

Tom Bawcock's Eve

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In the fishing village of Mousehole Cornwall, today 23rd December, is Tom Bawcock's Eve. Tom Bawcock is [legendary](#); one suggestion is that he was 16th century, another that the story is an update on an ancient, pre-Christian myth of hardship, plenty and suchlike around the solstice.

I have posted [about it before](#). But it's worth repeating; indulge me. It was retold in one of my favourite children's books, and made into one of my favourite children's videos. Which is above. Enjoy.