

Issue 58 Foreword

Now I was at Trevithick Day a few weeks backlong now and it was some lovely day.

What I like most about these days is meeting people who read Cornish World and having a yarn with them. That way you get to know what bits of the magazine people do like and what bits they aren't so fussed about.

It's enlightening and encouraging that people come from all over the world to these great Cornish events.

Dancers at Trevithick Day. Picture by Nigel Pengelly.

Pat Jackson, long time subscriber of Cornish World, called into the Cornish World stall at Trevithick Day for a chat.

Pat was over from Delaware, USA, meeting Cornish cousins and friends.

Now what Pat was saying to me at Trevithick Day was something that was very interesting and something that I had never thought about before.

She said that people in Cornwall go over to Camborne, down to Porthleven, go up to Truro, go down west if it's anywhere past Penzance and go up to north country if it's anywhere past Redruth.

Now we all go up Camborne Hill, because that is a hill, yet going to Truro is not uphill. It's not where it is on the map either, some people think that if somewhere is lower down on the map then it's downhill. You can live in Wadebridge and go up to Penryn.

I also discovered that if there are two places that you go up to, like Penryn and Truro, then you go over from one to the other.

I adopt this lingo at breakfast time in our house where Serena Pengelly (my wife), Joseph Pengelly (first boy), Jago Pengelly (youngest boy) and the dog are all manically fluffing around the kitchen, scattng things over, bumping into each other when all trying to organise our breakfasts.

So I'll be making my croust and want to get something from the cupboard and I say: "I'm going up to the cupboard then over to the fridge.

"Look out, I'm going down to the table now."

Soon the kitchen is full of people shouting 'going up, over to and down to' different parts of the kitchen.

I did try once to give places of importance at breakfast time names, like 'I'm going down St Just' to mean 'out my way, I'm carrying my toast back to the table'.

This didn't work as well as I had hoped; no one knew what I was on about and Joe said: 'Why is daddy taking his toast to St Just?'

Joe, who is four, saves most breakfasts with his breakfast joke.

We've all heard it many times, but it's still funny.

Joe says: 'Who wants some herbal tea?'

'Why herbal tea,' we reply.

'Because all proper tea is theft,' retorts our young anarchist.

On the front cover is a Cornwall Tourist Pass that can be used to get great discounts on days out, food, drink and other great places to visit in Cornwall. The pass is valid for a weekend in June and a weekend in July.

So wherever you go in Cornwall; over to, down to or up to – be sure to use the pass to rediscover how great Cornwall is and how many great things there are to do.

I'm off to many more shows and events this summer so do come up for a chat and tell me your stories and keep me amused (or perhaps I'll try to amuse you).

Perhaps your stories will end up in my foreword; I hope so.

I don't want to start writing vacuous 'from the editor/welcome' pieces about the weather and what's in the magazine – anybody would think I wasn't from down here.

Have a good summer.

Sowena,

Nigel Pengelly, Editor