



GORSEDH KERNOW - The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall

LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER

Mis Me bys dhe vis Gortheren 2019 / May to July 2019

Gwarnyans / Proclamation

Bardh Meur has expressed her thanks to the 64 fellow bards who came to the 2019 Proclamation on Saturday 13th April, we were blessed with a dry day but the wind was very strong in Pendeen, which is usual or so we were told by the Mayor Cllr Brian Clemens who extended a very warm welcome to us all. On behalf of the parish he reiterated the invitation to hold our *Esedhvos* Festival of Cornish Culture and bardic ceremony in St Just in Penwith later in the year and he gratefully accepted from *Kannas Bardh Meur* a framed poem in Kernewek written by Tim Saunders, *Bardh Gwerin*, for display in St Just Council's offices.



Bardh Meur's short speech was warmly welcomed and has already been shared by many on social media who want to help promote the work of *Gorsedh Kernow*.

The full speech can be read on the GK website, the link is <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/wp/?p=736>
To see photographs, please see <https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/Galleries/Proclamation2019.html>
To see a video of the ceremony, please see <https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/videos.html>

KKB Gorsedh Kernow / Gorsedh Kernow AGM

The AGM was held soon after the Proclamation ceremony in Pendeen Parish Hall and we are very grateful to the Parish Hall staff and the volunteers who looked after us and made us feel welcome. AGM business was dealt with quickly and efficiently, and this year sub committee reports were covered in a round up report by *Kannas Bardh Meur*, *Mab Stenak Vur*.

Bardh Meur Melennek reiterated *Gorsedh Kernow's* theme for 2019 which centred on the power of culture, including our precious language, as a potent and unifying force for good in an increasingly global environment, and that this would form the basis for the forthcoming Conference during the *Esedhvos* Festival and addresses throughout the year.

Notes from the AGM 2018 and agenda for 2019 have already been circulated to the membership. If you would like to receive a copy of *Bardh Meur's* address, the sub committee reports or the summary of reports by *Kannas Bardh Meur* please contact the Membership Secretary David Holman, *Rifelwas*. Notes from the 2019 AGM will be sent out in due course.

Kussulyans a vri / Important consultation

The Government is conducting a Tailored Review of Historic England. All bards are urged to take part in this important consultation as a stepping stone to the "home" acquisition of Cornwall's heritage assets such as Tintagel, which has been the recent focus of GK's attention with regard to the new access bridge. Bardh Meur has written a separate letter to the review panel, a copy of which is posted as a news item on the GK website News page via the link <http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/wp/> For individuals who wish to contribute the review is done online and takes about 20 minutes. The following link will take you straight to the review and is (wait for it!)

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tailored-review-of-historic-england?fbclid=IwAR10qkh3ipgsBo1_aqH6Pd_hZb3j0TDyA5jf7eZ_kNyz9YzgVFmwWaBwkNE

Please note the review closes on 9th May 2019 so time is short.

[Solempnita AWEN /AWEN ceremony](#)

Sunday 23rd June 11am *Gorsedh Kernow AWEN* ceremony, Duloe Stone Circle, map ref SX23585831



Parking is being made available for us from 10am in the recreation ground car park next to the circle, and there will be toilets open in the pavilion. The site is situated at the southern end of Duloe village, on the B3254 between Liskeard and Looe, just before you reach the church. If you wish to visit beforehand there is a signposted track east off the road, leading into a farm field, and you can see the circle ahead of you against a hedge.

Duloe Stone Circle is thought to have been erected between 2000BC and 1000BC, and the eight large

white quartz stones that form this oval shaped Bronze Age circle vary up to 2.6m (8 feet 6 inches) in height. The largest weighs about 12 tons and is located in the south. The dimensions of the circle are 11.9m (39 feet) N-S by 10.7m (35 feet). The name Duloe is derived from *Dewlogh* (1504) and means "two Looe rivers". For more info about Duloe stone circle see http://www.historic-cornwall.org.uk/a2m/bronze_age/stone_circle/duloe/duloe.htm

[Solempnita Penn-bloodh Gorsedh Kernow / Gorsedh Kernow's birthday ceremony](#)

Following last year's wet and stormy weather which ruined our planned 90th birthday celebration ceremony we have decided to try again this year! The proposed date is Saturday 21st September at 11am at Boscawen Un stone circle. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

[Ragbren Eseleth / Membership Subscription](#)

At the 2019 AGM it was resolved to increase the subscriptions for 2020 to £23 for UK Bards and £17 for overseas Bards. This is the first time in at least ten years the subscription has been increased. Consequently, would you please change your Standing Order instruction for the new rate to take effect in June 2020. You can do this online for those of you with online banking on a computer. Alternatively please ask GK Treasurer Jerry Rogers, *Mab Eglosvelyan* for a new Standing Order form. His address is 17 Chiltern Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire GU47 8NB. His email is Jerry_rogers1@outlook.com (please note there is an underscore between Jerry and Rogers).

[Gool Kesgwylasek Keuryow Mebyon / International Male Voice Choral Festival](#)

Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th May - 60 choirs in 50 events at 40 locations across Cornwall. An Education Outreach Project, international Adult and Youth competitions, symposium and concerts spanning the five day festival and culminating in a moving, spine-tingling finalé concert at Truro Cathedral. The largest Festival of its kind in the world. Tickets available from Cornwall Riviera Box Office on 01726 879500 www.crbo.co.uk/cimcf and www.cimcf.uk as well as all 10 Tourism Information Centres.



[Displetyans specyal gans Lywores Nans Tamar / A special exhibition by Mary Martin](#)

Sunday 26th May to Sunday 2nd June, West Brendon, St Dominic, Cornwall, PL12 6TB
11 am to 6 pm every day. Signposted from St Dominic church and Ashton. Free admission. These 84 new works were painted in all seasons, from the heat of last summer to rare wintry mornings and

include expanses across the tidal river, from the summit of Kit Hill, to Sharp Tor above the Lynher. Details via www.marymartin.co

[Skrifennyas, Sodhek Keskomunyansow ha Gwiasvester GK / GK Secretary, Communications Officer and Webmaster](#)

Later in 2019 Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, will be standing down as GK's Honorary Secretary and Communications Officer and Pat Parry, *Gwylan Gernow* will be standing down as GK's Webmaster. We are also still very keen to find help among the membership with merchandising. Over the past few years Gorsedh Kernow has become much more widely known and it is vital that we keep up this good work if we are to achieve our aim of promoting and supporting real Cornish culture. The work is interesting and very rewarding and Bardh Meur is inviting fellow bards to come forward and help keep this important work going. If you can help in any way please contact in the first instance the Hon Secretary by email hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk

[Rann brivedh dhe'n wiasva GK / Private section of GK website](#)

A private directory has been created on the GK website, accessible to bards only. If you wish to use this please contact the Membership Secretary for the password. Please note that this provides minimal security and no sensitive material should be posted. Personal passwords will not be issued due to time constraints. Any material which needs to be in this folder should be sent to webmaster Pat Parry, email webmaster@gorsedhkernow.org.uk

[Gool Esedhvos ha solempnita Gorsedh Kernow dhe Lannust - orth agan 90es pennbloodh! / Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival and ceremony at St Just in Penwith – leading up to our 90th birthday!](#)

The *Esedhvos* Festival of Cornish Culture will run from Wednesday 4th until Sunday 8th September 2019, with the main bardic ceremony on Saturday 7th September. We are pleased to confirm some outline details of the Festival. The [booking form](#) for the Friday conference, the Saturday ceremony, bardic tea and Gala Concert **WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH THE JUNE EXTRA NEWSLETTER**. If you are intending to stay in the St Just in Penwith area you are advised to book early, and a list of local accommodation is attached to this newsletter.



[Kynsa Towlen Gool Esedhvos 2019/ Initial Esedhvos Festival programme 2019](#)

[Wednesday 4th September](#)

Events to be confirmed

[Thursday 5th September](#)

11am-3pm Literary Festival featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors" @ St Just Old Town Hall
11am onwards Display of *Gorsedh Kernow* Young People's Awards and Adults Awards & Competitions entries – venue to be confirmed (tbc)

Late afternoon tour of Levant (tbc)

7pm Presentation of 2019 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults & Young People's Awards @ St Just Old Town Hall

[Friday 6th September](#)

10am-4pm Conference. Tickets £6.50 (tbc) to include pasty lunch @ St Just Old Town Hall

7.30pm Cornish Troyll/Ceilidh with the Penzance Guizers @ St Just Old Town Hall

[Saturday 7th September](#)

10am Cornish stalls open @ St Just Cape Cornwall Street

1.30pm Procession of bards from Cape Cornwall school to St Just Plen an Gwari

2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* Bardic ceremony @ St Just Plen an Gwari or @ Cape Cornwall school if wet

7.30pm Gala Concert @ St Just Miner's Chapel. Tickets £6 (tbc).

8.30pm Cornish Shout 'Come All Ye' song session @ The Star Inn

Sunday 8th September

10am-11am 'Blas a Gernewek – A Taste of Cornish' session @ The Knut

11am Guided walk (tbc)

3pm Evensong in Cornish @ St Just Parish Church

For more info about St Just please visit the website https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Just_in_Penwith or <http://www.stjust.org/>

Kovheans / In Memoriam

We have just heard sad news of the passing of **Pamela Joan Gordon (nee Willetts), Cares Senan**, who died on Friday 25th January. Pamela was Deputy Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum, one of the first women to reach such a senior position and she was particularly interested in 20th century British composers. She is described as one who "*charmed composers' families into parting with their papers.*" She produced a catalogue of the Society of Antiquaries' extensive manuscript collections – no complete catalogue had been produced since 1816. "*Have you checked Willett's?*" was an oft heard refrain in the British Library. Pamela spoke several modern languages and in 1979 she joined a Cornish class. She was made a bard in 1980 at Saltash.

Fellow bard Leanne Lloyd, *Nanscarow a Bendygo*, has informed us of the passing of **George Ellis, Map Bendygo** on Saturday 2nd March aged 90 after a short illness. George was made a Bard in 1995 at Marazion and worked very hard to ensure that the great contribution of the Cornish to the growth of Bendigo, Victoria, Australia was not overlooked. George and his late wife Edna, *Myrgh Hocking* established in 1986 the Cornish Association of Bendigo and District to preserve the Cornish heritage of the area which at that time was being lost with new ethnic groups emerging. George and Edna were also members of the Bendigo Cornish Choir. Our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Also we have been informed of the passing of **Nicholas Roy Phillips, Den Ydhyn**, who passed away on Monday 22nd April. He was a poet, ornithologist, traveller, photographer, woodcarver, soldier, smallholder, fisherman and gardener and published many articles, stories and poems. He wrote extensively about Cornish wildlife and one of his pieces, a description of gannets diving in St Ives bay, won an Award for Nature Writing prize from BBC Wildlife magazine. He was barded at Glasney, Penryn in 1974. Our deepest condolences are sent to his family.

We are also sad to report the passing of bard **John Michael (known as Michael) Williams, Gwaryer Lyes-Tu**. He was a hotelier, a retired publisher, writer, journalist & broadcaster and wrote each week in the Cornish Guardian under the heading '*Guardian Country*'. Michael was barded at Bodmin in 1997 for services to Cornish publishing and writing on Cornish life & Cornish history. He was the publisher of over 220 titles and author or co-author of more than 30. Michael and his wife founded Bossiney Books and were regional publishers for 25 years. He championed many causes including cricket, rugby football and paranormal investigation. An active member of the International League for the Protection of Horses he co-ordinated a campaign to stop the live export of British Equines and was Patron of the Broomfield Sanctuary near St Just in Penwith and Animals' Voice. He was also a member of World Horse Welfare, South West and frequently lobbied on big animal issues, campaigning against the excessive use of the whip in horse racing. He was also a member of the Camel Valley and Bodmin Moor Protection Society. Michael's funeral was held on Friday 26th April at the Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Dedhyasow a vri / Important dates

Tuesday 1st May 10am Cornwall Council cabinet meeting, Trelawny Room, Lys Kernow. Cornish language funding on the agenda, meeting open to the public or through CC webcast

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-democracy/webcasts/>

Tuesday 1st May *Kala Me* celebrations throughout Cornwall

Thursday 2nd – Monday 6th May Cornwall International Male Choral Festival, details from <https://www.cimcf.uk/>

Saturday 11th May 10am – 1pm Cornish Language Forum, Lys Kernow, Truro. More info <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/kalender-kernekek/>

Monday 13th – Sunday 19th May *Kernewek Lowender*, Australia

Sunday 26th May - Sunday 2nd June exhibition of paintings by *Lywores Nans Tamar*, details above.

Sunday 12th May 3pm Helston Parish Church Service in Cornish for St Michael Protector of Cornwall

Tuesday 4th June 5.30pm Truro Cathedral Sung Eucharist in Cornish for the Feast of St Petroc

Thursday 6th – Saturday 8th June Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge showground

Saturday 15th June 12 noon – 11pm *Fest Kernewek* at Heartlands, Pool. Details on *Fest Kernewek* Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/370687860426112/>

Saturday 15th June Murdoch Day in Redruth, more info

http://www.visitredruth.co.uk/Murdoch_Day_3172.aspx

Saturday 15th - Sunday 30th June “Speak Cornish Fortnight” details will be posted on Kalendar Kernewek <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/kalender-kernekek/> as they become available.

Sunday 23rd June 11am Gorsedh Kernow AWEN ceremony, Duloe Stone Circle (details above)

Friday 28th June National Cream Tea Day (jam first please!)

Thursday 4th – Friday 5th July Wikimedia Language Conference, sharing information in minority languages, Penryn Campus, details https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Celtic_Knot_Conference_2019 or contact Cornish language office 01872 323497 or email Mark.Trevethan@cornwall.gov.uk

Saturday 6th July FOCS Summer Festival St Just in Penwith, details

<http://www.oldcornwall.net/summer-festival/4593149962>

Sunday 21st July Solempnita Goursez Vreizh/Breton Gorsedh ceremony, Saint Caduan en Brasparts

Sunday 21st July 3pm Breage Parish Church service in Cornish for the Feast of St James

Saturday 27th July 3pm Truro Cathedral said Eucharist in Cornish for the Feast of St Sampson

Advance notice Friday 2nd – Saturday 10th August Welsh National Eisteddfod, Lanrwst, Conwy.

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

As previously mentioned there will be an extra newsletter in June with all the details of arrangements for September which will include a booking form but news and information to be included in the next main quarterly newsletter for August, September & October 2019 should be sent please to Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, Honorary Secretary by email to hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk by the 15th of July 2019.

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 Although everyone receives the quarterly newsletter there are often “short notice” events and announcements that members who receive paper copy will not hear about.

Catch up with the latest news about *Gorsedh Kernow* on our website www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk

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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.

Tereba nessa / Until next time..... Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton