

THE GREATER KANSAS CITY CORNISH CONNECTION

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A newsletter of Cornish history, culture and events of interest to the Cornish of Missouri & Kansas

THE ANNUAL GREATER KANSAS CITY CORNISH SOCIETY PICNIC:

Saturday, JUNE 6, 2009
11 am - 3 pm

Sapling Grove Park
(at the shelter)
8210 Grant in Overland Park

Bring a dish to share: side dish, salad, or dessert. We'll provide beverages, meat and buns (and the charcoal), or bring your own meat to grill if you don't care for burgers or hot dogs.

PLEASE RSVP to Nancy Wagner by Wednesday, June 3rd, if possible, so we can better judge amounts to buy for beverages and meat. Nancy's telephone number is: 913-469-5341.

Mini British fair May 16, 10:00 to 5:00

Brits (store) in Lawrence is having a mini-British fair behind their store on May 16 from 10 to 5. Frank and Mary Siegle will be sitting at a Cornish table there. If you've an inclination, come to Lawrence and drop by.

Picnic in the Park!



Directions to Sapling Grove Park

Take Antioch to 83rd and go straight west to Grant; it is on the right hand side of intersection.

Or take 87th to Grant (stop light) and then go north to 8210 Grant and the Park is right there.

2009 Annual Dues may be paid at the Picnic (checks made payable to the Greater Kansas City Cornish Society)

**Individual: \$10/year
Family: \$15/year**

St. Piran's Lunch wrap up

For those of you who were unable to attend, The annual St. Piran's Pasty Lunch in March was, as usual, a well-attended and festive occasion. In addition to eating delicious pasties, salad and dessert:

Keith Moorshead presented the society with a full-sized St. Piran's Flag in honor of Don and Polly Whitman.

Eleanor Symons talked on the history of Cornish railways and her remembrances of them when she lived in Cornwall. She also brought pictures and other items for people to look at after her presentation. And she gave our newly purchased portable microphone and amplifier system its trial run, and it worked great.

It was announced at our brief membership meeting that after serving on the board for many years, Gordon Cotton is resigning as treasurer (see page 3) and so we have a hole now on the board that must be filled. Members of the St. David's Welsh society were in attendance and upcoming Welsh events were also advertised.

Besides our Welsh attendees, we also welcomed several new people who came and experienced what we are all about.

One interesting part of the lunch was a cake frosted as a St. Piran's flag: white cross on black icing (which turned our mouths all black!) Thank you to Nancy Wagner who, in addition to handling many details of the luncheon, ordered that fun cake.

Special thanks are due to Marge Roberts, who handled the pasty ordering and preparation, and her granddaughters, who helped with the preparation, and served the lunch.

And a note for next year: For the past several years, what we have charged for the pasty lunch has been set very low – too low, in fact for us to break even on the event. While no firm decision has been made by the board, the price of the lunch next year will almost certainly be higher, in order to better cover the actual costs of the lunch.

Some pictures from the Pasty Lunch





Reminder!
There is still time to register:

**15th Gathering
of Cornish Cousins**
July 21 - 26, 2009
Grass Valley & Nevada City
California

For more information,
check the web site:
www.cornishgathering.org

**Dew Genough Gordon ha Betty
Goodbye Gordon and Betty**

Founding members Gordon and Betty Cotton are moving out of the area. They will be sorely missed. We wish them well, and we thank Gordon for continuing to maintain the GKCCS website and the years of service and friendship they both have given us.



Become involved with GKCCS:

Can you provide a program or activity for the society? Let us know how you'd like to help!

Are you able to help with our newsletter?

Scouting news of Cornish interest from around the nation and the world

Writing articles

Editing and layout

Mailing

Contact Mary Siegle at sieglefm@sbcglobal.net or 785-5770-8660.

With the coming departure of Gordon Cotton, we are now in great need for someone to step forward to fill the Treasurer's position for the society. The duties are not too time-consuming, but they are essential. ***Please give serious consideration to serving your society in this role.***

From the Maga newsletter for May

Ten finalists singing in various Celtic and Scots languages have been chosen by jury to perform at this year's Nòs Ùr song competition in Inverness in June, and one of the songs shortlisted to be performed at the competition is 'Kernewek Ov Vy' by Phil Innes and Josie Boucharde from Cornwall. and on the internet.

Event organiser Brian Ó hEadhra said: "The number and diversity of submissions was amazing. We received songs in Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Scots, Ulster Scots, Welsh, Cornish, and Breton. "People often think that songs sung in these languages have to be folk or traditional in nature but this competition challenges this preconception. We have all styles of music in the final including rock, pop, rap and acoustic from singers and bands across the Celtic and Scots regions."

Phil Innes entered the competition with a demo of 'Kernewek Ov Vy', a punk song in Cornish which featured in the the 2007 Govynn Kernewek film, 'Nebes Geryow a-dro dhe'n SWF', and he was delighted to hear that the song has been shortlisted to be performed at the competition.

Nòs Ùr, meaning 'new style' in Gaelic, is a Celtic and Scots language competition which will see performers vying for the honour to perform at a grand European final - Liet International Minority Languages Song Competition in The Netherlands in October. First they must win the regional final being held on June 20th at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness, Scotland. Judging is done by experts and via public vote at the competition at the competition in Inverness in June.

The song was written by Phil Innes with Cornish language input from Pol Hodge, and features Josie Boucharde on lead vocals.

The full list of finalists for Nòs Ùr 2009 can be found on the Nòs Ùr myspace site: www.myspace.com/nosur. You can also listen to each of the songs here.

Chons da Phil ha Josie! Good luck Phil and Josie!

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WON'T YOU JOIN US FOR THE PICNIC ON JUNE 6TH?

And One Day After Our Picnic

An opportunity to gather with our near Celtic Kin, the Saint David's Welsh Society of Greater Kansas City:

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 1 pm
Annual Welsh Society Picnic
Antioch Park, 65th & Antioch,
Overland Park, KS
Potluck, meat provided
A-L, Vegetables, Salads, Fruit
M-Z, Dessert, Bread

