

*Annual Meeting and Election: July 12*



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# Celtic festivals fill summer calendar

In March, we had a good meeting in Puyallup to celebrate St. Piran's Day. Carolyn Bawden gave a very lively and interesting presentation about the saints of Cornwall. St Piran was the main focus.

We will meet at the *Fort Borst Park in Centralia, WA* on July 12, 2014 for our Annual Picnic and election of new officers. We will elect a new president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The meeting starts at 11:00 am for visiting and potluck. At noon, we will start the business portion and a program presentation.

The Celtic Festivals are under way and we scheduled several this year. Please check this schedule and make plans to attend one in your area if possible. We have been successful in educating the public and recruiting new members. It is fun to watch the other groups and the games, parades etc, and there are always fun things to buy.

The Southwestern Oregon Celtic Festival was May 3, with volunteers Dot Huntley and ShaSha Alsdorf handling the booth.

June 13-15 was the Newport Celtic Festival, Craig and Colleen Pedlar volunteered to work that while enjoying the weekend at the beach.

Coming up:

**July 26-27**, the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw with volunteers Craig Pedlar and Terry Maves.

**June 27-28**, Tacoma Highland games at Frontier Park in Graham, WA. Volunteers scheduled are Alene and husband Jim Reaugh. Margaret Porter and Sandra Dunkel advised they might be able to help one of the two days.

**July 19**, Portland Highland Games in Gresham, OR, with volunteers, Alene Reaugh and Carolyn Bawden,

**August 16-17**, Celtic Highland

Games in Winston, OR will be with Dot and Dan Huntley.

**August 30-31**, Celtic Highland Games at Hood Canal with Joan Huston and Claudia Hunt.

Please be sure to stop at our booth to say hello to the volunteers.

**News:** An announcement from the BBC News on April 24, 2014 states the Cornish people are now granted minority status under European rules for the protection of national minorities. The Cornish now have the same status as other Celtic communities the Scots, Welsh, and Irish.

Last year Dot brought back many Cornish Items to sell at the Country Store. You can view these items at the meeting or on the website: [www.nwcornishsociety.com](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com)

I look forward to seeing you all again at the annual meeting or a Celtic Festival.

Alene Reaugh  
President

## Cornwall granted minority under European rules

The Cornish people are now officially distinct from communities in other parts of the United Kingdom.

The Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities granted Cornwall minority status under European rules protecting national minorities.

The new classification, granted in April, will give the Cornish similar status as the Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish.

Advocates of the move argued that recognition as a "national minority" would help preserve Cornwall's culture and identity for future generations. They contended that since Cornwall is a Celtic nation it should be afford-

ed a similar status to Wales and Scotland.

Cornwall Council leader John Pollard told the BBC the new status would not bring any additional funding or powers to the council or Cornwall.

However, the Western Morning News, the local paper for Cornwall, reported that the Cornish people would now be recognized as a "national minority." This is the first time the Cornish have been included in the Convention, although the UK signed on in 1995.

By ratifying the convention, for Cornwall, the UK has promised to protect the rights of minority groups to enjoy their own culture, use their own language, establish their own schools and practice their own religion.

# (Re)meet our honorary member

**By Alene Reaugh**  
PNCS President

In 2004 after returning from my first trip to Cornwall, I received a letter in the mail from Shirley Ewart. She said she lived in King City, a small community near my home in Portland, Oregon.

She found me listed as a new member of the Cornish American Heritage Society and asked if I would contact her. I called her immediately and set up a time for us to meet. She invited me to "tea" and when I asked what time, she replied, "Tea time of course."

We are still friends after all these years. She became a member of PNCS in 2005.

Shirley wrote up her bio when she joined the group, this is what she had to say:

"I am not Cornish, have no Cornish ancestors, and lived in London from age one. But my grandmother, Charlotte Eliza Turner, was for several years manageress of the Pedn-Olva Hotel in St. Ives, and during the 1930s my family spent many winter vacations there. Much later, we also spent some summers at Tresion, Salubrious Place, in St. Ives.

"When, in 1941, I joined the British Army (ATS), I had hoped to go somewhere I hadn't been before, maybe Wales or faraway Scotland. Instead, I was sent as a medical orderly on a gun site (anti-aircraft gun) in Feock on the Fal River. I stayed there for three years before marrying an American and immigrating to the United States in 1944.

"As an anthropologist and writer,

I have written 'Highly Respectable Families,' the story of the Cornish families of Grass Valley, California, from 1854 to 1954. It served as my thesis for a master's degree in an-



thropology, and was published first by AMS Press, New York, and subsequently by Pike Press, Enterprise, Oregon.

"I am extremely interested in those of Cornish ancestry now living in the Northwest. I am only sorry that so few of them seem to have had an opportunity to visit Cornwall for more than a week or so, and am very willing to help those who do want to see the Duchy to plan worthwhile (and affordable!) trips. I would also like to help those who want help in researching family history."

About two years ago, Shirley had a bad fall. She hit her head and was taken to the hospital where she had

surgery on her brain. After surgery she suffered a stroke and now lives in private assisted living. Even though Shirley has difficulty talking and using her hands, her mind is not affected - she is aware of everything around her and communicates in her own way. Sometimes I will ask her, is this what you said and I get a very loud and clear "yes" or "no." If no, she laughs and then tries again.

I try to see her every week which she loves, and even from the beginning, she asked me to keep coming back. When I visit I tell her what my husband and I are doing and I bring pictures to show her. I also read to her, which she loves.

Sometimes we go to the park and I update her on the progress of my book. She is eager for me to get it written. She is trying to keep her mind active.

Shirley's daughter Liz comes to visit from Hawaii once a month for a week or two. When she visits, she takes her out to dinner, to the beauty shop, to visit friends or even to the mall for shopping.

On one of those shopping trips, Liz bought Shirley an iPad so they could talk everyday on FaceTime. They also set up email and iTunes so she could enjoy listening to music and watching the British shows like Downton Abby.

Shirley loves to get mail and visitors. She's she is turning 93 on July 4. If you want to send her a card or letter, her address is *13932 SE Hines Drive, Clackamas, OR 97015*.

This spring, the Board of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society voted to grant Shirley honorary membership.

## A goldrush country courthouse (Sutter County, California)



**Sutter County Courthouse**  
Completed 1900

This courthouse is the third built on the same site in Yuba City. The first, built in 1858, was destroyed by fire in 1871. The cause of the disaster, according to one news report, was "mice gnawing the heads of matches left in the office." A second and larger courthouse, completed in 1873, was also set fire, this time by "a Cornishman who was in custody awaiting commitment to the Stockton asylum." The current courthouse is an elegant replica of the second, built in the Classical Revival style and largely preserved in its original state.



## Cornish-grown apple shown to be healthiest

Your Cornish grandmother probably told you that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Recent research reveals that the best doctor repellent may be an apple developed in Cornwall more than 800 years ago.

A research study tested for various plant compounds, including those associated with lowering cholesterol and inflammation in the body. The tests measured the entire apple, including the peel. The results revealed the organic Pendragon apple as the top of the apple heap.

The Pendragon has been grown in England since the 12th century. It has similar coloring to that of crab apples, with light-red skin that turns slightly white at the apple's stem.

One grower in Cornwall reported on a website that when the study was released in 2009, the overwhelming number of calls, letters and e-mails he got interfered with his business.

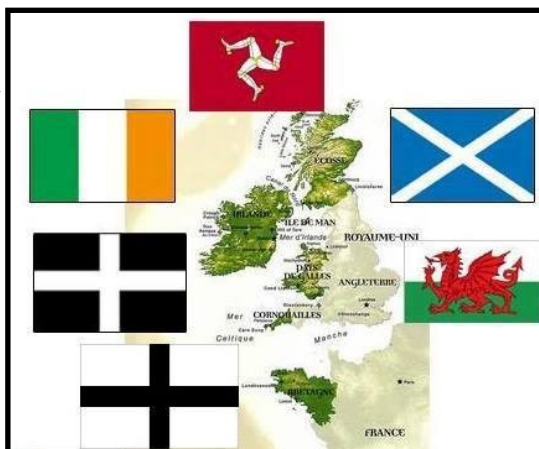
He cautions that the Pendragon, as with most other Cornish apple trees, has been bred to survive a particular climate and soils. It is a very hardy tree, withstanding considerable amounts of salt laden winds and favors shallow slate formation soils. Outside of the Westcountry and Wales, very careful decisions need to be made prior to planting this tree or any other Cornish Apple Tree variety.

So if you can't find Pendragon apples in your local organic food market, Pink Lady was rated healthiest in an Australian study.

## Flag quiz solution (how did you do?)

Clockwise from  
Cornish flag (if you  
don't know which  
this is, go back to  
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- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Scotland
- Wales
- Brittany





## March meeting 'group photo' replaced by snapshots



Signing in at the March meeting were Bob and Shirley Bruce, Louise and Dick Colenso, Jacquie Smith, Sandy Dunkel, Mary Black, Carolyn Bawden, Craig and Colleen Pedlar, Jeff and Jane Bettinson, Bonnie LaDoe, Ann Holiday, Margaret Porter, Alene Reaugh, Judy Scheer, Doug Wolford, Vicki Wolford, and Terry Maves.

Jeff and Jane Bettinson were attending for the first time. We welcome them!



Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

## Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Kitchen #2, Fort Borst Park, Centralia, Washington

*(just west of I-5 at Exit 82, near the outlet malls)*

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

# Minutes of the Winter 2014 meeting

The March meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society was called to order by President Alene Reaugh at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Puyallup.

Alene introduced Bob Bruce, vice president, and Ann Holiday, secretary, and explained that Treasurer Dot Hosking Huntley was unable to attend. She also introduced Jeff and Jane Bettinson, who were attending their first PNCS meeting. Jeff's family is from Dulow near Liskeard near Polperro, came over in the late 1890s, and settled in Hancock, Michigan, where his grandfather and great-grandfather worked, and died, in the copper mines in the Upper Peninsula.

Members introduced themselves and told their Cornish connections.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.

Alene reported for Dot that the Society has \$2,057.93 in the bank, now all in checking because fees were not balancing out with interest. It is

time for an audit, and Craig Pedlar and Dick Colenso volunteered, and were approved, to conduct it.

Alene reported that the Cornish Country Store items are available at meetings and through the web site, but the site has had no orders for three or four years. Most sales take place at Celtic festivals. Café Press can put the PNCS logo on anything they make, and PNCS gets a commission. Also, Amazon.com will give a small share for anything ordered by clicking on the Amazon link on the web site.

The PNCS library, consisting of books and pamphlets of Cornish interest, is listed on the web site. Alene brought about half of the materials to the meeting.

She mentioned that PNCS board members may be contacted through the web site.

A nominating committee of Joan Huston, Bob Bruce and Ann Holiday was appointed to recruit a slate to be elected at the July meeting.

Volunteers are also needed for the various Highland Games and Celtic

Festivals. Alene said these activities had been successful to get the PNCS name out and to let other organizations know that we are also Celtic. The PNCS volunteers sell Country Store items, tell what it's like to be Cornish and explain the group to people who didn't even know there was one. There has been a lot of interest and some new members.

The Society has three pop-up canopies, which can be sent via FedEx to the volunteers to set up, sit under, take down, and send back for the next festival. Alene called for members to staff the booth at several Celtic gatherings in Washington and Oregon.

Alene reported that founding president Jean Timmermeister has collected Cornish Family History magazines over the years and has arranged to have them sent to an archive in Butte, Mont. Member Sandy Dunkel mentioned that she's been to the new archives and found much information.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

# Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

## Officers

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[www.nwcornishsociety.com](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com)

## 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](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com/Country%20store.htm)

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at [Softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

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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](http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk)

## **Cornish Heritage Organizations**

### *Federation of Old Cornwall Societies*

<http://oldcornwall.org>

### *The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation*

[www.cousinjack.org](http://www.cousinjack.org)

### *New Zealand Cornish Association*

[www.busby.net/nzca/](http://www.busby.net/nzca/)

### *The California Cornish Cousins*

[www.califcornishcousins.org](http://www.califcornishcousins.org)

### *Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)*

[www.cornishvic.org.au](http://www.cornishvic.org.au)

## **Festivals and Events**

### *Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games*

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

[www.newportcelticfestival.com](http://www.newportcelticfestival.com)

## **Cornish Websites**

### *Cornwall Connections*

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

[www.cornwallconnections.peeples.com](http://www.cornwallconnections.peeples.com)

### *Cornish Global Migration Programme*

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[www.cornishmigration.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.cyndislist.com)

### *FamilySearch*

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

[www.familysearch.org](http://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](http://www.ellisland.org)

### *Bureau of Land Management*

Search for land patent records by name and state.

[www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://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/](http://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/>