



# Tam Kernewek

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Join us at the Keweenaw Heritage Center  
Calumet for the  
22nd Gathering of Cornish Cousins  
August 15-17, 2024



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

Lowena dhywgh!

I would like to tell you of my Upper Michigan adventure!

**First, I'd like to thank the other Cornish Societies who showed strong interest in hosting the Gathering 2024. I know it took some honest soul searching as organizations to determine if it was a go or not. It seemed to be an opportunity for a good inventory of these groups to evaluate their strengths and came to some valuable conclusions. Again, meur ras!**

The Gathering 2024 will be hosted by Keweenaw Kernewek – The Cornish Connection of the Copper Country. (Visit them at their [Facebook Page!](#)) Even before the final determination, I spoke with chair Jean Ellis on the phone. She was (and is) very easy to talk to, and we found out that we had even a great deal of parallels in our careers as teachers.

For over a year I had planned with some college friends to spend a week on Mackinac Island. This was a perfect opportunity for me to head north, visit my cousin in northern Wisconsin and head up to Calumet to meet up with Jean. I had requested **“the tour.”**

I arrived only about 10 minutes early and found where Jean would meet me at the Keweenaw Heritage Center at the south end of the main street. I was amazed how the downtown area reminded me of Cornish villages.

Our headquarters next August 15-17 will be the [Keweenaw Heritage Center](#). A perfect place to gather! The ground floor is **great for the Gathering's business and the basement remodeled for a place to eat for our pasty meal.**

Calumet seems ideal. Everything we will need for the Gathering is within a couple of blocks of the center: The school for the lectures, many lodgings, museums, and other [Keweenaw Heritage sites](#) in the National Historical Park.

Please study the opportunities for the Gathering and sign up! The application is on the [CAHS website](#) and on the [Keweenaw Kernewek Facebook page](#). It will take place during Pasty Fest, so it is imperative that you make reservations for lodging as quickly as possible.

On a different topic, it is already our December issue. How quickly we go from summer to Christmas. I hope this Christmas finds you and yours healthy and warm, and that New Year 2024 brings good things to you, Cornwall, and the world!

NADELIK LOWEN HA BLYTHEN NOWYDH DA

Oll an gwella,

Tom



## Kesskrifans a-dre Eseleth

*(Correspondence from Societies  
and Cousin Jack Website)*

The *Cornish Association of New South Wales* is planning a Pre-Christmas Lunch in Sydney.

**They have been having some 'tea & cake zoom chat sessions.** Since they are coming into spring, they are calling them **"Spring has Sprung"**.

Looking ahead the 31st Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes will be the Yaar of Ireland and Man which will be held May 2024.

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October was a busy month for the Cornish Association of Victoria—Ballarat Branch. They had a speaker from Buninyong and also a caravan tour of sites in Castlemaine. The launch of the CAV Library was celebrated at the Castlemaine Historical Society. After a morning tea, they embarked on a driving tour of historical places in the area.

A guide from the historical society then talked about the various sites which were visited.

If anyone plays Euchre you probably learned it from your grandparents or parents as it is a card game exported by migrant workers from Cornwall to places like Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. Robyn, the editor of their newsletter, found a plaque about it in a Cornish pub on her visit this summer (their winter).

John Symons shared his updated research into his family at the Family History Day in London. The London Association has reinstated the event after Covid and the loss of their previous venue. It is a special day to share a pasty lunch and have a chat with Cornish folk.

Mention is made of the very terrible times some of us in other parts of the world who have been having fires, hurricanes and floods. There have been some sad stories but they hope those did not suffer too much. Their thoughts are with all of us.

They will be having a Pre-Christmas Celebration early December and a New Year's Lunch mid January. →

## Gorsedh Kernow Adult Awards 2023

The Pewas MapTrevethan / Paul Smales Award

has been awarded to Jim Dagg from the Toronto Cornish Association. Jim was President of the TCA between 2018 **and 2020 and chaired the Association's 25th Anniversary** celebrations. He was also one of the movers behind the establishment of the TCA Review newsletter.

Since the pandemic, he has played an important role in the **Association's zoom meetings** - which are regularly attended by members of other associations across the diaspora, including the LCA.

*London Cornish Association newsletter*

*Congratulations Jim!*

### Catherine Whitford



Catherine "Catie" Whitford, age 93 of Mineral Point passed away on August 2, 2023 at the Mineral Point Care Center. She was born in Dodgeville on August 31, 1929, one of two feisty, independent Cornish daughters born to William N. and Nina (Buckingham) Hawke of Linden, Wisconsin.

Cartherine had a strong faith and Cornish ancestry to help her through her life. Catherine was inducted into the Gorsedh as a Bard in 2012 for services to Cornish Culture.

**After retiring from working in the Farmer's store, she opened her own store, with the special "Cornish Corner."**

She was a charter member of the Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society and a dedicated genealogist.

*SWCS newsletter*

### Correspondence con't:

The Christchurch branch held a film afternoon on 12 August and watched 'Saving Grace' complete with ice creams and popcorn. The movie is a spin-off of the Doc Martin TV series. Grace Trevethen is a widow whose husband died leaving her a manor on the Cornish coast along with massive debt. She resorts to growing illegal drugs to cope with her financial obligations.

A group of 14 members enjoyed the movie and snacks. They talked about some of the trips members had taken around the world and then enjoyed an afternoon tea.

The Hawkes Bay group talked about folks they knew in Cornwall and what family line they were researching. Each member took home a colored map of the main places.

**The group's previous meeting included attending an Operatunity daytime concert made up of songs from the greatest musicals, titled 'From Broadway to the Westend'.**

(Operatunity is a musical company of Kiwi artists that tours several different shows performing during the daytime.)

*New Zealand Cornish Association newsletter*

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### Milwaukee Cornish Donate Historic Documents

During the Cornish festival Norine Trewyn donated historic documents from the Greater Milwaukee Cornish Society to the SWCS.

Sadly, the Milwaukee Cornish Society has disbanded. The SWCS accepted the items donated in memory of Jerome Trewyn to us for safekeeping. Included were: History of Milwaukee society by E. Mae Reese; three binders of their newsletter the Cornish Immigrant; five Cornish music CDs; and photographs taken at past meetings and events.

The Milwaukee Cornish society was formed in 1985 and your society newsletter editor was a member of the group in those early years. A cousin of mine and charter member of the Milwaukee Cornish Society, Mae Reese, was originally from Mineral Point. Several charter members had direct connections with Dodgeville/Mineral Point. I had the honor of knowing most of the Milwaukee group members and a fair number have been also been members of our SWCS. The Milwaukee group was a strong supporter of our annual Cornish festivals as well.



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### Sandy Weitzel Future Bard

Sandy who is currently the SWCS treasurer and also helps with other Cornish Projects including the Student Exchange program with Cornwall has been notified that she is invited to become a Bard in the Gorsedh Kernow in September 2024.

*Our CAHS congratulations to her on this achievement!*

*Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society newsletter*

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The Toronto Cornish Association met in October with a program on Daniel Gumb.

Brian Oldham, president of the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society presented a fascinating history of Daniel Gumb who lived in a cave under the Cheesewring. His epitaph in Linkinhorne Churchyard:

Here I lie by the churchyard door  
**Here I lie because I'm poor**  
The further in, the more you pay  
But here I lie as warm as they.

The talk was taken from the booklet by William H. Paynter in 1946, "Daniel Gumb—The Cornish Cave man Mathematician", and the 1838 "Parochial History of Cornwall", by Davis Gilbert.

Brian's new book, "A Peek into Liskeard's Past" is available from [Kernow Goth – Safeguarding Cornwall's unique soul and identity through a sound knowledge of its past](#)

and [www.thebookshopliskeard.com](http://www.thebookshopliskeard.com)

*Toronto Cornish Society Review*

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England & Wales census to be abolished? **ENDS 2021**

You may recall that on 29<sup>th</sup> June this year the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a [consultation document](#) that outlined their plans to abolish the census.

**You don't remember that? Well, funnily enough, neither do I** – in fact, by the time I heard about it the consultation had closed

For more information and free newsletter go to:

[9/11/2023 LostCousins Newsletter](#)

## Correspondence con't:

The Carols of Padstow and more

*When I emailed Bert Biscoe for permission to include his poem in our newsletter, he wrote back some events that I am sharing here.*

The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, alongside Truro and Padstow Societies and Truro Cathedral, will be celebrating the 'Carols of Padstow' on Monday 18th December (7pm UK time). It will be live streamed and **(hopefully) later available on the FOCS website, 'Kernow Goth'**. If our previous experience holds true, it will also be archived on the Truro Cathedral site, which is where the live stream can be viewed (*although I think that will be midnight or thereabouts in the US!*).

And

I shall be visiting Cincinnati from 17th January to the 24th, and will be giving a reading at Household Books on the 20th. If there are CAHS members in the vicinity, tickets are available from the Household Books website. The event is being organised by CAHS member, Richard Hoskin (The Miner and the Viscount). As a result of he and I meeting at the Milwaukee Gathering, I now attend two regular workshops - the Monday Morning Writers Group, and the Cincinnati Writers' Group Poetry Workshop (details on-line). Efforts are under way to see if we can also stream the reading.

And

I received a number of e-mails and cards from people wishing me well during my recent health 'do!' I and my family are very appreciative of such support, so a big thank you from us. I am now hale and hearty - indeed, somewhat reduced and healthier than for some considerable time before - they say that diabetics are the most healthy amongst us - tell my arthritis that! 'Hi Art! How're ya doin' t'day?' 'Like a salad leaf with rusty hinges!'

*Editor: So glad Bert is doing well now, has his sense of humor and is keeping very busy!*

Kernow Goth

Bert mentioned Kernow Goth in his email and then I read more about it in the TCA Review. Here is what was included:

Kernow Goth was established in 1920 for those that believe **Cornwall's past and present heritage and culture can be an asset to its tomorrows**. It was founded by Henry Jenner and Robert Morton Nance.

It serves as an umbrella organization for the 42 Old Cornwall Societies (like the CAHS in North America). In 1920, St. Ives became the first society which was founded.

Their motto is 'Gather ye the fragments that are left, that nothing be lost'. The logo states "King Arthur is not dead".

The website also states: **Safeguarding Cornwall's unique soul and identity through a sound knowledge of its past.**

[Kernow Goth – Safeguarding Cornwall's unique soul and identity through a sound knowledge of its past](#)

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Storm Ciaran

On Wednesday, people were preparing for strong winds up to 90 mph in parts of Devon and Cornwall. The Met office issued yellow heavy rain and amber for very strong and potentially damaging gales and wind warnings for up to 75 mph Thursday also—indicating potential risks to life and property.

Great Western Railway cancelled trains west of St. Austell until at least noon on Thursday as well as a possibility of disruptions in both counties.

By afternoon on Thursday 9,000 homes had been left without power due to the storm, while schools across Dorset, Sussex and Hampshire—where a major incident was declared for much of the day—have shut their doors.

British Airways and KLM were among the airlines cancelling flights, with some 100 cancelled between them.

AA, which had a large number of callouts in southern England, said it had "rescued 84 customers stuck in flood so far today, with thousands more impacted by the weather".



**Correspondence con't**

**Storm con't:**

The threat of flooding persisted in some areas such as the River Neet at Bude, River Starat and Neet at Helebridge, River Torridge, lower from Dolton to Bideford. The Tamar was on alert as other rivers over the next few days.

Saturday there were still warnings for heavy rain across Devon and Cornwall.

Saturday morning, a large leatherback turtle was found washed up on the beach at Perranporth in what was described as an 'unusual stranding'. Unfortunately the turtle did not survive.

BBC



Hi.

I'm writing to you from Falmouth in Cornwall, but I'd like to draw your attention to something that is happening in Mousehole. I am one of the directors of the football club there and we are launching a crowdfunding campaign.



We're hoping that by raising what is quite a large sum of money we can build a new road to take the traffic away from our neighbouring village, and give them something of a peaceful life back.

I'm reaching out to as many Cornish communities around the world as I can in the hope that you might be able to highlight our campaign and maybe garner some interest.

If you're able to share this link through any of your social media or other channels, we'd be forever grateful.

Many thanks and all the best to you!

Kevin Bishop

Director, Media and Education Outreach

Tel: 07739920251

[www.kevinbishop.tv](http://www.kevinbishop.tv)

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

To contribute to the fund please go to:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/mouseholeafc>

This was advertised as an in person program and I was disappointed that I would not be able to see it. Well, I took a chance and emailed the Trust and received a very nice email back from Casey Meyer-Bourne—**"So lovely to hear from you across the pond!"**

I mentioned that I had watched many of their zoom programs during covid and she told me they record their in-person ones and put them on their website. So if YOU and I are interested in this one or others, they have them. This one is going to be held on November 23, so I would give them a week or so and then check out their website to watch it.

You can go to: <https://www.cornwallheritagetrust.org/story-cafes/story-cafe-recordings/>

*PS she is going to forward our information to their Education and Outreach Manager to see about working together.*

Cornwall Heritage Trust

CAHS Editor



**Correspondence con't:**

Remembrance Day in Cornwall

Several villages in Cornwall were on Facebook and Barry West, Cornish historian, was in Feock, and reports,

**“In the village since March this year a team of volunteers called Knit Knot and Natter, have created the most amazing spectacle, some are knitted and others are of crochet technique.”**



What a wonderful tribute to those that lost their lives, those who came back and of course all of the animals.

A total of 5665 Poppies were made and used in decorations in the village.

*Courtesy of Barry West, Facebook*

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Carnon Downs also had a lovely display over the horse that was created in memory of William John Trebillock Davey who was killed July 1916. Other areas of the town were decorated with the thousands of poppies created.



[BBC Cornwall on X: "A village outside Truro is home to a very special horse. It's been covered in knitted poppies and can be seen for the next two weeks in Carnon Downs. Watch our film... https://t.co/02JF41RMzZ" / X \(twitter.com\)](https://t.co/02JF41RMzZ)

*BBC Radio Cornwall*

Our Cornish Tartans

Motto: Onen hag oll ("One and All")



This Cornish tartan was designed in 1963 by Mr. E. E. Morton-Nance (a Cornish Bard) of Horner Park Road, Padstow in answer to criticism of the plain black kilts first introduced by Cornish patriots. Each color in the Nation Tartan has a special meaning: White on Black for St. Piran's Banner (the Patron Saint of Tinnars), Black and Gold were the colors of the ancient Cornish kings; red is for the beak and legs of the Chough, the Cornish National bird, and blue is for the sea surrounding Cornwall.



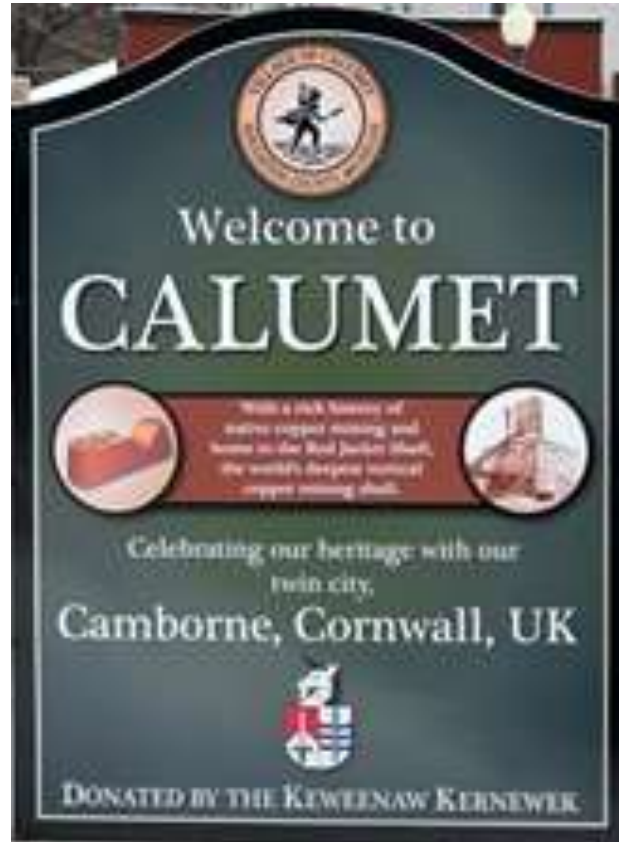
This Hunting Tartan was produced in 1984 as a subdued alternative to the rather bright Cornish National Tartan. This hunting design was a collaboration between the Redwood and Chamock families. It was marketed by Cornovi Creations of Cornwall (owned by Sandra Redwood). It is based on the Cornish National tartan whose designer apparently (and correctly) regarded tartan as the heritage of all Celts, not Scots alone. The Hunting Tartan incorporates all the colors of the original National Tartan but with a dark green background. It is also said that Royal Blue and Gold were the colors of the Cornish Wrestlers.

**California Cornish Cousins newsletter 'Kenderwi Kernewek'**

Cornish American Heritage Society  
And Keweenaw Kernewek  
Invite YOU to

PASTIES, PEOPLE AND PLACES:  
CONNECTING WITH CORNWALL

AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 2024  
IN  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN



CELEBRATE YOUR CORNISH CONNECTIONS  
during the 24th  
GATHERING OF THE CORNISH  
COUSINS

Savor the aroma of PASTIES  
Wafting through the Air.

Learn about PEOPLE who  
brought PASTIES here.

Explore PLACES where  
those PEOPLE left traces  
of CONNECTING WITH  
CORNWALL.

JOIN THOUSANDS IN THE FUN  
OF PASTY FEST

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

Mark your 2024 Summer Calendar

Fill out your  
registration—more  
information on next page (69)

Make reservations for a  
wonderful stay in  
**Michigan's Copper**  
Country where Cornish  
men and women made up  
a large part of the  
population from the  
1840s on.

Pack your bags and JOIN  
US as we celebrate our  
Cornish Heritage!

You'll want to know:



Calumet is the headquarters for the Keweenaw National Historical Park and its twenty-two various Heritage Sites, dedicated to the history of copper mining.

**Calumet is in Michigan's Upper Peninsula** and can be reached via United Airlines. The airport is Houghton County Memorial (CMX).

By car, your destination is reached by US-41 and M-26.

VISIT KEWEENAW  
[www.visitkeweenaw.com](http://www.visitkeweenaw.com)  
is a good source for information about lodging.

Registration will include:

Thursday:  
Admission fees for visits to five National Park Heritage Sites  
Pasty Supper

Friday:  
Two small group sessions per person on Friday morning  
Keynote — Friday Afternoon  
*(Ask about available Zoom option)*  
High Tea late Afternoon  
Concert at the Calumet Theatre in Evening

Saturday:  
Pasty Fest

Mail your registration form and check to:

CAHS  
c/o Dorothy Hosking  
1451 Spruce Street, #204  
Florence, OR 97439

To register for the Gathering, please complete this information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the option you want:

Early Bird Registration (\$125 if received by March 5)

Regular Registration (\$150 if received by July 31)

Late Registration (\$175 after July 31)

Keynote only — Zoom fee (\$25)

## CALL for PRESENTATIONS

### *Pasties, People, and Places: Connecting with Cornwall.* The 22nd Gathering of Cornish Cousins

Mark your calendar for August 15, 16, and 17, 2024 — the 22nd Gathering of Cornish Cousins, a cooperative effort of the Cornish American Heritage Society and Keweenaw Kernewek, the Cornish Connection of the Copper Country. The focus will be on making connections with the past, the present, and the future, highlighting Cornish contributions.

*Pasties, People, and Places: Connecting with Cornwall* will take place in Calumet, Michigan, home of Pasty Fest. Calumet lies in the Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP) and is twinned with Camborne, Cornwall. Like the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, KNHP celebrates mining history. Of its 22 different Heritage Sites, four are in Calumet and will be part of the Gathering program.

Help us celebrate by sharing your knowledge of Cornish contributions to customs, education, food, language, mining techniques, preserving heritage and much more. Small group sessions on Friday morning will allow attendees to choose from a variety of topics. People like you will help us all learn about what our ancestors did, what is going on now, and how we can build for the future. Sessions will last for 50 minutes. Please give the information below and send it via email to Tom Rusch at [cousinjack.president@gmail.com](mailto:cousinjack.president@gmail.com). Application deadline: February 14. Decision made by April 10. (By this date we will better know how many are attending and how many speakers we will need.)

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Please give the following information in your application:

1. Presentation title
2. **Presenter's Name**
3. **Presenter's Home Address**
4. Email
5. Phone with Country & Area codes
6. Tell us about yourself in a brief biography.
7. Please give a brief description of your talk that could be printed in a program booklet. Include information about how your talk will emphasize making Connections in at least one of the following:
  - a. Cornish history and/or traditions
  - b. Preserving Cornish heritage in North America
  - c. Doing valid historical research
  - d. Forging connections between Cornwall and North America
8. Will you bring your own audio-visual equipment?

## House prices: Wales to help Cornwall tackle its housing crisis

A new shared learning agreement between Wales and Cornwall is hoped to help tackle the Cornish housing crisis.

From April this year Welsh councils can set council tax premiums at 300% for second homes to help free up housing stock for locals. Second homes will be top of the agenda for focus groups set up as part of the contract.

The leader of Cornwall council said housing was a "real issue" in both regions. Wales and Cornwall have some spectacular scenery which are a magnet for tourists and second home owners. A lack of affordable housing and second homes is hitting both areas and it's not just the sea-side or rural villages.

The Welsh government has said it wants to "develop a fairer housing market", and that new tax changes were designed to both ensure owners made a fair contribution to communities and to show whether properties were being let regularly.

In Cornwall there are over 13,000 holiday homes, and leaders are looking closely at what's happening in Wales.

Pol Hodge, who holds the ceremonial role of grand bard of Cornwall, said he felt "very angry about the second home situation".

"We look to Wales where there is a 300% charge, whereas we look at here and it is just like the wild west," he said.

"Because the tourist industry is more focused around our coastal areas it has decimated our coastal communities. "We have a housing crisis where a lot of our young people have got nowhere to live."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-66739065>

CAV-Ballararat newsletter

## The Kings birthday honours King Charles' first official Birthday Honours List

Eight people from Cornwall were included in the list. These recipients were recognised for their significant contribution to their local communities and, in some cases, further afield as well.

Dr Giles Francis Maskell, a consultant clinical radiologist at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust in Truro, for services to Diagnostic Radiology – OBE

Dr Carol Lee Tozer, past director of Adult Social Services for Isle of Wight Council and Trustee of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, for services to social care in Bodmin – OBE

Lindsey Victoria Hall, of Downderry in Cornwall, for services to Social Enterprise and to the community in Cornwall and Plymouth - MBE

David William Pond, from Kingsand in Cornwall for services to wheelchair rugby – MBE

Deborah Jane Boden, World Heritage Site coordinator for Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site, for services to heritage – MBE

Sarah Greenhalgh (Sarah Smith), chair of Tobacco Factory Theatres, for services to theatre and to the community in Bristol and Cornwall – MBE

Sandra Lawrence, from Newquay, founder and director of Cornwall Accessible Activities Programme, for services to families with disabled children and young people - BEM

PC Sam Samuel, for services to policing. During 21 years in the force, he has given 'exemplary service and dedication to communities' - King's Policing Medal (KPM)



## Cornish Story

Delabole Slate Quarry  
by Alan Murton

Alan Murton is in east Cornwall and brings us the story of a Cornish icon—the Delabole Slate Quarry. Most of us have heard of it, some have seen it, but a pound to a penny **there's something new to learn from this graphic article.**

Standing at dawn with thousands of others on the edge of the Grand Canyon a cynical tourist asked, “who dug this hole?” Nearer to home there's a hole 425 feet deep and over a mile and a half around, So, who dug this one?



Harry Rich—courtesy Malcolm McCarthy)

### Generations of Cornishmen, that's who!

To find out more about a quarry that is over 900 years old click on: [Cornish Story](#).

While you are on the site check out all the other stories and poems..



Marion Howard received a lifetime achievement award in honor of her many years of dedicated service to the Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society. The vase presented is made of Cornish china clay by Mineral Point potter Frank Polizzi. The vase was awarded to Marion just before the start of the Saturday evening program at the Opera house.

Marion has just stepped down from the editor of their newsletter since 2001—a run of 22 years gathering articles from Cornwall or other areas that are interesting and fun to read. She was also the membership chairman for about the same length of time. She said she has made many friends over the years while being in those positions. Jim Jewell will be taking her place for now as editor and Sandy (mentioned in the newsletter also) will take over membership.

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## Cornish Surnames

It was not until the mid-late middle ages that surnames were first used to distinguish between people with the same personal name. In still Brythonic speaking Cornwall, as in Wales, this was even later and followed somewhat divergent patterns to England.

### 1. Patronymics:

(a) A father's name was taken and used as a surname, without alteration: eg. Davy, Harry

(b) A diminutive of the father's name is used, eg. Jenkin, Hockin

(c) A Christian name, or its diminutive, is used with an English possessive 's' suffixed, eg. Johns, Roberts, Jenkins, Rogers

(d) The prefix Map (son of) or its residual 'p' is attached to the father's name, eg. Map Robert became Probert, Map Rowse became Prowse, Map Howel became Powell.

Source: *8A Handbook of Cornish Surnames*, by George Pawley White, 2nd ed. 1981.

*Cornish Association of New South Wales newsletter*

A Passing Thought Behind Trurra Cathedral  
By Bert Biscoe

The first signs at pretention came  
In the eighteenth century  
When the burghers granted permission  
For a spire to cap  
The miserable chapel tower -

As masons created their puzzle,  
And rubble was carted away  
From Middle Row to allow  
Old Ned<sup>[1]</sup> to affix his admiral name  
To a broad and cobbled vista,

Jack Wesley, clearing his throat,  
Opened proceedings at the pump  
Outside the Market House,  
Revival swelled up Quay Street  
And silenced the Fighting Cocks crew -

Sam<sup>[2]</sup> and Jack met in prayer  
And over tea at Truro Vean,  
But schism was the destination  
No matter what  
Evangelical persuasion

**Flew angelically over Goody's lane**  
And chapels arose  
On every street, bishops shrank  
Under Exeter cassocks and stolls  
And revival filled the Truro air -



The Cockpit Chapel—Cornish Story

Old Sam deserted St. Mary  
**To sing and pray a cockerel's thanks**  
For a merciful act to spare  
The Octagon, and all who joined him -  
And, by God it was man, who

Dubbed themselves Cockpitarians -  
They shared their thanks,- given penny  
Whilst, whit cow-ship piled  
Before the rectory door, the curate, left  
By his absentee mentor

To hold the established Trollopian fort,  
Made returns to Visitation -  
**'Dissenters ascendant!' Charlie's[3] airs,**  
Loudly harmonical over pews,  
**Swung the Lord's left to catch the chin**

Of sin, of wicked liquor and usury,  
And win the prize at Whitsun Fairs -  
Over St. Day, rate demands greater  
**Than Bassett's pay, they faithful few**  
**Blew the roof off Crammer's church -**

And down, a thunderous brew  
Of self and mission, a newly scratched  
Ancient line from Aberplym to Marsland,  
Came he who saw himself  
A messianic wake of authoritarian charm,

Who did not dispute the whimsy  
That from England came a second coming,  
Raising his episcopal arm  
**And declaring: 'Here, my dear,**  
**We shall raze this 'ere rotten piece**

Down to the ground and erect  
An edifice which will beat the brow,  
Reverse the tide of non-conformity,  
**And impose the law for her majesty's**  
**Establishment upon such idolatry!**

Then, pretention clambered down the bus  
To grab the back seat and sing  
**'Ten Green Bottles' all the way home**  
On the Marigold after Sunday School  
Tea Treat down St. Ives—he dragged

**One and faithful all into the magistrate's hall,**  
Demanding oaths, allegiance, obedience!  
Dunnaw how many took to ships  
To open shops in Americée—a fair few!  
And up she flew—the great edifice -



**Poem con't:**

All spire and buttress, a curving nave  
And enough slate to empty Delabole -  
**All so's Benson could save his soul**  
And deliver this deep belief of a land  
**Into the palm of a protestant God's**

Outstretched and nail-scarred hand  
Up she went, up to the clouds,  
The peregrine thought a new cliff had come,  
Its golden cockerel turned  
Before the wind, looking down

Upon old Sam and The Cockpitarians,  
Worn of knee but doctrinally free,  
Giving the Lord belltink over by  
The town Leat, above river—sprite  
**Shackled in Keyne's culvert**

**And behind the pilgrim's trodden track**  
From Gannel to Fal and back,  
The drunken old saint hid in the dunes  
And dancing to banished Cornish tunes  
Opened the box to set a language free -

Strange to say, for all the faith  
Tied to railings and proclaimed  
By bells on practice night, when Jason  
Slipped and broke his head,  
And found himself pronounced

**'Clinically dead!' no spire nor**  
Mock gothic nave nor chancel  
Caught his last long ship sailing  
On a sea of grief to committal  
But Missus, sitting beside the councillor,

**Turned to say: 'Must be some day!**  
Every pew full to brimming, and up there,  
Beside the geht organ, why Maister!  
**That's Sid Tann, Ronnie's brother,**  
Sitting looking serious in chapel -

Poor old God, drowning in prayer,  
Wondering if creation was His best idea,  
**He won't know what's on at all!**  
Best look out tomorrow, lest He forget  
**To raise the blaze of the rising sun.'**

1. **Admiral Edward 'Ned' Boscawen**—Old Dreadnought
2. Samuel Walker
3. Charles Wesley

## ZOOM

### Next Reading Group: *Homesick* by Catrina Davies

Please participate in our next CAHS online book club meeting where we will delve into the captivating world of *Homesick* by Catrina Davies. This thought-provoking and heartwarming memoir has touched the hearts of **many, and we can't wait to share our thoughts and insights** with fellow book lovers like you.

Date: Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Pacific, 3pm Mountain, 4pm Central, 5pm Eastern, and 10pm GMT

In *Homesick*, Catrina Davies takes us on a remarkable journey as she seeks a sense of belonging in an ever-changing world. Her exploration of the meaning of home, **identity, and connection resonates deeply, and we're excited** to discuss how her experiences mirror our own lives. **Whether you've already finished the book or are still turning its pages, join us for an engaging discussion that will delve into the book's themes, characters, and the emotions it evokes.** Feel free to share your favorite quotes, raise questions, or simply listen and absorb the thoughts of fellow readers.

Prepare your favorite cup of tea or coffee, find a cozy spot **and let's gather virtually to share our insights and enjoy** the camaraderie of fellow book lovers. **Whether you're a seasoned book club attendee or a first timer, your perspective is valued and appreciated.**

We look forward to sharing this literary journey with you and exploring the pages of *Homesick* together.

Happy reading!

Time: Dec 10, 2023 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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The Cornwall Sabbatical: Observations Through a  
**Returning Pirate's Kaleidoscope**

By Jonathan E. Cox

Author Jonathan Cox and I have a lot in common, we were both born in Cornwall, we have both lived abroad for extended periods of time (though my time was perhaps less constructively spent), we both returned to education at, shall we say, a mature stage in our lives, and we both love where we are from.

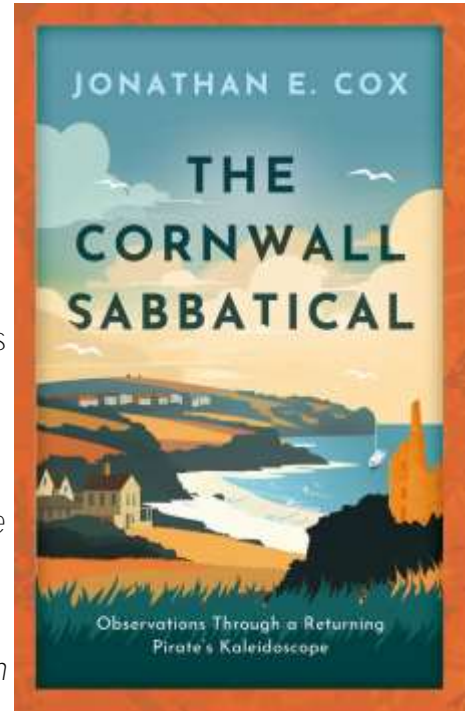
Born in Penzance, Jonathan E. Cox spent many years as a Fleet Street journalist and international news agency correspondent before he felt compelled to return to Cornwall. He recently completed a postgraduate writing degree at Falmouth University with a first-class honours degree (distinction). *The Cornwall Sabbatical* is his first, but hopefully not last, book. To make ends meet as a writer, he also works as a consumer analyst.

**Jonathan explains:** *“Cornish, I was born into a working-class family in Helston. I left Cornwall in my teens as there was little in the way of opportunity for young people. Covid triggered a reappraisal and I returned to Cornwall after living outside of the UK for over thirty years, first as a wire journalist and then as a financial analyst based in Zurich. I was blown away at the changes — lots of high-end cars, Michelin restaurants, gastro pubs, and loads of people on the beaches and in the water even in the darkest days of winter, something that rarely, if ever happened in my youth. More prosperous, there is more pride in place with Cornish flags everywhere and the Cornish recognised as a minority. But there is also a lot more homelessness and poverty with many people being left behind. A traditional way of life, particularly family social support structures, have disappeared.”*

*“I wanted to write about Cornwall in an entertaining and humorous way, covering serious issues, but not browbeating the reader. I look at some of the drivers of change as well as what is the ongoing move toward Cornwall's greater independence with the UK. There are a lot of books about Cornwall — either overwhelmingly optimistic, dazzling as whitewashed fishermen's cottages, or as bleak as some of the damp, bleak housing estates littering the inner peninsula. Not many are written by a Cornish author who tries to walk a middle ground. I never expected to write this book. It has become a labour of love dedicated to Cornwall, my first love.”*

Review by The Cornish Bird

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### *Christmas Carols and their Prominence in Cornwall and in the Diaspora*

Kate Neale was born and raised in Cornwall, in a musical family living on the north coast. Growing up fascinated by the power of music and seeing the importance of tradition for local communities eventually led her to pursue an ethnomusicology PhD, in which she examined how Cornish Christmas carols travelled with emigrant Cornish miners and became part of Cornish and local heritages overseas. She graduated with her doctorate in 2019 and has since become involved in a range of Cornish projects and organizations, including the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies and the Cornish National Music Archive. She is a Cornish speaker and was made a bard of Gorsedh Kernow at St. Just in 2019. In her talk for the CAHS, she will speak about what motivated her interest in Cornwall and its culture, the CNMA project, its activities and aims, and her current research and interests.

Kate Neale talks about Christmas Carols and their Prominence in Cornwall and the Diaspora.

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### Voices of Cornwall



**Click here for Jim Wearne's  
"Surprise! You're Cornish"**

<https://youtu.be/eOu3owOSWvA>

From: [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

## Standing Stones Celtic Nations Monument Brisbane QLD



Over many years the Celtic Council of Qld had been planning a Celtic monument of standing stones in Brisbane. Our Cornish Association and some members had made donations to help with this project. Delays for various reasons had occurred. So it was with relief that the final version was inaugurated on Sunday 8th October, 2023 at Moorlands Park, off Coronation Drive, Auchenflower (an inner western suburb of Brisbane).

*Cornish Association of NSW newsletter*

### How Copper Mining Started in Upper Michigan

It is fascinating that the copper mining in the Keweenaw Copper Region did not start in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when our Cornish ancestors began their treks to a new land.

**Here we'll explore only the beginning of the copper mining history.**

Mining for copper began about 7,000 years ago. Evidence left behind indicates that inhabitants would harvest the copper they could find and then leave evidence of where and how they took it. They would find pieces of copper in rocks and would bash it with hammer stones to remove the metal. Sites with up to 26 feet of abandoned rocks and tools have been found.

They would take semi-completed artifacts and would heat it and let it cool slowly (a process called annealing), so it could be more easily shaped. This removed the internal stresses of the copper that would have been present had they only worked with the metal in a cold state. Then they would use sandstone, sand, and wood ashes to polish the awls, axes, scrapers, beads, and other decorative items and tools.



### **Mining con't:**

In the seventeenth century metal goods from Europe came to the New World. Production of these materials here was unnecessary here. The Native Americans stopped mining it, but the Europeans became interested in it. During these two next centuries, Europeans sought after it, but there were too few men and tools to make any progress. Starting in 1820 a chain of American expeditions led the first major mine rush in the 1840s.

Famous names like Lewis Cass (governor) and John Calhoun (US Secretary of War) supported an expedition to the Keweenaw. Geologist Douglass Houghton accompanied Henry Rowe Schoolcraft to lead more explorations and to study the geology of the area. In 1837 Houghton became **Michigan's first state geologist**. The report he presented in 1841 "**stimulated great interest among geologists, mining men, and entrepreneurs (14)**". Treaties were signed with the Chippewa Indians which gave mineral and property rights to these lands. An agency was opened in Copper Harbor.

Thousands traveled to find copper. The explorers and settlers coped with Lake Superior. Black flies and mosquitoes were a miserable experience in the summer and of course **the snow and the winter that "lasted half a year" froze them out.**

Mines had to employ at least 1000 men and invest \$100,000 or more into a mine plant. Such a risk for failure caused the formation of incorporated mining companies. But by 1845 lodes of copper proved profitable. Continued toil led to success at the Cliff mine, when in 1849 it started paying out several millions of dollars in dividends. Another company hit another mass copper bonanza in the southern end.

The boom had started!

*Tom Rusch*

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### CAHS Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Do you have a passion for a topic and the energy to organize a group of like-minded folks?

We are looking for volunteers to establish and lead CAHS Special Interests Groups (SIGs).

We are up and running with our first SIG: the CAHS Book Club and there is room for so many more: travel, genealogy, history, cooking, Cornish language, etc.

If you're interested in being a SIG leader,  
please contact us at

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### New Truro hospital plans given thumbs up ahead of demolition work

Plans for a brand new hospital building have been given the go ahead in Cornwall. The scheme will bring a new pathology building to the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro.

The building, for which construction is expected to start next summer, is a significant piece of the puzzle required ahead **of construction of the new Women and Children's Hospital** for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) was granted full planning permission for its new state-of-the-art pathology building by Cornwall Council.

Construction of the new building is due to begin in summer 2024, once final approval for the new pathology hub has been granted by NHS England. The existing pathology laboratories and services will eventually move out of their existing location which will be demolished in 2026 to make **way for the new Women and Children's Hospital.**

*Cornish Association of Victoria, Ballarat Branch newsletter*



## IN SEARCH OF THE LOST CHURCH

By Patrice Oliver

Hooray, I went and found it,  
I located it at last,  
A place of prayer and worship,  
A relic of the past.  
I searched through dunes and brambles,  
I looked for years and years,  
I traipsed around for ages,  
And overcame my fears.  
**I've found the Church at Perren,**  
I stopped to have a snack,  
**I'm sitting here to write this rhyme,**  
**Cos' I can't find my way back !!**

*London Cornish Association newsletter*

## Happy New Year 2024



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15-17 August 2024  
Calumet, Michigan

Gorsedh Kernow  
September 2024  
Cornwall

CornishFest  
27-29 September 2024  
Mineral Point, Wisconsin

