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A BOARD MEMBER'S VIEW OF CHANGE



In 2020 Covid—19 hit and turned everything upside-down. The whole world is changed. And like all others who have adapted, CAHS has adapted as well.

The pandemic plan for the 19th Gathering of the Cornish Cousins, rendered a trip to historic Butte, Montana impossible. As much as we regret the opportunity to explore the riches of that area of Montana, the CAHS Board has finally decided that we must respect health guidelines and offer the 2021 Gathering as a virtual event.

Presented with an exciting new challenge to celebrate our connection as Cornish Cousins, CAHS has a rich, full ZOOM program planned for July 16-17, 2021 to which you are invited....and will be assisted in joining, if you need help with the technical aspects of becoming a ZOOMer.

As well as hearing presentations from 3 local authorities on the history of mining in the Butte area and the impact which the Cornish had upon the industry and the culture, we will have Gage McKinney as our keynoter. He will pose questions about the future of CAHS and its work to support the understanding and appreciation of heritage study.

In these changing times, and with our inevitable aging as an organization, we may have to rethink how we meet, how we gather, how we communicate. 2021 is an excellent time to try it out. **“See” you on July 16-17, 2021!**

Kathryn Herman
Past President

Lewydh Messach (**President's Message**)

Myttin da, (*Good Morning*)

As Kathryn has mentioned it is with regrets that we have decided to play it safe and cancel our trip to Butte, Montana. It is a heavy burden lifted from my shoulders as to what to do without knowing what the situation would be with all the variants that are popping up and availability of the vaccine for Covid-19.

We are moving forward with the plans for our speakers and are excited with the topics and video that will be featured. We will have directions for how to use Zoom included in this and the next newsletter and also in the email that will be provided with the link to the 19th Gathering of the Cornish Cousins.

Along with Gage McKinney, our Keynote Speaker, our gathering board has been discussing the future of our Society. We have been introduced to a convenient way to meet very easily and at a distance that was thought not possible in the past. Our Board has been meeting from California, Oregon, Wisconsin, and Michigan safely, in the comfort of our own homes.

We have had trouble finding folks that are willing to take over some of the positions in the Society. Some of us have been **in positions for over 10 years. It is time for new blood or a new way to 'do' things. Come to the Gathering ready to discuss, suggest or volunteer as we reflect on Gage's message. Time will be set aside to have an in depth discussion of where do we see ourselves in the future. Please come and be willing to join in.**

In the meantime, St. Piran's Day will be arriving soon, and I expect all of our Cornish societies will be gearing up for meetings on March 5 or 6 or 7. I will miss our pasty lunch but maybe we can have pasties at home that day after the meeting.

As you will see in the newsletter many folks have been busy reading and authoring books on Cornish subjects. There are more books available in this issue than at any time in the past 10+ years! Habits have changed I suspect over the past year.

ZOOM

Thinking ahead.....

You will need a phone, ipad, computer, or smartphone to attend. You will need to share your email with us if you are currently not receiving an email newsletter. You will receive an invitation to the Gathering after you have registered. This invitation will have all the information you need to join in the meeting. PLEASE SAVE THE EMAIL OR TEXT. YOU WILL NEED IT AGAIN ON SATURDAY! If you are joining with a phone we will need your phone number to text you the invitation. Note: if you are joining with a regular phone you will have audio but no video.

This video, which is designed for people who may find using a computer challenging, will show you how to join a Zoom meeting. You can feel confident in your ability to meet with others on Zoom after watching this step by step tutorial that breaks the process down in detail. If you have never used Zoom before, this will give you all you need to know to get started.

[Watch the Zoom Tutorial for Seniors here.](#)

If you are not familiar with zoom, please take a few minutes to watch the video and find someone to practice with before **the Gathering. We will have people standing by to help, but I know you won't want to be late and miss some of the presentations.**

Hoping to see all of you at the Gathering! Join from the comfort of your own home. Invite some friends in to watch with you.

*Oll an Gwella
Carolyn*

19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins Speakers, Topics and Schedule

*Note: The schedule is set to Eastern Standard Time Zone
You will have to adjust the time for your particular time zone*

Times are set with 15 minutes between speakers to allow for attendees to take care of drinks, eats, standing up **and moving around and other activities. There will be an introduction to the speaker before each speaker's presentation.**
(Schedule times may change slightly closer to the Gathering)

Friday, July 16, 2021

1:30pm EST

Welcome

2:00pm EST

Gage McKinney, Keynote speaker, Author, Past President of the California Cornish Cousins, Lay Preacher

Forty Years of CAHS: Is Cornish Culture Safe? For forty years CAHS has assumed the challenge of promoting Cornish heritage and culture in North America. Our movement had shown all the signs of a neglected, minority culture struggling for survival, calling for a place among the nations and barely hanging on. We have made great strides for Kernow and Cornishness and its place, especially on the former frontiers of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Yet we must recognize our energy is largely spent. Did we do enough? And how can we encourage our descendants and compatriots to continue the mission of preserving our culture and making it known?

Discussion

Business meeting

4:00pm EST

Wesley Johnston, Family Historian; Masters Degrees in Mathematics & History; Author

Cornwall to Canada: Three Related Family Thicket Projects - St. Blazey Families, Cornwall to Canada Voyages, English Corners [Columbus, Ontario] Family thickets of multiple generations of inter-marriages were the reality of life for centuries, a landscape just as real to our ancestors as the terrain in which they lived. Putting all the families of a locality back together yields deep insight into their lives and the choices they made. This presentation looks at the family thicket of origin in St. Blazey, Cornwall, and the one of destination at Columbus, Ontario, as well as the passengers on the voyages that connected them and how the complexity of their inter-connected families is reconstructed into databases and web pages and analytical presentations.

6:00pm EST

Fisherman's Friends, video, 107 minutes—Based on a true story. Ends Friday session.

Saturday, July 17, 2021

11:15am EST

Welcome

11:30am EST

Larry Hoffman, P.E. Mining Engineer

Butte – Butte - Curse of Cornish Copper, Savior of Miners: The mines of Cornwall, major suppliers of copper (and tin) to the world for over a century, were devastated by the discoveries of incredibly rich copper deposits in the United States. The price of copper and even tin dropped dramatically. The old mines could not produce at a loss and closed, throwing thousands of families into economic chaos. The only escape for many miners was to leave their families and beloved country, and emigrate to where the work was—in the United States. Hard as it was to leave centuries of tradition, → 3

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they found freedom they never dreamed of, working conditions far better than what they had taken for normal, and pay better than they could have imagined.

In return, they brought their mining technology and skills, as well as an incredible work ethic that benefitted the new mines far beyond their labor. All combined to give them the opportunity to share their bounty with family back home, where the income was spent in depressed communities.

12:45pm EST

Aubrey Jaap, Assistant Director of Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives

Butte's Cornish Community: Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives staff member Aubrey Jaap will discuss Butte, Montana's Cornish community. The Cornish taught the world to mine, and the mining city of Butte, Montana, is no exception. Roughly 2,000 Cornish miners made their way to Butte and soon sent for their families. They brought with them their traditions of food, music, and religion, established businesses and boarding houses, and formed close-knit neighborhood communities. **Jaap will also discuss the Archives' genealogical and manuscript collections and how archival resources can assist with historical and family research.**

2:00pm EST

Samantha Felder, Junior at Grand Canyon University

Cornish Legacy in Idaho: In the picturesque, seemingly untouched, landscape of the Wood River Valley of Idaho, lies a dilapidated log cabin, known only to locals and the descendants of a Cornish immigrant who have kept its legacy alive for generation through oral tradition. With this presentation, we will explore the assumed and actual origins of this cabin, along with the research that has made these discoveries possible, including a collection of letters written by Richard Scoble, a Cornish immigrant from the late 19th century. We will also discuss the history of Cornish influence in Idaho, which has remained a relatively unresearched topic, along with a proposed project that will seek to preserve the heritage of notable communities in the area, including the Cornish.

3:00pm EST

Closing

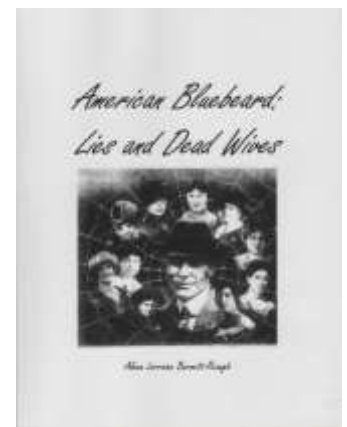


Beatrice

American Bluebeard: Lies and Dead Wives

By Alene Burnett-Reaugh

Since joining the Pacific NW Cornish Society in 2003 I have worked on writing a book. The book was inspired by a story my Cornish Grandmother told the family about the disappearance her Cornish Aunt Beatrice Maud Roscorla Andrewartha. My Great Grandaunt Beatrice disappeared in 1919 shortly after marrying a man she met on a train. The scandal of murder was a smudge on the respectfulness of the family, so it became a family secret. I have now exposed this secret and put this story to rest.



During my more than twenty years of research, it became clear that this was more than just a "skeleton in the closet" story and that a lot more women were involved. This is the story of an American Bluebeard whose crimes at the turn of the twentieth century involved over fifty women. The story reveals the plight of his victims and the fate of the fiend that cruelly annihilated them.

More information is available at my website www.alenereaugh.com

CORNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

19th GATHERING OF THE CORNISH COUSINS

July 16-17, 2021

Virtual in your own home or gathered safely with others

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We will send it out closer to the meeting date. ***

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Or make payment to PAYPAL—Cornish American Heritage Society
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(Correspondence from Societies
and Cousin Jack Website)

Covid

For Cornish associations around the world, the pandemic has had an enormous impact. All have had to cancel planned and eagerly anticipated events. For some, this has meant a year of hibernation. Several have, however, embraced technology and set up zoom meetings as a substitute. It will be interesting to see if these meetings continue once face-to-face get togethers resume. They could open doors to those unable to attend meetings for various reasons.

I wonder how many of you saw the TV programme on Robin Hanbury-Tenison recently. He is a well-known explorer who lives in Cornwall. When he became ill with covid-19 in March, he was given a 5% chance of surviving and spent five weeks in intensive care. During that time staff took him into the healing garden at Derriford Hospital. This was a turning point in his recovery.

He said that as soon as he saw the sun and the flowers, he knew that his life had been saved by the healing power of nature. After feeling the benefits of a healing garden, he decided he wanted to help fund an intensive care garden for the Royal Cornwall Hospital. To do this, he set himself the challenge of climbing Brown Willy on Bodmin Moor – a goal he achieved in atrocious weather conditions. What an inspiration.

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House of Lords – Grand Committee 15 September 2020  
Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

Lord Tyler (Liberal Democrat) Quote from his speech

**“Physical geography makes it abundantly clear that Cornwall is an especially distinct entity in the UK. If you try to follow the boundary between England and Wales and England and Scotland, or even between Northern Ireland and the Republic, you have the devil's own job. You can find yourself endlessly crossing largely invisible lines. However, if you try crossing almost all the boundary to Cornwall, you will get very wet. When the Conservative Party was pushing the case for a Devonwall constituency, David Cameron was very dismissive of the River Tamar. He is reported to have objected, ‘It's not exactly the Amazon, is it?’ Ironically,** 6

his comparison is actually rather useful: the Tamar has been a natural boundary from prehistoric times, while the Amazon is the natural route into the interior of all of South America. Indeed, for many centuries it would have been the **only link between different inland areas.**“

*Editor: I particularly liked that part of his speech*

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Update on Lithium: It is hoped that Cornwall Lithium will be ready for commercial production in the next three to five years, although the potential volume is not yet certain. The UK will need about 60 000 tonnes of lithium carbonate by 2035, when electric cars have replaced petrol and diesel ones. Cornish Lithium is working on the project with Geothermal Engineering Limited, which is developing a geothermal power plant in Cornwall.

Toronto and London societies have started a habit of **attending each other's monthly zoom meetings. What a great way to make friends across the pond.**

London Cornish Association newsletter

A Western Australian contributor to the “Southern Cross” (1st November 1902) wrote: “Amongst the untravelled an impression prevails here that all South Australians are Cornishmen or of Cornish descent. Why such an impression has gained ground is difficult to fathom, but it is probably on account of so many of the Wallaroo, Moonta and Burra miners having taken up their residence in Western Australia. On the goldfields if a man claims South Australia as his birthplace he is set down at once for a Cornishman.

The school children here are growing up with this idea too. It is stated in one newspaper that the following occurred in a **State school recently. “Where is Cornwall?” asked the teacher. “In South Australia” answered the head of the class. After this pupil had been corrected, the teacher asked “Which is the capital city in Cornwall?” Another bright pupil promptly replied “Moonta!”**

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The tuppenny toothbrush (recently posted on Facebook, claiming to be a report from the 1850s) There are still many towns in Cornwall eight or ten miles distant from any railway line, although the number is being gradually reduced, and there are still, incredible as it may appear to townspeople, plenty of old people to be met with →

**Correspondence con't:**

who have never been in a train.

**I myself happened to be in a chemist's shop in a country town one day when a little old lady entered. She lived several miles away on the moors and had been given a lift in a market gardener's cart. I was immediately struck by the quaintness of her speech and accent as she told the chemist that she had come to the town with a two-fold object – to see a train for the first time, and to buy a toothbrush.**

**"I wants one of they tuppyen wuns plaze, maister."**

The chemist replied that he had no toothbrushes at so low a price, his cheapest being sold at sixpence.

**"No, I wants wan at tuppence like you sawld to Missus Chegwidden up to Bolventor."**

The storekeeper pointed out there must be some mistake, but the old woman would not give way. Suddenly, she caught sight of a number of large wooden nail-brushes hanging up, marked twopence.

**"Why, what a man yew be, maister", she cried out, "not to know what you've agot in yer awn shop! That's the very sort I wants." "But those are not for the teeth!" "Iss they be, leastways they'm for my tathe."**

**"Well," replied the chemist with a smile. "I don't see how you are going to get one of those brushes into your mouth."**

**"Into my mouth!" almost screamed the old lady. "What should I put un in my mouth fur, I should like to know? When I wants to clane my teeth I pulls 'er out."**

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Did you know...

St. Piran first came to Cornwall from Ireland when he was tied to a granite rock and thrown into the sea. This was and is still considered quicker than travelling to Cornwall on the A30.

Cornish Association of South Australia newsletter

International diplomacy

On 23 January, the office of the British Prime Minister announced that the next summit of the G7 in June 2021 will be held at the Tregenna Castle Resort on a hill overlooking St Ives and Carbis Bay. Prime Ministers and Presidents from UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, USA and **EU will come together to "address shared challenges"**.

Australia, India and South Korea have also been invited to send delegates. The announcement included the statement that **"The choice of Cornwall as the location as the** →

location for the summit will mean the eyes of the world are on the beautiful, historic and innovative region. The whole of Cornwall will reap the benefits of hosting the G7.

"The region is already a powerhouse for green innovation, providing an ideal setting for a summit focused on building back better from the coronavirus pandemic. Visit Cornwall estimates that total economic impact for the county will be **£50 million"**.

Tregenna Castle was built in 1774 by Samuel Stephens. Designed by John Wood the Younger, the original building had only 12 bedrooms. It changed hands in 1871 when it



was bought at auction by the Bolitho family, Wikipedia a prominent family in the area that ran a local bank. By 1878 it was leased to Great Western Railways as a hotel servicing the tourist trade following the opening of the St Ives branch line a year earlier. It was developed as a holiday destination whereas most other railway hotels were used only as stop-overs in longer journeys. All railway hotels were privatised in the 1980s. The Tregenna Castle has a Grade II listing and, along with the grounds, is currently managed by the Tregenna Castle Estate.

As demand grew, the hotel expanded and now provides 98 rooms. On its 72 acres of land, there are two restaurants, tennis, badminton and squash courts, a croquet lawn, swimming pools and an 18-hole golf course. Despite all the amenities, the hotel has a 3-star rating and rooms are available from under £140 (\$270) a night. Subject to the weather, which can be fickle in June, the location should impress the foreign dignitaries and ensure that Emmanuel Macron, Angela Merkel, Joe Biden, Boris Johnson and other attendees enjoy their stay.

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Cornish poetry

One Christmas card I received from a good friend in Cornwall carried some interesting facts on the back about a type of poetry I had not heard of before. →

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“The eglyn (pronounced eh-glinn’) is an ancient Celtic verse-form. Like the epigram and the haiku, it is terse and disciplined, ideal for crystallising experience and focusing reflection. This poem is in the measure called besontenn (‘little bezant’). It has fifteen syllables, one for each of the fifteen golden bezants on the black Cornish shield.”

unn vordonn heb ken  
**a lanow’n vlydhen**  
ow frappya a sen  
  
only one sea-wave  
from the tide of the year  
resounds as it breaks

The poem was written by Bardh Gwerin/Tim Saunders who works as a poet and journalist in many other Celtic languages including Welsh, Irish and Breton. He was born in St Tudy in Cornwall but now lives in Cardiff, Wales. He has written and edited several books of poetry and has been deeply involved over many years in the revival of the Cornish language and culture. He has taken a stand against the adoption of a Standard Written Form of Kernewek but usually provides translations.

*New Zealand Cornish Association newsletter*

Toronto Cornish Association

**Phew! We’ve almost made it to the end of a year that will go down in history.** It has been an historic year for the Toronto Cornish Association Executive. We have been forced to learn, embrace and use computer technology in ways we never dreamed of. Our Zoom Christmas Party on December 5th. brought the Cornish into our homes from **around the globe. Among our guests were, Bob Radcliffe’s sister Ann (Italy), Ken (Australia), Carol and Liz (London Cornish Association).**

Zoom also enabled us to share with viewers, original songs and an international choir from Cornwall, an **interactive quiz, and a wonderful reflection of a mother’s childhood memories of her family’s Christmas traditions in Cornwall.** A huge debt of gratitude is owed to John Webb for his endless search for the material, his attention to detail and his tenacity that resulted not only in our engaging and heartwarming virtual Christmas party, but so many TCA events and meetings.



Thank you, John. Huge thanks are also owed to Jim and Jill Dagg. Jim, was our quiz master, a key part of our programme. They were without an internet connection until the very start of the party, but managed to get the problem resolved in the nick of time.



**Carols from the Cornish Diaspora**

On the last Thursday before Christmas 2018, the cobbled streets of Truro were eerily quiet, but the Cathedral was packed with locals. A momentous service had brought together singers from all over Cornwall to perform Carols from the Cornish Diaspora. These carols had been identified by Kate Neale who, as part of her PhD research, had travelled to Grass Valley, California, and the Copper Triangle towns in South Australia. More on this story can be found at

<https://vimeo.com/328371270>

and it is hoped that the TCA Archives will shortly be receiving a full recording of the concert.

And Check out:

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/kresenkernow/kresenkernow>

You will find some on-line puzzles from Kresen Kernow.

*Toronto Cornish Association e-newsletter*

**Jim Wearne’s “This isn’t England”** from Sue Davey

<https://soundcloud.com/jim-wearne/this-isnt-england-jim-wearne?fbclid=IwAR36h4E5abE-HPxl-2w-bIRPNocHd8JYriEGX6-5jOgLO2G6RPV7H2XsGJ0>





**Correspondence con't:**

Cornish Association of Victoria

After consultation with a number of you, your Committee has developed an exciting new program for the Association into 2021. The first half of next year we plan to use in-house speakers from our membership who will speak to us about all things Cornish.

Even when we are able to meet face to face again at Oakleigh, we still plan to hold these meetings on Zoom at the same time. That will be a world first when it happens. This is a way of involving many more of our members, especially those who cannot attend our meetings in Melbourne. I think that this is an exciting and fantastic prospect for us, ensuring the future of the Association for many years to come.

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Castlemaine Historical Society Inc., will now be the new custodian of the extensive library collection of the CAV. The CAV had to give up their current space due to the need for the space of other activities. Noted was the fact that their Library of Cornish material is perhaps the largest library of its kind anywhere in the world outside Cornwall. The CHSI has trained archivists, an excellent digital index, many volunteers and a number of first rate buildings to hold their collection. Their Library is going to a good home.

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Agan Kernow Project

I can announce today that not only have I received a large number of stories and submissions from our Victorian members (and thank you for those – keep them coming), I have also received stories from all over Australia and they keep coming by email and in the post. I now have stories **about 'Our Cornwall' from Canada and the United States.** Our American friends have even sent us a story about **'Cornish Cowboys'. Even the New Zealander's have now promised to send some us some stories as well. I believe these stories of the 'Cousin Jacks and Jennys' that helped forge nations will now properly reflect the 'Cornish Diaspora'. These stories must not and will not be lost. I think we will soon have enough material to send to a publisher a book or an anthology of stories about 'Our Cornwall'.**

Levant Mine Disaster  
October 20, 1919  
By K.A.



St. Just, Pendeen, and Neighbourhood  
Will never forget the day  
When thirty-one poor Miners  
Were suddenly called away.

This fearful accident occurred,  
On Monday at Levant,  
And many a home is fatherless  
Through this terrible event

The Man Engine was at fault, they say;  
Whilst bearing human freight,  
Though very near the surface, smashed—  
And sent them to their fate.

The awful strenuous hours that passed,  
Whilst bringing up the dead  
And rescuing the wounded,  
The thought we almost dread.

There were many willing helpers  
Came over from Geevor Mine,  
To help the rescuing parties,  
Which was merciful and kind.

The Doctors too, must have our thanks  
For attentiveness and skill,  
In succouring wounded comrades  
Brought to surface very ill.

The Parson and the Minister  
Both rendered yeoman aid,  
To alleviate the sufferers,  
Christian diligence displayed.

Now in conclusion let me say  
To rich as well as poor—  
Remember the Widows and Orphans  
**Of those that's gone before.**

Defining the Duchy of Cornwall  
From Craig Weatherhill

The Duchy of Cornwall and the Duchy of Cornwall Estates are NOT the same thing. They are two different animals.

When the press talks about the Duke owning so many hundred thousand acres, they are talking about the Estates, which have no more rights or privileges than any other private business. Under the territorial and constitutional Duchy of Cornwall, the Duke owns every square foot of soil, river and foreshore west of the high spring waters on the **Tamer's east bank. What you own in freehold from the Duke, which is why, should you die intestate, he can (and does) claim back your entire estate. He can claim the assets from bankrupt companies in Cornwall as well. The 700-year-old Duchy Charters, granted in perpetuity, give the Duke every power, privilege and dominion over Cornwall that the Crown has elsewhere in Britain. Therefore, Cornwall is, at law, a separate realm, in effect, a Crown Dependency, much like the Isle of Man and the two Channel Island Dependencies. As such and under existing law, it has every Right to govern itself, as they do, and beyond the reach of Westminster's harmful tentacles. Since 1889, the full truth about the constitutional Duchy has been actively suppressed, and the two Duchies' deliberately confused to be one. They are not. The Isles of Scilly do not appear to be part of the Duchy of Cornwall Estates. They do not feature in the Duchy Charters. It would seem that they were an unrecorded gift from one king, maybe four or five centuries ago, to his eldest son, but he (as Duke) holds dominion over them as he does Cornwall. They are simply a private acquisition.**

*Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society newsletter*

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Visitor: "How do you do?"

Local: "ow be 'e yerself?"

Visitor: "Isn't it a lovely day?"

Local: "I s'pose it be ."

Visitor: "This is a lovely place to live."

Local: "Ayse."

Visitor: "Have you lived here all your life?"

Local: "Not yet , me 'ansome."

*California Cornish Cousins newsletter*

The UK Government has been criticised by the Council of Europe for failing to carry out its responsibilities in promoting the Cornish language

A new report has been published which criticises the Government's approach to minority languages including Cornish, Irish and Scottish Gaelic.

In reference to the Cornish language the Council of Europe **says that the Government should "devolve the necessary responsibilities to Cornwall Council enabling it to effectively promote Cornish". It said that "immediate action" was needed to devolve responsibility and provide funding to Cornwall Council to promote the Cornish language.**

The Council of Europe is a human rights organisation and has nothing to do with the European Union. Its European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages entered into force in the United Kingdom in 2001 and applies to Cornish, Irish, Manx Gaelic, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Ulster Scots and Welsh. The latest report observed considerable progress in the implementation of the Charter in Wales and Scotland, but not in Cornwall.

The report also made a number of further recommendations:

- \* Ensure that existing or new administrative divisions do not constitute an obstacle to the promotion of Cornish
- \* Provide forms and means for the teaching and study of Cornish at all appropriate stages
- \* Take further action in order to facilitate and/or encourage the use of Cornish, in speech and writing, in public life (education, judicial authorities, administrative authorities and public services, media, cultural activities and facilities, economic and social life, transfrontier exchanges) and private life
- \* Maintain and develop links, in the fields covered by this Charter, between groups in the State using Cornish, and establish cultural relations with other linguistic groups
- \* Promote the study and research on Cornish at universities or equivalent institutions
- \* Promote transnational exchanges, in the fields covered by this Charter, for the benefit of Cornish, including by giving Cornwall Council full membership in the British-Irish Council
- \* Raise awareness of Cornish in education and training as well as in the mass media.

The full report can be accessed here:

[https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result\\_details.aspx?ObjectId=0900001680948544](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectId=0900001680948544)

*Cornish Stuff - Richard Whitehouse, Local Democracy Reporter in the CAV newsletter*

Photo Essay of Wandering in Cornwall

Len Snell of the Toronto Cornish Association recommend this article from the Guardian newspaper to the president, Marion Stephens. She found that it brought back beautiful memories so here it is:

[https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/dec/09/my-year-of-roaming-free-in-cornwall-photo-essay-cat-vinton?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/dec/09/my-year-of-roaming-free-in-cornwall-photo-essay-cat-vinton?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

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Pendarvis in Mineral Point **will be 'paused' for 2021.** Several other historical organizations will be closed this year due to lost revenue in 2020.

On a positive note here is a poem that can be sung to the tune of Trelawny:

A good crust and a tender steak,  
Onions, spuds and swede,  
The pasty tells the whole wide world  
Just what we Cornish need.

And shall the pasty live?  
Or shall the pasty die?  
**Here's twenty thousand Cornish folk,**  
Who know the reason why.

**We'll cross you every single way,  
We'll not be beaten down;**  
With one and all and medium steak  
**The jewel in Cornwall's crown.**

*London Cornish Association*

*Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee newsletter*

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A New GenealogySA Project  
Cornish-born South Australians and  
their first generation descendants

Over 10% of people living in South Australia today have an ancestor who migrated here from Cornwall in the United Kingdom, more than twice the percentage that settled in any other Australian State or Territory. Many of these came in response to vigorous recruitment campaigns in London and Cornwall, seeking a wide variety of skilled

**tradespeople and labourers in our State's early days.** This was especially true of miners after rich deposits of copper and other ores were found as early as 1841.

The recruiting campaigns were very successful, as evidenced by the large numbers of Cornish people who arrived **on our shores in SA's first 50 years and contributed significantly both to agricultural expansion and our colony's growing wealth.**

Over the past several years, GenealogySA has assembled very comprehensive databases of both the early German and early Irish settlers, each with well over 20 000 entries.

Now, with the Cornish-born South Australians (CBSA) project, the aim is to construct an equally large and comprehensive database of people who were born in Cornwall (before 1900) and emigrated from their birth country to South Australia. Genealogy SA already has some small data sets of limited scope which will be augmented by the results of this widespread, ongoing CBSA survey being launched.

For more information go to:  
<https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/handouts>

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A touch of humour

Methodist preachers found enthusiastic audiences in Cornwall, but it did not always go their way. One preacher in **West Cornwall opened his sermon with the words " In my Father's house are many mansions ..."** but found the congregation were looking back at him with clear distrust.

He started the text again, only to be interrupted by an indignant farmer.

" Tes nothen' more than a great 'strammin' lie what thee art telling!" Cried the farmer.

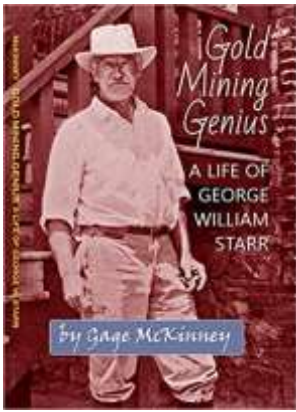
"We do all know well enough that your father's house haven't got but three rooms in it — and one of them's no bigger than a pig sty." (thanks to Brian Rollason)

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Geelong Branch and Ballarat have been following Covid restrictions and meeting outside or via Zoom. Societies are gearing up for Kernewek Lowender in May.

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## Taklow a Vern (Items of Interest)



### Gold Mining Genius By Gage McKinney

**FOUR-YEAR-OLD GEORGE STARR and his mother had to move into her sister's San Francisco home when his father abandoned them and fled to New Jersey. Worse yet, when George was eleven, his mother died of TB and his aunt's husband, owner of Grass Valley's Empire gold mine, shot and killed himself. Thus began George's fantastic journey from orphan to millionaire. His love affair and partnership with the lovely Libby Crocker flourished on two continents. After supervising South African mines for several years, he successfully managed the legendary Empire gold mine for cousin William Bourn, and he and Libby helped shape and define the town of Grass Valley and its people.**

Gage's books are available at Comstock Bonanza Press and this current book at Amazon.com for \$23.00

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### Mining in the Driftless The Upper Mississippi Valley Lead and Zinc District By Steve Bussan

The book begins with prehistoric geology and fossils, explains the uniqueness of the Driftless Area, the ancient origins of lead mining, through the progression to modern mining, to the end of the era. There are names and photos of hundreds of mines and beautiful color photos of different types of mineral. A must have in your local history collection and of interest to all ages. Except four years in the US Air Force, Steve has lived his entire life in the region known as the Upper Mississippi Valley Lead and Zinc District. He is nationally recognized for his expertise in mineralogy and mineral collections. He enjoys giving rock presentations. He and his wife, Maxine currently live 135 feet above an old mine in New Diggings, Wisconsin.



His book is available for \$26 on E-bay, or at both the Lafayette County and the Iowa County Historical Museums

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### The Chester Creek Murders By Nathan Dylan Goodwin

When Detective Clayton Tyler is tasked with reviewing the formidable archives of unsolved homicides **in his police department's vaults, he settles on one particular cold case from the 1980s: The Chester Creek Murders.** Three young women were brutally murdered—their bodies dumped in Chester Creek, Delaware County—by a serial killer who has confounded a slew of detectives and evaded capture for over thirty-eight years. With no new leads or information at his disposal, the detective contacts Venator for help, a company that uses cutting-edge investigative genetic genealogy to profile perpetrators solely from DNA evidence. Taking on the case, Madison Scott-Barnhart and her small team at Venator must use their forensic genealogical expertise to attempt finally to bring the serial killer to justice. Madison, meanwhile, has to weigh professional and personal issues carefully, including the looming **five-year anniversary of her husband's disappearance.**

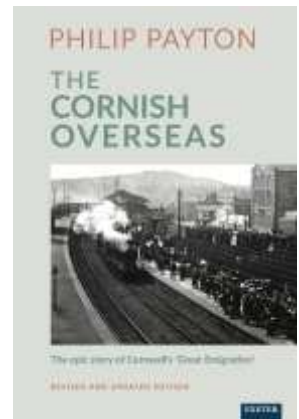
A well-written suspenseful novel about cold cases and how genetic genealogy can be used to solve them.

Available in kindle for \$5.49 and paperback for \$12.99 at Amazon.com



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The Cornish Overseas  
*Philip Payton Updates Migration History*  
By Gage McKinney



**For 20 years the large format, extravagantly produced, first edition of Philip Payton's *The Cornish Overseas* has held pride of place on shelves in hundreds of homes where families remember their Cornish heritage. This year, a "revised and updated edition" of the same work deserves a place beside the original.**

The new edition, released by the University of Exeter Press, was at least partly prompted by the influence of the original, and more generally by a renaissance in Cornish studies as the 20th century ended and the 21st began. The best evidence of this vitality was the awarding of UNESCO World Heritage Site status to the mining landscapes of Cornwall and West Devon in 2006. The new edition suggests the potential for similar heritage sites to mark the influence of the Cornish in South Australia, Mexico and South Africa.

**It retains the best of the original, including the opening chapters which establish the origins of what became, in Payton's phrase, "a culture of mobility." Subsequent chapters explore the major lands where the Cornish sojourned and settled, including the Americas, Australia, Australasia and South Africa, and includes a complete bibliography and a detailed index.**

**The new edition adds the latest research on the Cornish diaspora, much of it generated by Payton's colleagues at the Institute of Cornish Studies and students at the University of Exeter in Cornwall.** With his habitual comprehension and courtesy, Payton incorporates new findings on the dispersion of folk music by musicologist Kate Neale, on Cornish women by Lesley Trotter, on the Cornish in the Caribbean by Sue Appleby and in Latin America by Sharron Schwartz. He draws also on the latest insights of original thinkers like his colleague Bernard Deacon.

**Payton's own remarkable output over the last 20 years naturally informs the new edition as well, including his fresh ideas about the immigrant experience and Cornish identity contained in his *A. L. Rowse and Cornwall* (2005), *Making Moonta* (2007) and *Regional Cornwall and the Great War* (2012).**

**The new edition also charms by the addition of Payton's own family stories, including his William, Jenkin and Pascoe forebears who played their own parts in the Great Emigration.** Most poignant is the story of his great aunts, Mary Ann and Lucy Williams, who immigrated to Queensland. Mary Ann survived two husbands, one dying of disease and the other in a mine; and Lucy, though living to old age, may have killed herself horrifically in a house fire.

The *Cornish Overseas*, though full of success stories, never shies from the hardships, dislocations and tragedies which accompanied migration. Thus, Payton concludes the story of his aunts: **"The melancholy tale of the Williams sisters is a reminder that, amid all the success stories of the emigrant Cornish, there was also misfortune and misadventure."**

This new edition eschews the color images, sepia photographs and glossy paper which made the original edition a keepsake. **It comprises the most comprehensive telling of Cornwall's story as one of the great migration regions of Europe.** It builds on the work of scholars from an earlier generation whom Payton admires, including A. C. Todd, A. L. Rowse and John Rowe, extending their regional studies and insights to tell a global story for new generations.

The *Cornish Overseas*, revised and updated, marks a fulfillment of seven decades of research and writing by many talented scholars and writers and may stimulate new interest and encourage the current search for the Cornish in Asia. This book, written for scholarly and popular audiences, will enliven enthusiasm for the history of a Celtic land and its people, wherever they dispersed. It is available on line from [The University of Exeter Press](http://www.exeterpress.co.uk) and through regional distributors worldwide.

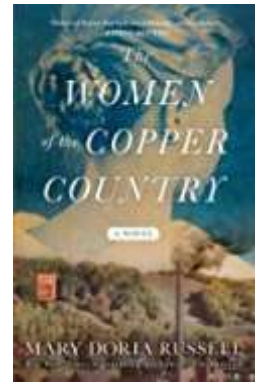
*Payton is Emeritus Professor of Cornish and Australian Studies at the University of Exeter, former director of the Institute of Cornish Studies, and currently a professor at Flinders University, South Australia. In 2017 South Australia named him historian of the year.* 13

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## The Women of the Copper Country

By Mary Doria Russell

Review by Jim Thomas

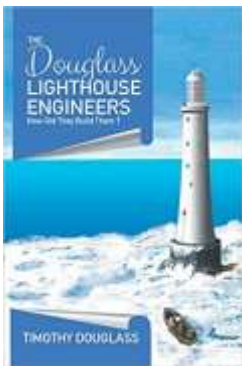


I just finished "Women of the Copper Country". It takes place in Calumet during the 1913-14 Copper Miners Strike. It tells the story from the point of view of the women who supported their husbands by setting up food banks and clothing stock piles, raising money and walking in protest parades. Annie Clements, a real person, led much of the activity and is the main character in the book. The story ends with the Christmas Eve tragedy at the Italian Hall and the decision by the men to end the strike and go back to work.

As historical fiction, it is well researched and presents a vivid portrait of what that period was like for the miners and their families. I highly recommend it to anyone for it's historical perspective and as a well written story.

*From the bestselling and award-winning author of The Sparrow comes "historical fiction that feels uncomfortably relevant today"*

Available at Amazon.com— kindle \$12.99 and paperback \$16.70 and audible.com



## The Douglass Lighthouse Engineers

How did they build them?

By Timothy Douglass

*I'm Marion Stephens, Toronto Cornish Association President. I am attaching the details of a newly published book by one of our members, Tim Douglass that might be of interest to members of your association. Tim's Great Grandfather, Sir James Douglass, built many lighthouses including the Eddystone Lighthouse, off the coast of Cornwall. Tim has spoken to various groups about the challenges, dangers and triumphs experienced by his Great Grandfather and others under frequently perilous conditions.*

The book starts off with the plight of Edward Ward, a BBC correspondent, who, with his sound technician, was stranded in the Bishop Rock Lighthouse following a Christmas Day broadcast in 1946. Their departure was delayed for a month by raging storms. After being rescued, he wondered, "How on earth did they manage to build the lighthouse, a massive granite tower rising over 160 feet (49m) almost straight out of the sea, in one of the roughest locations imaginable?"

With a foreword by Captain Ian McNaught, the Deputy Master of Trinity House, the Lighthouse Authority for England and Wales, and former master of the Queen Elizabeth 2, this question is addressed while covering the great lighthouse-building era of just over two centuries. Although the emphasis is on the work of three generations of Douglass Lighthouse Engineers during the second half of the nineteenth century, the parts played by many other people who contributed to making the seas safer are described, whether by designing and building lighthouses and beacons, or developing and manufacturing the lights and fog signals installed in them. One was Michael Faraday, the eminent physicist, who was Trinity House's Scientific Advisor for thirty years, who brought about the first practical use of electricity when an electric light was installed in the South Foreland Lighthouse in 1858.

Much of the book is devoted to lighthouses built out to sea on small wave-swept rocks because of the tremendous challenges faced in building them. These range from the first lighthouse built on the Eddystone Rocks in the English Channel south of Plymouth, completed in 1699, to William Douglass' massive granite tower on the Fastnet Rock off SW Ireland, completed in 1904. The exceptional dedication and perseverance by those who were willing to work in very hazardous and uncomfortable conditions, often putting their lives at risk, is described, and remarkably few lives were lost. Many interesting stories and anecdotes are included.

The Author, who is a great grandson of Sir James Douglass best known for the Eddystone Lighthouse, was born in

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Cornwall, England. With a Masters Degree in Engineering and an MBA, he followed a career as a Professional Aerospace Engineer in England and Canada. Retired, he now lives with his wife, Patricia, in Canada. This book is a result of undertaking an extensive review of the work of his ancestors and researching the history of lighthouses and their construction.

Among the many lighthouses the Douglass Lighthouse Engineers built were the four lighthouses standing on small wave swept rocks out to sea off the coast of Cornwall and the Scilly Isles, the Eddystone, Wolf Rock, Longships and Bishop Rock Lighthouses. Other projects in Cornwall were the electrification of the Lizard Lighthouses, the construction of the Sennen breakwater, the reconstruction of **Mevagissey's outer harbour wall and Newlyn Harbour north pier**. The primary material used in building these and other rock lighthouses was Cornish granite using Cornish masons and miners.

This book can be found on Amazon.com, USA, for —hard cover \$28.45 and paperback \$21.00  
Also available at: Amazon.ca, Canada; Amazon.co.uk, UK; and Amazon.com.au, Australia.—Books—Lighthouses—Douglass.



Cornwall My Home Song Book

By Harry Glasson

The definitive songbook of Harry Glasson songs, including Cornwall My Home, A Song for Cornwall, Islands of Scilly and many more. This book offers the readers a lovely insight to the stories behind each song. Chord tabs are included for you to play along if you wish and notation for those that can read music. As well as songs, Harry has also included some of his Cornish dialect poetry which is full of humour and sentiment.

Available for purchase for £20.00 by emailing: [hgsongbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:hgsongbook2020@gmail.com)



William Gilbert Benallack

1929-2021

William was born to Gladys and Leonard Benallack in Streator, Illinois in 1929. In 1934 the family, including his elder sister, Grace Charlotte, moved from Streator to Herald Harbor, Maryland where Bill was nurtured in a three generation home. **When he wasn't in school, his days included hunting, fishing, trapping, and sailing on and around the Severn River. He graduated from The King's College, in Delaware and did graduate study at the University of Delaware and Johns Hopkins. In the early 1950's he served four small Methodist churches as a student pastor.**

From 1952 when he married Velma Farthing, to 1982 when he married Sylvia Galvan, he attended graduate school and answered the call to churches of different denominations in Iowa and Wisconsin. After moving to Lansing Michigan he found a new church home at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Bill enjoyed flying light aircraft, fishing and working with wood. But in later years, he loved most to attend auctions and sneak his newly acquired treasures into the house. Bill was also a very active member of the Cornish American Heritage Society.

He leaves behind: his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Jonathan and Mark; two step-daughters, Anna and Adela; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many friends.





## The Grand Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh, Elizabeth Carne, Mellenek reflects on the links between Cornwall and the USA

As we welcome a new President of the United States of America to Cornwall on his first trip overseas after taking Office, when he joins other World leaders in June at the G7 Summit, this is a moment to stress the relationship which endures between Cornwall and the USA as the result of the economic and religious migrations of the 19th century, and to highlight the role which Cornish miners played in the US.

Cornish miners left much evidence of their culture, organisation, dialects and religion in many parts of the USA, and their descendants today form a proud and active diaspora, a number of members of which are Bards of Gorsedh Kernow. The Cornish-American Heritage Society is a long-standing partner of Gorsedh Kernow.

The Cornish Mining World Heritage Site has long-standing and important links with mining heritage communities in the USA, not least at Grass Valley in California, and Mineral Point in Wisconsin.

Many American visitors come to Cornwall not simply to discover the facts of their family history but also to experience first-hand the places, landscapes, sounds and cultures of the communities from which their families stemmed.

This is a matrix of relationships, interests and delights that has been greatly enhanced by the internet, so the links made in the 18th & 19th centuries are burgeoning today as never before.

In Pelynt it is quietly celebrated that the family of Samuel Clemens emigrated to the mid-west. Sam changed his name to **Mark Twain and became America's most famous and enduring storyteller** – an art possibly influenced by the droll tellers and bardic traditions of his native Cornwall.

The last-but-one American poet laureate was Natasha Trethewey. During a recent visit to the university at Tremough, Natasha enthusiastically explored the Cornish aspect of her identity which derives from her father – Eric Trethewey.

Cornwall was one of the places where forces mustered to launch the D-Day landings. Eisenhower was billeted at Per-ranarworthal, and many US veterans retain fond memories of their times in Cornwall.

Former Bard, the late Arnold Hodge, remembered the great American boxing Champion, Joe Louis, fighting an exhibition bout in a makeshift ring on the mine waste near Chacewater.

These are all reasons why the links between Cornwall and the USA are not simply about conference destinations and tourism attractions – they are real, deep and emotional.

I hope that the President, as he gets to know the other G7 leaders, will have time to take a good look around Cornwall, one of the places which helped build the nation of which he is so proud, and to acquaint himself with some of our native culture.



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Cornish American Heritage Society Membership Application (SEE ABOVE)

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Surnames of Cornish Ancestors \_\_\_\_\_ Locations (parish, town, area) More? Please add new page \_\_\_\_\_

US \$16 individual, \$220 Lifetime, Canadian \$22 individual, \$255 Lifetime

\*\**Email newsletter membership dues* \$13 per year

See above addresses to remit.

I also enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul Smales Memorial Fund to bring presenters from Cornwall to the Gatherings.

I am Interested In *(please check all that apply)*

Family Research

Cornish Settlements in the Americas

Cornish History

Cornish Language

Cooking or Crafts

Cornish Folklore

Local Cornish

Other

You're invited to become actively involved in CAHS *(please check items of interest)*

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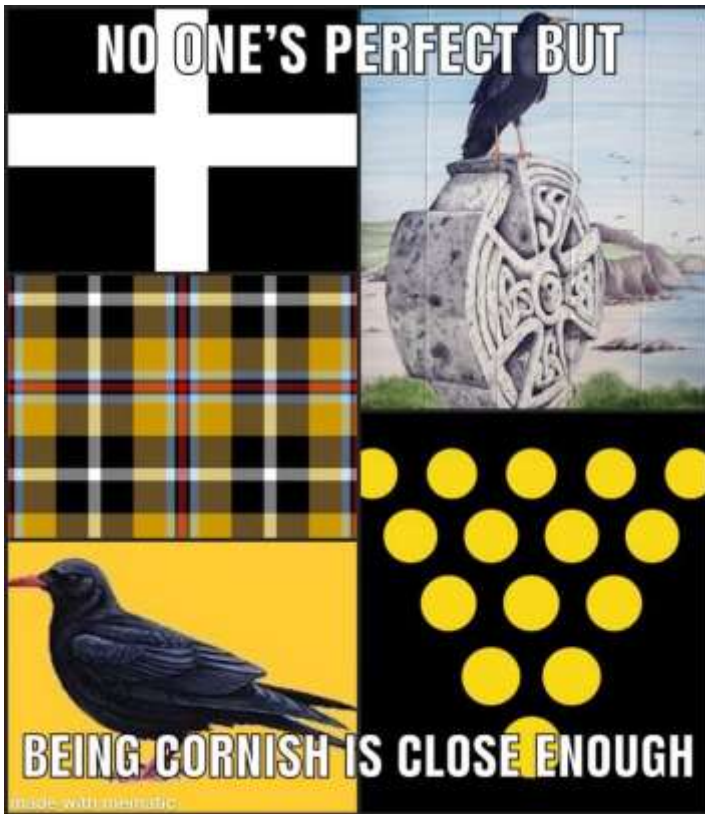
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Cornish Gatherings

Local Gatherings

Other



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### Darvosow (Events)

**\*\* Some of these events are fluid—dependent on Covid-19 issues**

- 28th Australian Celtic Festival  
Glen Innes, New South Wales  
30 Apr –2 May, 2021  
<http://australiancelticfestival.com/>
- 25th Kernewek Lowender  
17-23 May 2021  
**'Copper Coast' Australia**  
<http://www.kernewek.org>
- National Genealogical Society—Virtual Live!  
19-22 May 2021  
Online Program available Dec 2020  
Registration opens 6 Jan 2021  
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- 19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins  
16-17 Jul 2021  
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