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Gorsedh Kernow names 12 new Bards for 2019

A deep feeling of pride in being honoured with Cornish bardship will be plain to see this year as 11 proud initiates, with just 2 from outside Cornwall this year, wait to take their place among the 500 or so existing members of the College of Bards of Gorsedh Kernow.

Gorsedh Kernow, now in its 90th anniversary year, was established with the aim of celebrating and promoting Cornwall's distinctive Celtic culture and the historic mining town of St Just in Penwith provides the setting for this year's Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival which includes the iconic blue robed bardic ceremony on Saturday 7th September.

“Being awarded a bardship is a great honour,” said Grand Bard of Cornwall Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek* “especially as the ceremony is conducted in front of gathered members of the College of Bards, alongside representatives of our sister Celtic nations of Wales and Brittany, other Cornish organisations and friends and families that support Gorsedh Kernow and come together on this special occasion to celebrate our precious Cornish culture.”

The new bards for 2019 are;

Mary Ann Bloomfield, Botallack, for promoting the Cornish element in community arts

Richard Cawley, St. Mawgan, for services to Cornish wrestling.

Greg Drew, South Australia, for promoting the knowledge of mining technology and his commitment in the Cornish Diaspora.

Rev. Julyan Drew, Newlyn for a lifetime's promotion of Cornwall in everything he does. (Please see note below).**

Rosie Fierek, Gunnislake, for promoting the Cornish element in community arts.

Ronald Hogg, Newlyn, for research and promotion of local history in Newlyn.

Michael Jenkin, Bodmin, for promoting Cornish identity at home and overseas.

Kate Neale, Porthcothan, for promoting the revival of Cornish music in Cornwall and the Diaspora.

Paul Phillips, Helston, for being an outstanding promoter of the Cornish dialect.

Gwenno Saunders, Cardiff, for services to the Cornish language through music and the media.

Colin Short, St. Austell, by examination in the Cornish language and continuing service to Cornwall.

Kathy Wallis, Rillaton, for being an enthusiastic promoter of Cornish folk arts.

**On Tuesday 11th June the Grand Bard Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek* and a small group of bards gathered for a short private ceremony at the Newlyn home of the Rev Julyan Drew, a new initiate who had graciously accepted the honour of bardship with the intention of attending the 2019 bardic ceremony in St Just. Sadly, due to his diminishing health, Rev Drew's family felt that he may become too fragile and that it would be too much for him to take part in the September ceremony, and it was decided that the honour of bardship would be conferred on Rev

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

Myttin da, (*Good Morning*)

The past 2 months has been a time of catching up from my trip to Australia and an eye surgery done to help with glaucoma. I am pleased to say that my eye seems to be getting along quite well after 2.5 months of being cranky.

Our daughter and 4 children (2 in college, 1 just graduated, and an 11 year old) and I took a very short weekend trip to the Sleeping Sand Dunes and Mackinac Island. We had a great time climbing many, many steps on the island up to Arch Rock. I gave up coming back down the stairs (209) and walked back across the island. The way around on the shore was about 1.5 times longer so I had to wait for them a bit. The carriage ride showed us places where we might not have been able to walk.

Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes was a big climb and each time we reached what we thought was the top we had another 'top'. Needless to say we stopped after the third one, but it was a lot of fun with all of the kids. It is great to be able to spend time with family. I think the most fun I had was in Lake Michigan along side US 2 highway in the UP. The beach extends along **the road and the water felt soooo good on the hot day. By the way, we were there while is was in the high 90's in the Lower Peninsula.**

I wish I had more time to get back to Cornwall and see family. It has been on the top of my list **long enough. Not feeling good about driving on the 'wrong' side of the road is a big issue.**

The photos I have included were a pleasant surprise in Traverse City. After finally finding a parking space, we were heading for the shopping area (which we never did get to) when we saw the shop across the street. After we went to the shore to look at Lake Michigan, we stopped back at the shop to get pasties. They were both huge (Thank you!) and excellent! PS not to rival Pasty.com, but this shop also mails out pasties.



After getting back I had the task of taking over the treasurer position. This is a time for some serious thoughts. If one person has to do 3 jobs for the society something is wrong. We are in desperate need of a treasurer who is willing and able to keep accurate records up to date. Is anyone available to do this?

I printed out one of many databases and see many are interested in a Gathering. That is good news. However, I put out a plea in the last 2 newsletters (yes it is in again this newsletter) and have not heard from anyone. Without the help of members who volunteer—who do you think is going to do ALL the work? *Many hands make light work.* Anyone remember that saying?

The board has agreed that without a treasurer we will not have a Gathering. 2020 makes 3 years since the last Gathering. **The Constitution and Bylaws state that "If no scheduled CAHS informational meeting and social Gatherings are presented within 5 calendar years, the officers are authorized to dissolve the CAHS. I certainly don't want that to happen at all! I need to hear from you. Time has almost run out to hold a Gathering in 2020 unless we get going right NOW.**

I am ready and willing. Who will join me?

dhywgh hwi yn lel, (*sincerely*)

Carolyn



Cornish Cousin Gathering Update

The Board is looking at 2020. Our plans for a gathering in 2019 fell through when we were unable to find a venue that could host all of the daytime meetings in one building. As we age our mobility sometimes decreases and this was a very important consideration.

Here is a reminder of our mission statement:

“The Cornish American Heritage Society is dedicated to the preservations of the unique Cornish-American heritage throughout North America, providing a link to other Cornish heritage associations and to Cornwall. Our members are encouraged, through education, to be actively involved in genealogical research, documentation and involvement in biennial informational Gatherings.”

We are looking for a large strong turnout so that we can discuss and set goals for where we would like to be in the next 5 - 10 years. Where are we going and how are we going to get there. We need to change the way we do business to survive. Some of those items have been put in place but we need the help of ALL of you to keep the organization relevant and current with our mission and Cornwall at the forefront.

CAHS is in need of younger folks to become familiar with and learn about their Cornish heritage and to join us so that they can help carry on. One possibility is to offer a youth track – possibly 5th grade through university students - offered at a reduced price for the workshop portion of the registration. Valid school ID needed for registration.

Our Board is looking at possibly Wednesday (Wed. and Sat. possible optional tours) thru Saturday evening or Sunday morning. We could have optional tours on Saturday also if there are enough places to visit.

Some of the places we suggest are Butte, Montana, Grass Valley, California, Bisbee, Arizona, Toronto, Canada, or possibly the North East Coast. Is there a society or group of Cornish individuals in those areas that might like to help us ‘on the ground’ and by being an advisor to us? What about some of the current societies? How about a society or group of folks partnering with a local genealogical or historical society in one of the areas - or with the Chamber of Commerce? Does your town have hotels with convention facilities and event planners? It doesn’t have to be ‘all on you’. Let us know so we can start planning the next Cornish Cousin Gathering.

If you are interested in assisting to host the gathering, here are several notes to take into account:

- All the workshops/speaker sessions in one building
- Summer months - preferably late June or early August
- Youth Track (will have track outline available)
- Dinners together each night, except Wednesday (tours and people arriving)
- Possible – entertainment and/or Crowdy Crawn in the evenings

Please contact me if you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions and/or if you are considering attending a Gathering in 2020.

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(Correspondence from Societies
and Cousin Jack Website)

Poldark Season 5



Starts on September 29, 2019

National New Zealand Meeting

The national meeting held in New Plymouth on Saturday, 11 May was a great success. A big vote of thanks to the Taranaki Branch for being such warm hosts. Proceedings started with lunch. Delicious pasties were provided by Paul Dalton at Traditional Cornish Foods. Paul generously donated pasties for everyone. The Phoenix Morris Dancers entertained with traditional dances, tunes and songs inside, outside and all around the homes of the Telford Retirement Village.



One of the dances was called **the Tinner's Rabbit and depicted the hunting and capture of a rabbit.** It was inspired by the three hares symbol common in the West Country of the UK. Each hare appears to have 2 ears but there are actually only 3 ears shared between the animals.

The dance is performed by three dancers using sticks to represent the connection between the hares.

The Tinner's Rabbit sounds as if it could be Cornish. Unfortunately, as far as anyone can tell it originated in south Devon.

New Zealand Cornish Association newsletter

International Male Choir Festival

Under the distinguished presidency of Colonel Edward Bolitho, OBE, Lord—Lieutenant of Cornwall, festivals have been organised biennially since 2003— this year is the ninth.

More than 60 male choirs participate in each Festival from across the world, the UK and, of course, Cornwall. In addition to concerts and other public singing activities, the Festival includes symposia, workshops, master classes and tuition sessions for directors and singers. It also features an educational programme involving local schools.

It is organised with the aim of developing greater strength across the male voice movement in a spirit of musical friendship. 40 Cornish venues hosting more than 50 concerts and events by 60 choirs of all ages and nationalities make this the largest Festival of its kind in the world.

Prizes total over £6000 for choirs and composers competitions, with trophies, cups, plaques, and of course, immortality.



Photo credit
Phil
Monckton

In the Youth Division the St. Stythians College won the first prize. From South Africa, their school is a South African Methodist college.

The Croatian klapa group, led by conductor Saša Matovina, beat performers from Australia, Finland, South Africa, Canada, Lithuania, Holland, Russia and the UK. Klapa Kastav impressed with their performances of "Ave Maria", "Oče naš", "Lindo" and "U boj,u boj" at the Truro Cathedral.



[Cornwall International Male Choir Festival](#)



Correspondence con't:

The Toronto Cornish Association is busy as usual. They will be having a booth at the Beach Celtic Festival at Kew Gardens in September. Their meeting in September will be on the Lighthouses of Cornwall. The British Home Children will be the topic in October for their meeting.

Jim Dagg



With the singing of Trelawny and beating of drums a large group of protesters gathered at Cornwall Council yesterday to call on the authority to stop the over-development of the county. The group from all parts of Cornwall waved their banners and chanted slogans including 'need not greed' as councilors entered County Hall.

Campaigners were spurred to gather in Truro via social media ahead of the meeting of the full council. They claim that the council is not doing enough to prevent over development of the Duchy. Matt Blewett, 48, from Four Lanes, near Redruth, claimed he has seen the village double in size every year for the last three years and it was more like a town now. He said, 'Every time I drive through I see another estate. Who lives in them? Where do they work? How do they get a doctor? It staggers me that this is being allowed to happen.' He claimed that the council had blocked legitimate objections to the applications. The system is broken and the council was failing.

Brod Ross of Falmouth Town Council said that he was inspired by the protest but the campaigners need to direct their attention up the line to Bristol. If the Council rejects applications and they are appealed they go to Bristol. If the county disagrees they can take it to a judicial review, but if they lose they can face considerable costs. The planning laws were put into place by the coalition government and the previous Labour government. The Conservative government needs to help now as they are in office.

Mike Champion of the Camborne Town Council said, "Cornwall has been ruined through over-development and by developers who are not community minded."

Thanks to Sue Little
Western Morning News 7-10-2019

Let's Congratulate Ourselves—Proper Job!

We are now OFFICIAL!

Message from Chairman

For many long years it has been my dream to have a Cornish Society here in this area. After all, who settled this place 190 years ago if not the Cornish? Well, there were a few Devon folk, too, and I suppose they should not be forgotten (their descendants are more than welcome to join the CSDR). At our May get-to-gether at Eldad Church in Solina, Ontario (one of the stops on the tour during the Gathering of 2003 held at Bowmanville) 7 people signed up as members, and now, as of the June 21st meeting, we have 17 members. We are getting on like a house on fire!

The members voted to hold quarterly meetings with a special St. Piran's meeting/event and a special summer get-together. Everyone who stepped up to the plate and joined this new Society should congratulate themselves! We are all going to have a wonderful time celebrating our Cornishness.



The original 17 members at the inaugural meeting at Deb and Herb Tink's house in Solina on July 21st .

CAHS extends our congratulations to the Cornish Society of Durham Region

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Twitter Account for Old Cornwall Society

St Gerrans and Porthscatho Old Cornwall Society achieves a first! LCA member Sallie Eden has let us know that the St Gerrans and Porthscatho OCS now has a Twitter account. Sallie believes that they are the first of the regional societies to have one. It can found it at @gerransst. The Society uses its account to disseminate information about their current programme, Cornish heritage and language.



**Correspondence con't:**

The London Cornish Association is delighted to welcome in October, Ms Kathy Chater to the second of their Family History Days of the year. Her talk will be entitled: **'Turning your Tree into a Tale – Writing up Family History'** This will be followed by a lunch break of Cornish Pasties and Saffron Cake (sent up from Cornwall!) and Tea/ Coffee.

In their April Family History Day, Paula Martin, CEO of the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust delivered the 2019 Trelawny Lecture.

The Work of the Cornwall Air Ambulance

The Trust was formed in 1987 and was the first of its type **to be set up in the UK. It is currently the UK's busiest charity** emergency service, operating about 800 missions each year, with a total of some 28,000 since its formation. The service was initially based at RAF St. Mawgan but after that became a civil airport a new base was established on the edge of the airfield, where it is today.

As contact with patients is usually transitory and fleeting a Patient Liaison Nurse is a new role from this year. This is to enable follow up contact between the patient, their family, the hospital and the air ambulance for the benefit of all and to analyze medical performance to see if there is scope for any improvements in the future.

The Trust has two helicopters (MD902s) which means one is available as a backup should the primary helicopter be unavailable for any reason. In addition, should a helicopter mission not be feasible there are two fast response cars.

A new helicopter (AW169) is due to enter service in April 2020. This will be faster, larger and have more advanced medical equipment on board. More funds are needed to bring this new helicopter into service. The target appeal of £2.5 million is already over 50% complete but the balance is still required. You can see the current status of the appeal and much more about the work of the Trust on their website: [www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org](http://www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org)

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The Topsy Turvey World of Cornish Festivals
by Dr Alan M Kent

In the afternoon session Alan Kent gave us a very comprehensive and well illustrated review of many of the festivals of Cornwall. He began by informing us that there are more festivals in the county per square mile than in any other



part of the UK - almost every week there would seem to be a festival in some part of Cornwall. In addition, the festivals have been taken to other parts of the world where they are still celebrated today – e.g. Flora Day in Australia.

In his talk Alan referred to many of the festivals, usually with a brief description but mainly emphasizing the ways in which they had originated and how they had developed and changed over time. He accompanied his comments with illustrations and 19th and 20th century photographs of actual celebrations.

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Cornish Surname Registry

Pat Connors has been updating her website [Http://www.connorsgenealogy.com/Cornwall/](http://www.connorsgenealogy.com/Cornwall/) and has a plea out for *YOUR* surnames for whom you are looking.

1. Send email to: nymets11@pacbell.net
2. Give following info:
 - Surname
 - Years lived in Cornwall
 - Town in Cornwall where your ancestor lived
 - Your name and email address

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28th Annual Gathering of California Cousins—Sonora

Sonora, the Queen of the Southern Mines, was first settled by Mexican miners who came from the State of Sonora in 1848 and called the settlement the Sonoran Camp. It was incorporated in 1851, making it one of the oldest towns in California.

It was in Sonora that the Cousins gathered for the weekend of June 14th. We headquartered in the historic Opera Hall, a lovely, commodious building which began life in 1879 as a flour mill.

The weekend kicked off with the sign-in, appetizers and frosty adult beverages as the Cousins renewed old friendships and made new ones.



Correspondence con't:

After our buffet dinner, we laughed and guessed our way through the 2nd annual No-Pub Pub Quiz, testing the **group's knowledge of Cornwall and things Cornish**. The main attractions were surely the prize baskets of items procured in Cornwall last May by Rosemary and moi.

After the Business Meeting Saturday morning, Robyn Hout spoke to us about Medieval Cornish Foods—the similarities and differences of ancient and current diets as well as baking Hevva Cake and Fairings for us to sample.

Noontime had us enthusiastically pouncing on pasties, followed by an update from Lupita Duarte-Clarke. Then it was time for the highlight of the day, our steam train ride at the Railtown 1897 State Park in Jamestown. Off we went to the train station to board our special car with our docent, Dave Connery.

After dinner, our railroad expert Dave Connery gave a presentation with visuals to expand on the information given on the interpretive train ride, and to tell us the history of Tulumne County trains and their importance in county development

After Dave's presentation, Gage McKinney gave us a taste of the class on Cornish History that he is teaching in Grass Valley, a class so popular that he will be teaching it again in Fall. Gage mentioned that in the future the class may be offered online, a real boon to those of us unable to attend in person.



Written by Kitty Quayle
Condensed by editor

California Cornish Cousins newsletter

Kernewek Lowender

Once again, it was good to be able to renew friendships with our Cornish cousins from interstate and overseas – *this was the third time a group from North America visited us*, and there were also visitors from Cornwall, including past Grand Bard Maureen Fuller (making her third visit to KL.)

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The Dressing of the Graves was organised by an enthusiastic group of locals, led by Robyn Knight, and once again had two ceremonies on Tuesday and two on Wednesday (with Noel Carthew and Carlene Woolcock leading the way around the cemeteries with our Association banner and the St Piran's flag.) **These ceremonies** seem to be attracting more people each Lowender!

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Sad news from the Southern Sons of Cornwall (Nowra, N.S.W.)

From the Minutes of their Annual General Meeting March 9th 2019: **Minutes of the previous AGM were tabled and accepted** there was no business arising. Julie Wheeler, president and Grahme Wheeler, treasurer gave their reports and both were accepted.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a new committee, *as there were no nominations for 2019 the meeting discussed a motion to disband the association, cancel our incorporation and distribute our funds and other assets, this was passed unanimously by the meeting.*

A special meeting will be called for consultation with other members within the coming year to discuss this process as required by the Department of Fair Trading. The meeting **closed at 12.00** [Italics added]

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Congratulations to our friend Betty Bevins, in Sydney, who **recently (at age 95) had her driver's license renewed for 2** years, and is still hosting pasty days for the New South Wales Cornish Association in her home!

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Correspondence con't:

Australian Celtic Festival
Glen Innes

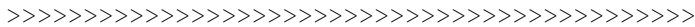
Posted on 'The Cornish are a Nation Facebook' page



Mark Milburn proudly carrying his St Piran's flag crossing the finish line of the New York Marathon.

We're proud to be Cornish! We are a family and a Nation!
#KernowMatters

Articles from Cornish Association of South Australia newsletter



The 30th World Pilot Gig Championships on the Isles of Scilly

This year's competition (May) is likely to have been the biggest ever with a massive 169 gigs competing, so massive that next year they're limiting the number of boats to around 132. Two Cornish crews have rightly been crowned the world champions, Falmouth Gig Club for the ladies, and Looe Rowing Club for the men's race.



The 27th festival, was the year of Scotland, and weren't they everywhere – tartan, kilts, bagpipes and drums! Joy & I channeled our respective Scots sides – she a lot, me a smidgeon; and McLean tartan scarves on, we attended the Thursday night Scots Dinner. Lovely singing from Aberdeen based Iona Fyfe and haggis, broth and Scottish cakes.

Friday's official opening saw our Cornish numbers down, with Roger Thomas unable to make it this year but it is always great to see Dorothy Kitto from SA, and Don and Barbara Tom from Inverell, as we started the festival.

The Guardians lunch had expanded numbers, and we were able to catch up with a few Cornish and others over a meal on Friday night.



Saturday dawned wet, and it was only just as we started the Parade that it eased. Good crowd considering the rain, we still had 17 Cornish marching, and another 3 or 4 identifiable in the crowd

Our Cornish Ceremony on Sunday between the Cornish and Gorsedh stones went well again for the 22nd time with 65 people attending, prior to the massive Scots presentation of the clans above us on Tynwald Hill.

From Cornish Association of New South Wales newsletter

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 details.

Roman Road to Cornish Town Uncovered By Tom Luke

The steep Tamar Valley is enough of a challenge to today's transport engineers but the Romans took it in their stride, it seems.



Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of a "well-made" Roman road dating back nearly 2,000 years as they discover further evidence of the ancient empire's pres-

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ence in the South West. Excavations near a previously discovered Roman fort on a ridge above the waterfront village of Calstock also revealed a rare glimpse of timber-built military buildings constructed outside the 200m square fortification. The road does not lead to Rome but heads in the direction of Albaston, about a mile away as the crow flies or as the legionnaire would have marched.



<https://www.exeter.ac.uk>

The excavations also revealed possible ancient mine workings. Experts will carry out further analysis of the previously-unknown series of deep pits, connected by arched tunnels, possibly yet another mine worked many hundreds of years ago when the area was famed for some of the richest mineral deposits in the world. No objects were found in the pits, making the remains hard to date. But they appear to post-date the Roman presence, and there is no evidence that the occupiers were digging for minerals.

The fort, built in about AD 50, was used as a garrison for about 500 men for 30 years as the army made sure the area was safe so trading and other economic activity could be set up and continue in peace. The Roman presence in Cornwall included smaller garrisons near the River Fowey at Lostwithiel, and at Nanstallon farther north above the Camel. Archaeologists have been joined by more than 20 local volunteers during the dig, including refugees and asylum seekers from Plymouth.

More than 100 children from local primary schools have attended workshops on site.

Gorsedh Kernow congratulates successful Cornish language candidates

Gorsedh Kernow has warmly welcomed news of the results from this year's Cornish language examinations. KESVA - The Cornish Language Board - set up in 1967 by Gorsedh Kernow and the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, has announced another year of impressive results from the 82 candidates who took their exams in June.

"Once again we are congratulating an increased number of successful candidates, a further 7% rise on last year, who are joining the growing number of people learning and taking exams in *Kernewek*," said Grand Bard of Cornwall Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek*, "and I would like to say "

'Keslowena dhywgh hwi oll'

which means 'Congratulations to you all' in Cornish you have all worked so hard."

The Grand Bard once again expressed her enormous gratitude to all the hardworking volunteer teachers and examiners, many of whom are bards of Gorsedh Kernow, who give a lot of their own time to help a variety of people of all ages and backgrounds learn Cornish. While many are learning in weekly classes some are also learning by textbook and online learning such as GoCornish.org.



Gorsedh Kernow website

Silly Sayings - Church notices

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow"

Cornish Association of New South Wales newsletter

Is One of Your Ancestors a Criminal?

The Family History Federation delved into researching this topic. In Victorian times, poverty was rife and it was all too easy for the vulnerable and destitute to fall into a life of crime. Whether it was stealing or poaching food to eat, clothes to wear or getting into debt, they could quickly find themselves in trouble. Of course there were more serious crimes committed too, from arson to assault and murder.

Punishments were harsh by modern standards. Prior to the Victorian era, in the 18th century, a staggering array of crimes were punishable by death. In time the use of severe punishments and the ultimate penalty became less and less acceptable, and criminals instead found themselves transported to far-off climes. Initially they were sent to the American colonies, but after America gained independence, convicts were instead sent to Australia. This practice ended in the mid-19th century, when the Australian territories began to resist.

Prior to the mid-1500s criminals would find themselves tried by the lord of the manor or the king's justices, who travelled around the country 'on circuit'. In the mid-16th century the system was changed, when the king created justices of the peace in every county.

These justices presided over quarter sessions and they were tasked with addressing many matters from criminal offences, to settlement rights and paternity. Records from England and Wales survive in some counties in record offices and the British Library. Although quarter sessions began in medieval times, the remaining records date from the 1500s until 1972, when they were replaced by Crown Courts.

[Ancestry](#) hosts an online criminal register from England and Wales for the years 1791-1892. The database includes the HO26 and HO27 groups from The National Archives.

Ancestry's [England and Wales Criminal Registers 1791-1892](#) is a good place to begin as if your family member is listed in the database, it will tell you if he/she was convicted and transported.

Transportation registers detail who travelled on which ship and what happened to them while they were convicts in Australia. The [National Archives Guide on Criminal Transportees](#) gives an overview of what is available and how to access these records, many of which are digitised. →

Newspapers date back to the 1700s, but they began to really proliferate in Victorian times and readers began to rely on them to keep up to date with local matters, which included reports from the quarter sessions

The British Library has a large collection of British newspapers and a growing number of them are now digitized and available online through the [British Newspaper Archive](#) and [Findmypast](#).

Corners' inquests, debtors and bankrupts, Old Bailey, Proceedings Online, Police Records, Registers of Convicts in Prison Hulks, Solicitor Records and the National Archives are additional places to look.

For more information on this subject go to: <https://mailchi.mp/ffhs/july2019?e=1eb8083f23>

From: [Family History Federation](#) Email newsletter

'Cornish' gold find remembered with a special coin

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the discovery, in Australia, of the Welcome Stranger gold nugget. The nugget, which weighed almost 110kg was found in 1869 at the foot of a tree in Moliagul, Victoria by John Deason who was born on Tresco and Richard Oates from Pendeen.

The nugget was so large that it could not be weighed on any existing scales, so it had to be broken into three pieces for the weigh-in! To mark the anniversary, a special commemorative coin has been struck by the Perth mint. The London Mint Office recently presented one to the Mayor of Redruth.

They were also hoping to present some to the families of Deason and Oates, and to this end, they have been trying to track down descendents. Does anyone know if any family members?

London Cornish Association newsletter

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Taklow a Vern (Items of Interest)

Sea, Salt and Solitude

North Cornish Book celebrating the fishing communities of the North Cornish Coast.

This is the latest fundraising book for the Charity, the **Fishermen's Mission** www.fishermensmission.org.uk.
With stunning black and white photography by Cornish volunteers; Chris Hewitt, and words by Deborah Richards, the book tells the story of the fishing communities of Newquay, Padstow, Rock and Port Isaac.

The foreword is written by Rick Stein CBE. All profits from sales of the book will go to **the Fishermen's Mission, which supports fishermen and their families** at times of need.

Available at ebay.com



Digital (*Email*) Cornish American Heritage Society Newsletter

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How Well Do You Know Cornwall?
(Source: <http://www.freepubquiz.co.uk/cornwall-quiz.html>)

1. Which river forms most of the border between Devon and Cornwall?
2. In Cornish it's called *Goon Brenn*, but can you name the granite moorland in northeastern Cornwall?
3. Name the administrative centre of Cornwall, which is also its only city?
4. In May 2012, why did Land's End received worldwide publicity?
5. Can you name the peninsula in southern Cornwall, which also contains the most southerly point of the British mainland?
6. The iconic Tate gallery is in which Cornish town?
7. Scenes for which James Bond film were filmed in Cornwall, at the Eden Project?
8. Saint Piran's Flag is the flag of Cornwall; can you give the colour of its cross, and also the colour of its background?
9. The television drama *Doc Martin* is filmed on location in which village?
10. What is Brown Willy?
11. Mary Yellan, twenty-three years old, was brought up on a farm in Helford; who is he?
12. Which resort is widely regarded as the surf capital of the UK?
13. Which scientist and inventor was born in Penzance, Cornwall, on 17 December 1778?
14. David John Moore Cornwell has lived in St Buryan for more than 40 years and owns a mile of cliff near Land's End; by what pen name is he better known?
15. Which fast food chain sells pasties which are manufactured in Penryn, Cornwall?
16. Which castle has a long association with legends related to King Arthur?
17. In the Cornish language, by what name is Cornwall known?
18. Name the famous small tidal island in Mount's Bay?
19. What is a Cornish split?
20. Which traditional fishing port is now famous for Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant?
21. Can you name the largest and most populated island of the Isles of Scilly (a group of islands off the southwest coast of Cornwall)?
22. Which oil tanker was shipwrecked off the west coast of Cornwall in 1967, causing an environmental disaster?
23. What name has been given to the large phantom wild cat which has supposedly been often sighted in Cornwall?
24. Name the popular amusement park on the southern outskirts of the town of Helston in Cornwall?
25. What is Cornish Yarg?



St Just in Penwith Church Receives Huge Grant



St Just-in-Penwith Parish Church has received a grant of £226,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund - the project focuses on the complete replacement of the

six sloped roof with an estimated 15,000 new Cornish slates. The roof replacement is expected to start in early autumn 2019 and be complete in time for spring 2020.

St Just-in-Penwith Parish Church has a very rich history and the earliest written record thought to exist dates to 1254. The present church is medieval in origin and built in the classic Cornish pattern church of three aisles and a tall west tower. A far more ancient church was rebuilt in 1334 and rededicated in 1336.

Key internal features of significant historical interest within the church building include:

- Selus Stone - an inscribed 5th or 6th Century memorial stone with Chi-Rho Monogram. The stone is thought to refer to Saint Selevan a brother of Saint Just
- Secco Wall Paintings - pre Reformation / 15th Century 'Christ of the Trades' and 'Saint George and the Dragon'



- Memorial Cross Shaft - thought to be 8th – 10th century decorated with the Celtic style interlacing

- Flamboyant east window tracery - thought to be late 14th or early 15th century date
- Piers, pillars and capitals exceptionally well carved and unusual for Cornish and remote rural churches

Holyer an Gof 2019 Awards

Gorsedh Kernow has announced the winners of the annual **Holyer an Gof Publishers' competition at a prestigious** Awards ceremony held at the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro, on Wednesday 10th July, hosted by special guest mc and popular Radio Cornwall presenter Tiffany Truscott.

Established and organised by Gorsedh Kernow to raise the **standard and profile of publishing in Cornwall, this year's** winners were once again chosen from the best, recently published books about Cornwall or in Cornish.

"Entry numbers were slightly down on 2018 but the quality of the writing, the illustrations and the production values of the publications entered continues to grow each year," said Holyer an Gof co-organiser Gareth Parry, Mab Meliner Gwlan.

Live musical entertainment during the interval was provided by the duo Tir ha Tavas - Cornish bards Delia Brotherton, Myrghwyn Melynor and Dave Brotherton llewydh Porthia.

The categories for the awards were:

1. Publications in the Cornish language, which included for teaching, children, adults, and translating into Cornish
2. Books for children, which included books from primary to young adults.
3. Fiction for adults
4. Poetry and Drama
5. Non Fiction, including social, cultural, and political history; science, environment, and industrial/marine; leisure and lifestyle; memoirs; and booklets.

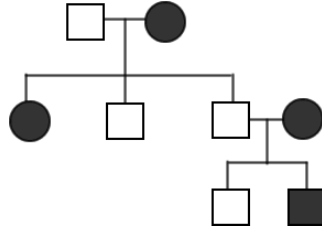
For more information go to: GorsedhKernow.org.uk



The Genetic Evidence

The last eleven years has seen a major genetic study of the peoples of Britain, carried out by Oxford University under the wing of the Wellcome Trust and headed by Sir Walter Bodmer. **Its findings were published in "Nature" in March 2015.** These results have played a major part in answering several historical questions, and revealed some facts that the genetic researchers have described as "striking" and "astonishing".

In fact, the results indicate that the people of Britain have not had a tendency to move from their post-Roman and earlier tribal areas anywhere on the island since the 7th century.



The Cornish and the Welsh are revealed as having the longest history of any of the peoples of modern Britain, entering an empty island after the Ice Age from a refuge area in the Iberian peninsula, largely coinciding with that occupied by the Basques. 80% of Cornish people retain the genetic markers of those early Mesolithic colonists 12,000 years ago.

The Cornish people were found to form a genetic group markedly distinct from that of their Devonian neighbours and different again from that of southern and central England, whose origins from northern Europe (and ultimately from the region of the Ukraine) also differed. The geographical demarcation line between the Cornish and Devonian groups was **equally striking: the river Tamar, Cornwall's political border** for over a thousand years.

by Craig Weatherhill, #KernowMatters
Cornish Association of South Australia newsletter

Just for a Laugh

A Swiss guy visiting Cornwall pulls up at a bus stop where two locals are waiting.

"Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks.

The two Cornishmen just stare at him.

"Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries.

The two continue to stare.

"Parlare Italiano?" No response.

"Hablan ustedes Espanol?" Still nothing.

The Swiss guy drives off, disgusted.

The first man turns to the second and says:

"Ere, maybe we should learn a foreign language."

"Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him no good."



Passing the Narrows in Port Isaac

In 1869 the Royal National Lifeboat Institution established a lifeboat station at Port Isaac and a boathouse was built on a hill leading down to the east side of the bay.



At this time there were two self-righting lifeboats called *Richard* and *Sarah*, powered by a ten-man crew rowing with long oars.



To launch the lifeboat, it first had to be pulled manually on a carriage through the narrow street from the lifeboat house to the harbour. If you visit Port Isaac, look for the grooves left on the corners of buildings by the ropes.

California Cousins newsletter

Gorsedh Kernow Young People's Awards 2019 announced

The Council of Gorsedh Kernow has announced the winners of their annual Awards for young people after careful consideration and review of this year's entries.

"We are keen to give Awards to entries that highlight the Celtic spirit of Cornwall and express strong Cornish identity" said Grand Bard of Cornwall Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek*, "and this year's entries demonstrate creativity in such a variety of ways, especially in the use of digital media."

The Grand Bard expressed her heartfelt praise for all the schools and colleges that had taken part, but especially for Cusgarne school who had sent in a record number of entries.

"The children astonish me year on year with the quality of their work and the effort that they put in to creating it," said Tim Barnard, Head of Cusgarne School, "particularly considering that the children design and create their entries at home."



Awards con't:

“One of the successful nominees, Ellie Fullwood from Bodmin College, will be performing her short play “Fishing”, showcased at the Cornwall Secondary Drama Festival and inspired by working with my fellow Cornish bard, author, dramatist and dreamer Anna Maria Murphy, *Skrifores Drollow*,” said Elizabeth Carne.



Ellie Fullwood and fellow Bodmin College student Matt McGuinness performing, ‘Fishing’, about women in Cornwall.

Anyone up to the age of 18 years can participate. Categories included: Cornish language; Cornish music; Cornish film and drama; Cornish Studies; Cornish Art, Design and Digital media. The children’s ages were 5 years to 17 years.

For more information go to:
<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/wp/?p=763>

Bards con't:

Drew at his home at the earliest possible time. Julyan, dressed in his bardic robe and surrounded by his loving family, was received into the bardic circle in the presence of a small circle of robed fellow bards who participated in a shortened ceremony which concluded with the Grand Bard *Melennek* presenting Julyan with his certificate, confirming his bardic name of *Hwilor an Golow*(Seeker of the Light). Smiles and congratulatory applause from all those present rounded off a very intimate and emotionally moving event. The family of *Hwilor an Golow* expressed their **heartfelt thanks to the Grand Bard and to Julyan’s fellow bards** for agreeing to arrange such an event which proved to be very special for all those who were there. We are very sad to report that *Hwilor an Golow* died on 25th July.

The annual procession of bards and installation of 11 of the new initiates into the College of Bards will take place on Saturday 7th September at the 2pm ceremony at the Plen an Gwari as part of the Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture. The procession will be led at 1.30pm →

from Cape Cornwall School by Grand Bard of Cornwall Elizabeth Carne , *Melennek*, accompanied by the Mayor of St Just Cllr Marna Blundy and local girl Emily Earley as the “Lady of Cornwall.”

St. Just Plen an Gwan



The bardic names of the 11 of the 12 new bards will also be made known for the first time at this ceremony, which will be conducted in the Cornish language although it can be followed easily with the English translation. All are welcome to attend the ceremony and there is no charge for this event.

The Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture runs from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th September and, as well as the main bardic ceremony, has a variety of events including a Literary Festival, a one-day conference – ‘Global Kernow Today’, the Adults and Young People’s Awards evening and exhibition of awards winners work, the ever popular Cornish troyl ceilidh, Cornish market, a gala concert, a ‘Come All Ye’ song session, Cornish language taster morning, walks and sung Evensong in Cornish. Most events are free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

[Gorsedh Kernow.org.uk](http://GorsedhKernow.org.uk)



St. Day Feast Dancers



GERENNIUS,
KING OF CORNWALL & HIS GOLDEN BOAT
By Elizabeth Dale

[The Cornish Bird](#)

A blog about Cornwall's Hidden Places & Untold Stories



Just outside the village of [Veryan](#), which is most famous for its round houses, there is a large mound in the middle of a field. It is known as Carne Beacon because it was at one time used as a signal point. But beneath the turf legend has it a king is buried.



King Gerennius, one of the [kings of Cornwall](#), was born in 552AD. Gerrans Bay and the village of Gerrans are named **after him. But other than that, like so many of Cornwall's kings he is a ghost.**

We do know that he was said to have lived in a palace close to Trewithen, across the bay from Veryan.

Dingerein Castle & the Mermaid's Hole

Dingerein Castle, Gerennius' palace actually exists to this day. The earthwork, which is now enclosed on two sides by roads, is crescent shaped. It lies about 4 miles west of Carne Beacon and measures a good 135m across. But tumble-down banks and mounds are all that is left of this ancient hillfort.

But this lost castle plays another role in the life of King Gerennius' life. **It was from here that the body of the dead king was taken to its final resting place.** There is a story that a subterranean tunnel existed, leading from the castle to coast. Legend has it that the remains of the king were taken down this tunnel to a waiting boat. The tunnel is now known as the Mermaids Hole and was rediscovered in the 19th century by a farmer ploughing his field.



Cyrus Redding saw it in 1842:

'It is large enough for a man to enter upright and runs about 50 yards in land. Where it contracts so that a person must proceed further on all fours. It is considered to be an old Sally-port.'



Resting Place of a King?

There is little doubt that Carne Beacon, also known as the Veryan Barrow, dates from the [Bronze Age](#). Thousands of years, in fact, before King Gerennius died. But there is a twist to this tale.

According to tradition the dead king's remains were sailed across Gerrans Bay in a golden boat with silver oars. King Gerennius was then buried beneath the mound lying in his precious ship, crown on his head, sword in his hand.

The antiquarian John Whittaker writes in his book *The Ancient Cathedral of Cornwall* that:



Gerennius con't:

When Gerennius died he was brought from his castle of Dingerein and ferried with great pomp across Gerrans Bay in a barge plated with gold.'



The barrow measures around 40m in diameter and is roughly 5.5m high with a flat top. Large enough to hide a golden boat? Aerial photographs show that the mound is also surrounded by two concentric circles of ditches.

It was excavated in 1855. The dig revealed a central cist burial containing ash and charcoal. But no pottery or treasure of any kind.

There was however evidence of multiple remains inside the barrow. There may not be a golden boat but is it possible that the King of Cornwall, Gerennius really was laid to rest at Carne Beacon. His mortal remains buried alongside those of his ancient ancestors?

If you liked this story be sure and check out the blog [The Cornish Bird](#) for more like it.

Kresen Kernow

Mid-May the keys were in hand and the moving began. The collections from the Record Office, Cornish Studies Library, Registration and Historic Environment Record are all in and now the team is busy updating the locations database with all 1.5 million new locations.

They will be launching a new website, with new features such as the ability to browse our digitized images and to 'turn pages' of some of the documents. An improved →

catalogue search, and online exhibitions via social media will be included.



Opening day is September 11, after an open house on **September 7, tying in with Redruth's International Mining and Pasty Festival.**



Kresen Kernow email newsletter

ATTENTION

Thank you for your extended patience while we updated the database. We are pleased to announce we are up to date as far as we know.

IF you sent dues in since January 2018 and you have not received your cancelled check back AND/OR have sent an email/ letter and have not heard back, OR received the incorrect version of the newsletter (**email vs snail mail**)....

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Thank you to those who have contacted Chris or me and all of you for being patient.

Carolyn

Gulval Church Cross

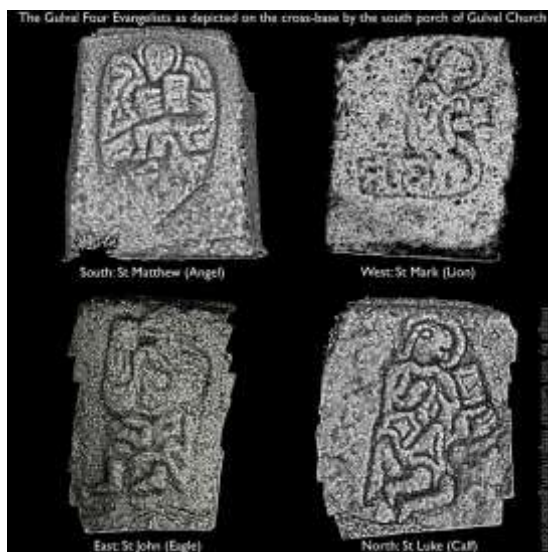
In 2012, four amazing carvings were discovered on the remains of a granite cross in Gulval churchyard. The carvings are over 1000 years old and show the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as half-human, half-animal.

Known as the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the four main books or gospels of the New Testament in the Bible. Each evangelist also had an animal symbol related to the story of Jesus Christ. The Gulval Cross shows the saints with animal heads and human bodies, and is very rare indeed.

Cornish communities became Christian only a few hundred years after Jesus lived. Standing stones started to be carved with Christian symbols from this time. Celtic crosses were used to mark the way to a church or holy site. The rare images of animal saints on the Gulval Cross might have been copied from a beautiful illuminated manuscript called the Bodmin Gospels, which also shows the half-animal, half-human figures.

Until very recently people sailed to and from Cornwall on a regular basis. Cornish pilgrims, traders and migrants went abroad regularly and others came to Cornwall bringing their ideas and beliefs with them. At the time that the Gulval Cross was made, around 800-900AD, Vikings traded with Cornish communities. In the year 838 the Cornish joined forces with the Vikings against the Saxons of Wessex.

The Cornish name for Gulval is Lanistley. There was a large settlement of people here when the Domesday Book was written in 1086.



Just to the left of the south porch of Gulval Church, near Penzance in Cornwall, lies a large block of granite. Tom Goskar, first came across it on a visit to the churchyard in 2012. Another group had found that the rock was a cross base and was decorated on all four sides. After reading about the rock in a journal, Tom, who lives close to Gulval, took another look to try and help with the interpretation.

In 2013, Tom came back to take a series of over a hundred overlapping 18 megapixel scale photos at a fixed focal length. He covered the whole block. Over the next few weeks, he began to process the images into 3D point clouds, and from there to solid 3D meshes. Afterwards, he subjected each side to a series of techniques which he had used in the past. His friend, Nick Ford, spotted what was depicted in the image right away and knew what the others would reveal. This led to searching for comparative images and further enhancing them.

Rather than sit on this discovery for ages until everything was just right, he decided to post his initial findings here. It does not represent a full description of the findings and condition of the cross-base and its imagery, and it builds upon the work already done.

The south side of the stone depicts St Matthew. He is symbolised as a winged man or an angel, and depicted here with a halo, holding a book (Gospels or Book of Life?) with **"MT" inscribed on it. The lower part is damaged. This image shows the details picked out using an ambient occlusion filter.**

On the west, facing outwards, is St Mark. He is shown kneeling, with haloed lion head. His book, held in his left hand, has **"M" on it. It is possible that he is giving the sign of benediction with his right.** The folds of his robes are nicely visible.

On the north, facing the church proper, is Luke, depicted here seated with haloed calf head. His book, held in a rather large left hand, has **"LS" on it (Lucas).** Luke is mainly depicted as an ox, but it isn't unknown for him to be shown as a calf.

On the east, facing the porch wall, perhaps the most badly eroded of them all, is St John, depicted as the eagle. His robes, especially the folds around his legs, are clearly visible. It is difficult to discern the presence of any halo. He is holding a book in his right hand, with what looks to be an **"H" on it (not easily visible in this image – only range-colouring a very small area shows this).** It would be very

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Gulval con't:

neat, if it said "IH" – lohan, but archaeology isn't always a neat discipline. Further work needs to be done here.

We must remember that the stone block onto which these images are carved is a course Lands End granite. Some of the quartz crystals are several centimeters long – fine detail just isn't possible – and granite can crumble when exposed to the elements.



The cross-base depicts the [four Evangelists](#), Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as the [four living creatures](#) described in [Ezekiel 10:14](#) and [Rev 4:6-7](#).

For more information: [Tom Goskar](#) or [Kernow Bys Vyken!](#)

Quiz Answers

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|--|---|--|
| 19. A bread roll | 10. (A hill and) the highest point in Cornwall | 1. Tamar |
| (traditionally used in Cornish Cream Teas instead of scones) | 11: The main character in the book Jamaica Inn by Daphne du Maurier | 2. Bodmin Moor |
| 20. Padstow | 12. Newquay | 3. Truro |
| 21. St Mary's | 13. Sir Humphry Davy | 4. It was the starting point of the 2012 Summer Olympics torch relay |
| 22. Torrey Canyon | 14. John le Carré | 5. The Lizard |
| 23. The Beast of Bodmin | 15. The West Cornwall Pasty Company | 6. St Ives |
| 24. Flambarads | 16. Tintagel Castle | 7. Die Another Day |
| 25. A cheese (a nettle wrapped semi-hard cheese) | 17. Kernow | 8. White cross on black background |
| | 18. St Michael's Mount | 9. Port Isaac |

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- 10-13 Oct 2019
 Falmouth Oyster Festival
[Falmouthoysterfestival.co.uk](http://falmouthoysterfestival.co.uk)
- 14-18 Oct 2019
 International Society for British Genealogy and Family History
 Salt Lake City, Utah
<https://isbgfh.org>
- 1-3 Nov 2019
 Virtual Genealogical Association
 First Online Conference
<https://VirtualGenealogy.org>
- 14 Dec 2019—4 Jan 2020
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