



# Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture

Padstow

1st September -

3rd September

2023



## Friday 1st September

**Padstow Social Club 10am—12pm**

**Seminar: How can we work together for a stronger Cornish culture and what role do we want the Gorsedh to have in the future?**

### **Programme**

- Context and Cornwall365 report findings—*Mark Trevethan, Principal Culture Lead, Cornwall Council*
- Filming Cornish Cultural Heritage— *Barbara Santi*
- Cornish dance—*Lowenna Hosken*
- Cornish Language—how do we move to Part III? *Jowdy Davey, Cornish Language Officer, Cornwall Council*
- The work of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies— *Nev Meek, President, FOCS*

There will be two discussion sessions on 1) how can we build a stronger presence for our intangible heritage and 2) what role do we want to the Gorsedh to have.

**Free of charge, but please register via Eventbrite if possible to assist with catering.** <https://gorsedhseminar2023.eventbrite.co.uk> Organised with Cornwall Council Culture Department

**Padstow Social Club 2pm**

**Screening: King for a Day.** A film by Barabara Santi and the people of Padstow, focusing on Padstow's Mayday traditions.



*Free for all*

**Padstow Social Club 4pm**

**Koffi, Korev ha Keskows!** An informal get-together for Cornish speakers, learners and would-be learners. Come and chat over coffee or a pint.

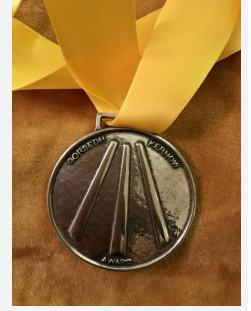
**St Petroc's Church—all day**

**Exhibition:** Exhibition of work submitted for the Gorsedh Awards programme in 2023 in both the Young People and Adult categories.

## St Petroc's Church, 7pm

### Award Ceremony

Presentation to winners of the Adult and Young Peoples Awards for 2023 by Bardh Meur / Grand Bard Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenek Veur*. The evening will be hosted by Tamsin Spargo, *Myrgh an Eythin* and Connie Crosby.



## Saturday 2nd September

### 12pm—6pm—Stalls open at Prideaux Place.

Stands from a number of Cornish culture and heritage organisations including the Federation of Old Cornish Societies, the Cornwall Heritage Trust, Kowethyas an Yeth Kernewek, Agan Tavas and others.

### 1pm—Display of Cornish Wrestling

A display of Cornish wrestling to coincide with the publication by the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies of a new book by Mike Tripp on the history of the sport. The wrestlers will talk you through what happens and tell you all you need to know, while the book will be available from the FOCS stand.

### 1.30pm Grand Procession of Bards from St Petrocs Church to the Bardic Circle in the grounds of Prideaux Place

### 2pm Gorsedh Kernow Bardic Ceremony in the grounds of Prideaux Place led by

the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Pol Hodge, *Mab Stenak Veur* with Beth Green as the Lady of Cornwall. In St Petrocs Church if wet. This colourful annual ceremony includes a parade of banners by the Old Cornwall Societies from across Cornwall and the initiation of new bards into the Gorsedh and is also attended by representatives from the Welsh and Breton Gorsedhow. A bilingual programme is available and the ceremony will also be livestreamed, with a link available on the Gorsedh Kernow website. **All welcome.**



### Evening

The town of Padstow is full of lovely restaurants, pubs, many with music and streets to explore. A chance to soak up the atmosphere and relax after the afternoon events.

For ideas, visit <https://padstowlive.com>



## Sunday September 3rd

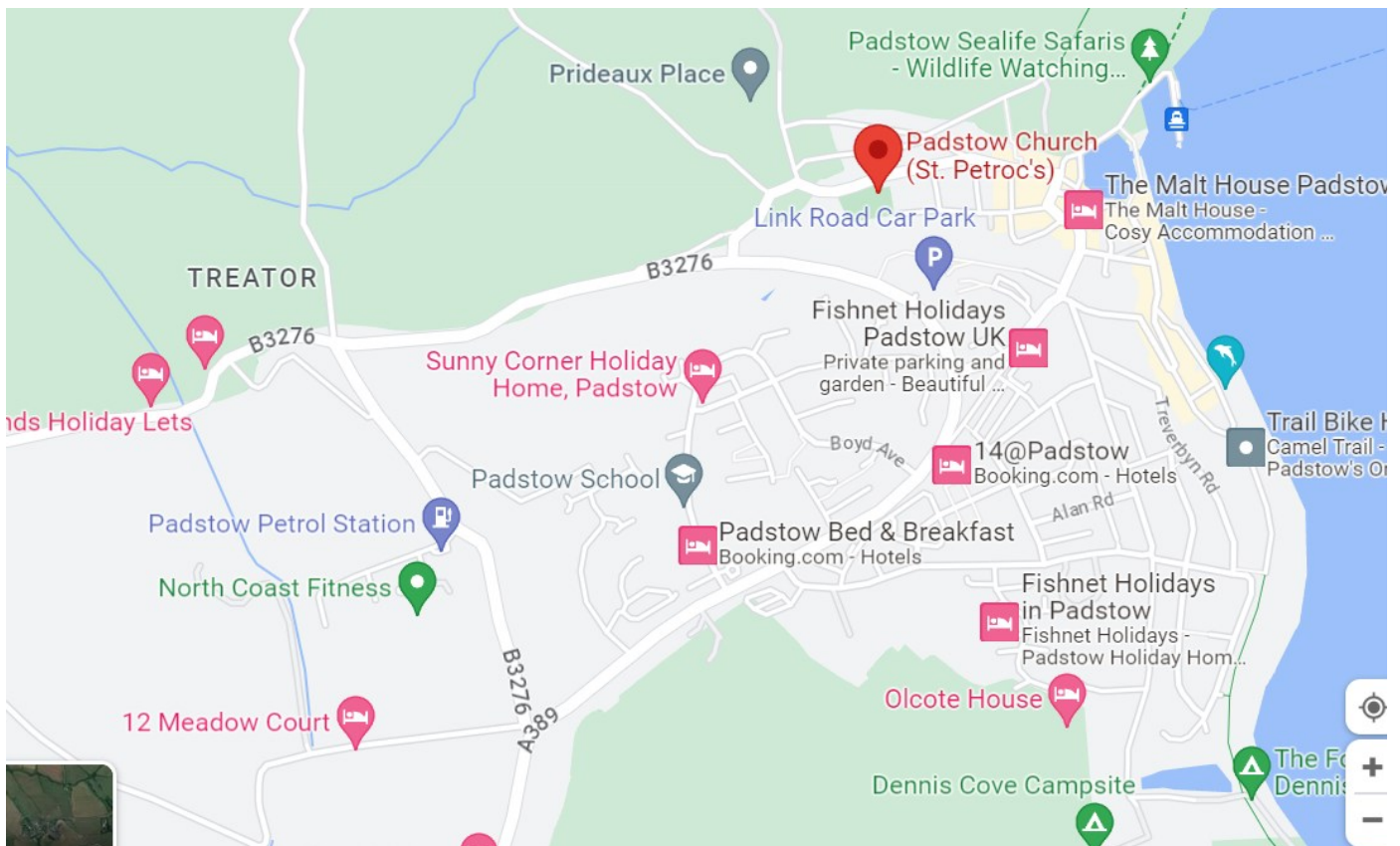
### 3pm Gorsedh Evensong in Cornish

Evensong will be held in the beautiful 15th century St Petroc's Parish Church, Padstow. Padstow bell-ringers will ring in the service, which will be conducted by the Gorsedh Chaplain, Jane Kneebone, *Colum Wyn*, with the Revd Canon Michael Fisher, *Pyscajor Breaca*.

All welcome



### Venues and car parking



*There are a number of car parks in Padstow and it is a short walk from them to the Gorsedh at Prideaux Place and to the church.*

*Gorsedh Kernow is very grateful to Padstow Town Council for help and assistance, to the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies and the Padstow branch in particular, to St Petrocs Parish Church for their help and the use of the church and to Mr and Mrs Prideaux Brune for allowing the ceremony to take place at Prideaux Place.*

*Further Information on Gorsedh Kernow can be found at [www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk](http://www.gorsedhkernow.org.uk)*