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### Lyther nowodhow mis Hwevrer / February newsletter

Dydh da oll,

Hoping this finds you all very well and enjoying the new year so far. With St Piran's day coming up soon, we would like to remind one and all about the invitation to Truro's Parade on the 4th of March to bear their banner and represent their OCS.

We have had a busy January and among other news, we are pleased to announce that the Federation has granted Liskeard OCS funding to put on a day's exhibition and talk at Liskeard Town Hall to celebrate the bicentenary of Passmore Edwards and his impact on the town. Please see more on that below and do attend if you are able!

We have also been working to add the dates and minutes of Executive and Subcommittee meetings and minutes to the Members Area of the website - please find the relevant dates and documents here, with more to be added.

## **Spring Meeting - 25th February 2023, Lys Kernow, Truro**

10.30am in the Trelawny Room, Lys Kernow (County Hall), Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

We are pleased to announce plans to invite members to attend the Federation Spring Meeting on the 25th of February 2023. Please find more information on the website and RSVP to me on [president@oldcornwall.net](mailto:president@oldcornwall.net).

In addition, the Events Subcommittee have been hard at work to plan summer outings and get togethers. See below for details.

## **Recorders' Day - 11th March 2023, Kresen Kernow, Redruth**

We would like to remind one and all about the annual Recorders' Day, which is coming up soon! We will meeting on the 11th of March at Kresen Kernow and alongside current Society Recorders, we would particularly like to welcome:

- a) Recorders who haven't attended before.
- b) Potential new Recorders.
- c) If no official Recorder, any representative from your OCS.

Please find more information, timings, interest forms on the website here.  
<https://kernowgoth.org/future-events/>

We're also pleased that the Kernow Goth Bookshop is stocking copies of the Cornish Buildings Group new book telling the story of their first fifty years.

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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:

**6/2/23**

**7.30 pm**

St Buryan Village Hall

'Penzance Market House' by Val Thomas



St Buryan  
Old  
Cornwall  
Society

Monday 6th February 2023

At

7:30 pm in

St Buryan Village Hall



Val Thomas on  
Penzance Market House

**13/2/23**

**7.00 pm**

Carbis Bay Memorial Hall

'Pharmacies of Yesteryear' by  
Kingsley Rickard



St Ives  
Old Cornwall  
Society



**Kingsley Rickard**

will tell us about:

**Pharmacies of Yesteryear.**

7pm on Monday 13th February 2023

Carbis Bay Memorial Hall,  
Laity Lane. TR26 2TQ



Kingsley brings many unusual items with him from his extensive collection to make his talk entertaining, interesting and informative.

Annual membership  
£10.00  
Casual attendance  
£2.00

Free parking at the hall  
Please park thoughtfully.

Refreshments before  
the talk.




20/2/23

7.15 pm

Landithy Hall, Madron

'Harvey's of Hayle' from Kingsley Rickard




**MADRON  
OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY**  
Founded 1924

**Monday 20th February  
7.15 pm**


Billiard Room, Landithy Hall, Madron

**Kingsley Rickard**



**Harvey's of Hayle**

Nearby car parking.  
Tea and pasty will be available to purchase following the talk.



Annual membership £10.00  
Donation for casual attendance appreciated.

Foundry Square in Hayle with The White Hart & Cornubia Biscuits - Image: R.Williams, HCA

21/2/23

2.30 pm

WI Hall, Crantock Street, Newquay

'Work of the Cornish Buildings Group' by Paul Holden

**Kowethas Kernow Goth Tewynblustri**  
NEWQUAY OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY  
Newquay Old Cornwall Archaeology Group  
& Newquay Heritage Archive & Museum

*All are welcome to our monthly meetings*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023  
at 2:30pm**

**'Work of the Cornish Buildings Group'**  
By  
**Paul Holden**



**Paul is the lead in the CBG 'Buildings at Risk' project highlighting valuable Cornish buildings**

**Crantock Street, WI Hall, Newquay.**  
*Entrance adjacent to Funeral Directors before St Georges Road junction*

**Guests are most welcome to join us**

*Kernow Goth is interested and active in all aspects of Cornwall's historic, cultural and environmental heritage. Come along to a meeting and have a chat about what we are involved with.*

**We can be contacted at Newquay Museum,  
4-6 Crantock Street, Newquay TR7 1JS - E-mail [nocs.archive@gmail.com](mailto:nocs.archive@gmail.com)**

## Exploring Hayle

Trevor Smitheram, President of Hayle OCS is offering to do guided tours around Hayle to include the history, Harveys and the Foundry between April and October.

If your society would be interested in joining Trevor, he can be contacted by email at [smitheram@btopenworld.com](mailto:smitheram@btopenworld.com)



4/3/23

1.00pm

Truro

### Truro St Piran's Day Parade

All Old Cornwall Societies are cordially invited to participate in the Truro St Piran's Day Parade, which will be held this year on Saturday 4th March. Societies are requested to parade with their banners, starting from 1pm in St George's Road. It would be great to see a great turnout from the Old Cornwall movement this year.



The parade is being organised by Mr Bert Biscoe (President of Truro Old Cornwall Society). **Please advise the Federation Banner Marshal, Priscilla Oates whether you will be able to attend:**

[priscilla.oates@btinternet.com](mailto:priscilla.oates@btinternet.com)

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).

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### Mullion Old Cornwall Society

Mullion Old Cornwall have shared a video recording of their January meeting which featured session 'Mullion Memories - sharing memories of Mullion life.

Watch here.

<https://fb.watch/ijQeEraXhV/>



## **FOCS Events Subcommittee**

The Federation Events Subcommittee have been busy arranging events and there are now some new dates for your diaries.

Daphne Hicks, Secretary of Padstow OCS is the Chairperson of the Events Subcommittee, who have now met twice in January and have another meeting planned for February so that we can all enjoy a really good programme this year.

On 17th June 2023 we are planning a boat trip to explore the River Camel, and it will be really fantastic to learn more about this historic area of Cornwall. Watch out for more details in the March Newsletter.

As mentioned last month, we are putting together a "Walking Festival Week" for the week commencing Monday 19th June. The idea is for as many OCSs as possible to put on a walk in their area, short or long, urban or countryside, and then to offer them to OCS members across Cornwall. It will be a great way to get to know another area, and all in the company of other members of the OCS family. If you haven't already please contact Daphne with details of what your OCS can offer.

The Events team are also thinking about a summer picnic, and a Winter Festival, so watch this space for more details. If your OCS could host a Festival in 2024 please do let us know.

The members of the Events Subcommittee are Ivor Corkell (Camborne), Karin Easton (Perranzabuloe), Priscilla Oates (Cury & Gunwalloe), and Merv Davey; they do a terrific job.

So if you have a walk to offer, could host a festival, or could help our Events Subcommittee please drop Daphne a line: [events@oldcornwall.net](mailto:events@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**

### **Liskeard OCS Awarded Federation Grant**

Liskeard OCS have been awarded seed funding from the Federation, to allow them to mount a project to mark the birth of John Passmore Edwards.

The 24th of March 2023 will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of the great

Cornish philanthropist, John Passmore Edwards, who funded the building of libraries and other buildings across Cornwall. Liskeard OCS have taken up the challenge and are planning a number of events to mark Passmore Edwards' birth, since he was responsible for financing both the Charles Buller Memorial Library and Passmore Edwards Cottage Hospital.

On Friday 17th March Liskeard OCS intend to mount a one-day exhibition in the Main Hall of the Public Rooms at Liskeard, featuring a display by Dean Evans. In the evening, the President of Liskeard OCS, Brian Oldham, will present an illustrated talk entitled 'What Passmore Edwards did for Liskeard'. From March 20th to 25th there will also be an exhibition at Stuart House, on the 'Life and Works of Passmore Edwards', assembled and stewarded by Liskeard OCS members.

The Federation has now granted just over £100 to Liskeard OCS which will enable them to hire the rooms required and complete their project. Well done to Liskeard for taking up the challenge to mark this important anniversary!

### **Padstow OCS member Derek Lindsey – What did he do during Lockdown? (Daphne Hicks, Padstow OCS)**

He is a keen member of Padstow Old Cornwall Society, a member of the Museum Committee and one or two more organisations in the town. So, what did he do? In March 2020 he set up a Facebook page under the Padstow Old Cornwall banner where mainly photos could be posted, and questions asked. He called it a quiz, but it has become a lot more than that.

The page leads with a picture of Padstow Museum; which was only too willing to help with material and ideas. It has proved a popular platform for those of us who love our hometown and the county of Cornwall as a whole. Three years on, and with over 2,000 members worldwide, it is a prime example of what can be done with something like Facebook to encourage an interest in the history and culture of our area.

Sadly it has not led to an increase in volunteer numbers at the museum, or in a greater turn out at the monthly meetings of the OCS. This is a challenge we will have to deal with in whatever way we can. Perhaps in this year of the Gorsedh coming to Padstow this will change. Change does happen and change will happen; however, we may regret some of it.

Derek has a challenge on his hands too, with a dwindling number of images at his disposal. However, as long as his enthusiasm lasts, I know he will continue to lead the search for more. I did say he was keen!! Thank you

Derek and for the rest of you who read this I can only say seek it out. It just may be for you.



**Derek Lindsey**

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25 comments

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?**

### **Do You Need Any Display Boards?**

Some years ago, David Stark, former chairman of St Austell OC, bought two folding display boards and he thinks he may have had help from the Federation.



These boards are now looking for a new home. When erected they stand about 6 feet tall and have three surfaces, but they fold down to a manageable size, approximately 4 feet by just over 2.

If any other society thinks they could be useful, please contact St Austell OCS Chairman Ian Kestle on [iankestle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:iankestle@hotmail.co.uk) and he will put you in touch with David.

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

14/2/2023 - Events Subcommittee Meeting

25/02/2023 - FOCS Spring Meeting & Executive Meeting @ Trelawny Room, Lys Kernow

11/03/2023 - Records' Day at Kresen Kernow

14/3/2023 - Publications Subcommittee Meeting, 10am Blackwater Village Hall

04/03/2023 - St Piran's Day Parade @ Truro - Please advise FOCS Banner Marshal, Priscilla Oates Re your attendance: [priscilla.oates@btinternet.com](mailto:priscilla.oates@btinternet.com)

17/06/2023 - FOCS River Camel Boat Trip (TBC)

June 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

w/c 19/06/2023 - FOCS Summer Walk Festival

11/7/2023 - Publications Subcommittee Meeting, 10am Blackwater Village Hall

August 2023 - Prayer Book Rebellion Commemoration @ Bodmin (TBC)

02/09/2023 - Gorsedh Kernow @ Padstow

September 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

07/10/2023 - FOCS AGM

Nov 2023 - FOCS Winter Festival

December 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

18/12/2023 - FOCS Carol Service - Padstow Carols at Truro Cathedral

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

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.

### THE CORNISH BUILDINGS GROUP: FIRST 50 YEARS

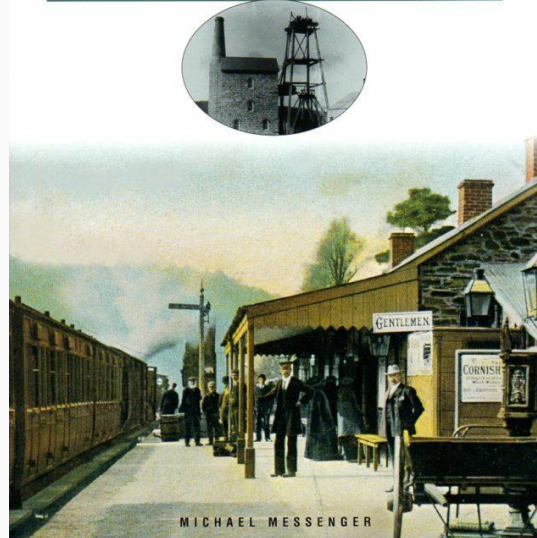
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(The Social History of Delabole – Vol  
I) by Geoff Provis

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CARADON & LOOE: THE CANAL,  
RAILWAY AND MINES by Michael  
Messenger

£16.00

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

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