



The Newsletter of the Cornish Association of New South Wales

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COMING EVENTS

2001/2002



Spring in the Mountains Leura - Sunday October 14th

All welcome. For an **Open Committee Meeting** with lots to discuss for the future of the Association. What do you want the Association to be? What can you offer?

Come to the meeting **from 11am - Bring a plate please!**

Make a day, or even weekend, of it among the beauty of Leura.

Our Hosts: John & Helen Boulden, at 'Coombeside' - 10 Olympian Parade, Leura.


From the main street (Leura Mall) go toward the south (away from the railway) 5 blocks and turn right into Olympian Parade. Phone (02) 4784.2724 for detailed directions on the day.

NEXT CORNISH INTERESTS MEETING - at 2pm

Saturday - 10th November

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

**Note: Back at Trinity Hall,
Strathfield Uniting Church,**

 02 4369.1759 for details

Sat October 20th

Afternoon Tea with a Bard



At Betty Bevins, 134 Narrabeen Park Parade, Warriewood. **From 2PM.** **Howard Curnow**, well-known Cornishman and a Bard for his services to Cornish identity and links with overseas Cornish will be visiting Sydney. Come along for afternoon tea. Bring a plate.



DOLPHIN CRUISE

The Southern Branch is running this fantastic event.

Sunday October 28th

11am for picnic at Nowra
Cruise leaves at 12.30pm,
returns 3pm

Cost: Ad \$20, Conc \$16, Ch \$12
Numbers needed by 2 weeks before
- say Sunday night 14th Oct
Email jwheeler@shoal.net.au
Or Ring Julie Wheeler 02 4443 4958

CELTIC HONOURS DINNER
Friday 2nd November - North
Sydney Leagues Club
7pm \$45 ea

the celtic
council of
australia



All welcome

Bookings Ph: Roger Thomas 02 4369 1759

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licences will be granted for up to 360 of the windmills to be built across the country- that would be capable of producing enough electricity for around 500,000 homes.

The acquisition of the Godolphin Estate near Helston makes an impressive addition to the National Trust's holdings in Cornwall. The Trust's Cornish estate currently consists of 30,000 protected acres, 136 miles of coastline, 2,000 acres of woodland and 14,000 acres of farmland. It is also responsible for 306 of Cornwall's listed buildings, 374 houses and cottages, and some of the finest gardens including:

Glendurgan, Llanhydrock and Trerice.

Items courtesy of Anna Corbett at Willow Books,

United Downs Ind. Est, St Day, Redruth,
Cornwall, TR16 5HY Tel: 01209 822011

Fax: 01209 822321 email:

dan@willowbooks.co.uk

Work will soon begin on the final phase of work to restore Redruth railway station to its former glory. All funding is now in place for the work that will see the complete refurbishment of the down side building, at present in such a dilapidated condition that it is closed to the public. The building is believed to be a unique example of British railway architecture. It will be renovated to its original state, with a waiting room and shelter, and the work will include better traffic management and safety measures.

Heritage House Threat

Potts Point residents are again rallying to protect an important piece of local and State heritage, the 1860's house, 'Jenner', which is the work of three significant Architect's - Edmund Blakett as principal, with contributions from Thomas Rowe (born in Penzance, and Byng Chapel fame), and Horbury Hunt. Rowe's other well-known works are the Methodist Chapel on the corner of Pacific Hgwy and Mowbray Rd Chatswood, and the Nightingale Wing at Sydney Hospital

MEMBERS MILESTONES

VALE George Vine (1/6/32 - 10/9/01)

We were very sorry to hear that our good friend passed away on Mon 10th Sept. He was doing handyman chores in his storeroom and had a heart attack. His gentle humour and smiling face will be missed at our meetings. Our condolences to Marjorie and family.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES - *sorry the database not yet rebuilt and these are not available these months either.*

LATEST COUNT - 150 households

FAMILY HISTORY INTEREST?

Items for the Newsletter are very welcome, be they information or requests for help. As well as in the Newsletter the Group will try to respond to your needs! Ideas and suggested speakers, or offers of help, for Future meetings are always welcome.

Write to: The Family History Interest Coordinator
C/o 21 Cliff Road Epping 2121

But please: if you require an answer, do enclose a self addressed stamped Envelope!

Next meetings are: Nov 10th, 2001 and expected in Feb, 2002 . Put those dates in your diary.

Maurie Gilbert of 3 Alice Hancock Close, Castle Hill writes:

I would like to know any details of the migration of a family (Gartrell) from Cornwall to USA in the year 1867-8. eg. shipping details and dates, ports of call, embarkation and landing locations and details of passengers, etc. After spending 10 years in USA, the family migrated to Sydney and this data is readily available, but the details of their earlier move to USA escapes me, even though I have sought this information from both UK and USA.

Full details of the family, as far as I know, were - James Gartrell and wife Mary Ann left Cornwall with their 10 children in about 1868. The family included James 52 with his wife Mary Ann aged 48, and their children, ie. Richard 27 with his wife Mary, 23. James 26 with his wife Mary Jane, 23 and son James aged 2. The other children were John, 22; William Henry,18; Edwin,16; Catherine,14; Mary Ann,11; Francis, 9; Absalom, 6 ; and Alfred, 4. Any suggestions regarding my dilemma would be greatly appreciated. **Please reply direct to Maurie.**

ADDITION TO THE CANSW WEBSITE

Under development are pages for members only (not linked to the outside world) that will provide access to: a) Sales, b) Library, c) Information / Talks /Research.

The URL is:

<http://members.optushome.com.au/kevrenor/merlib.htm>

Over the next few months the content will be enlarged to include photos of sales items, a listing of library books, and papers presented at seminars – all of which can be downloaded by members.

WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

The Illawarra & South Coast branch has a website hosted by Julie Wheeler:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jwheeler/ssoc.htm>

The Cornwall Gen Web site at:

<http://lightning.prohosting.com/~cornwall/links.html>

has links to an amazing number of Genealogical sites.

PREVIOUS FUNCTION

The Association's major event of the year, the **Cornish Day at Mosman** last month presented an excellent program, but it was very disappointing that only about 25 members turned up. They and a few public visitors helped to make the event a success anyway. We enjoyed some fit youngsters getting to grips with Cornish Wrasslin - Thanks Gavin! Betty got our mouths watering with her food talk, John's fine illustrated talk on the Cornish in Australia, Jean's information packed talk on Cornish Family research resources, Roger on the Celts, and Carrl and Jim presented a new insight into Cornish music, and made our feet dance! The Celtic Art & Craft exhibition was magnificent. It was great to have Jean & John Tregurtha all the way from Glen Innes, and our Manx friends. If you missed it, you sure missed it!! The Committee needs to know what events members want, if these full day's aren't attractive anymore! Please comment.

The Eden Project

Opened on 17th March 2001 - 5 years in the planning, 2 1/2 years in construction. 'Bringing the World's plants to Cornwall'. Dominating the site are the two huge Biomes: The Humid Tropics Biome, and The Warm Temperate Biome. The Humid Tropics Biome is over 200m long, up to 50m high - one of the largest greenhouses in the World. Maintained at a constant 30 degrees and at high humidity, both will hit you as you gaze in awe at the spectacle in front of you. It contains tens of thousands of plants and trees from the lush rainforests of South America, West Africa, the Oceania islands and Asia. During a visit, you could see: Coffee plants with green coffee beans, already

the size of a man's little finger. Coconut palms growing on their own sandy beach. The wrinkled pods of the cocoa bean. Pineapples planted in neat rows. Sugar cane eight feet tall. Bananas too. Within 10 years growth is likely to be so luxuriant there are will then be two tree canopies: the upper canopy sheltering an under storey of smaller trees; in turn hiding a forest floor of ground covering plants. Taller trees such as the kapok will be within a few feet of the roof.

The Warm Temperate Biome: Though some planting remains to be done there is still much to see. Knarled Cork Trees from the Mediterranean. An ancient Olive Grove containing trees up to one hundred and fifty years old. Citrus fruits such as oranges and lemons. A vineyard. Tobacco, cotton, tomatoes too, but from the Andes, not the Mediterranean.

Out of Doors -The Third Biome. The whole site is in effect a huge biome in its own right. This is being planted with species found in our own temperate climate. An apple orchard. Barley wafting in the summer breeze. Plants unique to Cornwall, both native and introduced and thriving in the 'mild' Cornish Climate. Part of the enjoyment of visiting will be seeing Eden evolve, not just through the Seasons, but also over the coming years.

Open: Every Day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. From 10am to 6pm (last entry at 5pm). Later closing 8pm certain days during Summer. Expect crowds at busy times, but if you arrive after 2.30 pm the crowds are usually less and you will have a better chance to see it at its best. Wednesday's are particularly busy, whilst weekends are often quietest. You should allow 2 or 3 hours for your visit. Eden Project Tickets Fast-Track Tickets are available from the St Austell TIC - at same price as the normal entrance fee but saving likely queuing on the day. Email tic@cornish-riviera.co.uk Tel/ Fax: (01726) 76333. Getting There: Follow the brown tourists signs from the A390 at St Austell and the A30 Bodmin Bypass

Editorial note: The content of (and the items in) this newsletter does **not** necessarily reflect the views of the CANSW, but of the various contributors and sources! If someone is sick then please let me know for a get-well message, or other news please! **The next Newsletter is due for November. Deadline is 11th November. Copy (written out or emailed or on disk) very welcome!**

