

Holiday Party on ZOOM December 5



FALL 2020

ZOOM MEETING October 17, 2020 was a HUGE success.

On October 17, 2020 – the PNCS Group met remotely through Zoom, and it was a successful endeavor that included a unique activity to *Celebrate Cornwall*. The attendance was terrific with twenty-two members joining in, including Mickey Sieracki, our webmaster, who lives in South Carolina, Judy Berg, a Charter Member, who lives in Fullerton, California, and one member from Ashland, OR, William “Nick” Nicholas. Nick became a member in July 2004 but was never able to make it to a meeting. Bob called on each person to talk about their Cornish connections. We have Chris and Val Ensor, new members, to thank for the idea of having a meeting remotely and for all their hard work at putting together *Celebrate Cornwall*. We heard from several people that attended about how much they enjoyed the meeting. The following is an email, from Chris which sums up the comments I heard after the meeting.

Congratulations ... PNCS Board and Members on planning and managing yesterday's uplifting meeting.

It was very moving hearing about so many family histories and journeys from Cornwall to the US. Also, how delighted everyone was at the opportunity to come together.

COVID has at least done us a good turn in encouraging us to find a way to hold a gathering without distance and travel barriers. Several members would never have made it to a meeting in either OR or WA. Also, thanks to Zoom, just one meeting rather than two was enough.

OK, it's not quite the same as meeting in person, but now we are getting used to Zoom and with a moderator like Val with the technical knowledge and a chair like Bob, who made members at a distance feel welcome and included. For me, this is the way to hold many gatherings, even after we are free of COVID

I hope the success of yesterday's meeting will encourage the PNCS Board to consider holding more regular Zoom meetings, perhaps quarterly. There is so much great material in the Celebrate Cornwall Week program to explore and share. And as Craig pointed out, there are many other Cornish features that you can find on YouTube and Google

I would love us to be able to share at a future meeting something fun like how we made a Cornish Pasty and compare and eat one together at the meeting! I'm going to encourage Val to experiment with me different pasty recipes that allow for our gluten-free diet and for those who are vegetarian and vegan. I think it's a good time of year to find “Swedes” (rutabaga) in the grocery stores

It was great to meet everyone yesterday! The meeting was so successful. Everyone seemed so positive I plan to share our meeting format and celebration week idea (without including any personal or society details) with a Welsh organization Val and I are involved with.

SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 5, 2020 4 –5:30 pm

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

Due to the pandemic, we have had to cancel several meetings; however, we had a successful meeting in October on ZOOM. Chris and Val Ensor, new members of the group, were responsible for the idea and all the work they put in it to make it a reality. In attendance at the meeting were people who have been members for years but unable to attend meetings in person. Some people moved away who can now join us on Zoom. Our next scheduled meeting is in March 2021; hopefully, we will be back to meeting in person by then, but if not, we will do another Zoom meeting.

Last year we decided to hold our First Annual Holiday Party in December, which was a success, and those of us that attended had a fun time. We are now planning our Second Annual Holiday Party by Zoom, it will look a little different, and we will not have the tasty potluck or gift exchange. We are looking for ideas on how to make this a fun experience and share our family stories. Please contact me with your ideas. See you on December 5 via Zoom.

PLANT A TREE IN HONOR OF CORNWALL:

Instead of a gift exchange for this Christmas, each member is invited to make a small donation to "Plant a Tree in Honor of Cornwall". This is an ambitious tree planting project with the principle aim of fighting climate change. I am a native of the Pacific NW and consider myself an original "tree Hugger" so I thought this was an excellent idea. It is a way for us to give back at a time when our natural resources are in jeopardy. Our donations would honor the Cornish Council's initiative, but instead would enable new trees to be planted here in National Forests and Parks from the Pacific Northwest to New England. This can be done for \$9.99 for each individual tree donated. (receive a discount for multiple trees.

The planting of new trees is particularly important in view not only of the positive role trees play in removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but will also help address the loss of so many trees in WA, OR and CA in the forest fires earlier this year.

Donations can be made on-line, https://www.alivingtribute.org/?gclid=EAIAIqobChMIwoSy1O3p7AIVaz6tBh3VbQ2CEAAYASAAEgKg6vD_BwE

The Forest for Cornwall, conceived by Cornwall Council, is an ambitious tree planting project with the principle aim of fighting climate change. When complete we hope it will cover approximately 8,000 hectares - that's about 2% of Cornwall's land area. The Forest for Cornwall is not a single area of new forest. It's our ambition to significantly increase all forms of canopy cover throughout Cornwall, whilst strengthening the protection of our existing backbone of trees, woodlands and hedges. The Forest for Cornwall is part of Cornwall Council's response to climate change and striving towards Cornwall becoming carbon neutral.



For more detailed information about the campaign, click on the following:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/grow-nature/about/forest-for-cornwall-programme/#:~:text=The%20Forest%20for%20Cornwall%2C%20conceived,single%20area%20of%20new%20forest>.

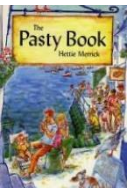
Ideas for the HOLIDAY PARTY

BAKE A CORNISH PASTY TO EAT AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY:



I mentioned this earlier when we discussed the October Celebrate Cornwall Week that included a YouTube video about Cornish Pasties and how to make them. Over the next few weeks, as Val and I have to eat gluten free and Val has to avoid beef, we plan to try out several different gluten free pasty recipes that replace beef with chicken and some that are vegetarian and vegan. Val is an amazing inventive cook. So, we should will be able to share successful alternative recipes with other PNCA members who may have particular diet requirements ahead of Dec. 5.

Of course, we won't be able to sample pasties made by other members by Zoom. But, we should be able to see each other's examples on screen and see some funny facial expressions as we (hopefully) enjoy eating them! There may also be fun stories to share of kitchen adventures (our version of the Great British Baking Show?!)



The Pasty Book

A gem of Cornish literature - a **book** about The Cornish **Pasty**, written by an expert who ran her **pasty** shop for many years in her home village of Porthleven, Cornwall. **The Pasty Book - Hettie Merrick**. Published by Tor Mark, Redruth, 1995, 40 pages available in the Cornish Country Store on our website:

<http://nwcornishsociety.com>



Hettie

MAKE A CORNISH TOAST

Luckily Cornwall has a wide range of traditional beverages we can toast each other with. These include a pot of tea, glass of beer, cider (alcoholic or not) and mead. So, there should be a glass or cup full of our favorite Cornish drink ready to say the Cornish Toast:

Yeghes da! (pronounced 'yecki-da')

Thanks for considering my suggestions,

Best wishes, Chris Ensor



Cornish Pale Ale



Cornish Mead



Traditional
Cornish
Cream Tea
with Scones



Beer & Cider

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PNCS Meetings are held three times a year.

ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION
Puyallup, WA – First Saturday of
March Portland, OR - Third Saturday
in March

ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC
at Ft Borst Park -Centralia, WA.
Second Saturday in July

FALL MEETINGS
Puyallup, WA Third Saturday in October
Portland, OR Fourth Saturday in
October.

HOLIDAY PARTY Portland, OR -
First Saturday in December

**MEETINGS TEMPORARILY BEING DONE
BY ZOOM.**

Last year we held our First Annual Holiday Party which included a potluck and a Secret Santa gift exchange. This year we will have the party virtually which means no potluck. I am looking for suggestions on how to do a gift exchange. I was thinking maybe give prizes which means games. Any ideas will be welcomed.

CORNISH COUNTRY STORE

Our Cornish country store is open online 24 hours a day. When the pandemic is over you will also be able to purchase at the in-person meetings. We have a good variety of items your Cornish cousins will love. Sweat-shirts and T-Shirts are again available in white or yellow with our logo. To see what we have, check the website: www.nwcornishsociety.com

You can order by emailing Alene at softwalk2@yahoo.com

In addition Café Press <http://cafepress.com/pncs/pnwcs.com> has many products available with our logo, PNCS gets a commission from sales. We can also get a commission from Amazon from anyone that clicks on the donation button for PNCS. Please keep that in mind when ordering holiday presents.

**CORNISH
LIBRARY**

The library has books, CD's & DVD's available for check out by members and the items will be available once again when we return to in person-meetings. If you are curious what we have you can

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Please Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Webpage: _____ \$20 Individual Member \$30 Family

Membership Amount Enclosed: _____

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest:



John Rosevear 1846-1929

I heard this story several years ago, so I wrote to my cousin Peter in Southampton to see if he remembered it. Here's what we can recall of the incident:

Our great-grandfather, John Rosevear (1846-1929), was walking on the moors near his home on Par Green when he encountered a destitute elderly Gypsy. After visiting with him, he discovered that the man had no relatives as his two sons had died fighting for Great Britain in the Great War (World War 1).

Relatives of the deceased, entitled to a pension, were required to have a proper address. The Gypsy had just a simple tent erected on common ground, as was their custom in those days. Grandfather inquired why he didn't have a proper residence, and he replied, "*Oh, Sir, I could never live in stones.*"

Feeling that a great injustice was being done, grandfather contacted his Member of Parliament and fellow lay preacher, Isaac Foot. Mr. Foot took it up with the government, and as a result, eligible Gypsies obtained pensions.

When John Rosevear died in 1929, crowds formed on the street around the Methodist chapel in Par; the Gypsies came to pay their respects to this wonderful man.

Doug Wolford



EMAIL FROM MEMBERS

Thank you for working so hard to give us a great meeting and an amazing list of Cornish resources. I look forward to the next meeting and to watching more videos.

Gord'n Perrott, Seattle

*We are hoping you all had a fantastic time celebrating our Cornish heritage yesterday. Sorry to have missed it. Kevin & Ann Reilly

*Regarding the Colenso Video, Thank you for sharing. That was very sweet --AnnieLaurie

Lithium may fuel a mining revival in England's Cornwall

Stephen Beard Oct 19, 2020 - Reprinted from Marketplace Business News Podcast

Some museums are staid, stuffy and static. But not the King Edward Mine Museum in Camborne, Cornwall.

This museum contains a working tin mill that vividly recreates the heyday of tin mining in the county in all its thunderous, clanging and clattering glory. There are half a dozen antiquated machines still operating and providing a feast for the eyes and ears of thousands of tourists every year.

The star exhibit, and the noisiest of all, is the Californian Stamps, so called because it was taken, some time in the late 19th century, from the Californian gold fields.

“It’s a set of five 850-pound heads,” said the museum’s mill manager Nigel MacDonald, proudly showing off the huge device. “They pulverize the ore so the tin can be separated out. These heads, which were originally powered by steam, do 300 drops a minute.”



Nigel MacDonald, King Edward Mine Museum's mill manager. (Credit: Mimiisse Beard)

The museum conjures up a distant past when Cornwall was one of the world’s most prolific mining centers. By the early 1800s, one-third of the world’s copper came from the county and later it became the preeminent source of tin. But those days are long gone — the last Cornish tin mine closed more than 20 years ago. Nevertheless, a renaissance in mineral extraction in the county could soon be underway. Cornwall could be poised for another mining boom, with an ultramodern, high-tech twist.

The mineral concerned is lithium, a vital and scarce component in the batteries needed to drive electric vehicles and store the intermittent energy from renewables like solar and wind.

A company called Cornish Lithium announced it had found what it called “a globally significant grade” of the metal in underground water pumped up to the surface just north of the old mining town of Redruth. This is the 21st-century equivalent of striking oil.

“Without lithium, there is no real transition to electric vehicles and renewable energy,” said the company’s founder and CEO Jeremy Wrathall. “So it is the most important element out there at the moment. It’s exciting times for us.”

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Doubly exciting, he said, because his company could be riding to Europe's rescue: Europe currently produces no lithium for batteries — most of the world's supply is currently extracted in Chile, Argentina and Australia, and most of it is processed in China.

“So, we are very strategically vulnerable,” Wrathall added.

His company's find could also be of enormous strategic importance for the U.K. as it wrangles with its former European partners over a trade deal now that it has formally left the European Union. If it were to become Europe's principal source of lithium — and supplier of electric batteries — the U.K. could acquire an important bargaining chip.

Lucy Crane, senior geologist with Cornish Lithium. (Courtesy Lucy Crane)



There is another, environmental bonus. The additional beauty of the lithium that his company has discovered is the temperature of the underground water or brine that's carrying the metal.

“It's hot,” said Cornish Lithium's senior geologist Lucy Crane. “The geothermal gradient is a

lot warmer down here than in other parts of the country so we have a lot more potential for geothermal energy in Cornwall,” she said.

The prospect is environmentally enticing: Extract the lithium and use the hot brine to power — carbon-free — the plant and perhaps a battery-making factory too. Crane insists that there is no danger that a new wave of mineral extraction in Cornwall would spoil the county's beautiful landscape and undermine its all-important tourist industry.

“We're not talking about a big mine. It would be just an industrial unit, low-rise, probably equivalent to the size of a small- or medium-sized supermarket. So that would sit really well in the existing industrial sites around Cornwall,” she said.



Deborah Reeve, mayor of Redruth, with a bust of one of the town's most illustrious residents, William Murdoch, inventor and locomotive pioneer. (Credit: Mimi Beard)

In the nearby town of Redruth, Mayor Deborah Reeve has warmly welcomed the prospect of lithium mining in the area and the economic benefits it could bring. The mayor hopes that lithium will reverse the long steep decline the town has suffered since tin mining came to an end in the last century.

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“There are pockets of real deprivation in this town,” she said. “Cornwall, as a whole, is one of the poorest parts of Europe. This lithium find could be a really exciting opportunity for the town and for the county.” However, her enthusiasm does not seem to be widely shared among the people of Redruth. There’s no buzz about the potential riches on the doorstep and certainly no sign of “lithium fever.”



Lee Collins, Redruth greengrocer.

(Credit: Mimiisse Beard)

Lee Collins, who runs a greengrocer’s shop and a clothing store in town, said he’d not heard any of his customers even mention the prospect of a lithium bonanza.

“I think it’s because every so often you hear, ‘We’re going to start mining for XYZ’ and nothing really comes of it,” Collins said. “But once it starts producing some money and jobs, if it does, once we start seeing something come of it, then absolutely people will start talking about it.”



Paul Bray, former tin miner.

(Credit: Mimiisse Beard)

Former tin miner Paul Bray is an exception. He’s already enthusing about the mineral find. “I think it’s great. I really, really do,” he said. “Because the whole area needs a lift. I think in terms of value this will be as big as tin or copper because we’re all going to need lithium.”

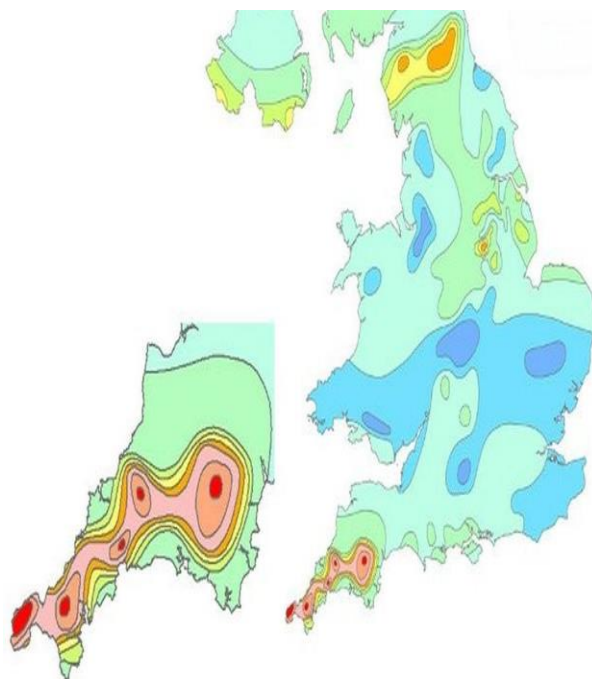
He’s also relieved that Cornwall’s next breed of “miners” — the workers who would staff the plants extracting the lithium from water pumped up to the surface — will not face the same conditions he and his fellow tin miners faced underground. “I spent most of my time in shorts and just Wellington boots, and my helmet and lamp. The rest of the time I was stripped right down because it was roasting. I was taking five salt tablets a day just to replenish the salts I was losing,” Bray said.

Cornish Lithium reckons it could start production within three to five years. It won’t say how much of the metal it thinks it can mine. But Cornwall is sitting on more than 70 miles of granite, one of the largest such blocks on the planet. And, it turns out, the hottest of hot rocks in the 21st century.

The End

BRITISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

“Cornwall’s heat-producing granite rocks make it a good place to exploit geothermal energy.”



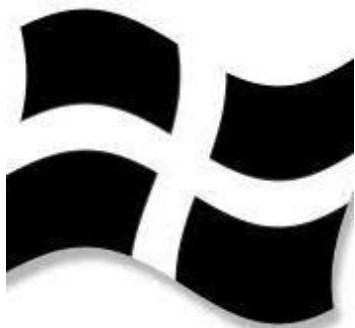
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*19th Gathering
of
Cornish Cousins*

**JULY 14-18
2021**



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19TH COUSINS' GATHERING UPDATE

Our Cornish Promise (a Cornish Promise is the best kind)

July 14-18, 2021 will be meaningful, enlightening, and just plain fun. And Butte, Montana is the place to be. Knowing full well that we all may have to meet in a virtual webinar format, the Planning Committee for the 19th Gathering of the Cornish Cousins is striding ahead with plans for three days of learning, exploring, and re-connecting with old friends in Butte. If we have to restructure the event to keep us all safe, you will be notified in plenty of time. But if we can travel to Montana, how good it will be to meet face-to-face, or mask-to-mask. Registration the afternoon of Wednesday, July 14 will give time to get settled with dinner on your own that evening. You will have the option to receive all your Gathering materials as a PDF file, if you wish.

TOURS IN AND AROUND BUTTE

Tom Rusch, our Gathering tour director, has found a wealth of interesting trips for us to enjoy on Saturday July 17th. *Our Lady of the Rockies*, a morning's visit to a mountaintop statue and vista, provides unparalleled photo ops with a local history lesson. Butte boasts several museums celebrating its mining history. Trips to the *Clark Chateau*, *The Bureau of Mines*, *The Geology Museum*, and *The World Mining Museum* will be on offer – with transportation! Watch for specifics in the next newsletter.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Cornish Gatherings always provide a platform for Cousins who have a particular expertise in fields relating to our ancestors' influence on U.S. culture. The 19th will be no different. Keynote Speaker for this session will be our own Gage McKinney, a well-known author, speaker, CAHS member from the Sacramento, California area. Other speakers for the two days of workshops promise to bring fresh information to us on a variety of Cornish-related topics. We hope to welcome local Butte presenters as well.

BOOK NOOK – OLD AND NEW

Have you written a book about your ancestors? Have you written a book about Cornish history in your area? Perhaps a Cornish romance or mystery?
OR do you have a stash of used Cornish-subject books just waiting for a new home? Share them at the **BOOK NOOK** which promises to be the best little Cornish book store west of the Mississippi and east of the Pacific. Bring your old books, ready for sale at a nominal cost (which will be donated to CAHS). If you wish to sell your own books, prices are determined by the author.

WANT A PASTY?

We are told that there are those in Butte who KNOW how to make a pasty. We'll see, eh? Cornish Gatherings always speak to our inbred need for pasty. And the other food is always good, too. Hotel breakfasts, lunch buffets, and carefully planned dinners are part of the fun.

ACCOMODATIONS

And finally, the **Copper King Hotel** will be our base. All meals, and workshops will be conveniently held there in the hotel. All tours will begin and end at the hotel.

FINGERS CROSSED THAT WE CAN TRAVEL TO BEAUTIFUL BUTTE, MONTANA!

Cornish Connections

This is a highly arbitrary list. Feel free to suggest other Cornish Connections by e-mailing the Editor

Cornish Global Migration Programme

Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere.

www.cornishmigration.org.uk

Cornish Heritage Organizations

Federation of Old Cornwall Societies

<http://oldcornwall.org>

The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation

www.cousinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association

www.busbv.net/nzca/

The California Cornish Cousins

www.califcornishcousins.org

Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)

www.cornishvic.org.au

Festivals and Events

Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games

169 SW Coast Highway

Newport, Oregon 97365

www.newportcelticfestival.com

Cornish Websites

Cornwall Connections

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

www.cornwallconnections.peoples.com

Cornish Global Migration Programme

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www.cornishmigration.org.uk

myCornwall.tv

myCornwall magazine (formerly Cornish World)

Video and print resources seek to make a difference to Cornwall by creating entertaining, educational and thought-provoking content.

<http://www.mycornwall.tv>

West Penwith Resources

Links to resources concerning the far west end of Cornwall.

<http://west-penwith.org.uk/index.htm>

General Genealogy

Washington State Archives

Has 94 million records preserved, 29 million of which are searchable online.

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

Oregon State Archives

Search for Oregon records on line.

<http://genealogy.state.or.us>

Cyndi's List

More than 290,000 links to genealogy sites. The founder spoke at the March 2011 PNCS meeting.

www.cyndislist.com

FamilySearch

Information from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy.

www.familysearch.org

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation

Look up your ancestors who came through New York between 1892 and 1924, free.

www.ellisland.org

Bureau of Land Management

Search for land patent records by name and state.

www.glorerecords.blm.gov

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at Bates Technical College, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/

BYU Idaho Special Collections

Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Idaho.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/>

PNCS CELEBRATE CORNWALL

BACKGROUND & HISTORY Why is Cornwall called Cornwall?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INJbtUmunTI>

Introduction to Kernow (Cornwall). The Cornish people.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbXCPqTDDnk>

History of Cornwall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYX78NVJIB0>

Walking Through History: Cornwall (includes the country's smuggling heritage) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SppBjO09ic>

Ancient Cornwall <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0Fy89moigQ>

FAMOUS SITES & SCENERY:

A 48 hour guide to Cornwall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmW0SuECAdQ>

Flying over England: Cornwall <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v91umXxR1C0>

Short Video of Cornish Coast https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IrX_ca52fk

Watch Rick Steves' Cornwall <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU8vqnITmtY>

LEGENDS: NOVA Secrets of the Dead King Arthur's Lost Kingdom on

PBS Passport*
<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/secrets/king-arthurs-lost-kingdom-king-arthurs-lost-kingdom-about-the-film/4069/>

GENEALOGY – <https://www.intocornwall.com/features/genealogy.asp>

CULTURE and LITERATURE

Cornish Music: Fisherman's Friends "Mary Anne"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBAbseEfYi8>
Read a novel set in Corn-

wall <https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/17-page-turning-novels-set-4051827>

LANGUAGE:

Cornish Language <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBtRKjexr6M>

Learn Cornish <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwgEp9gooW8>

Cornish Dialect <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcMJWZBzYjU>

IDENTITY and POLITICS

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/apr/26/survival-of-cornish-identity-cornwall-separate-place>

Free Cornwall - Cornwall is not England

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cmtqn8wANLY>

Cornish Anthem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0I9_mTX0lg&list=PLWwThncL1FUxZWXix0uOwmFC92ajZEJKs&index=5

Politics <https://www.cornwalllive.com/all-about/politics>

FOOD

10 Most Iconic Cornish Foods https://www.cornwalls.co.uk/top_ten/cornish-food.htm
How to Make Cornish Pasty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwFUOsA5MEo>

SHOWS AND MOVIES:

Watch again or for the first time. **Poldark** on PBS Passport* <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/shows/poldark/>

Doc Martin PBS TV Series available on Passport* <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0408381/>

Doc Martin behind the scenes: How to speak Cornish. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC46XJ9Ow04>

* FOR PBS PASSPORT SHOWS: <https://help.pbs.org/support/solutions/articles/12000043556-what-is-pbs-passport->

Watch the movie

"Fisherman's Friends" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s_Friends_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s_Friends_(film))

This excellent 2019 movie is available on Amazon Prime for free to Prime members: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fishermans-Friends-Daniel-Mays/dp/B07SRLDP9X>

