

Information for bards – please read as these items are date-sensitive.

Awen ceremony – 21st June

The Awen ceremony this year was intended to be held on Carn Brea, but following a detailed site visit and risk assessment, arrangements have changed to a site nearby. Please note the following carefully:

We will meet up in **Carnkie Village Hall** (the former Church Hall, not Community Centre) TR16 6RZ for robing before the ceremony 13:30 - 14:00. Parking is available in the village but not specifically at the Hall. Please do not try to park at the hall.

A short, flat, procession will then take place from the Hall to West Basset Stamps TR16 6RX. Less able bards can drive straight there and park.

The Ceremony will take place in the green area there at 14:30. Afterwards, a procession will return to Carnkie Village Hall where there will be refreshments. We will also be welcoming the Red River Singers to sing for us during the ceremony.

While you do not need to register to attend, it would be very helpful for those arranging refreshments if you let us know you are coming. A form for this purpose can be found on the following link <https://forms.gle/amXKcHJ7D5h8HGnm8>

Strateji an Yeth Kernewek / Cornish Language Strategy

Please note that the Cornish Language Strategy consultation is open until 19th June and we urge everyone to respond. This is an important consultation. Use this link to access the strategy document and take part.

[Cornish Language Strategy 2026-2036 - Strateji an Yeth Kernewek 2026-2036 | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

Sewyans an KBB / AGM follow-up

As promised at the AGM, this year's papers are now in the Bards area of the website so if you were joining online, you can now access them. In future AGM papers will be posted there each year in preparation for the meeting. Please note that the password to access this area is now **Bodmin2026**.

There was concern expressed at the meeting over the change of date consultation which had just been distributed. Unfortunately, this had gone out without the covering email, for which we apologise. Please rest assured that this was a first stage, to gauge opinion from the membership, and options will now be discussed by the Gorsedh

Council. Several towns have asked in the past few years whether the date could be changed, particularly when the first Saturday falls right at the start of September, and there are a number of considerations for and against. No decision has yet been made and it is not a number exercise - we simply wanted to gauge opinion to inform the debate. The Council will report back to you after the next meeting.

Oferen an Dasserghyans / Mass of the Resurrection in Cornish

If you missed the wonderful and uplifting premiere of the Mass setting in Cornish at Truro Cathedral, you will be glad to hear that the Cathedral live-streamed the service and it can be seen on their Youtube channel on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUHirmRc1BY&t=640s>

The words and music are available on the Gorsedh website and the printed book can be obtained from Amazon and from Mike O'Connor's website at Lyngham House. Details on the Gorsedh website.

Galow dyworth Kernow Goth / Invitation from the FOCS

The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies are holding a Festival of Walks and we have received this invitation from the President, Nev Meek.

Dear fellow Bards,

It was great to have a yarn with so many of you at the Proclamation, and I hope to get to the Awen Ceremony too.

There is much talk of "special relationships" at the moment, and I like to think that such a partnership exists between the Federation, and Gorsedh Kernow.

The Fed has been working really hard this year and as a result there are a huge number of events happening across the Duchy. Please allow me to bring them to your attention, and extend a warm welcome to you, my fellow bards to attend any if you would like:-

FESTIVAL OF WALKS – ACROSS CORNWALL June 2026

More than 20 guided walks led by local societies. All Welcome.

Programme: <https://kernowgoth.org/event/festival-of-walks-2026>

NATURAL BEAUTY & THE BEAST – ALTARNUN Saturday 13th June 2026

A full afternoon and evening of music, poetry, storytelling, piping, and heritage activities in and around St Nonna's Church. All Welcome. Free.

(Note: Bards Merv & Alison Davey, Mike O'Connor, and Barbara Griggs are all involved)

Information: <https://kernowgoth.org/event/gool-goon-brenn-fowey-moor-festival>

Poetry Workshop: <https://buytickets.at/federationofoldcornwallsocieties1/2175805>

NATUR! FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY – BODMIN Sunday 19th July 2026

A hands-on archaeology event exploring Bodmin's historic landscape. Displays, talks, music – something for everyone – All welcome. Free.

Details: <https://kernowgoth.org/event/event-supporting-the-festival-of-archaeology>

TALES OF THE TIDES – VOICES OF THE SEA May–September 2026

A 5-month long programme of walks, workshops, memory days, and creative events celebrating the maritime heritage of the Tamar, Hamoaze, and Plymouth Sound.

(Bards: Kathy Wallis, Sue Hooper, and Leadville Parsons are all leading the project)

There are a plethora of free events to attend which can be found on our Events listing:

<https://kernowgoth.org/events>

Here are a couple of the many to whet your appetite: -

RAME HEAD WALK led by Bard Mark Camp Thur 4 June

Details: <https://kernowgoth.org/event/tales-of-the-tide-walk-rame-circular-led-by-mark-camp>

FLOTSAM & JETSAM – ARTS WORKSHOP led by Jane Malcolm @ Saltash Sat 27 June (Organised by Bard: Kathy Wallis)

Details: <https://kernowgoth.org/event/flotsam-jetsam-arts-workshop-led-by-jane-malcolm>

FORESHORE POTTERY WORKSHOP @ Torpoint led by Laura Miucci Sat 11 July

<https://kernowgoth.org/event/tales-of-the-tides-foreshore-pottery-workshop-torpoint>

Full details for all events are available on the Federation website and social media channels. Many activities require booking, so early interest is appreciated.

As Bards, your involvement strengthens the cultural life of Cornwall and supports the work we do across the Duchy. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

With warm regards

Nev Meek ~ Mab Trewythyan

President, Federation of Old Cornwall Societies