



# NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the Chair

Firstly I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

I regret that I have to start this letter with the sad news that our founding member, Veronica Cheshire died at the beginning of January after a short stay in hospital.



She was just six months short of her 100th birthday. Apart from founding CALH, Veronica was responsible for introducing the delights of Local History to many hundreds of people, both in Cornwall and further afield. I first met her back in (I think) the late 1970's, when she started evening classes in Pelynt Village. At that time she was working for Exeter University as their Extra-mural tutor for Cornwall. Just five minutes after the first lesson began I knew my life would never be the same again. Veronica had the gift of '*lighting the spark*' where local history studies are concerned. She also had the ability to encourage people like myself (who had not even passed their 11+, let alone anything after), to have a go at researching aspects of local history and *continued overleaf*

## **Coming Next Month!**

**AGM and Spring Conference**

**Clothing in Cornwall –**

**Vanity & Utility**

Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay

### **Saturday 7 March**

- CALH Annual General Meeting -10:45 a.m.
- The Middle Ages to the Reformation – Dr Joanna Mattingly
- Merchants and Merchandise in 17<sup>th</sup> C – Christine Edwards
- Medieval Costume demonstrations – Katrina Wood
- Military Costume in Cornwall – Major Hugo White
- Lewis Harding's Photographs – Jeremy Rowett Johns

### **Sunday 8 March**

- Croggon's Tannery – Grampound Heritage Centre
- 17<sup>th</sup> C Inventories and Bequests – Angela Aylward
- Clothes in Your Old Photographs – Marilyn Thompson
- The Portable Antiquities Scheme – Anna Tyacke
- Crysede – Janet Axten

even to put pen to paper, to share the results. Before attending those evening classes I had already read Veronica's book '*The Cornishman's House*' (pub.1968), which is still considered to be one of the definitive books on the development of Cornish Architecture. I was fortunate that, having met her, I became a close friend. A truly inspirational person and one who will be sorely missed, not just by her family but by all who knew her.

I don't know about you, but I feel the members of CALH are like my extended family and, as such, it is always good to meet up for a '*family gathering*'. With this in mind may I remind you that the Spring Conference is being held on Saturday the 7th and Sunday 8th March, and that an extra mailing of the booking forms is included with this newsletter. Do please try to attend if you possibly can, it is always important for members of any society to get together and exchange ideas and news, let alone hear the speakers and learn something new about an aspect of life in Cornwall. This year the subject is clothing. A bit female biased you might think, but our organisers Marilyn and Ian have taken great care to include speakers looking at clothing from the male point of view. And let's face it, all through history people have relied on clothing to protect themselves and keep warm and dry, so there is plenty of scope for subjects connected with it. I also hope some of you will follow up the conference by researching an aspect of clothing not covered (sorry for the pun) by the conference and turning the findings into an article for the Journal.

If you know any non-members you think might be interested in this subject, you can invite them along as your guest, adding their name to your booking form. On this occasion they will pay the same rate as yourself but it is hoped you will encourage them to join the society so they can attend other meetings. At the

AGM I will be putting forward a proposition to amend our constitution so that non members can apply to attend our indoor conferences.

Booking forms for the May and June outings are also enclosed with this newsletter, but the timing for the June event may have to be amended slightly nearer the time as British Rail don't release their Summer time table until May, and on June 4th we will be going on the train from Liskeard for a day down at Looe. If the timing of the day has to be amended those who have booked will be notified by email (or phone).

It has been brought to the committee's attention that some November Newsletters got lost in the post. If you never received one please let me know, and if it should happen in future, do let us know.

Don't forget CALH can only continue to thrive so long as you, the members, continue to support it by sending in articles for the journal, notes for the newsletter, attending meetings and outings and, most importantly, volunteering to sit on the committee and to take on tasks to help the CALH year run smoothly.

Your Chairman  
Carole Vivian  
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## 2020 Membership Subscriptions

I am gradually working my way through our bank statements, however I am aware that some members have not yet paid their 2020 CALH membership subscription.

If you are unsure whether you have paid your CALH subscription please email me on [calhtreasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:calhtreasurer1@gmail.com) or telephone me on 0796 920 6292.

Hugh Hedderly, Hon Treasurer

## Dates to Note

### A Note from Angela Broome – Courtney Library & Cornish History Research Centre

The Royal Cornwall Museum is closed for repairs, but the Courtenay Library is open to members as per usual, but you need to book.

#### Library Opening Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**10:00 – 1:00 and 2-4.00**

CLOSED: *weekends and Bank Holidays*

**Note:** when the Library is closed there is no one available to respond to your enquiry.

**Access:** (by appointment): Non-members Research Pass £4.50p per visit.  
(RIC Members FREE)

**Lift Access:** please ask at Reception for further information including facilities for the disabled. See also note above. **CAFÉ:** ground floor - open daily.

For further information on current and upcoming exhibitions please visit [www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions](http://www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions)

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- **11<sup>th</sup> April** - End of October.  
The Annual Exhibition, Pelynt Parish Church. The church will be open daily from 10am until 4pm.
- **16<sup>th</sup> May** (Saturday)  
Day out visit to Grampond
- **4<sup>th</sup> June** - '*letting the train take the strain*' A CALH outing with a different format. We will be starting the day at Liskeard and travel by train along the beautiful valley to Looe. (Booking form enclosed).
- **30<sup>th</sup> June** - Trelawny Day Celebration, will be celebrated in Pelynt Village Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a talk by Carole Vivian. This year the subject will be the early life of Harriet Buller Kitson. High tea will follow. There will then be time to look at the history exhibition in Pelynt Church before settling down for the short service given by Rev Marilyn Elliott. Sadly this will be Marilyn's last Trelawny Day as vicar of Pelynt. The celebration will finish with a concert by Pelynt Choir.

### New CALH Email Addresses

To demonstrate you do not have to live in Cornwall to love Cornish local history, will members please note the following changes to our officer contact details:

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## CALC Journal Submissions

Jeremy Rowett Johns, the CALC Journal Editor invites members to send contributions in the form of articles or short, interesting snippets about Cornish history, letters, and reports about Society events.

**1<sup>st</sup> April** is the deadline for inclusion in the next Journal.

Following are some guidelines to help you prepare your submission(s)

- Articles should be 5,000 words or less.
- Photographs and other illustrations are welcomed, either as part of an article or as stand alone pieces with captions that tell a story.
- The piece should bear a title, name(s) of the author(s) and a postal address and an email address.
- The title should give a clear indication of the article's focus. All pages should be numbered. Hard copy is accepted where the author does not have access to electronic copy but it must be clearly typed so that it can be scanned.
- Where possible, manuscripts should be sent in both printed and electronic form. The latter should be in Microsoft Word in a PC format and there should be minimal formatting.
- Illustrations should be supplied as digital images in a high resolution (at least 300 dpi) or as originals or good copies. Please indicate if you wish to have these returned.
- Tables must be typed out on separate sheets and not included as part of the text.
- Tables and figures should be numbered and their approximate position in the manuscript indicated by the number.
- The captions to all illustrations should be gathered together and typed out on a separate sheet.
- Notes and full references should be indicated in the body of the paper in

parenthesis. They will be included as footnotes.

- The references should be listed in full in the following standard form:

For books:

CR John, *The Saints of Cornwall* (Tabb House, Padstow 2001)

For articles:

Steve Hobbs, The Abstracts and brief chronicles of the time: memoranda and annotations in parish registers 1538-1812', *The Local Historian* May 2008: 95-110.

## News From Cornish Cousins Overseas

At the time of writing, The Toronto Cornish Association are making plans for the annual celebration of St. Piran's Day on March 5th. In the past they have hoisted the Cornish Flag on the roof of Toronto City Hall and sung "Trelawny" around the flag pole.



Toronto Cornish Assoc. 2014. Photo: M.Stephens.

N.S.W. & S.A. Australia Cornish Societies:

Will be hosting a **Victorian St Piran Celebration** 5th - 8th March, 2020 during the local Begonia Festival in Ballarat.

Festivities will include a Flag Raising ceremony at the Town Hall, displays and tours.

There will also be a Bardic ceremony.