

'Yeth an Werin' dates for your diary: Come and join in! Try your spoken Cornish!

- Camborne:** Every 2nd Saturday, 10am-1pm, at the Lowenac Hotel, 34 Bassett Rd, Camborne.
Contact kyleodgers@hotmail.com
- Cardiff:** Every 1st Tuesday, 7.30-10pm, at The Grange, Penarth Road, Cardiff.
Contact Duncan McIntosh at yethanwerinkardydh@gmail.com
- Gunnislake:** Every last Monday from 7.30pm at the Queen's Head, Albaston, Gunnislake.
Contact pam.cox@btinternet.com
- Gwinear:** Every 1st Tuesday, 8pm-10pm, at The Royal Standard, Churchtown, Gwinear.
Contact jori.ansell@tiscali.co.uk
- Heamoor:** Every 4th Wednesday, 8.30-10pm, at The Sportsman's Arms, Heamoor, Penzance.
Contact steve.penhalignon@btinternet.com
- Helston:** Every 4th Tuesday, 8-10pm, at the Blue Anchor, Coinagehall Street, Helston.
Contact bodrugan@hotmail.com
- Launceston:** Every 2nd Monday, 7.30-9.30pm, at The Bell, Tower Street, Launceston.
Contact sarahcooke211@yahoo.co.uk
- Redruth:** Every last Tuesday, 8-10pm, at The Bridge Inn, Bridge, Redruth.
Contact ray@spyrts.org
- St Austell:** Every Monday (except bank holidays), 10am-12pm, at Wetherspoons, The Rann Wartha, Biddicks Court, St Austell. Contact Kath at rockjones@tiscali.co.uk
- St Ives:** Every 3rd Tuesday, 8-11pm, at The Cornish Arms, Saint Ives Road, St Ives.
Contact tirhatavas@hotmail.co.uk
- Truro:** Every 1st Monday from 7pm, at the Old Ale House, Quay St, Truro.
Contact Mark.Trevethan@cornwall.gov.uk

Contact Us:  @Kowethas 1  **Kowethas: The Cornish Language Fellowship**

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Klew!
News from the Kowethas

Niver 27, Mis Ebrel dhe vis Metheven 2020 No.27, April—June 2020
Dydh da! Fatla genes? Hello! How are you?
Ottomma Klew! arta. Here's Klew! again, with news of the Cornish language and the work of Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek, the Cornish Language Fellowship.

Who are we?
The Kowethas is a Registered Charity no. 1065527. Our aim is to promote the use of the Cornish language in everyday life. We publish books and run events to help people add a bit of Cornish into their lives. We help communities to discover the language, run language taster sessions and social gatherings. Our volunteers also teach and learn the language themselves. Facebook, Twitter and news-letters are used to publicise our events.

Pennseythen Gernewek 2020
There's an exciting new format for this year's Cornish Language Weekend, 3rd-5th April. It's being held in St Austell, with the Brewery as the venue for social events, and Cornwall College providing rooms for the language sessions. It starts on Friday with the Cramming Day for those taking exams, followed by a Shout at the White Hart Hotel. Saturday classes are followed by a choice of activities, including a tour of the Brewery, a Heritage Walk, films, singing and dancing.

Church Service in Cornish
10th May at 3pm at Helston Parish Church
Service for St Michael, Protector of Cornwall



Changes for the Kowethas Council

After 22 years, Loveday Jenkin has retired as chair of Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek. Her retirement was made necessary for legal reasons, because of her new role working for the Penwith Landscape Project. The Kowethas is extremely grateful to her for all her work over the years, which has resulted in the Kowethas becoming a major partner in the Cornish language movement. We know that she will continue working for the language.



Loveday Jenkin

At the Annual General Meeting on 1st February, Rod Sheaff was elected as the new chair. Rod was made a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh in 2016 through proficiency in the Cornish language.



Rod Sheaff

The meeting also received reports on successful events and projects during 2019. At the end of the year, the financial help promised by the government became available to the Rosweyth—the group of Cornish language organizations of which the Kowethas is part—and is now being spent on events such as the new-style Pennseythen, and on updating our website.

Dydh Tregedna

So what's a **Tregedna Day**? It's a chance to get together with other Cornish speakers and use the language for a day of fun activities. It's all about speaking it in natural situations. The Old School Centre in Illogan was the setting for a Tregedna Day on 22nd February. The day was crammed full of activities such as board games, singing, cheese tasting, art, and a rather muddy walk in the woods. Everyone chipped in to help preparing a lunch of soup and rolls — all in Cornish, of course.

It's a wonderful opportunity to really use the language, particularly for those who live outside Cornwall. There were participants from Ireland and from Brittany, and all agreed it was a most enjoyable day. Thanks to *Agan Tavas* for organising it.



Jan Lobb demonstrates her art designs. *Right*

Left Preparing lunch



St Piran's Day

There were celebrations all over Cornwall on March 5th. Thousands of schoolchildren danced in the streets, and people gathered in towns throughout Cornwall to celebrate the day.

In her St Piran's Day speech, the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek*, said how proud she is to see "the sea of black and white St Piran's flags everywhere on March 5th, when we come together to celebrate Cornwall." In her St Piran's Day speech, she urges us to fly the flag for Cornwall all year round. "We all wave our flags enthusiastically at Perantide and that is wonderful," she says, "but what about the rest of the year? Do you stand up for Cornwall all year round? Be proud of Cornwall!". She praised the work of Mark Jenkin who stood up for Cornwall amongst international stars by winning a BAFTA award for his film, "Bait".

"It is great to see so many celebrating Cornwall's special day, and not just in Cornwall either, but in the diaspora too. More and more each year!" said the Grand Bard. "Make sure Cornwall's distinctiveness, culture and our language play a part in your lives. In these uncertain days, when this is under threat from many sides, it is more important than ever to shout for Cornwall. Let us wave St Piran's flag whenever we can, at every opportunity. Not just on 5th March! Be proud of Cornwall! Be proud to be Cornish!"

A sea of St Piran's flags outside Truro cathedral



New Book

"**The Story of St Piran**" is a delightful new bilingual book, published by the Kowethas in memory of Stephen Gainey. It has been written by his son, Tom Gainey, and illustrated by his nephew, Ryan Cardew.

This book is a fitting tribute to Stephen, who was a fluent Cornish speaker. His hard work in supporting and promoting the language is sadly missed.

The book costs £7.99, including £3.00 p&p. It can be ordered online at <http://www.cornish-language.org/Cornish-language-books.html>

It is also available at our drop-in centre, Kowsva, at 6, Artists' Muse, Heartlands, Pool. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1 pm. Here you can find a range of Cornish books and gifts. Do call in a have a chat to our volunteers.

