

From the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies’ Heritage & Culture Team



It is a part of the new Heritage and Culture Sub-committee’s remit to encourage the celebration of Cornwall-wide events designed to revive or stimulate the continuation and spread of Cornish traditions.

The purpose of this is not to exert pressure on any society to organise any of these but simply to say that celebrating them is a part of the Old Cornwall ethos and if you have it in mind to arrange any of them then there is a great deal of guidance available from within the Federation. Alternatively you like to join in with and support those who are doing so? Details of these Old Cornwall events will appear on our website and Facebook page at the appropriate times.

Some Cornish Cultural Events celebrated by Old Cornwall Societies and other Cornish Cultural organisations



Gool Peran (St Piran’s Festival)

Held on or near 5th March, St Piran’s Day.

St Piran’s Day is Cornwall’s national day which is celebrated in a variety of ways across Cornwall.

Tansys Golowan

Bonfire on the feast day of John the Baptist held on or near the evening of 23rd June.

Tansys (Bonfire) Golowan – Gol (feast) and Jowan (John).

Merv Davey has produced “Tansys Golowan” which is available from the Federation Shop.





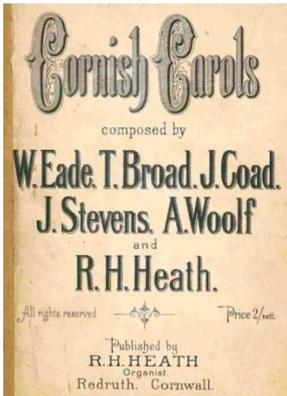
Guldize (Feast of the Ricks) of which Cryin' the Neck is a part Celebrating the end of the harvest.

The Federation has produced a booklet covering the ceremony which can be found on in our online bookshop.

St Gerrans & Portscatho OCS has also produced a leaflet covering the ceremony and the feast.

Esedhvos Festival

Gorsedh Kernow's Esedhvos Festival in September promotes and celebrates Cornwall's distinctive cultural identity and Celtic heritage. The Cornish equivalent of the Welsh Eisteddfod and Breton Gorsedd, it is held in Cornwall every year in the days surrounding the annual Gorsedh Kernow bardic ceremony.



Kernow Curls (Cornish Carols)

The singing of Thomas Merritt's and other composer's carols is becoming increasingly popular and will feature in the Federation's 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2020.

There are others, of course, including Parish Feasts to honour local Saints but we have concentrated here on those events that take place across Cornwall.

If further information, guidance or support is required then the Heritage and Culture Team will be pleased to help: heritageandculture@oldcornwall.net