

Re-establishing the TCA in 1994

The history of the Toronto Cornish Association for the past 140 years has been following the same path as similar communities in the worldwide Cornish diaspora. Not only was the initial announcement to “organize a society” in Toronto made in 1873, around the same time as were organizations formed in South Africa, South Australia and New South Wales, but later, in the early 1900’s, these organizations also morphed into groups of second or third generation Cousin Jacks and Jennies who wished to keep alive Cornish customs and celebrate Cornish achievements.

In 1994, with a rekindling of the enthusiasm for Cornish culture around the world, John Tyacke took the initiative to re-establish the TCA and we were among the many branches established in Canada, USA, Australia, and New Zealand.



John, a truly *renaissance man*, has interests in a multitude of activities, including birding, philately, genealogy and all areas of history, both local and worldwide. And with his family roots firmly established in the oyster farms on the Helford River in Cornwall, and his commitment to the Courtney Library in Truro, Cornwall, it is of no surprise that he took this initiative.

John, we thank you, we salute you, a Bard in all but name.