



THE John
Harris
Society



**A festival celebrating the 200th
anniversary of a Cornish poet**

THE JOHN HARRIS CORNISH SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The John Harris Society is launching a competition, kindly sponsored by Trevarno Marquee & Event Hire, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Cornish poet and miner, John Harris.

Possibly one of the least known Cornish writers, John Harris has been spoken of in the same breath as William Shakespeare and the Society has, for many years, sought to commemorate his life and work.

A series of events planned for 16-18th October 2020 offer a unique opportunity to spread the word about this talented Cornishman and we are inviting Cornish schools to enter the competition by submitting their own literary masterpiece about him.

A first prize of £1,000 will be awarded to one primary school and one secondary school, with second and third place prizes of £150 and £100 respectively. All Cornish schools are eligible.

To enter, we are asking schools to assemble a book, A3 in size, that tells all or part of the story of the work and poetry of John Harris.

The winners will be announced, and prizes awarded at a ceremony on Saturday, 17th October 2020 at the Penventon Hotel, Redruth.

If you are interested in taking part in this competition, please contact festival organiser Tony Jasper at the email address below. You will be sent an information pack with more background, details and guidelines for entry.

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