



**Spring
2023**

Next Meeting is a Zoom Meeting

March 4th, 2023 at 4 Pm Pacific time.

The Zoom join code will be sent the day before the meeting. Please come join us. If you need help with getting zoom on your phone, tablet, or computer, please email or call Val Ensor (ensortm@gmail.com or 206-794-5196)



President's Message

I Wonder If They Know?

I bought a book at the Cornish Country Store, A Handbook of Cornish Surnames, by G. Pauley White. The book lists the surname and its origin, be it ancestry, location, occupation, personal characteristics, or even animals.

As I've always been interested in names (I was a Navy Personnelman), it has caused me to ask myself when I hear a Cornish name, "I wonder if they know they could be Cornish?"

While touring Paramount Studios years ago, we watched a TV pilot being filmed. The young star was Kristin Chenoweth, now a well-known singer and actress. My first thought was "I wonder if she knows she might be Cornish?"

Growing up in early 50's Southern California, we often visited my dad's cousin Amy Gribble and her husband Ralph. They had moved to LA from Wisconsin. I recently reconnected with their son, Ralph Jr. on Facebook. We also have a Gribble family around the corner from us in our new neighborhood in Graham. "I wonder if they know.....?"

In going through the book, I found the names of several people I know – Davey, Foss, Powell, Rouse, Vaughan, Vinson, Whale, and others. I wonder if they know they could be Cornish? If we ask them, we may end up having to explain that we're not game hens, but it could lead to a new member of our group.

Doug Welford

Seeking Cornish travel contacts



If you've traveled in Cornwall and worked with a guide, lodging owner or travel coordinator there, I would love your input. We're planning early for a 50th wedding anniversary trip in 2026 with all our kids, and would love to know who people recommend from personal experience. I could even compile responses into a story for the next newsletter. Since grandkids from 9-14 would be along, any information on kid-friendly activities would also be useful. Please email me at sissonrm@gmail.com. Thank you! -- Mary Sisson

Membership report - Spring 2023

Our annual membership fees continue to be \$20 for individual and \$30 for dual membership. Lifetime memberships are available after a year of membership for 15 times the annual fee.

Unfortunately, from 2020 to date, death has claimed some of our dearest members:

Louise Colenso April, 2020
Heather Pearce October 2021
Shirley Bruce 2021
Bob Bruce April, 2022
Van Anderson May, 2022
Jean Richards Timmermeister January, 2023

Our roster now shows: 25 individual members
18 dual members
8 life members
2 honorary members

53 Total current members



Treasurer's report - Spring 2023

We started this fiscal year on 7/1/22 with \$2,822.48 in the bank.

We've collected \$610 in dues and \$150 in hall rent refund from City of Centralia .

We paid out \$32.75 for newsletter software.

The balance at 2/17/23 is \$3,582.48.

Dorothy

Minutes of last meeting October 15, 2022

Doug Wolford introduced himself as our new president, then he introduced the other officers:

Gord'n Perrott, vice president
Dot Hosking Huntley as treasurer
Pamela Perrott as secretary
Bonnie LaDoe as membership
Joan Huston as newsletter editor
Mickie as webmaster

As usual all those attending introduced themselves and talked about their Cornish connection.

I believe Dot Hosking was not present, so we did not have a treasurer's report. Dot provided a balance sheet in September, and not much would have changed by October.

We discussed when the summer meeting should be, and decided on August, not July

We discussed what to do with the stuff PNCS has. Broadly there are 3 categories:

- The country store stuff – t-shirts, sweatshirts, flags etc. which people can buy through our website
- The library of books about Cornish topics, which people can borrow when we have an in person meeting
- The records, minutes, the binder of procedures etc.

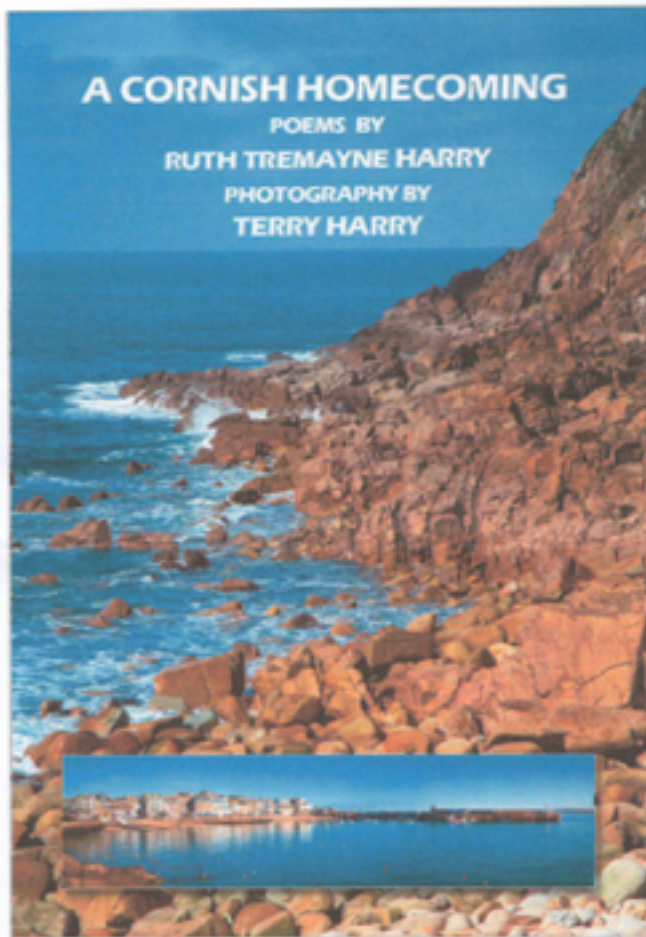
Alene has all the stuff right now, but wants to get rid of all of it. Bob Scott now has everything, it was decided he would keep it in storage until a home could be found for it. I did do a notebook that had the by-laws, etc and I believe it is in the box Margaret sent to Gord'n. Other than that all the minutes and newsletters and membership list etc. is on the website.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Perrott
Secretary

A NEW 2022 BOOK

BY CORNISH HUSBAND & WIFE
RUTH TREMAYNE HARRY & TERRY HARRY
FULL OF POEMS AND PHOTOS
OF CORNWALL & THE ISLES OF SCILLY

PLUS 4 PAGES ON A VISIT TO ANOTHER CELTIC NATION SCOTLAND



A CORNISH HOMECOMING

POEMS BY
RUTH TREMAYNE HARRY
PHOTOGRAPHY BY
TERRY HARRY



A beautiful book full of wonderful poems and photos.

It is printed on high gloss paper in Cornwall by Booths of Penryn, keeping it Cornish.

Ruth & Terry are both Cornish born and bred and have travelled recently to Scotland.

They reunited in 2020 after more than 50 years when they worked together in Truro.

The book is perfect bound full colour 60 pages with a 4 page board cover.

It is 235mm x 165mm size, costs £7.95 sterling plus postage.

To order in Canada & USA please email John Webb john954@sympatico.ca

For the rest of the World please email Terry Harry info@terryharry.info

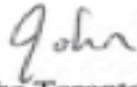
A Cornish Homecoming

To the Cornish diaspora

Please excuse this package if it smacks of nepotism, but sometimes it cannot be avoided with so many Cousin Jacks and Jennies around the world.

I would like to share this new book of unique photographs and accompanying poems that celebrates our homeland. It has been produced by my sister-in-law and her husband. Just hoping that this copy could be shown at your meetings, and if anyone is interested, I've included details for ordering. Maybe gifts for those among us who will not be travelling.

Many thanks



John Webb, of the Toronto Cornish Association



Joy, Thanks much for letting us know. Jean was such a vital part of our organization and we have been missing her.

I'm including our board in my reply. We've not heard anything from any of the societies, either.

Please remember us to the rest of your family and be sure that they're aware of what high regard we have for her.

Dorothy Hosking

on behalf of Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

On Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 4:20 PM Rick and Joy LaBelle <materlabelle@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Dorothy,

Jean passed away last Sunday, 1/29/23. She was ninety-four years old. Diabetes and dementia had long ago stripped her of the things about herself that she valued most: her self-reliance and sense of competence. Please don't feel bad for her, because she was happy to be done with a body and a brain that she felt had betrayed her.

I never did receive any replies to your alert to Cornish societies asking if anyone would like to have Jean's Cornish tartan kilt. However, it's possible her daughter might change her mind and take it. We shall see.

When Jean's son Rick and I retrieved the very lovely urn Jean bought for herself years ago, on the mailing box was written, "My urn! Plan to die later!"

Classic Jean.

Sincerely, Joy LaBelle

Reminder.

All PNCS members are automatically members of Cornish American Heritage Society? They can expect to receive emails about other events and interest from CAHS from time to time.

There is no cost to our members for their membership in CAHS. It's an added benefit of membership in PNCS. Their website is cousinjack.org.

First Meeting of the CAHS Book Club – The Salt Path

What would do if you lost everything? Your house, your job, and most of your money? Would you decide to go on a 630 mile walk and live out of a backpack, sleeping rough in the elements? That is exactly what Raynor Winn, the author of *The Salt Path*, did with her husband Moth.

We will discuss this amazing autobiography at the first ever meeting of the CAHS Book Club on Sunday January 8th at 4 pm Eastern Time. Please register to be included in the Zoom meeting.

The CAHS Book Club is an informal group that will meet quarterly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books that have a strong connection to Cornwall. There is no charge to participate.

Sign up now!

<https://forms.gle/PT1jzohHAS5guhJP8>



Who was St. Piran?

1. St Piran is the patron saint of tin-miners and is generally regarded as the national saint of Cornwall.
2. According to legend St Piran was born in Ireland in the 5th century. After studying the scriptures in Rome he returned and was made a Bishop.
3. In Ireland he was said to have performed many miracles, such as raising from the dead soldiers slain in battle. But the Kings of Ireland at the time were not impressed and threw him into the sea.
4. He had a millstone around his neck but miraculously the stormy sea became calm and he floated across the water to Perran Beach in Perranporth.
5. It was here that he built a small chapel among the sand dunes. His first disciples are said to have been a badger, a fox and a bear. Eventually people came from miles around to hear him preach.
6. One day, a black stone on his fire leaked a white liquid. St Piran had discovered tin. The Cornish Flag (blowing proudly above) represents white tin flowing from black rock, or good overcoming evil.
7. St Piran is believed to have lived for 200 years. He was fond of a drink and met his end falling down a well. No date of his death was recorded.
8. During the late-19th century, modern-day celebrations were started by Celtic revivalists to provide people with a national day of celebration.
9. St Piran's Day is the national day of the people of Cornwall. Each year, St Piran's story is retold in a drama on the dunes in Perranporth on the Sunday nearest to March 5.
10. Celebrations on St Piran's Day involve lots and lots of alcohol and gave rise to the expression "drunk as a Perraner". Cheers!

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Webpage: _____

\$20 Individual Member \$30 Family Membership

Amount Enclosed: _____

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest: _____

Mail to: Dorothy Ann Hosking
1451 Spruce Street, #204,
Florence OR 97439

PNCS MEETINGS ARE HELD 3 TIMES A YEAR

ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

ZOOM MEETING ON 1ST SATURDAY OF MARCH

ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC AT FORT BORST PARK *IN PERSON*

PICNIC AT FORT BORST PARK IN CENTRALIA, WA , THE 2ND SATURDAY IN AUGUST.

FALL MEETING

ZOOM MEETING ON 3RD SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

President - Doug Wolford dvwolford@centurylink.net

Vice-President - Gord'n Perrott, gordn.perrott@gmail.com

Secretary - Pamela Perrott pamelaperrott@comcast.net

Treasurer - Dorothy Hosking dot97479@gmail.com

Membership - Bonnie LaDoe bladoe@aol.com

Newsletter - Joan Huston tregarthen@gmail.com

Website - Mickey Sieracki msieracki@msn.com

Zoom Co-ordinator - Val Ensor ensortm@gmail.com