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### Lyther nowodhow mis Du / November newsletter

Dydh da oll,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of my Presidency. I have now been in position for just over a month and enjoying getting to grip with the complexity and challenges of this role.

On Saturday 1st October 2022 we held our Annual General Meeting at Lys Kernow, chaired by our outgoing President Karin Easton. Karin was rightly praised for the great work she had done over the previous 4 years, to which I add my thanks for the effort, Karin put in to achieving a smooth hand over to myself.

On Friday 30th October 2022 we held our Winter Festival at Redruth which dovetailed very successfully with Lowender Peran. My thanks to everyone involved, including all of those OCSs who supported the event. In a short address I reflected on the fact that we have 40+ Old Cornwall Societies across Cornwall, putting on some 300 events annually with an audience of thousands of individuals. The contribution we make to Cornish heritage and culture is huge, and something in which we should take great pride.

With the change of President, we are taking the opportunity to tweak the format of this newsletter slightly. We would like it to be more focussed on the great work done by all the OCSs across Cornwall, particularly where an OCS is doing an activity to promote Cornish heritage & culture. So please send in your stories for us to share. My thanks are due to Dr Kate Neale who has kindly

agreed to take on the new role as Newsletter Editor.

I am very enthusiastic about the great work the Federation is doing, and really want every OCS to be sharing our joint successes. A few years ago, the structure of the Federation was changed to allow more people to become engaged. We want at least one person from every OCS to be involved. Whilst we do need a new Treasurer and Secretary, we often just need people with enthusiasm, drive, and energy. Please do contact me if you would like to help with our work.

Keep up the great 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:

**14/11/22**

**Mullion Village Hall**

**7 for 7.30pm**

**Davey&Dyer**

Join Mullion OCS as they present an evening of Cornish Celtic music at Mullion OCS. Featuring music, history, displays, raffle and refreshments.

**Mullion Village Hall**

**Monday 14th November**



**Davey & Dyer**

**Traditional Cornish tunes & the stories behind them**

Neil Davey and Jen Dyer are two of the leading proponents of Cornish traditional Celtic music and are members of internationally acclaimed Cornish band Dalla. This will be a cracking evening!

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Entry £1.00 for OCS members - £2.00 for non-members

Displays, refreshments, raffle, chat and a warm welcome



5/12/22

7 for 7.30pm

Carbis Bay Memorial Hall

### A Christmas Miscellany

Join St Ives OCS for a seasonal evening of Christmas themed music and verse with Bert Biscoe and Pol Hodge. For more details, please email [stivesoldcornwall@gmail.com](mailto:stivesoldcornwall@gmail.com).

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.

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.



St Ives  
Old Cornwall  
Society



Monday 5th December 2022



Bert Biscoe  
+  
Pol Hodge

will entertain us in music and verse with: '

'A Christmas Miscellany'

Frank will also play  
traditional carols for  
us to join in with.



Carbis Bay Memorial Hall. Trencrom Lane.

Annual membership £10.00. Casual visitors £2.00  
Refreshments will be served. Free parking.



The poster features a teal background with white snowflakes and evergreen trees at the bottom. At the top center is the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies logo. The text reads: 'To celebrate the centenaries of both Redruth and Camborne Old Cornwall Societies 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'.

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## Derivasow Hwarvosow / Events Reports

### **2022 Winter Festival from Kate Neale (Padstow)**

The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies held the first Winter Festival since Torpoint's outing in 2019 at Redruth School on Friday the 28th of October. With the doors opening at 10.30, as people arrived from near and far there were many happy reunions of old friends, many of whom found something to catch their eye in the Aladdin's cave that is the Federation bookstall, manned by our Journal Editors Terry and Anne Knight.

The morning session's main event was the launch of the "Cornish Voices" dialect project, which was chaired by Federation Dialect and Music Recorders Paul Phillips and Merv Davey, who explained the aims of the project, which are to promote awareness of Cornish dialect both as a modern medium of communication and part of Cornwall's cultural heritage. This collaboration is a joint enterprise with Cornwall Heritage Trust, Gorsedh Kernow and Lowender Peran. We then enjoyed a number of humorous readings and conversations from Trevor Smitheram, Rachel Odgers and Paul Phillips.

After our pasty lunch, the afternoon session was opened by the Banner Parade, masterminded by Banner Marshall Priscilla Oates, including the new Federation banner itself. We then heard addresses from the Grand Bard of Gorsedh Kernow Pol Hodge, Vanessa Moyle of Redruth Old Cornwall Society, and new Federation President Nev Meek. Next, Ivor Corkell gave the traditional Roll Call, where representatives of Old Cornwall Societies from north, south, east and west stood to be recognised. Following this, the floor welcomed past Redruth Town Crier Alan Jewell, who ably kept us entertained throughout the afternoon's programme. This began with a presentation of Breton traditional music from Le Net & Lorho-Pasco, who also performed during Lowender Peran festival, after which the Bolingey Troyl Band and dancers gave an excellent display. Pausing for an interlude of tea and saffron buns, the assembled guests then enjoyed songs from Perranporth group Stamp&Go, before closing the afternoon with Hail To The Homeland and Trelawny.

Many congratulations to the Events Subcommittee for bringing this gathering together, and especial thanks to the Redruth OCS organisers, particularly Vanessa Moyle and Linda Beskeen who manned the kitchen and made sure we were all fed and watered.

As we look to our next gatherings, if your Old Cornwall Society would be interested in hosting the Summer Festival or next Winter Festival, please get in touch with president Nev Meek on [president@oldcornwall.net](mailto:president@oldcornwall.net).





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

Do you have any news you'd like to let other OCS members know about? Please send us your updates!

Are your Old Cornwall Society details up to date? You can check your society's details [by clicking here](#) - if there are any changes to be made, please email Webmaster Ros Hayward on [website@oldcornwall.net](mailto:website@oldcornwall.net).

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?

We have recently received an enquiry from Ingrid Easton at the Cornwall Wildlife Trust who is Ancient Woodland Inventory. If you have any records that would be of interest to Ingrid, please email her on [ingrid.easton@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:ingrid.easton@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk).

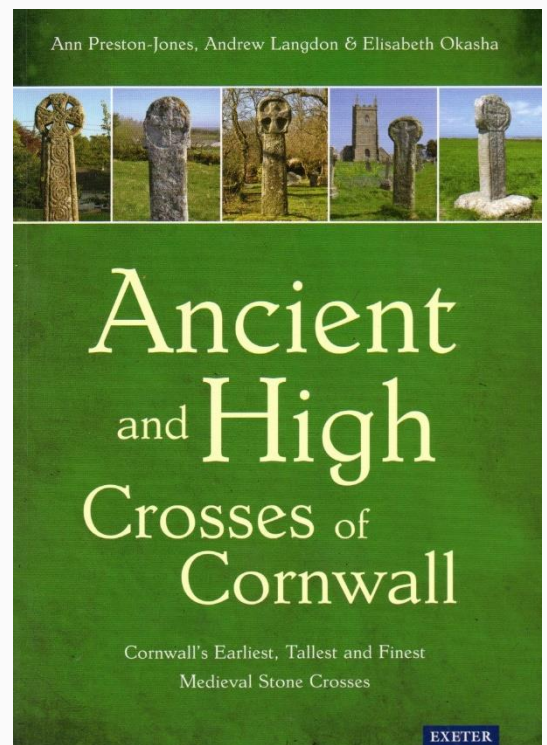
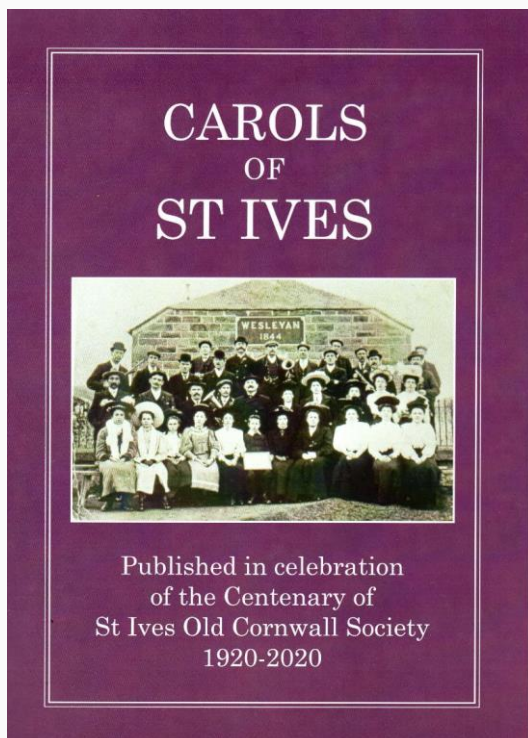
## Hwarvosow ha Kuntellesow Keffrysians a-dheu / Upcoming Federation Meetings & Events

08/11/2022 – 10.00am - Publications Sub-committee – Blackwater Village Hall  
November 2022 - Events Sub-committee (Date & Venue TBC)  
November 2022 - Finance Sub-committee (Date & Venue TBC)  
1/12/2022 - 10.30am - 1pm, Future Sub-committee Meeting, Blackwater Village Hall  
02/12/2022 - Executive Committee Meeting – (Venue in East Cornwall TBC)  
15/12/2022 - FOCS Carol Service at Redruth (See details above)

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 Keffrysians / Federation Bookshop

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.



[Click here to go to the Federation Bookshop](#)

## Keslesek / Of interest

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