

## 2011 Winter Festival

The winter festival, held in November at Liskeard's Public Hall, was an excellent occasion. This year it took on a different format, beginning at loam, with stalls and exhibitions, put on by a variety of people and local organisations. Teas and coffees were served and the morning was open to the public, to try and promote the aims of the Old Cornwall Society. During the morning members could view the exhibitions and take a walk around the town and visit the church, the Methodist Church, Stuart House and other places of interest. A meeting of Recorders was held and was found to be very rewarding. After a pasty lunch, the society members gathered in the main hall for an excellent afternoon of local talent. It began with the Town Crier of Looe, deputising for the Town Crier of Liskeard, asking the audience to be upstanding in welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress of Liskeard, the Grand Bard, together with local bards and burgesses. The President, Mr Terry Knight welcomed everyone and following the parade of 33 society banners, led by Mr Mery Davey, playing the Cornish pipes entertainment took place. Tea and saffron Nuns were served to over 300 members and the raffle was made. Thanks go to everyone who brought prizes, numbering over 20 and at the close Trelawny was sung and the banner bearers received their banners and everyone left for home having had a wonderful afternoon. The day was organised by Liskeard Old Cornwall Society, under their President. Mr Duncan Paul Matthews and secretary, Mrs Sylvia Hooppell, together with representatives from the County Federation. Thanks from the Executive go to all Liskcard members who helped in anyway, especially with the refreshments and the washing up.