



The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall

90th anniversary year

LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER

Mis Est bys dhe vis Hedra 2019 / August to October 2019

Linen varow rag ragerghyans te bardhek! / Deadline for bardic tea bookings!

The deadline for bardic tea bookings is **FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST**. Tickets cost £7. You can also still book tickets for the Friday Conference (£5 Conference fee, plus £5 for pasty lunch is required) and the Saturday early evening Concert (£6). 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 form as soon as possible with a self addressed envelope, plus cheque or postal order for the full amount as appropriate, made payable to **Gorsedh Lannust**, to **LOC Treasurer Sue Townsend, c/o The Knut, Rear of 1-4 Market Street, St Just, Penzance, TR19 7HX**

Solempnyans Awen dy' Sul 23es a vis Metheven 2019 / Awen Ceremony Sunday 23rd June 2019



An enjoyable time was enjoyed by a small representative group of robed bards at Duloe Stone Circle, between Looe and Liskeard, where we gathered for our annual midsummer Awen ceremony. The "elders" of the local community were represented by Eric West and his wife, along with two local children representing young people of the community who received the Book of Life. The site was looking marvellous and luckily the rain kept away until we were almost back at the car park. We are very grateful to the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society for their warm welcome, and to the local ladies who staffed the pop-up café and provided tea, cakes and snacks after the ceremony!

Pewasow Holyer an Gof / Holyer an Gof Awards

Gorsedh Kernow has recently announced through a press release the results of the 2019 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, hosted for the first time by Radio Cornwall presenter Tiffany Truscott who did a fantastic job. We are very grateful to Ian Wall and his staff for making us so welcome. Special congratulations go to bards [Steve Harris Mab Jowan](#), [Dee Harris Magteth an Mor](#), [Peter Harvey Godhonydh an Nor](#), [Rael Harvey Myrgh Mydroilyn](#), [Ray Chubb Map](#)

Essa, Dick Cole *Gwythyas an Tir* and Merv Davey *Telynyor an Weryn* for their prize winning contributions. All the results can be seen on the GK website

https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/HolyeranGof/publication_winners_2019.html and
<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/Galleries/HolyerAnGofPresentations2019.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 2019 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=773>



Congratulations to bards [Graham Sandercock](#) *Gwas Conoc*, [Michael Tangye](#) *Whythrer Meyn*, [Edward Rowe](#) *Mab Tregarrek*, [Mark Elton](#) *Gwas an Wrekkoryonon*, [Wella Brown](#) *Crenner* and [Jori Ansell](#) *Caradok* on their success. A display of all winning entries and a special presentation evening for all Gorsedh Kernow Adults and Young People's Awards winners will be held in St Just Miners Chapel during the Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture (details below).

(Picture 'Hireth' by Steve Tanner for O-Region and Palores Productions)

[Berdh Nowydh 2019 / New Bards 2019](#)

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 St Just in Penwith. 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 7th September when they are initiated into the College of Bards.

[Towlen Gool Esedhvos Gonisogeth Kernewek 2019/ Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture 2019](#)

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.

[Thursday 5th September](#)

11am-3pm Literary Festival @ the Old Town Hall, Chapel Road, TR19 7HT featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors" with [Dick Cole](#) *Gwythyas an Tir*, [Katherine Stansfield](#), [Lesley Trotter](#) and [Sue Ellery-Hill](#). Also book launch plus stalls with Cornish items for sale. Refreshments available. Free entry.

10am – 4pm and 9pm – 10pm

Display @ the St Just Miners Chapel, 20 Chapel Road, TR191 7LT of *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults and Young People's Awards entries plus the Grand Bards Chair. Free entry.

6.30pm for 7pm Presentation @ the Old Town Hall by the Grand Bard to winners of 2019 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults and Young People's Awards. Entertainment. Evening hosted by [Bert Biscoe](#), [Viajor Gans Geryow](#). Bar. Free entry.

[Friday 6th September](#)

10am – 4pm Conference @ the Old Town Hall "Global Kernow Today".

With speakers **Glenn Caplin, Cornwall LEP; Peter Herring, Cornwall Council; Gareth Parry, Mab Meliner Gwlan, Porthcurno Telegraph Museum and Mark Trevethan, Marghvrn, Cornwall Council.** Displays plus stalls with Cornish items for sale. Pre booking essential. Tickets £5 Conference fee, Pasty lunch £5.

10am – 4pm Display @ the St Just Miners Chapel of *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults and Young People's Awards entries plus the Grand Bards Chair. Free entry.

7.30pm Cornish Troyll/Ceilidh @ the Old Town Hall with **Penzance Guizers and Helen Musser, Donsyores Kelttek.** Bring your dancing shoes and join in the fun, no experience necessary! Bar. Free entry.

Saturday 7th September

10am – 12noon and 6pm – 9.30pm Display @ the St Just Miners Chapel of *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults and Young People's Awards entries plus the Grand Bards Chair. Free entry.

11am Cornish stalls open including food and drink @ Cape Cornwall Street.

1.30pm Procession of bards from Cape Cornwall School to the Plen an Gwari.

2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* bardic ceremony @ St Just Plen an Gwari or @ Cape Cornwall School if wet. All welcome. Free entry.

7pm Gala Concert @ St Just Miner's Chapel **with Penzance Youth String Orchestra, Cape Cornwall Singers, Anna and John Dowling and Keur Heb Hanow, with mc Bert Biscoe, Viajor Gans Geryow and Mary Ann Bloomfield.** Advance booking advised. Tickets £6.

8.30pm Singing @ the Star Inn, Fore Street with **The Cape Cornwall Singers.** All welcome. Free entry.

9pm Cornish 'Come All Ye' music and song session @ The Commercial Hotel, Market Square, TR19 7HE. Hosted by **Matt Blewett.** All welcome. Free entry. **(Change of venue, previously in the Star Inn).**

Sunday 8th September

10am 'Blas a Gernewek – A Taste of Cornish' session with **Loveday Jenkin, Myrgh an Tir** @ The Knut, adjacent to the Plen an Gwari, TR19 7HX. Refreshments available. Free entry.

11am Bi-lingual walk from Kenidjack to Wheal Owles and the Crowns Mine **with Tony Phillips and Ted Mole,** finishing in Botallack – advance booking required if wanting lunch at the Queens Arms at 12.30pm. This is approximately two miles and will take about 90 minutes with some walking on rough paths, so sturdy footwear is advised.

OR

11am Town Trail walk starting from The Knut at 11am. Led by **Doug Luxford,** President of the St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society, this will be a shorter, and level circular walk lasting an hour and pointing out places of interest.

3pm Evensong in Cornish @ St Just in Penwith Parish Church, St Just, TR19 7HA.

For more info about St Just please visit

<https://www.cornwalls.co.uk/st-just>

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g2467649-Activities-St_Just_Cornwall_England.html

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 St Just Town Council, RRL Chartered Accountants and many local organisations and volunteers.

Meur ras! / Many thanks!

This year's bardic ceremony music will, perhaps for the first time ever, be without Esme Frances, *Ylades* who has decided to retire as our Harpist after many years of loyal service to Gorsedh Kernow. Elizabeth Rowe will take over the role and will play during this year's ceremony. Bardh Meur has expressed her sincere thanks to Esme and warm wishes for her retirement, in the hope that she will continue to attend future ceremonies.

Solempnita Arbennek Pennbloodh 90ves / Special 90th anniversary ceremony

Postponed from last year due to dreadful weather, this special robed ceremony is due to take place on Saturday 21st September at 11am at Boscawen Un stone circle with kind permission of Col Edward Bolitho. Parking is being made available as follows - continue on the A30 beyond Drift, beyond the fork on the left to St. Buryan, under the trees, up hill, past the entrance to Boscawen Noon farm to the top of that hill. Turn up a slope and into the field, signed, on the left side. Proceed with caution to the far side of the field. Do not stray from marked route, there are many 'sleepers' (hidden rocks). Robe up there and walk 400 yards to Boscawen 'Un Stone Circle.



An Holyans / The Succession

Bards are reminded that following the rules set down in the *Gorsedh Kernow* Constitution and Standing Orders (specifically SO 4) the procedure for electing the next Deputy Grand Bard elect (after Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur*) and his or her successor Deputy Grand Bard elect "in waiting" begins this autumn. This long lead-in allows time for the new incumbents to learn the ropes. Please give some thought to this important matter. If you would like to nominate or co-nominate a fellow bard, who must have a good command of *Kernewek*, notification of the election process will be sent by late autumn to all bards via the Membership Secretary David Holman, *Rifelwas*. You do not need to instigate any action about this yet but prospective candidates will need a proposer and a seconder. You do not need to inform anyone else of your proposal apart from your co-proposer and the candidate and no names of candidates will be published until the Returning Officer is required to do so according to the rules.

Ragbrenow / Subscriptions

With effect from 1st June 2020, it is anticipated that annual subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit rather than Standing Order.

Dedhyow 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>

Fri 2nd – Sat 10th August Conwy County National Welsh Eisteddfod in Llanrwst. More info <http://www.gorsedd.cymru/>

Wed 7th – Thurs 22nd August 10am – 9pm daily. Arts & Crafts of Cornwall exhibition, Cape Cornwall School, St Just in aid of cancer research. More info <http://www.stjustcraftshow.co.uk/>

Sat 24th August 12.30pm annual 20 minutes service on the same day as Penryn Fair Day. Organised by Gorsedh Kernow, with Penryn Town Council, in memory of the people of Cornwall who have died for their beliefs. All bards are invited to attend (no bardic robes please). Also attending will be members of 'Glasney College', bereaved families and the general public. Meet by the Stone in the

Green on the right, by the traffic lights, at the far end of Commercial Road, Penryn. Parking on the wharf opposite is 60p an hour.

Thurs 5th – Sun 8th September Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture including the Saturday bardic ceremony. See details above.

Sun 15th September 3pm St Ive (Callington) Methodist Church. Harvest Festival service in Cornish.

Sat 21st September 11am 90th anniversary year celebratory robed gathering at Boscawen Un of the first Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony in 1928. See details above.

Sun 29th September 3pm Treslothan Parish Church, nr Camborne. Harvest Festival service in Cornish.

Sun 20th October 100th anniversary of the Levant mine man engine disaster.

Weds 30th October – Sun 3rd November, Lowender Peran Festival - Celtic Music and Dance by the Sea, Hotel Bristol, Newquay. More info from <https://www.lowenderperan.co.uk/>

Sat 23rd November FOCS winter festival Torpoint.

Kovheans / In Memoriam

We have only recently been informed of the passing of bard **Philip John Grace, Aghscryfer (Genealogist)** who died on 12th December 2018. Philip was made a bard in 1980 at Saltash.

Also, news has only just been received of the sad passing of bard **Michael John Smith, Myghal an Gov (Michael The Smith)**, who died on 6th January. Michael was made a bard in 2016 at St Keverne.

We are sorry to pass on the sad news of the passing of bard **Dorothy Agnes Sweet, Whylores Dyvresow (Seeker of the Exiles)** who died on Friday 10th May. A founder member of the Cornwall Family History Society. Dorothy was made a bard in 1990 at Marazion.

Also **William Clarence Trevor Lawrence, Omdowlor Gans Geryow (Wrestler with Words)** who was made a bard in 1984 at Callington. **Jim Wearne, Canor Gwanethtyr**, says on his website about Cornish music that *“Trevor Lawrence is a wonderful singer/storyteller who wrote much of his own material, including traditional and contemporary songs about the state of Cornwall. His storytelling prowess is legendary and along with many other things, he is also an expert on Cornish wrestling.”*

We are also very sad to pass on news of the passing on Thursday 25th July of the **Rev Julian Drew, Hwilor an Golow (Follower of the Light)** who was very recently made a bard at his home in Newlyn on Tuesday 11th June at a special ceremony conducted by Bardh Meur in the company of his family and a small gathering of fellow bards. After the ceremony his brother Jerry Drew posted a message saying *“I am so very grateful, beyond words, to the Grand Bards and fellow Bards for arranging this very special ceremony for Julian. An unbelievably moving ceremony, with such sensitivity and compassion, THANK YOU Gorsedh Kernow.”* Julian’s funeral will be held on Monday 5th August at 2.30pm in Paul Church, near Mousehole.

Lyther nowodhow / Newsletter

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 newsletter there are “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



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.

Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton