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Future meetings

Sunday 8th March – 12.00 for 12.30 pm. lunch for St Piran's Day. Maid of Auckland hotel, 926 South Road, Edwardstown. Please let Margaret Dell or Noel Carthew know numbers intending to be there! (email casamember1890@gmail.com, phone 0438 418 738 or ncarthew@hotmail.com, phone 0423 633 719) We need to be able to confirm numbers, in order to have a separate room.

Tuesday 21st April, 7.30 pm Unley Community Centre – Speaker to be confirmed

Tuesday 16th June, 7.30 pm Unley Community Centre

Tuesday 18th August, 7.30 pm Unley Community Centre – Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20th October, 7.30 pm Unley Community Centre

Advance notice – Kernewek Lowender 10th – 16th May, 2027

Past meetings

Sunday 7th December 2025 12.30 pm

Shared BYO lunch, at Peter & Carlene Woolcocks'. Once again, only a small number of people attended, but we enjoyed a relaxing time together. Many thanks to Carlene & Peter for their hospitality in allowing us the use of their home.

Tuesday 17th February 2026, 7.30 pm Unley Community Centre

Dr Lainie Anderson OAM gave an informative and entertaining talk about Kate Cocks, and her work in child care and policing in Adelaide in the first half of last century. Lainie's third novel about Kate Cocks is due out later this year.

It was quite disappointing that only seven of our members attended (and six of those are on the committee) – but fortunately, some of the committee had invited friends to come, bringing numbers up to 16. A visiting speaker, particularly of Lainie's calibre, deserves a larger audience than that!



Lainie Anderson

Fisherman's Friends

Some of our members, and other Cornish friends, had the privilege of attending the "Fisherman's Friends" concert in Thebarton Theatre, the first concert of their first Australian tour. They had a rather gruelling programme around Australia – fourteen concerts between 7th and 25th January; one concert in Adelaide, four in Melbourne, one in Hobart, one in Canberra, three around Sydney, three in Brisbane/Gold coast area, and one in Perth.

The President was able to meet briefly with the singers, before the concert (the shortest member of the group was delighted to meet someone who made him feel tall!) and was able to get their manager's email contact.

It was certainly disappointing that they had such a short time in Adelaide (they flew in from Melbourne on the morning of the concert, and were picked up at 8.30 next morning to fly to Melbourne for a concert Thursday night) but they have indicated they would love to come here again, and there have already been some preliminary discussions to see what (if anything) can be done. The concert had been booked out several weeks in advance, and they got two standing ovations from a very enthusiastic audience, despite quite oppressive heat after a day of 42 degrees!



Noel Carthew, with Fisherman's Friends



Photo from Adelaide concert, posted on Facebook.

The Friends posted this on Facebook after the concert: “What an incredible way to kick off our Australian tour! Thank you SO much for coming to see us, especially in this absolutely unprecedented heatwave.

Your standing ovations, the Cornish flags flying, and everyone dancing along completely blew us away!! We were also lucky enough to meet some very special people before the show, including Noel from the Cornish Association of South Australia. Hearing about the history and stories was truly fascinating.”

“In the shadow of the gallows”

This short film presents the biographical screen adaptation of the life of the only woman ever hanged in South Australia, **Elizabeth Woolcock**.

This will be screened at the Old Adelaide Gaol at 8.00 pm on February 26,27 and 28, and March 5,6,7,12,13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, as part of the Adelaide Fringe. The website says “bring picnics & deck chairs, and please take your rubbish with you.”

There is also a live-theatre production during the Festival Fringe, **“The hanging of Elizabeth Woolcock: a biographical true crime play”** to be staged in the Adelaide Gaol mess and recreation hall, 7 pm February 27 & 28, and March 1,6,7,8,14 and 15

There is a petition to the South Australian Parliament being circulated, requesting a posthumous pardon for Elizabeth Woolcock. Contact the Secretary for details.

Vale Chris Dunkerley

The Cornish in Australia, and in the worldwide Cornish diaspora, were saddened to hear of the death of Chris Dunkerley on 11th February, age 75. Chris had been battling cancer for the past few years, but with a very positive attitude.

Chris was Barded at Poldhu in 1988 and was awarded Weryson An Gannas, the Cornish Gorsedh Ambassador's trophy, in 2008 for the promotion of Cornwall Overseas, and Pewas Map Trevethan (the Paul Smales Medallion) in 2009 for promoting the Celtic Spirit.



Chris and his wife Joy were Secretary and President of the Cornish Association of New South Wales for many years, and also heavily involved in the Celtic Council of Australia and the Glen Innes Festival. They were regular attendees at all Cornish events around Australia and often overseas events also, and were members of the South Australian and Victorian Associations.

We extend our sympathy to Joy, Lowenna, Owen, Kerensa, their spouses, and grand-daughters, Penny and Poppy.

We were also saddened to hear of the recent death of Cornish-American singer **Jim Wearne**, in Chicago. Many of our members will remember Jim's visit to Kernewek Lowender, in 2013.

[Ed note: Jim was one of six people made a Bard of Cornwall at the first Dehwelans, in May 2002, in a special ceremony at Pendennis Castle. There were two from Canada, Jim from USA, and three from Australia (Russell Cocks, Pat Banks, and myself) – and I am now the only one of those 6 still living!]

Paddy O'Toole

Coincidentally, soon after our visit to Willunga the 'Fleurieu Magazine' had a double-page spread about Paddy O'Toole and her involvement in the Willunga community, describing her as “a hard worker and tireless volunteer in the world of history, art and heritage in the Willunga region and beyond.”

The producers of the **Rick Stein Show** will be in South Australia in May this year – and are disappointed it's not the time of the Kernewek Lowender. It is unclear at this stage how long they will be in our State, or what contact they might have with our Association.

Australia Day Honours list

It was good to see a couple of familiar names in the recent Honours list – Dr Lainie Anderson and Doug Warmington both received an OAM. Lainie did her PhD thesis on Kate Cocks, and Doug has been involved for many years in the Moonta (and Moonta Mines) Uniting Church, in the Dressing the Graves ceremonies in the Moonta cemetery, and as a member of our Yorke Peninsula Branch.

Yorke Peninsula Branch

Liz Coole has recently resigned as President of our Yorke Peninsula Branch, after many years' service to the Cornish heritage in the Moonta area. Our best wishes, and thanks, are with Liz.

Her letter reads:

“To the committee and members I tender my resignation as President of the Cornish Association of South Australia YP Branch. My health no longer makes it possible for me to fulfil the position.

For 17 years I have cherished my time with the Cornish Association as its President. In particular, I have enjoyed working with the members and the committee.

During that time, we have achieved many successes in promoting the Cornish Heritage in Australia's little Cornwall. The following highlights a few of these events.

- Working with Jim Harbison, Lilian James and Philip Payton in promoting the history of Moonta and the mines
- Writing and co-writing four books eg Australia's Little Cornwall. A pictorial Journey 1861-2011, Moonta Cemetery, Mine Captains and The Moonta Mines School
- Supporting the biennial Kernewek Lowender through the cemetery walks detailing the history behind the graves of the early settlers
- Establishing links with our sister city of Camborne in Cornwall
- Working with the National Trust to assist people to trace their Cornish roots

I have appreciated your support over the years and hope that whoever takes on the position will have the same support and that the Association goes on to new successes. I will still be involved with the organisation of the Kernewek Lowender in a supportive role.”

[We also note the recent death of Branch member Evon Polgreen, who was well-known to many of us.]

Vice-President Bronwyn Matthews has assumed the role of Acting President, and we hope to develop closer ties between our Association and the Branch.

The **Royal Commonwealth Society** is organising evensong at Christ Church, North Adelaide, at 6.00 pm on Sunday 15th March, for Commonwealth Week. They are planning to have a parade of flags of the 56 Commonwealth countries. Members are invited to attend the service, and join in supper afterwards.

Cornish News is in Ludgvan.

Council Admits “Temporary” Traffic Lights Were Actually Rogue Art Installation.

Cornwall Council has admitted a set of temporary traffic lights that stood for months near Penzance were never theirs, they were actually a rogue art installation by an unknown “Cornish Banksy.”

A council source, who didn't want to be named (probably because he's still filling out the paperwork), said, “We genuinely had no idea they were there. Someone complained asking why the lights were up when no roadworks had happened for months. So we sent Bert, our senior traffic-light inspector, down and discovered we didn't even own them.”

A week later, a tip-off revealed the culprit was a mystery artist. The source added, “The weirdest part is... we only had one complaint. You'd think, having temporary lights up for months with no work going on, would set alarm bells off and we'd be flooded with complaints, but just one person contacted us... Very strange!”

Nigel Drew of Hayle, who was stuck at the lights every morning before work, had a reasonable explanation as to why nobody else reported them. “Three months of temporary traffic lights and no work going on? That's almost every temporary traffic light in Cornwall! In fact, the art installation makes perfect sense now. Whoever it was, must be local and I'm guessing, the person who complained ain't from around these parts.”

The lights have now been removed, but the artist remains unknown. Rumour has it they have moved on to a new public-service-themed project, filling potholes.

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Cornish language [*posted on Facebook by Cornwall Council*]

The Cornish language has been officially recognised under Part III of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

It means Kernewek enjoys the same level of promotion as all the other Celtic languages recognised across the British Isles, including Welsh Manx and Gaelic.

Cornish Independence

In the 1850's, a dispute between the Crown and the Duchy of Cornwall over ownership of the foreshore led to what became known as the Cornish Foreshore Case.

The outcome of this dispute was formally recognised by Parliament in the Cornwall Submarine Mines Act 1858, which confirmed that:

"All Mines and Minerals lying under the Seashore between High and Low Water Marks within the said County of Cornwall, and under Estuaries and tidal Rivers and other Places (below High-water Mark), even below Low-water Mark, being in and Part of the said County, are ... vested in His said Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall in right of the Duchy of Cornwall as Part of the Soil and territorial Possessions of the said Duchy; but this Declaration is not to extend to the Mines and Minerals in or under Land below High-water Mark which is Part and Parcel of any Manor, belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her Crown".

This legal distinction acknowledged just one of Cornwall's unique constitutional and property arrangements, and remains an important reference point in modern discussions around Cornish recognition, autonomy, and governance.

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Prince William's salary hits \$45m a year

Merryn Johns reported in the *Adelaide Advertiser* (1st January 2026):

Prince William has received a glowing assessment after his second year on the job as Duke of Cornwall, *People* magazine has reported.

The Duchy of Cornwall's 2025 Impact Report summarises the positive effects of Prince William's second year as Duke, reflected in its significant financial success – a £22.9m (\$45m) surplus – and emphasised his vision for transforming the estate into a “force for good”, focusing on sustainability, community building and modernising its management.

Progress was noted on net-zero goals, habitat creation (400ha), peatland restoration and supporting sustainable farming practices.

The Duchy partnered to ensure good access to nature and addressed homelessness, with new housing projects starting.

The report also detailed changes to strengthen strategic oversight and decision-making within the Duchy's structure.

But along with that information, it was revealed that William is being properly compensated as Prince of Wales.

The royal received \$45m for his second year's income from the Duchy of Cornwall estate, which he inherited when his father, King Charles III, ascended the throne in 2022. The annual wage, which was

reported in June 2025, is intended to cover all expenses of working royals Prince William, Princess Catherine and their three children, both public facing and private.

The Waleses do not receive a traditional income. Rather, their annual expenses are covered by the Duchy of Cornwall, a sprawling conglomeration of land and assets valued at more than \$1.4bn.

Northern Lights Turn Out to Be Pendeen Man Using Microwave for First Time

It's been revealed that Trevor Blight from Pendeen caused the Northern Lights last night after putting a tin of beans in the microwave.

Trevor said: “I got one of they microwaves for Christmas. I've been cooking on the campfire for 70 years.

Someone told me you can cook anything in it. So I put a tin of beans in there and I've never seen anything like it. Nobody told me you can't put metal in the thing.”

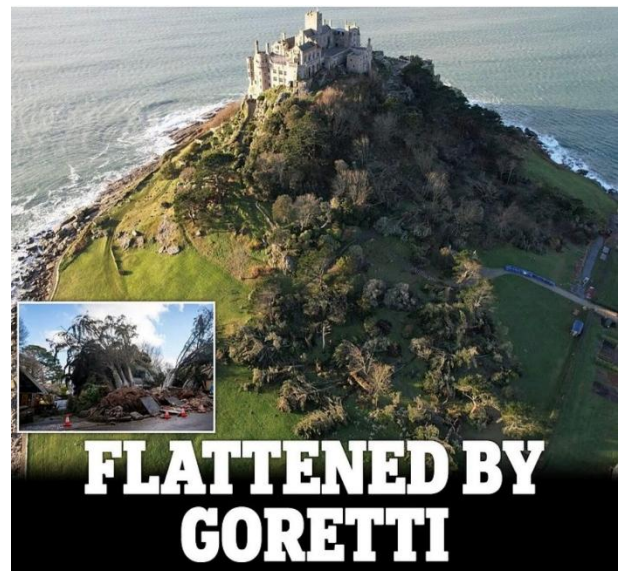
When asked if the lights reminded him of the TV show *Stranger Things*, he said "I'm from Pendeen everything reminds me of *Stranger Things*."

Trevor has since returned to cooking exclusively on his campfire.

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Storm Goretti [several postings on Facebook]

Storm Goretti hit on January 8 bringing winds of about 100mph (160kph) and heavy rain causing widespread power outages that took over a week to be fixed. There are stories of elderly people living in the depths of winter without heating, lights, water and telephone. One man lost his life when a tree fell on his caravan near Helston. Some local voices, including an MP, are saying that Cornwall is not receiving the help from British national authorities that other places in the UK would get.



Photos by Henry Mathews and Darren Little

On St Michael's Mount, we woke up to the heartbreaking loss of more than 80 trees, that's approximately 80% of the island trees, along with many much-loved camellias, hydrangeas and rhododendrons across the island.

These trees and shrubs were not just part of the landscape; they were living witnesses to centuries of island life, shaping the character of the gardens, sheltering wildlife, and bringing joy to generations of visitors, staff, and island residents. Their loss will be deeply felt by everyone who knows and loves the Mount.

Our thanks go to the island team and local partners who are already working carefully to make the site safe and to assess the damage. In time, we will look to the future and to how the Mount's gardens can recover and regenerate, but today is about acknowledging a sense of sadness at the loss of so many wonderful plants and trees here and across the county.



Trees uprooted near the railway bridge on the A394 near Marazion



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Cornish autonomy?

Between 28th July-6th August 2025, PFA Research conducted an independent exercise to ask 228 respondents who have ties to the county about their thoughts on national recognition and the idea of a Cornish Assembly.

The results show that people in Cornwall support greater autonomy: 71% support recognition of

Cornwall as the UK's fifth nation; 82% that it is important for Cornwall to have more decision making powers or self-governance; 86% that decision makers elsewhere do not understand Cornwall; 72% that there should be referendum on a Cornish Assembly and - if there was - 64% would vote in favour of one.

<https://whatcornwallthinks.co.uk/.../cornwall-as-the-uks...>

“The man who cleaned up” [by Danda Humphreys, *Islander* (Victoria, British Columbia) November 21 1999]

By the time H.O. Tiedemann died, in 1891, one of his neighbours just a few blocks to the north was well established as Victoria's cleaning product king. W.J. Pendray lived at one end of James Bay. His business lay at the other.

Pendray had come a long way from his Cornwall, England, home. He was born there in 1845. Hearing of the fortunes to be made in California, he journeyed there in the 1860s. Quickly realising that he would never make a fortune earning \$3 a day, he packed up and travelled, via Victoria, to the Cariboo. A few years later, he could afford to retire to England. But in the early 1870s, after several unsuccessful investments, he returned to America, this time Nevada, and eventually came north once again.

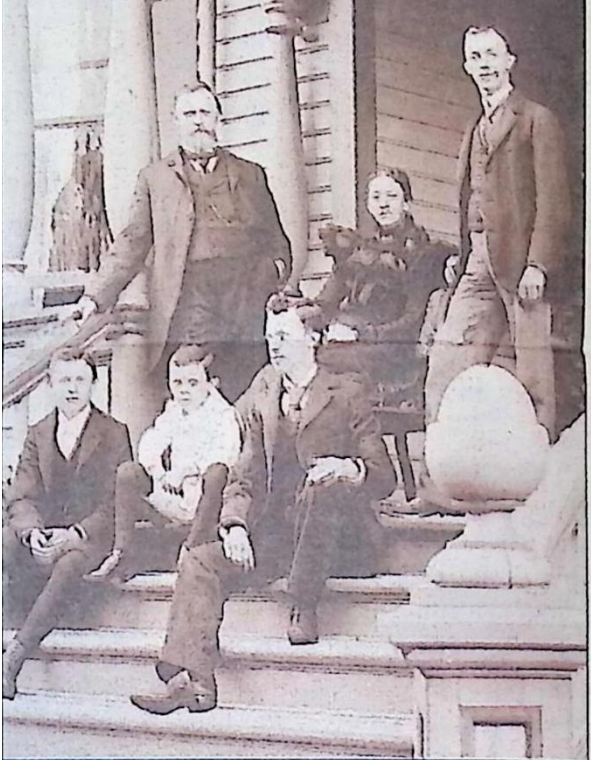
Victoria in 1875 was a very different place to the small town he had first seen more than a decade before. Victoria was now the capital of the combined colonies of British Columbia, which was joined in Confederation with the rest of Canada. The fort, long since demolished, had been replaced by commercial buildings. Dozens of merchants provided for all the citizens' needs, except one – the wherewithal to keep clean. Pendray decided to relieve Victorians of the responsibility of importing soap by making his own. Pendray's soap works at Humboldt and Douglas streets backed onto James Bay, contributing to the stench that sickened local residents and assailed the nostrils of the Ker boys as they paddled along the shoreline on their way to school.

According to the 1882-83 B.C. Directory, Pendray's White Swan soap plant used 3,000 pounds of tallow per week to make 10,000 pounds of different types of cleansers. Coarse, antiseptic soap was designed to help men in the goldmining towns rid themselves of lice. Twelve kinds of ordinary household soap were complemented by toilet soaps of every scent and colour.

In 1877, his business well established, Pendray was ready to take a bride. He had proposed to Amelia Jane Carthew, also a native of Cornwall, two years before. Now she sailed from Liverpool to join her future husband. Little more than a month later, she stepped ashore at Esquimalt, and the two were married the very next day.

They took up residence in a cottage on Douglas Street, near today's Crystal Garden. Over the ensuing years, four sons were born. One – Carl – would become Victoria's 33rd mayor.

Wearing of the hustle and bustle of downtown Victoria, the Pendrays built a new home for themselves on their property at the far side of James Bay. The Queen Anne-style Loretto Hall was completed in 1897.



W. J. and Amelia Pendray on the steps of their Belleville Street home with sons Herbert, Roy, Ernest and Carl.

It boasted a many-sided tower, three storeys high, that afforded magnificent views of the harbour and of the legislative buildings arising behind Tiedemann's structures on the grassy slope to the east.

There were frescoed walls and ceilings – unusual in a private residence – leaded glass in the doors and windows, a library and a billiard room and lots of places where the Pendray boys could play. Outside there was a tennis court, an electric fountain, and gardens featuring their father's latest hobby – topiary. Trees and shrubs were trimmed into striking, some rather grotesque, shapes that formed the focus for many a family's Sunday afternoon walk.

The new home was spacious, gracious, and best of all, only two blocks from the plant that, by 1899, housed the soap and a recently acquired operation – the British America Paint Company, fondly called Bapco. The downtown site was no more. It had been bought by the C.P.R. By 1908 the mudflats had been

replaced by a beautiful new hotel behind a stone causeway that allowed Government Street to continue on into James Bay.

The boys joined their father in the soap and paint business. The stage seemed set for long-lasting success. But in 1909, the happiness of the Pendray home was shattered by the sudden death of oldest son Ernest, killed when he was thrown from a horse-drawn buggy almost at his parent's Belleville Street doorstep. Three years later, W.J. too was gone, himself the victim of a freak accident at his soap plant.

Amelia lived on a Loretto Hall until her own death, at the age of 87, in 1937. She and Williams are buried together at Ross Bay.

The soap works were bought by Lever Brothers, and moved to Vancouver. Bapco is also long gone, leaving in its place on Laurel Point a fine hotel and condominiums. Only a short street and the carefully restored house and garden at 309 Belleville remind us of the cleaning product king who once reigned supreme over the north-western tip of the peninsula known as James Bay.

[Ed note: Amelia Carthew was no relation to me (but she was the reason why this newspaper cutting was sent to me some years ago.) My 'Carthew' family were in Kent by 1790, and my Cornish heritage is through my mother's Caddy family, from Wendron.]

Cornish Minnesota *[posted on Facebook]*

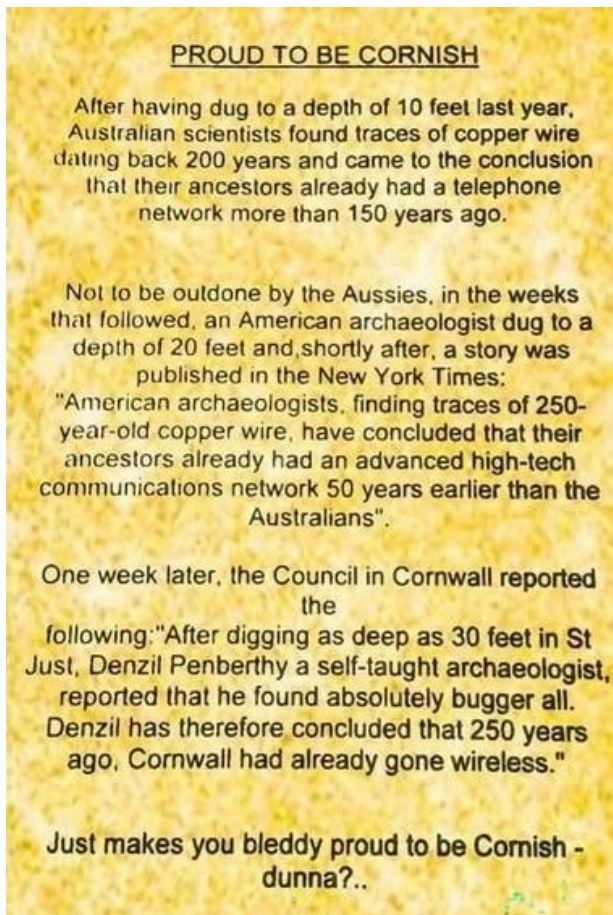
It's a cold one in Minnesota tonight, and as always, we've found a Cornish connection. In Tower, it's -27F (-33C). That might sound cold (OK, it IS cold!), but on Feb. 2, 1996, Tower set the all-time low Minnesota temperature at -60F (-51C). So it can and does get worse!

Tower is the birthplace of iron mining in Minnesota. In 1884, Captain Elisha Morcom (born in Kenwyn, Cornwall, in 1835) and a crew of experienced miners made the trek from Michigan through the Minnesota wilderness to open workings that would eventually become the Soudan Mine. Today, the mine is a state park, and you can plunge into the depths for a guided tour. The Soudan was known as the "Cadillac of Mines" due to its safe working conditions. U.S. Steel closed the mine in 1962 and donated it to the State of Minnesota. No, the ore never "played out." There's plenty still there. But as the mine got deeper and deeper (to 2,341 feet) recovering the ore became uneconomic.

Mazed tales *[Morrah Library, posted on Facebook]*

Earlier this month we had the pleasure of hosting Mazed Tales' new website launch. They have created a comprehensive guide to the traditional tales of Cornwall, linking tales to places and the people that told them.

You can find the website here: www.mazedtales.org



Blood transfusions [posted on Facebook]

A wealthy Arab Sheikh visiting Cornwall was suddenly taken seriously ill and rushed to hospital. The doctors said he urgently needed a blood transfusion.

Unfortunately, the Sheikh had a very rare blood type... and Treliske didn't have any in stock. After a flurry of panicked phone calls, they finally tracked down a Cornish farmer up on the moors who just so happened to have the same blood type.

Without hesitation, the farmer jumped in his pickup and headed off to Truro to donate.

The Sheikh received the blood and quickly began to recover.

Overjoyed, he told his assistant to reward the Cornishman handsomely for his kindness.

A few days later, the farmer opened his front door to find a brand-new tractor, £250,000 in cash, a pouch of diamonds, and a lifetime supply of Cornish pasties. Everyone's happy.

But then... a couple of days later... disaster struck again.

The Sheikh fell ill once more and the hospital urgently phoned the Cornish farmer, who once again was more than happy to help.

The transfusion worked, the Sheikh recovered again, and once more he told his assistant to send the farmer a thank-you gift.

A few days later, the farmer opened his door...

All that's there was a thank-you card and a £10 voucher for a pub carvery.

The Cornishman was fuming. He rang the Sheikh and says: "What's all this then, me 'ansome?"

Last time I gets tractors, cash and diamonds...

This time I gets a card and a tenner. What's going on?"

The Sheikh laughed and replies:

"Ahh my friend...I've got Cornish blood in my veins now, my lover!"

Jemmy the wizard (From "Lake's Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser", 15th May 1875)

"Penryn – Before the magistrates on Tuesday, James Thomas (alias Jemmy the Wizard) was charged with being drunk and riotous on the previous day. It appeared that prisoner had been using his black art upon a few of the silly people of the town, some of whom stood in bodily fear of him, and upon the day in question, was practising his nefarious business with some women, who refusing to comply with his demands for money, received some intelligence of their future destiny, such being in no wise desirable. Several women then turned upon him and pummelled him. P.C. Abrams took him in charge, and locked him up, and during the evening the most doleful sounds were proceeding from his cell, attracting a considerable number of youths of the borough. Prisoner was fined 5s. and costs or a week's imprisonment with hard labour. He took the week."

South Crofty tin mine [from Cornwall Live Facebook post]

An American bank backed by Donald Trumps' government has announced it wants to invest in a Cornish tin mine.

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) has sent a non-binding Letter of Interest to Cornish Metals, the owners of the South Crofty mine in Pool, with a view to invest \$225 million (£166m) in the project.

Canadian firm Cornish Metals, previously known as Strongbow, which acquired the mine in 2016, announced before Christmas how it is getting ready to finally reopen South Crofty.

The mine shut down on March 6, 1998, effectively putting an end to centuries of commercial tin mining in Cornwall. The mine in Pool, between Camborne and Redruth, closed after the price of tin collapsed and its exploitation was no longer viable.

The price of tin has risen sharply over the last decade, from £11,700 a tonne in 2016 to more than £37,000 a tonne at the start of 2026.

Cornish Metals confirmed (Thursday, February 5) that it had received the letter of intent from EXIM - the USA's official export credit agency - in a letter to the London Stock Exchange.

The letter says that EXIM's potential financial support would be done on the proviso that South Crofty supplies "a responsible supply of tin concentrate to the United States".

Cornish Metals built a water treatment plant in October 2023 to dewater the mine with a view to reopen it for exploitation.

The Canadian company revealed at the end of last year that it plans to reopen the mine in 2028. In its latest Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), it said the reopening of South Crofty would lead to the creation of more than 300 direct jobs and around 1,000 indirect jobs.

The mining firm said the mine is expected to generate £558 million into the economy over its 14-year life with first tin production targeted for mid-2028 and an average annual output of approximately 4,700 tonnes.

The news has not been welcome by everyone. Cornwall's independence party Mebyon Kernow (MK) has put out a message on social media that reads: "Trump. Hands off South Crofty. Trump's attempt to exploit Cornish resources goes to show how valuable Cornwall is on the world stage and the importance of MK's Cornish Sovereign Minerals and Wealth Fund."

A Cornish Story [*posted on Facebook*]

I met an old woman who had been visiting the wife of a bedridden man.

"Iss," she said, "I ben up to Missus Polwern's. Er old man's slight agen, poor soul; e's ben in the bed now these last three 'ears; me an Matty's jealous for en, seeing as 'ow 'is brother over to St. Just married a cousin o Matty's."

"Twas a bad thing sure 'nuf when the poor old man fell over stairs the night that Dutch ship were wrecked and 'e 'eard the guns (always the first to shore for a bit o' wreck, were old Billy Polwern). The doctor said e'd never walk agen, at 'is age.

But there, 'e'll last fer a while yet, I shouldn't be frightened, for she do be a wunnerful woman, Missus Polwern, tes my belief she do keep en alive by vi'lence."

(Pg. 169, *Old Cornwall Journal*. Vol. 4, No. 4)

Billy Bray on tobacco and snuff *The Cornish Magazine* (No. 6, April 1886, pg. 89)

Billy Bray, his faith and his works are household words in Cornwall.

In the earlier part of his life Billy was a wretched drunkard, but after his conversion he lost no opportunity of inveighing against strong drink and its colleagues-tobacco and snuff.

On one occasion Billy made the following remarks, which I think are original:

"Now, I tell e, a edn no ews to try to cure a drunkard by moderashen, you mait as well tigh up a towser in tha gap to keep the auld sow out o' the taties.

"Now, I doan't bleve our Father maint far men to smauk; ef He ded He wed a put a hole in the top of their heads, far tes a main queer architect that do laeve the smauk gout the fore door.

"Nor I doan't bleve our Father maint for wemmen to taake snuff, cause ef He ded he wed a put their noses on upside down, far Faether maint far what we do take to go down and not up."

Wikipedia needs some editing! The entry for "Cornwall" has these opening paragraphs:

Cornwall [Cornish: *Kernow*] is a ceremonial county in South West England. It is one of the Celtic nations and the homeland of the Cornish people. The county is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west, Devon to the east, and the English Channel to the south. The largest urban area is the Redruth and Camborne conurbation.

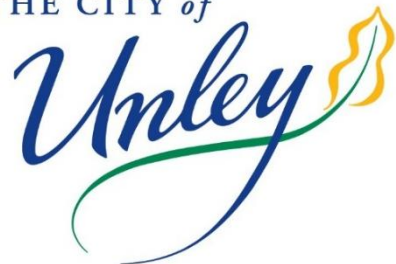
The county is predominantly rural, with an area of 1,375 square miles (3,562 km²) and an estimated population of 585,655 in 2024. The county's major settlements include the city of Truro and St Austell in the centre, Redruth and Camborne adjacent to each other in the south, and Penzance and Falmouth on the southern coast. For local government purposes most of Cornwall is a unitary authority area, with the Isles of Scilly governed by a unique local authority. The Cornish nationalist movement disputes the constitutional status of Cornwall and seeks greater autonomy within the United Kingdom."

[While there is also a Wikipedia entry for "Duke of Cornwall", the Duke is not mentioned in the entry for "Cornwall"!]

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