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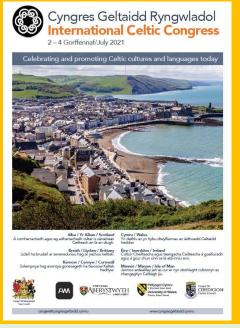
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The big news in this newsletter is the forthcoming **International Celtic Congress** being hosted by Cymru on 2nd July. For the first time in the history of Celtic Congress this is going online as a virtual festival. As a new wave of COVID 19 seems to be sweeping the UK this was a brave and wide decision by our friends in Cymru and they are to be commended. The committee of An Guntelles Keltek Kernow have been working hard to ensure that Kernow is well represented with a high-quality lecturer and a range of contemporary Cornish Celtic music sung in Kernewek.

We hope that many people throughout Cornwall and the Cornish Diaspora as well as those originating from the other Celtic lands who live in Cornwall will support this new event.

More Kernow information on page 3 Event / Programme link page www.cyngresgeltaidd.cymru





As mentioned in the last newsletter An Guntelles Keltek Kernow is very pleased to be supporting **Speak Cornish Week**. The event times have changed and there will be two sessions as we feel we need to limit numbers due to the increased cases of COVID in Cornwall.

The Yeth an Werin is being held at Gwerthji Koffi Keltek on 26th June at 12.00 to 1.00pm and 7.00pm to 8.00pm with ten people per session. If we are overbooked we will take names so that we can hold a new event at a later date. This should be a fun event and held in atmospheric surroundings.

This year marks one of the most important cultural events relating to the Cornish language in Cornwall for many years.

'This summer, Kresen Kernow hosts a very special temporary exhibition as four historic Cornish language play scripts return to Cornwall for the first time in centuries. The exhibition will unite **The Cornish Ordinalia** and The Creation of the World (on loan from the Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford) with The Life of St Meriadoc / Bewnans Meriasek and The Life of St Kea / Bewnans Ke (on loan from the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth) under one roof for the first time in history. The manuscripts form a very significant part of Cornwall's written and language heritage, as well as providing glimpses of a distinct theatrical tradition which took place here centuries ago.'

Visit <u>www.kresenkernow.org</u> and the Out of the Ordinary exhibition to book tickets to view this extraordinary collection.

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Cornwall has lost a number of stalwarts over the past couple of months. but we must mention one here in particular. Mrs Bill Glanville had agreed to carry out a tour for Celtic Congress Cornwall of St Columb Major as part of a Henry Jenner Day event in 2020. This was sadly cancelled due to COVID, and we had hoped this could have taken place at a later date.

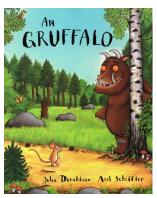
Bill passed away in April and will be very much missed by a large number of people and organisations. Bill was a past President of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies, President of St Columb Old Cornwall Society and a bard of Gorsedh Kernow. She was active in carrying out talks and guided walks into her 90th year when COVID closed everything down. Bill was an interesting and fun person to talk to, with a mischievous sense of humour.





Reports are that the Truro College **History Heritage & Culture** foundation degree course will be continuing with increased numbers this September. This is good news for Cornwall as we try to increase the number of young people who take an interest in heritage and culture. The positive future of Cornwall's rich heritage depends on young people engaging not just as a leisure pursuit or interest but at a professional level by Cornish people. Many hope Cornwall will move to a higher quality-based tourist and leisure industry. People who are qualified and interested in Cornish culture are certainly needed within this sector. This course does include a Celtic based history module. Those interested contact Lead of HH&C, Marilla Walker at Truro College.

Agan Tavas - The Campaign for the Cornish Language, is pleased to announce the availability of a Cornish translation of the famous children's' book by Julia Donaldson - **The Gruffalo**. The book was translated by Ray Chubb, who said "Translating the book presented a bit of a challenge because the English version is in rhyme and the Cornish therefore had to be made to rhyme. I wish that books of this quality had been available when I was bringing up two boys bilingually". The Cornish version joins 105 other translations of this popular book. It will complement the Cornish edition of Everyday Words.



The **An Gruffalo** sells at £4.95 and should be available soon in all good book shops or from the Agan Tavas website. <u>www.agantavas.com</u>

An Guntelles Keltek Kernow is looking forward to carrying on more Cornish and wider Celtic activities both in the real world and online as we move out of the COVID related period.

We would love more people to join us and support our work in Cornwall, and with colleagues throughout the Celtic nations, in sharing Celtic and Cornish culture. Please complete the membership form on the end of this newsletter. Your membership and support would be most welcome. Forward to Len at <u>associationcornishheritage@gmail.com</u> who will add you to the newsletter list and ensure you hear about our news, plans and activities.

This edition of our bi-monthly newsletter has increased in size to allow more information about the International Celtic Congress to be included. We would very much like to maintain this number of pages and encourage readers from across all the Celtic lands to send in information and news that can be shared. Even if it doesn't make the newsletter we can include it on numerous social media and websites available to us including our own, which reach a large and wide range of audiences.

Information and requests for emailed newsletters to Len at associationcornishheritage@gmail.com

The International Celtic Congress 2021

An Guntelles Keltek Kernow are pleased to announce the team that will be representing Kernow in the forthcoming International Celtic Congress. We hope that they will have your online support.

The theme of this year's International Celtic Congress is 'How to be successfully Celtic in the Modern Business World'

Our lecture will be given by Jeremy Gilbert the founder and Managing Director of St Justin. This thriving and growing manufacturer of quality Celtic themed jewellery is internationally recognised throughout the world.

We look forward to hearing Jeremy Gilbert share his knowledge and expertise relating to modern business practice in today's world.

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Information about our Cornish entertainers can be found in the free online programme at: <u>www.cyngresgeltaidd.cymru</u> Teylu



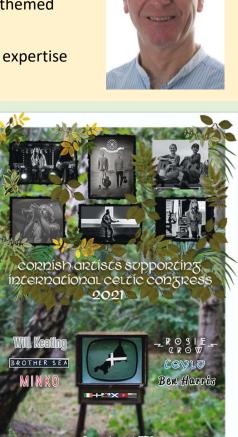
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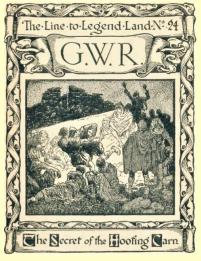


Also showcasing two small Cornish businesses that successfully operate using Celtic themes.

June newsletter 'Cornish Quiz'

Our April fun quiz enabled many of us to learn something new about Cornwall, so here we go again with a few more head scratchers. You don't have to get them all right, the winner is the first one returned with the highest number correct. Someone may win with only one right if nobody else sends theirs back. The winner will get a mention in the next newsletter and perhaps Cornish related prize. Please send answers to Len at <u>associationcornishheritage@gmail.com</u> The answers with new questions will be in the August edition.

- 1. Why, on the 17 April 1986, could Scillonians sleep easily in their beds?
- 2. Whose orders were "To sail whatever the wind is."?
- 3. Where is the Hooting Cairn?
- 4. Who described what as "But a Christmas Game"?
- 5. Of which church was Thomas Hardy responsible for the restoration?
- 6. Who discovered Titanium and where?
- 7. Whose address is 10 Buckingham Gate, SW1?
- 8. Which is the only town to have a mayoral chain of office made of tin?
- 9. What is "God's Grace" or "God's Bounty"?
- 10. Where is the "Exchequer Quay", and why is it so called?



Quiz Answers to the April newsletter Cornish Quiz.

Well done to **Duncan Matthews** for getting seven of the ten questions correct. Plenty good Cornish folk struggled with some of these, it's all good if we've learned something new about Cornwall in the process.

- 1. Where were the Crown Jewels and the Doomsday book deposited for safety during the Great War? Bodmin Gaol
- 2. Who shot the man who shot Lord Nelson and where did he come from? John Pollard a native of Kingsand
- 3. Which well-known landmark was given by Heinz to the National Trust? Cape Cornwall
- 4. Where is Leek Seed Chapel and how did it get its name? Leek Seed Chapel is in St Blazey, and was so named because the treasurer, while sorting his leek seed, was disturbed by three robbers. He saved the chapel funds by pretending his leek seed was gunpowder and threatening to blow the robbers up.
- 5. At which Parish Church did the vicar preach to a cardboard congregation? At St Bartholomew's in Warleggan the Rev. Frederick Densham 1931/53 so alienated his parishioners that they boycotted his services and he preached to a congregation of cardboard representations of former rectors. He recorded the deed in the Church Register under "Attendance" as "*Rectors cards put out*".
- 6. Who was crowned King Richard IV in 1497 and where? Perkin Warbeck in Bodmin. He claimed to be Richard, the younger of the two Princes murdered in the Tower of London and was fully supported in his claim by the Cornish who, in June 1497 had marched on London in rebellion against Henry VII.
- 7. Who developed the first spliced cricket bat and what was his profession? W. Christopher who by day was an engineer with Harvey's of Hayle.
- 8. Who launched Brunel's ship the "Great Eastern" when all attempts to move her failed? The Tangye brothers of Illogan manufactured some hydraulic jacks which finally moved the vessel.
- 9. For what is Lieutenant Hugh Colville Goldsmith renowned and what was his punishment? He rolled the Logan Rock off the cliffs at Porthcurno, into the sea. His punishment was to put the 70-ton rock back at his own expense, after which it never rolled again.
- 10. What is the "Welcome Stranger"? It is the largest gold nugget ever found; discovered by a syndicate of Cornishmen in 1869 in Victoria, Australia. It yielded 69.92 kg (2,248 troy oz) of pure gold.

Some International Celtic 'Cultural News'

The Celtic languages are a vital part of the overall Celtic cultural identity. Recent news is good, hopeful and bad depending on the individual Celtic nation. It's important that the Celtic nations help support each other in their struggles to preserve and promote individual Celtic national cultures.

Upheaval in the DUP party of Northern Ireland has assisted in the speedy Introduction of Irish language legislation in Northern Ireland. If legislation is not introduced at Stormont by September then Westminster will pass a bill through Parliament in October. Hopefully an 'Office of Identity and Cultural Expression' Director will be appointed and this role along with others will push for greater use and education of the Irish language in Northern Ireland.



A' Chomhdhail Cheilteach Alba Celtic Congress Scotland

www.celticcongressscotland.org

We are pleased to share news that Celtic Congress Scotland have a new website to help promote their branch and Celtic identity and cultural topics relating to Scotland.

An Guntelles Keltek Kernow have been pleased to support our friend and colleague in Scotland Maggie Smith who has been working hard with very limited resources to ensure Scotland have fine representation for the International Celtic Congress.

Anyone from Scotland with interest in your wonderful Scottish cultural heritage and able to support A' Chomhdhail Cheilteach Alba and Maggie please contact her through the website or Facebook page.

Things starting to look better for the Scottish Gaelic language at long last. The SNP have announced plans to secure the future of Gaelic by investing in education and exploring the creation of a recognised Gaelic-speaking area. They said it will work to ensure Gaelic flourishes throughout Scotland as well as in its traditional heartlands if re-elected in May. It was and now let us hope it invests more time in supporting Scotland's cultural heritage including its languages.

Language related issues are not going well for our Brythonic language cousins in Breizh. Earlier this year the French Education Minister decided that Breton DIWAN (language immersive) secondary schools would be limited to provide less than three hours a week of Breton. Diwan Language schools established in the 1970s are important in revival of the Breton Celtic language.

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Breton language supporters trusted to the 'Molac Bill', named after Breton MP Paul Molac advocating the legislation, aiming to boost regional languages. Successfully passed by the French parliament it allowed schools to teach the majority of the day in minority languages including Breton, the education ministry appealed the bill. In May France's Constitutional Council struck down the bill, ruling the bill incompatible with the French constitution, that stipulates the language of the French republic is French. The largest protests in favour of the Breton language seen in Brittany for decades have taken place. It is Important this campaign is supported by the other Celtic nations and the Irish language spokesperson for Sinn Féin has been particularly vocal in support of Breton.

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An Guntelles Keltek Kernow is non-political and non-sectarian membership is open to everyone who shares those aims

- Supporting Cornwall's own language and Cornish cultural heritage
- Maintaining ties of friendship with the people of the other Celtic nations
- Enjoying the gifts of Celtic genius in creative arts
- Celtic Congress Cornwall taking you to the friendly heart of the Celtic nations of Europe creates links with Celtic community and interest groups
- Encouraging young people to join in and learn about Celtic culture, including language, music, dance and the heritage of the Celtic nations.
- Working with other Celtic organisations that share the aims and goals of the International Celtic Congress.

The **International Celtic Congress** is an educational and cultural organisation working to promote the mutual ideals, cultures and languages of the Celtic people of Europe It holds an event every year rotating around the six nations making up Celtic Congress. This includes a conference together with Celtic music and dance.

Membership of Celtic Congress Cornwall gives each member affiliation to the International Celtic Congress

There will be a newsletter and be able to attend events organised Celtic Congress Cornwall as well as the International Celtic Congress events

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