An Kesskrifer

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Welcome!

Well, we've returned to the proper job of learning Cornish as we're in autumn now, so it's appropriate to re-welcome our students who are continuing to study our language. We also welcome eight students new to KDL. They are:

First Grade

Ernie who lives in England; Ffran in Brittany; Haiden from Wales; Teresa, and Dillon, both living in Cornwall.

Second Grade

Kirsten, and Dave, both living in Cornwall.

Third Grade

Catherine in Cornwall.

On another note, don't forget that it's always good to see your writing here (from your lessons or your stories or verse) so please send them to me! The email address is at the end of the newsletter.

Cornish Language Board Exams

We have had eight students who have passed the exams held in May and June this year. Their names are:

First Grade

Andrew Constance
Clark Langwell – gans bri

Second Grade

Catherine Henderson – gans bri

Third Grade

Jack Warr – gans bri
Ben Gingold– gans bri

Fourth Grade

Roger Doo
Jerry Forbes
David Hale

We'd like to congratulate them all for their achievement and greatly hope they continue their journey with the Cornish Language. Great job!

If you have passed a Cornish exam, but don't see your name here, please let us know!

KDL online oral group with Jenna

If you want to speak more Cornish, remember the Zoom oral groups for KDL students.

There are two groups:

For 1st and 2nd Grade students, the first and third Friday of the month.

For 3rd and 4th Grade students, the second and fourth Friday of the month.

The sessions start at 7:30pm and last an hour.

Send me an email for the link: lili.korawys@outlook.com See you there!

Jenna Harvey

An interview with … with myself!

I've decided that now would be the right time to return to teaching with KDL (as a teacher, but as we know, that means as a student at the same time!) and as I've made the other teachers do the same thing, I ought to say something about my Cornish journey till today.

The reasons why I wanted to learn Cornish came from many sources which together made me learn. In 1978, if I remember correctly, at the age of eight, I learned my first words in the language because of a rainy-day class at Mullion C.P. School. (Big thanks to Mrs Bray!) So, I suppose the seed was planted then. Later, now living in Devon, came the love of Irish because of the Irish group *Clannad* and their music for the TV series "Robin of Sherwood"

beginning in 1984, but the one song which interested me most was “The Golden Castle” which appeared in 1985/6.

Then, later that same year (in May or June I suppose it would have been) while I had a free morning from the exams (I was 16 by then), I saw an episode of a rebroadcast TSW series called “The Crab Pot”, written by John King, known today as Yowann Byghan. The programmes taught us a few words of Cornish. Now, while I loved the Irish language (and still do), I thought, well I was born and raised in Cornwall so I should try to learn its language. So, at the end of the series, I wrote off to receive more information about it, and letters arrived from Brian Webb, Secretary of the Cornish Language Fellowship, and Wella Brown, Secretary of the Cornish Language Board. The next step was sending off to one Raymond Edwards, organiser of the “Cornish by Post” course in Sutton Coldfield. I received the first two lessons (by letter, of course) and so I started.

I continued until Lesson 22 or 23 and then stopped (due to life!). Then, after hesitating for six years, I re-started and in 1994 I took the 1st grade exam, and the 3rd grade the year after (the original course was First, Second/Third and Fourth Grades) and the 4th grade in 1997, when I became a KDL teacher. In 1996, I joined a small group of Cornish speakers to try to save the Cornish GCSE by taking it. Sadly, we didn’t save it, but we all passed with good marks!

Speaking and understanding the language have always been the most difficult for me, but the grammar was interesting. I like to write stories and something you may not know about me is that I’ve won three prizes from the Gorsedh/Esedhvos for prose.

These days, I don’t get much chance to speak the language apart from telling my husband off and chatting to the pets (6 of them) but, as you can see, I still write it!

Goodbye!

It would be excellent to see the work of KDL students here in An Kesskrifer, whether it be writing from lessons, articles, short stories or verse. Please send it to syharner@gmail.com or kernewekdrelyther@hotmail.com. Thank you!