ST JUST ORDINALIA
2021

A SPECTACULAR TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL OF CORNISH CULTURE WITH A DIFFERENCE

4–18 Sept

The focal point of the festival are the immersive performances of the powerful, biblical trilogy of the Ordinalia plays in our historic Plen an Gwari in St Just.

Festival pass holders will have access to all 3 plays, the concert and can choose an additional 3 activities celebrating Cornish culture, all listed below. Festival tickets are perfect for visitors who want to immerse themselves in the St Just Ordinalia and the surrounding area.

FESTIVAL TICKETS INCLUDE

Entrance to all three plays

A curated evening concert of Cornish culture

Three cultural activities (details below)

Festival holders will also be given a copy of our souvenir programme and a goody bag

THE THREE PLAYS

The Creation of the World
Origo Mundi

The Passion
Passio Domini

The Resurrection
Resurrexio Domini

Week 1 (4–11 Sept)	Performance	Times
Saturday 4th	Origo Mundi	7.30pm
Sunday 5th	Origo Mundi	7.30pm
Tuesday 7th	The Passion	7.30pm
Weds 8th	The Passion	7.30pm
Fri 10th	The Resurrection	7.30pm
Saturday 11th	The Resurrection	7.30pm

Week 2 (12–18 Sept)	Performance	Times
Monday 13th	Origo Mundi	1pm & 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th	Origo Mundi	7.30pm
Weds 15th	The Passion	7.30pm
Thurs 16th	The Passion	1pm & 7.30pm
Fri 17th	The Resurrection	1pm & 7.30pm
Sat 18th	The Resurrection	7.30pm

THE ACTIVITIES

DYSKI KERNEWEK CORNISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Have a go at learning some Kernewek and find out about our Celtic Cornish language. This workshop is for complete beginners and by the end of the session you will be able to introduce yourself and mingle at a party in Cornish. The workshop will be led by Mark Trevethan who teaches Cornish classes in Truro and is the Cornish Language Lead at Cornwall Council.

ST JUST TOWN TRAIL PLACES, PREACHING HOUSES AND CHAPELS

Take a trip back into West Cornwall's rich mining, methodist and celtic past. Come along to this trail of St Just to find out about how this mining district is one of the cradles of the Industrial Revolution and central to following the development of Cornish Methodism. This heritage walk will show you around places of interest in St Just and enrich your enjoyment and knowledge of this beautiful and historical area.

LEARN CORNISH DANCE WITH PENZANCE GUIZERS

Penzance Guizers dancer Helen Musser and musicians will lead you through a lively and enjoyable hour-long session on the basics of some Cornish dances. Come along to hear energetic live Cornish music and learn the traditional steps and dances of Cornwall. This session is for anyone, no prior dance experience needed – just enthusiasm to learn, a smile and a pair of hard soled shoes.

MORGANNOW
CORNISH SEA SONGS AND SHANTIES

Come and join Tir ha Tavas (Delia & Dave Brotherton) and Matt Blewett for a lively session singing some well-known and much-loved Cornish songs – in Cornish! No previous experience required. Shanties and sea songs in Cornish can be accessed by absolute beginners as well as more experienced speakers because they are very repetitive. Workshop leaders will be singing along with you and the words will be displayed on a screen throughout, so there will be no need to learn them.

BILINGUAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE WALK OF THE ST JUST AREA

Troyl a-dro Pluwust – enjoy a bilingual walk through the ancient landscape around St Just and discover more about elements of Cornish life, place names and culture as our Cornish language experts Loveday Jenkin & Tony Phillips from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (Tirwedh Pennwydh) guide you through the centuries. The Penwith Landscape Project hopes to offer further opportunities to learn more about the Cornish language in the landscape over the Ordinalia festival period & beyond. cornish@penwithlandscape.com

CORNISH WRESTLING
INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION

Cornish wrestling (Omdowl y'gan taves) is Cornwall's national sport and was an intrinsic part of the festivals where miracle plays were performed. The plen-an-gwari spaces, where the plays were often performed, have been frequent locations for Cornish wrestling tournaments over the centuries. Members of the Cornish Wrestling Association (founded in 1938) will be demonstrating some of the techniques involved in this ancient and very Cornish martial art and will talk through some of its fascinating history. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, it may be possible to 'have a go' in a safe and controlled fashion.

PLEN AN GWARI – HEART OF ST JUST
A HISTORY OF THE PLAYING PLACE AND THE PLAYS

200 years before Shakespeare's Globe theatre, there would have been a Plen an Gwari in most towns in Cornwall, where Medieval mystery and miracle plays were performed in native Cornish by the local community. Now only two of these 'playing places' remain – St Just's Plen an Gwari is one of them. This talk delves into the remarkable history of our very own 'Plen' over the past 650 years to discover how it has survived and thrived in the heart of our town.

A VERY CORNISH CONCERT
ENTRANCE FREE TO FESTIVAL TICKET HOLDERS

An evening of Cornish music, stories and culture held at the St Just Miner's Chapel in the heart of the town. See a variety of local acts including storytelling, live music and singing.

Venues will be sent to you in July via the Box Office, as we are continually evaluating size and capacity based on current covid restrictions.

DIARY WEEK 1

Sun 5 Sept	Mon 6 Sept	Tues 7 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Thurs 9 Sept	Fri 10 Sept
11:00–12:30 Plen an Gwari – Heart of St Just St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**15:00–17:00** St Just Town Trail St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**10:00–11:00** Cornish Wrestling St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**10:00–11:30** Plen an Gwari – Heart of St Just St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**10:00–13:00** Bilingual Culture and Heritage Walk St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**10:00–11:00** Learn Cornish Dance St Just – Location TBC July 2021
15:00 – 17:00 St Just Town Trail St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**19:30–21:00** CONCERT St Just Miner's Chapel	**11:30–12:30** Cornish Wrestling St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**13:00–14:30** Dyski Kernewek – Learn Cornish St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**15:00–17:00** St Just Town Trail St Just – Location TBC July 2021	**11:30–12:30** Learn Cornish Dance St Just – Location TBC July 2021
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