



Dear Members and Friends,

As we settle into summer, I'm reminded again how fortunate we are to belong to a community that values both heritage and connection so deeply. One of the great joys of the Cornish American Heritage Society is seeing how our shared stories continue to bring people together—across generations and across great distances.

This month I had the pleasure of being featured in [an interview](#) on Jane Bayly Vaughan's blog, where we spoke about Cornish heritage, family stories, and the threads that connect our communities across oceans and continents. Jane was a recipient of the CAHS travel grant which she used to support her travel to do historical research for her first novel, [The Ties that Bind](#). Jane's thoughtful questions created a wonderful opportunity to reflect on why preserving and sharing our Cornish history matters so much. Whether through genealogy, traditions, language, or simply telling family stories around the table, we each help keep that heritage vibrant and alive. I'm grateful to Jane for the invitation and encourage you to take a look at the interview if you haven't already—it was a pleasure to participate.

It was also wonderful to see the Cornish spirit thriving on the West Coast during the California Cornish Cousins' annual gathering on May 15–16 in Grass Valley. Their weekend brought together fellowship, pasties, music, conversation, and a shared appreciation for the Cornish contributions to mining communities and family life in California. Gatherings like theirs remind us that no matter where we

live, there is something powerful about coming together to celebrate our roots and renew friendships. We send our warmest greetings to our California cousins and thank them for continuing this wonderful tradition. I hope to be able to attend myself next year.

Speaking of Cornish gatherings, now is the time to register and plan your travel for our biannual CAHS Gathering that will be held in Mineral Point, WI on September 24–25. I'm very excited to connect with you in person as we learn more about our shared heritage and each other's very personal connection to Cornwall through music, conversation, and, of course, food!

These moments—an interview reflecting on our heritage, and cousins gathering to celebrate it—highlight what makes our society special.

We are not simply preserving history; we are actively building relationships and strengthening a living community. Every conversation, every gathering, and every shared story helps ensure that Cornish heritage remains meaningful for future generations.

As always, thank you for the energy and care you bring to the Society. I look forward to the months ahead and to seeing many of you soon.



Johnny Trestrail

President, Cornish American Heritage Society





Photo from <https://www.intercelticforum.com/post/putting-cornwall-on-the-global-stage-an-interview-with-nicola-lloyd> and the article "Putting Cornwall on the Global Stage: An Interview with Nicola Lloyd," written by Charles Kergaravat

2. Gathering Keynote Speaker Nicola Lloyd from Global Cornish

CAHS is pleased to announce our keynote speaker at the 21st Gathering of the Cornish Cousins. Nicola Lloyd is a director and founder of Global Cornish. She is striving to achieve a strong vision for Cornwall's place in the world. Her platform is Global Cornish. On its website, globalcornish.com, we learn that "Global Cornish is building a global community - bringing together those who are Cornish by *birth*, Cornish by *ancestry* or Cornish by *choice*. Global Cornish aims to harness the strength of Cornwall's unique and vibrant diaspora and turn it into meaningful partnerships that drive economic opportunity, cultural exchange, and shared prosperity—both at home and abroad."

President Johnny and I spoke with Nicola. She shared that Global Cornish is a wonderfully researched organization that will bring the Cornish Diaspora together and promote Cornwall in all aspects, including sports, economics, culture, history, youth, and much more. A motto for the organization is: "Past, present, and promise." This fits in nicely to our Gathering theme this year!

As we fear the dissolution of our Cornish associations, Global Cornish brings a new light to synergize our efforts! Some outcomes stated in their *Cornwall Diaspora Strategy 2025 - 2028* include:

- With research and development, construct an operational model of diaspora engagement.
- Enhance communications and diaspora network building.
- Embed a future orientated story of Cornwall through diaspora engagement.
- Cultivate the diaspora's sense of belonging.
- Celebrate Cornwall's migration story through genealogy and heritage tourism.
- Address socio-economic opportunities and challenges in Cornwall.

We are hoping that Nicola's enthusiasm and the aspirations of Global Cornish will be present not only during the keynote, but throughout the Gathering.

See the Global Cornish plan in its entirety: https://www.globalcornish.com/files/ugd/a1bcbd_891d1f2096284950a7ad5079e3cbe8f5.pdf



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

Download Registration Flyer [here](#)

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!

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Questions to: Treasurer.CousinJack@gmail.com

Pay 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
- Keynote and other presenters
- Thursday Luncheon
- Friday Pasty Dinner
- Entrance to Mineral Point Site Tours

To register for the Gathering, please include this information:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Please check the option you want:

_____ Early Bird Registration is \$160 if **received** by **July 1 NEW DATE!**

_____ Regular Registration is \$180

Download Registration Flyer [here](#)

Mail your registration form and check to:

CAHS

c/o Dorothy Hosking

1451 Spruce Street, #204

Florence, OR 97439

Or you can pay online via: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/celebrating-cornish-identity-yesterday-today-tomorrow>

4. The Cornish Genealogy Special Interest Group

June 10th Meeting Set

The CAHS Cornish Genealogy SIG will have its monthly meeting on June 10th at 4:00pm PDT (7:00 EDT; 6:00pm CDT) on Zoom. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of the month.

The Zoom credentials are:

Meeting ID: 852 7041 0067

Passcode: 978432

We will be continuing our discussion on "Brick Walls" and following up with (among others) Ruth's BENNEY, Margaret's NORTHEY, Pat's RESEIGH and Julia's SIMMONS/MOYLE.

See you there!

5. Kernewek Language Group - June 28

Please note that the date and time are bit different from the usual repeating schedule!

June 28, 2026 at 4pm EDT, 3pm CDT, 1pm MDT and 9pm BST in Cornwall!

DYDH DA! FATLA GENES? (HELLO! HOW ARE YOU?)

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.

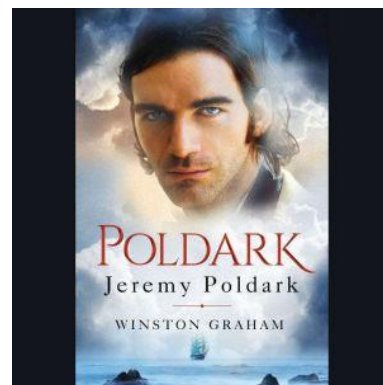
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5. CAHS Book Club

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. Cornish Dialect - Use it or Lose it

(This is a partial reprint of part of an article written by Joy Stevenson, who died in 2016, but her words are worth reprinting. Joy was a dialect speaker and recorder of dialect for the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies.)

Too many people write books on Cornwall, shouting from the rooftops that they are Cornish and carry around their family tree, yet have worked deliberately to eliminate the one thing which is essentially Cornish - their dialect.

An interesting study published by Mintel about the regeneration of regional accents describes a marked cultural phenomenon. Some areas becoming so run down and depressed have developed a 'dog in the manger' provincialism which makes them reject anything to do with the prosperous South East, including its accent. Isn't it odd that despite Cornwall being more depressed than most in this century, it seems to have taken the opposite view and rejected its own lovely dialect. How can a race of people as ancient and proud as the Cornish allow their unique dialect to die? It is so full of remnants of our old language. It has so much humour. Even when speaking English many Cornish mean something quite different from the actual words they utter, giving rise to blank looks whilst the Cornish grizzle in their pasties.

Recording Cornish dialect soon dispels any idea that one is an expert. The essence of an expert is a man yearning to be God. You soon realise this is not so when speaking perhaps to an old lady in a small village who puts you firmly in your place with the remark: "Aw, we dawnt say un like that up ere my 'andsum."

My message to all the Cornish is: don't deny your identity, use your rich dialect as often as you can and pass it on to your children. Use it or lose it. but never be ashamed of it. I shall always use it and promote it. It is one of the wonderful diversities of accents found in this island of ours. Speak it with pride.

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