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**A tribute to
Reverend Julyan Drew**

So what will a Johnson premiership hold for Cornwall?

Speaking at the first UK National Minority Summit, Government Minister Lord Bourne told delegates that he understood “Cornwall has a rich history and a distinctive identity.”

He added that it was important that central government supported the Cornish language to “help it flourish for generations to come.”

He announced a one-off payment of £200,000 for Cornish language and culture, but did not give any further commitment to the long-term funding of Cornwall’s linguistic future.

The Government’s representative nonetheless appeared sympathetic to Cornish demands and, soon after his visit, told a House of Lords Grand Committee debating devolution that “there are issues relating to Cornwall that are very different from other parts of the country – I had better not say other parts of England because one thing that much of Cornwall is united on is that it is not part of England.”

However, Lord Bourne resigned from the UK Government when Boris Johnson became Prime Minister, citing his opposition to a “no-deal” Brexit.

And since then, the UK Government has failed to make any positive comments about Cornwall’s distinctive place within the United Kingdom or to address the demands made of Lord Bourne around the National Minority Summit.

It already looks like Cornwall is, once again, the UK’s invisible nation.

Johnson has claimed that his job “is to be Prime Minister of the whole United Kingdom” and he has spoken about unleashing the “productive power” not just of London and the South East “but of every corner of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland ... the awesome foursome that are incarnated in that red, white, and blue flag, who together are so much more than the sum of their parts.”

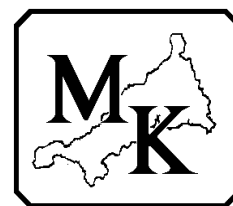
There was no mention of Cornwall. He also committed himself to symbolically visiting the “four corners” of the United Kingdom during his first few days in his new role but, somewhat predictably, he did not step over the Tamar and visit the south west corner of the UK.

Johnson has since been to Cornwall following the announcement that £100 million will be made available to build a new Women’s and Children’s unit at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, in place of the Princess Alexandra Maternity wing, which has serious structural problems.

Obviously, many people have pointed out that it is “scandalous” that it has taken so long for the money to be made available while others have suggested that timing of the announcement has more to do with a possible snap General Election.

But it is fantastic news that the Cornish NHS will have this cash boost, though the UK Government has so much more to do to repair the damage caused by a decade of austerity and under-investment in our public services.

It is therefore incumbent on MK to continue to make the strongest possible case for really meaningful changes to Government policy which should include devolution to Cornwall, the greater recognition of the Cornish national minority and fair funding for all our public services.



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Action needed now

Mebyon Kernow leader Cllr Dick Cole writes about the pressing need for governments, communities and individuals to do more to tackle climate change

2019 has seen a remarkable uplift in concern about climate change. Young people have gone on strike from their schools in order to put pressure on decision-makers and the Extinction Rebellion movement has disrupted daily life in a number of UK cities with road blockages, while policy-makers across much of the globe are considering the issue as never before. Many governments, local authorities and organisations, including the National Executive of Mebyon Kernow, have rightly declared a climate emergency.

At the World Economic Forum at Davos-Klostern, Switzerland, David Attenborough declared that “The Garden of Eden is no more.” Addressing the Forum, which asserts to “engage the foremost political, business and other leaders of society,” he issued a challenge for stronger action in the battle against climate change.

Mr Attenborough told the meeting: “I am quite literally from another age. I was born during the Holocene – the name given to the 12,000-year period of climatic stability that allowed humans to settle, farm and create civilisations.”

The Holocene has ended. The Garden of Eden is no more.”

He went on to cleverly suggest that we are now in the Anthropocene – the Age of Humans, adding that we all need to “move beyond” the “guilt or blame” for the environmental crisis we are in, and to get on with the “practical tasks at hand” to deal with the emergency.

Mr Attenborough has also reached out beyond the “powerful,” who assembled at Davos, with a television programme called “Climate Change – the Facts,” which built on his life’s work as a broadcaster and natural historian. This essential work is being complemented by so many environmental campaigners, including the inspirational 16-year-old Greta Thunberg.

Tackling climate change and safeguarding the global environment are the defining issues of the early 21st century, as borne out by yet another damning report – this time from the UN which has brought together the work of more than 450 scientists and diplomats.

This “global assessment” report warns that “nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history — and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely [and] the health of ecosystems on which we, and all other species, depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever.”

One of the authors of the report, Professor Andy Purvis from the Natural History Museum, has described it as “the most thorough, most detailed and most extensive planetary health check” that has ever been done. His perspective is so telling. “The take-home message is that we should have gone to the doctor sooner. We are in a bad way. The society we would like our children and grandchildren to live in is in real jeopardy. I cannot overstate it. If we leave it to later generations to clear up the mess, I don’t think they will forgive us.”

This article appeared in a recent edition of the Cornish Guardian newspaper.

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The 93-year-old added: “Global businesses, international co-operation and the striving for higher ideals ... these are all possible because for millennia, on a global scale, nature has largely been predictable and stable ... now in the space of one human lifetime – indeed in the space of my lifetime – all that has changed.



Reverend Julyan Drew

Remembering a much-respected and greatly-loved Methodist Minister, campaigner and former Chairman of Mebyon Kernow

Julyan Drew, who died on 25th July 2019, dedicated himself to the service of others. He touched the lives of so many people with his boundless compassion and this was borne out by the attendance of more than one thousand people at his funeral service at Paul.

Julyan was born in Penzance in 1955 and he was the eldest of the four children of Jack Drew and his wife Joan (nee Semmens). Jack was from a Mousehole family, while Joan came from St Buryan.

The family moved to the south east of England during Julyan's childhood and he underwent his secondary education at Palmers Grammar School at Grays in Essex. After school, his earliest employment included a stint with HM Customs, before the Drews returned to Penzance in the early 1970s.

It was not long before Julyan married Elizabeth Stevens from Sancreed. An ideally suited and devoted couple, they enjoyed nearly 45 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children, Talwyn, Trevelyan and Tremaen.

Julyan's employment back in Cornwall included work in a photo laboratory and a spell as a self-employed builder, but he instinctively gravitated towards jobs that helped people. As a consequence, he worked for social services in a children's home, as a teaching assistant in a secondary school and as a social work assistant at West Cornwall Hospital in Penzance.

It was also in the mid-1970s that Julyan decided to join Mebyon Kernow and to become politically active. By 1976, he was attending MK National Executive Committee meetings on behalf of Penzance branch, when he was often accompanied by his wife Liz.

Membership of MK allowed Julyan to demonstrate both his commitment to Cornwall and to social justice, and in the "Tributaries" publication from 1980, he wrote that "it is not enough to seek a self-governing Cornwall and to then work for economic and social justice. The two must go hand in hand."



His commitment to social justice was also shown when, in 1981, he was one of four party members – along with Colin Lawry, Pedyr Prior and Malcolm Williams – who formed the Cowethas 1913 group within MK. Named after the unsuccessful strike of clay workers in 1913, it was founded on the three principles of autonomy, socialism and ecology, and sought to link greater self-government with wider societal changes.

Early in the 1980s, Julyan was at the heart of numerous MK campaigns which included protests against the Thatcherite policies of the new Conservative government and the linked rise in unemployment, as well as efforts to oppose a proposed nuclear power station near Luxulyan which led to the formation of the Cornwall Anti-Nuclear Alliance.

In the late 1970s and through the first half of the 1980s, MK also contested a large number of elections in the west of Cornwall and Julyan was a key part of a high-profile team of election activists in the Penwith area. He himself stood for election to Penwith District Council on three occasions – once in 1983 and twice in 1985. More often though, he was the agent for other candidates. Julyan was election agent for Colin Murley and Pedyr Prior in the St Ives Constituency in the 1979 and 1983 General Elections respectively and he assisted Colin Lawry in numerous elections between 1981 and 2001. Other election hopefuls he helped included his brother Jerry, who was elected to Penzance Town Council in 1985 and went on to serve the town as mayor.

An engaging and eloquent speaker, Julyan rose to serve Mebyon Kernow as Chairman from 1983 until 1985, and it was around this time that the MK team in Penwith was jokingly known as Drew's Militia.



Soon after his tenure at the head of MK, Julyan became a lay preacher in the Methodist Church. He was subsequently ordained and in 1998 took up employment as a Minister in the Penzance Circuit. Julyan and Liz moved to Newlyn and in 2009 he took special responsibility for the Methodist churches in Newlyn, Mousehole, St Buryan and St Just as part of the new West Cornwall Circuit.

For two full decades, he worked tirelessly to meet the spiritual needs of the people of his local area, supporting families through positive times and officiating at hundreds of weddings and baptisms, and helping to bring comfort to families dealing with illness or bereavement.

He also did much work in an attempt to safeguard the closed Newlyn Trinity Chapel and was instrumental in the redevelopment of the adjacent schoolroom as a multi-purpose church and community facility known as The Centre, which supports many local groups.

Julyan retired as a Minister in 2018 because of his health problems, but continued to help out with the Penlee Cluster of Anglican churches around Newlyn, Paul and Penzance.

In addition, he was extremely active in the local community. He was a hands-on Chaplain for Penzance Town Council and was made a freeman of Penzance in 2010. He was Chaplain for the RNLI Penlee lifeboat and the Cornwall Fire Brigade, supporting stations in Penzance, St Just and St Ives. In addition, he served on numerous bodies including the Three Villages Youth Project, YMCA and the Newlyn Fish Industry Forum.

A keen singer, Julyan was a member of Newlyn Male Choir in the 1980s and took part in the tour to Brittany when Penzance was twinned with Concarneau. He sang in the YMCA-based Govenek Choir and was President of Mousehole Male Voice Choir.

Photographs

Page 4: Top: Julyan in the early 1980s.

Bottom: MK members campaigning against the threat of a nuclear power station near Luxulyan. From left to right: Stephen Dungey, Julyan, Ed Stevens (Julyan's father-in-law), Stephen Barnes and Colin Lawry.

Page 5: Top: Julyan on the Penlee lifeboat.

Bottom left: Julyan with his wife Liz.

Bottom right: Julyan on the day that he was made a bard of Gorsedh Kernow with his children Trevelyan, Tremaen and Talwyn.

Many will no doubt remember him at the annual switching on of the Mousehole Christmas lights, when he would entertain the crowds with a wide and varied range of jokes.

And even when Julyan was ill, he continued to do all that he could to assist people in need of help. He was active with the Cornwall Hugs Grenfell project, which arranges for families affected by the Grenfell Tower fire in London to enjoy some respite time in Cornwall. In 2018, a memorial service for their lost loved ones was organised on board the Penlee lifeboat and he helped lead the acts of remembrance. Julyan continued to show solidarity with the "Green for Grenfell" initiative and chose to use social media to speak out against governmental inaction following the tragedy. He was particularly moved when he was announced as the first recipient of the Grenfell Community Hero Award by Grenfell United.

On 11th June 2019, Julyan was also honoured by Gorsedh Kernow. He had accepted the award of a bardship in recognition of his services to Cornwall and its people, and because of his diminishing health, he was welcomed into the circle of bards in a short private ceremony. This was held at his home, where he was surrounded by his family and joined by a number of fellow bards. He took the name Hwilor an Golow (Seeker of the Light) and participated enthusiastically in the singing of the Cornish anthem Bro Goth Agan Tasow.

This award truly was a fitting recognition of his love for Cornwall and everything that he did for one and all.

At this sad time, our thoughts are with Liz, Julyan's children Talwyn, Trevelyan and Tremaen, his six grandchildren, his father Jack and the wider family.



Cornish news and views

A near-miss in Roskear

MK's Ryan Congdon almost pulled off a stunning victory in a by-election for Roskear Ward on Camborne Town Council, thanks to a sterling team effort (see right).



A first-time candidate, he polled 222 votes and finished just eight behind the winning Conservative candidate. The Labour candidate came in third with 185 votes. (11th April 2019)

Census meeting

On Friday 12th April, MK Leader Cllr Dick Cole was part of a delegation from Cornwall Council which attended a meeting with two representatives of the Office of National Statistics (ONS), including the Director of Population and Public Policy Operations. It took place in St Austell and the purpose of the gathering was to discuss the need for a Cornish tick-box in the national identity section of the 2021 census.

Commenting on the meeting, Cllr Cole said: "It would be a massive understatement on our part to describe the meeting as very frustrating. We challenged the ONS on a range of points and set out our great disappointment that they had not supported a Cornish tick-box, even though they claimed that they fully recognised the 'need of the Cornish community for data on the socio-economic, educational, health and housing conditions of those who identify as Cornish.'



"Whatever we said, it was clear from the meeting that the ONS would not be revisiting its position."

A statutory order will be laid before both Houses of Parliament in the Autumn and Cllr Cole has called on campaigners to continue to lobby MPs, who could still vote to deliver a tick-box.

Decision on Euro-elections

On 23rd April, the Party for Cornwall confirmed that it would not be contesting the elections to the European Parliament, due to take place on 23rd May. The statement read: "Given the uncertainty around the election, and also the significant costs, it was the view of the National Executive that MK's electoral priorities should remain the 2020 Police and Crime Commissioner election, preparing for the next round of Cornwall Council elections in 2021, and making sure that MK takes part in the next General Election.

"In particular, it was acknowledged that the nature of the 'South West' seat, of which Cornwall makes up just one-tenth, would make the election very difficult for MK.

"It is estimated that Mebyon Kernow would need a quarter of the Cornish vote to simply save its £5,000 deposit and it could poll every vote in Cornwall and not get an MEP elected."

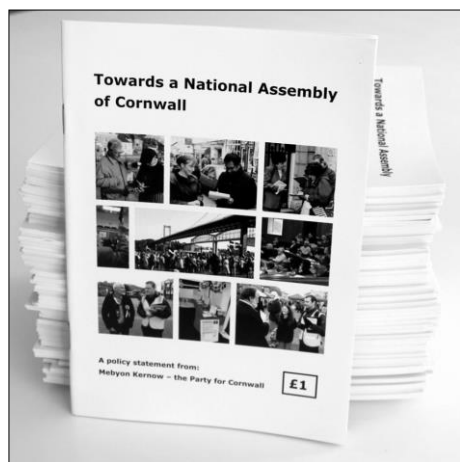
Yorkshire election news

One of MK's sister parties in the European Free Alliance, the regionalist Yorkshire Party, won six seats on principal authorities in the local elections – four on Selby District Council and two on the East Riding of Yorkshire unitary authority. MK has welcomed the news that another progressive ally is making such positive headway. (2nd May 2019)



Views of would-be MEPs

During the campaigning period for the Euro-elections, the St Austell and Newquay Constituency Party of Mebyon Kernow sent a copy of the booklet "Towards a National Assembly of Cornwall" to all candidates standing in the "South West region" for the European Parliament.



Commenting on the feedback from the survey, branch chairman Cllr Michael Bunney said: "We requested that the candidates give their personal view – and that of their party – on the proposal for a Cornish Assembly. It was very disappointing that we did not receive a single response from representatives of the Conservatives, Labour Party or Liberal Democrats, though this no doubt reflects their lack of support for greater self-government for Cornwall." (10th May 2019)

Euro election news

MK's sister parties polled extremely well in the elections to the European Parliament.

In Scotland, the SNP emphatically topped the poll, winning 594,553 votes (38% of the total). This was the highest percentage of the vote of any political party in Western Europe and the SNP returned three MEPs. It was also impressive that the SNP won the biggest share of the vote in 30 of the 32 council areas in Scotland. Alyn Smith was re-elected and joined by Christian Allard and Aileen McLeod.

In Wales, Plaid Cymru MEP Jill Evans was re-elected. The Party of Wales secured 163,928 votes (19.6%) and for the first time in their 94 year history out-pollled the Labour Party in a Wales-wide election.

Plaid topped the polls in their heartlands in Ceredigion, Gwynedd (where they achieved 50.8% of the vote) and Ynys Mon, plus the Carmarthen East and Dinefwr seat represented by Party Leader Adam Price AM and Jonathan Edwards MP.

Meanwhile in the north of England, the Yorkshire Party managed 50,842 votes (3.9%) in the Yorkshire and Humber Constituency – another credible performance for the fledgling party.

The European Free Alliance secured a total of 12 MEPS, some of whom are pictured below at their first post-election get-together. (26th May 2019)



Housing concerns

Mebyon Kernow has been extremely critical of Cornwall Council's successful bid for £47 million from the UK Government's "Housing Infrastructure Fund," which will "build the Truro Northern Access Road" in order to "bring forward" the 2,700 property Langarth housing scheme near Truro.

A statement issued after a meeting of the MK National Executive challenged the UK Government to prioritise the delivery of affordable housing. "We have no objection to the UK Government sending £47 million to Cornwall for housing. But we would expect the money to be used to combat the dysfunctional nature of the present housing market by delivering proper local-needs affordable housing in many different communities, the length and breadth of Cornwall.

"Surely the priority should be assisting those local people in housing need – not helping to facilitate a massive private-sector-

led housing development on the outskirts of Truro." (14th June 2019)

Demo at "Lys Kernow"

A number of MK members were present at a protest against the level of housing growth across Cornwall on 9th July, which took place at "Lys Kernow" in advance of a meeting of the unitary authority. A number of local groups were also present at the demonstration to raise concerns about specific developments which they considered will have an adverse impact on their communities.

Speaking after the event, Mebyon Kernow issued a statement calling on campaigners to "unite around a strong and positive campaign" to ensure that "all decisions over planning and housing are taken here in Cornwall, democratically, with a Cornish NPPF, without interference from Whitehall and their inspectors."

No to out-of-town stores

MK councillor Zoe Fox spoke at a meeting of Cornwall Council's Strategic Planning Committee to oppose an unpopular proposal for an out-of-town scheme which would have had a significant adverse impact on Camborne. As the Chairman of the Town Council's Planning Committee, Zoe criticised the impact of the development on the character of the area and the setting of the nearby World Heritage Site, the need to protect green fields and the poor nature of the ecological reports that had been submitted by the applicants. The application was turned down unanimously. (25th July 2019)

The photograph of Julyan Drew on the front cover of this edition of Cornish Nation has been reproduced courtesy of Greg Martin and Cornwall Live.

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Pennkuntelles Minorityta Kenedhlek

Pymp bledhen a-rag aswonans an bobel Gernewek avel “minorityta kenedhlek,” yth esa hwarvos posek synsys orth Pennskol Aberfala

Moy ages ugens esel MK eth dhe’n kynsa Pennkuntelles Minorityta Kenedhlek RU orth Pennskol Aberfala, o synsys dy’ Gwener 5es mis Gortheren. Yth esa Menyster an Governans Arlodh Bourne ena rag termyn berr hag y teklyas ev pemont unn prys fondya a £200,000 rag Kernewek ha gonisogeth Kernewek.

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Ow kewsyl orth an Pennkuntelles, Ledyer MK, Konseler Dick Cole a dhynerghis an deklaryans fondya, mes y leveris ev dhe Arlodh Bourne bos edhom dhe’n Governans RU dhe wul marthys moy rag gul an ambosow unverhes dre Akordyans Framweyth.

Konseler Cole a ros kov dhe’n Menister bos, yn 2014, yth o arwestlys an bobel Gernewek dhe gавos parder gans minorityts kenedhlek erel (poblow Iwerdhon Gledh, Alban ha Kembra) mes ny wrug hemma hwarva vyth oll.

Arlodh Bourne a wrug godhvos bos an chalenj ow tos drefen Konseler Cole a gevrennas “kon oberi” ganso nosweyth kyns an Pennkuntelles, gans Bert Biscoe hag Jesse Foot, Professer Tove Malloy ha Dr Davyth Hicks, ha sodhogyon konsel ha para an Menyster y honan. Ev o govynns arta a-dro dhe lies matter ha gans y’ga mysk fondyans hirdermyn rag an yeth Kernewek, rewlyans gwell a ertach Kernewek, darlesans poblek gwella y’n les Kernewek kenedhlek, ha kist-tyckya yn niverans an bobel 2021.

Dell hevel yth esa tregeredh mes y hwrug omdenna Governans, wosa etholans Boris Johnson avel ledyer Gwithysel hag y ughelheans avel Pennmenyster.



Skeusennow

Folen 8:

Kanasow omma a-rag an Kytrrin “Kist-Tyckya.”

Folen 9 (dyworth an topp, kledh dhe dhyghow):

Menyster Governans Arlodh Bourne; nebes an gewsoryon orth an hwarvos; Professer Tove Malloy bos keswelys gans Tamsin Melville BBC; Dr Davyth Hicks ha Pol Hodge; Dr Bernard Deacon, Dr Garry Tregidga, Julie Fox ha Mark Elton; Konseler Dr Loveday Jenkin ha Professer Malcolm Williams.

More than twenty MK members attended the first UK National Minority Summit at Falmouth University, which was held on Friday 5th July. Government Minister Lord Bourne was also present for a short period and announced a one-off funding payment of £200,000 for Cornish language and culture.

In addition to contributions from many activists from across Cornwall, there were also telling speeches from a range of invited guests such as Professor Tove Malloy (Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues), Cornishman Dr Davyth Hicks (Secretary General of the European Language Equality Network) – who was a Mebyon Kernow candidate in the 1997 General Election, Professor Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones (University of Wales Trinity St David) and Iain Campbell (University of the Highlands and Islands), plus Montfort Tadier and Ben Spink from Jersey.

Speaking at the Summit, MK leader Cllr Dick Cole welcomed the funding announcement, but told Lord Bourne that the UK Government needed to do so much more to meet the wider obligations that it had agreed under the Framework Convention.

Cllr Cole reminded the Minister that, in 2014, they had pledged the Cornish would receive a parity of treatment with the other national minorities (Northern Irish, Scottish and Welsh) but that this had not transpired.

Lord Bourne knew the challenge was coming as Cllr Cole had shared a “working dinner” with him on the night before the Summit, along with Cllr Bert Biscoe and Cllr Jesse Foot, Professor Tove Malloy and Dr Davyth Hicks, plus council officers and the Minister’s own staff. He was pressed on a wide range of issues which included long-term funding for the Cornish language, greater control over Cornwall’s heritage, better public broadcasting in the Cornish national interest, and a Cornish tick-box on the 2021 census.

The Minister appeared quite sympathetic but he resigned from the Government, following the election of Boris Johnson as Conservative leader and his accession as Prime Minister.



Tributes to friends

Cornish Nation *remembers Mebyon Kernow members Patricia Schama, Michael Smith and Terry Gosden*

It is the sad duty of *Cornish Nation* to report the deaths of three more members of Mebyon Kernow – the Party for Cornwall.

Patricia Schama moved to Cornwall from her native London in the late 1980s, along with her husband Roy. They settled in Philleigh on the Roseland Peninsula and Patricia soon after became the chairman of St Petrocs – a charity for single homeless people in Cornwall.

Ideally suited to this role, she had previously been employed as a psychiatric social worker in a range of environments including a clinic for troubled adolescents, a large mental hospital and an adoption agency. When she took early retirement, she was the Deputy Director of Social Services in a large London Borough.

The Schamas loved Cornwall and became active members of Mebyon Kernow in the 1990s. They were also founding members of the Cornish Constitutional Convention in 2000. Patricia served as the Chairman of MK's Truro and St Austell Constituency Party for a number of years and was a member of the MK National Executive between 2002 and 2007. Patricia was initially the spokesperson on the environment and then latterly public services. Throughout this time, she was ever-present at the heart of MK and did so much to help the Party to boost its profile and to be much more professional in its campaigning. At this time, Roy served as Party Treasurer.

In 2007, they made the difficult decision to move away from Cornwall to be closer to other members of Patricia's family.

Party Leader Cllr Dick Cole remembers Patricia as a formidable woman who had a positive influence on Mebyon Kernow: "It was a privilege to have known and worked with Patricia. It was also a joy to have spent so much time in her engaging company, which included the occasional meal at Patricia and Roy's home. She really cared about securing a better deal for Cornwall, protecting the environment – both local and global – and standing up for the vulnerable and the less-well-off. Our thoughts are with Roy at this very sad time."



Patricia Schama (centre) at the launch of the 2003 local election campaign. Her husband Roy is behind her right shoulder.

Michael Smith from St Cleer was a passionate Cornishman and an outspoken advocate for Mebyon Kernow. He was made a bard of Gorsedh Kernow at St Keverne in 2016 for "his support for Cornwall and the Cornish language." He took the name Myghal an Gov (Michael the Smith).

In recent years, Michael had been to the forefront of a campaign to erect a permanent memorial to Emily Hobhouse in her home village of St Ive, in order to commemorate her fight against concentration camps in South Africa during the Boer War.

Cllr Andrew Long said: "Michael was an active and generous supporter of MK. We were grateful for his wise counsel and he will be sadly missed by us all."

A relative newcomer to Mebyon Kernow was **Terry Gosden** from Trethurgy in the China Clay Area. He joined the Party in 2017 and threw himself into an active fundraising role.

He performed with Garry Tregidga and others in a number of pubs in Mid Cornwall, with the purpose of raising campaign funds for Mebyon Kernow's St Austell and Newquay Constituency Party. Sadly, these efforts were curtailed by his illness. He was also an active supporter of the Rescorla Cultural Centre, in the heart of Clay Country, where he regularly performed.

Originally from London, he served in the Royal Navy but spent most of his adult life on the island of Malta, where he is remembered with great affection.

Having become a social worker, his employment included stints in a homeless shelter and he then managed the Marsa Open Centre in the 2000s. This supported migrants and refugees who had moved to Malta and he also worked with the General Workers Union as a "specialist on third country nationals."

Tributes from Malta have described him as an "enlightened connoisseur of diversity" and a "man dedicated to those left out on the margins of life and society," while a university rector described him as "an anchor in a sea of panic and mistrust."

“Stand On Your Own Two Feet”

Cornish Nation recalls Daphne du Maurier's article calling for self-government for Cornwall, which was published by MK in 1969

Much has been written about the life and achievements of the novelist Daphne du Maurier, and it is often noted that the author of Frenchman's Creek, Jamaica Inn, My Cousin Rachel, Rebecca and Rule Britannia was a member of Mebyon Kernow.

Indeed, it is fifty years since she had an article published in MK's *Cornish Nation* magazine, which was titled “Stand On Your Own Two Feet.”

It is quite an interesting piece of writing and very optimistic, believing that “a form of self-government for Cornwall with legislative powers touching local industry, education, health and economy” was possible within ten years.

“Not ‘just another county,’ but a Cornwall where ‘One and All’ means what it says, no divisions, no petty strife, no inter-borough squabbles, no east versus west, a united Cornwall able to run its own affairs with minimum direction from London ...”

Very much of its time, it does cover a range of subjects including education – she argued against the closure of small schools – and economic matters, such as the need to support the traditional industries of “fishing, mining, farming.” She set out hopes that Cornwall's fishing ports would be “able to compete in a big way” and local mining companies should not be outdone by large American companies, while agriculture could help Cornwall be more self-sufficient in terms of food production.

In particular, she had a lot to say about tourism. Bemoaning the impact of “junk-shops” and “trinket-booths” selling mass-produced goods on Cornish quays, du Maurier argued that the “visitor should be encouraged to come to Cornwall because of its historical

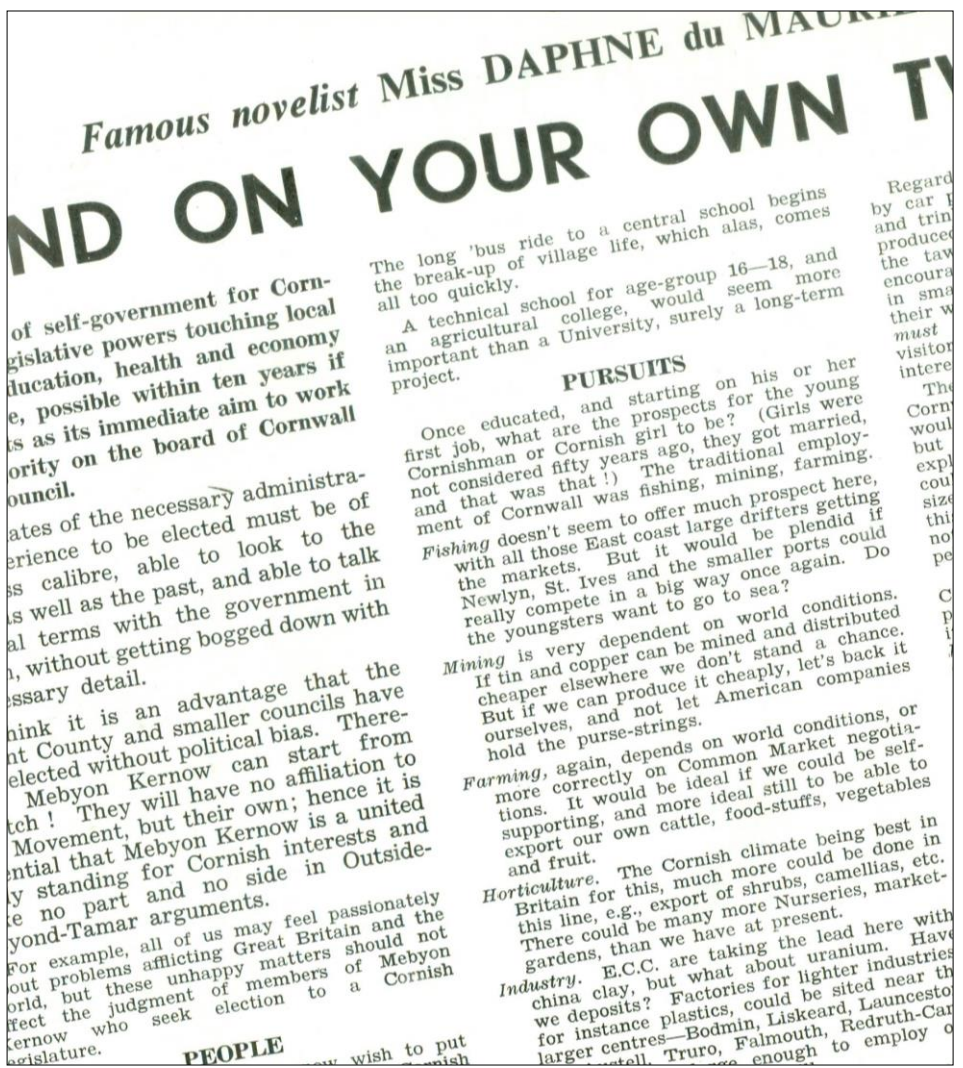
interest and its present day craftsmanship, not merely because it has beaches that are ideal in fine weather.”

She also called for Cornwall to “have its own Tourist Board” with “all matters relating to tourism ... in the hands of this Board, who would not take direction from other similar bodies beyond the Tamar.”

But du Maurier did not just want greater control over tourism and had the following vision for the future: “The aim must surely be to make Cornwall a really worthwhile place in which to live, and work, and bring up future generations, not harking back too much to the past, but looking forward and planning for the century ahead.

“Not ‘just another county,’ but a Cornwall where ‘One and All’ means what it says, no divisions, no petty strife, no inter-borough squabbles, no east versus west, a united Cornwall able to run its own affairs with minimum direction from London yet remaining part of the UK and loyal to the Crown.”

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