean, Otterham, and Polean, Pelynt. Found mid Cornwall.

**Leddra** – From leder, steep slope. Placename Leddra, St Austell; Nancedra, Ludgvan. Found in St Ives area.

**Legassick** – From lagasek, big eyed.

**Legg** – From legh, flat rock, ledge. Found mostly in far west Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

**Leggo** – From leghow, flat rocks. Placenames Treliggo, Breage; Ponsleggo, Perranzabuloe. Found in west Cornwall [Henry Madren Leggo (1869-1938), merchant and manufacturer was born on 28 February 1869 at Eaglehawk, Victoria, the ninth child of William Leggo (d.1879), goldminer, and his wife Elizabeth Jane, née Rowe, both of Cornwall. 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. Today, who knows that Leggo is Cornish, not Italian?]

## **SOME NOTED FOLK OF CORNWALL – a series**

### **Sir Humphry Davy**

Inventor of the miners safety lamp, founder of Regents Park Zoo London, chemist.

Humphry Davy was born on the 17th December 1778 in Penzance, the son of a woodcarver . His interest in scientific things was fostered by his acquaintance with Robert Duncan, a Penzance saddler who made electrical and mechanical models. He went to school first in Penzance, then to Truro Grammar School when he was 15. His father, Robert Davy, died, in 1794 leaving a widow and five children without much money. At 16 he became apprenticed to Dr John Borlase, a Penzance surgeon.



Here his work involved mixing potions in the laboratory. He set about systematically to prepare himself for a career in medicine by reading widely. Beginning with metaphysics and ethics and passing on to mathematics, then chemistry at the end of 1797, and within a few months of reading Nicholsons and Lavoisiers treatises on chemistry had produced a new theory of light and heat. Then a chance meeting with a Bristol scientist, Dr Beddoes, led to his being offered a job as assistant in the newly opened Pneumatic Institution in Bristol in 1798. Within four years he had established himself as a scientist through his experiments with gasses. Davy became addicted to nitrous oxide (laughing gas), once stating that its properties bestowed all of the benefits of alcohol but without any of it's flaws.

Davy later damaged his eyesight in a laboratory accident with nitrogen trichloride. He nearly killed himself by sniffing a newly discovered gas, and had to return to Penzance to recuperate. In 1801 he was nominated an assistant lecturer in chemistry at the Royal Institution and in 1803 Fellow of the Royal Society that he would later preside over.

In 1800 Davy used the newly discovered Voltaic Cell battery to separate salts by what is now known as electrolysis. He was able to separate potassium and sodium in 1807 and calcium, strontium, barium, and magnesium in 1808.

He was knighted in 1812, gave a farewell lecture to the Royal Institution, married a wealthy widow, Jane Apreece, and took a long holiday in Europe from 1812 to 1815 (apparently getting special dispensation from Napoleon to do so). On his return he was asked in 1815 to devise a safety lamp after an explosion had killed 89 miners in a coal mine in Feeling Colliery near Sunderland. His solution to the problem was elegant, simple and practical. Wire gauze covered the flame, air passes through the gauze to feed the flame with oxygen, but the explosive gasses, like methane, were held back. Although he patented his invention, he let anybody use it. Apart from his interest in gasses, he was also the founder of the Zoological Society, with its zoo in Regents park. In 1815 Davy produced a new definition for acids that was used for the next century. In 1818, he was awarded a baronetcy, and in 1820 he was President of the Royal Society; a position he held until 1827.

He died in Geneva, Switzerland aged 51 in May 1829. His various inhalations of chemicals finally taking its toll. His laboratory assistant Michael Faraday continued his work, and became more celebrated than Davy – Davy is supposed to have claimed Faraday as his greatest discovery.

## HOLY WELLS OF CORNWALL (a series)

### Chapel Euny Holy Well



Chapel Euny holy well, near Sancreed, has a curved stone at the top of the well is believed to be from an earlier chapel. Nearby is a tree and bushes hung from time to time with votive offerings, in the form of bits of rag (clouties), as the well is believed to have powers of healing.

Prior to 1844 divine service was held in a chapel by the well four times a year, but today there is no sign of the chapel. The well was popular in earlier days for “the drying of humours, the healing of wounds, and the treatment of childhood mesenteric diseases. Stone (in 1912) stated that children were still being taken to the well for healing.

## NEWS

### NEW FLAGS AT THE STANDING STONES



The Australian Standing Stones site at Glen Innes has a new row of flagpoles along it's

eastern boundary to hoist the flags of the Celtic nations.

The official first flag raising was held in April, and the Cornish were represented by our CANSW member Lyn Schumacher (Cornish sized lady in the centre). Thanks Lyn.

## PILOT GIG CHAMPIONSHIP



The ladies pilot gig racing boats and teams The 28<sup>th</sup> championships for men and women took place on the Isles of Scilly from Friday 28 April 2017 until Sunday, 30 April 2017. More than a thousand competitors took part in 150 boats (up from 19 in 1989) over the weekend - with four times as many spectators.

**RUGBY** – Cornwall lost the final of the Bill Beaumont Cup: **CORNWALL 8 lost to LANCASHIRE 19** at Twickenham, London, on Saturday 20th May 2017. Well done to the Cornish lads for making the final for another season.

## OPEN GORSEDDH

The Open (public) Gorsedd ceremony and accompanying awards and Esthesvos will be held this year in Launceston. The ceremony will be on the afternoon of Saturday 2 September held in the grounds of Launceston Castle and will be conducted by the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Merv Davey, *Telynyor an Weryn*. The CANSW banner will be carried in the procession by Del Clinton. Thanks Del.

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

## MID SUMMER / GOLOWAN

Golowan (sometimes also Goluan or Gol-Jowan) is the Cornish name for the midsummer solstice. Widespread prior to the late 19th century and most popular in the Penwith area and in particular Penzance and Newlyn. The celebrations were conducted from the 23rd of June (St John's Eve) to the 28th of June (St

Peter's Eve) each year, St Peter's Eve being the more popular in Cornish fishing communities.

The celebrations were centred around the lighting of bonfires and fireworks and the performance of associated rituals. Today, as well as festivals such as Golowan (with its Mazey Day parade) in Penzance, traditionally bonfires were lit on prominent land. Old Cornwall Societies across Cornwall on this date light bonfires in a giant chain reaching from Kithill on the Devon Border, to Chapel Carn Brea near Land's End. The ancient festival was first described by Dr Borlase in 1754 in his book *Antiquities of Cornwall*. This was one of the bonfires this year:



## BOWDEN of the Cayman Islands

Eric Bush, Cayman Islands Representative to the UK, has asked anyone to get in touch who thinks they may be the descendants of a man named either Bodden or Bawden who left Cornwall in 1654 as part of Oliver Cromwell's army to fight in the Anglo-Spanish war. It seems that the man named Bodden or Bawden became the first recorded settler of the previously uninhabited Cayman Islands in 1658. Now the Cayman Islands government would like to find true descendants and fly them to the islands to "take them out to Cayman and reconnect them with their family there".

Details may be found in an article by Hayley Dixon in *The Telegraph* at <http://bit.ly/2p8fR0f>

Thanks to Maxine Gray for this item: "As Bawden is a Cornish name, have it scattered in amongst my lot, there just might be someone who has gone back that far and looking for him.!!! This has come to me via a newsletter I have with a genealogist in US."

**PLAS AN TAVES** – For *Speak Cornish Week* we present a guide to pronunciation:

Emphasis is on the second last syllable, or last is only two (eg. As in "Ganilly" ie. g'NIL-ee. "dh" is like the English 'th' in 'this'.

"g" is always hard, like the 'g' in gone. "gh" is pronounced at the end of a word, soft, like Scots "loch" (not lock).

"th" is like English 'thistle'.

"ch" and "sh" are pronounced as in English. "r" is 'rolled' or 'trilled' very slightly as in parts of Canada.

B,d,f,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,s,t,v,w – all pronounced as in English.

"y" is pronounced as is the 'y' in system.

*This is Plas an Tavas = Language Place - Introducing you to some daily Kernewek, the ancient Celtic language of Cornwall today, to practice.*

**Pronunciation?** Cornish is mainly phonetic

More: <http://www.magakernow.org.uk/>

## Silly Sayings - Church notices

*"The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children".*



## CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

Please have a look through all the pages on our web site; especially the NSW 'Sites' pages developed by our own Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

[www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm](http://www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm)

## INTRODUCING CORNISH WEB SITES

*A series looking at some interesting web sites that are available on Cornish related pages.*

## Cornish Stuff

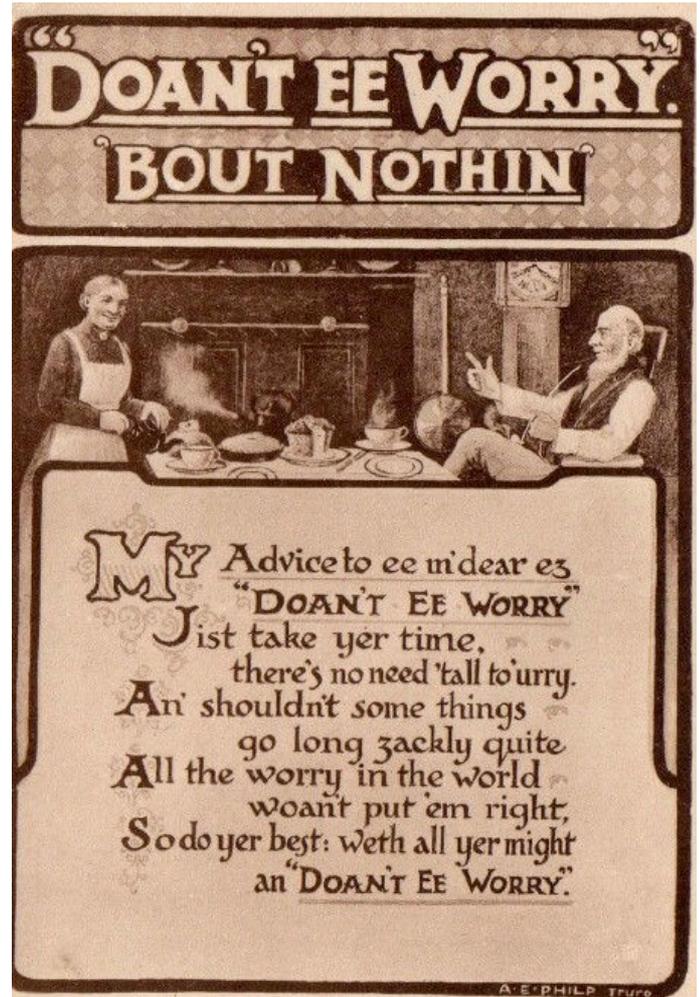
[www.cornishstuff.com](http://www.cornishstuff.com)

Cornish stuff is a new independent news web site for the Cornish. Run by Milo Perrin and a volunteer team. *"We are a new, independent source of News, Comment & Opinion from and about Cornwall", Milo says.*

**Dates coming up ...** *St Samson of Dol feast 23 July, St Sithey 4 August.*

*Cornish Open Gorsedh – Launceston – Saturday 2 September (Del Clinton will be*

*officially carrying our CANSW banner at the ceremony).*



**Editorial note:** The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather contributors and sources! If someone is sick let me know (get-well message), or other news please!

The next Newsletter no. 370 is for August / September / October, 2017!

*To explain why the 3 months – it brings the publication back in line with the calendar year ie. 371 will be November / December, 2. The editor will also be overseas until October.*

Deadline is very early – 15 July, but publication will be early October.

Contributions may be held for future use but more (electronic – emailed preferred) are welcome!

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