**THE kernow king is Trevithick!**

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Some people know him at The Kernow King, some people know him from last year’s panto at the Hall for Cornwall, but from the 12th May, he’s got a new name. It’s Trevithick!. Ed Rowe, Cornwall’s much-loved Kernow King will be premiering his new show, “Trevithick!” at The Poly, on 12th May.

"Trevithick!" is a biographical comedy that will light a fire in your bellies, bring joy to your heart and set your brain whirring like a four way valve on a steam engine. This is the true story of a man who was as much an artist and magician as he was an engineer.

Born in Tregajorran in Cornwall, Richard Trevithick revolutionised the use of steam as a successful and profitable means of energy, much to the annoyance of his rivals. Industrial developments were rife with competition, fear, accidents and death in 1800 Great Britain, but it was Trevithick's passion and genius that led to steam power being put on rails and roads- the first trains and cars. Although it was never easy.

"Trevithick!" is ‘bursting’ with music, comedy and facts and still relevant to the world we live in today. It accurately brings to the stage the story of a man who was so dedicated and obsessed by engineering, he left his family in Cornwall whilst he mined in South America for eleven years.

"Trevithick!" is the gripping story of not just one of Cornwall's greatest sons, but one of the greatest men in history, steeped in accolade and loved by many but who's life was tinged with tragedy. Directed by Kneehigh's Associate Director Simon Harvey, starring Kernow King and much loved actress, Mary Woodvine.

Tickets: £12 Adult / £10 Concession/£8 Children (incs. £1 Poly Fund). Available at Poly box office (10:00-19:00, Tuesday to Saturday), by calling 01326 319461 or online at [www.thepoly.org](http://www.thepoly.org).

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