

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 7, 2012, Fort Borst Park



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Bonnie and Dot staff the booth.



New member Craig Walton-MacDougall

PNCS unfurls Cornish flag at Celtic Festival

For the first time, thanks to Dot Huntley, PNCS participated in the Newport Celtic Festival June 9-10.

Alene Reaugh and Bonnie LaDoe joined Dot at the PNCS booth, and on Sunday, member Margaret English, who was at the festival with another group, arrived at the booth wearing her Cornish tartan.

The festival, waving the flags of the seven Celtic nations, filled the fairgrounds at Newport, Ore. The family-friendly fair was devoted to showcasing the diverse cultures of all the nations. Celtic music filled the air and dancing abounded. We proudly carried our banner in the opening parade.

Torrential rain on Friday left us wondering if this was really a good idea, but the weather improved greatly on Saturday and Sunday.



Margaret English wears Cornish tartan.

Except for some muddy feet, we managed to represent our group well and made wonderful new contacts that we hope will present programs for us.

We even signed up a new member, Craig Walton-MacDougall, who was representing his Scottish side at the fair. Upon seeing our booth, he was excited to represent his Cornish side too, so he purchased a Cornish flag and flew it on his Scottish booth!

- Bonnie LaDoe

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Fifteen years of Cornishness!

This will be the 15th Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Picnic! For the past 15 years, I have been a part of this Cornish Society, from being the original organizer and #1 member, Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter co-editor and editor, to the past two years as President. I look forward to being past president!

There's a good reason I spent the first 13 years of the club as something other than President, because I really don't like getting up in front of people and much prefer being in the background. I was a very uninvolved president the past two years, as I had various personal stuff that interfered lots.

All four of my kids at various times, caused me difficulties. My youngest son is leaving for 2 ½ years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania on June 3rd, which is bittersweet. We will miss

him terribly, but are glad that he can finally get on with his life after spending the past year after college graduation, in limbo, waiting to go.



My son, Eric, was going to work, pulled into the driveway and out on the road, I followed about 20 minutes later and saw that his tire marks had made this awesome picture out of the little bit of snow that was left after the last time it snowed. I took this picture with my phone before it melted away. All in the timing! If he had left earlier, or later, or if there was more snow, or less snow, if I hadn't gone out when I did, if I hadn't seen it or had a camera handy...

Things will get much quieter now. Only one kid at home after he leaves, but oldest daughter moves in and out regularly and she has an 8 month old and is expecting another, so who

knows how long that will last.

The first meeting two years ago in October, had Carola Dunn, author, talking about her books and time

growing up in Cornwall. I am trying to get her to come back. The next meeting in March had Cyndi from Cyndi's List of Genealogy links. Then we had our picnic in Centralia with Mary Sisson leading us in Cornish songs. In October we had the Clark County genealogy library open for us to use, and in March we had a couple of ladies from the Heritage Quest Library in Sumner.

Now we're back to the 15th Annual Picnic at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, we have elections for new officers, and Mary Sisson is gracious enough

to bring her guitar and entertain and lead us in Cornish singing again this year! All of our meetings include a potluck.

Joan Huston, President

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Annual Meeting and Picnic

Saturday, July 7, 2012 (Note change from usual late-July date!)

Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share); business meeting at noon,

Kitchen No. 2, Fort Borst Park

Centralia, Washington

Program: Election of Officers for the next two years and sharing of ideas for future programs.

Directions to the park:

Take Exit 82 from I-5 north or southbound. Head west to the first left, which becomes a one-way lane at the park entrance. Kitchen No. 2 is on the right, near the restrooms and wading pool and across the lane from the playground.

Whatever blows up your kilt ...

E.A. Channon's book may sound like Scotland, but his whole family lives in Cornwall. He'll be sharing his stories about the homeland at the July 7 meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society.

Channon and his wife, Paulette, became instant friends with Alene Reaugh at the Newport Celtic Festival, where Channon was promoting

his book, "Ballad of a Bagpiper: Whatever Blows Up your Kilt" and Alene was staffing the PNCS booth.

They've already announced their visit on their Facebook page. On his Website, www.eachannon.com, E.A. lists some of the people for whom he's played his bagpipes: The Queen of England, Princess Diana, former President Ronald Reagan,

Michael Caine, Sean Connery and Bill Gates. E.A. says he has played for numerous other dignitaries on every continent, traveling the world making a joyous clatter with his instrument that looks like an octopus and sounds like a wailing cat.

His book, "The Ballad of a Bagpiper" chronicles some the more colorful moments in his colorful life.

Nominees for PNCS Board for 2012-2014

President:

Alene Reaugh: Member since 2003, Vice President 2006-07, President 2007-2011

Alene lives in Portland with her husband, Jim, and works as an insurance claims adjuster. Her great-grandparents came to Michigan from the Penzance, Redruth, and Sithney areas in 1900. Alene has visited Cornwall twice: in 2004 and 2006.

Vice-President

Bob Bruce: Charter member since 1998

Bob and wife, Shirley (maiden name Spargo), are retired and live in

Puyallup, Washington. Bob claims no Cornish heritage, but Shirley's great-grandparents emigrated from the Charlestown/St. Austell areas to Mineral Point, Wisconsin in 1852. The Bruces visited Cornwall in 1992.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Ann (Wolford) Holiday: Charter member since 1998. Present Newsletter Editor

Ann lives in Seattle, Washington, where she works as a legal assistant. Her Cornish connections include her maternal grandparents immigrating from Par to California via Canada.

Her late mother and aunt, and siblings, have all been active in PNCS since its inception. Ann has visited Cornwall four times: 1967, 1979, 1985 and 1990.

Treasurer

Dorothy (Dot) Hosking Huntley: Member since 2000 and current treasurer since July 2005

Dot is retired and lives in Sutherlin, Oregon with husband Dan. Her great grandparents emigrated from St. Just in 1866 landing in Pennsylvania. She has visited many locations in Cornwall over the past several years.

Sept 9th 1918
5 Coburg Place
Torquay
Devon

My dear niece Clara
I was very pleased to hear from you again your letter was over 4 weeks on the way, glad to hear you are all fairly well sorry you are not getting the papers I send it every week & have sent you some Torquay papers also some little books on the War & Philosophy I expect the ships get sunk but I hope you have some before this I do hope the Germans will

Soon be completely defeated it is so sad the terrible loss of life the mad Kaiser ought to be imprisoned & treated like our poor boys has been by them. People are so good to them that are prisoners here & Russia is now under the lash of the Huns what misery they have brought into the world I see by the papers food is going up in price in the U.S. only for the food controller fixing a max price the profiteer would starve us all I have not seen any fruit Raspberries & Currants 1/6 per lb. Small plums was

1/6 Saturday & Apples small windfalls 1/- per lb. Blackberry jam 1/- to 2/6 lb in some places
Now the F.C. has fixed price if there is none to be had our bread is decidedly better meat is too dear one I can only get a bit of bone & fat for 1/- Liver is very dear but it's tender. Large family get the best meat they can't cut the best joints in small bits. Coal is going to be very scarce. I don't worry. God will look after us. I have been out for 16. I saw the sea planes glide along on the water

Ascend up in a few minutes flying over our heads like birds. It's all so wonderful but when we look around on the lovely corn fields & the trees & flowers the beautiful sunset I watched the sun go down behind the hills the lovely colors throwing their shades.. Who can paint any thing so beautiful as the works of God my pen is awful hope you can read it love to all your Affl Aunt A Kessell

Bonnie LaDoe shares another letter from her great-grand Aunt Amelia, written in 1918 to her niece, Clara Kessell, in Grays River, Washington. A big thanks to Shirley Ewart for transcribing it.

Letter tells of scarcity, beauty near end of WW I

Sept 9th, 1918
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Torquay
Devon

My Dear Niece Clara:

I was very pleased to hear from you again. Your letter was over 4 weeks on the way. Glad to hear you are all fairly well. Sorry you are not getting the papers. I send it every week & have sent you some Torquay papers, also some little books on the war & Philosophy [Philosophy].

I expect the ships get sunk but I hope you have some before this. I do hope the Germans will soon be completely defeated.. It is so sad the terrible loss of life the mad kaiser ought to be imprisoned and treated like our

poor boys has been treated by them. People are so good to them that are prisoners here & Russia is now under the lash of the Huns. What misery they have brought into the world.

I see by the papers food is going up in price in the U.S. only for the food controller fixing maximum price the profiteer would starve us all. I have not seen any fruit, raspberry & currant 1/6 per lb. I hear small plums was 1/6 Saturday & apples, small windfalls 1/- per lb, blackberry jam 1/- to 2/6 lb in some places.

Now the F[ood] C[ontroller] has fixed prices 4 shillings, there is none to be had. Our bread is decidedly better. Meat is too dear. Me, I can only get a bit of bone & fat for 1/-.

Liver is very dear but it's tender. Large family get the best meat, they can't cut the best joints in small bits. Coal is going to be very scarce. I don't worry. God will look after us.

I have been out for a short walk & sat by the sea and saw the sea-planes glide along the water & ascend up in a few minutes flying over heads like birds. It's all so wonderful but when we look at the lovely corn fields and the trees & flowers the beautiful sunset. I watched the sun go down behind the hills, the lovely [sic] colors throwing their shades.. Who can paint any thing so beautiful as that of God, My pen is awful, hope you can read it.

Love to all, your
Affect[ionate] Aunt A. Kessell

Tell us your stories!

For several years, member Shirley Ewart tried to collect stories from members to gather into a publication similar to her book "Highly Respectable Families: The Cornish of Grass Valley California 1854-1954."

Along those lines, the Cornish Global Migration Programme in Red-

ruth gathers information about Cornish people who left the British Isles for lands across the sea. CGMP maintains both a huge and complex database of people born in Cornwall or descended from Cornish-born ancestors who migrated from Cornwall and a small museum of letters, photos, documents, artifacts and family treasures.

And of course, your Pacific North-

west Cornish Society newsletter regularly features stories like the letter above that tell our family histories.

If you have anything to share – letters, photos, remembered stories, passports, travel documents – please feel free to send copies, carefully identified, to the newsletter and/or the Cornish Global Migration Project.

See info pages for addresses.

The case for staying in St. Austell

By Lewis Penhall Bird

President, Cornish Heritage Society East

From time to time people have asked me to identify a central location that would be a fine base from which to take day trips to see the best of Cornwall. We have had the great good fortune of (a) being able to stay with my cousin, Valerie Jacob, in St. Austell and (b) having her guidance as a Cornish Bard to explore both the hidden gems of Cornwall and the must-see places.

But do consider the rationale for St. Austell:

1. It is a major stop for the Great Western Railway on its way from London (about a five-hour trip). The Eden Project here lures horticulturalists from around the world to tour these geodesic domes of tropical vegetation – a fascinating afternoon.

2. It lies between two south coast seaports: Mevagissey and Fowey (pronounced Foy). Part of the charm of either place is the launch service between them on seaworthy days.

Mevagissey is a small fishing village down by the sloping coastal path where tiny shops invite the leisurely browser.

Fowey is a yachting center where the occasional clay ship slips by as well. A short launch service takes one across the harbour to Polruan for a lovely view back at the hilly charm of Fowey.

3. The county capital of Truro, with its majestic cathedral and major shopping venues, is just a short drive west.

4. Well-known Penzance lies further west - well worth a stroll down its main street as well as a visit across the bay to St. Michael's Mount. A short excursion north from there brings one to the artist colony of St. Ives.

If one makes it to Penzance, Land's End is just a bit further on.

5. Newquay, with its terrific surfing beaches, is northwest from our base, and Padstow, with its remarkable floodgate closure for the harbour as the Camel River recedes with the tide, is directly north. Here is where the 'Obby 'Oss tradition thrives. And here at harbourside one must beware of predatory seagulls – while sitting on a bench here enjoying lunch, Val had her sandwich cleanly plucked from her hand by one of these birds.

6. St. Enodoc, the church and the surrounding graveyard, is well worth a visit when at Padstow. Launch service across the Camel permits one to then walk either along the river at low tide or across the lowly hills of a golf course to this astounding church. Sir John Betjeman, the former poet laureate of England, lies buried here in his beloved, adopted



Mousehole, taken in 1980 by Everett Wolford. Do you suppose it has changed much in 42 years?

sandy soil of Cornwall. At the top of this small graveyard, on the benches, one can enjoy a pasty or a slice of saffron cake, gaze out to sea or merely contemplate the wonders and mysteries of life.

7. And then there is Tintagel - home to the Arthurian legends.

These are just a few of our favorite places - noteworthy all. Additional sites to consider: the mansion and gardens at Lanhydrock, Jamaica Inn on Bodmin Moor, the seaports of Looe, Polperro and Mousehole, the natural outdoor amphitheatre, the Minack Theatre looking down at the sea, and the Lizard peninsula. Obviously, more than one holiday would be necessary to take all of this in.

We have been fortunate to have traveled this land eight or nine times; as one of my cousins likes to say: "Lewis has come 'ome again!"

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

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PNCS Meetings

First Saturday in March, in the North
To celebrate St. Piran's Day
Fourth Saturday in July, Central area
Annual Cornish Picnic
Third Saturday in October, in the South

Cornish Country Store

Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours on line and three times a year live at our meetings. We have a good variety of items your Cornish cousins will love. Please check the website to see pictures of all these items:

www.nwcornishsociety.com/Country%20store.htm

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at Softwalk2@yahoo.com Sweatshirts and T-shirts can be ordered directly from Café Press at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

PNCS Library

The PNCS Library is housed with Past President Alene Reaugh. The library welcomes donated books about the Cornish. You can bring donations to one of the meetings or contact Alene at (503) 775-9653 or email her at softwalk2@yahoo.com.

History of Cornwall on CD-ROM

The Parochial History of the County of Cornwall, a four-volume set of books with lots of information on old Cornish families, was donated to us by our Cornish member, Ron Lake, and we had them put on CD-ROM. They are available to borrow or purchase. Contact Joan Huston if interested in obtaining a copy. Tregarthen@gmail.com or phone (360) 613-1718.

Visit Pacific Northwest Cornish Society on Facebook for information on Cornish happenings!

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Webpage: _____

\$15 Individual Member \$25 Dual Membership Amount Enclosed: _____

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest:

Send form filled out with check payable to:

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
486 Plat B Road
Sutherlin, OR 97479-9799

Cornish Connections

This is a highly arbitrary list. Feel free to suggest other Cornish Connections by e-mailing the Editor

Cornish Global Migration Programme

Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere.

www.cornishmigration.org.uk

Cornish Heritage Organizations

Federation of Old Cornwall Societies

<http://oldcornwall.org>

The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation

www.cousinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association

www.busby.net/nzca/

The California Cornish Cousins

www.califcornishcousins.org

Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)

www.cornishvic.org.au

Festivals and Events

Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

www.newportcelticfestival.com

Cornish Websites

Cornwall Connections

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

www.cornwallconnections.peeples.com

Cornish Global Migration Programme

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www.cornishmigration.org.uk

myCornwall.tv

myCornwall magazine (formerly Cornish World)

Video and print resources seek to make a difference to Cornwall by creating entertaining, educational and thought-provoking content.

<http://www.mycornwall.tv>

West Penwith Resources

Links to resources concerning the far west end of Cornwall.

<http://west-penwith.org.uk/index.htm>

General Genealogy

Washington State Archives

Has 94 million records preserved, 29 million of which are searchable online.

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

Oregon State Archives

Search for Oregon records on line.

<http://genealogy.state.or.us>

Cyndi's List

More than 290,000 links to genealogy sites. The founder spoke at the March 2011 PNCS meeting.

www.cyndislist.com

FamilySearch

Information from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy.

www.familysearch.org

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation

Look up your ancestors who came through New York between 1892 and 1924, free.

www.ellisland.org

Bureau of Land Management

Search for land patent records by name and state.

www.glorerecords.blm.gov

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at Bates Technical College, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/

BYU Idaho Special Collections

Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Idaho.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/>

Scenes from the St. Piran's Day meeting



Daffodils brightened the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Puyallup for the PNCS St. Piran's day meeting.

Carolyn Harkness of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner shares some genealogy tips with Dot Huntley (seated) and Sandy Dunkel.

The library's website is:

<http://www.hqrl.com/>



Minutes of the March 10, 2012, PNCS meeting

The spring meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society was called to order by President Joan Huston at noon on March 10, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Puyallup. The meeting, normally held on the first Saturday of March, had been moved to the 10th due to a scheduling conflict at the church. There were only 7 members present so we did not have a quorum. Sandy Dunkel agreed to take the minutes in the absence Secretary Margaret Porter.

Minutes of the fall meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Dot Huntley. We have a total of \$3,367.27 which includes \$837.49 in checking/savings and \$2,529.78 in the money market account. Income from sales made through the Website at Amazon.com was reported as \$42.92. It was mentioned that logo items were also available through Café Press. However, there has been no activity at Café Press. A few store items were also available at the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Concern about the dwindling membership was discussed. There was a short brainstorming session to get some ideas of how to get ourselves known. Some suggestions included how to use some of our funds to good advantage to get our name out there.

- Take part in activities sponsored by other genealogi-

cal groups.

- Consider a partnership with other societies.
- Tacoma Genealogical Society
- Celtic Festivals
- Newport Celtic Festival – Oregon June 8-10, 2012.

We can have booth but need people to man it.

- Look into Highland Game events for booth
- Heritage Quest Research Library (HQRL). Carolyn Harkness, presenter of today's program, was asked about having a group membership at Heritage Quest. At the present time, they only have individual and family memberships. However, we might be able to set up a link on their site to our web page. She said she would inquire about group memberships at their next meeting.

• Genealogical Forum in Oregon – May have classes or presentations that might be of interest.

Nominating Committee: Consisting of immediate Past President, Alene Reaugh and 2 other members. Dick & Louise Colenso were suggested as the other members. If they are unable to serve on the committee, then Dick, as Vice President, could appoint someone else.

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Respectfully submitted by Sandra Dunkel