

Liskeard OCS

Liskeard's Annual Crying The Neck Ceremony, a pre-Christian ceremony to capture the Spirit of the Harvest for the forthcoming year, took place at Bolitho Farm, Maudlin, on Friday 2nd September 2016, courtesy of Mr James Moon, was congratulated at his family celebrating 140 continuous years as tenants of Bolitho Farm and his 30th year as tenant.

The Revd Mark Pengelly, Methodist Superintending Minister, Liskeard/Looe Circuit, acted as Master of Ceremonies, along with Very Rev Roger Bush, Dean of Truro Cathedral offering the homily. Prayers were read by Mr Bob Foulkes, (St Cleer), former Legal Canon of Truro Cathedral, and the Lesson by Mrs Brenda Furze, (Liskeard Old Cornwall Society). Mr Mike Smith, (St Cleer), conducted the ceremony in the Cornish Language, before others followed in English. (All congratulated Mike on being invested into the College of Bards at the Gorsedh Kernow, at St Keverne on Saturday 3rd September 2016).

The 'Crying the Neck', was undertaken by Rev Mark, in Cornish, followed by Her Worship the Mayor of Liskeard, Mrs Jane Pascoe, in English. The ceremony concluded with the singing of 'Trelawny' and of the hymn 'We Plough The Fields And Scatter The Good Seed on The Land'.

Mr Paul Pascoe baked a Harvest Bread Sheaf that was later presented to St Martin's Parish Church, Liskeard, for their forthcoming Harvest Thanksgiving.

Refreshments were provided by the Ladies of the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society.