

Forthcoming Talks at Cornish Heritage in Penzance

Tuesday 9th July, 7:00pm. Film Night - Hwerow Hweg (Antal Kovacs). Made in 2001 and set mainly in and around Penzance this love story was the first full length film to be made in Cornish (with English subtitles). The cast includes plenty of people from the Penzance area who many will recognise.

'Take a Look at Cornish Archaeology' Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology 2024

With Laura Miucci, the Finds Liaison Officer for Cornwall 10.30am - 1:00pm on Saturday 13th July

'Take a Look at Cornish Archaeology' will take place on Saturday 13 July, 10.30-1pm, as part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology 2024. There will be games, talks and learning for children and for grown-ups. We will be joined by Laura Miucci, the Finds Liaison Officer for Cornwall who you may remember gave a terrific talk at Cornish Heritage in Penzance earlier this year. We will also be remembering the work of Craig Weatherhill. If you have memories of Craig please drop in so we can record them.

Tuesday 23 July, 7:00pm. 'Penzance Campaigns' - a talk by environmentalist Rachel Yates

Tuesday 27th August, 7:00pm. Dr William Borlase and 'the Present is the Key to the Past' - Professor James Scourse.

Scientific papers and books published in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries contain a wealth of valuable observations that are sometimes overlooked in modern surveys and investigations. In Cornwall this is particularly apposite in the context of the *Transactions of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall* and, in particular, the first systematic account of *The Natural History of Cornwall* by William Borlase published in 1758. In this talk I will describe Borlase's early life and career and highlight the breadth and depth of the observations the Natural History. Borlase's work preceded the advent of Uniformitarianism ("the present is the key to the past") in the earth sciences, pioneered by James Hutton in 1785 and later Sir Charles Lyell in the early nineteenth century; yet many of his observations are Uniformitarian in character i.e. he interprets phenomena in terms of scientific processes that can be observed today rather than referring to catastrophes of the past, notably the Biblical deluge. I will highlight Borlase's interpretation of the Lisbon earthquake and subsequent tsunami in 1755, and of the raised beach at Porth Nanven (Cot Valley) in terms of relative sea level change, as examples of Borlase's scientific acuity and precocious Uniformitarian outlook. I will end by explaining how the Porth Nanven raised beach can be seen as a message from the past informing our future under global warming.

Tuesday 10th September, 7:00pm. The Cornish Ordinalia at St Just - Marie Ann Bloomfield

Tuesday 24th September, 7:00pm. Father Jeff Risbridger - Title TBC

Tuesday 8th October, 7:00pm. The History of Heamoor - Roy Blewett

Cornish Language Classes

The next Cornish language evening will be on Thursday July 4th at Cornish Heritage in Penzance. The session will be from 7:00-9:00pm with refreshments included, with a cost of £3 per evening. The evenings are structured to provide learning with experienced teachers for people of all abilities and an entertaining social evening with games and activities. There will also be the opportunity to join the online classes which will be held for the three weeks in between the monthly classes. You are welcome to turn up on the evening.

Social Media

We are on Facebook - 'Cornish Heritage in Penzance' and on Twitter/X - @CornishCentrePz. Please give these a follow, like or share etc to help get the word out about the events!

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