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PROGRAM



Online ZOOM Sessions

'Long hot Summer!' 3.30pm 22nd
January '23

Autumn - April, '23

Time and Zoom link will be emailed a week prior



47th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 4th March, 2023

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde
(Rydedale Rd. near railway station)

Beforehand - Informal lunch

Meet in club bistro first - 11.30 for 12 Noon lunch. The menu for you to choose from on the day can be reviewed here:

<http://www.releagues.com.au/37>

A.G.M 1.30pm

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Reports

**Election of Officers and Committee
General Business**

(items for meeting decision must be with the
Secretary by 4th February)

Open forum

followed by

**St Piran's Day Get Together
2:15- 4pm**

We hope you can come/stay for some fun and
friendship - Celebrate St Piran's Day and this our
Association's 48th year!

Lucky Door prize, Talk on 'Cornish Bards', Quick
Qwiz, Kernewek Taster, time for some chat,
tea/coffee, renewal of memberships etc.

Please put this day in your diary or calendar now!



30th Australian Celtic Festival

Glen Innes, NSW

- The Year of Scotland -



**Thursday 4th –
Sunday 7th
May, 2023**

Yes, the Cornish will also be there !
*Saturday morning is our parade in town, and the
25th Cornish stone ceremony is on Sunday
morning.*

Kernewek Lowender

Full programme and bookings are now available



**COPPER COAST
CORNISH FESTIVAL**

Celebrating 50 years
Kadina • Moonta • Wallaroo

15-21 May, 2023

<https://www.kernewek.org>

Committee News:

Bank account balance at 31/12/22: **\$7,472.49**
FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRINTED PAGE 8
- for presentation and adoption at the AGM

*"Bledhen noweth lowenek - Happy New Year to
all, and I hope to see many at our AGM on Sat 4
March (and lunch and St Piran celebration) plus
also some at Glen Innes in May for the Celtic
festival. Chris & I will also be at the Kernewek
Lowender in May representing the Association."*
Joy Dunkerley, President.

Committee News: (cont.)

ADVANCE NOTICE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023/2024 fall due on the 5th March, 2023

IMPORTANT: Renewal forms will be available for completion at the AGM, AND will be sent out with the March/April newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS – 78 households (containing about 120 adults + children). There are 57 households financial @1/1/23. Another 8 remain not financial this year. 13 are not financial for more than one year (but not yet resigned).

MEMBERS MILESTONES

Our best wishes to members who have health problems, or have been having ongoing medical procedures.

New Members – a delight to give a very big welcome to three (3) new household memberships during 2022:

Robynne Sanderson of Broken Hill

Interests: Cornish heritage in Broken Hill, Cornish language. Family research names: Goldsworthy/Golserry of Gwennap, Richard Morcom. Robynne is also a CA SA member.

Frances Cairns of Dapto

Interests: History, reading, writing, gardening, photography. Family research names: Dyer of Camborne 1772-1818, Sobey of Penryn & Truro 1818-1874, Webster of Camborne & Truro 1777-1847. Frances was a member of the previous Southern Sons of Cornwall association.

Petar & Jessica Grulovic of Glencoe

Also Petra (5) & Fraser (2).

Interests: Joined by interest in Cornwall. Celtic culture/food/history/music. Performing arts /sport. Family interests: Dunsmore (maternal) west / central Scotland; Donegal / Derry Ireland. Petar & Jessica are new to the Celtic C.

Congratulations to all those with birthdays or anniversaries during January and February.

Please still let us know of your good news, special events, or of those who are ill.

QUOTE

*“One and All, at duties Call,
Shoulder to shoulder we stand or fall,*

*On land or sea, where'er we be,
We Cornish are ready, aye, One and All.’*

Chorus to E.H Moore's 'The Cornish Motto Song', first sung in public c. 1883 [Cornish Magazine, vol.4, no. 1, May 1961”

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Gough / Goff – found in north & east Cornwall. Possibly from *cough*, red. Goff appears in 1523.

Greet – From *an (c)grugh*, mound, burial barrow. Placename: Pengreep, Gwennap.

Greep / Gripe – From *an gryb*, crest or ridge.

Gue – From *an gew*, the enclosure, field. Placename: Gew, found in Crowan, Kea, St Erth parishes, etc.

Hammill - Possibly of Huguenot origin, but found in Cornwall from 1711 on. Placename Trehamel, Gerrans.

Henderson – not uniquely Cornish, but here possibly from *hendra*, old place. Hence son of Hendra.

Hendry – Still extant in east Cornwall, and nearby Plymouth. From *hendra*, old place.

Horne – From *horn*, iron. See also Hearne, and Kinghorne.

To be continued [These names came from the Appendix to 'A Handbook of Cornish Surnames', by George Pawley White, 2nd ed. 1981.

HOLY WELLS

The Holy Well in the parish of St Cleer

Cornwall Heritage Trust has taken ownership of 'St Cleer's Well' – a medieval holy well and wayside cross, situated within a small walled enclosure in the middle of the village of St Cleer, near Liskeard. The 13th historic site to be taken into their care, the well is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and also Listed Grade One – a demarcation earned by only 2.5% of listed buildings, which 'Historic England' (sic) defines as warranting “exceptional interest”.

Original well buildings are known from engravings around 1253AD. Thought to date from the 15th century, the current structure is the only example of a well house with an open porch-like design in Cornwall.



Its pillars, arches and capitals are carved with simple mouldings and patterns which are also unusual in Cornwall at this date.

During the medieval period, holy wells sometimes functioned as sites for baptism but they were also revered for less tangible reasons, such as folklore beliefs in the healing powers of the water. According to legend, 'St Cleer's', had the reputation for its waters "curing the lame, the blind and the mad". Much of the waters had been diverted a century ago for consumption.

The well is located on the outskirts of the village, with an old stone Latin form cross nearby. Find out more here

<https://www.cornwallheritagetrust.org/cornwall-heritage-trust-acquires-st-cleers-well-near-liskeard/>

NEWS

PENWITH ONLINE

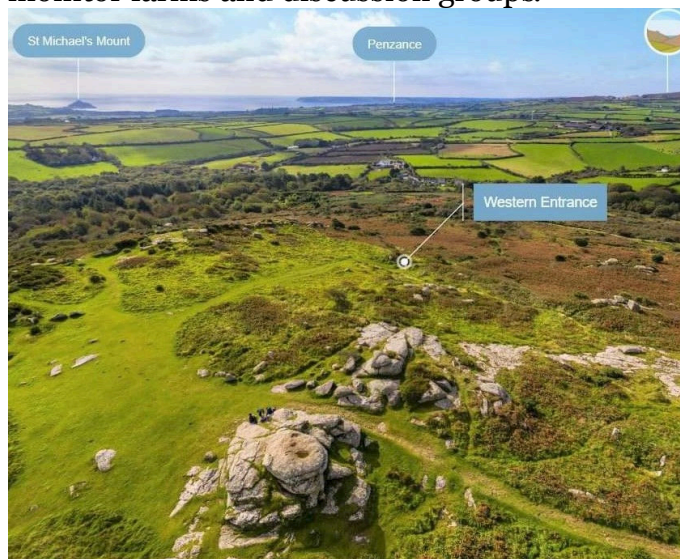
The Penwith Landscape Partnership was formed in 2014 by a group of community organisations and committed local and interested individuals who came together, sharing the aim to support the understanding, conservation and enhancement of the Penwith Landscape as a sustainable living, working landscape. Penwith is the most western of the ancient *Ranndyr* or 'hundreds/shires' of Kernow.

This group (Penwith Landscape Partnership Board) was successful in getting a generous allocation of funding from the UK National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop several projects aimed at conserving and enhancing this unique landscape. A fully developed Landscape Conservation Action Plan was submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in August 2017 and in December that year, the Partnership secured a grant of £2,529,100 to deliver the First and Last – Our Living Working Landscape scheme. Together with additional funding from Cornwall Council and other sources, and the commitment and enthusiasm of many volunteers from the local community, this money has been used to conserve, protect and enhance Penwith's ancient farming landscape and field systems, its archaeology and natural environment for future generations, focussing particularly on the unique landscapes of west Penwith. Activities were very impacted by Covid, but a huge amount has been achieved - the funding for five years ends now in December, 2022.

Activities include:

- Surveying and improving knowledge of the archaeology and ancient sites in Penwith
- Improving access to the landscape through footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes, as well as creating links to public transport
- Helping Parishes to survey and care for the heritage and wildlife within their areas
- Improving the landscape for wildlife by working with farmers and landowners to promote good soil, nutrient and habitat management
- Recording the value of Cornish hedges and 'upskilling' volunteers to repair and rebuild hedges and reinstate gateposts
- Researching historic place-names to discover what they can tell us about the landscape and the history of the area

- Encouraging exploration of the landscape through the arts
- Helping farmers and landowners find economic uses for redundant farm buildings and also manage rough ground
- Supporting the growth of efficient, resilient family-farm businesses through setting up monitor farms and discussion groups.



Explore some of the hilltops and historic sites of Penwith with our PLEN interactive platform. New sites recently added included Trencrom

Hill - start exploring it online at:

<https://www.penwithlandscape.com/360/virtual-landscape-hub/index.html?s=pano16378>

or through website: www.penwithlandscape.com/

SINGING IN FALMOUTH 24 Dec 22



The 'Cornish Christmas Harmony Choir' (combined singers)

WASSEL OSTRALI

Broken Hill Community Voices, NSW sing a Cornish Wassail. Broken Hill was an area where many Cornish miners emigrated and many now living there can trace Cornish ancestry.

<https://youtu.be/7BkoZPOyOwk>



MONTOL



Montol, Penzance - Winter Solstice, 21st December 2022

The Montol Festival is an annual celebration in Penzance, Cornwall, UK, held on the 21st of December each year. It was started in 2007, and the people who originated the event were also involved in the midsummer Golowan Festival. Since 2014, Montol has been run by the Cornish Culture Association, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The festival is a revival - or perhaps reinterpretation - of many of the traditional Cornish midwinter customs

and Christmas traditions which were formerly practised in and around the Penzance area - and were once common to much of Cornwall. Montol is held on the traditional date of the feast of St Thomas the Apostle, usually the 21st of December, which always coincides with the winter solstice.

The wider Montol Festival is a six-day arts and community festival. It celebrates the midwinter solstice, Cornish midwinter traditions of the past, and customs associated with Old Christmas. The Festival culminates in Montol Eve on the 21st of December every year. Montol is now in its 11th year, and the 2021 event will bring with it a host of new visitors and Guise Guild participants. Fire performers and 'Obby 'Osses, guise beasts and musicians: all these will be out and about from midday on 21st December - around Market Jew Street, Green Market and Causewayhead, to be joined by Christmas carol singers, choirs, dancers and a plethora of stall-holders. The invite to everyone to join in - for the family-friendly events during the day and early evening, and an edgier, adult menu of guild-led misrule as the darkness deepens. When it gets late, 'anything' can happen.

<http://montolfestival.co.uk>

NEW BOOK

Terry, and Ruth Tremayne, Harry report that they have a new book out, 'A Cornish Homecoming'. It is "full of poems and dozens of photos of Cornwall. They run a website: www.cornwallyesteryear.com since 2020. The book is available ordering online, through links on the website. Contact email is admin@cornwallyesteryear.com

Snow in Cornwall – December, 2022



Photo above: Snow at Christmas 2022 photo courtesy of the Celtic Congress, Cornwall Branch

Cornish National Music Archive videos

<https://www.youtube.com/>

[@cornishnationalmusicarchiv1885](https://www.youtube.com/@cornishnationalmusicarchiv1885)

Notable Cornish, people of Cornwall, and of the diaspora

Peter Mundy – a merchant / adventurer who travelled over 100,000 miles, said to be the first from Great Britain to taste tea. Peter Mundy was born around 1597 in Penryn, Cornwall.

In 1609 he accompanied his father, a pilchard trader to Rouen across the Channel in Normandy, and was then sent to Gascony to learn French. In May 1611 he went as a cabin-boy in a merchant ship, and gradually rose in life until he became of independent circumstances. He visited Constantinople, returning to London and overland via Bulgaria, Sarajevo, Split, Venice, Chambéry and Paris with the English Ambassador Paul Pindar, and afterwards made a journey to Spain as a clerk in the employ of Richard Wyche. Following Wyche's death and a brief spell in the family Pilchard business, he returned to London and obtained employment, on account of his language skills, travelling experience and a reference from Pindar, with the East India Company on a salary of 25 pounds.



On 6th March 1628 he left Blackwall for Surat in India, where he arrived on 30th September 1628. In November 1630 he travelled to Agra and remained there until 17th December 1631, when he proceeded to Puttana on the borders of Bengal. He returned to Agra and Surat, and leaving the latter in February 1634, arrived off Dover on 9th September 1634. He went on further voyages to India, China, and Japan from 1636.

From early 17th C. Penryn, as a fisherman and sailor it is likely that he spoke Cornish of which he makes some account of its relation to Welsh, visiting Wales and climbing Ysgryd Fawr in 1639 where he noted "few of the common or poorer sort understand any English at all".

His journals *'Itinerarium Mundi'* established him as probably the first Briton to taste 'chaa' or tea produced by the Chinese as well as tasting chocolate aboard a Spanish merchant vessel. His journals end somewhat abruptly, but a manuscript in the Rawlinson collection at the Bodleian Library continues the narrative of his life, and showed him spending many years living in the late Hanseatic League free city of Danzig - modern Polish Gdańsk on the Baltic Seas - including journeys to Denmark, Prussia, and Russia and even the Arctic, which lasted from 1639 to 1648. Mundy himself made the drawings for the volume and traced his routes in red on the maps of Hondius. His journals record his own calculation of the distance he had travelled in his many voyages as 100,833 and 5/8th miles. His manuscripts were lost for nearly 300 years before being published by the Hakluyt Society.

In 1663 he declared his travelling days over and retired to Falmouth where he died in 1667.

PARISHES (an occasional series)

Towednack

Towednack (Tewydney in Cornish) is a churchtown and a civil parish in Cornwall. The parish is bounded by those of Zennor in the west, Gulval in the south, Ludgvan in the west and south, and St Ives and the Atlantic Ocean in the north and east. The church is about two miles (3km) from St Ives and six miles (10km) from Penzance, two miles (3km) north from the parish village of Nancledra.

Towednack church is dedicated to St Winwaloe, a 6th-century hermit saint also venerated across the Channel on the coast of Brittany. Wednack and Winnow are diminutives of Winwaloe. Other foundations dedicated to him are Landewednack, and Gunwalloe. Though the saints day is 4rd March, the Parish 'feast' day is actually 28th April.

The parish with a population just over 300 comprises of the village of Nancledra and the hamlets of Amalebra, Amalwhidden, Amalveor, Georgia, Towednack, Trevega and Penderleath. The Red River and its tributaries flow south, through the valley of Nancledra finally meeting the sea at Marazion. The unique landscape is a mix of lowland wetland, high moorland, and agricultural land. In December 1931 a hoard of Cornish gold ornaments was found in the parish dating from the Bronze Age, showing how long the Parish has been settled, as do millennia old field boundaries.



The nave and chancel are 13th century and were built on the site of a much older Celtic Christian hermitage (that is, the church was not intended to serve a village, accounting for how few houses near the church) and in fact very earlier it and St Ives were daughter churches of the nearby Lelant. The body of the church is earlier, but the south aisle was built in 1460, the stolid tower around 1500. The tower is almost devoid of decoration; there are none of the pinnacles found in the area.



An old legend accounts for the lack of decoration; it is said that every night the Devil would tear down all the work that masons had done during the day, so that in the end the masons simply gave up and left the tower at its present height. Inside the church, the first thing you see is the octagonal font, carved in 1720, with worn faces at the corners. Even more interesting, the font base is a Norman font bow - turned upside down. The pointed chancel arch is 13th century - the only medieval chancel arch in West Cornwall. The stone altar slab is probably the historic highlight; it is one of the earliest altars in Cornwall, made of local granite, carved with 5 small crosses, symbolising the wounds of Christ. The slab dates to the late Norman period (i.e. sometime around 1200). It was removed from the church at the Reformation, when altars were replaced by wooden communion tables. It was discovered in the early 20th century embedded in a wall at Churchdown Farm. Set on the north wall are a fascinating pair of early 17th-century bench ends. Presumably, the church used to be filled with similar carved bench ends, but only these two have survived.

<https://www.towednackparishcouncil.gov.uk>

<http://www.towednackchurch.org.uk/>

[Your Editor discloses that he has direct ancestry from the Parish down from 6x GM *Wilmott Curnow* born November 24, 1700 and 6x GF *Paul Quick* born Februray 5, 1691 – probably native Cornish speakers]

PLAS AN TAVES

This is Plas an Tavas = Language Place - Introducing you to some daily Kernewek, the ancient Celtic language of Cornwall today, to practice.

Pronunciation? Cornish is mainly phonetic!

More: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/>

In this issue you will learn about: Year

Year - bledhen

New Year – bledhen nowydh

Next Year - nessa bledhen

This year - hevlana

Last year – warlena

Leap year - bledhen lamm

Yearly - bledhynnyek

Almost a year - ogas ha bledhen

Before the year is out - kyns penn bledhen

Sayings - Wise words on Ageing

"Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci



CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

Please have a look through all the pages on our web site; especially the NSW 'Sites' pages developed by our own (late) Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm

Dates coming up ... *Feast day of St Day 16th Jan., St Euny 1st Feb., St Winwalloe 3rd March, and of course St Piran 5th March.*

Editorial note: The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather contributors and sources! If someone is sick let me know (get-well message), or other news please!

The next Newsletter: No 402 for the months of March / April 2023 has a copy deadline - by 7th March 2023

Contributions may be held for future use - electronic – emailed - preferred) are welcome!

IF YOUR ANCESTRY IS FROM CORNWALL
THE LAND BESIDE THE CELTIC SEA
NO MATTER WHERE YOU NOW ABIDE
IT'S CORNISH YOU WILL BE
FOR I AM SURE THAT ALWAYS
WHEN FROM THIS LAND YOU PART
YOU TAKE A TRACE OF CORNWALL
WITHIN YOUR CORNISH HEART
NO MATTER WHERE YOU SETTLE
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ROAM
THAT LITTLE TRACE OF CORNWALL
WILL ALWAYS CALL YOU HOME

Ó P H Glasson 12th Feb 1997

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022

CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF NSW

Income & Expenditure Statement for 2022 - as at 31/12/2022

	This Year	Comparisons →		
INCOME	\$ 2022	2021	Change %	2020
Membership Subscriptions	\$720.00	\$690.00	4%	\$240.00
Fund Raising / Functions				
Fund raising	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Functions	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Major functions	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sales	\$215.50	\$155.00	39%	\$112.00
Donations	\$45.00	\$245.00	-82%	\$35.00
Projects / Other				
Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$6.53
Project/s	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$6.53
Total	\$980.50	\$1,090.00	-10%	\$393.53

2020 – moratorium.
Other than donations eg. Raffles, sale leftover pasties
Functions, meetings, dinners, lunches, events
eg. in past Heritage Weekends 1994, 96, 98; 25YD '00
Sales income (2022 includes 1 off Celtic Festival GI)
Monetary donations only - not 'in kind'/services
eg. bank interest when given
Special projects: eg Drought, Qld Stones, Byng Church

2020 – Moratorium on subs, and Covid closedown

EXPENDITURE	2022	2021	Change %	2020
Newsletter	\$359.80	\$961.03	-63%	\$881.10
Functions / Fund Raising				
Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Functions	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$4.30
Major events eg. C	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$4.30
Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Operating & Projects				
Misc Operating	\$85.80	\$311.65	-72%	\$314.35
Affiliations	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Materials & Equip	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Project	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$85.80	\$311.65	-72%	\$314.35
Charges / Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$445.60	\$1,272.68	-65%	\$1,199.75

Newsletter print/postage (incl. Env Advance purchases)
Prizes etc.
Gross costs gen (includes RELC dep)
Actual cost of sales items obtained
Incl AGM Room hire, t&c,
Non newsletter postage, printing, web site etc.
Celtic Council Reps subsidy
Projects: eg Byng Chapel, Qld Stones; Drought Appeal
Bank / Govt charges etc.

OPERATING RESULT ON YEAR (- Loss)	\$534.90	-\$182.68	-393%	-\$806.22
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Please note Assets & Liabilities below!

Partial Balance Sheet * - Statement as at 31/12/22

ASSETS	2022	2021	Change %	2020
Balance at bank 31/12/22	7,472.49	6,937.39	7.7%	7,120.07
Secretary's Kitty - at 31/12/22	0.00	0.00		-78.08
Cash/chqs at hand as at 31/12/22	50.00	0.00		0.00
Current assets - debtors etc.	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total	7,522.49	6,937.39	8%	7,041.99

As per Westpac Bank Statement
No advance – in debit – recoup of costs owing to Sec
Various cheques & cash 'in hand' not banked
Debtor -

LESS

LIABILITIES	2022	2021	Change %	2020
Unpresented cheques	280.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Misc liabilities - to be paid	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Total	280.00	0.00		0.00
FINANCIAL POSITION ('net worth')	\$7,242.49	\$6,937.39	4%	\$7,041.99

On a partial accrual basis only *

* excludes value of Library, Sales, Equip

E&OE

This is the official Statement of Accounts of the CANSW for year ending 31/12/2022 in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

J.P.Dunkerley
(Received and reviewed by the Committee as at 8/1/2023)
For report, receipt and discussion at the AGM 4/3/2023

Honorary Treasurer, CANSW

09/01/23

