‘Yeth an Werin’ dates for your diary:
Come along, listen to and speak a little Cornish!

Cardiff: Every first Tuesday from 7.30-10pm at Y Mochyn Du, Sophia Close, Cardiff. For further information, contact Duncan McIntosh at yethanwerinkardydh@gmail.com

Gwinear: Every first Tuesday from 8pm-10pm at The Royal Standard, Churchtown, Gwinear. For further information, contact jori.anSELL@tiscali.co.uk

Heamoor: Every third Wednesday from 8.30-10pm at The Sportsman’s Arms, Heamoor, Penzance. For further information, contact steve.penhaligon@btinternet.com

Helston: Every fourth Tuesday from 8-10pm at The Blue Anchor, Coinagehall Street, Helston. For further information, contact esther.jcroft@aol.com

Launceston: Every second Monday from 7.30-9.30pm at The Bell, Tower Street, Launceston. For further information, contact sarahcooke211@yahoo.co.uk

Porkellis: Every first Monday from 8-10pm at The Star Inn, Porkellis, Helston. For further information, contact steve@kernewek.org.uk

Redruth: Every last Tuesday from 9-10.30pm at The Bridge Inn, Bridge, Redruth. For further information, contact ray@spyrYS.org

St Austell: Every Monday (except bank holidays) from 10am-12pm at The Bell, Tower Street, Launceston. For further information, join the Facebook group http://www.facebook.com/groups/yawtruru

St Ives: Every third Tuesday from 8-11pm at The Cornish Arms, Saint Ives Road, St Ives. For further information, contact tirhatavas@hotmail.co.uk

Truro: Every second and fourth Wednesday from 8-10pm at The Wig and Pen, Frances Street, Truro. For further information, join the Facebook group http://www.facebook.com/groups/yawtruru

For other ‘What’s on’ information, go to Kalendar Kernewek at kalendarkernewek.weebly.com

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Speak Cornish Week is back!
By the time you read this a whole host of events will have taken place across Cornwall and beyond in order to celebrate Speak Cornish Week 2017. In the next issue of Klew! we hope to have lots of photos for you! Send yours on to us! Prag na?
Cornish Language Weekend 2017

The annual Cornish Language Weekend, held on 7th - 9th April at Sandy Lodge Hotel, Newquay, was a great success. It was attended by Cornish speakers of all abilities from near and far.

On the Friday there were “cramming” sessions for those studying for exams, and activities solely in Cornish for fluent speakers. A musical evening was provided by Keur heb Hanow, followed by Jane Kneebone on her guitar leading traditional songs.

Classes at all levels were available on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Saturday afternoon there was an opportunity to learn about the history of Newquay with a walk to the museum and the harbour. Back at the hotel there was a talk about the Porkellis project. After dinner the Cornish dancing, led by Hevva, was as popular as ever. On Sunday afternoon, we were entertained to the story of St Ia and St Uny, recounted in his inimitable fashion by Pol Hodge.

The Pennseythen, which started in 1975, is a wonderful opportunity to practise Cornish at whatever level you wish. It also gives an opportunity to hear about events and projects, and to meet other Cornish speakers from different parts of Britain and even further afield.

Prag Na? Why Not?

This new project has been launched with the aim of getting more people involved in speaking Cornish. It is led by Brian Rogers, who plans to develop a network of social activities that can be run with Cornish at their core.

There are already various places where a Yeth an Werin is held regularly for Cornish speakers to drop in and chat in Cornish. Brian plans to develop wider opportunities, where we can have fun doing a range of activities, but using Cornish.

They will be aimed at everyone - adults, young people, children and families - and encompass any activities, perhaps using Cornish in areas where it may not have been used before. Anything from pasty-making to sky-diving, says Brian (right). It's not just for fluent speakers. They will be social events with the added bonus of learning or practising a bit of Cornish at the same time. So watch out for up-and-coming events! You can see some of our early volunteers in the photo below.

You might want to share a skill or interest but feel that you can’t actually deliver it in Cornish. Well, never mind - there are people who can help with the language bit. Having fun is important! Brian Rogers has been called the “Fun Czar” when talking to Matthi Clarke on Radyo an Gernewegva. Let’s bring the fun into speaking Cornish!

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Gorsedh Proclamation 2017

Saturday 22nd April Cornish bards gathered in Launceston for the Proclamation of the Gorsedh. The bards and local dignitaries processed from the Town Hall to the Town Square for the ceremony to announce that the Gorsedh is to be held in the town in September. The Grand Bard, Merv Davey, spoke about the important part that Launceston has played in the past as the historic capital of Cornwall, and in the present day as the guardian of Cornwall’s border with England. He also referred to Philip Gidley King, the Launceston boy who became Governor of New South Wales, and named the town of Launceston in Tasmania.

This year the town celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Charles Causley, poet and fellow Cornish bard. The Grand Bard presented the Mayor, Brian Hogan, with a framed poem in Cornish, dedicated to Charles Causley and written by Tim Saunders.

The Grand Bard urged us to be positive about Cornwall’s culture, and to challenge misconceptions or negative views expressed in the press. We have been granted National Minority status and must continue to assert our Celtic identity.

The Gorsedh ceremony will be held in Launceston on Saturday 2nd September, with the Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture running from Wednesday 30th August until Sunday 3rd September.

Shop and Summer Events at Kowsva!

Come and visit our shop and office premises in Heartlands, browse the stock and share a cup of tea and a chat with our friendly staff. We’re open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-1pm and we like nothing better than to spend time chatting with our customers and friends about Cornish language and culture, so why not pop along? Prag na?

** Stop press! ** Summer events at Kowsva!
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