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Saturday 1st August at 2.00 pm - Doug Bradby will be our speaker

Saturday 3rd October at 2.00 pm - Jenny Burrell will be our speaker.

Saturday 5th December - Lunch at The Grand in Dana Street.

Last Meeting - Saturday 6th June

This was our AGM and election of Office bearers for 2026-2027

Chairperson - Keith Lanyon

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Committee Members

Bev Hocking

Chrissy Stancliffe

Robyn Coates

Wendy agreed to be the Vice Chairperson and the Librarian and Robyn agreed to continue with the Newsletter.

At the conclusion of the AGM, those present watched a film about Cornish Villages and then enjoyed a time of fellowship over afternoon tea.



Advance Notice

The next Kernewek Lowender will be held from 10th May to 16th May 2027.

I know there are people who read this newsletter who have presented papers at the Seminar, so included is the notice about papers for 2027 just in case someone is interested.

The Cornish Association of South Australia is **Calling for Papers** for its Biennial Seminar to be held at the Kadina Football Club, Kadina, South Australia on Thursday 13th May 2027.

The committee's preference is to focus on Australian context and events in the papers selected for presentation, but background context from Cornwall or other parts of the Cornish diaspora is acceptable, particularly if it serves to highlight aspects of Cornish lifestyles and/or achievements in Australia.

However, the 2027 Seminar will not be restricted to a particular theme, and we hope to show the diversity of the Cornish influence in Australia and/or other parts of the world.

Papers should be in the style of an academic presentation, not workshop orientated. An Abstract should

* be no longer than 250 words

Normally meetings are held on the even months at Skipton Street Uniting Church Hall, cnr Darling and Skipton Streets, Ballarat.

Meetings begin at 2.00 pm and are followed by a shared high tea.



- * present an overview of the paper's main theme/s
- * contain the name/s of the author/s, plus the address and contact details for the main author
- * indicate preference for the length of time for the presentation
- * indicate possible audio-visual requirements
- * be submitted no later than Monday 3rd November 2026

Further information is available from Noel Carthew, CASA Secretary at ncarthew@hotmail.com



The High Sheriff of Cornwall 2026-27 - Harriet Hills

<https://lordlieutenantofcornwall.org.uk/the-high-sheriff/>

The High Sheriff of Cornwall supports the Lord-Lieutenant as His Majesty The King's representative in Cornwall, taking particular interest in the judiciary, the police and the emergency services. It is an independent, honorary and non-political appointment for just a year.

In Cornwall, the appointment is made by HRH The Duke of Cornwall.

In recent years, the role of the High Sheriff has evolved to lend support and encouragement to crime prevention agencies, the voluntary sector, community interest companies and charities delivering vital support to underpin the work of the police and law enforcement agencies in our communities.

About Harriet Hills

With two Cornish grandfathers and two Irish grandmothers, my roots are certainly Celtic and definitely Cornish, despite not actually being Cornish born.

My parents moved back to Cornwall when I was very young and I was educated locally in Cornwall before moving to Heathfield School, Ascot and later Pembroke College, Cambridge where I gained an MA in Economics & Philosophy. After an initial graduate role for the Chambers of Commerce, I went on to do a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education) at Exeter University.

Alongside raising a family, I taught maths at primary and CE level for several years before furthering my training to specialize in numeracy for SEN.

After twenty years of teaching, I took over the running of the family holiday lettings business, back in Cornwall, on the death of my father, whilst still living in Somerset.

Both children having now flown the nest to Scotland and London, my husband, George & I made the move back to Cornwall four years ago, setting up a Christmas tree farm and smallholding close to my family home.

This has enabled us to establish several local community initiatives – a monthly Farmer's market; local flower grower's hub; Art & Craft Fairs and Antique Fairs which bring us into contact with many local businesses & communities as well as supporting the local RNLI.

Whilst in Somerset, I volunteered with Wivey Link, a local initiative providing transport for the elderly and those in need.

Since moving back to Cornwall, I have been involved in sponsorship for the Cornwall Christmas Fair which takes place annually at Eden Project, raising critical funds for Cornwall Community Foundation. I am also a trustee for Cornwall's Army Museum, at Bodmin Keep, where I provide guidance on the delivery of the educational aspects as well as currently supporting the Director at a critical time as she negotiates the museum's future with the MOD.

I sing with a local chorale group, enjoy gardening, walking and exploring our glorious coastline, both on land and sea, and over the years my husband and I have been significantly involved helping at Badminton & Gatcombe Horse Trials.

I have chosen Young People in Cornwall as my focus for my shrieval year and am very much looking forward to advocating for children, young people and their families and meeting all those individuals and organizations who are working so hard to ensure the best possible future for the young people of our county. (Duchy!!)

Photo taken at St Tudy Parish Church following her installation



(on the suggestion of Chrissy Stancliffe)

John James married Elizabeth Rowe on 10th April 1850 at the Registry Office at Tavistock, Devon – both were minors.
He is listed as a Miner, as were both the fathers.
John signed his name and Elizabeth made a mark.
The mother of the bride, Elizabeth Rowe, was a

witness to the marriage.
(From a marriage certificate found on Ancestry)

John and Elizabeth travelled to South Australia aboard the ship *Standard* which left Plymouth on 9th September 1854 and arrived at Port Adelaide on 16th December 1854. It carried 322 passengers and took 100 days to complete its journey.

Sadly, both these children died on the voyage to Australia - John in the September and Eliza in the October, according to the shipping record of the *Standard*.

John Henry (1857–1939) born Ballarat married Matilda Cartwright (1858-1943) in 1878. John was listed as an engine driver and living at 204 Wendouree Parade at the time of his death – Matilda arrived with her parents Benjamin and Mary (known as Polly) from England in 1861, aboard the *Donald Mackay*. She died in Ballarat. Both are buried in the New Cemetery - Private F .021

Elizabeth Ann (1864-1951) married John William Walters in 1885 and John Butler in 1898 in SA – she died at Norwood in SA.

Sophia Linda (1866-1942) married Edwin Oliver Watt (1866-1943) in 1888 – she died at Wembley in Perth WA

Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), Friday 10 April
1896, page 6

DEATH OF A BALLARAT MINE MANAGER. BALLARAT, Thursday.

Mr. John James, manager of the South Star mine, Sebastopol, died to-day from heart disease, after a somewhat lingering illness.

The deceased, who was about 65 years of age, met with an accident at the claim some months ago, from the effects of which he did not wholly recover.

Mr. James was one of the oldest mining managers in Ballarat.

He operated mainly in the neighbourhood of the Black Hill.

For a long while he managed the Park company, and in the days of the Webster-street "rush" he had charge of the Great Webster claim.

Prior to assuming the managership of the South Star mine, he controlled operations at the claim of the Black Hill company.

Mr. James, who is a native of Cornwall, leaves a widow and grown-up family.

Ballarat Star (Vic. : 1865 - 1924), Monday 13 April 1896, page 3

OBITUARY NOTICE.

On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the late Mr **John James** were interred in the New Cemetery. The funeral procession left the late residence of the deceased and proceeded along Albert, Skipton, and Lydiard streets.

The whole of the employees of the South Star mine, where the late gentleman has been so long employed as mine manager, marched before the hearse, and members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows also walked.

The remains were encased in a handsome casket of polished and studded oak, which was surmounted by very many beautiful floral tributes.

An exceptionally beautiful wreath was sent by the directors of the South Star Company, and two others from the employees at the mine.

The pall-bearers were the Hon. R. T. Vale, M.L.A., and Messrs Alex. Gilpin, J.P., J. T. M' Donald, J.P., G. Ruffle, G. Richards, Wm. Hicks, George Pitches, and Phillip Lewis;

The coffin-bearers were Messrs Robt. Jolly, John Raby, Wm. Long, Thos. Johnston, Wm. Shambrook, and Alex. Dempster, all old and respected employees of the company.

The burial service of the Oddfellows was conducted by Mr Caddy, and the Rev. C. Tregear, of the Sebastopol Wesleyan Church, officiated and delivered an appropriate address.

Verses composed by Mona Marie* for the miners of the South Star were read at the grave.

Messrs Jordan and Tippet were the undertakers.

[*Mona Marie – Georgina Marie Bones, was born in London in 1848, arrived in Australia in 1858 and died in Ballarat 1919. She wrote a collection of poems, *The Casket of Gems*, most of which were centred on Ballarat - this can be found online at the Mitchell Library NSW—<https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/record/74Vv53K4kAMM>]

Evening Echo (Ballarat, Vic. : 1914 - 1918), Monday 21 June 1915, page 4

Another much respected and old resident of Ballarat, **Mrs Elizabeth James**, died on Thursday at Norwood, South Australia, at the age of 81 years. Her husband passed away 20 years ago. The remains of the deceased lady were brought,

from Adelaide on Saturday and interred in the New Cemetery.

The funeral being of a private character, only the near relatives and friends were present. The cortege moved from the residence of her son, Mr R. H. Jones, of Ligar street.

The Rev. G-. A. Judkins officiated at the house and grave.

The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Jordan and Tippet (Messrs F. W. Barnes and Son).

Both John and Elizabeth are buried in the New Cemetery Private B graves 13 abd 14

Evening Echo (Ballarat, Vic. : 1914 - 1918), Thursday 27 July 1916, page 3

OBITUARY

The death occurred on Tuesday, 11th inst., of Mr **Richard James**, of Grey Lynn, Auckland, NZ., in his 57th year.

Mr James was for many years an employee at Roger's drapery store, Sturt street, and will be remembered as one of our local vocalists, and a member of the Lydiard street Methodist choir.

Mr J. James, of Ligar street, is a brother of the deceased.

Mr James went to Auckland from Ballarat, 21 years ago, joined the staff of Messrs Smith and Caughey, and remained with the firm up to the time of his death.

He was well-known in musical and bowling circles and was a Freemason.

He possessed a fine tenor voice and was a member of the Auckland Savage Club choir and the Pitt street Church choir.

He joined the Auckland Bowling Club, about 20 years ago and won the. championship of the club on several occasions.

He was a member of the committee for more than one season.

The funeral was attended by representatives of the clubs and societies with which the deceased was connected.

The deceased leaves a widow and one son and one daughter.

The South Star Mine

From: <https://www.mindat.org/loc-303531.html>

The South Star gold mine was the twelfth highest quartz lode gold producer on the Ballarat goldfield at 64,444 ounces.

Most appears to have come from its early days, with latter years spent deepening the shaft, finding in the process little gold.

The shaft reached 3,170 feet, the deepest on the goldfield.

The company was formed in 1883, and operations to sink a shaft began in 1886.

John James, George Fitches (later a mines' inspector), and Frederick Emery were Mine Managers.

The lease was bordered by the Central Plateau and Star of the East mines.

The South Star accessed the Guiding Star and Consols lodes.

The crushings were initially processed at the Star of the East battery, averaging 10 dwt.

As an example for six months in 1896, 9,634 tonnes of ore was processed for 4,683 ounces of gold.

In 1897, a 50 stamp battery was erected on the south side of the South Star mine, probably where the Ballarat Coachlines depot is now located. The number of stamps was far in excess of what the mine needed. Grades reduced to 5 dwt.

In 1891, John Rundle died after being struck by an ore cart when the ropes snapped and it plummeted down the shaft.

Alfred Longton and William Bicknell narrowly escaped. The accident took out the pumping equipment, with water flooding the lower levels, delaying the recovery of the body.

In 1897, William Taylor and William John Chappell died after being suffocated underground by gas.

Grumpy shareholder meetings were a feature from the late 1890s.

Numerous calls were made to pay off the company's substantial loans, dividends dried up, requests were made for government assistance, the company was reconstructed in 1903 and 1905.

This was largely the result of the obsession to deepen the shaft, when the company would have

been better served exploring virgin ground in the upper levels. The mine closed in 1909.

The company had three shafts.

It is sited in a small area of vacant land, almost completely surrounded by houses, bordered by Albert, Vickers, Bala, and Yarrowee streets.

The mine manager's house still survives nearby at 122 Albert Street. (photo below)



South Star Mine
photo from Facebook



Manager's Home
(Google photo)

The shaft site appears to be little more than some disturbed ground.

The Casket of Gems - Mona Marie

This small book was printed and published by Luplau and Henwood, 20 Sturt Street Ballarat, in MDCCCLXXXII (1882).

I think some of the poems, if not all of them, may have appeared in the Evening Post (1864-1877), as the author appears to have had a regular column. The book is dedicated to *Mr William Downie, with many grateful thanks for his kindness and courtesy on all occasions and especially in inserting many of the poems in the Poet's Corner of the Evening Post.*

Having skim-read the book, many of the poems are sad and written on the occasion of the death of a person, quite often a baby or child.

She does touch on topics of the day - Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, The Wreck of the Loch Ard, St Patrick's Day, An Appeal for the Russian Jews, A Boating Accident on Lake Wendouree etc.

She appears to have a strong Christian faith in her writings.

The poem in the next column is the only one I could find about mines and mining, so not sure if this was read at the funeral of John James.

Many of her poems are also recorded in the digitized Courier, found on TROVE, but I was unable discover the poem about South Star Mine as mentioned in the report.

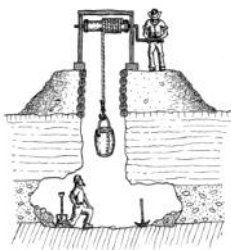
KILLED IN THE MINE

Down the deep mine went father and son;
For loved ones to toil, ere day begun;
And they laboured hard, both young and old
Down in the depths of that mine of gold.
They were working, toiling, working away,
To earn the bread for another day;
But long ere another sun had ris'n
Death from his roll-call their names had giv'n—
Though strong in the strength of manhood's prime,
Death met them there in that treach'rous mine.

Down, down the deep mine there's something
wrong,
Or why've they kept the bucket so long?
Call down the shaft, p'raps they'll answer, "All right,"
Shout their names louder, with all your might;
But silence, darkness, and silence alone
Respond to that loud enquiring tone.
Then down the dread depths kind hearts were
low'red,
And there were father and son discovered;
The poor lad lay unconscious, dying, His father dead
beside him lying.

Down the deep mine willing hands prepare.
The forms of dead and dying to bear
Up the shaft to the surface and light.—
Oh, dear what a sad and fearful sight,
Dying, just breathing, dying, now dead.
There with tenderness lay them--these dead ;
And hush, be pitiful, grief is here,
The moans of bereaved ones greet thy ear:—
The, wife and mother beholding her dead,
As lifeless they lie—those winners of bread,

'Twere vain to describe her agony wild
As she views the forms of husband and child,
And a younger son kneels by the cold Clay
Of the father and brother killed-today ;
Moaning, weeping heart-broken and sad —
Pity the mother! pity the lad!
There are others home who as yet don't know
The full, sad depths of an orphan's woe
But tell them, tenderly, feelingly tell.
God cares for widows and orphans as well,



One family's 1st World War service and sacrifice

Ellen Louisa Paull and James Trengove were both born in Perranarworthal, north-west of Falmouth or south-west of Truro.

Ellen Paull was born in 1841 and in the 1851 census was living with her parents in Perranarworthal - William Paul and Jennifer/Jane (m/s Rowe) – they had married in 1834 at Perranarworthal. William was a blacksmith in both the 1841 and 1851 census.

Ellen arrived in Victoria aboard the *Queen of the East* in September 1854 with her parents and siblings. One of her sisters, Rosina, died during the voyage aged 10. Elizabeth died in 1855 and William in 1887.

James Trengove was baptized in 1837 in Perranarworthal – his parents were Richard Trengove (1811-1842) and Elizabeth Dunstan Hicks (1812-1883) – they had married in 1833 – Richard was an Agricultural Labourer in the 1841 census but sadly died in 1842.

Elizabeth travelled to Australia and died in South Australia, in February 1883, having married John Pengilly, in 1850, in Adelaide. She was 39 and he was 44. Both had been widowed.

Ellen Louisa Paull and James Trengove were married in Lexton, in 1859, and had twelve children. James died in 1913 aged 76 and Ellen died in 1918 aged 75

Children

*Alice Louisa 1860-1926 m Alfred Wyatt (1862-1901) in 1885

*Ellen 1861-1952

*Richard 1863-1951 m Mary Powell 1864 -1916 in 1888

*Rosina 1865 - 1940

*Ada Jane 1868-1947 m Frederick Martin (1869-1902) in 1892

*James Alfred 1870-1950 m Annie Mitchell (1868-1913) in 1894 and Elizabeth Penrose (1868-1950) in 1916

*Edith Mabel (1872-1955) m Alex Ware in 1896

*William Paull 1875-1952 m Rosa Skene (1881-1952) in 1917

*Albert Ernest 1877 – 1945

*John Henry 1880 -1918

*Alfred Leslie 1882-1976

*Percy Charles 1888 - 1959

John Henry Trengove (known as Harry), in the Australian electoral rolls from 1903 to 1914, was living at Chute and was either listed as a farmer/labourer.

At the age of 36 years and three months, he enlisted in the 39th Battalion, on 15th March 1916.

At the time of enlistment his next of kin is Mrs Ellen Trengove (Mother) Roseville, Beaufort.

His occupation is given as farmer – he is 6 feet ½ inch tall, weight 156 lbs and has a chest measurement of 38½ inches. He had a fair complexion with hair and brown eyes and his religion is listed as Church of England.



Photo from
Amanda Bentley

Posted to the 1st Reinforcements of the 39th Battalion, which was raised in Ballarat and where the men received their training, his unit embarked from Melbourne, on board HMAT AII Ascanius on 27th May 1916 and on 18th July 1916 he disembarked at Devonport.

He served in France and Belgium and received several promotions becoming a Corporal on 15/09/1917.

On 07/10/1917, he began working at 10th Training Battalion, at Durrington (on Salisbury Plain) training newly arrived recruits from Australia and from 01/12/1917- 08/12/1917, he was at the Gas School, Chiseldon as an assistant instructor.

15/02/1918 - he presented to the doctors complaining of weight loss, fluid retention and nausea and was sent to hospital at Fovant (an Australian Camp on Salisbury Plain not far from Stonehenge) where he had surgery and it was discovered he had a cancerous mass in his abdomen. 27th April 1918 - following his surgery, he became ill and died.

John Henry Trengove is commemorated at the Australian War Memorial panel 132

He was awarded both the British War Medal & Victory Medal.

From his file found at the National Australian Archives we read:

He is buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery, Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire, England, United Kingdom and was buried with full military honours.

The Band of the 9th Training Battalion preceded the funeral, which was attended by a firing party, pall bearers and about 30 Officers, NCOs and men of the deceased's unit.

Lieutenant R H Trengove, 58th Battalion (cousin of the deceased) was chief mourner.

Wreaths from the deceased's cousin and the Officers, NCOs and men of the deceased's unit were placed on the Grave.

The late Corporal Trengove was most popular with both Officers, NCOs and men of his unit and one held in very high esteem.

His loss as a soldier and comrade was very keenly felt by all who knew him.

Chaplain H Green, 6th Training Battalion, Fovant was the officiating Clergyman.

Date of interment - 30th April 1918 - good polished elm coffin with brass fittings

Australians and the War - The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 May, 1918

Corp J. H. TRENGOVE, 37, Beaufort, died of illness in Fovant Military Hospital, England, on 27th April. Corp Trengove had to undergo an operation about two months ago, and his relatives believed that he was getting on well. He left Australia two years ago. He served in France from November, 1916, until early this year.

Riponshire Advocate (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Saturday 11 May 1918 p 1 Article

Messrs Trengove Bros., of Chute, and Mrs Ada Martin, of Beaufort, on Friday, 3rd inst., received the sad news, through the Rev. E. H. Coltman, that their brother, Corpl. J. H. Trengove, died of illness in Fovant Military Hospital, England, on 27th April.

The late Corpl. Trengove had to undergo an operation about two months ago, and from letters received his relatives were under the impression that he was making a good recovery. The tidings of his death therefore came as a great shock to them.

The late soldier, who was generally known as Harry, was the second youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Trengove.

He was 37 years of age and one of those industrious, unassuming men of sterling character who gain the highest respect of everyone they come in contact with.

The deceased was a single man and enlisted as a member of Beaufort's second unit, sailing from Australia in May, 1916.

By November of that year, he was in France, and

saw a great deal of strenuous service there until early in the present year, when he returned to England and went into a training school.

Much sympathy is felt throughout the district for the bereaved relatives. The Riponshire flag was flown at half-mast at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, Sunday as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased."

Tom William Martin was his nephew – his parents were Ada Jane Trengove who had married Frederick Martin in 1892. Tom was 18 when he enlisted on 11th March 1916 and was working as a draper. He also was posted to the 39th Battalion.



Tom was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on 01/01/1918 –

'During the whole of the time his Battalion has been holding the line (since December 1916), this man has done consistently good work as a Patrol Leader. in the performance of his duties as a Scout, he has at all times showed great bravery, and has been successful in obtaining important information regarding the enemy.' and the Croix de Guerre (a Belgian award) on 16/02/1918.

From The Thirty Ninth, the history of the 39th Battalion Australian Imperial Force we read: *On the morning of May 6 1917, whilst patrolling No Man's Land, a patrol of the battalion, consisting of Privates C. Cameron, G. Pulbrook, J. B. Stephens and Tom W. Martin (Regimental number 1683), was fired on by an enemy patrol lying in wait behind a hedge. Bombs and rifle shots were exchanged. Private Cameron, patrol leader, was severely wounded, also Pulbrook and Stephens. The responsibility of protecting the wounded men and driving off the enemy patrol, rested upon Martin.*

He moved to a position in front of the patrol, threw bombs at the enemy and fired rifle shots. The onslaught was too much for the enemy, who immediately sought safety in flight. Single handed, Martin carried each wounded man, a distance of 150 yards to the wire. With the assistance of men from the front line they were carried to a place of safety. He was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

On 06/04/1918 – he was wounded with a gunshot wound to his right knee and he was killed in action on 9th September 1918 - he is buried at Buire Communal Cemetery, (Row C, Grave No. 3), near Peronne, France.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 131

Tom's brother **Frederick Martin** enlisted on 14th February 1916 and was posted to the 39th Battalion – he was aged 22 and is listed as a carter when he joined.

Fred returned to Australia, in late 1917, having received on 29/05/1917, multiple gunshot wounds to his chest. He commenced his return to Australia on board HT 'Borda', 26th September 1917 and was discharged (wounded), in Melbourne, on 19th March 1918.

Alfred Rupert Trengove, son of Richard and Mary Trengove, a nephew of John Henry, and cousin of Tom and Fred was also in the 39th Battalion. He was a draper's assistant on enlistment.

On 10/06/1917, he was wounded in action – a gunshot wound to his left hand and arm and having rejoined his unit after treatment and a period of recovery, he was wounded in action again on 04/10/1917 – this time a gunshot wound (severe) to his head.

He was repatriated home and arrived on 30th January 1918 and spent some time in hospital after his return to Melbourne.

Another nephew of John Henry, **Richard Herbert Trengove**, son of Richard and Mary, was a salesman when he enlisted on 18th August 1914 and left from Melbourne, on board Transport A24 *Benalla* on 19th October 1914.

Over time he was posted to the 8th, 58th and 60th Battalions and rose through the ranks and after a period of officer training, at Oxford, was appointed Lieutenant.

He received a gunshot wound to the head and suffered from shell shock.

He was repatriated home and later became a shoe retailer.

Leslie Alfred Wyatt, son of Alice and Alfred Wyatt, another nephew and cousin was in the 1st Division Signal Company having first been appointed to 18th Reinforcements of the 24th Battalion. He enlisted in September 1916 and was aged 23 and working as a motor mechanic. His unit embarked from Melbourne, on board HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 23rd November 1916.

Unlike his uncle and cousins, he appears not to have been injured and returned to Australia in June 1919.

