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To All Old Cornwall Societies for which we have contact details, March 2020

What a strange year this is turning out to be. The word “unprecedented” is being used very appropriately.

While St Ives OCS and St Columb Major OCS have been fortunate enough to hold their 100-year and 50-year celebrations, Par OCS have had to postpone their 70-year event in May and the Federation have cancelled their June centenary event.

Now that all Old Cornwall Society activities have been suspended you may be thinking there is nothing you can do for the OCS. I have two suggestions that may help. One is for the worst-case scenario and the other is looking to the future.

1) Worst case scenario – Have you let a trusted person know the passwords that you use, both for your own personal use and for OCS administration activities? This could include passwords for the computer, social media and banking. If you choose to leave the information in a safe place make sure a trusted person knows where that safe place is. This is a sensible thing to do in case you can't access them yourself whatever the circumstances.

2) On a happier note and looking to the future, how about keeping a diary during the current situation. We are in serious lockdown and there are many ways you, your family and your community are being affected, as well as the wider community of Cornwall. What we are experiencing is a global event and is affecting people in different ways in different areas. It will be helpful to future researchers to get a sense of our experiences. Look how useful Samuel Pepys diaries have been and how much they are referred to and quoted. It is up to all of us in the Old Cornwall movement to be recorders of local events and this is everyone's opportunity to do just that.

Long may the work of Old Cornwall societies continue as there is still much work to be done.

Stay well, stay home

Karin