

Bude 2011 Summer Festival

What a wonderful day everyone had at Bude for the Summer Festival and what a great welcome. About 400 people gathered from all over the county. Following the welcome, the roll call and the parade of banners, numbering about 25, welcomes came from the Bude President and Chairman and also from the Federation President. The Bude Mayor was also in attendance as was the Grand Bard. Federation President, Terry Knight presented awards to Societies for the 2011 competition 'Life in the 50's,' to Wadebridge. Highly commended, Camborne, commended, Helston and St Austell. Following the pasty lunch (excellent pasties) coaches were ready to take members on the various organised trips: to Hawker country (Kilkhampton and Morwenstow); Launcells and Stratton; Poundstock and the Guildhouse and to Week St Mary and the college (the second oldest in the country). Others were able to visit the Museum and the new tourist information centre and generally stroll to the front or walk the canal. For those who did not wish to go far there, were videos of the Bude and Stratton area and an exhibition on 'old Bude.' The guides were all excellent and must be congratulated. When everyone returned, the customary saffron buns and tea were served and there was an excellent raffle. All Bude members wore a rosette, so they could easily be identified and following the tea a local group of singers 'Friggin Riggin' and the 'Boy from Bood' gave some entertainment before a rousing rendition of 'Trelawny' finished off the proceedings. The Federation stall was filled with books and small Cornish items and there was also other stalls selling cards, including Gorsedd Kernow. The Federation extends their heartfelt thanks to all Bude and Stratton OCS members and in particular Lucille Opie. The the weather, too played its part. The festival was part of Bude and Stratton OCS 50th celebrations. Congratulations all round.