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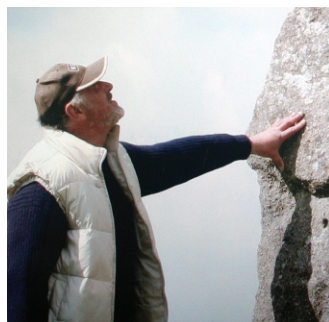
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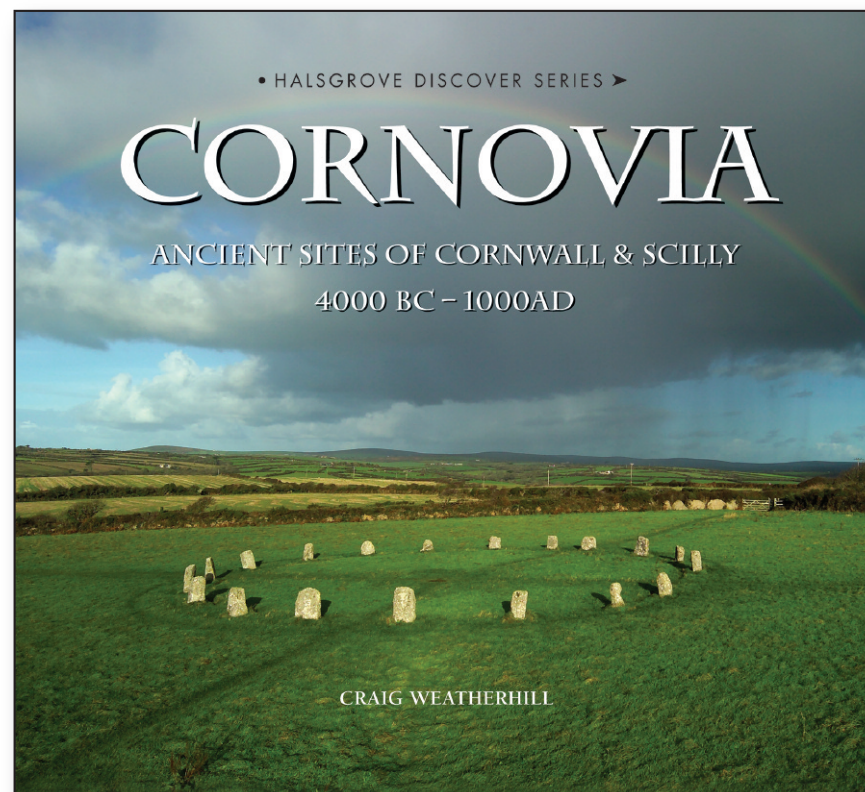
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**Castle an Dinas**  
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**Maltra Quoit** (South W Cornwall)  
This is a Neolithic chambered tomb, built of local granite. It was discovered in 1877 during a pipe-laying operation. Early reports described a monument similar in appearance to Chis and Sennen. The 1977 investigation found a number of stones of the same type as those used in the monument, and drawing revealed what is believed to have been the capstone. This measures approximately 1.5m by 2.0m, corresponding to the dimensions given in the early reports. It also bears the regularly hoof-shaped mark that legend claims was left there by King Arthur when he lay on his back, close to where the dolmen stood, by the local branch of the Old Cornwall Society.

**11. Castle Dore, hill fort, Goleen**  
OS 1031580. Roads the B1209, 2½ miles N of Fowey on E side of the road.  
An Iron Age fort with two ramparts. The inner one is as much as 4.6m high externally and is circular, with a ditch. For much of its circuit, this is closely followed by an outer bank which reaches a height of 1.8m, with an inner ditch originally 1.2m deep but now only partially preserved and 1.8m in depth. On the E side, this outer bank and ditch bulge away from the inner one to form a roughly triangular answer, through which passes the entrance. The overall dimensions of the fort are 120m by 15m. Excavations in 1958-7 revealed that the fort was built c. 200 BC, and the defences had been strengthened c. 50 BC. The occupants had been prehistoric farmers and metalworkers.

**12. The Devil's Cove, prehistoric dolmen (SW 9226/93) lies in an enclosure on the S side of the minor road leading E from the forthcoming roundabout on the A30, 5 mile from the roundabout. Fragments of this Neolithic dolmen were found in 1977 during a pipe-laying operation. Early reports described a monument similar in appearance to Chis and Sennen. The 1977 investigation found a number of stones of the same type as those used in the monument, and drawing revealed what is believed to have been the capstone. This measures approximately 1.5m by 2.0m, corresponding to the dimensions given in the early reports. It also bears the regularly hoof-shaped mark that legend claims was left there by King Arthur when he lay on his back, close to where the dolmen stood, by the local branch of the Old Cornwall Society.**

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