Biography



Gareth Parry is a volunteer at the Telegraph Museum Porthcurno where he gives demonstration lectures to visitors and carries out research in the archive. He joined the board of trustees in 2015 and is now chair of the board.

Following a seven-year period at the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment in Malvern, Worcestershire, he spent the rest of his career in academia, lecturing in physics and electronic engineering and carrying out research in optoelectronics and optical fibre communication. He held professorial positions in Electronic Engineering and Engineering Science at UCL and Oxford and was subsequently appointed Professor of Applied Physics and Director of the Centre for Electronic Materials and Devices at Imperial College London. He still holds an emeritus professorship at Imperial. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

His interests now focus on the history of telegraphy and the stories of the Victorian pioneers who first had the enthusiasm and confidence to pursue their vision of a global communication network.

He was made a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh in 2014 for his involvement with the Cornish language and continuing work for Cornwall.