

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 2 in Puyallup



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Among those attending the October meeting in Vancouver were Jill Penhalligon Durgin, Carole Lower, Bonnie LaDoe, Dick Colenso, Joan Huston, Van Anderson, __, Shirley Ewart, Dot Hosking Huntley, Louise Colenso, ShaSha Alsdorf, Sandy Dunkel, Jim Faull, Margaret English and, kneeling in front, Alene Reaugh and Amanda Huston.

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Year's plans expand to S. Oregon

Happy New Year, Cornish Cousins!

We are off and running, planning the activities of 2013. Our first meeting will be March 2, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Puyallup. Gord'n Perrott will present a slide show of his trip to Cornwall. I am confident that we can get Bob Bruce to play the piano so we can sing Cornish songs; I will make sure we have songbooks.

Last year we had a booth at four Celtic Festivals. We are all set to do it again this year and hope to be able to double that amount.

Some members have already stated they will volunteer their time this year. Please let us know if you would be interested in spending a weekend or a day meeting new people and explaining what it means to be Cornish.

Dot Huntley is organizing the shows, please let her know if you would like to join us on this adventure.

We presented an idea at the annual meeting to host another Celtic Encounter. We will begin the planning stages at the March meeting. Please come and bring your ideas to

get this off the ground. We will aim to have this event in the summer of 2014.

The July meeting this year will be August 3, 2013 at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, Washington. Please note the change in date from our usual late July! Our October meeting will be in Vancouver again, the date to be announced. We are also planning to have an informal meet and greet picnic in southern Oregon in the fall.

Hope to see you all in March.

Alene Reaugh
PNCS President

Shirley Ewart progress report

By Alene Reaugh

Shirley Ewart, member #131, is a delightful and proper English Lady who has a fondness in her heart for Cornwall. She is not Cornish, but she spent a lot of her childhood in St. Ives, where her grandmother managed the Pedn-Olva Hotel. She served in the English Army during WWII at King Harry Ferry protecting the Americans. She also wrote the book "Highly Respectable Families" about Cornish mining families in Grass Valley, California.

Therefore, she says, "I'm almost Cornish."

Just before Thanksgiving, she had a bad fall at home; she suffered a head injury and ended up in Providence hospital in Portland. Shirley had brain surgery for a hematoma and while recovering, she suffered a

massive stroke. She is undergoing rehabilitation at the Fountains at the Town Center rehabilitation care center in Portland.

When we first saw her after her stroke we met her daughter Liz from Hawaii (whose husband is part Cornish) and she told us she was having difficulty speaking but was able to hear and understand people speaking to her. While in the emergency room, she spoke up that she is a person and to talk to her not about her.

I have visited her several times, and each time she had improved a lot over the previous visit. When I went to visit two weeks ago, I learned the place was under quarantine and they were not allowing visitors. They are still under quarantine but yesterday I spoke to her on the phone for about 10 minutes. Her speech was

hard to understand at previous visits but now she speaks clearly. She tells me she is lonely

because she cannot have any visitors and that it is very boring except for the occasional Bingo game.

She would really enjoy getting cards or letters from her Cornish Cousins. The address is:

Town Center Village
Shirley Ewart
8607 SE Causey Ave. Room 142
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Please note that mail is matched by patient name and room number, and if the number is wrong, the mail will be returned.



Shirley Ewart

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 2013

First Presbyterian Church

410 W. Pioneer, Puyallup, WA 98371

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

Program: Member Gord'n Perrott will present a slide show of his trip to Cornwall.

Minutes of the October 2012 Meeting

President Alene Reaugh called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. October 26, 2012, at the Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA.

Twenty-one members were present and introduced themselves, starting with new members Jill Penhalligon Durgin of Vancouver, Ross and Kate Penhalligon of Springfield, Oregon; and ShaSha Alsdorf of Aloha, Oregon.

Minutes: Dick Colenso moved we accept the minutes of the July meeting as published in the newsletter and on the website. It was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report: Dot Huntley reported \$710 in checking and \$2,530 in savings, more than she expected after expenses of booths at four Celtic festivals over the summer. We spent \$67 on the festivals plus \$115 on insurance for the Newport festival (plus a bill for a canopy Joan Huston turned in that hadn't yet been paid). We took in \$118 through the Country Store (only \$12 of it at the Celtic fairs, which were more about exposure). We've gained five new members since July. Each is enrolled in the Cornish American Heritage Society for one year along with PNCS. Jim Faull moved we accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

Country Store: Three new books on the Cornish language have been added. Dot Huntley is going to Cornwall this year, so the store will likely be replenished.

Library: The library now is housed in five full boxes, portable but heavy. Alene proposed paring it down to the most essential, with a committee to go through the books, tapes and magazines. Stephen Cornick, president of the Clark County Genealogical Society, walked in just after a mention of the possibility of housing it there. He explained that space is an issue for CCGS and that giving materials involves giving them full authority to dispose of them at their discretion.

ShaSha Alsdorf volunteered to listen to the cassette tapes to see what's on them, and to review the music with the folk music group she's in. Alene will appoint a committee to go through the other materials and decide what to keep or sell.

Celtic Festivals: Dot Huntley reported on the four Celtic festivals where PNCS had a presence this summer: Newport, Oregon; Hood Canal in Washington; the Portland games; and Douglas County, Oregon, plus the Jory family reunion near Salem. "I think they were a great success," she said. The Cornish tartan raised interest, and there was only one comment about game hens.

Southern Oregon gathering: Dot reported that a contingent of Southern Oregon Cornish are not interested in traveling too far north for meetings. An informal summertime picnic, more of a meet and greet than a meeting, was discussed.

Celtic Encounter: Alene raised the idea of a Celtic Encounter involving people from all the different Celtic societies, similar to one in Port Angeles several years ago. She proposed we invite other groups to plan such an event for summer 2014, starting with a PNCS committee to see if it's feasible. Evangeline Anderson moved and it was seconded and passed that Alene will appoint a committee to work on this.

Famous members: Joan Huston was featured in "My Cornish World," and Evangeline Anderson was written about in a real estate magazine.

The next meeting will be March 2 at First Presbyterian Church in Puyallup.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1 p.m. and followed by a presentation by Carola Dunn, author of mystery books set in Cornwall.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Sisson,
Substituting for Ann Holiday, Secretary

Lost Gardens are among most visited

The Lost Gardens of Heligan, near Mevagissey in Cornwall, statistically are one of the most visited gardens in the UK, with about 300,000 visitors a year. The gardens were created by members of the Tremayne family, from the mid-18th century to the beginning of the 20th century.

The gardens were neglected after the First World War, and restored in the 1990s.

Heligan is first recorded in the twelfth century. The place-name, I am told is properly pronounced 'h'LIG'n', and not the commonly heard 'HEL-i-gun', and is derived from the Cornish word 'heligenn', for 'willow tree'.

Why are the gardens called Lost?

According to material from the Gardens, the word is included in the name primarily to describe the lost Victorian traditions, which Heligan

strives to remember through horticultural practice and by telling the stories of this period through the unique and historical garden experience.

Sir Tim Smit and John Nelson were largely responsible for the development of the Lost Gardens of Heligan. In 1990, John invited Tim to look at an old estate recently passed onto John Willis – he was a descendant of the Tremayne family and the Estate was held in a Trust for him and his sister Antonia. Tim went along, and was entranced by the ruin of the huge estate garden. Heligan offered the chance to recreate an en-

tire working Victorian garden with productive and pleasure sections. There is also a Jungle Garden with bananas, bamboo, giant gunnera, camellias and rhododendrons.

The Heligan estate was bought by Sampson Tremayne in 1569; Heligan House was built by William Tre-



One of the first daffodils of 2013, spotted on the west lawn at Heligan the morning of January 13.

mayne in 1603 - only the basement remains - and substantially rebuilt by Sir John Tremayne and extended by Henry Hawkins Tremayne and John Hearle Tremayne. Unusually for Cornwall the house is built of bricks thought to have been made on the estate. The house was converted to apartments and sold during 1973-74. In 2008, The Lost Gardens of Heligan were granted National Collection Holder status by Plant Heritage for their historic and unique collection of camellias and rhododendrons introduced to Heligan pre-1920. There are more than 70 veteran camellias and 350 ancient rhododen-

drons included in the collection. The earliest rhododendrons in the collection were raised from seed collected by Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, in India during his expedition of 1847-51.

The Lost Gardens of Heligan have a functioning pineapple pit - a method of growing pineapples in colder climates invented by gardeners in the UK. This pit is believed to be the only one of its kind still operating in the UK and possibly in Europe, and was probably built in the 1700s. A pineapple pit requires a huge amount of fresh manure to maintain a consistent temperature. In Victorian times, pineapples were extremely expensive and people would hire a pineapple to put on their dining tables to try to suggest that they were wealthy and to impress their guests.

Two fun features at Heligan are the Giant's Head and the Mudmaid Sculptures made from tree roots, plastered with local clay and planted with a variety of plants that bloom at different times during the year.

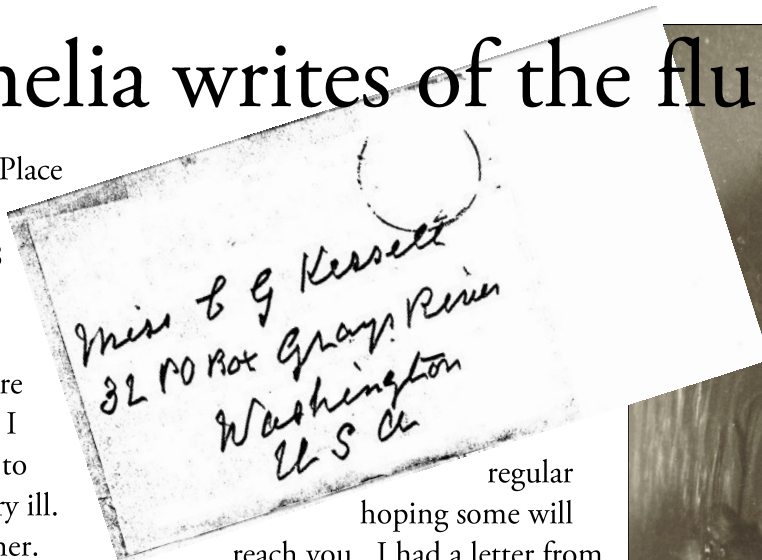
Heligan is not a manicured garden but very much a work in progress; it has a very relaxed and welcoming feel about it. You can walk on the grass – it isn't a 'Parade Ground'. If you have the opportunity to visit, I am sure you'll enjoy it.

Robyn Coates

"The Lost Garden of Heligan" is from a talk given by Robyn at the Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia) October meeting

Aunt Amelia writes of the flu

5 Coburg Place
Torquay
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My dear niece,

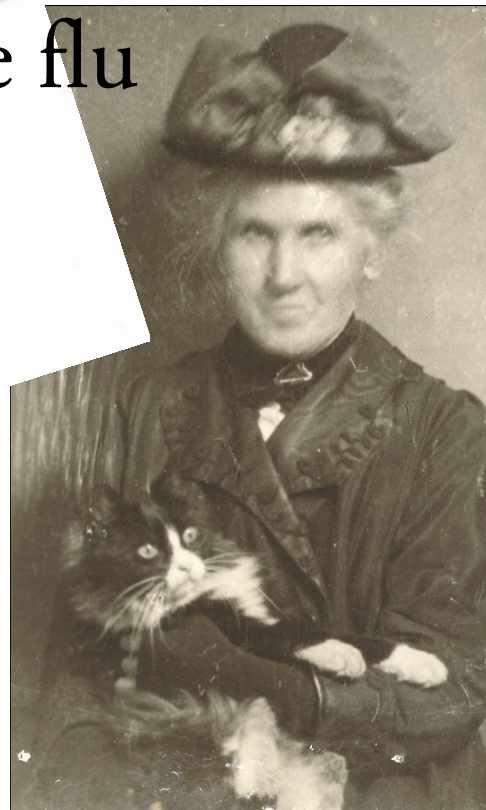
I have been wondering how you all are & if you are escaping the Spanish Flu. I have so far, I am thankful to say, but my landlady is very ill. I have been looking after her. The Dr don't know if she will pull through & the lodger up stairs is very bad, delirious, ranting and shouting night and day. His wife is worn out. 3 people died close here after a few days illness. I suppose it was in your papers about the poor soldiers that died on the ship coming over. What an awful disaster.

Well the Germans are getting a whacking now. I hope they will soon be in their own Country. What awful savages they are, but their wickedness & sins will come back on their own heads. I hope you have the papers all right. I send them

regular hoping some will reach you. I had a letter from a young man that lodged with me a year ago. He expected to be in England next month & will come to see me. I shall be pleased to see him again. He was very nice.

I do hope things will soon be a little cheaper. It is real starvation. We can't get a bit of meat its so dear. Apples 1/6' per lb & everything famine price. I am sorry to tell you my poor cat Toby died 2 weeks ago. I have missed him dreadfully. I had him for 17 years.

With best ever to all.
Your affec(tionate) Aunt A. Kessell



The Spanish Flu has hit Torquay and Amelia's landlady and another lodger are very ill. Food is still scarce and expensive. Also her 17-year-old cat, Toby, has died and she misses him "dreadfully." Here is a photo of Amelia holding a cat, and although the cat is not identified as Toby, my guess would be that it's him.

Doe

Suggestions sought for visit to Cornwall, Ireland, London



A note from Treasurer Dot Hosking Huntley:

I'll be traveling to the UK for two weeks on May 13 to revisit Cornwall, for probably my last time. My travel plans include some time in London and southern Ireland. I will be staying with friends in Redruth for several days and this time strongly hope that I can connect with some Hosking cousins. There must be some of mine somewhere!!

I'll do some shopping for our

Cornish store so if you have a particular item that you'd like me to bring back, please let me know.

I will be doing more sightseeing than research on this trip. I want to immerse myself in Cornish places and scenery and expect to bring back a LOT of pictures to share with the Society members.

If you have suggestions about where to go in Ireland, London, or Cornwall, let me know.

Join the fun at this year's Celtic festivals

PNCS was well represented last summer at four Celtic festivals and Highland games and one family reunion in Washington and Oregon. All the festivals committees were more than pleased to have us participate.

The Society has purchased a 10' x 10' canopy and has a kit prepared

with all the necessary items, such as duct tape, banners and signs. Items from the Cornish store are also available to be sold. We signed up three new members last year and educated the public about Cornwall. We are one of the seven Celtic nations, after all!

The days of the festivals are never

boring. There's food (including pasties!), people, clan costumes, and Highland games to see and talk to. There are many festivals that we missed last summer, but we hope more members will volunteer and our name can be spread around the Pacific Northwest.

Dot Hosking Huntley

A calendar of Celtic events from Bellingham to San Francisco

Date	Event and place	Website
April 27-28	Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, Woodland, CA	www.saccallie.org/games/
May 18	Eugene Scottish Festival, Eugene, OR	www.eugenescottishfestival.com/
June 2013*	Prosser Scottish Festival, Port of Benton, WA Bellingham Highland Games, Bellingham, WA	www.prosserscottishfest.org/ www.bellinghamhighland.org/
June 7-9	Newport Celtic Festival, Newport, OR	http://ncfhg.com/
June 22	Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA	www.tacomagames.org/
July 13	Athena Caledonian Games, Athena, OR	www.athenacaledoniangames.org/
July 13-14	Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mount Vernon, WA	http://celticarts.org/
July 20	Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR	www.phga.org/about/
July 27-28	The Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering, and Seattle Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA	www.sshga.org/
August 2013*	Jory Reunion, Salem, OR	http://joryfamilyandfriends.org/
August 3	Spokane Highland Games, Spokane, WA	www.spokanehighlandgames.org/
August 10	Whidbey Island Highland Games, Whidbey Is., WA High Desert Celtic Festival, Madras, OR	www.wihg.org/ www.hdcs.net/
August 17	Newberg Highland Games, Newberg, OR	
August 18	Celtic Highland Games, Winston, OR	www.dcscots.org/Celtic_Highland_Games.php
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival, Belfair, WA San Francisco Highland Games, Pleasanton, CA	www.hoodcanalhighlandfest.org/ www.thescottishgames.com/
September 7-8	Kelso Highlander Festival and Scottish Games, Kelso, WA	www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival
November 8-10	Yachats Celtic Music Festival, Yachats, OR	www.yachatscelticmusicfestival.com/

* Date unconfirmed or to be announced

Bold: Games where PNCS was represented in 2012

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

Heritage Quest Research Library
a nonprofit genealogy library in Sumner, Washington, managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. Volunteers will do research for a small fee.
www.hqrl.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/>