

Message from Federation President, Karin Easton



When I was invited to be the next Federation President I knew that during my time in office the Federation would be celebrating 100 years of Old Cornwall Societies. This will be during 2020 commencing with St Ives celebrating their centenary in January of that year. Following on there will be several events throughout the year with a special Centenary Celebration instead of a Summer Festival on Saturday 13th June 2020.

I have just returned from an excellent weekend in Newquay at Lowender Peran which celebrated its 40th anniversary linking Cornwall with the other Celtic nations. The Lowender Peran Directors are making plans to mark the centenary of the Old Cornwall Societies during their festival in November 2020. I am looking forward to working with them in showcasing the contribution of Old Cornwall Societies in researching and recording evidence of Cornish cultural heritage, especially with dance, music and song.

Before that we can look forward to the Winter Festival in Bodmin on Saturday 24th November when the latest Federation publication will be launched (we had a preview at Lowender Peran).

Next year the festivals are about as far west and as far east as you can go with the Summer Festival in St Just on 6th July, and the Winter Festival in Torpoint on 23rd November. This should make at least one accessible to far-flung Cornish residents during that year, and I hope as many of you as possible will make the effort to attend and find out more about these different regions of Cornwall.

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Karin Easton