

GORSEDH KERNOW

BARDS OF THE HELSTON AREA/BERDH A'N RANNDIR HELLYS

To commemorate the 2011 Gorsedd taking place in Helston, Gorsedh Kernow has put together a publication which details the lives and works of forty deceased bards who lived and worked in the Helston and Lizard area. There are also, for the first time, details of 30 living bards from the area, and the work they are doing for Cornwall now. This is the second in a planned series covering the area in which the annual Gorsedh Kernow is held.

The Helston area boasts many famous bards, some of them from the very early days of Gorsedh Kernow. They include the Reverend J. Sims Carah from Crowan and Canon Canon Gilbert Doble from Wendron, both barded in 1928, as well as J.C. Trewin from the Lizard, the famous art and drama critic. There are local historians including A. S. Oates, Spencer Toy, Doris Treloar and Edward Cunnack from Helston, and R.R.Blewett from Crowan. Many have served the Gorsedd through learning the language or helping to preserve Cornwall's culture and identity, through research, writings or publications. Several from Helston emigrated and we have followed their trail to Australia and America, with help from Cornish organisations overseas. Names of those include Kitchen, Retallack, Rowe, Hosking and Bonython. It is a distinguished and varied company.

Bards of the Helston Area/Berdh a'n Ranndir Hellys, which features many photographs, some in colour, has been researched and compiled by members of the Gorsedd Publications Sub-Committee and volunteers from the Helston area, including from the Helston Old Cornwall Society and Helston Folk Museum. The book contains an introduction by Grand Bard, Mick Paynter. It has been sponsored by local organisations including Helston Town Council, the Downesland Trust, Helston Old Cornwall Society, Friends of Helston Museum, Ann Muller (Cornish Pasty Shop, the Lizard) among others.

The book will be launched by the Grand Bard on Friday 2nd September 2011, at the Helston Library at 11am. Copies may be ordered and paid for in advance, (see details below) or collected on 2nd or 3rd September from the launch or from other Gorsedd events, where they will also be on sale.

Bards of the Helston Area/Berdh a'n Ranndir Hellys. A4 format. ISBN 978-1-903668-07-8. 65 pages. Price £6.50 + postage. (Costs with postage are: £7.50 UK; £8.50 Europe, £10 the rest of the world.). Available from 2nd September.2011.

To order copies in advance, please complete the form below and return it with cheques in pounds sterling made payable to 'Gorsedh Kernow' to:

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