



GORSEDH KERNOW – THE CORNISH GORSEDH 1928 - 2018

Arrangements for Gorsedh Kernow 2018 in Newquay

Solempnita Gorsedh Kernow, dy' Sadorn 1sa mis Gwynngala, Parkow Krug , Tewyn Blustri/ Gorsedh Kernow ceremony Saturday 1st September, The Barrowfields, Newquay

This year's ceremony will be held in the Barrowfields, Newquay, named after the Barrows or Tumuli that have been discovered here. The site is opposite the Hotel Bristol, Narrowcliff, Newquay TR7 2PQ. The ceremony will be conducted by the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Merv Davey, *Telynyor an Weryn*, assisted by Gorsedh Kernow Officers and this year the ceremony will include the installation of the new Grand Bard, the current Deputy Grand Bard Elizabeth Carne, *Mellenek*, and installation of the new Deputy Grand Bard, the current Deputy Grand Bard elect Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Vur*.

Booking for Newquay 2018

With this special newsletter you will find a form to book a place for the Saturday bardic ceremony on the Barrowfields, and for the bardic tea (£6.50), places at the Friday Gorsedh Kernow conference (£6 inc pasty) and the Saturday evening concert (£5) all to be held in the Hotel Bristol. 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.

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.

Please download and fill in the editable booking form, sending it as an attachment to the Treasurer Jerry Rogers at tickets@gorsedhkernow.org.uk and confirming 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 Kernow, to Chris Rodger, 93 Meadowside, Newquay, Kernow TR7 2TW** .

ALL BOOKINGS MUST ARRIVE PLEASE BY FRIDAY 20th JULY 2018.

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 will be tea and refreshments available on the ceremony field as well as in the cafes, pubs and restaurants around Newquay.

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. You will still be able to book a room at the Hotel Bristol (tel 01637 875181) **AS THE SPECIAL OFFER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 15TH JUNE, BUT PLEASE HURRY!** Otherwise, the Newquay Tourist Information Centre telephone number is 01637 838516 or email newquay.tic@newquaycouncil.co.uk or visit the website www.visitnewquay.org

Directions to Newquay

Newquay is well signposted from the A30, if approaching from the Bodmin side leave the A30 at Indian Queens and take the A39 to Wadebridge, then the A392 to Newquay (across 4 roundabouts)

to the Trevemper roundabout. From the Redruth side you can either drive to the same junction or leave the A30 at Chiverton Cross and take the A3075 through Goonhavern where you will eventually come to the Trevemper roundabout which meets up with the A392 to Newquay. Turn left at this roundabout on to Trevemper Road. Continue along this road past the filling station on your right but at the next roundabout turn right immediately by the boating lake on to the A3058 (the continuance of Trevemper Road) to avoid an unnecessary journey through town. Continue across the next roundabout into Edgumbe Road, past Trenance Leisure Park on your right and at the next roundabout take the first exit into Ulalia Road. The Hotel Bristol car park entrance is on your right almost at the top of this road which eventually leads to Narrowcliff.

Car parking in Newquay

Hotel Bristol, Narrowcliff, TR7 2PQ

There may be some spaces at the Hotel Bristol on a first come first served basis, but priority will be given to hotel guests and disabled bards. If there is space and you are not a hotel guest, it will cost £6 per day. There may also be some street parking available in the area.

Otherwise, the following are a little way away from the Hotel Bristol.

Albany Road, TR7 2NQ – 31 spaces

Cornwall Council car park charges 9am - 4pm, £1.50 per hour up to 4 hours, then £8 for 24 hours.

Disabled parking policy for this car park - Blue badge holders must pay the normal parking fee unless
- the vehicle is registered under Cornwall Council's exemption scheme OR
- the vehicle is especially adapted for the benefit of the driver

All blue badge holders must display a valid blue badge with time clock set at time of arrival.

Newquay Railway Station, Station Parade, TR7 2NG – 42 spaces

(Private car park, charges 24 hours) Monday – Friday

Daily Rate: £7.10; up to 30 mins: £1.40; up to 1 hour: £2.00; up to 2 hours: £2.50; up to 4 hours: £5.10; up to 8 hours: £9.80; up to 24 hours: £11.00.

This car park has bays for registered disabled badge holders but is quite a way from the Hotel Bristol.

For a list of all Newquay car parks please see <https://carparkmaps.co.uk/carparks/newquay>

Disabled bards

There will be designated parking spaces for disabled people on the Saturday at the **Hotel Bristol car park, TR7 2PQ**, otherwise there is ample space in the other public car parks.

The area for robing for disabled bards will be on the ground floor of the Hotel Bristol. The ceremony site is about 500 yards from the robing rooms. **There will be a minibus if this distance is a problem, if you require assistance to the bardic circle please fill in the booking form advise the Senior Marshal, Tim Hambly, Roscarrek, email tchambly@btinternet.com 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 Barrowfields. The route of the procession will be fairly level and, if the ground is dry, will be mainly across grass. There will be a few slopes and sections of rough ground. If the ground is wet, the procession will go along the footpath which runs parallel to Narrowcliff. This footpath will be the return route whatever the state of the grass.

Robing

This year there will be a morning civic procession so robing rooms in the Hotel Bristol will be open from 9am 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 buy at the Hotel Bristol for £1 per cup in the morning before the

civic ceremony and at lunchtime before the bardic ceremony and of course there will be food and refreshments stalls in the ceremony field.

Morning Civic Procession

This is not organised by Gorsedh Kernow but by the Mayor of Newquay and is to welcome Gorsedh Kernow to the town. The Grand Bard, Deputy Grand Bard and other bards wishing to attend will be guests of the Mayor and it is hoped that as many bards as possible will join this morning procession. It will depart the Hotel Bristol at 9.30am for a town centre ceremony at 10am. Transport will be provided to take you from the Hotel Bristol to the town and back again after the morning civic procession.

New bards

Following numerous requests, we have decided to take a group photograph of all new bards, with the Grand Bard Merv Davey 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.

New bards are not required to take part in the morning civic procession.

Timings for the Gorsedh Kernow morning civic procession in Newquay town and afternoon bardic ceremony at the Barrowfields, Newquay - Saturday 1st September

9am Robing rooms open in Hotel Bristol, Narrowcliff, Newquay TR7 2PQ for those wishing to take part in the morning civic procession.

9.30am Bards leave Hotel Bristol for the civic procession in Newquay town at 10am, returning to hotel about 11am.

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 Barrowfields.

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 Hotel Bristol for the Circle.

2pm The Gorsedh Ceremony begins in the Barrowfields.

4.30pm Prompt! Grace in Cornish for bardic tea in Hotel Bristol dining room 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 the Hotel Bristol.

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. All events will be at the Hotel Bristol unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday 29th August onwards

Evening onwards - Grand Bard's chair on display.

Thursday 30th August

11am-3pm Literary Festival featuring *Holyer an Gof* "Meet the Authors" and stalls with Cornish items for sale.

12 noon onwards Display of *Gorsedh Kernow* Young People's Awards and Adults Awards & Competitions entries.

4pm (tbc) Performance of *Time & Tide* by Blystra Arts

6.30pm for 7pm Presentation of 2018 *Gorsedh Kernow* Adults Awards & Competitions and Young People's Awards

Friday 31st August

10am – 4.30pm Conference "Cornwall's Cultural Assets – Time for Change?" Tickets £6 to include pasty lunch. Stalls with Cornish items for sale.

7.30pm Cornish Troyl/Ceilidh with the North Cornwall Ceilidh Band.

Saturday 1st September

11am Cornish stalls open @ the Barrowfields.

10am Civic procession around Newquay town of bards, dignitaries and invited guests.

11.30am – 12 noon Demonstration of Cornish wrestling @ the Barrowfields

12.30-1pm Performance @ the Barrowfields by Oll an Gwella.

1.30pm Procession of bards from The Hotel Bristol to the Barrowfields.

2pm *Gorsedh Kernow* Bardic ceremony @ the Barrowfields or @ Hotel Bristol if wet.

7pm Gala Concert at Hotel Bristol. With Newquay Band, Oll an Gwella, Davey&Dyer and The Grenaways. Tickets £5.

8.30pm Cornish Come All Ye music and song session @ Great Western Hotel, Cliff Road, Newquay, TR7 2NE.

Sunday 2nd September

10am Morning '*Blas a Gernewek* – A Taste of Cornish' session, The Cribbar, Gover Lane, Newquay, TR7 1ER. A minibus will be available for those unable to walk into town.

11.30am Story Walk around Newquay starting and finishing at The Cribbar.

3pm Evensong in Cornish @ St Michael's The Archangel Church, St Michael's Road, Newquay, TR7 1RA.

For more info about Newquay please visit the website <https://www.visitnewquay.org>

The general public, both locals and visitors to the area, are welcome to attend all the above events, most 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 the Barrowfields site 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. We are hoping to provide small marquees for stall holders. Low cost stalls will also be available at the Literary Festival and book launch on Thursday 30th August and the Conference on Friday 31st August in the Hotel Bristol.

Details and application forms are available from Pat Parkins, Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Events Manager, email esedhvos@gorsedhkernow.org.uk or tel 07762 169 733.

Thanks

The Council of Gorsedh Kernow is very grateful to the Newquay Local Organising Committee, the members of which have worked tirelessly to help us deliver a memorable Esedhvos Festival and bardic ceremony, and also Newquay Town Council, management and staff of the Hotel Bristol, Newquay BID, RRL, Newquay Lions, Newquay Towan Blystra Lions 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.



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Agas gweles yn Tewyn Blustri! / See you in Newquay!

Myrghwyn Melynor / Delia Brotherton, Gorsedh Kernow Honorary Secretary