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*19th Gathering  
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Cornish Cousins*

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# B U T T E M O N T A N A

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

Myttin da, (*Good Morning*)

As I write this message I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in person next July. But if not we will still have a one day **virtual meeting. We don't want to go longer than this without meeting formally as a group of Cornish Americans.** Dinners are planned out, and Saturday tours are in the process of being set up. I know we will want to visit some of the sites where our ancestors mined, worshipped, and lived.

The Butte—Silver Bow Archives are not only going to speak with us but have graciously said they would give anyone interested a tour, and are ready to help anyone find their ancestors if they lived in the Butte area; open M-F. The Butte Historical Society is anxious to have you visit them also. They have much material about Centerville and the Cornish. Paddy has been sending me the photos I have been using in the newsletters and is excited to help out. He assures me there are more photos and records at the Society. Paddy has lived in Butte most of his life and is the President of the Butte Historical Society.

We have 4 speakers already who have said they will speak. Our own Gage McKinney will be our keynote speaker on Thursday at our Opening Ceremony. Come prepared with your banners and flags.

**I would love to have you seriously consider making the trek to Butte to celebrate your 'Cornishness' at our Gathering.**

We will have registration information in the October (winter) newsletter. Our speaker deadline is November 30. If you or someone you know are interested, please see the next 2 pages of the newsletter, fill out the form and return it to me.

Please stay safe and we will meet in Butte next July!

*Oll an gwella*

*Carolyn*



*Trinity Methodist Church, Centerville, Butte, Montana  
(now a private home)*

*Courtesy of the Butte Historical Society*

19th Gathering of the Cornish Cousins  
Cornish American Heritage Society  
July 14-18, 2021

Copper King Hotel and Convention Center  
4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte Montana

## CALL for PRESENTERS

The 19th Gathering is symbolic of our shared heritage as Cornish Cousins. Gathering together we will celebrate our common interests and the contributions made by our ancestors who ventured around the world.

We hope that you, as a person with special knowledge and interest in the behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, traditions, folklore and institutions of the Cornish, will consider making a presentation at our 19th Gathering. The sessions will be approximately an hour and a quarter long, allowing for questions and discussion time.

Presenters are asked to submit their topic and a description of how the subject expands the Gathering goals. The Planning Committee will review submissions and notify presenters of acceptance.

Forms must be received no later than November 30, 2020.  
Notice of acceptance will be sent by January 30, 2021.

Email the form to Carolyn Haines, [hainesc@msu.edu](mailto:hainesc@msu.edu)  
or  
mail to: Carolyn Haines, 3835 Bush Gardens Lane, Holt, Michigan, 48842-9401 USA

## Description of Presentation

Title of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone with country and area code \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief biography to include in the program book. Please use a separate sheet.

Please provide a brief description of your talk for the program book. Please use a separate sheet.

Please identify your needs for audio/visual equipment keeping in mind compatibility.

Which of the Gathering Goals will your presentation address?

\_\_\_ 1. Raise awareness of the Cornish contributions to technology, education, art, music, science, etc. in North America

\_\_\_ 2. Show relevance/relationship of events and activities in Cornwall and North America

\_\_\_ 3. Provide information about Cornish history and traditions

\_\_\_ 4. Establish the significance of the Cornish language to Cornish identity

\_\_\_ 5. Explore ways to preserve our heritage in North America

\_\_\_ 6. Demonstrate ways to do historical and family research

\_\_\_ 7. Provide information on how to save, organize and share the results of research

\_\_\_ 8. Explore means of publicizing our Cornish heritage in North America

(Correspondence from Societies and Cousin Jack Website)

Garden wildlife Green and Blue is an innovative business based in Perranporth that makes stylish concrete products designed to attract wildlife back into gardens. The award-winning range of products includes items for insects, birds and bats. The business was founded in 2005 by husband and wife team Kate and Gavin Christman after years working at Dyson, a company famous for its ground-breaking designs.



www.facebook.com/

It is almost a cliché following the Bill Gates story but early production was in a garden shed. Subsequent expansion has seen them move into a studio and workshop with a small staff. In 2018 Green and Blue achieved B Corporation certification. B Lab is an international nonprofit that serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good. It carries out independent assessments and issues certificates to companies that meet stringent standards on the impact on their staff, community, environment and customers.

There are many species of solitary bees that do not swarm or produce large quantities of honey. They are, however, just as useful in pollinating plants as the higher profile honey bee. Green and Blue have created products that provide nesting sites for solitary bees. The range covers single bee cells to bee posts that are equivalent to high rise apartment blocks for hundreds of bees.



www.facebook.com/GreenandBlueUK

Bird-related products include feeders, baths and spherical bird houses. There is a swift block designed to create nesting space for the declining swift population. It has an internal nesting bowl and a small entrance hole to deter larger birds and predators. The block can be surface mounted on an existing wall but is the standard size of a building block so can be incorporated into new buildings as a permanent feature.

The Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society has cancelled their Festival for this fall. The committee spent a great deal of time, first making plans, only to find as the covid epidemic proceeded they had to be revising their plans. Looking at alternative tours and the usual variety of activities for the event, even if they proceeded with alternate safe plans, they would likely have had few if any people choosing to participate.

Looking ahead to 2021, High Street might be under construction, but the star of the festival will make it worth coming. They are looking forward to the **Trelawney Men's Choir**.

Along with the Festival being cancelled the Society's Cornwall trip with 16 people planning on spending time in Cornwall also did not proceed. Cornwall also was affected about the same time as the USA. The trip has been rescheduled for late April-early May, 2021. They are hoping it will be a go this time.

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Cornish Towns Among Hardest Hit by Lockdown

It has been noted that some towns in Cornwall are among the area hardest hit by lockdown across the whole of Great Britain. New research shows that coastal and ex-industrial towns are most economically at risk from the Pandemic.

The industrial sector lockdown risk has been calculated based on which towns have the highest proportion of workers in industries that have shut down, such as retail, hospitality and arts. The research conducted by the Centre For Towns and the University of Southampton, shows many of the 20 worst hit are in Cornwall, such as Penzance, St. Blazey, and St. Ives. In fact it shows nearly four in ten towns in the South West are in the worst affected group in the country, most likely because so much of the local economy is based on tourism and leisure.

Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society



## Correspondence con't:



Cousin Jack's wins an Awenekter award from Gorsedh Kernow

We are delighted to have won a Gorsedh Kernow, Awenekter (Creativity) award in recognition of the success of The Mousehole Cat.

As many of you will know Gorsedh Kernow exists to maintain and give expression to the spirit of Cornwall and it is a great honour that our stage adaptation of The Mousehole Cat has been recognised as creatively celebrating Cornish culture.

A huge well done to the whole of #TeamMowzer who have all made our show such an important part of Cornwall's cultural calendar. Long may Mowzer's annual outing continue!

Meur ras.  
Guy Watson  
Artistic Director

## Editor: Congratulations to Cousin Jack's

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### Toronto Cornish Association

Has been meeting via Zoom since June. Your editor and president was privileged to meet with them during the July meeting. Such was wonderful group of Cornish men and women. The meeting went smoothly and I was able to put **in a plug for our next Cornish Cousin's Gathering in Butte** next summer. I was also able to thank the group in person **for the help in obtaining the Fisherman's Friends video** for our own collection. If you are coming to Butte you just might get to see the movie.

We were able to preview their new website. What a treasure of information. The group will continue to meet virtually over this covid period.

One of the TCA members suggested <https://www.agantavas.com> if anyone is interested in learning Cornish. Another good site and completely free is <https://bayker.weebly.com/lessons-online.html>

You need to click back to this link after each lesson to get the next one. Each lesson consists of an audio file and a script of the words used which can be printed out. He recommended these lessons. The two people on the audio files have really good West Cornwall accents which give an authentic sound to the Cornish.

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### Kresen Kernow and Learning from Home

Since Kresen Kernow has been closed due to covid, they have set up many learning activities for both children and adults. They have set up many different types of activities, from Youtube films, family history, creative art projects, to online exhibitions—they are all at Kresen Kernow.

For example, if you want to learn about what it was like for **London children to be evacuated to St. Buryan.....**

**'The right homes for the right children' "It was just after six** when the last consignment of London children clampered out **of the 'buses that had brought them to St. Buryan. They were** quickly ushered into the big school room where most of their companions were already seated, having tea. Boys and girls of every age from one tiny mite of three years old, who found life a very sad affair till one of the school mistresses who had come down from Lonon, picked her up, dried her eyes and after much coaxing, persuaded her to tackle a Cornish split and jam. Continued on [KresenKernow.org](http://KresenKernow.org) website.

**Kresen Kernow is home to 850 years of Cornwall's history.** Situated on the former brewery site in Redruth, everyone is welcome to visit and explore our amazing archives when we reopen.

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### Find My Past

announces 350 years of news, government notices and historical gazettes are now available to search. They cover London, Belfast, Edinburgh and Dublin.

### [London Gazette 1665-2018](#)

Taken from the official UK government newspaper, unlock over 350 years of fascinating London stories in almost 34 million new records.

The London Gazette was first published as The Oxford Gazette on 7 November 1665. Charles II and the Royal Court



John Wills  
By Dorothy Beckwith

In the silent midnight hour of January 20, 1899, surrounded by his family and a few neighbors, Mr. John Wills passed peacefully and quietly from this life into eternity. He was born in Camborne, Cornwall, on the 17th day of March 1824, the son of Richard [1793–1856] and Jane (Bargwenna) Wills.

**While living in Cornwall, he learned the mason's trade. He emigrated to America in 1848, coming to Council Hill. In 1856, he married Miss Mary Rick [17 November 1835-10 July 1899] and settled on a farm in Council Hill township where he lived continuously until the spring of 1896 when failing health necessitated him to leave the farm and move to Galena IL where he spent the remainder of his life.**

In his dealings with his fellowman he sought to exhibit that integrity and honesty of character which is so highly commendable, and in the particular characteristic, he lovingly admonished the members of his family a few days prior to his death. His religious convictions were in accord with the Methodist Episcopal denomination but was reared in youth under the religious influence of the Church of England in his native country.

During the last few months of his sickness he was composed in his resignation to the will of God, and in conversing with visiting friends and members of his family concerning those things that pertained to his eternal happiness he left pleasing evidence of his confidence and trust to his Redeemer.

The funeral services were held in the M E Church at Council Hill and interment was made in the cemetery at Council Hill. Rev O J Simmons officiating, delivered a very impressive sermon in the following text: **"What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him" in which he interestingly portrayed the providential dealings and visitations of the Almighty with man.** Mr. Wills leaves to mourn his death his faithful and beloved wife and seven children: Richard E [1856-1915] and John Henry [1861-1931] of Council Hill; William R [30 July 1866-23 April 1939] of Rawlins, Mrs. Frances (Richard) Penaluna [1863-1946], Mrs. Mary Eliza (John) Marty [1869-1944], Mrs. Anna (Harry) Mickley [1876–1950] all of Hampton, Iowa, and Miss Belva [1880-19??; married Gibson] at home. Maria L [19 September 1859-12 April 1869] predeceased him.

Richard E. Arthur

Richard E. Arthur, one of the pioneers of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, was born in the county of Cornwall, August 7th, 1813, to William Arthur and Jane Gribble and was christened the 22nd of August 1813 in Phillack, Cornwall. He came to this country in 1837. Two years later, he was joined by his wife Jane Wills whom he had married the 14th of December 1835 in Camborne. Jane [1815-10 April 1890] was christened 8 Oct 1815 in Truro, Cornwall.

The couple settled at Council Hill, attracted there by the lead mines of which Galena was the center. It was not many years until by toil and industry, Mr. Arthur built a comfortable home for his family. Nine children were born, eight daughters and a son, three daughters dying in infancy.



(Situated on the East Fork of the Galena River, Council Hill Station is all that is left of the business district founded by Europeans in 1854 when the railroad arrived. Enjoy their historic buildings, the store/railway station, a ruin of a woolen mill, barn, and silo, and also the creek. Currently the Station serves home-cooked food, 90-plus beers and beverages, and has live music year-round either in the barn or in the old general store.)

In 1858 he made the trip overland to California during the gold excitement, returning by way of the Isthmus of Panama, just before the breaking out of the (American) Civil War in 1860. In 1868 he sold his farm at Council Hill and removed to Hampton, Iowa, buying a quarter section near there. In 1890 his beloved wife with whom he had lived for fifty-five years, died and was buried at Hampton. Since her death he has made his home with his children who live in different states: Mrs. Mary Jane Catherine Wright [1836 Camborne, Cornwall-11 June 1903] of Los Angeles, CA; Mrs. Louisa McCallister [1841 Council Hill-1899 Central City, CO] (married the 20th of May 1858 in Council Hill to John C McCallister [20 May 1837-11 June 1917]; moved to Central City, CO in 1873 or 1874 where he was a mine carpenter); **Mrs. Frances "Frankie" (Arthur) Gribble [1845 Council Hill-1925] of Platteville, WI;** Mrs. Josephine (Arthur) Rick [1848 Council Hill-1933] of Latimer, IA; William H. [1850 Council

### **Wills and Arthur con't:**

Hill-1932] of San Jose, CA; and Mrs. Emma A Robertson [1853 Council Hill-1935] of Topeka, KS. Another son James Arthur [1849 Council Hill- ] is buried in Old City Cemetery, Galena.

While visiting his daughter Emma in Kansas, he was suddenly taken ill Feb 20th and after bravely submitting to a surgical operation, he passed peacefully away Feb. 23d **1899. His last words to his daughter Emma were, "I am ready and willing to go. I am not afraid to die. Bury me by the side of Mother."** In answer to a telegram, his daughter Mrs. Rick went at once to Topeka, but too late to see him alive. Fulfilling his last request, Mrs. Rick accompanied the remains back to Hampton where the interment took place. Rev. Ferner conducted the funeral services.

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Jane Wills and her brother John Wills  
Jane and John, descendants of Richard Wills and  
his wife Jane Bargwanna

1. John [c1695- ] and Elizabeth [c1699- ] Wills were married in Illogan, Cornwall. Several children included: John [1721- ]; Elizabeth [1721]

2. John Wills christened 15 Feb 1723 in St Agnes, Cornwall; married 10 Jun 1748 in Illogan to Elisa Crase [1725 Illogan; christened 30 Jul 1726 in St Just, daughter of Abraham Crase and Elizabeth Unknown . One of their children: John Wills, christened 12 Aug 1753 in Illogan.

3. John Wills christened 12 Aug 1753 in Illogan. Married 18 Dec 1779 in Illogan to Anne Tresgothick [1752- ]. One of their children: Richard [1790- ]

4. Richard Wills (John3, John2, John1), christened 18 Jul 1790 in Illogan. He married on 19 Jul 1812 in Gwennap, Cornwall to Jane Bargwanna, christened 7 Nov 1790 in Gwennap, dau of George Bargwanna & Sarah Gregory. Richard died 1856; buried in Council Hill Cemetery, Council Hill, Illinois, USA. **Several of Richard and Jane's kids: Jane Wills [1815- ] and John Wills [1824- ]**

a. Jane Wills (Richard4, John3, John2, John1), christened 8 Oct 1815 in Truro; died Council Hill, Jo Daviess, IL in 1890. Married on 14 Dec 1835 in Camborne, Cornwall, to Richard Arthur [SEE SEPARATE OBITUARY] , who was christened 22 Aug 1813 in Phillack, Cornwall.

22 Aug 1813 in Phillack, Cornwall. Richard died 1899 in Topeka, KS. He was the son of William Arthur & Jane Gribble.

b. John Wills [SEE SEPARATE OBITUARY] (Richard4, John3, John2, John1), born 15 Mar 1824 in Camborne, Cornwall; died 20 Feb 1899. He married in 1856 in Illinois, Mary Rick , born 17 Nov 1835 in Leicestershire, England. Kids: William, John H., Richard, Belva, Marie 1, Francis, Marie 2, Anna.

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John Spargo, A forgotten Cornishman  
From Sue Little

John Spargo was born at Longdowns, a few miles northwest of Penryn, in 1876. He became a stonemason, working at one of the quarries that had made the district the centre of the Cornish granite industry from the 1840s. He also became a Wesleyan Methodist lay preacher.

So far, so typical. But the young John came across England for All, a socialist polemic penned by Henry Hyndman, founder in 1881 of the Social Democratic Federation (SDF). John was converted, although his socialism combined a distinctively Christian humanitarianism with an intellectual **commitment to 'scientific' Marxism.**

In 1895 he moved to Barry in South Wales. There, he became active in the local branch of the SDF and the Barry Trades and Labour Council. In spring 1898 the South Wales **valleys were convulsed by a bitter coal miners' strike** for higher pay. This dragged on for six months and was ultimately unsuccessful. During it, John threw himself into writing and speaking in support of the miners, though remaining skeptical about their prospects of winning, preferring **'political action' to strikes.**

In 1900 he helped Keir Hardie in his victorious campaign to get elected as a Labour MP for Merthyr Tydfil and participated in the meetings that led to the formation of the Labour Representation Committee, the forerunner of the Labour Party. Soon he was invited to lecture in the States, where he arrived with his wife, Prudence in February 1901. Later that same year he became a founder member of the Socialist Party of America, serving on its National Committee from 1909.

Around 1912, John moved with his second wife, Amelia and their daughter to Vermont. At odds with the syndicalism and direct action associated with the rise of the Industrial Workers of the World, John was now firmly linked to the right wing of the Socialist Party/ However, he broke with the party in 1917 when it opposed American entry into the War.



## Spargo con't:

In 1924 he became a Republican and in the 1930s denounced Roosevelt's New Deal as a threat to constitutional government and an attack on individual liberty. By 1964 a supporter of Goldwater's Presidential bid, he ended up politically far distant from his earlier socialist days. Nonetheless, a streak of stubborn individualism might be traced as a constant from his Cornish roots.

He died in 1966, having also become an expert on the local history of Vermont and on ceramics. He even wrote a booklet on his family name—Spargo—which comes from an opposite placename meaning a thorn hedge.

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### Royal Reads

The Duchess of Cornwall shared her list of recommended reads and her varied list provides something for everyone.

- Restless by William Boyd
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- The Simon Serrailier Series by Susan Hill
- The Cazalet Chronicles by Elizabeth Jane Howard
- The Secret Commonwealth by Philip Pullman
- A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- The Red Notebook by Antoine Laurain
- The Architect's Apprentice, by Elif Shafak**
- Travels on my elephant by Mark Shand

You can find more recommendations at:

<https://www.royal.uk/duchess-cornwall-shares-reading-list>



<https://upload.wikimedia.org/>

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The Gorsedh ceremony in Bude has been cancelled for September 2020 with great regret. Bude will happily host the event in 2021.

Family History Day was also cancelled and the speaker Sue Appleby was fortunate to get out of the UK and back home to the Caribbean.

### London Cornish Association

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With the lockdown, our *Toronto Cornish Association* members have been busy with their research. Here are a few links that they are sharing. All well worth a visit:

1. <https://www.britainexpress.com/counties/cornwall/churches/index.htm>.

This is a website of British history, which is particularly useful to research parish churches and community centres.

2. <https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org>.

This is a free Cornwall genealogy database which is simple to use and has all the parish records.

3. Several links are recommended by The Family Tree Magazine. <https://familytr.ee/freenat>.

Here, you may gain free access to digital records at The National Archives UK.

And for those using Facebook and/or Twitter, they suggest: #@historybeginsathome

#HouseHistoryHr

#StoryOfOurStreet

4. [www.parishchest.com](http://www.parishchest.com)

This is a new Parish Chest website launched by the Family History Federation.

5. <http://www.pikle.co.uk/diaryjunction.html> This is the essential reading list for historians. Here, you can read factual diaries and commentaries from years ago. Some of the favourites referring to Cornwall are the Caroline Fox Journal, the travels of Celia Fiennes, Defoes' The Storm 1703 and the Eddystone Lighthouse, and Rev. George R. Prynne and his experiences during the Plymouth cholera of 1849.

6. [Cornwallyesteryear.com](http://Cornwallyesteryear.com)

This site will provide a pictorial diversion.

With apologies for nepotism, the new collection of photographs in the Gallery section is recommended. Presented by Ruth Tremayne Netter, our TCA poet and Mary's sister.

*Reader's Digest* (May 2020) included this item by Hugh Hanson:

**"My childhood years were spent in Cornwall; a wild, beautiful and mysterious county at the extreme south-west of England. When I was 13, my parents bought a dilapidated 18th century cottage in the county. My father set about renovating the house - first with a new roof (Cornwall can be very wet and windy in winter) and then fixing the front porch.**

To do so he had to put in a new lintel above the large wooden door. Old Cornish houses are made from rubble stone – the walls being 1.2 metres thick in places. While removing the stones from above the door he discovered a stoneware jar with a stopper. Unsure what it was he took it to our nearest neighbour, an old Cornishman we called 'the janner'.

**"Ooh-arh", the janner growled. "You'd best be puttin' tha' right back where 'ee found it, me 'ansome. Tis a witchin' jar to ward off them demons tryin' to get in yer 'ouse"**

Thankful that he had not pulled the stopper out, my father dutifully placed the witching jar back into the wall above the door and sealed it up. Superstitious? Maybe, but in this case none of the family were willing to disregard and test **Cornish tradition!"**

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**And From Mexico...**

Stephen Lay (from the Cornwall Mexico Cultural Society) has emailed from St Austell, that the Society is currently **dormant. However, Stephen says: "I am a true Cousin Jack. Born and bred in Cornwall, educated at Camborne School of Mines, 13 years learning the trade at South Crofty and then involved with / responsible for exploration, discovery, development and mining around the world.**

And getting into loads of trouble!  
I was recently in NSW visiting my daughter who was there for a year (they are medics) and took the opportunity to **visit mining colleagues there and in WA." He added "We drove the copper triangle back in 2002. I can't remember which town but I acquired three (1979, 81, and 85 bottles of SWANKY) at an antique shop. I had to ensure they were well wrapped in my baggage!"**

Mike Kiernan recently emailed:

WOW! At long last we are launching a WEB SITE in which we hope the work of the Cornish Global Migration Programme is explained. Due to limited financial resources we are having to put this together ourselves. The site has just been uploaded, a bit incomplete. Please regard this as an initial effort which should be improved upon and added to shortly.

You may find the site at [www.cornishmigration.org](http://www.cornishmigration.org) I have tested this in Microsoft Edge and Chrome but no other browsers or mobile phones. Please do visit and let me know what you think.

You can always email comments to [cgmp@cornishmigration](mailto:cgmp@cornishmigration). Stay Safe. Please share.

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The Christchurch Branch, New Zealand

held its first post lockdown meeting on 11 July. There was a varied programme of entertainment. David King spoke of recently reading a book on Cornwall before 1800 written some years ago by Rev. Kenneth Schollar.

Les Mitchell lead discussion about a slave market in Truro. It was held on what is now an Edwardian terrace of houses called Walsingham Place but, at the time, was known as the Carib Market.

**There was the usual "News from Cornwall" and a 20 question quiz. Afternoon tea and a raffle completed the afternoon.**

*New Zealand Cornish Association newsletter*

Attention  
If your membership has expired, please consider renewing it **NOW** so you will continue to get the CAHS newsletter.  
Treasurer



## Butte Tours

Preliminary preparations are being made for a day of tours during the Gathering. Butte offers opportunities to enjoy the culture, history, and nature of the area.

*Our Lady of the Rockies.* Enjoy the mountainous two-hour round trip to the site, a 90-foot statue built in the likeness of Mary that sits atop the Continental Divide overlooking Butte. It was later dedicated to include all mothers of the world. It is the fourth tallest statue in the United States and its base is 8,510 feet above sea level.

*Take a Ride on the Trolley!* This two-hour trolley tour is led by local experts. It describes Butte's rich mining and cultural history and will pass through the National Historic Landmark District which includes the Copper King Mansion, Dumas Brothel, World Museum of Mining, Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand, Mai Wah Museum, Clark Chateau, and Montana Technical College.

*The World Museum of Mining.* This museum is one of the few museums in the world located on an actual mine yard, the Orphan Girl Mine. It has 50 exhibit buildings, countless artifacts, and 66 primary exhibits in the mine yard. You can walk the streets of Hell Roarin' Gulch and venture the depths of the Orphan Girl Mine.

*Tour of the Historic Clark Chateau: Where History Lives and Stories Grow.* Constructed in 1898 for Charles and Katherine Clark, son of the Copper King W.A. Clark. You will be immersed in the mysteries of the Clark family and other fascinating former inhabitants while exploring the infinite nooks and crannies of this remarkable Mansion.

Possibilities on your own include the *Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) Museum.* This includes a collection of rocks and minerals from Montana, the world, and even outer space! More than 1000 specimens are on display which will prove that Montana is a geological wonder on its own, as well as other special exhibits from around the world and meteorites from beyond.

**Another possibility 'solo' will be the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives** which will be open M-F for you to continue your genealogical research.





Taklow a Vern (Items of Interest)

## The Cornish National Music Archive has been launched

[www.cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk](http://www.cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk)

The collaborative effort documents and celebrates music in Cornwall

It is an online resource about music in Cornwall, featuring all kinds of music - from brass bands to choirs, pub songs to rock bands, and orchestral to pop.

Funded by the Cornwall Heritage Trust, Gorsedh Kernow and the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, the collaborative project is the work of Cornish musicians and researchers Tony Mansell, Merv Davey, Kate Neale and Garry Tregidga, who have made the website during lockdown.

The project stems from an archive of sheet music and old manuscripts collected by the former Cornish Music Guild, which had been housed in the Cornish Studies Library until it was rediscovered by the group and handed to Kresen Kernow.

**Merv Davey, director of Lowender Peran, said “Rediscovering the Guild’s archive was the spark that got us thinking that there ought to be somewhere that brings all types of Cornish music - and music in Cornwall - together.”**

The website is freely available online for people to search and explore, and also has a section where visitors can create a profile and log in to write their own articles for publication. The creators encourage contributions on all aspects of music in Cornwall - with categories for individuals, performing groups, songs, tunes, and many more.

**What qualifies for inclusion in an archive of Cornish music? Tony Mansell, projects coordinator, explained ‘We’ve put our heads together and decided that the archive should be broad and diverse, rather than narrow and prescriptive. It includes music that is, or has been, popular in and special to Cornwall, impactful in Cornwall, written in Cornwall, written about Cornwall, inspired by Cornwall – covering individuals, traditions and compositions that express, reflect and celebrate Cornwall and our distinctive identity.’ He continued “For example, my specialism is brass bands, so many of my articles focus the history of these hugely important groups for communities across Cornwall.”**

**Kate Neale, project lead, said “We’re hopeful that people will not only enjoy exploring what’s already there, but also contribute their own entries. You could add a biography of a composer you’ve a particular interest in, write up a memory about the best gigs you’ve seen in a particular venue in Cornwall - or give an account of a musical experience, whether as an audience member or as a performer - or something else. Really, we’re hoping that the archive will be a resource for music lovers of every type, spark ideas and discussions, and record important information for posterity’.**

**Garry Tregidga, co-director of the Institute for Cornish Studies at the University of Exeter, added ‘This is a wonderful opportunity to build on the fantastic work of the former Cornish Music Guild, and we hope that the archive will be useful for both amateur and professional researchers who are interested in Cornwall’s rich and diverse musical culture.’**

The website is available at [www.cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk](http://www.cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk) and its data will eventually be handed to Kresen Kernow for safekeeping.

*Tony Mansell*

Proper Cornish Ginger Fairings  
by Laurie Burley

[recipessfromacornishkitchen.blogspot.com](http://recipessfromacornishkitchen.blogspot.com)

A recipe from an old 6-page leaflet entitled Cornwall Federation of Women's Institute. These are totally delicious and as genuine as they come. In the 19thC and early 20thC these would be made and sold in fairs and markets. I will type it out as written:

**"A Fairing was a gift brought from a fair by children to parents or parents to children. It could consist of fruit, biscuits or sweets. The original Ginger Fairing was two ginger biscuits and two sugared almonds packaged by a Truro lady."**

4 oz flour (plain, of course)  
2 oz margarine (I used butter!)  
2 tablespoons golden syrup  
¼ teaspoonful salt  
2 oz granulated sugar  
(I used caster) [in the US, superfine sugar]  
Lemon rind or peel grated (zest)  
1 level teaspoonful each of:  
baking powder,  
bicarbonate of soda,  
ground ginger,  
ground cinnamon and  
mixed spice [similar to Pumpkin Pie spice in the US].



<http://3.bp.blogspot.com/STA60003.JPG>

**"Mix all dry ingredients except sugar. Rub in fat, add sugar. Heat syrup till it runs and add to the mixture. Roll in balls the size of a walnut, place on a greased tin on the top shelf of a fairly hot oven.**

When biscuits begin to colour, remove to the lower shelf **where they will begin to flop and crack." That sounds easy.**

Notes: I preheated my fan oven to 190C [375 F] halfway through lowered it to 160C [325 F]. My oven is the same temperature, more or less, whatever shelf you use! I left the door open for a moment or two after about 7-8 mins. **Hopefully allowing them to "flop."** You can also remove the tray from the oven and give it a good tap on your worktop to encourage them to flatten, if you wish - **I don't bother.**

I reckoned the baking time was approximately 13-14 minutes. This quantity made 18 biscuits.

Leave plenty of room on your buttered baking sheet for the biscuits to spread. I can honestly tell you that these are the very best ginger fairings I have ever made or tasted. Trust me!!

They keep well in an airtight container. So crisp and crumbly at the same time. Enjoy!

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### The National Archives—UK

The National Archives has been closed to staff and visitors since mid-March. While some of our services have been suspended throughout the closure, many remain unaffected and available through our website, including free access to our digital collection.

We are currently working on plans to re-open our building to visitors, ensuring that we have the appropriate procedures and staffing levels in place for us to follow government guidelines on social distancing for our staff and visitors while delivering a limited research service. We will not open **until we are confident that we can ensure everyone's safety** while they are on site.

Click on the link and enjoy:

<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/category/video/>

Editor: I just worked a puzzle on the website. Fun.

[news@enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:news@enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

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### Cornwall Live Lockdown Pub Quiz

Cornwall Live presents a quiz on its Facebook page every Wednesday between 8-9pm ( you will have to convert the time to your time zone). The sessions have four categories of 10 questions each. You are invited to pour yourself a drink, grab your pencil and paper, and try your hand at the questions. You get to mark your own answers, so no one will know how well you did.

Every week participants are invited to donate towards the charity of the evening. This is a fun way to test the grey cells while keeping busy. Enjoy

Cornish Hotels have been helping to free hospital beds during the pandemic

Three hotels—Carnmarth Hotel in Newquay, The St Mrorix at Trebetherick and the Penventon Park Hotel in Redruth—were earmarked to be what Rob Rotchell, cabinet member for adults at Cornwall Council called ‘discharge lounges’.

They were set up to provide accommodation for patients who had been hospitalized with non covid-19 related conditions and were well enough to leave the hospital but not well enough to go home. This meant that beds at the Royal Cornwall hospitals NHS Trust could be freed up and available for those who were seriously ill with corona. The staff were given training to enable them to support the patients.

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2021 Census

The question has come up again of Cornish identity on the census. Many Cornish people would like to be able to just tick a box saying they are Cornish—just like other national minorities such as the Welsh do. However, the ONS claims this cannot be justified at this stage, claiming that the demand is largely confined to Cornwall. Cornish people around the country will be able to **indicate they are Cornish by entering it in the ‘other’ box.**

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Time for Music  
Flora Dance

Here are three versions of [Flora Day 2020](#)

BBC Spotlight—Flora Day 2020 under lockdown  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=240549670386196>

Lockdown Flora Day 2020  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzqWCmnlS5U>

Flora Day 2020— Isolation Edition— Helston Town Band  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=550036325699977>

Enjoy!



Restormel Castle  
By Sue Little



I went to Restormel Castle today, the first time I have been off my bucket list ! The castle seen today is thirteenth century and was home of the Black prince who was the son of Edward III. It is situated atop a hill and would have been painted with a lime wash making it shine white and very visible. The castle still belongs to the Duke of Cornwall, ie Prince Charles.

Note: The castle is located by the River Fowey near Lostwithiel. It is one of the four chief Norman castles of Cornwall along with Launceston, Tintagel and Trematon. It is of perfect circular design.

Used from [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restormel\\_Castle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restormel_Castle)



*Photos by Andrew Brown, Sue's son-in-law*

## Cornish Metals

The vast wealth remaining beneath Cornwall..... 'Cornish Metals' launched effective 27th July, 2020, 'Strongbow Exploration' will undergo a name change and become 'Cornish Metals'. The company's Chief Executive, Richard Williams said, **"The change of name reflects the company's focus on Cornwall and its plans to develop the tin and copper assets which will be vital for electric vehicles, mobile phones and the modern economy."** **"There are some 2,000 documented mines in Cornwall but with the advance in new technologies we believe most remain under exploited."** **"There is a huge potential to find some of the highest quantities of tin, copper and lithium and our exploration drilling holes have reaffirmed that belief."**

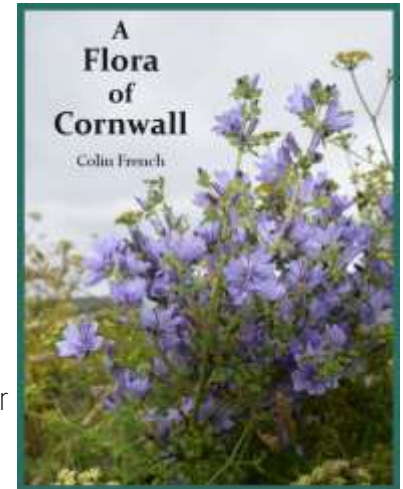
In March 2016, Strongbow entered into an agreement to acquire a 100% interest in Western United Mines Ltd which owned the South Crofty tin project plus additional mineral rights over a further 7,500 hectares located in various parts of Cornwall. Test drilling has now started at South Crofty and earlier this year the company announced another significant new discovery of high grade copper and tin at the United Downs exploration project – between the historic United Mine and Consolidated Mines at Gwennap. The South Crofty project is fully permitted, having underground permission (mining license) valid until 2071, planning permission to construct a new process plant and a permit from the Environment Agency to dewater the mine.

The underground permission area covers 1,490 hectares and includes 26 former producing mines. Current infrastructure on the property includes four usable vertical shafts and a 300- meter decline. Regional infrastructure includes excellent access to power, roads and rail. The process plant site is adjacent to the railway line and accessible grid power crosses the property. South Crofty mineralization occurs in laterally extensive lode structures, with some over 4 kilometers long, and extending to a vertical depth of at least 1,000 meters. The company also entered into an agreement with Cornish Lithium, a private exploration company, whereby Cornish Lithium was granted the right to explore **Strongbow's mineral rights in Cornwall for lithium in brine occurrences. Cornwall's potential to harness geothermal power** has also been demonstrated in the same area. Drilling to **establish the UK's first deep geothermal electricity plant** has been successfully completed at United Downs Industrial Park. Geothermal Engineering Limited (GEL) has established the deepest well ever drilled on UK soil, at circa 5.1km vertical depth. The well is also the hottest, with temperatures of approximately 195C. Link to website: <https://www.strongbowexploration.com/>

### A Flora of Cornwall By Colin French

A new, comprehensive, book of the flora of Cornwall is available.

The author is botanist, Dr. Colin French, who is the West Cornwall recorder for the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI).



The book is based on a survey of every square kilometer since 1999. It covers 3018 taxa and includes sections on the effects of climate, geology, soils, topography, mining, quarrying and agriculture on plants. The book also includes information on vegetation history, key habitats, botanical regions, losses and gains and rare and/or threatened plants.

The 550 page full color book includes 1200 maps and more than 1700 photographs.

If you would like to find out more, or order a copy, please contact the author at email: [whealagar4@gmail.com](mailto:whealagar4@gmail.com)

It is also available from [nhbs.com](http://nhbs.com)

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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)  
On 25th May 2018, new European privacy regulations came into effect and the Cornish American Heritage Society needs to comply with them (as we have EU members).

The CAHS keeps the names, addresses and email contacts for all its members. These are used only for contacting you and for mailing out newsletters. All member records are kept safely to protect their privacy and are never passed on to any 3rd parties. If you no longer want us to keep these details for you, please contact our treasurer and we will remove them from our database. This will, however, mean we will be unable to contact you in the future. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to continue to allow us to hold your contact

#### REMINDER:

Please keep your *snail mail* addresses up to date! The post office notifies the treasurer of this and it costs 71 cents for each notice. It also costs \$2.31 for overseas. We realize when one is moving the last thing that comes to **mind is to change one's TK address. However, it does cost the society when the newsletter has to be resent.**



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\*We are streamlining membership to individuals and lifetime only

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

Membership form at: [cousinjack.org](http://cousinjack.org) PayPal available

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Canadian individual—\$22.00/year               |                 | USA individual—\$16.00/year                 |
| Life-time membership— \$255.00.                | <i>Dues are</i> | Life-time membership—\$220.00               |
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Overseas residents dues are \$27.00/year for individuals, \$255 for lifetime membership

Cornish American Heritage Society Membership Application (SEE ABOVE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Local society affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cooking or Crafts

Cornish Settlements in the Americas

Cornish Folklore

Cornish History

Local Cornish

Cornish Language

Other

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

Genealogy Committee

Officer, Committee Chair, Committee Member

Public Communicatons, Website

Cornish Gatherings

Short Term Projects

Local Gatherings

CAHS & Celtic Fairs & Booths

Other



**Find my Past con't:**

had moved to Oxford to escape the Great Plague of London, and courtiers were unwilling to handle London newspapers for fear of contagion.

The Gazette was “Published by Authority” by Henry Muddiman, and its first publication is noted by Samuel Pepys in his diary. Charles II returned to London as the plague dissipated, and the Gazette moved too, with the first issue of The London Gazette being published on 5 February 1666, it was labelled number 24. The Gazette was not a newspaper in the modern sense, it was sent by post to subscribers, as opposed to being printed for sale to the general public.

Her Majesty’s Stationary Office took over the publication of the Gazette in 1889. Publication of the Gazette was transferred to the private sector, under government supervision, in the 1990s, when Her Majesty’s Stationary Office was sold and renamed The Stationery Office.

**Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter**  
<https://blog.eogn.com/2020/08/14/>

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Darvosow (Events)

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

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  
 14-17 Jul 2021

Butte Montana  
[Cousinjack.org](http://Cousinjack.org)

Annual California Gathering  
 October 2020  
 Cancelled

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