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Westward HO!
to
The 19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins in Butte, Montana



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

Myttin da, (*Good Morning*)

I hope this finds all of you in good health and eagerly awaiting spring and melting snow. At least we are in Michigan! **St Piran's Day is right around the corner and may already have been celebrated in your area before you get this newsletter.** It is good to be able to celebrate being Cornish as many times as possible during the year. I always look forward to a pasty lunch and the singing of Trelawny.

I am proud to be Cornish and have a strong heritage in my ancestry. Many of you might know that I am 100% Cornish through my 4 grandparents. My Grandfathers did not know each other prior to coming to the USA. The men met mining in **Calumet and eventually one wife and one 'to be' wife came to Michigan from Cornwall and were reunited. Both couples** moved to Painesdale, Michigan and became close friends. When the Perry family moved to Detroit in 1919 to work in the auto factory, they were a safe haven to send each of the 4 Dunstan girls of the other family down to find work after they graduated high school. My grandpa Perry always had room and provided for and helped anyone from Cornwall.

We have set our dates for the next Gathering of Cornish Cousins to be held in Butte Montana, 14 - 18 July 2021. **We will be planning some tours for either Saturday or in the afternoons of Thursday and Friday. We haven't everything figured out just yet—but we will!** Our Lady of the Rockies, the World Museum of Mining, the Granite Mountain Memorial and the Copper King Mansion are just a few of the attractions available. We hope to include a Bardic Ceremony if possible.

If anyone has special speakers or topics they would like to hear about let us know. I have heard from a few people who want more on DNA and Family Tree Maker (genealogy program). Someone from the Butte Archives will be talking about the history of the Cornish in Butte. What else? Planning will be ongoing.

The speaker/workshop sessions will be held at the Copper King Hotel. The business meeting will consist of installing new officers and discussing where we want to be as a society 5 years from now including seeking ideas on how to proceed. We need ALL of your help to keep our organization relevant and current with our mission and Cornwall at the forefront. Please plan on attending.

50 rooms have been reserved at \$109/night and includes a hot buffet breakfast. We would like to have dinner together each night from Thursday—Saturday so we can get better acquainted with each other. .

Having confirmed the dates and place for the 2021 Cornish Cousins Gathering we are now looking for some volunteers to help with the planning and helping with the Gathering on the ground while we are there. Dot Huntley has graciously consented to fulfill the duties of Treasurer for the event. Who will join her in lending a hand? We would like to have one person from each Cornish society to volunteer to be on a gathering board to help facilitate the meeting. Let me know as soon as possible if it is *YOU!*

Let's overwhelm Butte with a large group of Cornish folks from around the USA and world.

Watch for more information in the next newsletter as well as [facebook](#) and [cousinjack.org](#)

dhywgh hwi yn lel, (*sincerely*)

Carolyn

BUTTE MONTANA



Kesskrifans a-dre Eseleth

(Correspondence from Societies
and Cousin Jack Website)

HELP NEEDED !

Every quarter I get newsletters returned to me with no forwarding address. If you know where these folks are please let me know or remind them to update their addresses, so I can get their newsletters to the correct address as well as save the additional mailing fees.

Ken McKechnie, author, last living in Devon
Dwight D. Roach, last living in California

If you have moved in the past year please let us know of your new address too!

Thanks, Carolyn

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Ballarat (New South Wales) will be celebrating St. Piran's Day from May 5-8 during the Begonia Festival, lots of interesting activities and floral displays.

The 28th Australian Celtic Festival featuring Ireland and Isle of Man is being held May 1-3.

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HOLY WELL  
Lansallos Holy Well

This well is at the bottom of a slope next to a little lane alongside the church. Lansallos, known in Cornish as Lansalwys, meaning St Salwys' holy enclosure, lies between the villages of Polruan and Polperro on the eastern south Cornish coast. A settlement of ancient origin, Lansallos is mentioned in the Domesday Book as the manor of Lansalhas and was owned by Robert, Count of Mortain, the Breton half-brother of King William the Conqueror. The village itself takes its name from a monastery dedicated to St Salwys. Little is known about St. Salwys, he probably lived some time in the ninth century, reputed a son of the King Geraint. A Celtic church on this site was dedicated but the present church, of tower, nave, aisle and chapel, was dedicated to St. Ildiarna in 1321.

From Cornish Association of New South Wales newsletter

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society  
announces St Piran's Day celebrations

March 7, 2020—Puyallup, WA  
Gordon Bennett will present The Cornish in Pachuca and Real de Monte in Mexico, and family ties

or

March 21, 2020— Portland, OR  
Program to be determined Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share); business meeting at noon

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PNCS also has an online Cornish Country Store. Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours online and three times a year live at our meetings. We have a good variety of items your Cornish cousins will love. Please check the website to see pictures of all these items: <http://nwcornishsociety.com/Country%20store2013.htm>

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at Softwalk2@yahoo.com Sweatshirts and T-shirts are now available. You can also place orders with Café Press at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

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California Cousins will celebrate St. Piran's Day on March 14 from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Free Event will include:

- Grass Valley Cornish Choir
- Pasty Olympics
- Pasty Making Contest

If you bake, bring a home-baked pasty (the real kind) to the judging table by 9:15 to enter the pasty bake-off. Tess' Kitchen Store will recognize the "Best Overall" and "Best Traditional" pasty.

Dogs are welcomed and encouraged as the cleanup staff.



**Correspondence con't:**

The Cornish Cousins of Lower Michigan will meet on March 14th with a program on creating GEDcoms, and we will learn of about some of the pertinent websites that **benefit growing one's Cornish family. A pasty dinner will conclude the celebration.**

The London Cornish Association will celebrate **St. Piran's Day early on February 29th, at the Imperial Hotel in London with a tea and Cornish clotted cream!**

Their Family History Day and Trelawny Lecture will be held on April 18th and feature Sue Appleby, whose talk is entitled **'The Cornish in the Caribbean'.**

They remind us that if any of us are in the area (London) we are always welcome to their meetings. Why not plan to attend one when you are visiting Cornwall coming or going home?

**World War Two Lancaster Bomber  
Being Rebuilt in Newquay**

One of a few remaining Lancaster Bombers is being rebuilt so it can be exhibited to the public. Replica Aircraft Fabrications, which is based in Newquay, is gathering parts from across the world to reconstruct the 1943 aircraft. It should take about two and a half years to rebuild the bomber, which originally served with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The aircraft is currently missing its wheels, wings and tail. It is hoped the wings will be sent from Canada, while its engines will arrive from Oxford. A 3D tour of the aircraft can be seen here.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-51076947>

*Cornish Association of Victoria—Ballarat newsletter*



**Warrens Bakery**

18 branches of the Cornish-based Warrens Bakery closed prior to Christmas, leaving dozens of staff without jobs. It was also revealed that the company was closing its iconic factory in St Just in Cornwall. The firm, which bills itself as the "oldest Cornish pasty maker in the world", blamed the closure on "continued Brexit uncertainties."

*Cornish Association of New South Wales newsletter*

Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society will be celebrating **St. Piran's Day on Sunday, March 8th at Walker House. A pasty dinner is on order and Figgyhobbin with Caramel Sauce will be the dessert.**

**Talk will be 'King Arthur's Lost Kingdom', followed by a Bard's Panel on how recent discoveries change Cornish History as we know it.**

**A Roll in the Hay**

It was hay time and the top-heavy cart coming from the field had overturned in the lane. Its young driver looked at the fallen load of hay.

**"Cum in fer a dish o' tay", said a motherly soul to the boy as he stood there. "We'll give 'e a 'and gettin' it right after. You'll feel more like loadin' again after a drink and a sit down".**

**"Faather won't like 'un", said the boy doubtfully.**

**"Faather won't know nowt 'bout un", said the woman comfortingly and led the boy, still reluctant into the house to join her family.**

Half an hour later, all emerged to view the situation, the lad **thanking the lady but repeating that his father wouldn't like it at all.**

**"Rubbish", she said, I'll deal with your faather. Where's he to?"**

**"Under the 'ay", said the boy.**

*Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Association newsletter*





**Correspondence con't:**  
**Kresen kernow con't**

**HABITATS AS HERITAGE**

**PAINT  
DRAW  
IDENTIFY PLANTS  
EXPLORE NATURE**

**St Eval May-July 2020  
Redruth May-July 2021**

This new project is inspired by Victorian plant hunter Marianne North who painted plants in their natural habitats on most of the continents in the world during the late 19th century.

St Eval Archive is a community organisation curated by artists Jane Darke and Andrew Tebbis. We are based at Tregona Chapel in the heart of St Eval and explore our heritage by creating artistic events.

We will work with partners Kresen Kernow and Cornwall Wildlife Trust to study and record the natural habitats of rural St Eval and urban Redruth.

From our bell tent field lab we will study and record selected habitats, looking at the plants, geology and what lives there.

The natural world is under threat. By collecting measurements and images from each Cornish habitat and making paintings we will create a collection for future generations, as Marianne North has done at Kew.

The project will culminate in a month long residency and exhibition of all the work at Kresen Kernow in August 2021.

**The project is FREE and open to all, we would like schools, community groups and all nature lovers to get involved. If you are interested please contact St Eval Archive. contact [janesdarke@gmail.com](mailto:janesdarke@gmail.com) or phone 07483164461**

The archive of the musicians Maisie (1885-1973) and Evelyn Radford (1887-1969) of St Anthony in Roseland is **one of the most important we've received since we opened**. The sisters set up the Falmouth Opera Company in 1923, producing an opera a year for the next 45 years.



They also played in local groups, directed choirs and orchestras, lectured for the WEA and were involved in the Cornwall Music Festival. This extensive archive covers every aspect of their personal and musical lives, containing correspondence, photographs, programmes, diaries, costume and set designs, and artefacts including their MBE medals awarded for services to music in Cornwall

Best in Show Award-Congratulations to the team!

Our Society again shared a booth with the Welsh Club. A **tongue-twisting Welsh place name to reflect this year's theme—language—secured a Best in Show award**. Congratulations to the team!



*(The article in the newsletter had comments from each of the participants, who helped staff the booth.)*

Meribeth Sullivan: the Welsh/Cornish booth featured the longest name of a railroad station in Wales: lanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. Attendees asked to hear it pronounced multiple times over the course of my time there. Cornish knitting was featured in our display. Costumed volunteers and performers added to the excitement.

Thomas Rusch: After getting there and settling in, Tom found that once the folks dealt with the longest place name of 58 letters, he was able to have a conversation with them about Cornwall, Wales and how their immigrants affected Wisconsin.

Jerome Trewyn: visited several booths and had conversations with Egyptians, Abanians, a Chinese American and more.

Tom Rowe: it amazed me that the people that come seem **so ready to talk and interact with others that they really don't know**. He had break off conversations because others were waiting.

I found the comments by Alice Lundstrom very interesting. The discussion item for the Cornish was a dark blue Gansey sweater.

Fishing families living around coastal waters knit wool sweaters for their boys and men to wear when they were out fishing. To supplement the family income, the dark blue sweater grew into a cottage industry.



### Correspondence con't:

Buyers would deliver skeins of wool to a family and come back the next week to pay for the completed sweater. It took about 80 hours to knit the boxy, nearly reversible sweater. The whole family would get involved. Young girls would start the small sleeve cuffs and older women and girls would take over the heavier, main body of the sweater. There are numerous black and white photos of town life showing the women knitting in the out of doors. Being outside to knit gave better lighting than inside a small, stone cottage. Socializing with neighbors as well as watching kids at play were added advantages. The demand for hand-knit sweaters remained high until commercial knitting machines started producing them.



I did not keep track of how long it took me to make a very crude dark blue Gansey style sweater. The sweater was on display in the cultural costume area of the Folk Fair. We were given mannequins to use to display our outfits. The fixed position of the arms and legs made dressing the mannequin a real challenge. I soon learned that if you remove the arms, you can get the sweater on the model. Putting on a pair of slacks to complete the outfit proved impossible. I had to resort to draping the Cornish flag as a skirt for the model! I hope there are not laws against using the Cornish flag for clothing.

*Newsletter of the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee*

### How Many Ancestors do You Have?

[Dick Eastman](#) · [Genealogy Basics](#)

*NOTE: This is a repeat of an article I published 2 years ago. The subject popped up again recently so I decided to republish this article again for the benefit of those new readers of this newsletter who did not see the original article. I also made a couple of minor updates to the original article.*

A newsletter reader asked a simple question this week that generates a longer answer:

How many individuals does it take to make up 42 generations? Is there a website or other source that would help me calculate the answer?

I am sure there are such web sites, but you can also calculate the same numbers within a few seconds by using Excel or any other spreadsheet. I used a spreadsheet to generate the following:

For instance:

Generation—Number of Ancestors

1                   0 ancestors just you

2                   2 your parents

3                   6, 2 parents and 4 grandparent

4                   14, 2 parents, 4 grandparents and 8 ggrands

**And so on.....**

in 42 generations you have more than 4 trillion ancestors!

4,398,046,511,102

Of course, that is far more than the total of all the people who ever lived on the face of the earth. The fact is that there are not 4 billion unique ancestors. We all have multiple lines of descent from many individuals. That is, if we were able to create a complete pedigree chart for 42 generations or more, we would see the same individuals appearing at multiple locations on the same chart.

This is often called **“pedigree collapse.”** See Wikipedia at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedigree\\_collapse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedigree_collapse) for more information about **“pedigree collapse.”**

***Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter***

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Cornish in Minnesota

Join *Dave Downing* at **Merlin's Rest** in Minneapolis on **March 5, to celebrate St. Piran's Day. Noon to 3pm.** The flag of Cornwall will be flying and pasties are always on the menu. Drop in for as long as you can. We will wrap up the celebration at 3pm by the joining in of the Trelawny Shout with those in pubs all over Cornwall and the world with singing the Cornish Anthem **“Trelawny.”**

## CORNISH HISTORY IN 500 WORDS

Dr. Bernard Deacon

Yesterday, I was asked to give a short talk on the history of Cornwall. How do you sum up 2,000 years of history in 45 minutes? Tricky. This was my attempt.

A golden age is a period of victory or defeat (or both) which later becomes mythologised and looked back on with pride. A turning point is a time when the flow of history seems to change course.

**Cornwall's first golden age was between the departure of the Romans from Britain by 410 and the arrival of the English on our eastern borders in the 800s.** This was when Cornwall had an independent existence. At first it was the centre of a larger kingdom of Dumnonia, with an elite trading post at Tintagel and colonies in Brittany. When the Mediterranean trade dried up it became a decentralised collection of communities bound together more by early Christianity rather than by kings and administrators.

Tintagel Castle



Three turning points then occurred over the next half millennium. The Normans arrived in 1070 and gradually extended their overlordship from their early base in the far east at Launceston. Population, trade and towns grew until the shock of the Black Death in 1349. Cornwall recovered rather better than other places. It was during the late 1300s and 1400s that the Cornish language held its own after an earlier retreat, backed by the patronage of Church and Crown. The third turning point arrived with the religious reformation of the 1530s.

**This heralded Cornwall's second golden age, one viewed by some as a romantic period of struggle against the encroaching English state.** Risings in 1497 and 1549 both



Michael Joseph the Smith  
and  
Thomas Flamank  
at  
St. Keverne

failed, their leaders executed for treason. Yet in 1642 the Cornish avenged themselves. They became the spearhead of the royalist army of the west, thus unfortunately backing the wrong side in the British civil wars. The following century was more subdued, at least politically.

Another turning point followed in the 1730s, when steam technology began to be applied to the long-established business of mining. Deep copper mining drove the precociously early industrialisation of Cornwall, its third golden age. This created a distinctive rural-industrial society, where elements of the new and the traditional were stitched together. Population growth and new settlements laid the ground for the enthusiastic reception of John Wesley and the wholesale transfer of allegiance to a vigorous, revivalist Methodism. Meanwhile, Cornish engineers were raising the efficiency of steam engines to hitherto undreamt-of heights in the generation after 1810.

Gwennap Pit



The fifth turning point brought this to a juddering halt in the 1870s when a calamitous fall in the price of copper made its mining uneconomic. Tin mining survived but underwent periodic crises, as in the 1890s or 1920s. Population fell as emigrants fled to the mining frontiers of the New World. The first wave in the 1840s and 1850s had sought a better life on the basis of the demand for their mining expertise. The second wave had little choice but to go as opportunities closed down at home.

A century of de-industrialisation was ended by the final turning point – the counterurbanisation that set in from the 1960s onwards. This began half a century of mass migration to Cornwall, when it became a preferred site for holidaying and second homes. Demographic change accompanied a social transformation that we are still living through and struggling to cope with.

<https://bernarddeacon.com/2019/10/16/three-golden-ages-and-six-turning-points-a-history-of-cornwall-in-500-words/>

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## A Diamond Fraud Revealed

Frances Oats (1848-1918) was a [Cornish](#) miner who became chairman of [De Beers](#) diamond company.

Henri Lemoine (fl. 1905–1908) was a [French fraudster](#) who claimed to be able to produce [synthetic diamonds](#).

In 1905 Lemoine contacted Sir [Julius Wernher](#), British banker and one of the governors of De Beers Diamond Mines. He said he had discovered a process to produce gem-sized [diamonds](#) from [coal](#) and agreed to sell his invention if Wernher would be willing to invest to further his research. He invited Wernher to his laboratory in Paris to witness the process. Wernher took [Francis Oats](#), a De Beers executive, and two other associates with him.

Lemoine invited his guests in and left the room; moments later he reappeared naked, to prove that he was not concealing any diamonds in his clothing. He mixed a number of substances including iron filings and coal into a small [crucible](#), showed the mixture to his guests, and placed it into a furnace in the center of the room.

After fifteen minutes, Lemoine removed the hot crucible and let it cool. Then he picked a pair of tweezers and took out about twenty small, well-formed diamonds. Oats examined the diamonds and demanded that Lemoine repeat the procedure. He did so successfully.

Oats remained skeptical of some trick, saying the diamonds were too close in colour and shape to those of the Jagersfontein Mine near Kimberley.

Wernher offered to pay Lemoine to develop his invention if he would keep it a secret. Lemoine agreed and promised him an option to buy his secret formula, which he deposited in a London bank deposit box.

For the next three years, Sir Julius sent Lemoine a total of 64,000 pounds. Lemoine promised to build a factory to duplicate diamonds; actually he just took a picture of an electric plant in southern France and sent it to Sir Julius

In 1908, Oats was proved correct when a Parisian jeweller revealed that he had sold Lemoine small diamonds that matched the description of the diamonds Lemoine had shown during the first demonstration. Lemoine was indicted for fraud.

## Great excitement as rare moth returns to Cornwall

There was great excitement this summer when a rare moth, thought to have disappeared from Cornwall more than a decade ago, was found to have returned to the county. The Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth



was found on Goss Moor National Nature Reserve. The species was last seen on Bodmin Moor in 2008 but this find confirms the exciting news that the moth is breeding in Cornwall once again. The moth is a day-flying moth which looks rather like a bumble bee, having a yellow and black abdomen and transparent wings with black veins. The moth was identified by a volunteer carrying out a habitat survey.

**She said: 'I was at Goss Moor helping to carry out a habitat survey for Natural England, who manage the National Nature Reserve. I was recording Devil's-bit Scabious plants and saw the head of a caterpillar poking above one of the leaves looking up at me. I turned over the leaf and saw the distinctive pink horn on its tail and I knew straight away what it was!'**

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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=17485909>

Truro's hedgehog roundabout named best in UK



The Trafalgar Roundabout in Truro, where four 'hedgehogs' took up residence in July, has been voted the best roundabout in the UK by the Roundabout Appreciation Society. The four hedgehogs, Cecile, Patricia, Denzil and Kizzy – which are made from coppiced wood – were put on the roundabout by the Wild Truro team and the Truro City Parks Department to show that Truro is wildlife friendly. In congratulating Truro on its achievement, the **President of the RAS said, 'We always like to see something quirky and with a bit of imagination'. The Hedgehog Roundabout will feature on both the December page and the cover of the RAS's 2020 calendar.**

When toiling in the darksome mine,  
As tired as tired could be,  
How has the glad thought cheered my soul,  
My children wait for me!

And as I oped the garden gate,  
Which led into the lane,  
How danced my heart to see once more  
The faces at the pane.

Two little girls with gleaming eyes,  
With soft and shining hair,  
And sweetest prattle on their lips,  
Were watching for me there.



One in the grave is sleeping now,  
And one has crossed the main;  
**Yet still I see, where'er I be,**  
The faces at the pane.

Old age has bound me in its bands,  
**And o'er the solemn sea**  
I seem to hear mysterious sounds  
From unknown lake and lea.

But through the cares that lie behind,  
Along the murky plain,  
I see as if but yesterday  
The faces at the pane.

John Harris, Cornish miner, and poet  
1820-1884

*Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee newsletter*

## THE COCKNEY ALPHABET

Alison Stephen has sent me this Cockney Alphabet. It took me a couple of reads through to work out some of them. Have a chuckle. *Robyn Coates*

A for Horses - '**ay**' for '**orses**'

B for Mutton - beef or mutton

**C for th' Highlanders** - Seaforth Highlanders, a Scottish regiment

D for ential - Deferential or D for dumb - deaf or dumb

E for Adam - Eve or Adam or E for Brick - heave a brick

F for essence - effervescence

G for Police - Chief of Police

H for Respect - Age for respect or H for consent - age of consent

I for Novello - Ivor Novello, a musical impresario

J for Oranges - Jaffa Oranges, a treat after war time rationing

**K for 'ancis** - Kay Francis, a film star or K for Restaurant - Caf or restaurant

L for Leather - '**ell** for **leather, running fats**

M for Sis - emphasis

N for Dig - infradig or N for Lope - envelope

O for the Garden Wall - a popular song or O for the Wings of a Dove - O for the Rainbow

P for a Penny or P for Relief

Q for a Song or Q for everything or Q for the Bus

R for Askey - '**Arfer Askey, a radio comedian** or '**Arfer for Mo**, a just in minute

S for you - '**as for you**

T for Two - tea for two

U for Me - from the song Tea for Two

V for France - viva la France

W for a Quid - double you for a quid

X for Breakfast - eggs for breakfast

Y for Mistress - wife or mistress

Z for breezes - zephyr breezes

*Cornish Association of Victoria –Ballarat Branch newsletter*



## Bards

*Gorsedh* means 'a Bardic assembly'. It comes from the ancient Celtic word meaning 'high seat' or 'throne'.

*Bard* derives from the name given by Greek writers to the poets and musicians associated with priests and Druids. Originally the term *bard* was generally conferred upon all professional poets. Bards were very prestigious people and often the closest personal ties existed between them and their patrons. Head of all the bards in the Gorsedh was, and still is, the Grand Bard whose symbol of authority is the great chair in which he or she sits.

Since the inception of Gorsedh Kernow, well over a thousand bards have been created, of which more than half are still alive. Not all are Cornish, and not all are resident in Cornwall. There are bards in Australia and North America, invited to become bards because of their work promoting Cornwall to the emigrant families in those countries, and many of these make the long trip to Cornwall to be initiated into the Gorsedh and attend the Gorsedh ceremonies.

*Grand Bard's Chair*



A person who is considered worthy of bardship must be proposed by an existing bard, who is required to submit a citation to the Gorsedh in support of his or her candidate. Citations must be presented without the knowledge of the person being nominated. Each nominee is in turn considered by the Gorsedh Council and, if found satisfactory, she or he is duly invited to become a bard. Bards choose a Bardic name in Cornish, which is generally relevant to their place of birth, their particular vocation or the work which has led them to be invited into the Gorsedh. The names of these new bards are not made public until shortly before their official acceptance into the Gorsedh, now always held on the first Saturday in September.

<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/>

The Cornish Language Office of Cornwall Council has provided the following guidance on how to say the year 2020 in Kernewek.

| <u>English</u>           | <u>Kernewek</u>    | <u>Sounds Like</u>       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| two thousand and twenty  | dew vil hag igens  | due vill hag iggenz      |
| twenty twenty            | ugens hag ugens    | <b>iggenz hag iggenz</b> |
| twenty twenties<br>= 400 | <b>igens igens</b> | <b>iggenz iggenz</b>     |

## The rich & famous in Cornwall

**Construction is almost complete of Gordon Ramsay's new house at Rock.** The TV chef, infamous for his blunt style loaded with expletives, bought the 2,000 square metre property for £4.4 million (almost \$9 million) in 2015. It sits on a gentle slope down to Porthilly Beach.

Back then there was a 1920s five-bedroom house on the site which was demolished to make way for the new build that the local press described as a mansion. It will boast two kitchens, a swimming pool, wine cellar and four en-suite bathrooms.



The changes were not popular with local residents not only for the demolition of a character home but for the construction of a second building - the Garden House - only a few metres from the beach. The claim was that it would spoil the area of outstanding natural beauty. Cornwall Council did not agree and granted building consent at the end of an eight-month process. The Council was probably glad to have yet another celebrity living part-time on its patch to boost the economy and promote Cornwall.

[The Sun.co.uk/news](http://TheSun.co.uk/news)

## Taklow a Vern (Items of Interest)

Tevi 2020  
Cornish Pen Pals

Trebah Garden is excited to launch, Tevi 2020. Tevi (a Cornish word meaning “grow”) will be a yearlong programme of events, performance and outreach work themed around personal growth, growing a community and global growth.



We would like to invite our American friends to join TEVI 2020 by becoming an International Cornish Pen Pal to a young person in our community. You'll be teamed up with a young person in a Cornish school and we will send you questions or themes to write to your partner about. We only intend there to be a handful of letters sent by participants and if you only manage one that's not a problem. Also, we won't be sharing your address with anyone as all participants will send letters directly to Trebah and we will do the forwarding!

If you are interested in joining our project please email your full name, how you would like to be addressed in your letters (eg. Mrs Smith) and your full address to [guy@trebah-garden.co.uk](mailto:guy@trebah-garden.co.uk)

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Gwella  
Guy

*Editor—This is for adults also, I have already signed up!*

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End of Rootsweb Mailing Lists and 3 Options Created starting March 2, 2020

Cornish American Rootsweb group email

As you might all know by now, Ancestry is closing down the Rootsweb lists on March 2nd. As a replacement, I have set up a new list on the groups.io website at: <https://groups.io/g/Cornwall/editsub>

I have also sent invitations to join to all of you. However, if I missed anyone and you want to join, let me know and I will send you an invite, or you can just go on the site and join by yourself at: [Cornish-American+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:Cornish-American+subscribe@groups.io)  
Sorry to see the lists leaving, it has been fun while it lasted.

Pat Connors <http://www.connorsgenealogy.com>

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Cornish-Gen mailing list

Wesley Johnston has created a Cornish-Gen Google Group.

Instructions for joining this group are at:

<http://www.wjohnston.net/famhist/cornish-gen-info.htm>

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cornish, ca-cornish, cornish-ancestors, cornish-family, cornwall-australia, eng-con-bodminmoor merged mailing list. Bret Busby with agreement from Yvonne Bowers has created a group that is interested in anything pertaining to the County/Duchy of Cornwall.

The web page at [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://groups.io/g/Cornwall-place-genealogy\\_!!HXCxUKc!](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://groups.io/g/Cornwall-place-genealogy_!!HXCxUKc!nIAWaKC1U_hODK09rLNCnsgW9nU2U4oJndsDeZHjioLR1DX-4X2M-Rp9rsuYO$)

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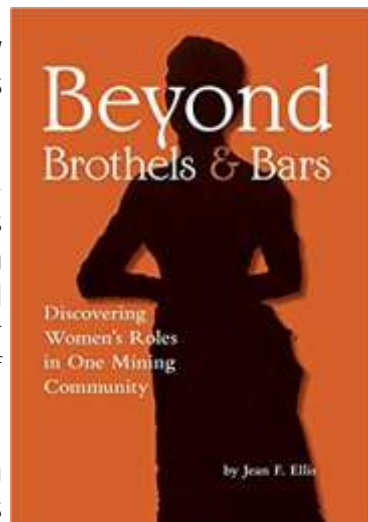
Beyond Brothels and Bars  
By Jean F. Ellis

Back in the 1860s, members of Jean Medlyn Ellis's family headed for the Keweenaw. These early settlers left hard times and experienced difficult situations in a climate very different from what they knew. Both women and men struggled to improve their own lives and those of their children.

Learning about their community intrigued the five people who researched 1910 to 1914 conditions in Calumet Township. Rev. Laura Eaton joined retired educators Jean Ellis (Latin, French, English, Consultant for Programs for Gifted and Talented), Greta Erm (English, History, Library Science and Media Consultant), Dan Glinn (History and Social Science) and Ann Newton (Mathematics). The group blended research skills, desire for accuracy, years of developing programs and presentations, and links with various parts of the local community.

This book shows things that surprised them. Dramatic single events might have been taken as typical of the whole community. Traditions and attitudes, especially regarding the roles of women, needed careful examination. Beyond Brothels and Bars shares their discoveries.

Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for \$24.99 (*Jean is a long time member of CAHS as well as the Keweenaw Kernewek—The Cornish Connection of the Copper Country*)



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Lemon Curd Cake  
from  
Recipes from a Cornish Kitchen Blog  
by Laurie Burley of Penryn, Cornwall

This is an old recipe, taken from the radio during the late 60s. It has a lovely refreshing taste, great texture too. I do sometimes add more decoration, especially if it is for a dessert, but it is just as good left plain, with a cup of tea!



**Grease and line the bottom of a 8" tin** - loose bottom is easiest. Pre heat your oven to about 300 F.

12 tablespoons room temperature butter  
1.2 cup white sugar  
5 tablespoons lemon curd  
3 large eggs  
1 cup self rising flour

Cream the fat and sugar until light and fluffy, then add the lemon curd. Mix well. Add the beaten eggs, one at a time along with some of the flour, finally add the remaining flour. Tip the mixture into your cake tin and bake for approx 1 hour 10 mins, but check after 1 hour.

Leave in the tin until half cool. I then cut it in half, to spread a thin layer of curd between the halves. Doing this while the cake is still just warm, the curd soaks in a little, making the cake lovely and moist. Cool completely.

While that is happening make a lemon curd topping [optional].

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Crosses in Cornwall  
By Andrew Langdon  
Federation of Old Cornwall Societies



Four-holed crosses date from the 10th to 11th centuries and were set up to mark a Christian burial ground and often pre-date the fabric of existing churches, today they are usually to be found in parish churchyards. A few have inscriptions carved on them and commemorate an important person, either a priest or perhaps a Lord of the manor, others were large monuments, preaching crosses set up



Cardinham churchyard



St. Buryan churchyard

as a focal point, where parishioners could gather. All these crosses were decorated with Crucifix figures (in west Cornwall), interlace work, key-patterns, and scrollwork (Bodmin area).

Lanivet



Wheel-headed crosses date from the 12th century onwards, and are usually set up as wayside crosses marking a route to the parish church, or from parish to parish. They were also set up to mark the boundaries of the glebe, parish or even monastic land and sanctuaries. These usually have little decoration with only a cross symbol carved in relief or incised on each side of the wheel-head. In west Cornwall the continuing tradition of carving crosses with a Crucifix figure continued on these later crosses. The shafts of wayside crosses are often plain.



Madron



Latin crosses are also used as wayside or boundary crosses, and account for about 8 % of Cornwall's crosses. This type of cross is found throughout Cornwall, but particularly in the parishes of Paul in west Penwith and St Cleer and St Neot on Bodmin Moor.

St. Germans

Late-medieval latin crosses often have chamfered edges to their shafts, giving them an octagonal section and date from the 13th to 15th centuries, these also marked routes to the church and parish boundaries and are found mostly in the south-east part of the county



Late medieval  
Creed with Grampound

Lantern crosses represent the last type of cross carving in Cornwall before the Reformation,



St. Mawgan in Pydar

they are sculptured crosses which date from the 15th and 16th centuries, and have a four-sided head, either square or rectangular. These normally show biblical images on four faces, with the principal face showing the Crucifixion, or Holy Trinity, while other faces depict the Virgin Mary and Child, Bishops and abbots or popular saints.



## Crosses con't:

Base-stones which support crosses vary in style, most are simply large granite boulders with a mortice or socket cut in them to support the cross, the bottom of the cross-shaft usually terminated with a tenon to fit the mortice. When crosses have been removed or re-used for some secular purpose, the base-stone was often left behind, and sometimes they are found built into the bottom of hedges, and near to the original site of the cross.

Cardinham



The base-stones which supported the late-medieval latin and lantern crosses were more elaborately carved stones having a square sectioned bottom, with chamfered corners to create an octagonal top surface.

All information and photos used with the generous permission of Andrew Langdon. Andrew took the time to recheck his article and update it for us.

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## Recipe con't

6 Tablespoons soft butter  
3 dessertspoons lemon curd  
3/4 cup powdered sugar

Beat the above together, then spread over the top of the cooled cake.

If you wish you can further drizzle over some softened lemon curd or grate over some lemon zest [or both], like I did.

If you complete all 3 stages of the cake/decoration you will use a whole jar of Lemon Curd - approx 400 gr.

Just great with clotted cream!

## Cornish Bees

The Cornish bee is making a come-back! The UK National Trust recently reported that Godolphin has become the first National Trust site in the UK to be named a natural haven for native bees. The 20 hives located in the Side Paddock each contain 40-50,000 Cornish bees. Cornwall has become a centre for worldwide research into native stocks.

In September a group of local beekeepers came together to launch the Native bee haven status at National Trust Godolphin, we hope the first of many. This followed the installation of two remote hive sensing devices on the site in collaboration with Pollenize in Plymouth. Part of over 200 monitoring systems that will feed information on our bees into a central feed to enable researchers, academics and conservation groups to do valuable work conserving and protecting honey bees.

The Cornish Variant of AMM, *Apis mellifera mellifera*, has significant qualities and is at the forefront of beating the decline in bee colonies: significant winter hardiness - low tendency to swarm - defensive against invaders such as wasps - careful, measured maritime brood cycle - strong drive to collect pollen - high longevity of the worker bees and queen-excellent flight strength even in cold weather, possibly.



The Duchy of Cornwall is supporting a project to save the Cornish remnants of the native Black Honey Bee. At one time the Black Honey Bee was the only sub-species to be found in Cornwall. However, the combined impact of Isle of Wight disease in the 1920s and an increasing reliance on Southern European varieties of bee has led to the gene pool being diluted to the point where a relatively pure Black Bee now represents as little as one per cent of the British bee population, which is itself declining at an alarming rate.

We're stuck with our climate. So are the bees. The native British Black Bee evolved here with a very similar climate -

### Bees con't:

short, damp and relatively cold summers and relatively mild winters. The Black Bee has thick hair covering its body. It forms smaller, tighter winter clusters than its more southerly or easterly neighbours. The native bee was "chosen" by natural selection for the climate of North West Europe. It flies and gathers honey when the Italians are stuck in the hive. Its improved ability to conserve heat means it needs smaller winter colonies with a much lower food consumption than the sugar fed camiolians.



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## Speedo Mick finishes epic 1,000-mile walk at Land's End

BY Jess Morcom What's On Reporter 15:42, 22 FEB 2020

He has shattered his £250,000 fundraising target as he walked from John O'Groats and is due to finish at 1pm.

Speedo Mick says the adrenaline is flowing as he starts the final leg of his epic 1,000-mile walk, which has taken more than 70 days.

Mick Cullen, 55, from Dovecot in Liverpool, also known as Speedo Mick, is set to reach Land's End later today (Saturday, February 22) after beginning his walk – dressed only in his famous blue Everton Speedos – in John O'Groats in December.

Formerly homeless, Mick has overcome alcoholism and depression to raise money for charity.



After battling through not one but two storms – Ciara then Dennis – in the past couple of weeks, Mick reached Truro yesterday.

As he reached the city centre he celebrated passing his goal of raising £250,000 for Leave The Light On, a community project that helps those who are feeling isolated.

Running around the streets in nothing but his 'knickers', he shouted: "250,000 we beat the target. Get in you beauty. We've done it, we've done it everyone."

Last night Mick and his team, including his wife, Rachel, stayed the night in a hotel in St Ives in preparation for his final leg to Land's End, which he is expected to reach at 1pm.

Filling up on a fried breakfast for energy, Mick said: "It's like my last meal."

He admitted he was "shattered". With his leg strapped, he said his neck, shoulders and elbows were all hurting.

Mick said he decided to undertake the walk in winter so his "challenge was out of reach". He admitted he took it on because his wife wouldn't let him walk to Africa.



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

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

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Other

## Dues Notice

We want to give you lots of notice NOW so you **don't miss out on any coming up information** for the 2021 Gathering of Cornish Cousins.

You may remember in 2019, we gave out free email memberships. This means they will expire on June 30, 2020.

There will be one more newsletter sent out under the free email membership.

This does not affect paper copy mailings.

I look forward to many renewals in my mailbox in the near future or easier yet, sign up via *paypal*.

## Proposal for Presentations

For the 19th Gathering

14-18 July 2021

will be

In the Summer newsletter

and

Online at [Cousinjack.org](http://Cousinjack.org)

May 2020

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## Darvosow (Events)

### St. Piran's Day

5 March 2020

Cornwall Music Festival  
16 March—21 March 2020  
Truro Methodist Church

Percy Pengilly and the Wibble Wobble  
28 March—13 April 2020  
Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens, Penzance

Obby Oss  
1 May 2020  
Padstow, Cornwall

California Cornish Cousins Annual Gathering  
12-14 June 2020  
Grass Valley, CA  
<https://califcornishcousins.org/>

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14-18 Jul 2021  
Butte, Montana

## REMINDER:

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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.