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### Lyther nowodhow mis Kevardhu / December newsletter

Dydh da oll,

Now we have reached December let me wish everyone Nadelik Lowen ha Bledhen Nowydh Da!

Over the last couple of months, I have visited a number of Old Cornwall Societies, and have now been to over 50%. Many thanks for all the warm welcomes, it has been a pleasure to meet everyone and see all the great work being done to enhance Cornish heritage & culture. I have learned about, maintenance of historic monuments, erection of plaques, well clearances, brush clearance, stile surveys, oral history projects, historic photo archiving, and footpaths being put on the definitive map (see article below), just to mention a few of the great projects being achieved. I am looking forward to visiting the remaining Societies when I am able. This process is giving me a better understanding of how the Federation may be able to respond to the needs of individual Societies as we move forward.

We have also been busy recruiting some great individuals to work on your behalf at the Federation. I am glad to announce that Ros Hayward (Luxulyan OCS) has agreed to take on the Treasurer role, and she will be working hard over coming months to ensure our finances are in good order. Kate Neale (Padstow OCS) has taken over the Webmaster role, in addition to her job as Newsletter Editor. Kate is also leading for us to see if we can take of advantage of any funding from the Growth Fund.

Doug Luxford (St Just & Pendeen OCS) has joined us as Heritage and Culture Officer, and also as Archive Officer - a new role which will complement the fantastic job done by David Thomas (Camborne OCS) as Federation Archivist. Linda Beskeen (Redruth OCS) has joined us as Local History Officer. These officers will be a great source of advice for all OCSs. We also have a plethora of other opportunities, so please consider contacting me to discuss how you can get involved.

Our Winter Festival in October was a great success thanks to our hard-working Events Team, Redruth OCS, and our hosts - Lowender Peran. The festivals are a real opportunity for the Old Cornwall "family" to re-unite and share experiences. They also serve to showcase Cornish culture, learn about the history of the locality, and highlight some of the work done by the Societies. However, we always strive to do better and want to know how they can be improved and better suit the needs of individual members. Please see the consultation below, and let Daphne know how we can do better.

Terry Knight our Journal Editor is now planning the next Kernow Goth Journal. Please also see his consultation below and help him refine the number of Journals we need to print. If you have additional copies of the Journal, or of the book "A Uniquely Cornish Concept" which have not been distributed, please let us have them back so that we can sell them to help defray costs.

Have a great Christmas, and thanks for all the fantastic work you all do for Cornwall.

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Nev Meek

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President - Federation of Old Cornwall Societies

## Hwarvosow a-dheu / Upcoming events

A selection of upcoming events in OCS and Federation calendars:

**November/December/January**

**Various locations**

**7 for 7.30pm**

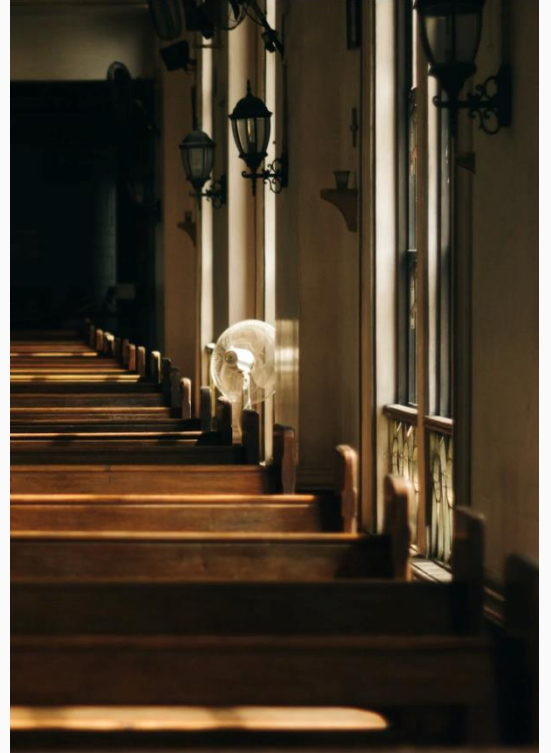
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**Services for Christmas and**

**Epiphany in the Cornish**

**Language**

[Click here to see full details](#) of services in the Cornish language on Zoom and in Gulval, Gunwen and St Euny in Redruth.



26th November - 1st January

## Redruth Carol Choir

Redruth Carol Choir will be singing classic melodies from Broad, Merritt and Nicholas at various locations throughout the Christmas season - new singers will be warmly welcomed and song sheets are available.

THE  
REDRUTH CAROL CHOIR  
will be out again this Christmas

Singing the old  
**CORNISH CAROLS**  
including the carols  
of Merritt, Broad  
and Nicholas

Saturday 26th November - Redruth Wassail  
4.15pm: St Rumon's Gardens, from 5pm: procession in  
Fore Street, 7.30pm: The Drapery, 4 W End, TR15 2RZ  
Sunday 4th December - First and Last Carols  
8pm: The Countryman, Piece, Carnkie, Redruth TR16 6SG.  
Saturday 10th - Yuletide Celebrations with the Redruth  
Festival Band, 1pm: Kresen Kernow, Little Vauxhall, TR15 1AS.  
Sunday 11th - Carol Visits 4.30pm: Gather Blight's Row  
5.30pm: Miners' Arms, Plain an Gwarry, TR15 1JB  
Thursday 15th - Combined Carol Service with the Red River  
Singers, 7pm: St Andrews Church, Clinton Rd, TR15 2FJ  
Sunday 18th - Carol Visits 4.30pm: Gather Victoria Park,  
Albany Rd. 5.30pm: St Rumon's Club, Penryn St, TR15 2SP  
Sunday 1st January 2025 - First and Last Carols  
8pm: The Countryman, Piece, Carnkie, Redruth TR16 6SG.

www.facebook.com/RedruthCarolChoir

Song sheets available

Come and join us!

15/12/22

7.30pm

St Andrews Church, Redruth

## Combined Cornish Carol Service

To celebrate the centenaries of both Redruth and Camborne Old Cornwall Societies, the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies presents a combined Cornish Carol Service at St Andrews Church, Redruth.

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The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies presents:

**A COMBINED  
CORNISH CAROL  
SERVICE**

featuring  
**The Red River Singers,  
The Redruth Carol Choir and guests**  
singing the old Cornish carols of the area -  
Merritt, Broad and Nicholas

**At St Andrew's Church  
Clinton Rd, Redruth TR15 2FJ**

**Thursday 15th December**  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)  
FREE: Donations welcome

MC - Bert Biscoe of Truro Old Cornwall Society  
also celebrating their centenary this year

Refreshments after the service

If you have an upcoming event you would like to share with other OCSs, please email it to Kate on [newsletters@oldcornwall.net](mailto:newsletters@oldcornwall.net). For more programmes and events, please [visit our website](#) or check our [Facebook page](#) where you can browse all Old Cornwall Societies and their programmes of events for 2022-2023.

## Derivasow Hwarvosow / Events Reports

### Perranzabuloe OCS, November Meeting - Karin Easton

Perran Feast was celebrated in style at our November meeting with the talented musicians and story-tellers Mike O'Connor and Barbara Griggs. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a successful evening.

Perran Feast is celebrated in our parish with a 'pilgrimage' to St Piran's Oratory on the last Sunday in October and a 'feast' the following week.



If you would like to contribute an event report to the newsletter, please email [newsletters@oldcornwall.net](mailto:newsletters@oldcornwall.net) with a summary and any photos you would like to include.

## Nowodhow KKG / OCS News

### Par OCS Provides Evidence for Right of Way

Par Old Cornwall Society are busy providing evidence for the inclusion of a path in Par as a right of way on the Definitive Map.

The Station Path runs from Moorland Road to Par Railway Station, cutting off two sides of a triangle, necessitating a much longer walk. The path also gives access to the sports field, community café & gym, skate park, and dog walking area. At present no one accepts responsibility for the path's upkeep & maintenance. The surface of the path which is well used is uneven & bushes at the side overhang.

The project to have the path recognised is led by PL24 Community Group. Members of Par OCS have made statements proving that the path has been used by the public over the past 20 years. They are also providing photographs from the OCS archives showing the path in use in the 1950's & in 2006 which should substantiate the claim of use over several decades.

Par OCS are a great example of how, working with others, real benefits can be achieved for their community.

### **OCS Recognition at Cornwall Heritage Trust Awards**

On the 14th of November at a ceremony at Scorrier House, St Columb OCS as a whole and Trevor Smitheram, a stalwart of Hayle OCS, were both presented with awards from the Cornwall Heritage Trust.

Trevor Smitheram was recognised with a special Heritage Champion Lockdown Award, following his regular posting of humorous dialect stories and poems, which were such a boon to communities both local and international, helping keep spirits up during the pandemic lockdowns.

St Columb earned the Heritage Organisations and Groups Award for its commitment to the preservation of Cornwall's traditions and heritage at Castle an Dinas, one of the 12 historic sites Cornwall Heritage Trust cares for. Every year, the society hosts a well-attended midsummer bonfire at the site and this June it supported Cornwall Heritage Trust with another bonfire lighting, held as part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee beacon lighting celebrations.

Many congratulations to Trevor and all at St Columb OCS for their hard work and dedication! [Click here for more details and photos on the Cornwall Heritage Trust website.](#)





We would like to feature news and updates from your Old Cornwall Society - if you would like to share your news please get in touch with Kate on [newsletters@oldcornwall.net](mailto:newsletters@oldcornwall.net)

**A yllowgh hwi gweres? / Can you help?**

### **FAO Treasurers and Secretaries in particular:**

Hello,

Since the Federation began to provide the journal free to members, I have found it difficult to tell our printers how many they should print for us. Clearly this is not ideal and leaves us unable to plan how much we will be spending.

I'm attaching a list of Societies with the numbers we presently have, following the responses some of you have provided over the last year or so. It will inevitably be out-of-date as memberships have grown in some cases and shrunk in others since the middle of last year. I would be very grateful if you can update the membership numbers and the most likely number of journals you will be able to distribute, bearing in mind some households will not want a copy for every member, although they are entitled to one if they wish.

Many thanks and good wishes

Terry Knight

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## **Call From The Events Sub-Committee**

Please see the following from new Events Officer, Daphne Hicks (Padstow OCS).

This Committee is meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January to plan future events. We are inviting all OCS to offer to host the Summer and Winter Festivals in 2023 and 2024. The team can promise to help out and advise if asked to do so. So please consider hosting and do let us know as soon as possible - thank you very much.

We have approximately 2,000 members in the Federation, yet only a hundred attended the Autumn 2022 Festival at Redruth. So, two questions for you:

- **Are the Festivals still required?**
- **Is it time to try something new? If so, ideas please.**

I am looking forward to hearing from you. My email address is [hicksdaphne60@gmail.com](mailto:hicksdaphne60@gmail.com)

Nadelik Lowen / Happy Christmas

Daphne Hicks  
**Events Officer**

## **To Paint - Or Not To Paint?**

Recently a question has arisen as to whether stone monuments should be painted or not. The consensus advice is:-

- A. Monuments which have never been painted before should be left in their natural state.
- B. Where there has been a tradition of painting a stone monument, this should continue. However, care should be taken to produce a good quality finish.

Note:

1. Where the monument is Scheduled, Scheduled Monument Consent is required from Historic England before painting.
2. If it is Listed advice from a Conservation officers at Cornwall Council should be sought and planning permission may be required.
3. If the "monument" is a milestone or boundary stone, advice can be provided by the Milestone Society.

## **Essays in Kernewek in OCS Journals**

PhD student Kensa Broadhurst has been in touch to ask if any Old Cornwall Society members might know of any research done on the Cornish essays in the Old Cornwall journals. For more information or if anyone can help, please email her on [kensabroadhurst@outlook.com](mailto:kensabroadhurst@outlook.com)



## Hwarvosow ha Kuntellesow Keffrysans a-dheu / Upcoming Federation Meetings & Events

15/12/2022 - FOCS Carol Service at Redruth (See details above)

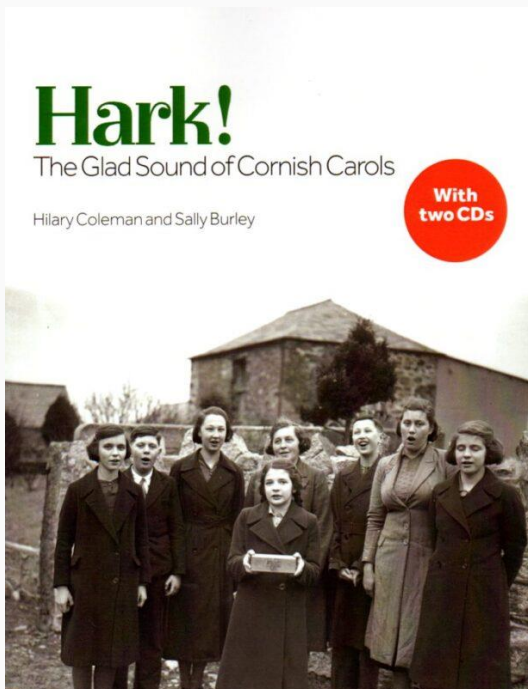
10/1/2023 - Events Subcommittee - please email Karin Easton for details

11/03/2023 Recorders' Day at Kresen Kernow

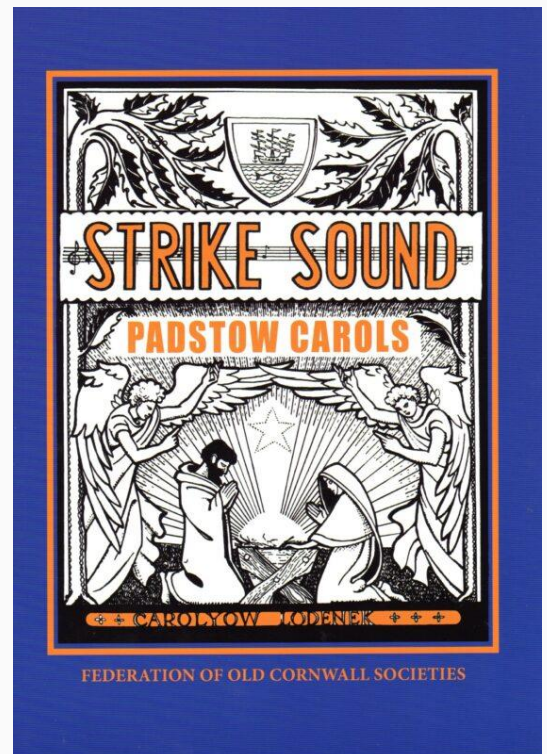
If you would like to attend any of these meetings or join a Subcommittee, please get in touch with President Nev Meek on [president@oldcornwall.net](mailto:president@oldcornwall.net).

## Lyverji Keffrysans / Federation Bookshop

With Christmas on the way the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies bookshop has a wealth of stocking fillers both Christmas and Cornwall related - with these two items below just a start!



Hilary Coleman and Sally Burley's *Hark!* - for carol enthusiasts and including two CDs, just £19.99



The Padstow carols, as republished by the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies. Just £6.00

The Federation Bookshop sells hundreds of books, CDs, leaflets and other items relating to Cornish history and culture - including music, dialect, ancient sites, and much much more.

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## Keslesek / Of interest

Cornwall Archaeological Association - 'From Your Own Correspondents' [October Newsletter](#)