



The Newsletter of the Cornish Association of New South Wales

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PROGRAMME 2011

Cornish Day

Saturday 23 July

11am to 3:30pm



At Epping Baptist Church Hall; Ray Rd and Carlingford Road, Epping

There will be: Lots of real Cornish food, a few short talks, displays (bring yours please), interviews, video, music, 'bring and buy' (bring any items you wish) and good company. Cost: \$10.00 each

A focus of the day will be Cornish food, especially the Pasty! There will be a demonstration of pasty making and then up to 12 people can have a go too!

If you need (or can offer) a billet or a lift, contact us!!

Note: It is a short walk from Epping Railway Station – exit to west (pub side) and go down Beecroft Road and turn into Carlingford. Parking is very restricted so park in either Cliff Road (enter from Carlingford coming from west) or along Ray Road. Watch for the hours of parking. Council and Coles car parks have short hours. Rangers patrol.

PS. Invited speaker Andrew Tink is unable to come due to ill-health.

Christmas High Tea

Saturday 19 November

At Camden, along with Christmas Markets

OTHER EVENTS IN PLANNING

(More details in next newsletter – your ideas welcome)

October 8 – Social outing to Bowral and Moss Vale, to see the Tulips (to be confirmed)

December 18 – Byng, Christmas Carols

WIDER COMING EVENTS

- **Clans on the Coast - Nelsons Bay, Saturday 17th September, 2011**

- **Back to Eaglehawk – Victorian Cornish Gathering – Bendigo area, 16 to 18th March, 2012**
- **Cornish Cultural Celebration – Nowra, October 2012**

Next South Coast Events

Southern Sons of Cornwall Inc

(CANSW members are welcome)

Sun 26th June – Lunch & Auction at Fay & David Binns'

Sun 28th August – Shoalhaven Bus Tour

30th October – Goulburn's Historic Brewery, Bakery ..

For more details contact:

Sonia Reuter is Events Co-ordinator, and her phone number is 02 4421 8187

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Central Coast Cornish Interest (CCFHS)

Contact: Kay Radford ccfhs@hotmail.net.au

Membership renewal is overdue! \$15 per household for 2011/12

23 households still have not paid, or 25% of our membership! **IF** you are recorded as un-financial and receive by post there is an 'X' down below - **IF** you receive by email, you will be emailed with a reminder! *If you have actually paid – let us know.*

Please send your fees to – Treasurer CANSW, c/o 21 Cliff Rd Epping NSW 2121. Cheques payable: 'Cornish Association of NSW', and with a completed renewal form, sent with the last newsletter..

You may download and print the pdf file (and return the form by post) available from:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/kevrenor/canswform.pdf>

For those without a cheque book, you may pay direct: Westpac BSB: 032287, A/C No. 143 725

Account name: *Cornish Assoc of NSW*;

and you must include in the 'reference': 'Your Name - Subs'.

You must ALSO tell us within a month by post or email or hand your membership renewal form - to cross check, otherwise your subs will not be updated in the database.

FESTIVALS EDITION

Committee News:

CANSW bank a/c balance at 31/05/2011 \$6,476.69

Your committee met on 4 June at Camden and reports were given by the President on recent festival attendances, the Cornish Day was discussed, as well as other planning for future functions and events.

Committee's next Meeting

13 August, 2011, 12 noon at Cocks'

All members welcome (rsvp 9639.5365) – working lunch, so bring a plate.

Your ideas are always welcome

Remember - Maxine Gray volunteered to be our contact for **Family History enquiries** – 14 Janice Crescent, Moss Vale, 2577 (02 4869 4958) or maxrose@exemail.com.au

Maxine would love to have your enquiries.

Our Lending & Research Library



As have 477+ items (6 boxes) we can only bring 2-3 boxes to each of our Association members interest meetings, and other main events.

However, a book can be posted out to far flung or invalid members and then posted back-in once read (within a seasonal period). A particular book/dvd-video or box category can be taken to an event, if you contact our librarians by the week prior to the next meeting.

Book reviews for this newsletter, or at a meeting, are very much welcomed.

Contact *Eddie and Eileen* on 02 9349 1491

Email: ealyon45@gmail.com

A fairly full listing can be posted to you on request, and is also available to view and /or download in both catalogue Id & alphabetical order on the members web site:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/kevrenor/merlib5.htm>

or short link <http://tinyurl.com/46c9cl>

Eddie Lyon, Librarian

New

Celtic Studies Foundation – Lunchtime lectures

Free - all welcome – Sydney University Celtic Studies Foundation. At Woolley Building (near to Parra. Rd footbridge) Usually last Friday of the month – 1pm.

Next meetings: tba - Contact Suzanne Jamieson on 02 9351 2081 s.jamieson@econ.usyd.edu.au

Institute of Celtic Studies, Newcastle

Local concerts and lessons on site in Newcastle, or correspondence courses - Latest programme out – contact Graham/Stella on

02 4929 1912 or <http://www.celticstudies.com.au>

[Graham & Stella have invited us to visit the centre and a Newcastle visit is being looked at as part of our activity planning for this next year].

PAST EVENTS

SYMBIO DAY OUT

On what turned out to be a fine day, a few members of the CANSW and members of SSOC joined together to visit the Symbio Wildlife Park at Helensburgh on 3 April.



Carolyn and Sarah Clarke (daughter & grand-daughter of Jen Meston) meet up with a young macropod (a Grey or Forester Kangaroo).



Two endangered Tasmanian Devils were oblivious to our visit. The Park is helping to breed cancer-resistant devils

We hope we will have more members come along on our next outing, and bring family & friends.

AUSTRALIAN CELTIC FESTIVAL



The 19th Australian Celtic Festival may have honoured the Irish as its 2011 theme but the Cornish in Australia were in Glen Innes over the period of 28 April-1 May, 2011 to show their colours.



Friday saw representatives of the CANSW attending the 'Celtic Nations' reception hosted by St Joseph's Catholic School, with some fine entertainment by the school's choir and musicians.

Then on to the Guardian of the Stones official luncheon (the Cornish having 3 guardians among the dozen) and then the Festival official opening by the Irish Ambassador outside the Town Hall.

After the dawn had been piped in and a short christian service at the Stones, a true Cornish-Australian, the late John Tregurtha, whose contribution to Glen Innes, the Standing Stones, and community service was recognised.

A plaque was unveiled on the large hunk of granite marking the Tregurtha Way pathway up to the Stones from town. His wife Jean and family were there for the ceremony.



Caption from above: The Tregurtha family after the unveiling

Saturday morning's big street parade had a good contingent wearing Cornish tartans and colours, with banners and flags held high, representing CANSW, the Southern Sons of Cornwall (SSOC), South Australia and Queensland. As well, locals with Cornish ancestry or birth joined in, and also our Breton cousins.



CANSW, SSOC, and other Cornish, and Bretons marching in the Parade through Glen Innes

Joining the crowds flocking to the Standing Stones, where the Festival was in full swing, the Cornish (old and young) were able to meet up with old friends, and mix with our fellow Celts from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Isle of Man, and Galicia.

Over the Saturday and Sunday, in beautiful sunny autumn weather they also enjoyed terrific Celtic music and dance.

Association member and Glen Innes local Jean Tregurtha was also honoured at a formal local dinner with the Triquetra Achievers Award, for her many contributions to the Festival.

The Southern Sons of Cornwall had an information tent, staffed by Julie & Graham Wheeler, (with a couple extra hands shared with the Celtic Council) which attracted interest from many with Cornish heritage as they strolled the tent-lined Societies & Clans area.

Situated 915m (3,000 ft) above sea level in the Northern Tablelands of NSW the lovely town of Glen Innes has hosted this pan-celtic festival since the Celtic Council of Australia chose the town as the location of The Australian Standing Stones.

The ring array of granite standing stones, carted from the nearby Red Range, stands 3 metres tall looking over the town from a hill nearby. The Gorsedd stone is for the Brythonic speaking Celts – Cornish, Bretons, Welsh.



Gathering for the start of the march, at the Cornish Stone, before the Ceremony

Finally the Cornish gathered for the evocative 'Cornish Stone' ceremony. This honours Cornwall as a nation, the Cornish as an ethnic group in Australia, and commemorates the 154th anniversary of the Uprising of 1497 (with a march from the Cornish Stone to the Gorsedd Stone as part of the ceremony).

Rousing singing of Hail to the Homeland and Trelawney ended another fine festival, and we said goodbye for now to many friends.

It was great to meet up with local and northern NSW based members again and also other people with Cornish connections – we hope they will join up.



A tartaned and kilted Secretary drawing in the aroma of a Mal Leyland Cornish pasty.



The Guardians of the Stones (including Roger Thomas and Joy Dunkerley)

KERNEWEK LOWENDER



10 to 15 May, 2011

Billed as the largest Cornish festival in the World the 20th festival (having been started in 1973 and held every two years) attracts thousands, including many from interstate and overseas.



More than a dozen CANSW members drove or flew over for this 20th Festival, *and of that we will here more at the Cornish Day ...* however to give you an overview.

Tuesday is the day for the wonderful idea – dressing of the graves. Graham Aubrey played harp at the Wallaroo ceremony, Don Graham remembered his Trevan Family at Kadina, and others attended the Moonta cemetery. That night a ‘Sacred Concert’ at Kadina was a delight and brought together many old friends.

Wednesday night had the Cornish Language ‘taster’ workshop where over 30 people explored Kernewek, and we met our new member Owen Trembath (*fatla genes Owen?*) That night was the (Festival) President’s dinner, with more people just arriving. More old friends greeted and new contacts made.



CANSW members: Sheila Reeves, Don Graham, Paul Bevins, and Betty Bevins enjoying the night.

Thursday was SA Cornish History Seminar day – with Chris Dunkerley & Graham Aubrey among the speakers. An excellent Book with all the talks in it is now in our library – well recommended!

Friday saw the fair at Kadina, with the Furry Dance, Maypoles, and music & stalls in the park, and though wet underfoot generally the rain held off.

Also on Friday was the 23rd Assembly of the Bards of Cornwall in Australia, held at Davies Square, Wallaroo. 25 Bards, including 4 from NSW (below) and 2 from overseas (Tommi O’Hagan from USA, and Philip Payton from Cornwall) attended.



That evening was the ‘Meet the Cornish’ dinner which was booked out, with lots of talk about the events of the day, and it presented a fine concert (including harp and song by Graham Aubrey). Saturday started with the street parade at Moonta.



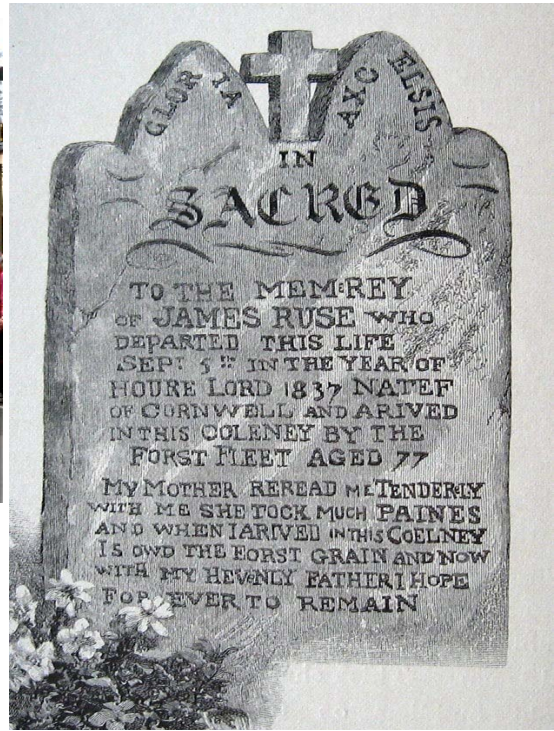
CANSW marching (tartan/banner/flags) through Moonta

After the Fer Kernewek at Moonta Oval, Saturday night saw concerts. Sunday had the 1,200 voices at the Moonta Mines Church service, and time to watch the cavalcade of cars, and meet up for farewell dinner at Port Hughes.

What a great time was had by all! Why not come next time? – May, 2013!

BERRY CELTIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 28th May - Eddie and I, together with 2 of our granddaughters, went to the Berry Celtic Festival, which seems to have grown since we were there a few years ago.



Besides the street parade, there was plenty going on during the day – with 11 Pipe Bands and 2 Irish Dancing Schools, numerous stalls and about 10 Clan and Society tents as well as a display of vintage cars.

The Tartan Warriors drew in the crowd showing off their strength in the Heavy Lifting Events - the Bundanoon Stones (lifting 5 stones of sizes varying from 100 to 165 kg on to barrels and Tossing the Caber which is 71kg and 6 metres long).

The next most popular event was queuing up at the Southern Sons of Cornwall tent for a pasty. Between 10am and 1.30pm they had sold out of 30 dozen hot pasties. Eddie made sure he bought ours when we arrived, despite having to carry them around in his backpack for a couple of hours!!

Another attraction was the Handicrafts Hall, which had demonstrations of spinning wool and weaving of a tartan fabric. An old 1902 sock knitting machine intrigued our 9 year old grand-daughter so much that she completed nearly ½ metre of sock!

It was a great day with perfect weather after the week of rain. *Eileen Lyon*

MEMBERS INTERESTS MEETING

With, track-work, a long weekend and poor weather it was still great to have 15 members at our meeting at West Ryde on 11 June.

Along with some being able to share time over a meal and using the library, and selling a tartan scarf and tie – you will look terrific in them guys –

We watched some of the ‘Coast’ series video, and heard a talk on James Ruse

MEMBERS MILESTONES

We think of those who are unwell (let us know please), or with long term chronic illness.

New Member: Owen Trembath of Goonelabah
Interests: family Trembath from St Just in Penwith. Welcome Owen!

Returning member/s: Carolyn & Nick Clarke and children (Carolyn is Jen Meston’s daughter and was a member in the early days – welcome family!)

CORNISH PLACES – a New Series



There are many places in Australia – streets, towns, businesses - that carry Cornish names. With so many Cornish coming to Australia for mining, farming, and other walks of life, it isn't surprising!

Why don't you send in examples like the one above. *This is a photo of the sign at the corner of Tregony Street and St Just Street, in Burra, South Australia.* You don't have to send a photo (unless you have a digital one), but let me have your

'Cornish places' in Australia .. and I will publish them here. kevrenor@ozemail.com.au

SONG



My a gar an rosen wynn,
Mar hweg, mar deg del dyv hi,
An rosen wynn, Mar splann, mar vryntin,
A dhre dha gov omma dhe-vy!

Kynsa pan wells ow hwego!,
Yth es ta mar deg avel ros,
Mes lemmyn 'ma dhis liw dha vejeth,
Mar wynn avel rosen mayth os.

My a gar an rosen wynn,
Mar hweg, mar deg del dyv hi,
An rosen wynn, Mar splann, mar vryntin,
A dhre dha gov omma dhe-vy!

I love the white rose in its splendour,
I love the white rose in its bloom,
I love the white rose, so fair as it grows,
It's the rose that reminds me of you!

The first time I met you my darling,
Your face was as red as the rose,
And now your face has grown paler,
As pale as the lily white rose.

I love the white rose in its splendour,
I love the white rose in its bloom,
I love the white rose, so fair as it grows,
It's the rose that reminds me of you!

The White Rose



New

LIKE A DUCK

Sometimes it can seem that nothing much is happening with the Association, with gaps between events, but at times we are like ducks! Still and barely moving on the glassy surface, but many of our little feet are paddling away madly, doing the things that keep it going! Certainly John Symonds does his share ...

A report by John Symonds at 7 June, 2011
regarding email enquiries from CANSW web pages.

These are just queries which have arisen from the Celtic Byng/Cadia Cobar web pages, alone. They are quite substantial and it may surprise you to

find that they have resulted in over 75 email interchanges of information in April and May!! I will list where they have originated, the reasons advanced for the queries and some of the results.

1. Narelle Dwyer in NSW asked if I could give more information on the family of William James (her 2xGGF) who had emigrated to NSW and lived a Guyong. There had been family baptisms at Byng Chapel and William had been buried at Bung when he died in 1870. That topic has yet to be resolved further with some possible help about Byng burials.

2. Yvonne Bere-Streeter in QLD sought information about the purchase of the Bal Maidens book quoted in the Cobar stories. She has acquired a copy of Lynne Mayers book. She also enquired about a Hocking family who first lived at Hill End and then went to Cobar. The brother of the wife of the Hocking family also emigrated at the same time. When she sent me some birth and death certificates I noticed that one of the death certificates mentioned that the family spent two years in South Australia, That led to a hunt for information from my YP friend and we found that the family had been living first at Moonta SA. with the husband and wife's brother working at the mine That led to a string of large emails and much has been sorted out.

3. Noel Lane in Canberra is descended from William Lane who was on the same brig Belinda which was dismantled in a terrific storm in Bass Strait, with the loss of three crew members, one a lad of 17y. The Captain managed with the help of crew and passengers to get to Hobart where the passengers transferred to the ship Jupiter and were safely carried to Sydney. William Lane had a wife and children with him and a Hannah Davy who must have acted as a nanny to the children. With the Lane family in steerage were William Tom and his wife Catherine nee Lane. Between us, we exchanged a lot of information about the Belinda and Jupiter plus all the other information on the Web pages about Byng.

4. Darcy Maddock in QLD was delighted to find

the baptism of Brickwood Colley in the Byng baptism record, together with the names of the parents. He is a descendant of that family. Brickwood Colley (known as Brickie) was a famous jockey in Queensland and Darcy provided a copy of an old photo showing the enormous cortege which followed him to his burial in a cemetery known as God's Acre. He also provided a clue to a considerable number of entries in the National Library in Trove archives. He has offered to assist with any queries about this Colley family in NSW and QLD.

5. Sandra Sellick in Canada sought help on a Bone family who went to Cobar. After a huge email exchange, it became possible to sort out a lot of the family story. Thomas Bone married a lady in Sydney and they first lived in the Wellington district. It soon became evident that he was a miner because one Canadian question was what was a "quartz reef miner". Having settled that matter, it turned out that he had been underground mining at Bodangara near Wellington. When the mining work there was decreasing, the family went to Cobar to work at that large copper mine. Bone died there and so did some of his family. The result was that it was possible to give information and to direct Sandra Sellick to other sources of data and background. The email exchanges there have reached 31 and more to come!!!

VALE: CORNISH FRIENDS

Two proud Cornish born men and old friends of some of our members passed on in recent months; whose unique contributions will be missed.

John Wakeham – in Melbourne on 8th April. A member and strong supporter of SSOC. Condolences to his wife Gwynneth, sons John and Brian and daughter Michelle as well as his grandchildren.

Lambert Truran – in Perth on 16 March. Lambert was a Bard (Pen Melen) and founding member of Mebyon Kernow, and leader of Cornish Associations in Africa, and WA.

INTRODUCING SOME CORNISH WEB SITES

A series looking at some web sites that are available on the Internet (family history focus):

Cornwall Family History Society

<http://www.cornwallfhs.com/>

Since its beginning in 1976, the Society has aimed to become a 'centre of excellence' by encouraging Cornish family history research. This is being achieved by publishing a quarterly journal, co-ordinating the transcription and indexing of over 5 million original records, maintaining a research library in Truro for members and the general public and offering a means of worldwide contact and exchange of information between members.

On-line Parish Clerks (OPC)

<http://www.cornwall-opc.org/>

Hard working people (incl. some members of ours): A worldwide group of volunteers who compile reference material for particular parishes in Cornwall, which we gladly share with researchers at no cost. Many of us have records such as transcripts of parish registers (BMBs), Bishop's Transcripts, and much other data. While some have established websites to hold their data, others prefer to receive email requests and reply to the individual. All of us help people to the best of our abilities, and time.

CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

This is the public face of the Association – Thanks to John Symonds, our hard working webmaster.

www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm

Please use, bookmark, and suggest to friends

Ideas for the site development are always welcome.

Editorial note: The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather of the various contributors and sources! If someone is sick then please let me know for a get-well message, or other news please!

The next Newsletter is August / September 2011

Deadline is 14 August. Items (emailed, or on disk, or even typed for scanning) very welcome!

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