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Cornish Miner to be Honored in Mexico by Lupita Duarte Clark

It is with great pleasure that I would like to share with my Cornish cousins the upcoming public unveiling of a bust of my great-grandfather, John Davey Clark, in La Aduana, Alamos, Sonora, Mexico on May 1, 2019.

My great-grandfather was born in Cubert, Cornwall on May 2, 1850. He migrated to Mexico in 1881, married Dolores Ybarra and had 5 children.

He lost his life in 1902 when he chose to enter La Quintera mine, to save twenty-six miners. Unfortunately, many miners also lost their lives when the mine caught fire as a result of the ignition of a petroleum tank.

I undertook as my mission to recognize at long last his benevolent and heroic act. I am currently writing his biography to honor him and have him remembered. Anyone who wishes to attend and would



John Davey Clark, center

like further information may call me at 310 346 2987 or e-mail me at dmarialupe@yahoo.com

Kitty Letter: A Message from Your President



Bledhen Noweth Dah, Cousins,

Here we are in 2019, leaving the old year behind us as we plow ever onward. As always, the New Year brings with it a measure of hope and resurgence, but as always, is tinged with a bit of sadness and maybe regret. Let us all have a healthy, happy, positive and productive 2019.

Planning is in full swing for the annual Gathering over the weekend of June 14, 15 and 16, to be headquartered at the historic Sonora Opera Hall. Among our events will be a steam train ride and tour at the 1897 Railtown State Park and a demonstration of Medieval Cornish cooking by our fabulous Robyn Houts.

Registration form and schedule of events will be in the Spring Kenderwi Kernewek.

This Gathering will be my last as your president, at which point we will all be so fortunate to have our new president, Pete Edwards, take over. Pete has a lot of experience and great ideas to bring to our group and I know we are all grateful to him for making the commitment to lead us forward for the next two years. Meur ras, Pete!

The daffodils are breaking ground here at 2400' elevation, soon to be nodding their golden trumpets as Winter makes way for Spring. Seeing them always reminds me of beautiful Cornwall and of Wordsworth's famous lines, "And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils."

Oll an gwella,

Kitty

A Cornish Suffragette

Selina Cooper was born in Callington, Cornwall in 1864, the daughter of Charles Combe and Jane Combe. Selina's father was a labourer and died of typhoid fever when she was 12 whilst he was working away from home. Her mother was left penniless, and as there was little work in Cornwall she decided to take her two youngest children, Selina and Alfred, north with her, to get work in the textiles mills. Her two elder sons, Richard and Charles, were already there. She settled in Barnoldswick in 1876.

Selina Cooper soon found work in the local textile mill. She spent half the day in the factory and the other half at school. She worked as a 'creeler', the person who ensured a constant supply of fresh bobbins. When Selina was 13 she left school and worked full-time in the Mill. Her wages enabled the family to rent a small house close to the mill.

By 1882 Selina's mother was suffering so badly from rheumatism that Selina now had to leave the mill to look after her bed-ridden mother. They made clothes at home and took in washing to make money. Jane Combe died in 1889, and Selina returned to work in the factory. Selina joined the Nelson branch of the Cotton Worker's Union. Although the majority of members were women, the union was run by men. Selina found that the union was less than proactive on women's issues, for example toilets did not have doors, and women were sexually harassed at work.

Selina also founded Women's Co-operative Guild education classes in Nelson. One of their main objectives was to encourage women to "discuss matters beyond the narrow confines of their domestic lives." Selina also began reading books about history, politics and medicine. She used her education to help her fellow workers.

In 1892 the Independent Labour Party (ILP) was formed in Nelson. The fact that they claimed to support equal rights for women attracted Selina, and it was at the local ILP that she met, and in 1896 married, Robert Cooper, a local weaver who was a committed socialist and advocate of women's suffrage.

In 1900 Selina Cooper joined the North of England Society for Women's Suffrage. She helped organise petitions on equal rights for women, and in 1901, she was one of the delegates chosen to present the petition to the House of Commons.



Selina Cooper

**First woman to represent the
Independent Labour Party
Pacifist
Rights Campaigner**

In 1901 Selina stood as an Independent Labour Party candidate in the Poor Law Guardian elections. Women had been allowed to stand as candidates since the passing of the Municipal Franchise Act in 1869, but no working-class woman had ever been elected to one of these bodies. Selina Cooper was elected. She had little success against the establishment in effecting changes to the system.

At the National Conference of the Labour Party in 1905, Selina made a speech urging the leadership to fully support women's suffrage. The following year she helped form the Nelson and District Suffrage Society.

Selina became a full-time National Union of Suffrage Societies organiser and in 1910 she was chosen to be one of the four women to present the case for women's suffrage to Herbert Asquith, the British Prime Minister.

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During World War I, Selina was a pacifist who was totally opposed to military conscription and after its introduction in 1916, became involved in helping those men who were sent to prison for refusing to fight.

After the passing of the Qualification of Women Act in 1918 (women over the age of 30 could now vote), the NUWSS tried to persuade the Labour Party in Nelson to choose Selina Cooper as their candidate in the 1918 General Election. The male-dominated Labour Party refused to adopt her as a candidate for this winnable seat.

Cooper continued to be involved in local politics. She was elected to the town council and became a local magistrate. In the 1930s she played a role in the campaign against fascism.

Selina Cooper died in 1946.

#KernowMatters

“Passing the Narrows” in Port Isaac

In 1869 the Royal National Lifeboat Institution established a lifeboat station at Port Isaac and a boathouse was built on a hill leading down to the east side of the bay. At this time there were two self-righting lifeboats called *Richard* and *Sarah*, powered by a ten-man crew rowing with long oars.

To launch the lifeboat, it first had to be pulled manually on a carriage through the narrow street from the lifeboat house to the harbour.

If you visit Port Isaac, look for the grooves left on the corners of buildings by the ropes.



353 - A Tight Fit with the Lifeboat at Port Isaac



CLIPPER UP LINE THIS AT FIRST, AND GRIMPIN' BITTY OR TWILL BUIST. 51.



Treasure Hunting Pair Unearth Roman Coins in Cornwall

CornwallLive, 8/23/17

A pair of metal detecting enthusiasts have spoken of their disbelief and joy after they unearthed nearly 2,000 Roman coins in a farmer's field in Cornwall.

Mixed up with the money was the remains of a pure tin container, with a handle and lead stopper, which it is believed had once contained the coins. In total there were 1,965 coins found inside a stone-lined pit and they date from 253AD to 274AD.

The hoard was discovered by Kyle Neil, 18, from Scorrier, and Darren Troon, 45, from [Redruth](#). They are members of the metal detecting club Kernow Search and Recovery and had been working together to sweep a recently ploughed farmer's field near [Hayle](#).

Mr Troon said: "We arrived at this field, which had just been ploughed, and off we went in one direction. I then found a Roman coin and within 10 minutes we had over 10 more.

"I knew then that we were on to something. They were all in a little area so I cordoned it off and we carried on. Five minutes later – it was like, 'bingo'.

"We just kept getting a signal. We rolled back the earth and four or five inches down we were looking at bunch of coins. They were dirty but you could clearly see a lot of them looked like the day they were cast. We were buzzing with excitement."

Mr Troon said they knew then that they had hit the jackpot and the group called in an archaeologist. The pair stayed there all day helping to unearth the remarkable find.

He added: "It was a day I don't think we'll ever forget. It took us a couple of days just to calm down. It's amazing to think they've been down there just waiting to be found and there's lot more to find out there."

Mr Neil added that he was looking forward to seeing the coins again, as they were taken away for inspection by Royal Cornwall Museum and the British Museum after their discovery.

While some are badly corroded, dozens of coins are in remarkable condition (if a little dirty) given how long they have been under the ground. Details of the find were revealed at a

Cornwall Coroner's Court where coroner Emma Carlyon officially recorded that the hoard was classed as treasure.

The coins are known as radiates and are all made of bronze with one per cent silver. They were a common currency in the late Roman period. In about 260AD, Briton was part of a breakaway Gallic empire.

The court heard from a report by an expert at the British Museum who was able to identify the following Roman emperors on the coins.

- Valerian, AD 253-60, 3 coins
- Salonina, 14 coins
- Saloninus, 1 coin
- Gallienus, AD 260-8, 130 coins
- Claudius II, AD 268-70, 164 coins
- Divus Claudius II, AD 270, 32 coins
- Quintillus, AD 270, 8 coins
- Aurelian, AD 270-5, 1 coin
- Postumus, AD 260-8, 1 coin
- Postumus (debased), AD 268-9, 6 coins
- Marius, AD 269, 1 coin
- Victorinus, AD 269-71, 188 coins
- Divus Victorinus, 1 coin
- Tetricus I, AD 271-4, 438 coins
- Tetricus II, 200 coins.



Some of the 1965 Roman coins unearthed from a field near Hayle

Roman Coins, cont'd.



Darren Troon and Kyle Neil, who found nearly 2,000 Roman coins in a field near Hayle

Of the rest, 78 coins were of uncertain Gallic origin, there were 54 where the emperor could be seen but not identified and 645 coins which were too badly corroded to be made out.

Perhaps of most interest is the remains of the tin vessel, although little of it has survived. Anna Tyacke, the liaison officer for the Portable Antiqui-

ties Scheme in Cornwall, which records finds, said: "This is a rare type of container for coin hoards, which are more often found in pottery."

She said the Royal Institution of Cornwall, which runs Royal Cornwall Museum, was interested in purchasing the hoard which is now being valued by the British Museum.



Fragments of a tin container which held 1,965 Roman coins. On the left is a curved part of a handle



Examples of Roman Coins of Emperor Saloninus

New Edition Available

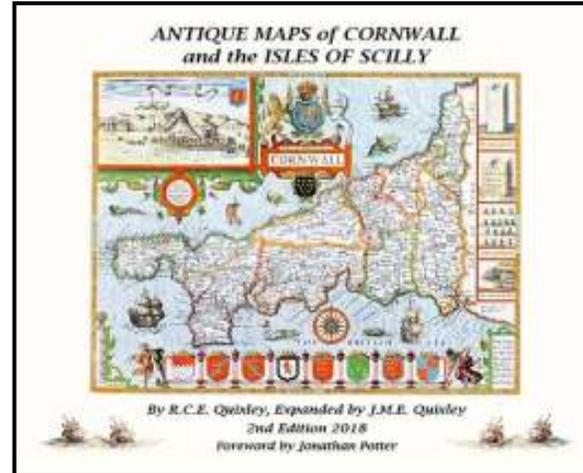
ANTIQUe MAPS OF CORNWALL and THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Cornish Exiles might well be interested in this new edition of "Antique Maps of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly". The book covers maps of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly from Saxton's county map of 1576 through to the mid 1800s.

The first edition of *Antique Maps of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly* was published in 1966. A vital and unique reference for map dealers and to enthusiasts ever since, Bob Quixley had always planned on an updated second edition. However, multiple interests, four children and a successful teaching career made this and impossible task. Retirement appeared to provide the opportunity to realize this dream but failing eyesight made progress frustratingly slow. Attempts to use some external assistance in collating new ideas, cartographers and reference for the new edition were tried with mixed results until son Jon's return from the USA in 2015.



R.C.E. (Bob) and J. M. E. (Jon) Quixley



Growing up in West Cornwall and with an interest in geology and maps inherited from Bob, Jon embarked on a career in the oil industry that took him and his family across the globe. With thoughts of an updated revision to "the book" always in the back of his mind, a return to the UK allowed him the opportunity to take on the task of completing the second edition, a project that had stalled over previous years. Jon took on the not insignificant challenge of not only re-booting the project but adding significant contributions of his own and bringing the long-held ambition of the new edition to final fruition.

For detailed information on the book's contents, go to <https://www.quixleymapbook.com/>.

The ISBN number is 978-1-5272-1503-0 and can be ordered through most good booksellers.

New CCC Member

Our newest Cousin, Patricia Ellis, was "recruited" by a current member and by a contact on Ancestry.com.

Patricia's areas of interest are Reseigh-Cornwall, Grass Valley, New Almaden, San Jose Pooley-Camborne, Wales and San Jose.

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Welcome, Patricia: we hope to meet you at the June Gathering in Sonora.

Chef Launches World's Most Expensive Pasty

We all love pasties but the question is would you pay a tenner for one?

TV chef James Strawbridge, of the Posh Pasty Co, has launched the world's most expensive oggy with the help of the Padstow Pasty Co, with a recommended retail price of £10.95.

So what makes this pasty so special and wallet-munching? Is the steak made of gold, the crimp spun with the finest silk? No, this effectively is the best alternative to that Cornish staple, the crab sandwich, that you will ever taste. Made with white crab meat, 100 per cent Cornish butter pastry, clotted cream, white wine, samphire and seaweed, it's a gourmet pasty like no other.



On the right, Chef James Strawbridge with the poshest pasty.

James launched the pricey pasty in Padstow, home of Michelin restaurants, on Friday afternoon.

Cornwall Live was there as visitors and locals alike bit into the wonderfully soft pastry and gave their verdicts. It was a resounding thumbs up for the seafood slice.

What many people thought of as a one-off treat, others said was actually affordable for the high-quality ingredients. One couple

from Switzerland said that £10 for a pasty wouldn't even be seen as expensive in their country.

James said: "Pasties have been driven down in price and quality. We want to reverse that and show that the pasty should be worth what it's worth. What's wrong with having a gourmet pasty?"

--Lee Trehwela, PlymouthHerald.co.uk



Grass Valley St. Piran's Day

Saturday, March 9, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Grass Valley Cornish Choir

Pasty Olympics

Pasty Bake-Off

City Hall Parking Lot

Corner of Main & South Auburn Streets

Full Details: downtowngrassvalley.com

Just for a Laugh

A Swiss guy visiting Cornwall pulls up at a bus stop where two locals are waiting. "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks.

The two Cornishmen just stare at him.

"Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries.

The two continue to stare.

"Parlare Italiano?"

No response.

"Hablan ustedes Espanol?"

Still nothing.

The Swiss guy drives off, disgusted. The first man turns to the second and says: "Ere, maybe we should learn a foreign language."

"Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him no good."

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