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1. President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of the Cornish American Heritage Society,

May is a time when the energy of spring gives way to the promise of summer; when plans begin to take shape and our community finds new ways to connect, celebrate, and grow. This year, that spirit of connection is especially meaningful as we continue to strengthen our ties beyond borders.

I'm pleased to share that we are deepening our relationship with the Toronto Cornish Association (TCA). Our shared heritage and mutual members offer a natural bridge, and we are excited about the opportunities this growing partnership brings. By building stronger bonds with fellow Cornish communities in North America, we ensure that our traditions remain vibrant and relevant for generations to come. TCA will continue to host local events in the Toronto area and CAHS will support their members through our online events, newsletter, special interest groups, and biannual Gathering. Speaking of which....

Looking ahead, much of our energy is focused on preparations for the Gathering in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, this September. This special event promises to be a highlight of the year and a chance for Cornish descendants and enthusiasts to come together in one of the most historic Cornish-influenced towns in the United States. As always, we will have presenters that will shine a light on special Cornish topics. We will have music, food, and entertainment. Also, we are planning a dynamic showcase of the many programs that define CAHS.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about and engage with our:

Book Club, which continues to spark thoughtful conversations around Cornish history and literature

Language Club, preserving and promoting the Cornish language in a welcoming, accessible way

Genealogy Club, helping members uncover and connect with their Cornish roots

Travel Grant Program, which supports meaningful journeys to Cornwall and beyond

These programs are the heart of what we do—bringing our heritage to life through learning, connection, and shared experience. The Gathering will be a

As always, thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Whether you're participating in a club, planning travel, or simply staying connected through our community, you are helping to keep Cornish heritage alive and thriving.

I also invite you to watch the great presentation from Charles Hulbert-Powell of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust about the importance of these historical monuments to community and the need for our financial support to preserve them for future generations. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation.



Johnny Trestrail

President, Cornish American
Heritage Society



2. Celebrating Cornish Identity: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
21st Gathering of the Cornish Cousins

Mineral Point, Wisconsin, is considered one of the main centers for Cornish heritage in North America.

Located in the Driftless Area of the quad-states area, Mineral Point offered an invitation to the Cornish in the mid-19th century to mine lead and to develop a very Cornish settlement that has expanded to a center for artisans and agriculture.

The Cornish American Heritage Society is proud to present the
21st Gathering of the
Cornish Cousins
Mineral Point, WI

Celebrating Cornish Identity: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

September 24 and 25, 2026
Preceding Mineral Point's
Cornish Festival

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- Mark your 2026 Summer Calendar
- Send in Registration
- Venue and lodging: Mineral Point Quality Inn

1345 Business Park Rd Mineral Point, WI 53565-9282

A block of rooms is held at a discount under "Cornish Gathering"

(608) 987-4747 or (608) 987-4545. There are many other nearby lodgings.

They will be booked up early because of the concurrent Cornish Festival.

- Pack your bags and JOIN US as we celebrate our Cornish Heritage!

To register for the Gathering, please include this information:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Email: _____ Phone _____

Please check the option you want:____ Early Bird Registration is \$160 if **received** by June 1.

____ Regular Registration is \$180

Questions to: Treasurer.CousinJack@gmail.comPay online via: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/celebrating-cornish-identity-yesterday-today-tomorrow>**Registration will include:**

- Venue at the Quality Inn in Mineral Point
- Welcome Folder
- 21st Gathering Souvenir
- Keynote and other presenters
- Thursday Luncheon
- Friday Pasty Dinner
- Entrance to Mineral Point Site Tours

Mail your registration form and check to:**CAHS****c/o Dorothy Hosking****1451 Spruce Street, #204****Florence, OR 97439**

[3. The Cornish Genealogy Special Interest Group May meeting set](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 4:00pm PDT, 6:00pm CDT and 7:00pm EDT.

At the May 13th Cornish Genealogy Special Interest Group (CGSIG) we will continue to work on our Cornish "Brick Walls." For those who attended in April, please bring any updates on your brick walls especially if the SIG helped. For others, please bring your own brick wall with names, dates, any info you might have and what roadblocks you've encountered. See you there!

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Special Interest Group

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Hope to see everyone there!

RSVP [here!!!](#)

Grass Valley is hosting its 33rd annual Gathering of the California Cornish Cousins. May 15 and 16th. Find specific information at

<https://califcornishcousins.org/>.



<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4g55nx0gdyo>

4. Cornish Language Group -

April 17, 2026, at 2pm Pacific, 4pm Central, 5pm Eastern Daylight Time 10pm GMT

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- Lead by CAHS Historian Harry Curnow and taught by Terry Moyle, teacher of the Cornish Language.
- Come join us on our monthly meeting of the Cornish Language Group.
- Never too late to start! We have a group of about eight regulars and welcome newcomers.
- Learning basics of the Cornish Language and how it influences the Cornish Culture.

Would you like previous handouts from the course?

Contact: newsletter.cousinjack@gmail.com. We'll get them to you!

Join Zoom Meeting

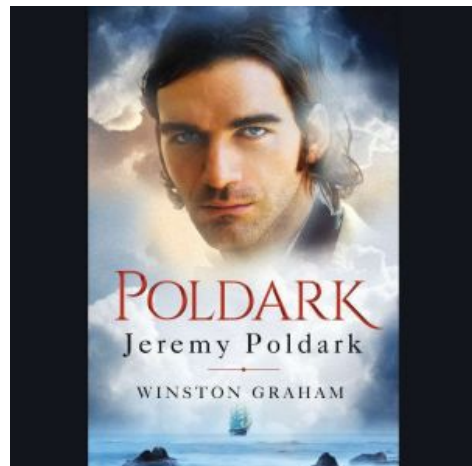
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5. CAHS Book Club

Step into the windswept cliffs of Cornwall with *Jeremy Poldark* by Winston Graham. In this gripping chapter of the Poldark saga, love and ambition collide as Ross and Demelza face shifting fortunes, while a new generation begins to shape the



future. Expect drama, rivalry, and the ever-present pull of the sea. Join us to uncover how loyalty and legacy are tested when everything is on the line.

The date for our meeting is still **TBD** but will likely take place in July or August.

6. The Toronto Cornish Association Closes its Local Chapter

With the celebration of St. Piran's Day and the latest issue of the *Toronto Cornish Association Review*, the TCA has decided to end its organization as a separate

John Webb, TCA chair, and Johnny Trestrail (CAHS president) are working towards continuing the TCA, but using the CAHS's *Tam Kernewek* and website (cousinjack.org) to provide promotion of possible events in the Toronto area, or to just keep the members in contact with each other. This is an exciting idea, since this has happened with other Cornish Associations, and this help from the CAHS format could be used to keep waning organizations alive! CAHS has no membership fees or restrictive use and TCA members can sign up as CAHS members at the CAHS [membership link](#) and stay informed of TCA communications!

John Webb concludes in the *Review*: "Our character would remain unchanged, with members continuing to organize in-person gatherings as always. With goodwill and a little Cornish determination, we can ensure that the friendships and traditions built over the years continue well into the future. Kernow bys vyken."

7. Dacey's 5 things you must do when in Cornwall

By David Warner

First and foremost, allow me to properly introduce myself. My name is David Warner, and I reside in St Paul, Minnesota. I am both the owner and founder of Dacey's Cornish



Tours, a company dedicated to showcasing the magic, beauty and rich history of Cornwall—a truly enchanting corner of the United Kingdom. Through my tours, I strive to offer visitors an authentic and unforgettable experience, revealing the hidden gems and remarkable stories that make Cornwall so unique.

Click [here](#) to read more...

8. That familiar Cornish Radar

“You’re a Cousin Jenny, aren’t you?”

I looked down at the smiling face of a gentleman in his sixties. He sat behind a table load of books at a flea market in Victoria, Texas. I was floored. We happened to be driving through south central Texas en route back to Austin one Saturday a couple of decades ago, and stopped at a busy flea market on a whim.



“How did you know?” I asked, wondering what it was that drew me to his table.

“That’s easy,” he said. “I’m a Cousin Jack.”

I think he caught the brrrr in my British accent!

Click [here](#) to read more...

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