



## **GORSEDH KERNOW**

### **The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall**

#### **LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER**

**Mis Hwevrer bys dhe vis Ebrel 2018 / February to April 2018**

#### **Etholans Konsel Gorsedh Kernow, mis Meurth 2018 / Gorsedh Kernow Council elections, March 2018**

After three years in office all elected members of the Gorsedh Kernow Council are required to stand down or stand again for re-election. Over the past few years the expectation from outside Gorsedh Kernow has grown beyond all recognition and many organisations and individuals now look to us to be their voice in support of real Cornish culture. If we are to maintain such a honoured position then it's very important that members of the Council share the increased workload that naturally follows from such expectation. Prospective candidates who are prepared to help with the work of GK will be welcomed and Bardh Meur would be delighted to hear from you if you can help with this important work. You can email him direct at [grandbard@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:grandbard@gorsedhkernow.org.uk) In addition, every fully paid up bard is welcome to propose or second a fellow bard, with their permission, for consideration as a Council member. Full details together with proposal and nomination forms will be sent to you soon in a separate mailing. The closing date for nominations of new Council members is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**, but please contact the Membership Secretary well before the end of February if you have not received this information.

#### **Gwarnyans ha KKB Gorsedh Kernow Tewyn Blystri / Gorsedh Kernow Proclamation and AGM**

##### **Newquay**

This will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11am** and the procession of bards will leave **St Michael's The Archangel Church Hall, St Michael's Road, Newquay, TR7 1RA at 10.45am.**

**9.00am** Robing in St Michael's Church Hall (next door to the church), all bards to be robed please by **10.30am**. The procession will depart at **10.45am** from the Church Hall, and the ceremony will take place at **11am** in the **Killacourt, Trebarwith Crescent, Newquay, TR7 1TG**. The route from the Church Hall will turn right along St Michael's Road, left into Marcus Hill, across East Street into Trebarwith Crescent and into the Killacourt. The procession will last for about 15 minutes.

The name Killacourt may be a corruption of Killas, meaning grove and Quoit, meaning burial place. The trees were removed in the late 1920's to afford an uninterrupted view to the sea.

**Car Parking** – please do not park in the Church car park which will be for permit holders with limited spaces for disabled bards only. However, **Manor Road car park TR7 1PD** is right opposite the Church and Church Hall (charges up to 1 hour -

£1.50, 1 to 2 hours - £3.10, 2 to 3 hours - £4.70, 3 to 4 hours - £6.30) and the **Mount Wise car park TR7 2AZ** is off the road behind and parallel to St Michael's Road (charges up to 1 hour - £1.20, 1 to 2 hours - £2.90, 2 to 3 hours - £4.40, 3 to 4 hours - £5.90). It is possible to walk down some steps from the north end of Mount Wise car park which then gives access to St Michaels Road. Turn right at the bottom of



the steps and the Church hall is about 200 yards along the road. There may also be some street parking nearby.

If any **bards with disabilities** wish to attend the **Proclamation** ceremony there may be some street parking in Trebarwith Crescent, adjacent to the Killacourt (please display blue badge), but there is no car parking on the Killacourt itself. Otherwise the advice is to park in the north east corner of Manor Road car park, walk down the access path in front of the library and cross the road which then brings you to the top of Trebarwith Crescent. In your own interest, please do not attempt to park in taxi-designated parking bays at the top of the Killacourt. For the **AGM** you will need to use the above car parks, both of which require blue badge holders to pay the normal parking fee unless the vehicle is registered under Cornwall Council's exemption scheme or the vehicle is especially adapted for the benefit of the driver. Otherwise please arrange for someone to drop you off nearby so they can then park and collect you later.

**If wet**, the whole Proclamation ceremony will take place in **St Michael's Church**. Please note that this is a different venue to the one where the Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony will be held in September.

The **Gorsedh Kernow AGM** will take place at **1.00pm** on the same day in **St Michael's Church Hall**, St Michael's Road, Newquay, TR7 1RA after the Proclamation ceremony. You are welcome to bring your own lunch although there are plenty of shops and cafes in the town where you can buy food. Tea and coffee will be available at the Church Hall and there are toilets there as well. Parking as detailed above. The AGM is expected to last no longer than an hour and a half and it would be really good if as many bards as possible could attend please as decisions are usually made by those who turn up! **Please bring your own copy of notes from the 2017 AGM and the AGM agenda for 2018 with you, they are enclosed with this newsletter.**

The AGM will be followed by a **brand new short film**, almost hot from the film makers hands, about **Henry Jenner, Gwas Myghal**. Apparently Gorsedh Kernow features heavily in the film, which lasts about 12 minutes and advice was sought from several fellow bards about the content. It is being presented by Cornish Language Officer and fellow bard Mark Trevethan, *Marghvrán*, who will be happy to take questions after.

**Your presence at both the Proclamation ceremony and the AGM after will be most appreciated as a demonstration of your continuing strong support for our precious Cornish culture, the importance of our Minority Status and Gorsedh Kernow's unwavering recognition of Cornwall as a Celtic nation.**



**[Ostyans yn Tewyn Blystri – kynnik arbennik / Accommodation in Newquay – special offer](#)**

Plans are also well underway for the annual **September Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture and bardic ceremony 2018 in Newquay**, which starts on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August and runs right through until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, so why not consider making the Esedhvos Festival part of your annual holiday and join those who already enjoy the great variety of

events during the days in and around the Saturday bardic ceremony. We have negotiated a **very special deal** at the Best Western Hotel Bristol at Narrowcliff, which is right opposite the Gorsedh Kernow ceremonial field.

**A Standard double room and breakfast is available from £99 PER ROOM PER NIGHT. Please contact the hotel direct by telephone on 01637 875181 and ask for the Gorsedh Kernow special offer rate.**

**Seaview rooms are £119 and Executive rooms £149 per room per night. These rates offer a huge saving off the normal rate for high season (30% off Standard rooms and over 40% off Exec rates) but THIS OFFER EXPIRES ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY.**

There is no minimum number of nights required to take advantage of this offer but most of the Esedhvos events will take place in the hotel so you will be very comfortably placed to enjoy the whole Esedhvos Festival. If you would prefer to book other accommodation you are advised to contact the Newquay Tourist Information Office, Marcus Hill, TR7 1BD, tel 01637 838516, website <https://www.visitnewquay.org/>

### **[Pewasow Dyloryon Holyer an Gof / Holyer an Gof Publishers Awards](#)**

There is still time to send in entries for the Gorsedh Kernow Holyer an Gof Publishers Awards, which supports and promotes new books about Cornwall or in Cornish. Entries are welcome from everyone from self publishers through to large publishing houses. Our extensive panel of reader reviewers carefully work their way through a variety of books depending on their field of expertise and winners are chosen following guidelines and advice gathered over many years of experience from writers, publishers and other professionals. **The closing date for entries is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.** More info from <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/HolyeranGof/>

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

Please continue to send entries, and encourage others to send entries for the 2018 Adults Awards and Competitions scheme and the separate Young People's Awards scheme. Once again there will be a gala presentation evening during the Esedhvos Festival for winners and guests which was very successful last year. Full information and details for entry can be found on the Gorsedh Kernow website via the link

<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/AwardsInfo/index.html>

**Please note the closing date for entries which is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**



### **[Dydhwow a Vri / Important dates](#)**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February Cornish language family day in Penzance with Golden Tree. More info from Joe Lewis [joe@goldentree.org.uk](mailto:joe@goldentree.org.uk)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - closing date for Holyer an Gof entries. See above.**

**Events celebrating St Piran's Day Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – please see the Gorsedh Kernow website for a list of events for 2018 via <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/stpirans.html>

Cornwall Music Festival Truro Methodist Church, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. More info <http://www.cornwallmusicfestival.co.uk/>

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March SKIANS Cornish language network conference, Penryn Campus. More info <https://www.facebook.com/CornishLRN/>

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March Closing date for nominations to Gorsedh Kernow Council 2018 – 2021. See above.**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March Closing date for GK Awards and Competitions entries. See above.**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Cornish language weekend, Newquay, beginners through to fluent speakers, more info from <http://www.cornish-language.org/Cornish-language-weekend.html>

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018, Gorsedh Kernow Proclamation, the Killacourt, Newquay at 11am and AGM, St Michael's Church Hall at 1pm, Newquay (see details above).**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of Minority Status.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April Trevithick Day Camborne, more info <http://www.trevithick-day.org.uk/>  
**Advanced notice – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11am , GK Awen ceremony, Indian Queens Pit. Info**  
<http://www.indianqueenspit.co.uk/>

### [Kovheans / In Memoriam](#)

We were informed late last year of the passing of bard **Jean Claire Jolliffe – Ystoryr Ryp Loghow Mur** who according to a recent obituary published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, mentions her passing at aged 70, as being on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. For many years Jean lived in Wisconsin, USA and was barded at Liskeard in 1996. Jean was very proud of her Cornish heritage and enjoyed travelling to Cornwall with her (now late) husband Ron to visit relatives. She was the genealogist in the family, tracing roots to Cornwall in both her and her husbands' lineage.

We are also sad to pass on the news, unfortunately received too late for inclusion in the last newsletter, of the passing of bard **Winifred Gladys Wing - Askel, Servyades Ylow**. Her funeral was held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Treswithien Downs Crematorium, Camborne. Winifred was made a bard in 1994 at Camborne.

Also **Mary Elizabeth Moore (Liz) , MBE – Servyades Langostentyn** who died last November. Liz was barded in 2004 at Lemon Quay in Truro and she was interested in local history, bellringing, choir & the local Amblers Group. Liz was an MBE and did a tremendous amount for the community, in addition to doing her best to enhance Cornwall's heritage locally. Her memorial service was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Constantine Parish Church.

Also **Norman Stanley Bunney – Lynhyr**, who died aged 95 years on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Glencoe Nursing Home, Gwithian. Norman was barded in 1967 at Saltash for service to the London Cornish Association and he served as the Secretary of the Inner London Schools Association, and was later the President. He was also formerly Honorary General Secretary of the LCA & was Honorary Secretary of Homecomers since 1988. Norman was particularly interested in Cornish music & politics and was organist at Ludgvan Parish Church and accompanist to St Buryan Male Voice Choir. His funeral was held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at Ludgvan Parish Church.

### [Nessa Lyther Newodhow Bardhek / Next Bardic Newsletter](#)

News and information to be included in the next newsletter for May, June & July 2018, should be submitted please to Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, Honorary Secretary, by email to [hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk) by the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

If you have an email address and wish to receive the newsletter electronically please tell the Membership Secretary, David Holman on [Membership@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:Membership@gorsedhkernow.org.uk)  
Although everyone receives the quarterly newsletter there are often “short notice” events that members who receive paper copy might not hear about.

You can also catch up with the latest news about Gorsedh Kernow on our website

[www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk](http://www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk) or you can  Find us on **Facebook** or follow us on 

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

***Terebo nessa / Until next time..... Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton***