



**NOWODHOW AN GUNTELLES KELTEK KERNOW**

MIS EST / AUGUST 2021

One or two changes to the format of our newsletter to A5 size allowing us to print more easily to allow us share to a wider audience in the physical world. The quiz is being altered to include a wider range of questions from across the Celtic nations about heritage and culture. These will also be included on our Facebook page and the International Celtic Congress Facebook page. The answers will be included towards the back of each edition of the newsletter.



Celtic Congress Cornwall were pleased to support the Prayer Book Rebellion service at St Petroc's Church and parade our banner. Ray and Denise our Chair and Secretary read the lessons. We were pleased to support this national Kernow commemoration of a historic event from 1549.



Lots of fun at the Urban Kelt Gwerthji Koffi Keltek (Celtic Coffee Shop) in Newquay. Customers are encouraged to bring and play their own instruments. Nice to see this lass having a good blow on her bagpipes. There is increasing interest in Celtic themes and culture amongst younger people here in Kernow.



Good to see children reading some of the books that are available at Gwerthji Koffi Keltek. Along with the museum this is becoming a real hub for Cornish and Celtic interests and has featured on recent Radio Cornwall and An Mis the Cornish online television programme.



Come the autumn there will be some more beginners Cornish language classes and some Celtic Congress Cornwall Yeth an Werin held here.

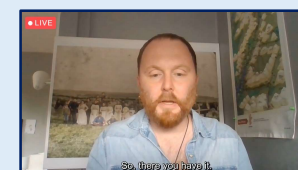
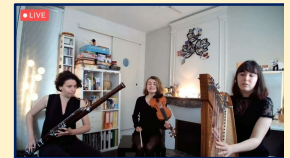
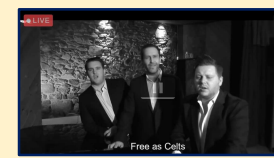
**International Celtic Congress**

For the first time an International Celtic Congress was held as a virtual online event. All agreed that it was a great success and huge appreciation should be shown to the Cymru branch for organising this. Thanks also to all the other branches who pulled out the stops to contribute a wide range of material from lectures to entertainment and who also held classes in the six Celtic languages.

It is hoped that much of this will be placed online on either the International Celtic Congress website, individual Celtic Congress branch websites or both. The standard of lectures was outstanding, varied and most enjoyable. A wide selection of Celtic music from traditional instrumental and song to contemporary and all in the national Celtic languages.

The ongoing sharing of this content will be highlighted on our Kernow branch and the International Celtic Congress Facebook pages in due course.

The professionally produced contemporary content of our entertainment helped create an eclectic mix when shown with more traditional music from other Celtic nations. We heard some wonderful harp, fiddle and other instruments together with Celtic songs. The overall mixture of music and dance videos created some very enjoyable entertainment.



The lectures given were varied in content and style and really illustrated positive approaches to businesses using Celtic and national themes in creating business models. Use of Celtic culture including language was highlighted as being important and positive for retail, film producers, creative art and manufacture.

The International Celtic Congress moves to the physical world again in 2022, to be held in Ireland. Perhaps an element of online content may be available allowing a wider audience to enjoy some of the content.

## Celtic Quiz

Following on from our Cornish quiz we are making this more inclusive and extending this to twelve questions on wider Celtic places, heritage and culture. We hope this will encourage wider interest in the Celtic nations. No prizes just for fun, we will also share the questions on the Celtic Congress Cornwall and International Celtic Congress Facebook pages with the answers towards the back of this newsletter.

1. A 'Munro' is the name for a Scottish mountain above which height?
2. Quiberon is which type of geographical feature?
3. What is the name of the river that flows through Cardiff?-
4. Where can you find the Book of Kells?
5. What's the original Cornish name for Kernow's highest point?
6. What is the Laxey Wheel?
7. The Gaelic for whisky is Uisge Beatha. What is its literal meaning?
8. There is a famous collection of megalithic stone sites in Brittany. What are they called?
9. Who was the only UK Prime Minister to have spoken Welsh as his first language?
10. Where was St. Patrick from?
11. Where is the most southerly point on the mainland of Britain
12. Peel Castle and Cathedral are not located within the main town of Peel, but on a separate island. What is the name of this island? .

*Two questions from each of the six Celtic nations. See how you get on and hope we can learn something new about our Celtic family of nations.*

A number of our members will be attending the Bardic Ceremony at Bude on 4<sup>th</sup> September as part of the **Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos**. To help promote Celtic Congress Cornwall we will have a display and hope to encourage membership and interest in wider Celtic themes. We hope many will support this Gorsedh Kernow event returning after a break last year. [www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk](http://www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk)

Pleased to share that there will be a **Lowender Peran Celtic Festival** this year in a hybrid format. There will be a number of physical events including a Saturday night ceilidh based around Perranporth Memorial Hall. As well as that there will be a number of online events. The festival will run from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October and more information will be found in due course on [www.facebook.com/lowenderperan](https://www.facebook.com/lowenderperan) and [www.lowenderperan.co.uk](http://www.lowenderperan.co.uk)

## Some International Celtic 'Cultural News'

The BBC has sparked a fierce backlash after it asked if Wales could sing God Save the Queen before international sports matches. It posed the question on social media following a suggestion from the Archbishop of York that Wales sing the English and British anthem ahead of sporting contests.

An international match in 1968 at Cardiff Arms Park led to derision for the British national anthem, followed by the Welsh national anthem being roared out by a packed crowd. Let's just say 53 years later the response on social media was not at all favourable to the BBC suggestion. The link to the 1968 video can be found on the International Celtic Congress Facebook page or [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiF4QI5nIIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiF4QI5nIIY) (below left)



A partnership between Manx-medium primary School in the Isle of Man and Conradh na Gaeilge, Lower Mourne in south Down called **Cassan** has created seven Gaelic language posters. These use words from Manx, Scottish and Irish Gaelic so pupils can learn about the links between the Gaelic languages. These are available to buy so home educators and groups can use them to teach the Gaelic branches of the Celtic languages.

'More Gaelic to be used at Scottish Government under plan to save 'fragile' language', Reports the Scotsman. The Scottish Government wants to 'mainstream' Gaelic among its staff and the public, with hopes the language will be used "more often, by more people and in a wider range of situations". Under proposals, every directorate at the government will be involved in increasing the use of Gaelic. There is a danger Scottish Gaelic becoming moribund and Gaelic communities will die out in 10 years.

*Okay, what are the policies regarding education?*





Now that venues are now open again and once the tourists crowds have mostly cleared away from Kernow we are planning on holding a number of live events. We hope to include music, language and other aspects of Cornish culture by way of talks and film. Urban Kelt are also hoping to restart the Celtic Trad Sessions at the Red Lion in Newquay supporting Celtic Congress Cornwall. We are also looking at organising a ceilidh towards the end of the year.



**\*STOP PRESS\***

Part of the Cornwall Pride Festival will be 'Gooth Kernow' a Celtic /Cornish event on Sunday 29th August on the Killacourt at Newquay. This is being supported by Lowender Peran as part of their outreach work. We will bring news in our next newsletter as well as online.

**Answers to this month's Celtic Quiz**

1. 3,000 feet
2. A peninsula
3. The River Taff
4. Trinity College, Dublin
5. As currently spelt 'Bronn Wennili'
6. Water wheel, the largest in the world that's still operational diameter 72'
7. Water of Life
8. Carnac Stones
9. David Lloyd George
10. Wales
11. Lizard Point
12. St. Patrick's Isle

Huge discontent rages regarding the housing market in Kernow, echoed by our friends in Wales, as 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and Airbnb's take over vast amounts of the existing housing stock. There is pressure to build more homes leading to a detrimental effect on Kernow's environment. Too many young Cornish people, and families are forced to leave Kernow due to unaffordability effecting our acknowledged Cornish national minority status and having serious repercussions for Cornish culture and heritage. Cornish cultural heritage and our way of life is in grave danger.



Housing demonstration in Truro on August 21st



**Answers to June's Cornish Quiz**

1. **Why, on the 17 April 1986, could Scillonians sleep easily in their beds?** *On that day The Kingdom of the Netherlands signed a peace treaty with the Isles of Scilly so bringing to an end the 335-year long war between the two states*
2. **Whose orders were "To sail whatever the wind is."** *These were the orders of the Falmouth Packet Boats*
3. **Where is the Hooting Cairn?** *At Kenidjack in St Just, so called because of the noise the wind makes blowing across the stones.*
4. **Who described what as "But a Christmas Game"?** *A petition to the King from the Cornish described the English Language "Prayer Book Service", introduced by Thomas Cranmer in 1549, as "But a Christmas Game". Only a few particularly learned Cornish could speak English at the time. There was general unrest all around Britain; but the Cornish rose up in armed rebellion and were defeated at Exeter, by Lord Russell (the Duke of Bedford) after laying siege to the city for six weeks. One of the results - the Cornish language was banned by the English Parliament for over 550 years until 2002*
5. **Of which church was Thomas Hardy responsible for the restoration?** *St Juliet near Boscastle.*
6. **Who discovered Titanium and where?** *Parson William Gregor of Manaccan discovered Titanium (aka as Gregorite or Manaccanite) in a stream at Manaccan.*
7. **Whose address is 10 Buckingham Gate, SW1?** *It is the Headquarters of the Duchy of Cornwall.*
8. **Which is the only town to have a mayoral chain of office made of tin?** *St. Just in Penwith.*
9. **What is "God's Grace" or "God's Bounty"?** *Flotsam and jetsam produced by wrecks of the sea. When a lighthouse was proposed for The Lizard Point, local people objected because it would "Take away God's Grace" from them.*
10. **Where is the "Exchequer Quay", and why is it so called?** *It is in Penryn and was established in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I as a quay where goods must be landed, and customs duty paid to the Exchequer.*

We're pleased to say that there is growing interest in our Facebook pages for both **Celtic Congress Cornwall** and also the **International Celtic Congress**. We would love to hear more from all the Celtic Congress branches and other Celtic groups interested in culture and heritage topics from all the Celtic nations to share on the Kernow and International Facebook pages. We're increasingly including issues that involve politics where our Celtic culture and heritage are impacted. **Contact Len: [associationcornishheritage@gmail.com](mailto:associationcornishheritage@gmail.com)**

**Contact:** [celticcongresscornwall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:celticcongresscornwall@hotmail.co.uk) **Chair:** Ray Chubb: [ray@spyrys.org](mailto:ray@spyrys.org)  
**Website:** [www.celticcongresscornwall.co.uk](http://www.celticcongresscornwall.co.uk) **Vice Chair & Publicity:** Len Sheppard: [associationcornishheritage@gmail.com](mailto:associationcornishheritage@gmail.com)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/celticcongresscornwall](http://www.facebook.com/celticcongresscornwall) **Secretary:** Denise Chubb: [denise@spyrys.org](mailto:denise@spyrys.org)  
**Charity:** Registration No' 1125469 **Treasurer:** Jerry Rogers: [jerry\\_rogers1@outlook.com](mailto:jerry_rogers1@outlook.com)



## CELTIC CONGRESS KERNOW AN GUNTELLES KELTEK KERNOW

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

A member of the International Celtic Congress

The International Celtic Congress is an educational and  
cultural organisation who work to promote the mutual  
ideals, cultures and languages of the Celtic people of Europe

**Join us and help support our goals of promoting**

Celtic themes and maintaining interest and knowledge of Celtic historic and cultural heritage

[www.celticcongresscornwall.co.uk](http://www.celticcongresscornwall.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/celticcongresscornwall](https://www.facebook.com/celticcongresscornwall)

Registered Charity Number 1125469



**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

Annual subscription:	Subscription	£ _____
Single: £ 8.00	Donation	£ _____
Family: £12.00		
Group: £20.00	Total	£ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank details for BACS Bank payments**

Name of account: An Guntelles Keltek Kernow  
 Account No: 11039566  
 Sort Code: 55-70-45

**An Guntelles Keltek Kernow**

Thank you for your support and look forward to your participation at our Celtic themed events

Registered Charity Number: 1125469