

Luxulyan and District Old Cornwall Society

We were very pleased that some 20 plus people came along to our inaugural meeting on 18 March when Len Sheppard, publicity officer for the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies gave us an insight into the important work of the organisation.

The main objectives are:

- To collect, record and share information about Cornish history, place-names, folk-lore, traditions, dialect, music, industries etc.
- To protect the natural beauty of Cornwall
- To encourage the study and use of the Cornish Language
- To preserve Cornish Antiquities and relics of the past

Membership is open to all whatever regardless of age and whether or not you have Cornish ancestry; we welcome all who care about Cornwall's distinctiveness.

Membership entitles you to attend lectures and other Cornish events and to interact with like-minded people whose aim is preserve what we hold dear about Cornwall.

Sadly the former Luxulyan Old Cornwall Society folded a few years ago but we believe this area with its rich and diverse heritage needs such a society. There are thriving Old Cornwall Societies in the neighbouring towns of Lostwithiel, Par and St Austell; however the area to the north and west of Luxulyan is not covered. For this reason we have decided to re-start as the Luxulyan and District Old Cornwall Society as we particularly wish to include our neighbouring "china clay" villages and we hope to attract new members from this wider area.

We have a varied and interesting programme of events planned for the remainder of this year; our regular meeting night will be the third Thursday of the month, details of special events and outings will be published in the Granite Towers as well as on our Facebook page. Non- members are welcome to attend but we hope you will decide to join us for the very modest fee of £6 per annum. This will entitle you to attend talks and other Cornish events and to interact with like-minded people whose aim is preserve what we hold dear about Cornwall.

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday 30 June 2019: Visit to Prideaux Hillfort, led by Roger Smith. Meet: Luxulyan Church at 2pm and walk to Prideaux via the Saints Way. We will have access to the hillfort, by courtesy of the landowner, Yvonne Thomas, who will also very kindly provide a cream tea. Roger will then lead us back through Luxulyan Valley. For those not wishing to walk from Luxulyan, there is limited parking at Great Prideaux (SX 05789 55911 or PL24 2SS).

Thursday 18 July 2019: Evening Guided Walk, mainly via footpaths, led by Malcolm Gould from Rescorla Heritage Centre to Carloggas Downs via Lantern. Meet at Rescorla at 6 pm and return there around 8pm for refreshments. Enjoy the beautiful views from Carloggas Downs and learn of the history of this area. If the weather is unsuitable for walking, Malcolm will show local history films at the Rescorla Heritage Centre instead.

Sunday 18 August 2019: Guided Walk to Castilly Henge. This is an opportunity to visit the oldest Scheduled Monument in Luxulyan parish and one of the few Neolithic henges in Cornwall. Recently volunteers organised by Cornwall Archaeological Unit have cleared the bank and ditches. This area was enclosed quite late and appears to have had importance in the prehistoric period, with barrows and other features. We will walk to Innis Chapel which is described in its Listing as 'a Wayside Bible Christian chapel sited several listed tombs, including the c1840's tomb of Quaker Thomasine Bryant, mother of William O'Bryan.

Meet: Innis Downs at 2pm. Free parking is available along the slip road leading from the roundabout (SX 02959 62861). . The field path to Innis Chapel may be muddy but it is otherwise a flat, easy walk of 1-2 miles. Finish approximately 4.30 pm.

For further details come along to our open afternoon on 11 May or contact the Secretary, Ros Hayward, 01726 852262 or 07929 747397

Photos, top left: Prideaux Hillfort, top right: Castilly Henge
Below: Views from Carloggas Downs



