

## Dehwelans volunteers learn Cornish words and phrases

20 local volunteers attended a free session to learn some basic Cornish words and phrases in the Guildhall Council Chamber, Looe on Saturday 5th July. The session was organised by Edwina Hannaford, organiser of the Dehwelans festival which is based in Looe, - 1st-7th September .

The idea was for volunteers welcoming visitors and Bards to the town, could at least greet visitors with a friendly Dyth Da (Hello) or Meur Ras (thank you).

They also learnt how to respond to questions in Cornish - Fatell yw an gewer hedhyw? (What's the weather like today?) Lets hope its - Yma'n howl ow splanna (The sun's shining) and not Yma hi ow kul glaw (It's raining).

The development manager for the Cornish language partnership Jenefer Lowe who led the class, outlined the history of the language and the recent agreement on a standard written form. She said, 'All languages evolve and change and Cornish is no exception, there have been many versions, but now a version has been agreed by one and all.'

"Cornish is currently taught to some degree in three secondary schools and a number of primaries."

If you would like to learn Cornish there are classes in the Caradon area.

**Callington** Wednesdays, 19.15-21.15, Guild Room, Callington Methodist Church, suitable for beginners through to advanced students, contact Maureen Pierce on 01579 382511 or mpiercekernow@btinternet.com

**Liskeard** Mondays, 19.00-21.00, Laity House, suitable for beginners through to intermediate students, contact Jan Edmondson on 01503 220445 or jan1@shamballa.orangehome.co.uk

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