



Awen ceremony 2018



The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall
90th anniversary year

LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER

Mis Est bys dhe vis Hedra 2018 / August to October 2018

Ynstallyans Bardh Meur ha Kannas Bardh Meur nowydh / Installation of the new Grand Bard and Deputy Grand Bard

As part of the extended Newquay bardic ceremony 2018 the current Executive of Gorsedh Kernow will change for the period running up to September 2021 when the current *Kannas Bardh Meur/Deputy Grand Bard* Elizabeth Carne, *Melennek* will take over as *Bardh Meur/Grand Bard* from Merv Davey, *Telynyor an Weryn*. During the same ceremony Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur* will become *Kannas Bardh Meur/Deputy Grand Bard* following his selection earlier the year. *Keslowena!* / Congratulations!



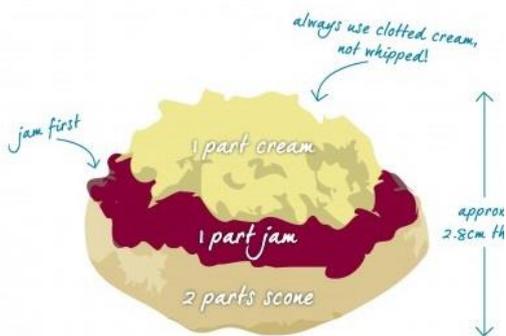
The Council of Gorsedh Kernow and the College of Bards is very grateful indeed to Merv for his energetic and unstinting service as our Grand Bard. While not being afraid to speak out loudly for Cornwall his enthusiastic efforts have helped draw admiring comment and attention to Gorsedh Kernow and our continuing efforts to maintain and actively promote the Celtic spirit of Cornwall and real Cornish culture.

Ystynys yw linen varow rag ragerghyans te bardhek! / Deadline extended for bardic tea bookings!

We have agreed with local organisers to extend the deadline for bardic tea bookings to **FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST**. Tickets cost £6.50. You can also still book tickets for the Friday Conference (£6 pp inc pasty lunch or £3 for the conference only) and the Saturday early evening Concert (£5). It's also VERY IMPORTANT please that you let us know if you are coming to the bardic ceremony so we have enough chairs for everyone in the bardic circle.

You can pay online via PayPal/credit card/debit card via the PayPal button on the GK website at www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk/newsforbards.html#booking.

Please download and fill in the editable booking form, sending it as an attachment to the Treasurer Jerry Rogers at tickets@gorsedhkernow.org.uk and confirming that you have paid via PayPal. You will need to fill in the total owed on the PayPal screen when paying. You do not need a PayPal account to pay by credit or debit card.



If booking by ordinary post please send your completed booking forms as soon as possible (enclosed again with this newsletter) with a self addressed envelope, plus cheque or postal order for the full amount as appropriate, made payable to **Gorsedh Kernow, to Chris Rodger, 93 Meadowside, Newquay, Kernow TR7 2TW.**

[Solempnyans Awen dy' Sul 24es a vis Metheven 2018 / Awen Ceremony Sunday 24th June 2018](#)

A delightful time in full sun, with a similar number of bards present as last year, was enjoyed by a representative group of robed bards at Indian Queens Pit, St Enoder, near Fraddon, where we gathered for our annual midsummer Awen ceremony. The “elders” of the local community were represented by Andrew and Sandra Waters (Andrew is Chairman of the Pit Association), along with two local children representing young people of the community. The Pit was looking marvellous and we are very grateful to the Pit Association for their welcome, especially the tea and biscuits after the ceremony! More photos via <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/Galleries/Awen2018.html>



[Pewasow Holyer an Gof / Holyer an Gof Awards](#)

Gorsedh Kernow has recently announced through a press release the results of the 2018 Holyer an Gof Publishers' Awards. A fantastic evening was enjoyed by winning publishers and authors, reader reviewers and special guests at the RIC Museum in Truro, a new and exciting venue for us. We are very grateful to Ian Wall and his staff for making us so welcome. Special congratulations go to bards Clive Boutle, *Dren Rudh*, Hilary Coleman, *Attamyores*,

Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur*, Rod Lyon, *Tewennow* and Simon Parker, *Scryfer Carn Marth* for their prize winning contributions. All the results can be seen on the GK website

<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/Galleries/HolyerAnGofPresentations2018.html>

[Pewasow ha Kesstrifow Gorsedh Kernow / Gorsedh Kernow Awards and Competitions](#)

The results of the Adults Awards and Competitions and Young People's Awards for 2018 were recently released to the press and to the Gorsedh Kernow website, Facebook page and Twitter page. The link to the GK website is <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/wp/?p=661>

Congratulations to bards Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, Peter Harwood, *Gwas Lanceles*, Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur*, John Jenkin, *Carrek an Jowl*, Angela Udy-Mackinnon, *Cannas Ylow ha Dons*, Wendy Simpson, *Nedhores Restir* and Tony Snell, *Gwas Kevardhu* on their success. A display of all winning entries and a special presentation evening for all Gorsedh Kernow Adults Awards and Competitions and Young People's Awards winners will be held on Thursday 30th August during the Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture in Newquay (details below).

[Berdh Nowydh 2018 / New Bards 2018](#)

Following a review of the guidelines governing the appointment of new bards, the Admissions Secretary Maureen Fuller, *Steren Mor* will shortly be confirming the names of those who will be initiated into the College of Bards at our forthcoming ceremony in Newquay. Their English names will be announced very soon by press release (please keep an eye on the Gorsedh Kernow website news page <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/news.html>) and their bardic names will be announced at the bardic ceremony on Saturday 1st September when they are initiated into the College of Bards.

[Towlen Gool Esedhvos Gonisogeth Gernewek 2018/ Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture 2018](#)

Here is the full programme for the Festival which will also be posted on the Gorsedh Kernow website Esedhvos page, the GK Facebook page and on Twitter showing a link to the GK website. All events will be held in the Hotel Bristol, Narrowcliff, Newquay, TR7 2PQ unless otherwise stated and most are free of charge. **Where event tickets are shown (excluding the bardic tea), they can also be purchased from Newquay Museum (limited opening) tel 01637 870611 or from the Hotel Bristol tel 01637 875181****

Wednesday 29th August onwards

The Grand Bard's chair will be on display @ the Hotel Bristol small dining room until Saturday 1st September.

Thursday 30th August

11am-3pm Literary Festival @ the Hotel Bristol featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors" and book launch plus stalls with Cornish items for sale. Refreshments available. Free entry.

12 noon onwards Display @ the Hotel Bristol small dining room of *Gorsedh Kernow* Young People's Awards and Adults Awards & Competitions entries. Free entry.

4pm Performance of Tide & Time by Blystra Arts @ the Hotel Bristol ballroom. Tickets £3 (see above **)

6.30pm for 7pm Presentation @ the Hotel Bristol ballroom by the Grand Bard to winners of 2018 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults Awards & Competitions and Young People's Awards. Evening hosted by **Jon Cleave, Lev Enev an Tir**. Bar. Free entry.

Friday 31st August

10am – 4.30pm Conference @ the Hotel Bristol ballroom "Cornwall's Cultural Assets – Time for Change?" Cornwall's distinctive culture, from our language to our music, from our sports to our cuisine, is a major asset that impacts upon the health and economic well being of our community. Now is the time for Cornwall to take control of her own cultural destiny and to capitalise on the opportunities this offers. With speakers **Dr Nichola Harmer (Lecturer in Human Geography, Plymouth University)**, **Kim Conchie (CEO Cornwall Chamber)**, **Dick Cole (Archaeologist)** and **Bert Biscoe (Gorsedh Kernow)**. Stalls with Cornish items for sale. Pre booking essential. Tickets £6 to include pasty lunch (see above **)

7.30pm Cornish Troyl/Ceilidh @ the Hotel Bristol ballroom with the **North Cornwall Ceilidh Band**. Bring your dancing shoes and join in the fun, no experience necessary! Bar. Free entry.

Saturday 1st September

10am Civic procession around Newquay town centre at the invitation of the Mayor of Newquay with bards, dignitaries and invited guests. From Beach Road to Killacourt. Coach to and from town if required.

11am Cornish stalls open including food and drink and a chance to visit the **Cornish Embassy and Tick Box Bus** @ the Barrowfields.

11.30am – 12 noon Demonstration of Cornish wrestling with **Mike Cawley, Omdowler** @ the Barrowfields.

12.30-1pm Performance by **Oll an Gwella** @ the Barrowfields.

1.30pm Procession of bards from the Hotel Bristol to the Barrowfields.

2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* bardic ceremony @ the Barrowfields or @ Hotel Bristol if wet. Includes installation of new Grand Bard **Elizabeth Carne, Melennek** and new Deputy Grand **Bard Pol Hodge, Mab Stenak Vur**. All welcome. Free entry.

7pm Gala Concert @ the Hotel Bristol ballroom **with Newquay Band, Davey & Dyer, Oll an Gwella and The Grenaways. With MC Bert Biscoe, Viajor Gans Geryow**. Advance booking advised. Tickets £5 (see above **).

8.30pm Cornish Come All Ye music and song session @ the Great



Western Hotel, Cliff Road, Newquay, TR7 2NE. Hosted by [Matthew Clarke](#). All welcome. Free entry.

Sunday 2nd September

10am 'Blas a Gernewek – A Taste of Cornish' session with [Loveday Jenkin](#), [Myrgh an Tir](#) @ The Cribbar, Gover Lane, Newquay, TR7 1ER. Refreshments available. Free entry. A minibus will be available for those unable to walk into town.

11.30am Heritage Walk around Newquay [with Len Sheppard](#) starting and finishing at The Cribbar.

3pm Evensong in Cornish @ St Michael's The Archangel Church, St Michael's Road, Newquay, TR7 1RA.

For more info about Newquay please visit the website <https://www.visitnewquay.org>

Please support as many of these events as you can. The general public, both locals and visitors to the area, are welcome to attend all the above events, most of which are free.

Gorsedh Kernow's Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture is supported by Newquay Town Council, Newquay BID, RRL Chartered Accountants, the Hotel Bristol, Newquay Lions, Newquay Towan Blystra Lions and many local organisations and volunteers.

Meur ras! / Many thanks!

Forum Ertach Kernow / Heritage Kernow Forum

Cornwall's ancient sites featured heavily in the recent public meeting of the *Forum Ertach Kernow / Heritage Kernow Forum* at Lys Kernow and are very likely to feature in this year's Gorsedh Kernow Conference "Cornwall's Heritage Assets – Time for Change?" There are tickets still available for this Conference on Friday 31st August during the Esedhvos Festival, but please book as soon as possible to secure your place.

There is growing opposition towards the apparent imposition of strategy and policy by the quango known as "English" Heritage and bards are encouraged to take an active interest in this matter before it is too late. The current Bardh Meur Merv Davey, *Telynyor an Weryn* is a member of the *Bord Ertach Kernow / Heritage Kernow Board* and he intends to remain as the GK representative after he steps down as Grand Bard. There is also a public Cornwall Heritage Forum although sadly its meetings are infrequent. All are welcome to attend the Forum so please keep a watchful eye for news of future developments and meetings or contact the Chair of the BEK Rachael Bice who is based at Cornwall Council's Pydar House in Truro. Her email is rbice@cornwall.gov.uk

Dydhchow a Vri / Important dates

Old Cornwall Societies 'Crying the Neck' ceremonies occur during August/September. For dates please visit the website <http://www.oldcornwall.net>

Wed 1st – Sun 19th August Arts & Crafts of Cornwall exhibition, Cape Cornwall School, St Just in aid of cancer research.

Fri 3rd – Sat 11th August Welsh Gorsedd, Cardiff. 90th anniversary of the first 8 Cornish bards created at Treorchy.

Sat 25th August 12.30pm annual Service in commemoration of the people of Cornwall who have given their lives for their country, right up to the present day. Held at the Memorial Stone on the Green off Commercial Road, Penryn followed by procession to open Town Fair at 1.00pm.

Wed 29th August – Sun 2nd September Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture including the Saturday bardic ceremony. See details above.

Tue 11th September 7.30pm Film 'Hard Rock Miners of Geevor' with bard John Potter at St Just WI Hall.

Sat 15th September Institute of Cornish Studies conference, Bude. "Borders". Info from Garry Tregidga, *Map Rosvean*, email cornishstudies@exeter.org.uk

Sun 16th September 3pm Treslothan Parish Church, nr Camborne. Harvest Festival service in Cornish.

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Fri 21st September 90th anniversary celebratory robed gathering at Boscawen Un of the first Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony in 1928. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

Thur 1st – Sun 4th November, Lowender Peran Festival - Celtic Music and Dance by the Sea, Hotel Bristol, Newquay. More info from <https://www.lowenderperan.co.uk/>

Kovheans / In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the passing of **Dorothy Agnes Sweet, Whylores Dyvresow** (Seeker of the Exiles), who died on 10th May at Glencairn Care Home in Dorchester. She was made a bard in 1990 at Marazion for her work with the Cornish overseas. Dorothy was a founding member of the Cornwall Family History Society and the first Cornish American Heritage Society (CAHS) Society in North America was formed in 1982 through her efforts. She toured America in the summer of 1981, travelling from New York to California visiting 16 states and contacting CFHS members as she went. She would sometimes call people with Cornish surnames from the telephone directories. She also travelled extensively in Australia and New Zealand and said that *'She regretted not having attended more than three Gorsedhs due to her inability to be in two places at once! But her thoughts were with Gorsedh Kernow on the set day each year.'* Dorothy was cremated at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday 8th June. Her ashes will be returned to Cornwall to be interred with her late husband.



Also, we are sad to report news of the death of **Donald Ryley Rawe, Scryfer Lanwednoc**, (Writer of Padstow) who died on Tuesday 12th June. Donald was made a bard in 1970 at Perran Round, Goonhavern and he was a major figure in Cornish culture, politics, heritage and publishing - a writer and driving force behind the Cornish Literary Guild. A campaigner, scholar, poet and novelist, a man of Padstow, chronicler of his town and without doubt a forceful thinker and excellently patriotic and creative businessman of the post-War era. His funeral was held on Monday 2nd July at Penmount Crematorium, followed by a memorial service at St Petroc's Church, Padstow to celebrate his life. Our sincere condolences to Helen and family.

We are also sorry to pass on news of the passing of **Lily Margaret Pamela Pascoe, Gwaytyans** (Hope) who passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday July 4th. Her funeral was held at Saint Neot Church on Monday 23rd July followed by a service at the Glynn Valley Crematorium. Pam was made a bard in 1979 at Bodmin, and also at a special ceremony at Boscawen Un to commemorate Gorsedh Kernow's 50th anniversary.

Nessa Lyther Newodhow Bardhek / Next Bardic Newsletter

News and information to be included in the next newsletter for November & December 2018 and January 2019 should be submitted please to Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, Honorary Secretary by email to hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk by the 15th of October 2018.

If you have an email address and wish to receive the newsletter electronically please tell the Membership Secretary, David Holman, *Rifelwas*, on membership@gorsedhkernow.org.uk Although everyone receives the quarterly newsletter there are often "short notice" events that members who receive paper copy will not hear about. You can also catch up with the latest news about Gorsedh Kernow on our

website www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk or you can  Find us on **Facebook** or 

If you use Facebook or Twitter it would be great if you would please "LIKE" the Gorsedh Kernow Facebook page and "FOLLOW" the Gorsedh Kernow Twitter page. *Meur ras* – many thanks.

Tereba nessa / Until next time..... Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton, Hon Secretary