

Recognition for the St.Ives Jumbo Association as new Cornish bards for 2018 are announced.

The Cornish Gorsedh has just released the names of those to be honoured with a Cornish bardship at their forthcoming 90th anniversary gathering (held this year at Newquay on Sat 1st September).

Among them is Jonny Nance whose citation reads *'for services to Cornish maritime culture. Builds traditional boats for St. Ives, which resulted in the formation of the Jumbo Association, named after the design of the boat, and the reappearance of unique Cornish luggers in St.Ives harbour. Grandson of Robert Morton Nance, Mordon and Bernard Leach, Resor an Nor.'*

"This is a great honour, it's a Cornish knighthood afterall," says Jonny. "however, I'm keenly aware it's in recognition of the collective achievements of the St.Ives Jumbo Association, in other words, an honour to be shared with all our supporters past and present who have contributed and participated in so many different ways. This is official acknowledgement that our endeavours contribute to Cornish culture which is something we should all be proud about."

By happy coincidence, Jonny's brother, Damian, a professor of geology at Ohio University, has been independently put forward by the American Diaspora for services to Cornish identity in USA. The brothers will become the first third-generation Cornish bards when they are simultaneously barded at the 90th anniversary of the first Cornish Gorsedh in 1928 when their grandfather, Robert Morton Nance, became deputy Grand Bard. He was Grand Bard from 1934 until his death in 1959.