

Next Meeting: October 19 in Vancouver



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Farmhouse near the little town of Gunwalloe between The Lizard and Helston

A Cousin Jenny's view of Cornwall

By Dot Hosking Huntley

After my trip to Cornwall in 2008 for the Looe Dwhelens, I assumed that I would not be able to return to this golden land. I had made some wonderful friends there and seen and done some marvelous things. I had enough memories to

last easily the rest of my life.

But visiting Cornwall is a little like eating chocolate. You can't stop at just one or two bites. At least I can't! About 2011 I began to get an itch to travel again and in spite of warnings from my ever-patient husband about costs and time spent

away from him and the business, I began watching for travel deals and building a to-do list for my "last" trip. By October 2012 I had accumulated enough miles to purchase a SuperSaver ticket on United from Portland to London in steerage class

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President's Letter

Just who was Cornwall's Patron Saint?

Dear Cornish Cousins,

We had a nice turnout for our Annual Summer Picnic in Centralia on Aug. 3. We enjoyed Dot Huntley presenting pictures and anecdotes from her latest trip to Cornwall.

We hope you can join us at our next meeting on Oct. 19, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clark County Genealogy Library at 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. As always, it will be potluck, so bring a dish to share. You no longer need to bring your own table settings. Due to contributions from members, we have a good supply of paper plates, napkins, cups, and plastic ware.

Member Carolyn Bawden will present a talk and slide show about St. Piran, Patron Saint of Cornwall.

Please come for the good company, good food, and good presentation and meeting. Also thanks to Dot, we have a nice supply of store items for sale, from flags to books, CD's, DVD's and many fun items. Check our website at

www.nwcornishsociety.com

to see what we have for sale.

Hope to see you all there.

From May through September, we attended several Highland Games throughout the Northwest. We set up our booth and greeted many people of Cornish descent. We expect to see some of these people at the October meeting. We also had Cornish items from flags and books to jewelry for sale and did very well on sales.

While hosting at the Portland Highland Games, I learned that Portland has a restaurant serving Pasties – Saraveza Bottle House and Pasty Tavern, at 1004 N Killingsworth St., Portland, OR 97217. Their website is at www.saraveza.com.

Liz and David Ohta took their mom, Shirley Ewart, for pasties at Saraveza's and reported, "They tasted great, but the thick crust was not there. They had a thin fork-crimped rim instead of the thick 'handle' we enjoyed in England. My mom thor-

oughly enjoyed herself, so it did not really matter."

Jim and I had to try it ourselves. We ordered the traditional pasty that is made with "Porter-braised Painted Hills beef." It was very good but we agree the crust does not have the same taste or texture as the Cornish crust and is smaller than what my grandmother made. Still, we recommend them to anyone who is in Portland.

We have several new grandchildren and great-grandchildren in our Cornish "family," and I think it is important to give the new Cornish babies a welcome to the world and along with the older ones recognition by the Cornish Society so someday they will learn of their Cornish Heritage. Please email me with the names and ages of your grandchildren or great grandchildren so we can welcome them all to the group.

Alene Reaugh
President, PNCS
softwalk2@yahoo.com



Our newest Cornish Piskies



We've learned of several additions to our Cornish family:

Eric Thomas Huston, Dec. 6, 2012, and *Laura Marie Potter*, Sept. 22, 2011, grandchildren of **Joan Huston**.

Robert River Kuykendall, May 25, 2013, and *Ira Lee Blodgett*, June 19, 2013, grandsons of **Bob and Mary Sisson**. River lives in Hood River, OR, with his mom, Sunny Sisson, and dad, Tim

Kuykendall. Ira lives in Barre, VT, with his parents, Carrie (Sisson) and Derrick Blodgett.

Eliott Smith, March 9, 2013, and *Madeline Louise Raether*, age 5, great-granddaughters of **Richard and Louise Colenso**. Eliott's parents are grandson Brad Smith and wife Carlee of Tacoma. Madeline lives in Wisconsin. The Colensos have 13 grandchildren.

Madeleine Rose Aijian, Feb. 6, 2013, great-granddaughter of **Bob and Shirley Bruce** and daughter of their grandson, Robin, and wife, Angela. The Bruces have four additional grandchildren.

Judah Green, grandson of **Doug and Vicki Wolford**, celebrated his first birthday Sept. 14, 2013. His mom and dad are Rosalie (Wolford) and John Green. He joins

stepsister *Lucia Green*, 8, and brother *Ivan Wolford*, 6.

Others from previous years that were not recognized include:

Quinn Malulani, born Nov. 16, 2009, to Kathryn and Larry Kekaulike of Honolulu, HI. Kathryn's parents are **Mark and Judith Upton**. Their son, Joe Upton, and wife Diane, of Lacey, WA, have *Mark, Elizabeth, Sarah, David* and *Luke*.

Shirley Ewart's Cornish research turns up interesting connections

Shirley Ewart, recovering from a massive stroke, is doing better every day. She is still having some difficulty with talking but can carry on a conversation very well with her few words and facial expressions. She is keeping her mind sharp and is reading every day. At 92, she is our oldest member.

“When I visit with her, we go to the park and enjoy the sunshine and warmth of the summer air,” reports PNCS President Alene Reaugh. She says Shirley would love to receive mail at 13932 SE Hines Dr., Clackamas, Oregon 97015.

On a recent visit, Alene met up with Shirley's daughter, Lix, and son-in-law, David Ohta, who is both Hawaiian and Cornish. Shirley discovered the Cornish half while indexing PNCS's copies of “Cornish World.” Shirley found an article about David's Cornish family. That connection helped David find a cousin living in Fort Wayne, IN.



Liz and David Ohta

As Liz explained in a letter:

David was adopted at birth by a Japanese family in Hawaii. They thought he was a Japanese baby, but as he grew older, it became very apparent he was not. It took him many

years before he was able to find out his ethnic background and the identity of his birth family. He learned from one of his aunts that he had a great-grandfather from Cornwall by the name of John Trewartha Michell.

My mother had known David since he was 21 years old. She always knew about his desire to research his roots. While indexing the Cornish magazines, she came across the names Michell and Trewartha in a letter written by Greg Michell, who was interested in connecting with other family members of the Michells and the Trewarthas.

My mother sent us a copy of the page, with a note asking whether this person might be related to David. We wrote to Greg Michell, and shared with him the information we had about David's great-grandfather.

Greg wrote back confirming they shared the same great-grandfather, and are second cousins. I had collected some birth and marriage certificates from England and Hawaii and sent him what I had. He sent us precious photos of his Cornish great-grandfather, with David's Hawaiian great-grandmother and his grandmother and great-aunts as girls.

As the story went, John Trewartha Michell left Cornwall with his young wife to start a life in Fort Wayne, IN. They had a son, but his wife died in childbirth. They sent the infant back to England to live with an aunt, and John Trewartha Michell



Shirley Ewart in July 2013

worked his way across the United States until he ended up in Hawaii. There he met and married a young Hawaiian woman and had three daughters. He remained in Hawaii for the rest of his days, but continued to send money to support his son in England. He also sent letters to his son, with photos of his Hawaiian half-sisters. Eventually, his young son grew up and moved back to Fort Wayne. Some time during the 1940s he finally met his sisters, and remained in contact with them for the rest of his life.

The photos of the Hawaiian Michell family eventually passed on to his great grandson Greg, who shared copies for David and our family to enjoy. One is prominently displayed on our dining room wall.

For over 10 years, we have been in touch and sharing genealogy and history with our Cornish cousin. Both families are greatly enriched by the relationship.

Aloha
Liz Ohta
daughter of Shirley Ewart
Honolulu, HI

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
Meeting
 Saturday, October 19
 Clark County Genealogical Library
 717 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 98661

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

Program: Carolyn Bawden will present a talk and slide show about St. Piran, patron saint of Cornwall

Take the East Mill Plain Boulevard exit off I-5. Head east to Grand Avenue and turn right.

The library is on the left.

Minutes of the August 2013 annual picnic and meeting

The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 3, 2013, at Fort Borst Park in Centralia.

President Alene Reaugh noted that we missed the 10th anniversary in 2008, and this year is the 15th. The 20th will be in 2018.

President Reaugh announced several new additions to the Cornish Diaspora as members have acquired grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The minutes, as published in the spring newsletter, were passed unanimously.

The Cornish Country Store has temporarily drained the Money Market account, with \$1,073 spent on items purchased in Cornwall, but the account will be replen-

ished as these items sell. Treasurer Dot Huntley reported that although the Society is losing money, there will be no dues increase. She reported income of \$774.80 and spending of approximately \$1,100. Some of the expenditures went to space rentals for Highland Games and hall rentals totaling \$258 for three meetings a year. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

For the second year, PNCS has participated in various Highland Games.

Dot Huntley and Alene Reaugh set up the booth at the Newport, OR, Celtic Games, but left early because of wind.

Alene and Ann Holiday staffed the booth of the Tacoma Highland Games in June, where there was lots of interest in

Cornwall and sales in the Country Store.

Alene and Carolyn Bawden set up at the Portland Highland Games in July. They are making a list of Cornish names to compare with the name book in the PNCS library.

Alene has e-mailed the California Cornish Cousins with hopes of finding a speaker from Cornwall who is here on other business. She will work on that.

Several years ago, singer and storyteller Harry Glasson stopped by on a tour of the United States. Alene reported that he developed cancer of the vocal cords, which required removal of the vocal chords.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Oct. 19, 2013, in Vancouver, WA.

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Cornish
Bard,
sends his
thanks*

E-mailed Aug. 6, 2013

"To all those who have sent messages, many many thanks - your good wishes and kind comments are greatly appreciated. And to the many who don't know what I'm talking about, I had a heart attack last week and am now beginning in recovery. Thank God my wonderful wife Siaron insisted on me going to A&E, because I was still grumbling that it was only severe indigestion while they were strapping me down and pumping in the morphine.

"The good news is that I'm back home from the hospital (last night), the damage appears limited, and I have a really strong programme of support from the Dumfries & Gallo-

way Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit, which is the best in Scotland. It'll be at least four weeks before I can drive and maybe six to eight weeks before I return to work at best, and I won't know whether I need surgery until I've had a full angiogram, but I'm already reconciled to easing up and trying to be a bit less Type A about life. Love and thanks again to all family and friends."

If you'd like to send Yowann a card, here's his address:

Yowann Byghan

Townhead of Glengaber Cottage

Dunscore, Dumfries & Galloway DG2 0JQ

ybyghan@yahoo.com

Aunt Amelia comments about current affairs

Bonnie LaDoe has been sharing letters from her great-great-aunt Amelia Kessell to her niece, Clara Kessell, in Grays River, WA. She sent newspaper clippings from The Daily Mirror to accompany this letter.

2-1-19 (January 2, 1919)

My dear niece,

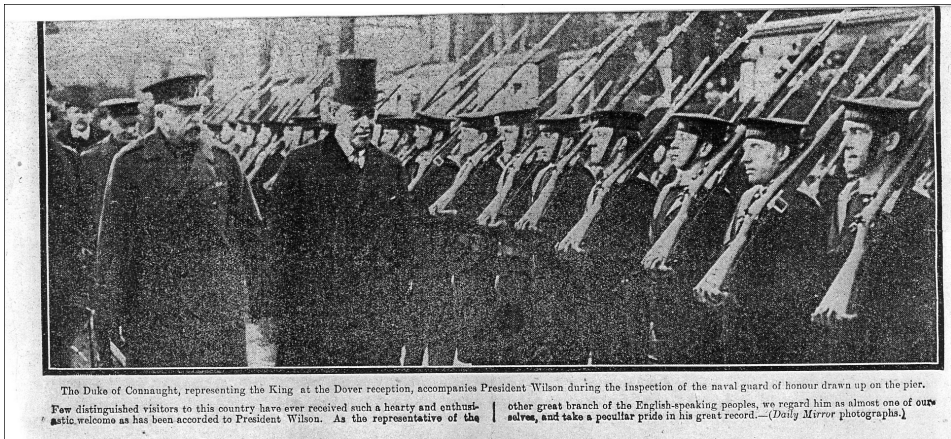
I must begin by wishing you all a very happy new year. I should have written before, but have been in bed with a heart attack. I received your letter safely. I expect you got mine about Xmas in answer to yours with the photos. I hope you spent a very happy Xmas all together. I was thinking about you. What a nice group you were. I hope your father has got stronger by this time and that you have all escaped the flu.

I suppose your papers have been full of President Wilson's grand reception here. Our King gave them a right Royal welcome. I think it is 150 years since some of the gold have been used. It was brought from Windsor Castle for the banquet. I wish the papers could be sent to the States. I should like to send you a few of the pictures of all the flags and bunting and the guard of honour.



His Majesty with the guest we are all so much delighted to honour leaves Charing Cross Station for Buckingham Palace by way of Hyde Park Corner.

The Duke of Connaught, representing the King at the Dover reception, accompanies President Wilson during the inspection of the naval guard of honour drawn up on the pier.



Few distinguished visitors to this country have ever received such a hearty and enthusiastic welcome as has been accorded to President Wilson. As the representative of the other great branch of the English-speaking peoples, we regard him as almost one of our selves, and take a peculiar pride in his great record. (Daily Mirror photographs.)

The world is in a real [illegible] now. I fear the Bolsheviks will do a lot of mischief, yet they are creeping in everywhere causing suffering and terror. I hope they will keep out of England.

The weather is very wet and cold here. We are only allowed 1 oz of butter a week. The government control has not been good for some things.

I must close with love to all from your Aunt A. Kessell

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Members and guests of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society gather for the obligatory post-meeting photo at Fort Borst Park in Centralia Aug. 3.

The latest “last trip” home to Cornwall

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in May 2013. I made arrangements with my friends in Redruth to stay with them for 10 days and convinced a niece that she should accompany me. It turned out that I went by myself as her graduation from college (at the age of 50!) occurred in the middle of our trip.

My friends, Ian and Marion Dunn, rent rooms in their beautiful home in Redruth to visiting genealogists and afford them every benefit of their vast experience with Cornish history and ancestry. They are the ones that are primarily responsible for tracing my Hosking / Warren / Nicholas / Oates roots in St. Just in Penwith. Marion is better than any bloodhound I’ve known.

I decided that since *this* trip was going to be my really last trip to Cornwall that I would spend my

time seeing as much as I could of the Duchy. I sent Marion a list of all the places I



was interested in and she and Ian put together an eight-day safari for us. We traveled about 500 miles *all* over Cornwall on freeways and one-lane roads, visiting the Isles of Scilly, parish churches, coves, museums, gifts shops, and pasty shops.

She charged me 75 cents per mile and threw in her narrative for lunches. Ian has spent the last several years photographing every parish church in Cornwall so Marion was well acquainted with most of them. We even visited the church in Altarnun, where Doc Martin and Louisa were to



A must-stop shop in The Lizard, it’s owned by Ann Muller, daughter of a friend of PNCS President Alene Reaugh

be married. It rained a little and blew a lot, but it was the month of May and flowers bloomed everywhere.

I shopped for our Cornish store and left a few gift shops hoping fervently I would return. I ate pasties and clotted cream in The Lizard, St Just in Penwith and Redruth.

I photographed more than 550 spots all over Cornwall and tried to keep a journal on what we were seeing.

Marion and Ian took such good care of me I got to do the dinner dishes each evening to give Marion a break after driving all day. They even picked up my smoothie ingredients so I could have that for breakfast instead of the traditional English breakfast that Ian loves to fix.

Again, I’m left with amazing memories of my ancestral homeland. I know that you all appreciate what I mean. And, just maybe, I’ll be able to make that one last trip again!



Ancient churches with their Celtic cross-filled graveyards, are part of Cornwall's charm.

Cornwall calls, Dot answers

Photos from Dot Huntley's program at the Annual Meeting and Picnic in August.



Doc Martin fans will recognize Port Isaac, a.k.a. Port Wenn, where the PBS series is being filmed. The surgery is the small house at lower left.



Bronzed boots become sculptures of dogs in the Redruth town square. They are made from miners' boots left after a local mine closed.



Statues at the China Clay Museum at St Austell. Dot reports it had the Best gift shop, and the museum was wonderful, too!

Outside and inside the gate at the entrance to the old King Henry Garrison at St Mary on the Scilly Isles. Don't get caught in the teeth as the gate slams shut!



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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 online 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

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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/>