



GORSEDH KERNOW - The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall

LYTHER BARDHEK - BARDIC NEWSLETTER

Mis Me bys dhe vis Gortheren 2018 / May to July 2018

Gwarnyans / Proclamation



Thank you to all 65 of you who came to the Proclamation on Saturday 21st April, we were blessed with a dry, very warm and sunny few hours in Newquay. The current Mayor Cllr Margaret North was dressed in official regalia and extended a very warm welcome to us all. On behalf of the townspeople she reiterated the invitation to hold our *Esedhvos* Festival of Cornish Culture and bardic ceremony in Newquay later in the year and she gratefully accepted from *Bardh*

Meur a framed poem in Kernewek written by Tim Saunders, *Bardh Gwerin*, for display in Newquay Council's offices.

Bardh Meur's thought provoking 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=639>

KKB Gorsedh Kernow / Gorsedh Kernow AGM

The AGM was held soon after the Proclamation ceremony in St Michael's Church Hall, Newquay. We are very grateful to the Church 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*, *Melennek*. The AGM was followed by a showing of a new film about Henry Jenner, *Gwas Myghal*.

Bardh Meur reiterated *Gorsedh Kernow's* theme for 2018 which centred on the power of culture as a potent and unifying force for good, and that this would form the basis for the forthcoming Conference during the *Esedhvos* Festival and addresses throughout the year.

Notes from the AGM will be circulated to the membership separately.

Konsel Gorsedh Kernow 2018- 2021 / Gorsedh Kernow Council 2018 - 2021

Following procedures set down in the Constitution and Standing Orders, a new Council is now in place to serve for three years until March 2021. The Council consists of up to 20 elected members, *Bardh Meur*, *Kannas Bardh Meur*, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and all former Grand Bards. The elected members of the new Council are Bert Biscoe, *Viajor Gans Geryow*; Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*; Howard Curnow, *Kernow*; Jim Daniel, *An Ojyon*; Tim Hambly, *Roscarrek*; Peter Harvey, *Godhonyth an Nor*; Rael Harvey, *Myrgh Mydroilyn*; Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak*

Vur; David Holman, *Rifelwas*; Mark Dungey, *Donsyor Lanust*; Terry Knight, *Tresulwythen*; Jenefer Lowe, *Gwythvosen*; Gareth Parry, *Mab Meliner Gwlan*; Pat Parry, *Gwylan Gernow*; Maureen Pierce, *Cares Awgrym*. The holders of posts of Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary will be voted for by the new Council, the first full meeting of which will be on Saturday 21st July although the new lineup was already in place for the AGM.

[Rewl Ollqemryn Difresyans Data 2018 / General Data Protection Regulation 2018](#)

There are major changes underway to data protection regulations and this may affect many aspects of *Gorsedh Kernow's* work. New regulations come into force on 25th May 2018. The Membership Secretary David Holman, *Rifelwas*, has been looking in detail at the potential impact on all of us and presented a report at the recent AGM. That report is included with this newsletter and summarises everything we need to know immediately, but at some point very soon David Holman will send out an email/printed letter to **ALL** current Bards asking for their consent for their data to be kept so that they can be kept in touch with *Gorsedh Kernow* membership issues.

Bards **must** respond to this please so that we can maintain our membership database, if the form is not returned we will not be able to keep personal data about you and will be unable to email or write to you at all. Please can **ALL** Bards assist us in the implementation of this new regulation.

[Solempnita AWEN /AWEN ceremony](#)



Sunday 24th June 11am *Gorsedh Kernow* AWEN ceremony, Indian Queens Pit, 28 Princess Parc, Indian Queens, Saint Columb TR9 6PB.

National grid reference SW 91798 58657.

When you arrive in Indian Queens drive along Chapel Road and look for a green sign pointing towards Indian Queens Pit which is up Pocahontas Crescent (opposite Indian Queens Band Room). Follow Pocahontas Crescent, ignoring the cul-de-sac on the left and Princess Parc on the right and continue round to the left. The entrance to the Pit is via a narrow turning on the right between numbers 13 and 14. There is another green

sign pointing the way to the Pit along this turning. There should be enough space for about 20 cars and there will be attendants to help on the day. If the car park is full, there will hopefully be some spaces on the residential roads nearby. We will be able to use the modern visitor centre at the Pit which has toilets and there will be teas and coffees available from the local organisers. You will be able to make a donation towards these costs on the day.

Indian Queens Pit is a site of great historic significance, which is protected as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. In 1850 local villagers constructed the preaching pit within a disused mining openwork that had been part of a larger tin mining concern known by various names such as Fatwork & Virtue and Wheal Cornwall. It was traditionally used by the local Methodist chapels from Indian Queens and Fraddon, and events included religious services, tea treats and Sunday school anniversaries. In the mid 1970s local residents, under the leadership of Mr Lloyd Truscott, began to restore the Pit, which had become neglected over several years and had fallen into disuse. A Thanksgiving service was held at The Pit in June 1977 and was officially re-opened eleven months later in May 1978. Indian Queens Pit continues to be a living monument at the very heart of its local community and is looked after by a Pit Association, which promotes numerous events at the site including fetes, concerts and plays, and continues to work hard to improve the Pit and its setting.

For further information please visit their website <http://www.indianqueenspit.co.uk/>

[Ragbren Eseleth / Membership Subscription](#)

Membership subscriptions are due on 1st June and should be sent please to Jerry Rogers, *Gorsedh*

Kernow Honorary Treasurer, 17 Chiltern Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire, GU47 8NB, email is jerry_rogers1@outlook.com (Please note there is an underscore between "jerry" and "rogers1"). The current subscription is £20 per year (£15 for overseas bards) although if you wish to pay a little more your generosity would be most welcome. Prompt payment is especially welcome! Thank you.

If you prefer, you could always create a Standing Order which pays your subscription direct to *Gorsedh Kernow* on 1st June each year without you having to be reminded. You can cancel this arrangement at any time. Please contact the Honorary Treasurer for more details.

[Gool Esedhvos ha solempnita Gorsedh Kernow dhe Tewynn Blystra - aqan 90es pennbloodh!/ Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival and ceremony at Newquay – our 90th birthday!](#)

The *Esedhvos* Festival of Cornish Culture will run from Wednesday 29th August until Sunday 2nd September 2018, with the main bardic ceremony on Saturday 1st 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. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ESEDHVOS FESTIVAL AT THE HOTEL BRISTOL AT THE SPECIAL DISCOUNTED RATE, BUT PLEASE HURRY AS THIS OFFER CLOSSES ON 1st JUNE.**

[Kynsa Towlen Esedhvos / Initial Esedhvos programme – details to be confirmed in due course but all events will be @ the Hotel Bristol, Narrowcliff, Newquay TR7 2PQ unless otherwise stated](#)

Wednesday 29th August onwards

Grand Bard's chair on display

Thursday 30th August

11am-3pm Literary Festival featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors"

12 noon onwards Display of *Gorsedh Kernow* Young People's Awards and Adults Awards & Competitions entries

7pm Presentation of 2018 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults Awards & Competitions and Young People's Awards

Friday 31st August

10am – 4.30pm Conference "Cornwall's Cultural Assets – Time for Change?" Tickets £5/£6 (final price tbc) to include pasty lunch

Early evening (tbc) Performance of *Time & Tide* by Blystra Arts

7.30pm Cornish Troyl/Ceilidh with the North Cornwall Ceilidh Band

Saturday 1st September

11am Cornish stalls open @ Barrowfields

10am Civic procession around the town of bards, dignitaries and invited guests

11.30am – 12 noon Demonstration of Cornish wrestling @ Barrowfields

12.30-1pm Performance @ Barrowfields by Oll an Gwella

1.30pm Procession of bards from Hotel Bristol to the Barrowfields



2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* Bardic ceremony @ the Barrowfields or @ Hotel Bristol if wet

7pm Gala Concert

8.30pm Cornish Come All Ye music and song session @ Great Western Hotel, Cliff Road, Newquay

Sunday 2nd September

Morning '*Blas a Gernewek* – A Taste of Cornish' session, venue tbc

Later morning Story Walk around Newquay 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>

[Profyans rag lyver nowydh / Proposal for a new book](#)

The Archives and Publications sub committee would like to create and publish a new book about bard E G Retallack Hooper, *Talek*, who was barded in 1932, and was Grand Bard from 1959 to 1964. He was a very important figure in the revival of the Cornish language and literary contributions are invited from anyone who has an interest in *Talek* and who may have some information to share. Most contributions to previous books on Grand Bards have consisted largely of chapters on particular aspects of their subject's life - in *Talek's* case, we would like to cover his role as horticulturalist and teacher as well as his major contributions to the Cornish movement. If you can help with this project please contact Peter Thomas, *Sked Golowva*, email bryane312@gmail.com

[Kovheans / In Memoriam](#)

Noel Carthew, *Map Caddy* of South Australia has informed us of the sad news that **Ros Paterson OAM, Roslyn an Dyghow**, died Wednesday 14th February after a long period of ill health.

Ros was barded in 1974 at Glasney, Penryn as the founder of *Kernewek Lowender* and for her research into the Cornish in South Australia. Her family was originally from Bokiddick, near Lanivet and she was the great grand daughter of one of the four miners who opened up Wallaroo Mines on Yorke Peninsula circa December 1859. Her funeral was held in Bute, South Australia on Thursday 22nd February.

We are also sad to report the passing of bard **Dr James Charles Arthur Whetter, Dygemyster**, who died on Saturday 24th February at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice. James was born in St Austell and barded in 1966 at St Ives. A noted Cornish historian and editor of *The Cornish Banner (An Baner Kernewek)* his books include 'The History of Glasney College', 'Cornwall in the Seventeenth Century' and 'The History of Falmouth'. He contested elections for two Cornish independence parties and was Director of the Roseland Institute, a Centre for Cornish Studies in Gorran Haven. His funeral was held at Gorran Church on Friday 23rd March.

Les Mitchell, *Myghal Porthysak* – Secretary Christchurch Branch of the NZCA reports that it is with great regret that he has informed us of the death on Monday 26th February of bard **Valerie Ann Moore Scholores Godolphyn**. Val was barded in 2000 at Falmouth and was a fluent speaker of Kernewek and President of both the New Zealand Cornish Assn. and the Christchurch Branch of the NZCA. A full St. Paul's Church, Papanui for Val's funeral was an indication of the esteem and love for a tremendous worker for both church and the wider local community.

Also, sad news reported by Jori Ansell, *Caradok*, of the passing of bard **Robin Menneer, Menhyr an Ke**, who died on Tuesday 6th March. There was no funeral service, although some words were spoken at the graveside as Robin has been buried in his own woodland at Nanpusker, near Gwinnear. He was made a bard in 2013 at Penryn and was a member of the Guild of Cornish Hedgers.

Also we are sad to report the passing of **David Frost, Carer Brest** who died on Thursday 22nd March, following many years of ill health. David was made a bard in 2003 at Launceston for his outstanding contribution to music in Cornwall. David was a true inspiration to so many, a phenomenal musician in all areas and a fierce advocate for music education. Following a private family funeral, a memorial service to celebrate David's life is to be held in Truro Cathedral to which everyone will be welcome, although we do not have the date at the moment.

We have also received sad news of the passing of **Raymond Mark Shaddick, BEM, Gwas Kylgh** of Kilkhampton, who died on Tuesday 27th March. Known as "The Boy from Bude", Ray was a former presenter of the Radio Cornwall "Sunday Choice" show and he was known especially for his kindness

and his gentle and genuine humour. He was made a bard in 1994 at Camborne. As chairman, he helped raise a lot of money for the Bude branch of Cancer Research UK. In 2012 he was awarded the BEM for services to charity and in 2016 he was presented with a "Flame of Hope" award from Cancer Research UK. Ray was cremated at a private ceremony followed by a thanksgiving service for his life on Wednesday 18th April.

[Dydhwow a vri / Important dates](#)

Tuesday 1st May *Kala Me* celebrations throughout Cornwall

Saturday 5th May Procession around Falmouth of the St Piran statue

Info <https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Giants-Crossing-686319364862802/events/> or contact GK Hon Sec for more details

Saturday 12th May 10.30am – 1pm Cornish Language Forum, St John's Hall, Penzance. Info from <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/cornish-language-office/>

Sunday 13th May 3pm Helston Parish Church Service in Cornish for St Michael Protector of Cornwall

Friday 11th May St Piran statue sails from North Quay, Falmouth for Brittany

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

Thursday 7th – Saturday 9th June Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge showground

Saturday 16th June Murdoch Day in Redruth, further info from http://www.visitredruth.co.uk/Murdoch_Day_3172.aspx

Sunday 24th June 11am Gorsedh Kernow AWEN ceremony, Indian Queens Pit, 28 Princess Parc, Indian Queens, Saint Columb TR9 6PB (details above)

Friday 29th June National Cream Tea Day (jam first please!)

Saturday 30th June FOCS Summer Festival Callington

Sunday 15th July *Solempnita Goursez Vreizh*/Breton Gorsedh ceremony, Saint Caduan en Brasparts

Sunday 29th July 3pm Breage Parish Church in Cornish for the Feast of St James

Sunday 29th July Inauguration of St Piran statue at Vallee des Saints, Carnoet, Brittany



[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 2018, should be sent please to Delia Brotherton, *Myrghwyn Melynor*, Honorary Secretary by email to hon.secretary@gorsedhkernow.org.uk by the 15th of July 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 Although everyone receives the quarterly newsletter there are often "short notice" events and announcements 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



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