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Lyther nowodhow mis Me / May newsletter

Dydh da oll,

I hope you have all had a good month and Easter.

What a wonderful day the people of Padstow had for Mayday on Monday this week - as well as the bank holiday!

I was delighted to attend the Camborne OCS Centenary celebration this month, it was a wonderful evening of entertainment (see details below). I will also treasure the engraved tumbler with which I was presented. I also had the pleasure of presenting a talk on "The Federation, Past, Present, and Future" and I think many were surprised by the depth of the work completed by the Federation.

This month I also gave a talk at the AGM of Redruth OCS and visited other OCS events as well. I have now visited 35 OCSs; it is great to see the work you all do, and I am always grateful for the hospitality.

Elsewhere, there are still some spaces available for the Federation River Boat Trip - please join us for a glorious cruise on the Camel, information and booking details below.

We are also very pleased to announce the Federation Summer Walking

Festival; Societies across Cornwall from Callington to Cury have arranged walks in June led by OCS volunteers. Please see attached details and join us for a walk.

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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:

Save the dates: Federation Walking Festival Week 19-23 June

The Events Committee are delighted to invite one and all to join our experienced walk leaders for a guided walk of their area.

Guided walks have always been an important and enjoyable part of Federation Summer Festivals, and we hope you will participate in this new event organised by the Federation Events Committee.

These walks are FREE, but please book with walk leaders to maintain safe numbers.

Walking Festival Dates/Information

Federation River Camel Boat Trip - Book Your Spot!

The River Camel Boat Trip is proving extremely popular, but there are a few places remaining!

On Saturday 17th June the boat will leave Padstow and voyage up the River Camel as far as Wadebridge, viewing the wildlife, scenery, and historic assets.

There are just 100 places available on the boat, and at the time of issue 87 places have already been taken. The remainder will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, so get your bookings in to Ivor Corkell asap, so as not to be disappointed!

River Camel Boat Trip Booking Form


Truro OCS

9/5/23

St George's Hall



'From Pilchards to Tourism: Aspects of Newquay's Past'

Truro Old Cornwall Society



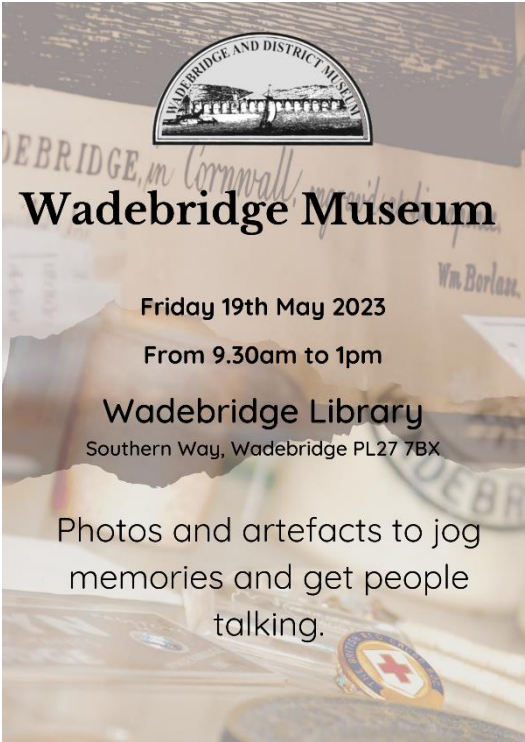
Truro Old Cornwall Society will meet at
St George's Church Hall, St George's Road, Truro
on **Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm**


This month
Len Sheppard on
From Pilchards to Tourism
Aspects of Newquay's past



All are welcome

Entry is £2.50 (free to members – annual subscription £12.00)
More information: Bert Biscoe 01872 242293 bertbiscoe@btinternet.com





Wadebridge Museum

Friday 19th May 2023
From 9.30am to 1pm

Wadebridge Library
Southern Way, Wadebridge PL27 7BX

Photos and artefacts to jog
memories and get people
talking.



CORNWALL
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

**Family History Drop-In
Session**

Friday 19th May 2023
From 9.30am to 1pm

Wadebridge Library
Southern Way, Wadebridge PL27 7BX

Would you like to find out more about your ancestors
but don't know where to start?

Stuck with your research
and would like help to get going again ?

FREE event, pop in and find out what's on offer.

**DONT FORGET TO BRING ANY INFORMATION YOU
ALREADY HAVE.**

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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Camborne OCS Celebrates Centenary Year

Report from Ivor Corkell

Camborne Old Cornwall Society, (COCS), held a centenary celebration in the annexe of Wesley Chapel, Camborne on Tuesday, 18th April 2023 with an attendance of around 50 past and present members.

David Thomas, President of the society welcomed members and the invited guests, which included Nev Meek, President of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, Liz Carne, Past President of the Cornish Gorsedh, Zoe Fox, Mayor of Camborne, Trevor Smitheram, President of Hayle Old Cornwall Society and Vanessa Moyle, President of Redruth Old Cornwall Society. Following speeches and the cutting of the celebration cake, David Thomas gave a talk which included the history of COCS and of the importance of the Old Cornwall movement to Cornwall, after which guests enjoyed instrumental music from Dr Garry Tregidga and Nigel Nethersole and singing from Proper Job. Ceremonial engraved tumblers had also been produced to mark the occasion.

This preceded a feast with a huge amount good Cornish fare, sweet and savoury, much of which had been brought by friends of COCS to share with one and all. The evening was concluded with the rendition of a medley of much-loved Cornish songs by Proper Job. The songs of course included 'Camburn Hill' and finished with 'Trelawny'. The choice and rendition of music and songs was fitting to the celebration of the centenary of Camborne Old Cornwall Society.

Please see the Journal for a full report.



Above and Below Ground at Illogan - Redruth OCS

Redruth OCS's recent exhibition at Illogan was so successful that they have been invited to return for two more!!

The Old School at Illogan has become a community hub which aims to tell the story of Illogan through events and activities as well as offer a space for social, health and other gatherings. Recipients of a recent lottery grant, the facilities are beautifully clean and modern, whilst retaining the 'Old School' feel.

Redruth OCS participated an exhibition entitled 'Above & Below Ground in Illogan' which gave scope to look at aspects of the story of the parish of Illogan, focussing on the area around Churchtown, whilst embracing some of the very old remains in the wider parish which hosts the best-known Roman building in Cornwall and many Romano-British rounds.

With a mix of artefacts, maps, papers, and photographs they were able to tell a substantial part of the village history and were on hand to discuss and guide people through the display and some original documents from 250 years ago.

The OCS were surprised to see the queue forming half an hour before opening and the interest generated was substantial. Many stories were told, and experiences shared, and as a result some attendees have asked to be involved

in Redruth OCS.

Redruth found this a very positive partnership which gave their members a valuable opportunity to engage with a local history project. It also served to introduce many members of the community to the significance of the Old Cornwall Society. Indeed, it was so successful that Redruth OCS have been invited to put on two further exhibitions in July and August this year.

Well done Redruth OCS – a great effort!



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.

St Denys OCS Restart Activities

The St Denys & District OCS were founded back in 1986 and already have a proud history to celebrate, however, during the pandemic there was a period of inactivity. Now St Denys are back with a new programme of activities and meetings.

There first meeting took place on Thursday 13th April at ClayTAWC in St Dennis when Simon Margetts gave an enthusiastic talk on the history of Cornish Wrestling. Simon traced the history from the earliest of times to the present, and was also able to identify several locations in the St Dennis area where Cornish Wrestling had taken place.

This has been followed up by a guided walk of Goss Moor led by OCS member Jamie Purves on Sunday 23rd April. Heritage assets included a 19th Century railway bridge of the former Cornwall Minerals Railway, and the site of the Wheal Gasson engine house. Plants such as mosses and lichens were plentiful as were flowering plants such as the Marsh Marigold. The birdlife was also in abundance with sightings of swallows, chiffchaff, jay, willow warbler, grasshopper warbler, and raven to mention just a few. Jamie was a knowledgeable leader who was able to identify the names of plants in English, Cornish Dialect and Kernewek. He explained how to discuss the weather in Kernewek, so everyone enjoyed a mini Cornish lesson on the ramble too.

Members of the OCS are now looking forward to a talk on Rick Rescorla by Trevor Smitherham on Thursday 11th May.

It is great to see St Dennis back in action!





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

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10/6/2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting, Grenville Room, Lys Kernow

17/06/2023 - FOCS River Camel Boat Trip

19-23/06/2023 - FOCS Walking Week 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

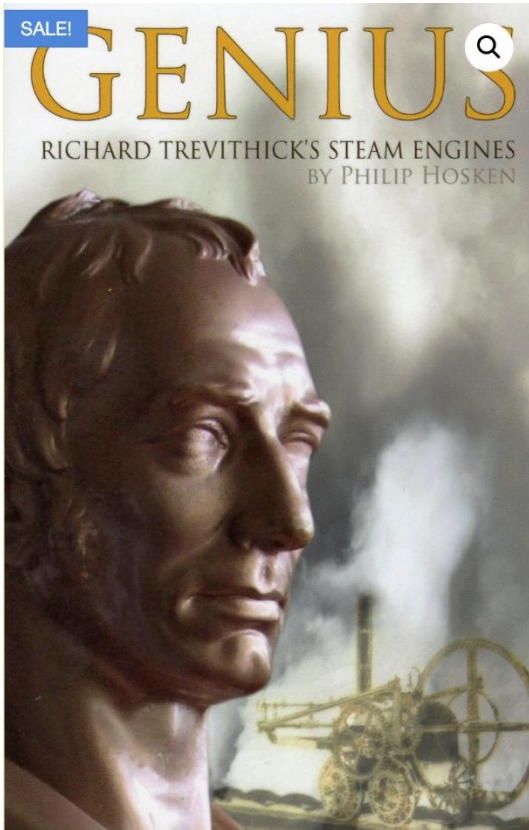
December 2023 - FOCS Executive Meeting

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.

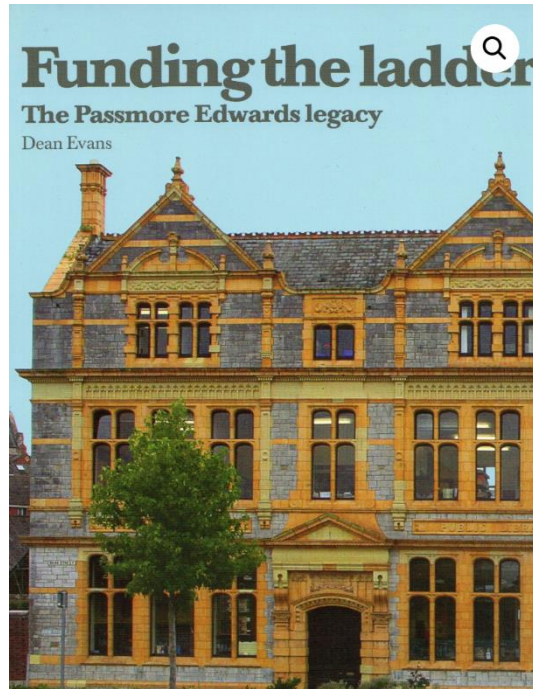
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The Federation Bookshop sells hundreds of books, CDs, leaflets and other items relating to Cornish history and culture - including music, dialect, ancient sites, and much much more.



GENIUS: RICHARD TREVITHICK'S
STEAM ENGINES, by Philip Hosken

£5



FUNDING THE LADDER, The
Passmore Edwards legacy, by Dean
Evans

£20

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

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Cornwall Archaeological Association - 'From Your Own Correspondents' news can now be found on the CAS website at: <https://cornisharchaeology.org.uk/area-representatives-and-monument-watch/>

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