



## GORSEDH KERNOW - The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall

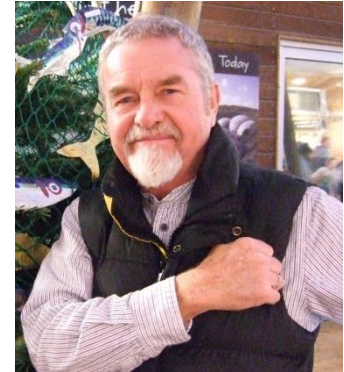
### LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER

Mis Du 2017 bys dhe vis Genver 2018 / November 2017 to January 2018

#### Messach Bardh Meur / Grand Bard's message

*A gesverdh ker/ Dear fellow bards*

This will be my last Christmas message to you all as Bardh Meur - how time flies! It seems just a short time ago that I was taking over the reins from *Steren Mor* and thinking about how I could build on the tremendous work that was already being done by Gorsedh Kernow. Since then I have witnessed the Phoenix like beginnings of Cornwall's National Library and Archive Centre, marvelled at how wet the weather can really seem when one is dressed in bardic robes and cape and to cap it all, I have become a grandfather! Happy is my lot indeed and I hope that all my fellow bards find similar contentment over the festive season and into the New Year. Nadelik Lowen ha Bledhen Nowydh Da dhywgh hwi oll!



*Telynyor an Weryn, Bardh Meur Kernow.*

#### Profyansow berdh nowydh / Nominations for new bards

With this newsletter you will find a copy of the revised guidelines and form to nominate prospective new bards. It's vital that we invite people to join the College of Bards who have contributed to Cornwall's unique culture and identity and who believe in a Cornwall that has a distinct national identity which places it alongside the other Celtic nations. Only ONE proposer is required for a citation which should be emailed by 31<sup>st</sup> December to the Admissions Secretary, *Steren Mor* [admissions@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:admissions@gorsedhkernow.org.uk)

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

After three years in office the elected members of 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 an honoured position then it's very important that members of the Council share the workload that naturally follows from such expectation. Prospective candidates who are prepared to help with the work of GK will be welcomed and expressions of interest are invited from individual bards before formal nomination. Bards are also welcome to nominate a fellow bard, with their permission, for consideration as a Council member. Bards seeking formal election to the Council will be asked to complete a short form describing what they will bring to Gorsedh Kernow Council and what their area of interest is. The elections are due in March next year so now is the time to consider standing for the Gorsedh Kernow Council. Please contact the Honorary Secretary, *Myrghwyn Melynor* by email [hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk) for further details.

#### Gool Esedhvos, Gwarnyans ha KKB Gorsedh Kernow 2018 / Esedhvos Festival, Gorsedh Kernow Proclamation and AGM 2018

The Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture in 2018 will be held in Newquay and the Proclamation, followed by the AGM will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**. Further details in the next newsletter.

#### Arghas Kemmyn Gorsedh Kernow / Gorsedh Kernow Endowment Fund

Our culture needs people to develop it – to evolve, create and meet modern challenges and to live by its values and principles – it's not just a 'What's on' Diary, it's a way of life. We need funds to develop skills, to study and to create the Cornish culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The world demands quality and commitment, credibility and integrity - and cultural workers need to pay the rent!



Public funding can be fickle and precarious. The Gorsedh Kernow Endowment Fund provides support for Cornish cultural projects and development, providing match funding to lever-in other money and support. For more info see the GK website <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/endowment.html>  
If you would like to make a donation to the Endowment Fund please contact Bert Biscoe, *Viajor Gans Geryow*, by email [bertbiscoe@btinternet.com](mailto:bertbiscoe@btinternet.com) marking your email title line in caps ENDOWMENT FUND.

### [Hwedhel Kernewek / Cornish Story](#)

Cornish Story is an online publication promoting a greater knowledge of Cornwall and the Cornish Diaspora and Tony Mansell, *Skriker Istor*, wishes to draw your attention to the Music Kernow series.

- Series Introduction by Tony Mansell, *Skriker Istor*: <http://cornishstory.com/music-kernow-introduction/>
- 'Just Brass' by Tony Mansell, *Skriker Istor*: <http://cornishstory.com/music-kernow-just-brass/>
- 'George Lloyd, the Great Cornish Composer' by Phillip Hunt, *Lef A Vrest*: <http://cornishstory.com/music-kernow-george-lloyd-the-great-cornish-composer/>

### [Tegenow Sen Lanustin / St Justin jewellery](#)

For the perfect Christmas present you can't go wrong with jewellery, and there are pieces to suit men and women in the fabulous St Justin range – and Gorsedh Kernow benefits financially from every purchase you make. Please look at the GK website <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/StJustin.html>



You will also find with your newsletter a form for ordering 2018 'Evocative Cornwall' calendars and the Launceston 2017 DVD. Once again Gorsedh Kernow benefits financially from every sale.

### [Kestryfow ha Pewasow Gorsedh Kernow 2018 / Gorsedh Kernow Awards and Competitions 2018](#)

Entries are invited for next year's GK Adults Awards and Competitions and Young People's Awards. We enjoyed a very successful Awards evening in Launceston Town Hall during the Esedhvos Festival this year and we would really like to build on this success and make it a regular highlight of the Cornish cultural calendar. Information about entering can be downloaded from the Gorsedh Kernow website <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/AwardsInfo2018/index.html> or by email request to [enquiries@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gorsedhkernow.org.uk)  
**Please note that the closing date for ALL entries is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**



### [Derivas Kessedhek an Or / Boundary Commission report](#)

The Boundary Commission has published revised proposals but unfortunately has recommended no change to the proposal to form a "Devonwall" constituency. The third period of consultation is underway and you have until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December to make any further comments. For full details about the proposals for Cornwall please see the website <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6489>

### [Gool Ilow Kernow 2018 / Cornwall Music Festival 2018](#)

The Cornwall Music Festival is held in Truro Methodist Church every March. There are instrumental, vocal and speech classes, including Cornish dialect and Cornish language, both competitive and non-competitive. Please consider supporting this event. You can pick up a syllabus at Truro Library or the Truro Tourist Information Centre. Entries need to be submitted by early January 2018.

### [Ertach Kernewek / Cornish Heritage](#)

Jo Buchanan of Northumbria University, Newcastle will be carrying out some research for a study "Valourising Cornish minority heritage: UNESCO and Performative Heritage". If you would like to have an

input into this academic work please contact her by email [Joan.e.m.buchanan@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:Joan.e.m.buchanan@northumbria.ac.uk) or [jobuchanan999@gmail.com](mailto:jobuchanan999@gmail.com)

### [Dydhchow a Vri / Important dates](#)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November Lowender Peran Celtic Festival 2017, Bristol Hotel, Newquay.

[www.lowenderperan.co.uk](http://www.lowenderperan.co.uk)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm Cornish Language Forum at Lys Kernow.

<http://www.magakernow.org.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/cornish-language-office/cornish-language-forum/>

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm Budock Parish Church Advent service in Cornish.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm St Ive (Callington) Methodist Chapel Christmas service in Cornish.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December **NADELIK LOWEN DHEWGH HWI OLL! / HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 3pm Bridge Methodist Chapel Christmas service in Cornish.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 3pm Gulval Parish Church Epiphany service in Cornish.

**Advanced notice – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018, GK Proclamation and AGM, Newquay.**

### [Ewnheans / Correction](#)

In the last newsletter there was a news item about Peter Harvey, *Godhonydh an Nor* and Rael Harvey, *Myrgh Mydroilyn* who stood down as co-ordinators of the Holyer an Gof Publishers Awards after 6 years. This should read “after **8** years as co-ordinators...” i.e. two more than originally stated. Apologies, and thank you again.

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

We are very sorry to pass on news of the passing of bard Richard Gendall, *Gelvynak* (Curlew) a very important figure in the Cornish language movement. He was made a bard in 1949 at Mount Charles Menhyr. Sue Ellery-Hill, Brenda Wootton’s daughter, writes that ‘*Richard Gendall was a man of many parts: a Cornish language champion, author, poet, teacher, folklorist, dialectician, songwriter and composer. His contribution to Cornwall's cultural integrity is immense and perhaps without the efforts of him and others during those early days, Cornwall's distinct culture and language may have been subsumed still further into a homogenous uniformity.*’

Also Thomas Roy Harvey Woolcock, *Covathor Kea* (Recorder of Kea) who sadly passed away aged 92 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Roy was President of Kea OCS for a long time, also serving as its Recorder and he was a Past President of the Federation of OCSs. He was made a bard in 1993 at Bude Castle. His funeral service will be at Penmount Crematorium (Trelawny Chapel) on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00am.

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

News and information to be included in the next newsletter for February, March & April 2018, should be submitted 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> of January 2018 please.

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 will 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



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***