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IMPORTANT: Our First Invitation to Take Part in a Genealogical or Ethnic Event with Other Groups is March 11th!

PNCS has been invited to have an information table at the 6th Genealogical Fair at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue on Saturday March 11 beginning at 10 am. PMCS member Kim Nichols is general chairman of the big Fair and asked PNCS to take part and we committed!

Now we need two more people to help set-up (9 am) and work the early shift at 10-1 pm. You may want to check out the other tables, too. Who can we count on to come and tell people about PNCS and Cornish people?? Contact Jean Timmermeister at (360)681-7059 or (e-mail: LJRT@tenforward.com) at once.

When are YOU Going to Cornwall? Consider the Grand Cornish Homecoming, May 2002

Recent communication received from Ian Dunn, chairman of the Cornwall Family History Society tells of DEHWELANS, which is Cornish for Grand Cornish Homecoming, now in the planning. If you are planning a trip to Cornwall but haven't decided a date, consider the weekend of May 3rd to May 6th, 2002. Special events always occur in Cornwall in early Spring (Helston's Flora Day and Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss are always about that time and both are "don't miss" events) and DEHWELANS is just a start to a perfect trip 'ome to Cornwall. Check: http://www.owlscottage.co.uk/2002Cornwall/

St Piran's Day Celebration to be Held at Fort Borst Park in Kitchen #1 on March 4th

In an effort to have the most central meeting place for the most members, the annual St Piran's Day celebration, PNCS has rented Kitchen #1, Fort Borst Park in Centralia, on March 4th at 1 pm. The park is at Exit 82 off Interstate 5, West off the freeway.

The St Piran's Day celebration is open to the public and you will wish to invite your relatives as well as any others who may wish to know more about Cornwall and the Cornish. We are still looking for someone to demonstrate the making of a good Cornish pasty! Please contact Mary Sisson, 8810 Beacon Ave., Vancouver WA 98664 at (360) 695-9148 or e-mail: sisson@worldaccessnet.com

We want to have several tables of Cornish materials on display and you are invited to plan have a table or share a table. Please contact Jean Timmermeister with an idea of what you will display (360) 681-7059 or e-mail LJRT@tenforward.com. Please let Jean know how much space you will need. Figure out a map (more than one will be helpful) for your table; display some books, family tree charts, etc. In short we would like members and guests to know more about Cornwall and some will never have seen anything. Some members will not have seen earlier displays so bring items you may have brought to an earlier meeting.

Let's have some Cornish snack food/finger food for 2:30 pm mid- afternoon break.

Recipes for your food might be nice to share.

Cornish Tartan is available in dress and hunting versions and examples will be shown at St Piran's Day meeting on March 4th.

We'll celebrate St Piran's Day and make St Patrick jealous! Come for fun and education!

Annual Meeting Set for the Fort Borst Park, Sunday July 16th 1pm To 5pm at Kitchen #2

Once again, PNCS Annual Meeting will be a picnic at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, Washington just off I-5 at Exit 82. The park is on the West side of the freeway. This year we will have indoor facilities and not face the rain in the picnic shelter we have outgrown! Kitchen #2 is on the Right hand side of the road next to the Wading Pool.

Put July 16th, 1pm to 5 pm on your calendar and plan to come with a picnic dish to share. Let's plan to have lunch at 2 pm. There is one electric stove and one open fire pit in Please bring your own table service, tablecloth, etc. and all the family. Anyone want to have a three-legged or sack race like an old-fashioned picnic???

Plan to bring a display of your family tree, etc. as we will have extra tables (and no wind or rain) to use. Please plan to let an officer know what you will display.

Annual meeting will be the time we elect new officers. Consider serving PNCS as one of the four officers!

The Fort Borst Park is a City of Centralia park and we have rented one of the picnic shelters in the past two years. Last year we determined that an indoor venue would improve our event so we have obtained Kitchen #2 (not the same as we have at St Piran's event in March as that one was not available in July.) Timing varies in shelters vs kitchens, hence a new time this year.

For Sale

Beautiful Cornish tartan kilt (custom made in Cornwall) \$125- size 14-16. Kilt weight, Dress Tartan (predominantly Saffron yellow with black; a bit of red, blue & white adds color). Contact Jean Timmermeister.

Chance to list your Cornish Ancestors with PNCS

Gay Treglown Knutson, PNCS member #47, of Port Angeles has offered to compile a list of members' Cornish ancestors and their respective parishes and a form is enclosed with this Communique.

Please do complete the form; please do not include your English, Irish or Dutch ancestors: include only Cornish on the form. Note that a place is included for you to add the name of PNCS members who are also of your family so each member does not have to send in a form. Eventually we can publish a listing of our members' Cornish interests and compare notes. Who knows: maybe we are all cousins!

Gay will accept your forms at:

Gay Knutson 734 Gravel Ramapo RD Port Angeles WA 98363

Note: Please *use* the form: please **don't** substitute your family trees as Gay has offered to compile the list but should not have to do it the hard way. Ancestor charts are another matter.

Traveling in Cornwall has been a great source of pleasure to all of us who return to the home of our ancestors. For those of us in the Pacific Northwest, especially on the coast the weather is often similar to home. And, just as at home, Cornwall is busy during the summer months and traffic can be a problem: Cornwall is a real popular place. September and May are good months to visit.

But going on any trip can be improved if a little research is done beforehand. You will likely want to know from which parishes your family came. Do the research, plot the map, rent a car and go......find your parishes, your home!