



## **GORSEDH KERNOW – THE CORNISH GORSEDH**

### **Arrangements for Gorsedh Kernow 2019 in St Just**

#### **Solempnita Gorsedh Kernow, dy' Sadorn 7ves mis Gwynngala, Plen an Gwari Lannust Gorsedh Kernow ceremony Saturday 7th September, Plen an Gwari, St Just**

This year, in our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the ceremony will be held in the Plen an Gwari, St Just. This site dates from the early 15<sup>th</sup> century and was used for plays. The site is in the centre of St Just (TR19 7HE). The ceremony will be conducted by the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Elizabeth Carne, *Mellenek*, assisted by Gorsedh Kernow Officers.

#### **Booking for St Just 2019**

With this special newsletter you will find a form to book a place for the Saturday bardic ceremony in the Plen an Gwari, and for the bardic tea (£7), to be held in Cape Cornwall School, places at the Friday Gorsedh Kernow Conference in the Old Town Hall (£5 for conference, plus £5 for pasty lunch if desired) and the Saturday evening concert (£6) in The Miners' Chapel. If for any reason you have not received the booking form please contact the Membership Secretary, David Holman, *Rifelwas*, by email on [membership@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:membership@gorsedhkernow.org.uk) or telephone 01726 64267.

If you would like to pay online via PayPal/credit card/debit card you can do so via the PayPal button at [www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk/newsforbards.html#booking](http://www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk/newsforbards.html#booking).

Please download and fill in the editable booking form, sending it as an attachment to [tickets@gorsedhkernow.org.uk](mailto:tickets@gorsedhkernow.org.uk) and confirm that you have paid via PayPal. Please note that you will need to fill in the total owed on the PayPal screen when paying. You do not need a PayPal account to pay by credit or debit card.

If booking by ordinary post please send your completed booking form with a self addressed envelope, plus cheque or postal order for the full amount as appropriate, made payable to **Gorsedh Lannust**, to **LOC Treasurer Sue Townsend, The Knut, Rear of 1-4 Market Street, St Just, Penzance, TR19 7HX**

#### **ALL BOOKINGS MUST ARRIVE PLEASE BY FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

The bardic tea is for bards and invited guests only as unfortunately we have insufficient room to accommodate friends and relatives as well. For bards who are not booking a bardic tea, and for their families and friends, there are a number of cafes, pubs and restaurants of St Just.

#### **Accommodation**

If you wish to stay in the area and have not already booked accommodation you are strongly advised to do so as soon as possible. A list of accommodation providers was sent out in the previous newsletter. Or visit <http://www.cornwallfarwest.co.uk>

#### **Directions to St Just**

St Just is well signposted from the A30 in Penzance. Take the second exit at the Tesco roundabout, going up the hill, straight over the next two roundabouts, and then take the third exit at the Mount Misery roundabout, signposted to St Just on the A3071. Proceed on this road to St Just, taking care through the narrow Fore Street and arriving near Market Square in the centre of St Just.

If coming from St Ives, head south-west and take the B3306 along the renowned coast road all the way to St Just, passing Zennor, Morvah, Pendeeen, Trewellard and Carnyorth on the way.

## [Car parking in St Just](#)

There is a free public car park in the centre of St Just near the Fire Station, but this will quickly get filled. Extra parking is available at the top of Nancherrow Hill, on the left on the approach from St Ives. Bards are able to park in the Cape Cornwall School car park on the Saturday only.

## [Disabled bards](#)

There will be designated parking spaces for disabled people on the Saturday at the **Cape Cornwall school car park**, Cape Cornwall Road TR19 7JX

The area for robing for disabled bards will be accessible. The ceremony site is about 400 yards from the robing rooms. **Arrangements for transport will be made if this distance is a problem: please indicate on the booking form if you would need a seat in a minibus or car. Please advise the Senior Marshal, Tim Hambly, Roscarrek, (telephone 01566 773716, mobile 07790 926010) in advance if you have any other special requirements for the day.**

## [Route to and from the bardic ceremony site](#)

The site for the bardic ceremony is the Plen an Gwari. The route of the procession is a gentle uphill slope and will follow the road. The Plen an Gwari is grassed and slightly uneven.

## [Robing](#)

This year there will be no morning civic procession so robing rooms in Cape Cornwall School will be open from 11am onwards. Bards are advised to arrive early for robing. Robing rooms will be clearly signposted and will be shown on a plan when you arrive. Please note – **Bards are welcome to bring their own lunch but you are asked NOT to eat in any of the changing rooms** – thank you.

Tea and coffee will be available to purchase at the school over lunchtime before the bardic ceremony and of course there will be food outlets and refreshments stalls in the town.

## [New bards](#)

Following numerous requests, we have decided to take a group photograph of all new bards, with the Grand Bard Elizabeth Carne if possible, as a welcoming souvenir of this special day. In order to keep to a reasonable timetable the photograph will be taken by one of Gorsedh Kernow's official photographers, Gareth Parry or Ivor Corkell, in the robing room before the briefing for the afternoon bardic ceremony.

## [Timings for the Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony at the Plen an Gwari - Saturday 7th September](#)

**11am** Robing rooms open in Cape Cornwall School

**12.30pm** Initiates to be robed before a briefing at this time by the Initiates Stewards and a group photograph with the Grand Bard.

**1pm** All bards to be robed. The Senior Marshal will brief bards, guests, initiates, Lady of Cornwall and dancers with the specific instructions for the ceremony in the Plen an Gwari.

**1.20pm** Group photograph with Grand Bard and Old Cornwall Society Banner Bearers.

**1.25pm** OCS Banner Bearers depart for Gorsedh Kernow ceremony site.

**1.30pm** Bardic Procession leaves Cape Cornwall School for the Circle.

**2pm** The Gorsedh Ceremony begins in the Plen an Gwari.

**4.30pm** Prompt! Grace in Cornish for bardic tea in Cape Cornwall School for Gorsedh Kernow Council's special guests and bards who have pre-booked.

## [Dress & decorum](#)

We are the public face of a very well respected cultural organisation so please ensure that your robe is clean and ironed and that your appearance is tidy. **No jeans, shorts or trainers to be worn under robes please.** It is important that the ceremony is orderly and impressive, so please retain ranks throughout processions.

## [Seating](#)

The chairs forming the bardic circle are for bards, dignitaries and special guests only. Public attendance is FREE and welcomed, but visitors are asked please not to enter the bardic circle although they are very welcome to bring their own chairs and view the ceremony from behind the circle.

We hope that visitors will regard the ceremony as a mark of the unique difference between the Celtic nation of Cornwall, now recognised under the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, and the entirely separate counties of England.

### Wet weather

In the event of wet weather the afternoon Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony will take place in Cape Cornwall School.

### Photography

Sorry but only official Gorsedh Kernow photographers will be allowed in the bardic circle during the ceremony.

### Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture

An outline of the programme is below. Full details will be sent with the next newsletter. It will also be posted on the Gorsedh Kernow website Esedhvos page and Gorsedh Kernow Facebook page. Please try and come to as many of these events as possible, most are free and your support will be most welcome.

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

11am-3pm Literary Festival featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors" and stalls with Cornish books and other items for sale, at the Old Town Hall, Chapel Road TR19 7HT

12 noon onwards Display of *Gorsedh Kernow* Young People's Awards and Adults Awards & Competitions entries, plus the Grand Bard's chair, at the Miners' Chapel, 20 Chapel Rd, St Just, Penzance TR19 7LT

3.30 - 5pm Guided group bespoke visit to the nearby historic Levant Mine and its restored 1840s working beam engine. See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/levant-mine-and-beam-engine> for more information. This needs to be pre-booked (see booking form), free for National Trust members, £8pp for non-members, and is subject to a minimum group size. You will need to make your own way there by car, leaving St Just no later than 3.15pm, to arrive for a prompt 3.30 start. Levant Mine is located off the B3306 St Just to St Ives road, the turning left indicated by a brown sign. Follow the narrow road to the National Trust car park.

6.30pm for 7pm Presentation of 2019 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults Awards & Competitions and Young People's Awards, at the Old Town Hall, Chapel Road TR19 7HT.

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 4pm Conference "Global Kernow Today". Conference fee £5, and Pasty lunch £5. Stalls with Cornish items for sale. Old Town Hall, Chapel Road TR19 7HT

7.30pm Cornish Troyl/Ceilidh with the Penzance Guizers and Helen Musser. Old Town Hall, Chapel Road TR19 7HT

### Saturday 7th September

11am Cornish stalls open in Cape Cornwall Street.

1.30pm Procession of bards from Cape Cornwall School to the Plen an Gwari.

2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* Bardic ceremony @ the Plen an Gwari or @ Cape Cornwall School if wet.

7pm Gala Concert at the Miners' Chapel. Tickets £6, available in advance or on the door.

8.30pm Cornish Come All Ye music and song session @ The Star Inn, 1 Fore St TR19 7LL

### Sunday 8th September

10am – 12noon '*Blas a Gernewek* – A Taste of Cornish' language session, at The Knut, adjacent to the Plen an Gwari TR19 7HX

11am Choice of two walks:

1. Cornish Language Walk from Kenidjack to Wheal Owles and the Crowns Mine, ending in Botallack – advance booking required if wanting lunch at the Queens Arms at 12.30pm. This is approximately two miles and will take about 90 minutes as some walking is on rough paths, so sturdy footwear is advised.

2. Town Trail Walk starting from The Knut at 11am Led by the president of the St Just and Pendeen Old Cornwall Society, this will be a shorter, and level circular walk lasting an hour and pointing out places of interest.

3pm Evensong in Cornish @ St Just Parish Church TR19 7EZ

For more info about St Just please visit <https://www.cornwalls.co.uk/st-just>  
[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g2467649-Activities-St\\_Just\\_Cornwall\\_England.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g2467649-Activities-St_Just_Cornwall_England.html)

The general public, both locals and visitors to the area, are welcome to attend all the above events, (except the Awards Evening which is by invitation only) many of which are free.

### [Ceremony booklet](#)

The ceremony is conducted mainly in Cornish and a ceremony booklet with proceedings in Cornish and English will be available for purchase at a cost of £2.

### [Celtic delegates](#)

Gorsedh Kernow warmly welcomes representatives from our sister nations of Brittany and Wales. We hope they have a memorable time.

We also warmly welcome those who have travelled great distances, especially those from the Diaspora, to be with us in Cornwall for our celebrations.

### [Linear order of procession](#)

To facilitate the work of the Marshals and Stewards in forming the procession, it is requested that bards and guests acquaint themselves with the linear order of the procession, which is as follows:-  
Marshal, Piper, Gorsedh Kernow Banner, Civic Guests, Initiates, Gorsedh Kernow Choir, Bards, St. Piran's Banner, Council Members, Esedhvos Banner, Mistress of Robes and Herald, Chanter and Chaplain, Horner, Dancers, Lady and Attendants, Past Deputy Grand Bards, Past Grand Bards, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, Breton Banner, Breton Representatives, Welsh Banner, Welsh Representatives, Half Swords, Deputy Grand Bard, Sword Bearer, Grand Bard, Junior Marshal, Deputy Senior Steward, plus Old Cornwall Society Banners on the return procession.

### [Stalls](#)

There will be a number of stalls at Cape Cornwall Street selling Cornish language books, Cornish memorabilia, jewellery, crafts and other goods with a Cornish theme. Displays are also welcome if they relate to Cornish cultural life. Low cost stalls will also be available at the Literary Festival and book launch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September and the Conference on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Old Town Hall.

Details and application forms are available from Constance Moore, email [constance@fireflyuk.net](mailto:constance@fireflyuk.net) or telephone 07714200345 Please see the Gorsedh Kernow website for form for stalls at the Litfest.

### [Thanks](#)

The Council of Gorsedh Kernow is very grateful to the St Just Local Organising Committee, the members of which are working tirelessly to help us deliver a memorable Esedhvos Festival and bardic ceremony, and all local organisations and volunteers for their welcome and for the help given, without whose assistance our ceremony and Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture could not be staged.

You can keep up to date with news about Gorsedh Kernow on our website [www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk](http://www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk) or

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Agas gweles yn Lannust / See you in St Just!

**[Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton, Gorsedh Kernow Honorary Secretary](#)**