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Lyther nowodhow mis Meurth / March newsletter

Dydh da oll,

Wishing you all a very happy **Piran-tide** and hoping that you will be celebrating with your Old Cornwall Society or with your community - there are many events going on up and down Cornwall, not least the **Truro St Piran's Parade**.

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout at our **Spring Meeting** at Lys Kernow on Saturday the 25th of February. We had good discussions and many ideas and plans to take forward - a short report is included below. We also distributed the Spring Journal to members, and our grateful thanks to Terry Knight, Editor and Publications Officer, for all his work bringing the Journals together and managing the Federation bookshop.

Coming up next week we have **Recorders' Day** on Friday the 11th March 2023, Kresen Kernow, Redruth. Again, further details below but we would particularly like to welcome Recorders who haven't attended before; potential new Recorders; or any representative from your OCS. [Please find more information, timings, interest forms on the website here.](#)

We continue to have vacancies in the Secretary and Communications roles on the Executive Committee - if you or someone you know might be interested to

help us deliver the work of the Federation, we would hugely value your contribution.

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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:

6/3/23

7.00 pm

Carbis Bay Memorial Hall



St Ives
Old Cornwall
Society



Tir ha Tavas

Cornish Bards, Dave and Dee Brotherton will entertain us with their selection of Cornish and English songs, many of which they have composed themselves.

'The Cornish Year in Music and Words'

with special guest: **Tony Mason**

Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Carbis Bay Memorial Hall,
Laity Lane. TR26 2TQ

Annual membership £10.00
Casual attendance £2.00





Free parking at the hall
Please park thoughtfully.
Refreshments before the talk.

17/3/23

7.30 pm

Public Hall, Liskeard


Join Brian Oldham and Liskeard OCS at the Public Hall for an evening about John Passmore Edwards



Liskeard Free Library John Passmore Edwards (1823-1911) Liskeard Cottage Hospital

Liskeard Old Cornwall Society invite one and all
To a Celebration of the 200th Anniversary
Of the birth of the 'Great Cornish Philanthropist'
John Passmore Edwards
In the Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW
On Friday March 17th 2023 from 6.30pm to view
'The Life and Good Works of John Passmore Edwards', an illustrated
exhibition touring the country and in Liskeard for one night only.

At 7.30pm the President of Liskeard OCS, Brian Oldham, will present
an illustrated talk entitled
'What John Passmore Edwards did for Liskeard'
FREE ENTRY and TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS
From 8.30pm entertainment is by Cornish choir 'Melodi Liskerret'





For more information go to www.thepassmoreedwardslegacy.org.uk

20/3/23

7.15 pm

Landithy Hall, Madron



Madron
Old Cornwall Society


invite you to come to a talk on the:

**Discovery, Restoration & Repair
of crosses of Cornwall.**
Andrew Langdon


Andrew Langdon has written
many books on this subject and
is very knowledgeable.



Madron Churchyard cross.



Tregonwailan Cairn cross



Boswarthen cross

Monday 20th March 2023
7.15pm, Billiard Room, Landithy Hall, Madron

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



Whitecross Cross

Annual membership £10.00
Donation for casual
attendance appreciated.

Exploring Hayle

Trevor Smitheram, President of Hayle OCS is offering to do guided tours around Hayle to include the history of the town, 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

Don't forget to "like" or "follow" the [Federation of Old Cornwall Societies' Facebook page](#) which shares upcoming events.

If you have an upcoming event you would like to share with other OCSs, please email it to Kate on newsletters@oldcornwall.net.

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Hayle OCS Celebrate Centenary In Style

Hayle Old Cornwall Society were formed in 1923 so this year they decided to celebrate their centenary in style. On the evening of Friday 10th February, they hosted a fantastic cultural event at the Day Care Centre in Hayle. A wide range of musical entertainment was on display including Tir ha Tavas, Jonathan and Jill, and St Aubyn Singers. Their President, Trevor Smitheram, presented a brief history of Hayle OCS, and also entertained with a hilarious dialect yarn.

Invited guests included the Federation President Nev Meek, the Grand Bard Pol Hodge, June Lawrenson-Reid representing the Mayor and Town council, Tamsin Erikson manager of the Hayle Day Centre and a number of Presidents from Old Cornwall Societies. Hayle OCS commissioned a special limited edition badge, from St Justin Jewellers to mark the occasion. Badges were available to members and presented to guests.

Hayle put on a huge spread of food, which covered a large table. The fare included pasties, sandwiches, saffron cake, heavy cake, and a range of other tasty treats. The centre piece was a large birthday cake, cut by Trevor and his guests.

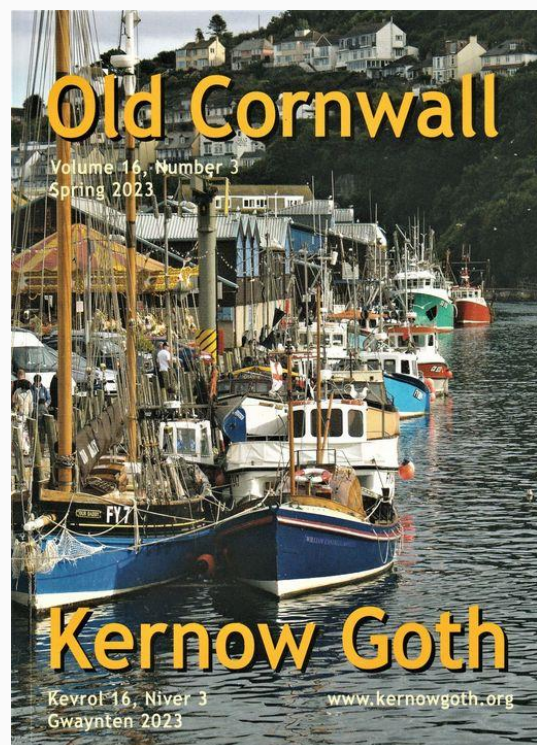
There was of course a rousing rendition of Trelawny, and everyone left with full bellies and memories of a marvellous evening of Cornish entertainment. Well done Hayle OCS - good luck with the next 100 years!





FOCS Spring Meeting at Lys Kernow - Editor Terry Knight recognised with Hon. Life Vice Presidency

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout to the Spring Meeting at Lys Kernow on Saturday the 25th of February. Many OCSs were represented, and much discussion was had. President Nev Meek welcomed one and all, and gave his report, saying what a pleasure it had been to visit Old Cornwall Societies up and down Cornwall over the past few months. He also reiterated the need to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee.



Ros Hayward, Treasurer, gave an update on the finances which gave rise to discussion regarding subscriptions where all were invited to give their perspectives.

Terry Knight, Publications Officer and Journal Editor, gave an update on the Publications Committee and the Spring Journals, and reminded Societies to

send in reports and articles - short or long - about their activities and projects.

Daphne Hicks, Events Officer, gave an update on the Federation's plan to host a summer boat trip on the Jubilee Queen at Padstow, and the Padstow Carols at Truro Cathedral in December of this year. She also asked for feedback on the idea of continuing with Summer and Winter Festivals, and asked for Societies to consider whether they could host or tie in with an event if these events are going to be organised for 2024.

Kate Neale, Website & Newsletter Editor, gave a brief report on the communications of the Federation.

Documents and minutes will be available on the website as soon as possible.

The gathering also gave a lengthy round of applause to Terry Knight, Editor and Publications Officer, who during the meeting was elected to the position of Honorary Live Vice President with overwhelming support. The Federation and all OCSs hugely appreciate all the tireless effort he has put into maintaining the Journal and Federation bookshop over the course of the years and recognise his dedication with this position.

Mullion OCS: Hilary Coleman & The Red River Singers



On the 13th February 2023 Mullion Old Cornwall Society hosted Hilary Coleman and The Red River Singers for an evening of songs and tales from the book 'Shout Kernow' which was published in 2014 and won the Holyer an Gof Award.

Cornish Music Symposium

On Saturday the 11th of February, the Lowender Peran and Cornish National Music Archive held the online Cornish Music Symposium, which featured interviews with Cornish language pop singer-songwriter Gwenno, theatre performer and musician Seamas Carey, and Chris Trevena and his Sounds Like Cornwall project collecting albums and recording events. The event was chaired by Kate Neale and Merv Davey. The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies supported the CNMA set-up.

You can [listen to a recording of this event here](#).



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

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Redruth Old Cornwall Society - Illogan Mining Research project

Redruth OCS is currently researching mining in Illogan. There will be practical working sessions, and the preparation of an exhibition featuring artefacts from their own museum collection and photos from Kresen Kernow, some of which were deposited by Redruth OCS.

Redruth OCS intend to organise a guided walk around some of the mine remains in Illogan. The project will culminate in an exhibition at the Old School Centre between 13th April & 18th April 2023, to which school children will be invited. The OCS will possibly also do a talk associated with the project.

The project is being led by Linda Beskeen, the Recorder for Redruth OCS, and the Local History Officer for the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies.

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Nick Cahill Award - Entries Open for 2023

The Federation has received the following regarding the Nick Cahill Award. The Federation contributed towards the design of the trophy by Kurt Jackson, an important artist in Cornwall who spent time with us at his gallery during the Summer Festival in St Just. The first award was made last year, and the award is now open for this year. The award recognises projects connected with ecclesiastical buildings; the criteria can be seen on the [press release](#), which contains further information and the following:

This annual award commemorates our friend and esteemed colleague Nick Cahill. A hugely influential and highly respected member of the heritage community, Nick was a scholar and authority who was unfailingly generous in sharing his wealth of knowledge and expert opinion, leaving no corner of Cornwall or aspect of our regional heritage and historic environment forgotten.

The award scheme, established with the full support of Mary and Joe Cahill, reflects Nick's passion for Cornish churches and chapels. The award is open to projects carried out on Cornish ecclesiastical buildings or within their settings and associations (graveyards, cemetery buildings, Sunday schools). It will recognise excellence in design and craftsmanship in restoration, conservation and/or improvement projects. Entries are welcome from all faiths and denominations. Completed entries must be submitted by **31 June 2023**. Last year's winners can be seen on p.2 of the August 2022 edition of *Our News*: <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Our-News-Monthly-August-2022.pdf>. For full terms and conditions and details on how to enter please email Paul Holden, DAC chairman paul.holden@truro.anglican.org

Passmore Edwards Bi-Centenary Celebration - Bodmin OCS

On Friday 24th March 2023, Bodmin OCS will celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of John Passmore Edwards, that great Cornish philanthropist, who was responsible for so many public buildings across Cornwall and elsewhere.

In 1897 Bodmin was provided with a fine Library and Art & Science School thanks to the generosity of John Passmore Edwards. The building served Bodmin as a library until 2017, and it has now passed into the care of a community interest company.

Bodmin OCS have teamed up with the project manager at the former Bodmin Library to celebrate 200 years since the birth of John Passmore Edwards. At

1400hrs the celebrations will commence with a tree planting by Mr. Dean Evans. This will be followed by a reception and brief presentation at the former Bodmin Library. Neighbouring OCSs have been invited to attend, and refreshments will be provided.

Historic Banner at Truro OCS Found

Truro Old Cornwall Society have recently come back into possession of their historic OCS banner. Returned to current President of Truro OCS, Bert Biscoe, earlier in February, the banner was displayed at their most recent meeting to much excitement. Huge thanks to Len Sheppard of Newquay OCS and The Voice for his writeup of this fantastic find in this week's Voice newspaper, which you can read [here](#).



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

A yllowgh hwi gweres? / Can you help?

Magic Lantern Slides

Linda Beskeen, the Federation's Local History Officer, is researching "magic lantern slides", if you have any in your OCS collections or otherwise have access to them please let her know. Contact: lindabeskeen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

20/08/2023 - Prayer Book Rebellion Commemoration @ Bodmin

02/09/2023 - Gorsedh Kernow @ Padstow

September 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

07/10/2023 - FOCS AGM

Nov 2023 - FOCS Winter Festival

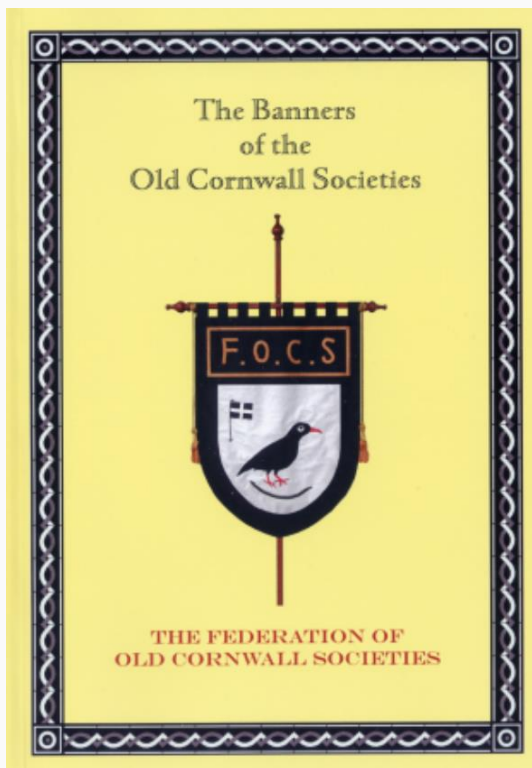
December 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

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.

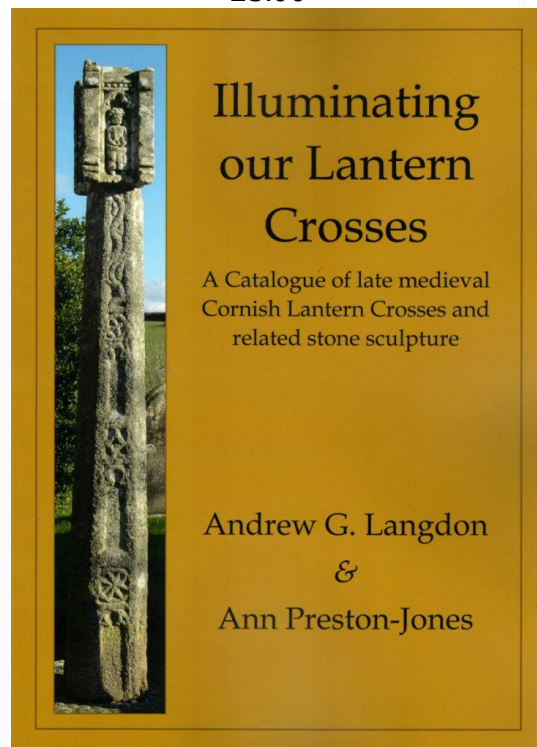
Lyverji Keffrysans / Federation Bookshop

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.



BANNERS OF THE 'OLD CORNWALL' SOCIETIES by David Stark

£3.00



ILLUMINATING OUR LANTERN CROSSES by Andrew G Langdon & Ann Preston-Jones

£16.00

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

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

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