



**GORSEDH KERNOW - The Celtic spirit of Cornwall**  
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**Gorsedh Kernow Adults Awards 2019 announced**

The Council of Gorsedh Kernow has announced the winners of their annual Adults Awards after careful adjudication of this year's impressive range of entries.

"Awards are being given to entries that express the Celtic spirit of Cornwall and demonstrate a deep understanding of Cornish culture," said Grand Bard of Cornwall Elizabeth Carne, *Mellenek*, "and as I only became Grand Bard last autumn I am really looking forward to presenting awards to all our talented winners."

The scheme has once more drawn on a diverse range of work from Cornwall's creative sector in Cornish language and dialect, Cornish studies and the arts including photography, performance, literature and design. Gorsedh Kernow has also welcomed nominations for members of the wider community to receive an award for their work caring for Cornwall's unique culture and identity.

"Gorsedh Kernow Awards are very flexible these days," said Elizabeth Carne "and we positively welcome entries that encourage learning, understanding and promotion of our precious culture."

The Gorsedh Kernow Adults Awards winners for 2019 are:

**1.1 Yeth Kernewek / Cornish Language**

**Ivor Frankell**, Hayle - for Cornish verse '*An Kowr a Drecrobben*'.

**1.2 Rannyeth / Cornish Dialect**

**Patricia King**, Falmouth – for dialect verse '*The Donkey's Tale*'.

### **1.3 Studhyansow Kernewek / Cornish Studies**

**William Orchard**, Penzance for 'The Role of Tradition'.

### **1.4 Skeusenieth / Photography**

**Ivor Frankell**, Hayle – photographic images - 'Dolly Pentreath' and 'Cape Cornwall'.

## **2 Awenekter / Creativity**

**Des Hannigan**, Pendeen - for English verse on a Cornish subject - 'Cold Iron' and 'The Herd-Clouded Sky Above Scilly'.

**Rieve Atkinson**, Penzance – for English verse on a Cornish subject - 'Kennel Vale', 'Ballowall Barrow' and 'Madron Well'.

**Tamsin Spargo**, Redruth – for play 'St Piran's Round'.

**The Rowan Tree**, Cornwall and beyond – for outstanding contribution to Cornish music.

'**Viaj an Delow**' film by the late **Stephen Gainey**, **Mab Hirnans**, West Tolgus and **Matthew Clarke**, Camborne.

## **3 Kemeneth / Community**

**Sonja Kuefer**, Pendeen – for outstanding contribution to the life of the Pendeen community.

**Graham Sandercock**, **Gwas Conoc**, Saltash – for outstanding contribution to the Cornish language community as editor of monthly magazine 'An Gannas' for over 40 years.

**Michael Tangye MBE**, **Whythrer Meyn**, Redruth - for outstanding work in the community.

### **The Glenda Hartland Awards for creativity in film, theatre, art and design**

**Cornwall Heritage Trust**, based at Krowji, Redruth - for film 'Tale of St Piran'.

**Edward Rowe**, **Mab Tregarrek**, Roche and **Simon Harvey**, Truro – for play 'Hireth'

### **The Mike Hartland Award for projects that engage people with Cornish culture**

**Hanterhir** - for their highly acclaimed album of original music 'The Saving of Cadan'.

### **Lowender Peran Award**

For distinguished performers or performance that provide a connection between Cornish culture and that of the other Celtic Nations.

**Richard Trethewey**, Truro.

**Pewas Map Trevethan Award (Paul Smales Award) 2019**

**Mark Elton, *Gwas An Wrekoryon*** , St Austell - for work with members of various pan-Cornish groups in London.

**London Cornish Association Shield 2019**

**Priscilla Oates**, Mullion - for her work towards the start of the LCA's '*Cornwall in London*' project which focuses on people, places and events in London which are linked to Cornwall in some way.

**Special Awards**

**Bardh Meur's Award - Wella Brown, *Crenner***, Saltash.

**Stephen Gainey Award - Jori Ansell, *Caradok***, Gwinnear.

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**Further notes for editors:**

The Gorsedh Kernow Awards 2019 scheme enables Gorsedh Kernow to recognise and celebrate a wide range of Cornish cultural activity alongside the more traditional arts and literary entries and allows for entries to be submitted through new media technologies.

Displays and video presentations from several of the Awards winners will be available for viewing from 10am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September onwards in the St Just Miners' Chapel. Entry is free.

The Awards Presentation evening, part of the Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture, will take place at 7pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at St Just Old Town Hall and will be hosted by bard Bert Biscoe, *Viajor Gans Geryow*. Entry is free and all members of the press are welcome to attend.

For further information about and a full programme for the Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture please visit our website

<http://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/esedhvos.html>

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