

# Mid-Summer Eve Celebrations – 2014

Callington Old Cornwall Society



# Launceston, Liskeard and Looe Old Cornwall Societies

On Mon 23 Jun 14, in celebration of Mid-Summer Eve, forty folk of the Launceston, Liskeard and Looe Old Cornwall Societies joined in the ancient ceremony of the Mid-Summer Eve Bonfire, to prolong the summer season, courtesy of South West Lakes Trust, at the Siblyback Reservoir and Recreation Area.

Principle Guests were His Worshipful Mayor of Liskeard, Cllr Phil Seeva, his wife and boys, (Charlie and Freddie), the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jane Pascoe, former Mayor of Liskeard, Cllr Sue Pike and Cornwall Councillor, Derris Watson.

The Rev Keith Lanyon Jones, Vicar of St Cleer, officiated and led all in prayer and preached a short homily on an appreciation of the land where we have chosen to live and its extremely long association with man. Mr Mike Smith, (St Cleer), read the proceedings in Cornish.

Cllr Phil Seeva, then lit the pyre.

The 'Ladies of Flowers', Mrs Georgie Kelly (Cleerly Women), Mrs Zandra Patton, (St Cleer Gardening Club) and Mrs Jennifer Matthews, (Looe OCS), read a small piece then tossed their herbal wreaths onto the pyre. The celebration concluded with Mr Geoff Brown leading all in the singing of all three verses of Trelawny.

It was a lovely evening without any movement, the reservoir was as still as glass reflecting the sun across its surface, disturbed occasionally only by a few Canada Geese.

Duncan Paul Matthews

## Redruth OCS

Redruth Old Cornwall Society\* Midsummer's Eve Bonfire Festival, at Pencoose Farm Stithians : June 2014







## St Ives OCS

St Ives OCS had a very successful Midsummer Bonfire.

After 2 years of cancelling, it was a relief that arrangements were at last able to go ahead. There was an attendance of around 100 people, in fact we ran out of pasties! So this shows the interest aroused by a large advert in the T&E, even tho' that's not cheap ! Mary Quick