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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dydhth da.
Fatla genes?



I hope you are all well and that
you have had a good Easter.

The Association continues to
make steady progress in attracting new members and
welcoming back old ones, after the trauma of the last few
years.

I must say after having my fifth covid shot and this year's flu
shot, I feel like a pin cushion.

We have had three interesting speakers over the last three
months and we hope to continue in this vein.

I would like to thank members of the Committee who
attended the Highland Games Festival which was held last
month and our presence there led to a number of people
enquiring about their Cornish names and ancestry.
We hope to make our presence felt even more next year
and would welcome any suggestion from you as to improve
our stand and even have some interface activities.

The highlight of the year for me, so far, was the visit to
Ballarat to attend a St Piran's Day celebration held at the
Skipton Street Uniting Church, formerly a Methodist
church, followed by a lunch and guided tour of Buninyong.
I was unable to stay for the tour but I will be taking my wife
for a visit to this fascinating place full of Cornish heritage.

You will note that there will be a change in date of our
next meeting due to the fact that many of our members are
attending the Kernewek Lowender in Moonta, Kadina and
Wallaroo.

One of my daughters has just visited the area and was
pleased to report on her Cornish heritage. She said that
the pasty she had in Moonta was one of the best bought
she had tasted and it had two parts to it with meat and
vegetables at one end and apple at the other. She did
report that the people at Moonta didn't feel they had as
many activities as the other towns.

I also had the pleasure of having my brother and sister
staying with me over the Easter holidays as we have not got
together for over seventeen years so it was a time of
memories and planning for my trip to Cornwall in August.
I hope to visit a few different places in Cornwall and come
back armed with some new illustrated talks.

After reading about the recognition of the Cornish language
in our last newsletter, I am determined that I will at least
try to learn some basics of conversation and will look

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Saturday 13th May 2023 - the change of date is to allow members to attend Kernewek Lowender. Our speaker via zoom will be Dr Lesley Trotter from Cornwall at **5.00 pm**



Monday 15th - Sunday 21st May - Kernewek Lowender - Yorke Peninsula SA. Check out the Cornish Downunder Facebook page for updates from the Festival - if you are a Facebook user but aren't a member of Cornish Downunder, consider joining <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543390335722263>

Saturday 17th June 2023 - this will be both an in person meeting and a Zoom Meeting, at Darebin NW UC, 399A Murray Road, West Preston. We hope to have a Pasty Lunch at 12 noon and Marcus hopes to be able to deliver Pasties to the Church for those wishing to purchase them. Details of this meeting, the Pasty lunch and Pasty orders will be emailed closer to the date.

Saturday 15th July 2023 at 1.30 pm Annual General Meeting at Darebin NW UC, 399A Murray Road, West Preston - this meeting will again be an in person meeting and will be zoomed. Details closer to the date. Information regarding the AGM is available on page 16.

Wednesday 18th October 2023
Official launch of the CAV Library at Castlemaine Historical Society (CHS), 7 Goldsmith Crescent, Castlemaine (Former Court House).

Planning is in the initial stages but it is hoped to hold a short tour of places of historical interest (self driven), starting about 11.00 am followed by a Pasty Lunch; the Library launch; and then afternoon tea with a Cornish flavour provided by CAV members - e.g. heava cake, fairings, scones (jam on first) etc. More details as they come to hand. We thank Moira Drew and June Whiffin who have been regular visitors to the CHS to catalogue the collection.

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone who is unwell, celebrating a special birthday or just needs a cheery greeting, please let Evelyn Jones know the details so she can be in touch. Evelyn's details are:
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CAV NEWSLETTER

The CAV Newsletter is published in February, May, August & November and distributed via email and in some cases by mail.

Deadline for contributions for the next issue:

Saturday 15th July 2023

Articles for inclusion are welcome at any time but **must be received by the deadline date**.

The email address for the CAV Newsletter - robyncoates@hotmail.com
Please mark - Article for CAV Newsletter.

Cornish Tid Bits are sourced from the Cornwall Council, BBC Cornwall, Pirate FM News, Falmouth Packet, CornwallLive, Kresen Kernow, Wikipedia

forward to having some talks with Cornish speakers in Cornwall.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Ken for his work he does as Secretary and to Robyn for producing our newsletter which is so absorbing and full of interesting articles.

The other world associations have a lot to keep up with the standard of our newsletter.

Oll an gwella
Brian Rollason



Recent Happenings

The first meeting of 2023 was conducted both in person and via Zoom at our new location in Darebin and was well received by those who physically attended and joined online.

Local Victorian author Michelle Scott Tucker shared research from her book *Elizabeth Macarthur: A Life at the Edge of the World* (Text, 2018).

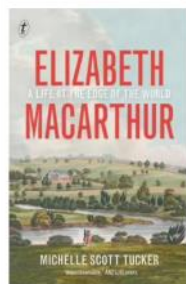
Michelle's interest in Elizabeth, one half of the colonial Macarthur powerhouse couple who helped establish Australia's sheep industry, stemmed from her interest in women farmers and how so often they have been overlooked in histories of agriculture in Australia.

Michelle showed photos from her visit to Bridgerule, the town just over *the other side* of the Tamar that qualified Elizabeth as an appropriate subject for a CAV talk!

There are benefits, which many of us appreciate, to undertaking on the ground research – such as Michelle's realization of the similarities of the physical landscape of Bridgerule and the site of the Macarthurs' home in Parramatta, New South Wales.

Michelle's presentations can be found on CAV's latest news web page at <http://www.cornishvic.org.au/latenews.html>

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In March, we were treated to a pre-recorded presentation from Cornwall-based historian Dr Charlotte Mackenzie.

Charlotte spoke about her current research interests in Cornish healthcare in Georgian

Cornwall, describing the interconnections between legend, historical individuals and healthcare, including the society of 'skilful aunts' on the Isles of Scilly.

She also shared William Borlase's descriptions of the composition of waters from Cornish wells and their reputed healing properties, as well as noting the general love of the Cornish for cold water swimming – a phenomenon increasingly popular in contemporary Cornwall.

Charlotte's talk drew forth the observation from attendees about how such skills run in families, with president Brian Rollason revealing that his great aunt was known for charming warts and rats!

CAV member Dr Stephen Morey spoke at the April meeting on the so-called rotten boroughs of Cornwall, which readers of the Poldark novels will be well familiar with.

The 'rotteness' refers to the electoral constituencies not proportionally reflecting the number of constituents and being open to bribery.

Looe, for example, was broken up into two districts, East and West Looe, with four members of parliament representing the good (and small number of) people of Looe, while the great city of Manchester had none!

Cornwall had *a lot* of these boroughs.

For further information, Stephen directed us to the Wikipedia pages on UK parliamentary constituencies, which are detailed and well referenced.

CAV member Evelyn Jones was prompted by Stephen's presentation to read out a family letter referring to one of the elected 'rotten' MPs of Cornwall, Christopher Hawkins, proving that we CAV members are well connected!

Thanks to all our speakers for taking the time to prepare presentations and share them with us. We are always on the lookout for interesting speakers who can present on Cornwall and things, places and people Cornish, including stories of the Cornish in Victoria and Australia.

If you have something you'd like to present, or can recommend a speaker, please get in touch with CAV committee member Helen Morgan at helen@helenmorgan.net or 0401 873 385.

Helen Morgan

ST PIRAN'S DAY - Sunday 5th March

It was wonderful that Ballarat Members were joined by friends, from Melbourne, Geelong and even a couple from New Zealand, to celebrate St Piran's Day in 2023.

The Chairperson of the Ballarat Branch of the Cornish Association, Rev. Keith Lanyon, led a 'Church Service to Commemorate the Cornish in Ballarat', at Skipton Street Uniting Church, with members Les George, Wendy Benoit, Lorice Jenkin and Robyn Coates taking part in the service. Those present enjoyed singing some of the old familiar Methodist Hymns and also the Cornish themed music played by the musicians from Skipton Street UC.



Following the Church Service, members began an interesting and informative tour put together by Bev and Jim Hocking, tour guides extraordinaire, ably assisted by Simon Dennis, from Buninyong, who lived and breathed Buninyong History.

On the way to Buninyong, some stopped briefly to view Pulpit Rock, near where many Cornish lived and worshipped before shifting north to Pleasant Mount (Mt Pleasant).

Buninyong was first settled by pastoralists in 1837 when Thomas and Somerville Learmonth arrived from Tasmania via Geelong with about 2 000 sheep. The young men were descendants of an Edinburgh farming family though their father Thomas had settled in Tasmania at Hobart and was a merchant in 1835.

By 1839, the brothers had extended their holdings to Burrumbeet and Maiden Hills where they built their home, *Ercildoun*.

Buninyong originates from an Aboriginal word also recorded as 'Buninyouang', said to mean 'man lying on his back with his knees raised', which is in reference to the shape of Mount Buninyong. European settlers named it Boninyong and Bunninyong.

The Crown Hotel was our lunch venue. Established in 1842, the Crown Hotel Buninyong was the first inland hotel in Victoria to be issued

with a license and is the longest running continually licensed hotel in regional Victoria.

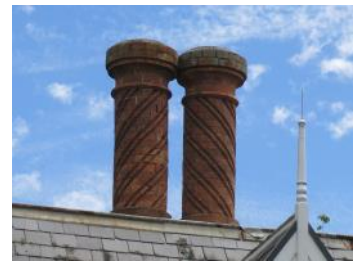
After eating far too much, we drove in convoy and looked at various landmark buildings with Simon giving us the history at each stop.

Clifton Villa, built for chemist Edward Newmann, in 1867, had decorative barge boards, intricate lace work and twisted brick work on its chimneys. Newman's design was based on the home of his wife, Clifton Manor, in Bristol. A Mr House from Durham Lead built the house according to the specifications of Mrs Newman.

In 1881, it was purchased by grocer George Whykes who added a ballroom (since demolished) to cater for the many social events held here. The last event was a function for returning servicemen after World War One.

In 1968, Ian Smith, an architect, bought it and commenced extensive restoration.

The huge iron gates are from Queens Grammar school (now ACU Aquinas campus), in Mair Street, Ballarat.



Buninyong Town Hall and Court House

Municipal government came to Buninyong in 1858, and in the early years Council met in various hotels. In 1886, this building was built to house the Buninyong Borough Council, the Town Hall and the Court House, replacing an earlier building adjacent to the Gardens. The Court closed in 1980, and the Town Hall moved to the control of the City of Ballarat in 1994.

Camellia Cottage which was built for one of Buninyong's early medical practitioners around 1862. In 1865, Dr C. Gavin Casey was the doctor at Buninyong and lived in this home. He was the grandfather of Lord Casey, Governor General of Australia.



Havilah Cottage



Havilah Cottage was built by Cornishman, Thomas Trehwella, in 1861. He was a gardener. The house features an unusual battlement parapet and a curved post supporting verandah. The name Havilah comes from the Old Testament book of Genesis, meaning the place where there was gold and gold was good.

Dr Longden's House

Dr Frank R Longden was appointed as a newly graduated doctor to Buninyong in 1888, and served the people of Buninyong and district until his death in 1938.

This house was built in 1892 as a wedding present from the bride's father to his daughter, Josephine Robertson, on the occasion of her marriage to Dr Longden.

The surgery was in the front room, and a dispensary was located in the garden.

(Currently For Sale at \$2.7 million)



Post Office

The Post Office was built in 1874 and replaced many unofficial post offices. It operated as a Post Office until the year 2000.



Hiscock Memorial

Driving to the Buninyong Cemetery, we passed the Hiscock Memorial.

Erected by the Borough and Shire of Buninyong, to indicate the spot where Gold was first discovered in Victoria, by Mr T Hiscocks, August 3rd 1851.

*David Kerr MP Mayor
Jas A Jordan Town Clerk
F E Sides JP President
G A Hale Secretary
June 21st 1897 - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year.*



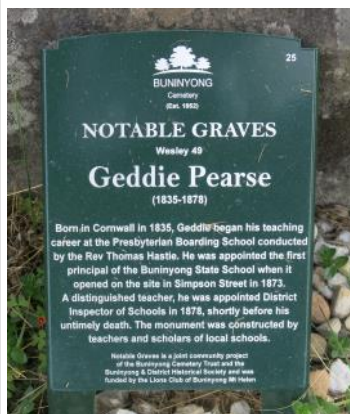
Buninyong Cemetery

An Old Burial Ground is located in Buninyong (just west of the old Post Office) where the first burial took place in 1837 but the site was abandoned in the 1850s.

The current cemetery is the second registered cemetery in Victoria with the first recorded burial of Elizabeth Gullan taking place in 1852.

Geddie Pearse (1835-1878) born in Cornwall - first head teacher of Buninyong State School in 1873.

Monument erected by teachers and students from local schools



With grateful thanks to Bev and Jim Hocking for organising the tour and much of the information mentioned concerning the various places..

<https://www.go2000.com.au/>

Cornish Association of Victoria invades the Melbourne Highland Games

The CAV attended the Melbourne Highland Games held at Eastfield Park in Croydon on March 26. The Games were highly successful as more than 6,000 people were in attendance, an increase on previous years.

We had to be in the grounds at the site before 8.30 am in order to set up our marquees provided by Robyn and Arthur Coates.

We would be there until 5.00 pm, so it was a long day.

Thanks to Robyn Coates, we had an area where we could lay out our handouts as well as where children could come and colour in activity sheets with a Cornish theme. This proved to be very popular.



We had a very successful day as we discovered that many people with Scottish heritage also had Cornish heritage.



The organisers of the Games were very pleased that we were there in order to expand on the broader Celtic theme of the day.

As you can see we were well placed and I'm sure that more than 3,000 people would have walked past our display.

We even sold two copies of *Agan Kernow!*

The food vans were very popular, so next time we will try and get some pasties to sell.

We were situated next to the *Celtic Bakery* and, like

most of the food vans, they sold out very early in the afternoon.

There were at least 16 pipe bands, including school groups, competing for the coveted prizes at the games.

Many of these bands decided to practice near our stall before competing, and they would all be playing the same tune – over and over!

As you would expect Scotch College featured in the awards.

The 'Heavy' Highland games took place on the other side of the oval from where we were situated but they were also very popular.

I was able to arrange with a Tartan stall to purchase a Cornish Tartan tie!

As we were decked out in our Cornish Tartan caps and scarves, many folk were surprised that we had our own Tartan.

The day was highly successful for us as we had seven people express interest in becoming members.

I have communicated with them already and I hope that some will actually become new members and/or participate in some of our meetings.

I think that next time we should have something to 'sell' – perhaps a *Cornish Recipe Book* run off at Officeworks containing CAV members Cornish recipes?

Robyn had a handout about making pasties and this proved to be very popular.

All in all it was a good day and a special thank you to Robyn and Arthur, Max Procter, Evelyn Jones and Ronald Hawken for their help and assistance during the day.



Ken Peak
CAV Secretary

Geelong Branch Report

For our March meeting this year once again we had a luncheon at the Clifton Springs Golf Club.

Following the meal we sat outside and conducted our meeting on a lovely sunny day. That included the singing of Trelawny, much to the amusement of guests sitting nearby.

Members brought along and spoke about items of Cornish memorabilia in their possession.

As it was our Branch's 30th anniversary, member, Liz Kraus, brought along a cake to celebrate the occasion.

We sang Happy Birthday to ourselves.



Following a photo of a female cricketer proudly displaying a St Piran's flag, in the Geelong newspaper, contact was made with her.

Her name is Caitlin Burnett.

Caitlin had been out here from Cornwall for the summer season playing for a Geelong club.

Caitlin played a major role in that club winning the grand final, hence her photo in the newspaper.

A group of our members attended an afternoon tea with Caitlin, before she returned to Cornwall.

Due to the Kernewek Lowender, we are having our branch meeting one week early - now to be held at the Uniting Church, Ormond Road, East Geelong at 1.30pm on May 10th.

This will be our Annual General Meeting.

Neil Thomas
Chairman of the Geelong Branch of the CAV

Ballarat Branch

*February meeting

Members were keen to share "Snippets" of family history uncovered in their family research.

Keith Lanyon shared stories of his family and their farm.

Wendy Benoit shared a cutting, from *The Bendigo Independent* 12 August 1908 concerning the death of John Barnett. John was one of the sons born to Charles Barnett and his wife Ellen Moxley, who married in 1854. Charles Barnett was a miner and had been born in Gwennap.

Robyn Coates showed an autograph book belonging to a great aunt and given to the aunt on her 21st birthday in 1901. Each person who wrote in the book had drawn a picture to accompany their verse.

Jenny Burrell shared information about the Lukeis family she had come across whilst researching. Eli Lukeis was the eldest son of Samuel Lukeis and Mary Freeman Caddy (daughter of Michael Caddy/ Mary Freeman)

Arthur Coates told some of the story of his aunt, Maud Coates, who had trained as Primary School Teacher and was appointed to "The Little School on the Hill" at Glenlogie in 1927, near Amphitheatre.

Val D'Angri told us of *The Prophecies of Mother Shipton* who was born in 1488. She was an unknown to those present at the meeting and we had a chuckle at some of the prophecies.

There are many references on TROVE to Mother Shipton.

Val also had some regal memorabilia concerning the new King Charles III.

*March - St Piran's day as reported on page 4

*April meeting

Maureen Waddington, director of Mission from St John of God Hospital, spoke at the April Meeting.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St John of God was founded in Wexford, Ireland, in 1871 with the first group of eight sisters arriving in Western Australia in 1895 where they set up in Adelaide Terrace in Perth and established a convent, a hospital and school. They also worked on the goldfields of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie.

In 1907, nine sisters went to work in the Broome area and staffed a Leprosarium at Bungarum near Derby.

The Sisters of St John settled in Ballarat in 1915 and have been serving the Ballarat community ever since. There are seventeen St John of God Hospitals – sixteen in Australia – seven in Victoria, seven in Western Australia and two in New South Wales - and one in New Zealand.

THE TREASURY-THAMES-NEW ZEALAND

Many of us in Australia had ancestors who also travelled and lived in New Zealand.

My great great uncle, William Henry Mitchell Lovell (WHM) was one of them.

Born in Falmouth in 1845, he arrived in Ballarat in December 1860 on the *Swiftsure* with his mother Ann and three siblings.

In September 1869, he married Annie Willis in Steiglitz, approximately 60 kms from Ballarat.

At the time of the birth of their second child in September 1870 WHM was living in Thames, New Zealand.

In tracing his steps in the North Island of New Zealand, I came upon *The Treasury*, situated in the town of Thames, on the Firth of Thames, on the Coromandel Peninsula.

It was named by Captain James Cook in November 1769 as he felt it resembled the River Thames in England.

Gold was first discovered in Thames and nearby areas in 1862 - this caused a rush from miners everywhere, including Cornwall and Ballarat, in Victoria.

Between 1868 and 1871 gold to the value of \$845 million had been found.

Thames is only one hour, 40 mins from the centre of Auckland.

The Treasury is housed in two beautiful buildings, more of which you can read about in the About section of their website.

<https://www.thetreasury.org.nz/about>



The Treasury originated with several people wishing to keep their district's history, and with the financial assistance of two local councils, have achieved their aim.

This is indeed a Treasury of Collections of stories, Journals, research links etc

All relating to the history of Te Tara o Te Ika a Mau (the jagged barb of Maui's fish) which is the history of the entire Coromandel peninsula - the history of

the Maori and early European pioneers.

Many fascinating stories to read when you have the time.

The Collections section contains many different kinds of media - photos, newspapers, obituaries, diaries.

Sadly, they are not yet online but you can ask for information to be researched for you-at a small cost.

In the **Research** section there are many **Journal articles**, and I found several pertaining to Cornwall.

*From Cornwall to Coromandel-

Charles Polmear Verran , born in Chenhale, Gwennap parish to James Davey and Sarah (Polmear)Verran in May 1853.

He came to New Zealand in 1879 and worked in Auckland, before moving to Thames where he married (Bessie)Mary Elizabeth Hancock in October 1884.

There is more of their story on the website written by family members.

*John Moore Wilton - Miner of Cornwall and Thames.

Born near St Neot in September 1844, he worked as a copper miner in Cornwall and arrived in New Zealand in the 1860-1870s where he settled in Thames.

His younger brother Frederick joined him in Thames and they both married there. John married Elizabeth Jones, and Frederick married her sister Emma Jones. John died of miners lung disease in 1903, Elizabeth died in 1923.They left a large family and the stories of their descendants are told on the website.

*James and Catherine Lanning of Cornwall and Thames.

James and Catherine Lanning (Lannin) arrived in Thames, in 1874, and spent the rest of their lives there, raising a family of eleven children.

James worked as a miner but was later the manager of the Kuranui stamper Battery.

James was involved in mining in Redruth.

In 1876 he joined the Haurikai Engineer Volunteers, a local militia group who were supposed to quell any uprisings by the local Maori.

More of this family's story on the website.

* Tin and Copper Mining in Cornwall.

A brief description of mining and mining terms in Cornwall. Very interesting.

RESEARCH-

Search the collection

Here I found many references to my ancestor and his descendants.

also lists **external sources** including:

*Gold mining in the Coromandel and Goldrush online.

The latter contains the Gold Miners Data Base and lists those who applied for a Miner's Right.

In this I found many more references to the LOVELL name, some of which need further investigation.

It is well worth searching your family names-you never know what you may find.

This website is fascinating with so many stories to read.

My third cousin John, in Auckland, and I have been corresponding for over ten years.

I am hoping he will drive over to Thames to do some research for us.

I also hope that he will write the story of our LOVELL ancestors in New Zealand and add it to *The Treasury* collections.

We are led to believe that William Henry Mitchell Lovell won a large amount of money in a running race somewhere near Thames but cannot find any references to this. If we could find this info we will have struck GOLD.

William Henry Mitchell Lovell was not the only member of the family to settle in New Zealand. Some years later his sisters Susan and Minna settled there and after her husband died, so did their mother Ann.

My thanks to Katherine Quinn, Manager of the Treasury

Website- <https://www.thetreasury.org.nz>

Di Christensen

(Diane Lovell Christensen)



BALLARAT BRIEFINGS

The Titanic Memorial Bandstand, Ballarat

On 15 April, 1912, The luxury liner *Titanic* hit an iceberg and eventually sank off the coast of Newfoundland.

Many of the 2,224 people on board drowned.

It has been stated that the last song, played by the bandsmen on the *Titanic*, many people heard was "Nearer My God To Thee".

However other songs were played, including 'Abide with Me' and they may have been the last song a person heard.

Bandsmen all over the world were shocked and horrified by this tragedy.

In Ballarat, bandsmen were held in high regard and it was the home of bands at the time.

It was decided to build a Bandstand in memory of those who died on the *Titanic*.

Bandsmen from all over Australia contributed to the cost and when it was opened in 1915 over a thousand attended the opening.

It is in Sturt Street, directly opposite the Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library.

On Saturday April 15th 2023, at 7.30pm, a ceremony took place at the Bandstand, with the band playing, "Nearer, My God To Thee"

A very moving tribute in a tradition observed since the Bandstand opened in 1915.



Photo: <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/disaster/maritime/display/30236-r.-m.-s.-titanic-bandsmen-memorial>



Agan Kernow

The book is available for purchase by CAV Members, relatives and friends.

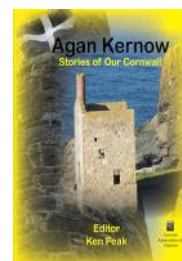
This is a 262-page book of 76 stories by 51 authors from across the Cornish diaspora.

The purchase price is \$25 Australian plus the appropriate postage.

Overseas posting can be arranged - speak with Robyn Coates to arrange postage.

Brian Rollason, Ken Peak and Robyn Coates have copies for sale.

Their contact details are on page 2.



Dr Vera Scantlebury Brown - Statue

Vera Scantlebury was born in Linton, Victoria in August 1889.

She was educated at Toorak College and later studied medicine at Melbourne University. After graduation in 1914, she worked at the Melbourne Hospital and later the Children's Hospital.

In 1917, she relocated to England where she was attached to the Endell Street Military Hospital.

On returning to Victoria she took on several medical appointments before being appointed in 1921 as part time medical officer in charge of the city baby health centre.

In 1926 she married Dr Edward Byam Brown. From 1925-1946 she was Director of Infant Welfare Victoria at Department of Health.

In June 1938, she received the OBE for her work in the fields of infant and maternal welfare. She died in July 1946.

So many of us are thankful for the support and care of the infant welfare nurses who assisted us after giving birth to our children, especially after our first child.

The Linton and District Historical Society has secured funding for a statue of Vera Scantlebury Brown which was unveiled in the Linton Avenue of Honour this month.



Di Christensen

See additional information on the ABC site with reference to the unveiling of the statue.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-18/dr-vera-scantlebury-brown-wwi-surgeon-statue-linton/102234782>

Editor's Footnote:

I became interested in this family after hearing Dr Heather Sheard talk about Australian women doctors during the First World War, in a lecture given at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Vera's grandfather Alfred (aka Elford) Scantlebury, was born in Cornwall c1821 - he died in 1861 in Ballarat and is buried in Ballarat Old Cemetery.

Scantlebury Family Cornish Connection

From searching the internet, it would appear that the Scantlebury family may have been from St Veep and Lanreath in Cornwall and all seem to be descended from John Skantilbew born in 1515 in Lanreath.

Edward Scantlebury was the first child of Edward Scantlebury and his wife Sarah Best – married 1779 at St Veep

Edward Scantlebury 1780 - 1858

Ann Scantlebury 1781

Richard Scantlebury 1783

John Pengelley Scantlebury 1785

Sally Scantlebury 1790

William Scantlebury 1792

John Scantlebury 1794

George Scantlebury 1798 - 1879

Alfred (aka Elford) Scantlebury, who came to Ballarat, was the sixth son of Edward Scantlebury and his wife Jane Thoms/Toms - they were married in 1810 in Lanreath and had six children. From census records it would appear that Edward Scantlebury was a tailor.

Edward Scantlebury 1810

John Scantlebury 1812

William Scantlebury 1814

George Scantlebury 1816

Ephraim Scantlebury 1819, died 1892

Alfred (Elford) Scantlebury 1821, died 1861

Alfred Scantlebury and Catherine Clifford (aka Catherine Lawson) had three children. To date, I have been unable to find a marriage for Alfred and Catherine.

Alfred Scantlebury c 1859 - 1863

Janet Scantlebury born 1860 - not mentioned in her father's will but unable to find a death notice for her.

George James Scantlebury c1860 -1923

According to the *Ballarat Star*, Alfred was granted a refreshment licence in 1857 and his address, from cemetery records, at the time of his death, is given as Main Road and his occupation is a publican. In his will, he is listed as a restaurant owner; he bequeaths £150 sterling to his brother Ephraim and the rest of his estate (including £40 for funerary expenses) to his wife known as Catherine Clifford or Catherine Lawson and subsequently his two children Alfred and George James - his estate did not exceed £600.

Alfred, his son, dies in 1863 in Ballarat.

There is no mention of his daughter Janet.

Vera Santlebury's parents George James and Catherine Millington Baynes were married in January 1889 and had five children.

George Scantlebury was a GP and practised at Linton (1887) and then in Cheltenham from 1889 to his death in 1923. He had graduated in medicine from Edinburgh. He was well known for his many charitable activities and was honorary medical officer of the Livingstone Home for Children, in Cheltenham, for 30 years.

Children:

George (b Linton 1889-d Linton 1889) - Vera's twin brother.

Vera (b Linton 1889 – d East Hawthorn 1946).

George Clifford (known as Clifford b Cheltenham 1891 – d Frankston 1976) - he too was a doctor and served during the 1st World War.

Dorothy (b Cheltenham 1893- d Frankston 1974) - ended her career as Headmistress at Toorak College (Wardle)

Ethel Eileen (b Cheltenham 1899 – d Mt Eliza 1982) - she married Dr Charles Kellaway (d 1952) who in 1923 became the Director of the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute and later the Wellcome Foundation in London - she married Hugh Lester in 1954

This website gives an interesting look at the family:
<https://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au/articles/599>

Photo from
Ancestry
L to R - Eileen,
George (father),
Vera, Catherine
(Mother)
Dorothy, Clifford
circa 1914



Robyn Coates

Herodsfoot - a doubly thankful village

Arthur Mee, when he was writing the *King's England* on the various counties of England, in the 1930s, noticed that some of the villages didn't have a War Memorial honouring those who fought and died in the First World War.

He discovered that in the villages in question, everyone who had fought in The Great War had returned home alive, though some were injured. Arthur Mee identified 32 villages across England and Wales and he termed them *Thankful Villages*. There were none in Scotland and Ireland. In a subsequent check in 2013, this number was increased to 53.

There are thirteen villages in England and Wales that are 'Doubly Thankful', having had all their members of the armed services also survive World War II.

These villages are:

Herodsfoot in Cornwall,
Bradbourne in Derbyshire
Langton Herring in Dorset,
Upper Slaughter in Gloucestershire,
High Toynton in Lincolnshire,
South Elmham St Michael in Suffolk,
Woolley in Somerset,
Catwick in Yorkshire,
Middleton-on-the-Hill in Herefordshire,
Nether Kellet in Lancashire,
Flixborough in Lincolnshire,
Herbrandston in Pembrokeshire and
Stocklinch in Somerset.

Herodsfoot is situated approximately six kilometres southwest of Liskeard and eight kilometres north of Looe, where the two tributaries of the Looe River join. It is in the civil parish of Lanreath.

The name Herodsfoot derives from the Cornish 'Nanshiryarth' and means 'the foot of the stream at Heriard'.

The village was called Heriad around 1500.

Later it became Herryotsfoote and by 1659 Herods Foote. Finally it was called Herodsfoot.

There is a theory that there was once a giant called Herod who put his foot down on some land, and that is Herodsfoot.

He then put his head down and that is Herodshead (a farm above the village).

The area has been settled since the medieval era with people gaining a living from the Herodsfoot and Deer Park forests as well as locally cultivated orchards, but it was silver and lead in the 1840s which produced the most income for the area.

Three Victorian Victoria Cross awardees with Cornish Connections

Driving north along Gilbert Road, in the City of Darebin, a northern suburb of Melbourne, one passes three consecutive streets - Jacka, Dunstan and Symons - all named for Victoria Cross Awardees - Albert Jacka, William Dunstan and William Symons and all who have a Cornish connection.



Albert Jacka 1893-1932 - grandparents Josiah Jacka and Elizabeth Jane Tremewan Bottrell both born in Cornwall.

Citation reads:

'For most conspicuous bravery on the night of the 19th-20th May, 1915, at "Courtney's Post" Gallipoli Peninsula. Lance Corporal Jacka, while holding a portion of our trench with four other men, was heavily attacked. When all except himself were killed or wounded, the trench was rushed and occupied by seven Turks. Lance Corporal Jacka at once most gallantly attacked them single handed, and killed the whole party, five by rifle fire and two with the bayonet.'

Source: 'London Gazette' No. 7279

Date: 23 July 1915



William Dunstan 1895-1957 - grandparents John Dunstan and Nanny Collins both born in Cornwall

Citation reads:

For most conspicuous bravery at Lone Pine trenches, in the Gallipoli Peninsula, on the 9th August, 1915. In the early morning, the enemy made a determined counter attack on the centre of the newly captured trench held by Lieutenant Tubb, Corporals Burton and Dunstan, and a few men. They advanced up a sap and blew in a sandbag barricade, leaving only one foot of it standing; but Lieutenant Tubb, with the two corporals, repulsed the enemy and rebuilt the barricade. Supported by strong bombing parties, the enemy twice again succeeded in blowing in the barricade; but on each occasion they were repulsed, and the barricade rebuilt, although Lieutenant Tubb was wounded in the head and arm, and Corporal Burton was killed by a bomb while most gallantly building up the parapet



under a hail of bombs.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 28

Date: 24 February 1916

William Symons 1889-1948 - grandparents - William Henry Symons and Hannah Ball both born in Cornwall.

Citation reads:

'For most conspicuous bravery on the night of 8th-9th August, 1915, at Lone Pine trenches, in the Gallipoli Peninsula. He was in command of the right section of the newly captured trenches held by his battalion, and repelled several counter attacks with great coolness. At about 5 a.m. on 9th August a series of determined attacks were made by the enemy on the isolated sap, and six officers were in succession killed or severely wounded, a portion of the sap being lost. Lieutenant Symons then led a charge and retook the lost sap, shooting two Turks with his revolver. The sap was under hostile fire from three sides, and Lieutenant Symons withdrew some fifteen yards to a spot where some overhead cover could be obtained, and, in the face of heavy fire, built up a sand barricade. The enemy succeeded in setting fire to the fascines and woodwork of the head cover, but Lieutenant Symons extinguished the fire and rebuilt the barricade. His coolness and determination finally compelled the enemy to discontinue their attacks.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 28

Date: 24 February 1916



Portraits are from the Australian War Memorial and in the public domain.

For more information about these men (or others who served in the First World War) you can access their enlistment papers by typing their name in the keyword section. Some World War 2 files are also digitised.

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/SearchScreens/BasicSearch.aspx>

Another site for First World War enlistee information is the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) AIF project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/index.html>

Some Second World War information can be found here:

<https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/ww2#Search>

CORNISH tidbits

Hayle Harbour Wall Collapse

From the Hayle Harbour Facebook Page:

"There has been a collapse of part of the South Quay wall. We are aware and are dealing with the issue.

"Can everyone please stay away from the area until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation."



<https://www.facebook.com/HayleHarbourAuthority>

Floating wind farms off Cornwall 'in doubt' due to lack of National Grid capacity

Offshore windfarms must be connected to Cornwall or they'll be pointless, industry leaders have warned. Floating offshore wind turbines are being planned for the Celtic Sea off Cornwall and Wales.

Industry leaders in Cornwall are worried that the much heralded floating offshore wind turbines bonanza promised will only materialise if the proposed developments in the Celtic Sea are connected directly to the national Grid in the county.

Plans to build floating wind farms off the coast could unlock a green growth revolution and thousands of jobs, but for that to happen, power generated out at sea needs to be landed directly in Cornwall. Later this summer the Crown Estate, which manages the seabed around the UK, will invite energy companies to bid for leases to build floating wind farms off Wales and off Cornwall.

The plan is to unlock 4GW of electricity by 2035, enough to keep the lights on in three million homes, with potential for 24GW in the years following. For comparison, Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset will provide 3.2GW of electricity when complete.

However there is still much uncertainty about where the cables connecting these floating offshore wind farms to the mainland will be.

Industry leaders in Cornwall are urging both the Crown Estate and the National Grid to bring at least 2GW ashore in Cornwall by 2030 as part of the first phase of Celtic Sea development, which they believe would unlock industries vital to the UK's transition to net zero.

This includes mining for minerals like lithium, tin and tungsten which the Government has identified as 'critical' to safeguarding British industries now and in the future.

These minerals are found in abundance in Cornwall and large parts of the UK economy depend on them, from electric vehicles to medical and defence equipment.

However Cornwall's existing electricity network is so constrained that it is holding back the development and growth of these industries, and the ability to 'plug' more green energy generation into the National Grid.

An estimated 80% of potential renewables projects in Cornwall are having to wait until 2036 for a grid connection because of capacity constraints.

Penryn-based Cornish Lithium is among the Cornish businesses backing calls for a direct Celtic Sea connection.

It is a pioneering mineral exploration focused on the environmentally responsible extraction of lithium from geothermal waters and hard rock in the historic mining district of Cornwall.

The North Cornwall coast has been identified as the most suitable location for a cable to make land. A new electricity sub-station on Cornwall Council owned land could connect to the National Grid at Indian Queens just a few miles away.

<https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/floating-wind-farms-cornwall-in-8380404>

Abandoned Cornish mine transformed into fabulous luxury home

Okel Tor Mine, dubbed a 'Cornish treasure', dates back as far as the 1840s and at its peak, 200 people worked in the mine retrieving silver, copper and lead.

The fortunes of the mine, located in Harewood, Calstock, ebbed and flowed and in the late 1880s, it was abandoned.

More than 140 years later, the mine has been transformed into a luxury home which is currently listed for £1,590,000.

The four-bedroom property is said to provide the 'most fabulous and rewarding lifestyle opportunity for those looking for something a little different'.

The 16 acres of land on which the property is situated has a variety of habitats with the River Tamar just a stone's throw away, providing some spectacular views.

The main house and holiday cottages are Grade II Listed.

Much of the site is an Ancient Monument and all of it lies within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site area.

It also sits in the Tamar Valley AONB and is both a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Cornwall County Wildlife site.

Several sources of funding are available for stabilisation works to structures, vegetation management and the care and repair of footpaths. Historic England, the Tamar Valley AONB and the Heritage Lottery Fund are all contributors.



<https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/gallery/abandoned-cornish-mine-40-minutes-8370338>

Scillonian IV

A new passenger ferry and two freight vessels will service the Isles of Scilly in a £42m project, a ferry operator says.

The Isles of Scilly Steamship Group said private funding would be used and vessels should be in service in 2026.

The group said it would borrow £33.6m.

The company had hoped to secure government funding but it said "no tangible progress" had been

made since an initial offer. The government has been contacted for a response.

The new 236ft (72m) Scillonian IV passenger ferry will carry 600 passengers - an increase of 115 passengers on the existing Scillonian III, which is 46 years old.

A 148ft (45m) cargo vessel is expected to include more space for chilled and frozen goods.

A second cargo vessel will have 50% more capacity than the existing inter-island ferry and allow for faster journeys between St Mary's and the other islands, the group said.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-65311924>

Guinness World Record Attempt

A Royal Marine is hoping to set a Guinness World Record by running in the London Marathon with a fridge strapped to his back.

Sam Hammond, 30, broke a world record in February after running the fastest male half marathon with the same fridge, dubbed "Fridget Jones".

Based at RNAS Culdrose at Helston, he is racing to raise money for the armed forces charity Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families Association.

The current record for the fastest marathon carrying a household appliance (white goods) stands at five hours, 49 minutes and 37 seconds.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-devon-65334987>

Addendum - Sam broke the record by completing the course in 4 hours 52 minutes and 10 seconds - taking 57 minutes off the old world record.

New use for old

A village in Cornwall has come up with a novel way to provide freshly grown food for people struggling with the cost of living.

Part of the graveyard at St Michael's Church in Landrake near Saltash has been converted into a vegetable patch.

The fresh cabbage, beetroot, onion and salad leaves will go into food parcels and community lunches.

Volunteers and members of the church are using an unused corner of the churchyard, well away from any graves.

Permission for the project was granted by the Diocese of Truro.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-65264141>

Tidal Bell

A tidal bell is being put in the sea off Cornwall to highlight global warming and rising sea levels.

The Time and Tide bell is part of a national art project, with 13 bells being put in locations across England, Wales and Scotland.

The bells ring each time the tide goes in and out, with the pitch expected to slowly change over time as sea levels rise.

The bell, which has been donated, is valued at about £30,000 and will be located at Par by the Friends of Par Beach.

As part of the process, the group had to obtain a license from the Marine Management Organisation. They raised £20,000 through crowd funding and donations from local companies, community groups, Cornwall Council and individuals.

The bells are all the same size and design, but are placed differently based on the location.

Other sites include the Appledore, the Thames barrier, the Isle of Wight, Anglesey and the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-65275620>

Ancient dwellings discovered

A series of ancient dwellings have been discovered at the site of a new housing development in Newquay. Archaeologists from the Cornwall Archaeological Unit have uncovered three Bronze Age roundhouses, a Roman-period settlement consisting of an oval house, a large processing area (thought to be used for cereals) and two rectangular buildings (probably former barns) at the site.

Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist at the Cornwall Archaeological Unit, said: "Although quite a few of these Bronze Age structures have been found at various sites around the county over the last 30 or so years starting with Trethellan at Newquay in 1987, it's still rare to find so much in one small area.

"The Romano-British house is similar to buildings found at Trethurgy Round near St Austell in the 1970s and are of a type unique to Cornwall. The rectangular agricultural buildings on the other hand are fairly common throughout Roman Britain but this is the first time that they have been discovered in Cornwall.

"It's starting to look like this part of Newquay, alongside the River Gannel, was a very important and densely populated area from the Neolithic (c 4000BC) onwards.

The estuary undoubtedly formed an important link

with the outside world throughout prehistory."

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/environment-culture-and-planning/series-of-ancient-dwellings-discovered-in-newquay/>

National Minority Anniversary

Monday, 24th April 2023 marked the ninth anniversary of the Cornish being recognised by the Government as a national minority which means that the Cornish have the right to express, preserve, share and develop their distinct culture and identity.

Initiatives and achievements since 2014 include promoting the Cornish language through "Go Cornish", the development of Curriculum Kernewek to raise aspiration and achievement for young people by using Cornwall's past to celebrate the present and build aspirations for the future, hosting the first ever UK National Minority Summit, and the opening of Cornwall's state-of-the art archive centre, Kresen Kernow, which houses the world's largest collection of historic records, books, maps, and photographs relating to Cornwall.

Cornwall Councillor Dick Cole, Chair of the Council's Cornish National Minority Working Group said: "Everyone who identifies as Cornish has the right to have their nationality recognised, and we've been working hard with limited resources to raise awareness of the Cornish as a national minority."

National minority status means that the proud history, unique culture, and distinctive language of Cornwall are fully recognised, and it affords the Cornish the same status under the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities as the UK's other Celtic people: the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish.

The 2021 Census saw a substantial rise in the number of people identifying as Cornish, even without a Cornish 'tick-box' as one of the listed options for people to choose when answering the 'national identity' question. People who wished to identify as Cornish had to tick 'other' and either type-in or write-in 'Cornish' in their Census return.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/environment-culture-and-planning/cornish-national-minority-status-anniversary-highlights-achievements-and-work-still-to-do/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, INC.

Saturday 15th July 2023

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Cornish Association of Victoria, Inc. to be held at the Darebin North West Uniting Church, 399A Murray Road, West Preston, at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday 15th July 2023.

The ordinary business of the meeting will be:

- To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 16th July 2022
- To receive the report of the President.
- To elect Officers of the Association and ordinary members of the committee.
- To receive and adopt the financial statements submitted by the Treasurer in accordance with section 94 (1) of the Act.
- To discuss the future operation of the Association in 2023 and beyond.
- Other business, of which 14 days' notice has been given to the Secretary, prior to the meeting.

Committee Nominations

The closing date for nominations for the Committee is 6.00 p.m. 1st July 2023, and these must be received by the Secretary, Ken Peak, prior to that date.

Nomination Forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

In the event of an election being necessary for the position of Committee Member (a total of 13 Committee Members are allowed) voting will take place between 1.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Voting will be by show of hands, unless otherwise requested by the candidate.

Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the AGM.

Members nominating are invited to forward to the Secretary, a short resume of details applicable to their nomination, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

This information will be made available when candidates are individually introduced at the meeting.

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