

Yeth an Werin Conversation Groups

There is a tradition among Cornish speakers of meeting in cafés and pubs to practise and perfect their Cornish. This hasn't been easy for the last couple of years and some groups still meet via Zoom or Teams, although some have begun meeting in person again. This has had the incidental but significant advantage of including Kernewegoryon (Cornish speakers) outside of Cornwall. If you would like to join any of these one or more groups you'd be made very welcome. Please contact any of the organisers on this on-line list: <https://gocornish.org/resource/conversation-group/>

Cornish language classes

Many Cornish language classes have been taking place via Zoom or Teams since the arrival of Covid-19. Previously classes met at public venues such as church halls, in cafés and pubs or in tutors' homes. Some classes are continuing on-line whilst others now meet in person again. If you'd like to find out more about learning Cornish you can find a list of classes here: <https://gocornish.org/resource/find-a-class/> September is a good month to start learning, but tutors are often flexible and will be happy to help you find the best way for you.

There are also a number of on-line resources available. One of the good sources is the Go Cornish site at <https://gocornish.org>. Kernewek dre Lyther is a complete on-line course and can be found here: <https://kesva.org/kdl/>

Church services in Cornish

There are regular church services in Cornish which provide a great way to extend and practise your Cornish. Many of these had moved to Zoom but some are now held in person. You can find a list of the 2022 services here: <https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/services>

Would you like to support the work of Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek?

Please visit our website to find out more (<https://cornish-language.org/join-us/>) or, if you don't have internet access, contact the Membership Secretary Tony Hak by writing to him at 5 Sherwood Close, BRACKNELL, Berks., RG12 2SB. The membership email is kowethas@hotmail.com

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News from the Kowethas



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Dydh da! Fatla genes? Splann!
Hello! How are you? Great!

Who are we?

Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek 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 and run language taster sessions and social gatherings. Our volunteers also teach and learn the language themselves. Facebook, Twitter and newsletters are used to publicise our events.

Penn-seythen Kernewek 2022



The first in-person Penn-seythen Gernewek since 2019 was held over the weekend of 22-24 April 2022. We all met up at a new location, St Austell Arts Centre, which consists of a large building with a selection of rooms of different sizes and a small theatre which can accommodate 140 people.

The format of the Penn-seythen was similar to previous years. On the Friday there were revision sessions for people taking the Kesva's exams and a Dydh Tregedna (a Cornish-only day) for fluent speakers.

Friday evening was spent socialising at the White Hart Hotel in the town centre. There was a quiz led by Charlotte Donnelly and then Barbara Griggs and Mike O'Connor played a great session of Cornish music and told some entertaining stories.

On the Saturday and Sunday mornings, there were lessons and talks and, on Saturday afternoon, a choice of a walk around St Austell town centre, guided in Cornish, or a beer-tasting session at St Austell Brewery.

We were back at the Arts Centre on Saturday evening, in the theatre. We watched a selection of short films in Cornish and this was followed by some great music from Bagas Rescorla. The evening was finished off with an open mic session with songs and music from Jonathan Ryan and Adam Wheeler.

We must thank the staff of St Austell Arts Centre, almost all of whom are volunteers, for making us so welcome and for ensuring that there was always a solution to any problem.

The Kowethas Council would welcome any feedback so that we can try to make future events even better (kowethasanyeth@gmail.com).

Sadorn Kernewek 2022



Participants in Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek's 'Sadorn Kernewek' enjoyed a full day of Cornish language activities from the comfort of their home via Zoom. This was a new venture for 2022 aimed at giving speakers and learners unable to attend a live Penn-seythen a chance to use their Cornish in an enjoyable way, in a friendly, stress-free, relaxed environment. It was open to all, from those who have never uttered a word of Cornish before, to current learners and fluent speakers. There were sessions on writing poetry and Wikipedia articles and on learning apps and resources, an all-day chat room, a talk by one of the most fluent speakers of Cornish, and revision and taster sessions. An evening of entertainment contained games, a quiz, poetry reading, and short films rounded off with Cornish songs.

This year's Speak Cornish Week runs from Saturday 25th June to Sunday 3rd July 2022. Join us for live and on-line activities! The theme of the week is '..... ov vy' (I'm). e.g. Lowen ov vy or Splann ov vy. Last year's programme contained walks, talks, language taster sessions, yethow an werin, bedtime stories and much more. This year promises to be even more exciting! Go to Twitter (@speakcornish1) or Facebook (speakcornish1) or Tiktok (@speakcornish) for up-to-date details. Too late? Make sure you join us next year.

