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Experience a Cornish Christmas at Botallack Count House

Visitors to the National Trust's Botallack Count House near St Just will be treated to a distinctly Cornish Christmas this December with events including traditional Cornish dancing, Cornish carol singing and interactive storytelling.

Festivities at the Count House commence on Saturday 7 December when The Penzance Guizers will demonstrate traditional Cornish folk dancing and music in traditional Cornish costume.

Participants will be guided through basic steps, learning some Troyl and Furry dances and learn the meaning of the language used across Traditional Celtic Folk Dance.

On Sunday 8 December visitors can follow Dee and Dave Brotherton, Tir ha Tavas, on a seasonal journey of songs and words about Cornwall. Inspired by the beauty and wildness of Cornwall, the duo will perform songs and offer readings in both Cornish and English.

On Saturday 14 December Cornish author, illustrator, and storyteller Alasdair Hoswell invites families to experience the magic of Cornwall through stories and hands-on activities. His interactive workshop, based on his book, *Cornwall, The Land You Can Count On*, will include Cornish-themed arts and crafts, counting games, singing, and imaginative play.

On Sunday 15 December Sally Burley and Hilary Coleman will host an evening of stories and song about Cornish carolling. Audience members can learn about the continuity and revival of the Cornish carolling tradition and join in an optional sing along.

Jade Bone, Senior Programming and Partnerships Officer for the National Trust Mining Sites, said: 'It's wonderful to celebrate Cornish distinctiveness with local performers in a beautiful setting. Our events are timed to allow our visitors to enjoy some time with us, but to also hopefully attend other festive events in the St Just area.'

Booking for all these events is advisable at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/botallack>


Alongside these ticketed events is an exhibition telling of traditions old and new and important people within these Cornish traditions. Seasonal treats and refreshments will be available to buy from the Count House Café daily.

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