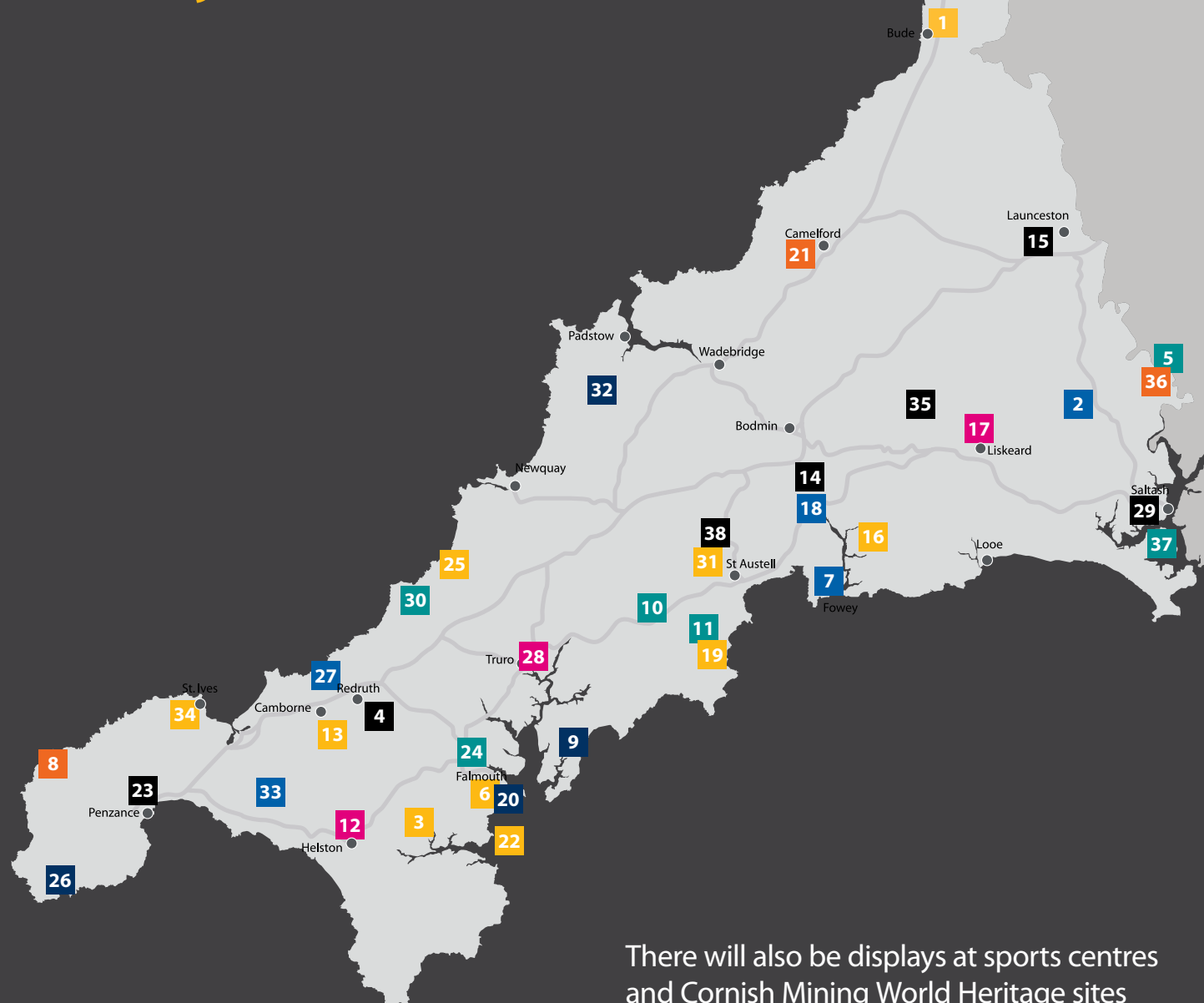


# Celebrating sporting history in Cornwall



The Cornish Archives Network (CAN) and Cornwall Museums Group (CMG) have joined forces to raise awareness of their fantastic collections of sport-related documents, photographs and objects. Supported by Cornwall Record Office (CRO) and the Museum Development Team (MDT) this project brings together a superb range of events and exhibitions for lovers of sport and history across the county alongside Kernocopia, the Cultural Olympiad project.

There will also be displays at sports centres and Cornish Mining World Heritage sites across Cornwall during the summer of 2012 and in the Heritage Pavilion at the Royal Cornwall Show. See [www.visitcornwallmuseums.co.uk](http://www.visitcornwallmuseums.co.uk) or [www.cornwall.gov.uk/cro](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cro) for more details.

## Donating/depositing records or objects

If you are a member of a sporting organisation with archives or objects that you think might be better housed in a museum or archive, or have a personal collection that you would like to donate or deposit, please contact your local museum or community archive. For more general advice or for collections that cover the county, please contact Cornwall Record Office (via **01872 323127** or **cro@cornwall.gov.uk**) or the Museum Development Team (via **joannamattingly@btinternet.com**).

16 July - 24 August



**1 Design on Track**  
Bude Castle Heritage Centre  
Tel: 01288 357 300  
Chris Jarvis, a retired GP, has travelled with the British cycling team to the Olympics, Paralympics and with the English team to the Commonwealth games. Chris is loaning his collection of Olympic posters to the Centre for display and local schools will be asked to design Olympic or sport posters, stamps and t-shirts to display alongside the original Olympic posters.

13 April - 28 October



**2 Keels, Kayles and Bowls**  
Callington Heritage Centre  
Tel: 01579 389 506  
Throughout the towns and villages of South East Cornwall there is evidence for the ancient Cornish version of skittles - called keels or kayles. At Callington Heritage Centre the sport's history is traced through numerous references to this sport, as well as bowls. Was this the upper class version of keels? Visit the exhibition to find out!

1 July - 1 September



## Pilchard Tails and Other Sports in Constantine

**Constantine Heritage Centre**  
Tel: 01326 341 353  
Constantine once had two football clubs, a bowling club, a rugby club and tennis club. It also had the Constantine Pilchard Tails cycling club. One Constantine family provided a seven-a-side rugby team for Penryn, while local characters such as Dix (Harry Phillips) played darts. This exhibition will explore Constantine's rich and humorous sporting heritage.

2 August - 1 September



## Discover Cornwall's Sporting Heritage

**Cornish Studies Library**  
Tel: 01209 216 760  
This exhibition of photographs, books, newspapers and original manuscript sources will explore the history of sport in Cornwall. Sports featured will include Cornish wrestling, gig rowing and rugby. The exhibition will highlight the George Ellis Collection of sporting photographs from the late 1930s to the 1960s, as well as original historic documents from Cornwall Record Office. A children's art workshop with 'Beano' cartoonist Nick Brennan will launch the exhibition at 10.30am on 2 August. Pre-booking is advisable.

2 April - 4 November



Photograph by Lee Searle

## 5 Croquet on the Bowling Green

**Cotehele House**  
Tel: 01579 351 346  
Here's an opportunity for great aunts to trounce their great nephews and nieces at croquet and play other old sports and games too. The games are available every day for your pleasure.

23 June - 8 September



## 6 Soaring Spirits

**Falmouth Art Gallery**  
Tel: 01326 313 863  
This unique exhibition, staged to coincide with the Olympics and Paralympics, will show how challenge can lead to great artistic achievement. All of the artists on display have attained new levels in art as a result of overcoming their own personal challenges. Indeed, they are a catalyst for their genius, enriching and energising their work. The exhibition looks at inspiring examples from the 18th century to the present day and will feature works by artists including Henri Matisse, Bryan Pearce, Patrick Woodroffe and Edward Lear.

9 April - 27 October



## 7 Fowey Sport Home and Away

**Fowey Museum**  
Tel: 01726 852 458  
Fowey Museum will celebrate, in a new exhibition, the variety of sports that have taken place in Fowey, and the people who played them. Local hero, Percy Seymour Varco, who played professional football with Aston Villa and later became mayor of Fowey features, as well as 'Charlie' Rundle who played football for Tottenham Hotspur. There will be photographs, trophies, medals and memorabilia on display.

See website for dates



## 8 Hand Drilling Activity

**Geevor Tin Mine**  
Tel: 01736 788 662  
Hand-drilling competitions used to be run regularly during the Geevor Gala, part of the social side of mining life. A panel describing this is on the first floor of the Hard Rock Museum at Geevor. A hand-drilling activity will be available to try regularly every school holiday. Open 1.30-3pm, see [www.geevor.com](http://www.geevor.com) for details.

6 April - 27 October



## 9 60 Years in Gerrans Parish

**Gerrans Heritage Centre**  
Tel: 01872 580274  
This exhibition focuses on Gerrans parish and its characters from 60 years ago to the present day. Including sports personalities like Tom Sharp (a cricket captain) and football, cricket and triathlon memorabilia, also Mr Perryman's football cups and medals. The local school and regattas will also feature.

1 September, 11am-6pm



## 10 Sport in Grampound

**Grampound with Creed Heritage Centre**  
Tel: 01726 882 734  
The people of Grampound have always been keen on sport. Football has been played in the village for at least a hundred years and records show that there were bowls players there in Tudor times. Cornish wrestling and hurling have also featured in the village's past as have cricket, tennis and table tennis. Come along on Carnival Day and find out about our rich sporting heritage!

1 March - 31 October



## 11 Duck Egg Record Cricket Bat

**Lost Gardens of Heligan**  
Tel: 01726 845 100  
Mrs Tremayne was presented with a curious cricket bat in 1868 after getting the duck egg (score of zero) record. Made by R Palk and WLS Trelawney, who described themselves as artisans of Heligan, the bat includes a flattened tea spoon, coins and tokens, and the initials MT. The small display will also feature photographs of the Tremayne family at this date.

2 April - 31 October



## 12 Bob Fitzsimmons and other Helston sporting personalities

**Helston Museum**  
Tel: 01326 564 027  
A new display of sporting memorabilia featuring Helston's sporting hero, boxer Bob Fitzsimmons. Including local items and objects from around the world.

31 March - 1 April



## 13 34th International Mining Games

**King Edward Mine**  
Tel: 01209 714 681  
The International Mining Games will be held in the UK in 2012 for the first time in its 34 year history. Hosted by Camborne School of Mines, most competitions will take place at King Edward Mine. The games are very competitive and began in 1978 in honour of 91 miners killed in the 1972 Sunshine Mine disaster, Idaho, USA. The six games are jackleg drilling, mucking, track stand, gold panning, hand steeling and surveying.

1 March - 4 November



## 14 Historic Attitudes Towards Sport (1485 - 1714)

**Lanhydrock House**  
Tel: 01208 265 963  
The library at Lanhydrock House contains 3000 volumes. Housed in the spectacular 35 metre Long Gallery, it is one of the most important collections of rare books in Europe. This exhibition will draw on the rich collection to show how sport was viewed through Tudor and Stuart eyes. It will reflect on the popularity of Tudor folk games and follow the decline of sport before and after the British civil war and its resurgence of popularity with the 1660 Restoration of the monarchy.

**Cornwall's Sporting Histories**  
Kernow  
Events and exhibitions 2012



If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:  
Cornwall Council  
County Hall, Treyew Road  
Truro TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 100  
Email: [enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@cornwall.gov.uk)  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

Follow us on Twitter @cornwallcouncil

Join us on Facebook

Printed on recycled paper  
JN29641 April 2012





2 April - 2 November

15



**Sporting Activity in Launceston, 1880-1960**

Lawrence House Museum  
Tel: 01566 773 277

An exhibition of costume, memorabilia and photographs of Launceston sporting activities, 1880-1960.

23 - 24 June

16



**Lerryn's Sporting Heritage**

Lerryn History Society  
Tel: 01208 873 621

A small exhibition will be put on to coincide with the River Lerryn Yacht Squadron's summer solstice event. Photographs will feature Lerryn Regatta, including pillow fights, and Lerryn's 'Jumping Postman', Percy Barrett, who jumped 5 inches higher than his nearest competitor when representing Cornwall at Crystal Palace in 1899!

16 March - 15 April

17



**Sporting Liskeard**

Liskeard Museum  
Tel: 01579 346 087

An exhibition tracing the triumphs and disasters of Liskeard's sports clubs, the stories of the area's famous sportsmen and women, and the history of sport in a mining and agricultural community.

6 July - 17 September

18



**Anyone for Tennis?**

Lostwithiel Museum  
Tel: 01208 873 005

A window display of artefacts relating to early tennis and cycling activities in the town. Photographs of these and other local sporting activities and memorabilia will also be included to celebrate the Olympics. Additional sports related artefacts and photographs can be seen in the museum.

1 April - 31 October

19



**Mevagissey Sporting Heroes**

Mevagissey Museum  
Tel: 01726 843 568

Jonathan Barron, who became the Great Britain amateur snooker champion in 1970-2, was born in Mevagissey. Rather than turn professional - he could have been the next Ray Reardon - he retired back to his home town. Mevagissey is also known for its water polo teams. Trophies and other memorabilia, including a dolls house from the Barron family, will be on show.

2 May - 24 June

20



**Our Sporting Life: Sail for Gold**

National Maritime Museum Cornwall  
Tel: 01326 313 388

Immerse yourself in 112 years of triumph and glory at this extraordinary exhibition celebrating Britain's Olympic and Paralympic sailing heritage. Hosted by the Royal Yacht Association, with Our Sporting Life, discover how Britain cemented its place as the most successful Olympic and Paralympic sailing nation through captivating anecdotes, photographs, keepsakes - and the boats - of those heroes who made sailing history. See website [www.nmmc.co.uk](http://www.nmmc.co.uk)

14 May - 29 June

21



**Faster, Higher, Stronger**

North Cornwall Museum  
Tel: 01840 212 954

This exhibition will feature the cycling prints of artist Jacqueline Jarvis, and the Olympic poster collection of Chris Jarvis. Chris was for many years doctor to the Olympic and Paralympic athletes. Image courtesy of Jacqueline Jarvis.

July - August see website for specific dates

22



**Grand Medieval Joust**

Pendennis Castle  
Tel: 01326 316 594

Experience the pageantry of a medieval joust and enjoy the thrills and spills as you cheer on your favourite knight. There's plenty of laughter with entertainment from our jester, plus medieval games to play and a knights training school for children. This full day out gives a great insight into life at the castle during the medieval period with music, dance, falconry displays and much, much more. See [www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/pendennis-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/pendennis-castle) for details.

18 May - 18 August

23



**One and Ball: Football, Hurling, Rugby and other ball games in West Cornwall**

Penlee House Gallery and Museum  
Tel: 01736 363625

Penlee House's nod to the Olympics 2012 will be a celebration of the ball skills of West Cornwall men, women and children through photographs and artefacts. From hurling, bowls and football in the 16th century, to cricket, rugby and golf, the exhibition will also feature the 1987 programme of one of the most daunting fixtures of all times: Manchester United v. Mousehole!

10 April - 30 November

24



**Ancient and Modern Sports in Penryn**

Penryn Museum  
Tel: 01326 372 158

Penryn's sporting history goes back a long way. Real tennis was played here in the Tudor period and in 1735 Samuel Enys lost a guinea at a cock fight at Tremough. Home to a bowling green by 1711, the town also boasts one of Cornwall's best rugby clubs. Artefacts such as velvet rugby caps and photographs will be used to tell this fascinating, and continuing, story.

5 April - 27 October

25



**Sport 2012**

Perranzabuloe Museum  
Tel: 01872 573 612

The museum will host three sporting displays: one focusing on the history of Cornish wrestling in the parish; one celebrating the fiftieth anniversary (in 2012) of the local rugby football club, and a third celebrating over a century of tennis in Perranporth.

21 July - 31 October

26



**Torchbearers: Relaying the Message**

Porthcurno Telegraph Museum  
Tel: 01736 810 966

In the early to mid-twentieth century, undersea telegraph cables played a vital role in carrying Olympic stories around the world; bearing the torch of the Olympic spirit. This new exhibition takes historic stories from our archives including that of telegraph worker turned Olympian, Fijian boxer Hector Hatch. It also explores how the world's largest telegraph cable station at Porthcurno coped with increased telegraph traffic during Games gone by. The exhibition celebrates the start of the London 2012 Olympic Torch relay from Land's End, giving museum visitors a chance to experience the spirit of the Games past and present.

2 April - 31 October

27



**The History of Rugby, Football and Cricket in Redruth**

Redruth Town Museum  
Tel: 01209 215 084

The Museum will be displaying books of photos of Redruth rugby players, as well as fixtures, records of county teams and teams visiting the area. In addition shirts, club ties and trophies will also be on display alongside photos of local football and cricket teams.

3 July - 31 August (Tues-Sat)

28



**Cornish Sport**

Royal Cornwall Museum  
Tel: 01872 272 225

Cornish sport is included as part of the history of Cornwall in the main gallery display. Wrestling trophies and a belt won by the Chapmans of St Wenn, hurling balls and rugby memorabilia are all on display. A star exhibit is the rugby ball signed by the Cornish team in 1991 when they won the County Championship.

7 April - 24 November

29



**Fire Beacons to Fibre Optics**

Saltash Heritage Museum and Local History Centre  
Tel: 01752 848 466

This new exhibition about communication will also feature a small display of photographs, memorabilia and models of gigs, reflecting the history of the Caradon Pilot Gig Club, whose base is in Saltash and whose men's 'A' team were world champions from 1995-2001. Most famous of their boats is the 'Ann Glanville' built in 1900 and named after a Saltash woman who rose to fame as a rower, winning races with her all-female crew.

6 April - 31 October

30



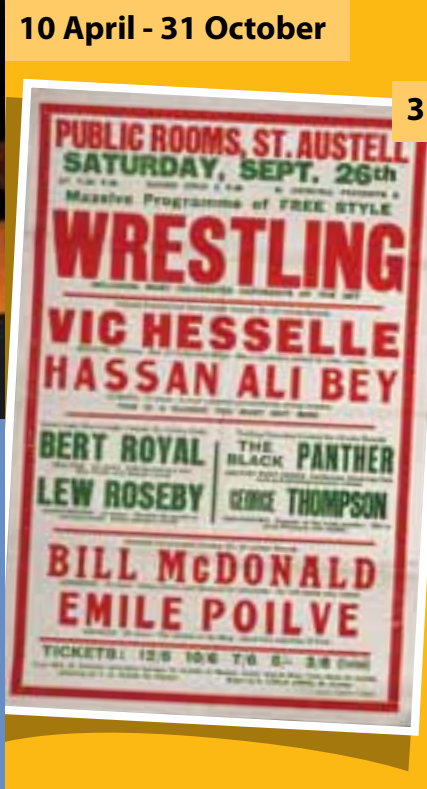
**Sport in St Agnes**

St Agnes Museum  
Tel: 01872 553228

A new display highlighting the rich diversity of St Agnes' sporting heritage. We have thriving clubs for mainstream sports, and in decades past the parish enjoyed displays of sheaf pitching, hurling and wrestling. Trevaunance has played host to regattas featuring gig rowing and American troops stationed here in World War II even brought softball to the area!

10 April - 31 October

31



**Forty Years of Sport in Posters**

St Austell Museum  
Tel: 01726 73110

Sports posters from the Melville and Joyce Robins collection will be on display throughout 2012. The posters were printed in St Austell between 1916 and the 1950s and include wrestling, boxing, water polo, football, speedway and much more.

27 July - 12 August

35



**Three Cheers for St Neot**

St Neot Local Historians  
Tel: 01579 320 669

This exhibition sets out to dispel the myth that nothing sporty ever happened in St Neot. It will focus on two St Neot wrestlers who took part in the Cornwall championship as well as cricket and football teams. St Neot's chief claim to fame is as the venue for Smite - a cross between French boules and bowling - invented locally.

1 June - 31 October

36



**Sporting Heritage of Calstock Parish**

Tamar Valley Centre (Calstock Parish Archive)  
Email: [enquiries@calstockhistory.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@calstockhistory.org.uk)

The archive has a collection of photographs, programmes, cuttings, memories and correspondence covering the sporting heritage of Calstock over the last century. Sports covered include village cricket, darts and football: local boy, Mike Trebilcock, who played for Everton is also featured, as well as information on numerous regattas held on the Tamar.

7 - 10 April

32




**St Eval at Work and Play**

St Eval Archive  
Tel: 01841 520 393

An exhibition of the digital archive of the St Eval people and place. An opportunity to view and contribute to the archive which includes photographs of St Eval parishioners at work and play, including St Eval Sports Day. There will be sport and games, and refreshments provided!

12 - 27 May

33



**History of Sport around Mount's Bay**

St Hilary Heritage Centre  
Tel: 01736 710 229

A historical photographic exhibition of local sport to coincide with the passage of the Olympic Torch through our area. The four parishes of St Hilary, Ludgvan, Marazion and Parranuthnoe have a rich sporting heritage. From bowling to cricket and many more there will be photos to interest locals and visitors alike.

11 - 12 May

37




**Sport around Torpoint 1900 - 2000**

Torpoint Archives  
Tel: 07530 976 981

A display of photos from the collection focusing on sport, 1900-2000, as well as a slideshow presentation of photos and the chance to do some family history research into Torpoint's people and places.

10 July - 31 August

38



**Played in Clay Country: The Sporting Heritage of an Industry**

Wheal Martyn  
Tel: 01726 850 362

A special exhibition celebrating the area's sporting heritage, from the school and local football, rugby and hockey leagues, tug-of-war, Cornish wrestling to 'Press Cake Racing', a unique sporting tradition created by the area's clay workers. Visitors can also discover how Cornwall's china clay industry has contributed to London's 2012 Olympics and how it has become a vital constituent of many iconic sporting products, such as the golf ball. Some of our finest sporting trophies and shields will also be on display.