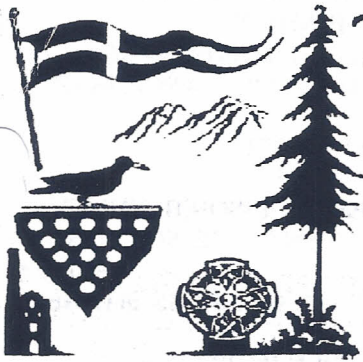


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Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

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ANNUAL MEETING TIME!

Save Saturday, July 14th

All members of Pacific Northwest Cornish Society will wish to join in the fellowship of the PNCS annual meeting on Saturday, July 14th at the usual venue. This site is arranged specifically to allow the greatest number of members to attend.

Kitchen #1 (left side of the Road) is the place! The time is 1 to 5 pm! This big area will hold at least three times as many Cornishmen as we have had at our Annual Meetings, so round up your family, your fellow Cornishmen that we have never had a chance to meet.

We'll have a wonderful time (just plain great fellowship), good pot luck food, and we hope our Program chairman plans for some more good singing! We will also elect four officers for a one-year term.

Instructions to locate this annual meeting of PNCS: Take Interstate 5 to Centralia exit, proceed West. About a block from the freeway, turn Left (South) to the entrance to the Centralia city park known as FORT BORST Park. Enter the one-way road. Kitchen #1 is a short distance in the park, on the left (opposite side from last year). We are under cover, with a kitchen, rest rooms, lots of chairs, etc.

Please come at 1:00 and plan to eat at 1:30 pm!!! Bring your own service and table cloths. Bring any display items you care to share. Please donate a door prize if you can.

See you there! I received a wonderful Cornish saffron cake in the mail as a gift. Have it in the freezer to share this special offering from Cornwall with you all!

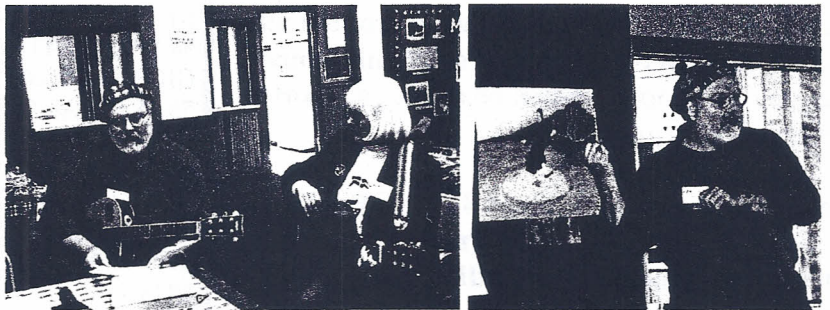
Jean

St Piran's Day 2001

Another rousing good time was had by all when we met for St Piran's Day celebration on Saturday, 3 March, at the Westminster Presbyterian church in downtown Chehalis, Washington, which Bob Bruce arranged for PNCS. Special thanks to Bob for locating a place as close as possible to mid-way between Seattle and Portland.



We had a delightful afternoon of John's storytelling and Cornish language lessons, Mary's sing-a-long, and a wonderful selection of food. Especially exciting to have at the celebration was a new face or two, including two Cornish-born, with one, Nigel Cundy, sporting the Cornish tartan kilt! Other new faces were Garry Lomen of Kelso and his mother, Alice Lomen of Port Angeles, as well as Eileen Dodge of Seattle, and Bill & Bridget McLeman of Vancouver, WA. We look forward to having all of them back with us.



11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins

September 27-30, 2001

Mineral Point, Wisconsin

Join other Cousin Jacks and Jennies whose ancestors immigrated to North America with 4 days of celebration in a relaxing atmosphere. Come discover your Cornish heritage and culture!

Following the Opening Session, the 4-day celebration will include:

- Cornish Music
- Workshops on a variety of Cornish subjects
- Cornish Bardic Ceremony
- Cornish Genealogy Area
- Cornish Displays & Sales
- Pasties

Group Sessions & Workshops on:

- Cornish Family History
- Cooking
- Crafts
- Music
- Language
- Occupations
- Settlement areas
- Cornish history & culture . . . And more!

Support the Gathering With Your Donation:

The Cornish American Heritage Society is a non-profit organization with 501c3 status. All donations are tax deductible. We offer the following options in fundraising to help make the 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins to be held in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, on Sept 27-30, 2001, a success. Choose from Stockholders Shares, Paul Smales Fund, or Family Souvenir Program. We hope you will be able to support your Gathering in some manner.

For information on Stockholders Shares, Paul Smales Fund, Family Souvenir Program, being a Vendor at the Gathering, or lending a helping hand, please contact CAHS@kernow.com or see <http://www.cousinjack.org/gathering.htm> or write 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins, 3438 Pennroyal Rd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953 USA

I have provided a Registration form which is on page 11 along with the PNCS renewal membership form.

MEMBER INTERESTS—LISTED BY MEMBER'S NUMBER—REFER TO PAGE 10 FOR MEMBERS

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- 2 ALLEN-HANCOCK - STEPHENS ST. AUSTELL
- 3 RICHARDS
- 5 "TREGARTHEN, COLENZO, CHAPPELL, GIBSON, BENNING, ROGERS, WILLIAMS, HOSKIN" "PENZANCE, SCILLIES, MADRON, ST. HILLARY"
- 7 "GEACH, STEPHENS, DREW-PLAIN-AN-GWARY IN SITHNEY, CORNWALL" THEARE CHITRON?
- 8 "ST. AUSTELL, REDRUTH, ST. STEPHEN IN BRANEL, STITHIANS, PERRANWORTHAL"
- 10 "STEPHENS, COWLIN, MURRISH, JENKIN, MATTHEWS, MARTYN" PERRANZABULOE
- 11 "ROSEVEAR IN PAR, UGLOW IN TRURO"
- 12 "FAULL, PARNELL, PIERCE, TREVENA" "ST. AGNES, REDRUTH, WHEAL ROSE, KENWYN"
- 14 "KINGDON, DREW, OSBORNE-ST. AUSTELLE"
- 15 RICHARDS
- 16 "POAD-ST. STEPHENS, PETERS-ST. BLAZEY, OSBORNE-ST. STEPHENS"
- 17 "DOBB-HELSTON, ASHTON, JACKA-BREAGE"
- 18 UGLOW-ROSEVEAR-TAMBLYN CURRENT
19. TREGLOWN
- 21 "TREMETHICK, RICHARDS, FRANCIS, GUNDRY, STONE, ROBERTS IN REDRUTH, TRYDRAWREATH, & PENZANCE"
- 22 "CARLYON, RICHARDS, BRAY=CAMBOURNE, ST. AUSTELL"
- 29 "VARCOE, DONEY, STRIBLEY, SNELL, BONEAR, MAY-ST. TEATH"
- 34 "UGLOW, ROSEVEAR - PAR, ST. AUSTELL, LUSULYAN"
- 35 TREVARTHEN - HELSTON
- 37 "KESSELL, CARLYON - ST. EWE, ST. AUSTELL, TRURO"
- 39 TREGANOWAN-TRURO
- 40 40 WHEALROSE-REDRUTH
- 43 ROSEVEARE, UGLOW
- 45 "JELBERT, HILL, EDDY FROM ST. IVES, ST. JUST, REDRUTH, PENZANCE"
- 47 TREGLOWN
- 49 LAKES
- 52 "ROWE, WHETTER-ST. STEPHEN PARISH, SCOBLE, CLEMO-ST. AUSTELL PARISH, JANE, BEST-ST. IVE PARISH"
- 54 "TREGARTHEN, COLENZO, BENNING, ROGERS, CHAPPELL, GIBSON, HOSKEN"
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- 71 "ROSEVEAR, PAR, UGLOW, MERTHER"
- 72 "HODGE, TRELOAR-PENRYN"
- 73 "RICHARDS, COLENZO, BAWDEN, GILES, MERTHER, LANLIVERY"
- 77 "MARSHALL, PHILP, ROSEVEARE, ROGERS"
- 82 "RUNDELL, DODGEVILLE, LIVINGSTONE"
- 83 "RUNDELL, DODGEVILLE, LIVINGSTONE"
- 84 "DAVY-PENZANCE, HOCKING-TRURO"
- 84 "DAVY THOMAS, EDWARDS, LAITY-WEST PENWITH, HENDY, ROBERTS-LIZARD, KENDELL, WILLIAMS-ROSELAND"

PNCS Presence at Genealogical Fair Another Great Day for the Cornish

On Saturday, March 10th, PNCS was well represented at the Genealogical Fair at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue.

Bob Bruce and Jean Timmermeister set up the PNCS display table and 'manned' the table for the morning shift. They talked to anyone who would listen and who just might be of Cornish descent. Key to PNCS's display was a map of Cornwall, showing all of the Shire as well as its location in the UK. Also important was **Mary Sisson's daughter's** display which told of her ancestry; the display was a highlight of our table (special thanks to her for loaning it!).

The afternoon shift with **Doug Wolford, Marcie Rothman, Joan Huston** and her son **Tom Huston** came on at 1 PM and closed out the day. The display changed a bit from morning to afternoon and those who returned were greeted with other materials.

Several people from last year returned and it was really nice to see them again. Let's hope we are invited to attend similar events in other parts of the Northwest.



jottings from jean

Greetings to all PNCS members! As we come close to another anniversary of the Society I continue to be proud of our group. I know there are many more Cornish in our vast Pacific Northwest and I hope as we approach the time for paying our dues, each member will consider inviting friends and relatives to become fellow PNCS members. At just \$10 per individual person, a membership would also make a great gift. Even for those who can never make it to our St Piran's Day event nor to our Annual Meeting/picnic, the newsletter produced by **Marcie Rothman and Joan Huston** is worth the check. Think about it and thanks to both Marcie and Joan. A renewal form/ membership form is elsewhere in this issue.

Separate articles will deal more specifically with the Annual Meeting and the Gathering of Cornish Cousins. I had a wonderful saffron cake sent to me from 'ome and I have it in the freezer to share with you all at the Annual Meeting. Please read the articles and become familiar with these two great events. At Annual Meeting we have one main piece of business: the election of officers for the coming year. **John King** is chairman of this year's nominating committee and will soon be advising me which of you has agreed to serve in one of our four offices. Please answer in the affirmative if asked. We need some PNCS members to take on these offices if we are to thrive. After three terms, I have asked to be replaced: **I believe firmly that 'new blood' is important to the success of any organization.** (A president who sticks around too long is not a good thing!) **Please give your ideas a chance to develop for PNCS!** I am looking forward to seeing you in Centralia at Fort Borst Park at Kitchen #1 on Saturday, July 21st.

Jean Richards Timmermeister

Columbia River Branch Southern group plans pot luck

The Columbia River branch will gather Sunday, May 20, at 5 p.m. for a pot luck at the home of Bob and Mary Sisson, 8810 Beacon Ave., Vancouver, WA.

No special program is planned, but no one will be surprised if Bard John King brings his guitar and leads us in singing Cornish folk songs. All local Cornish folk are invited to bring themselves and any Cornish cousins they can find.

Call Mary at (360) 695-9148 for directions, or e-mail sisson@worldaccessnet.com.

REMINDER : Dues will be due on or before the annual picnic in July! Please try to get these in on time this year! \$10 for individual and \$15 for dual membership. Thank you!

History of Cornish Wrestling

Along with hurling, Cornish Wrestling is the oldest sport indigenous to Cornwall. Cornish Wrestling goes so far back in time that no one knows the exact origins of this ancient sport. In his epic work *Historia Regum Britanniae*, written circa 1139, Geoffrey of Monmouth wrote of a legendary fight between Corineus and the Giant Gogmagog in which the champion Celtic wrestler, Corineus, throws the last remaining Giant in Cornwall over a cliff!

Somewhat more reliable are reports of the Cornish contingent at the battle of Agincourt in 1415, fighting under a banner depicting two wrestlers in a wrestler's 'hitch.' Competitions between Cornwall and Brittany were first recorded in 1402, though wrestling between these Celtic groups probably predates this considerably. Woodblock prints from the 1570's depict the early evolution of the 'wrasslin' jacket.

The Early Champions

In the early 19th century St Mawgan boasted a champion, Parkyn, who carried all before him except one, James Polkinghorne, a native of St Keverne, but is better known in St Columb, my own home town. If we could turn the clock back to be customers at the Red Lion Hotel in the early years of the last century, we would have been served by a giant of a man, the same James Polkinghorne. He was described as having the neck of a bull, dark curling sideboards, piercing eyes and a determined jaw. There is a tablet on the roadside wall of the Red Lion commemorating Polkinghorne's great match on 23rd October 1826 against Abram Cann, champion of Devon. The match took place at Devonport and ten thousand people are said to have attended. The result appears inconclusive, though the Devon style, which was used, allowed Cann to wear heavy boots soaked in bullock's blood, with which he kicked hard at the shins of Polkinghorne, something Polkinghorne would not have been used to.

For further reading about Cornish Wrestling:

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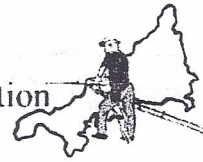
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Cornish
Miners
Association



Miners Day 2001

The Cornish Miners Association (CMA) was born out of a determination by ex-miners to remain as a close-knit community. Mining creates an environment that is unlike any other. The close friendship, camaraderie, dependence upon each other in dangerous situations underground, all unite to produce a community that is unique. When Edward I issued his great Charter of the Stannaries, in 1305, the legend around the seal referred to the Cornish Community of Tanners. In 1586, Thomas Bear described the community of tanners as unique for its closeness, loyalty to each other and selfless charity toward its poorer members. Their sense of community, of sharing and their sense of humour marked them out as separate, different.

Miners Day 2001 has been set for SATURDAY 30th June 2001.

St Day & Carharrack Silver Band will accompany the parade from South Crofty Mine and will also give performances during the day.

HANCOCK FAMILY REUNION

A gathering of the descendents of Thomas Hancock of Cocksbarrow and Eliza Sturtridge of Yondertown, St Austell, Cornwall is in the planning stages. If you are a descendent of Thomas and Eliza Hancock or from this Hancock line, mark August 5th on your calendar and mark Kamloops, BC, on your map.

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2001

PLACE: KAMLOOPS, BC

For more information

Please contact

**Marcie Rothman, PO 43, Langley, WA 98260
USA**

Phone # 360-321-9392

or E-mail marci@whidbey.com

Cornish Quilters

Here's Heaven, Cornish quilters, there's a tourist for you. A Quilters' Garden Tour of Cornwall and Wales offers a unique adventure for quilters, gardeners, and lovers of the Cornish and Welsh countryside.

Led by quilter and experienced tour director Judy Berry, president of Creative Adventures in Portland, Oregon, the tour will be Sept. 7 to 19, 2001. Participants meet in London, then visit the Cotswolds en route to Wales. From Sept. 8 to 13 the group will visit Welsh mountains, gardens, galleries, and castles; see a woolen mill in action and a 30-meter-long tapestry; meet an antique dealer specializing in quilts; and attend the Minerva Summer Quilt Show.

Then it's off to Cornwall. Highlights there include visits with local quilters, Polperro, Trebah "Garden of Dreams" near Falmouth, St. Michael's Mount, Penzance, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Millennium Eden Project, and Lanhedrock.

The tour costs \$3,488 plus airfare. A \$500 deposit is required by June 1. A London extension is available. The group size is limited and reservations are taken on a first come basis. For more information, call Judy Berry at (503) 244-1230; write to her at Creative Adventures, 7065 Hunt Club Road, Portland, OR 97223; or e-mail pathways@teleport.com.



Digitized Lakes's History of Cornwall Books Coming soon on CD!!

About a month ago the four volume set of History of Cornwall by Lake was sent to Mr Ron Neeps to be scanned and put on a searchable CD. Thanks to

Mr Neeps this is at no cost to PNCS. The information below is about Mr Neeps's service from his website at <http://www.archivecdbooks.com>.

We want to do things in the best possible way, and by using the very latest technology. That's why I selected the Bookeye Scanner from ImageWare. If a job is worth doing, then let's do it well. The Bookeye is perfect in every way for the task.

The scanner is particularly easy to use. Turn the page and click on one of the buttons on the control panel or use the foot switch.

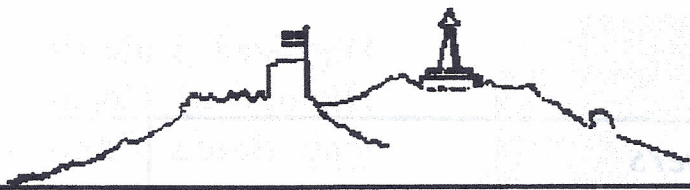
The only contact with the book is the gentle turning of the pages with a couple of fingers. It couldn't be more friendly or gentle for an old and valuable book, or a large document such as a map or a will. It scans both left and right pages of the book in one pass, and then digitally divides them into two separate page images. The book doesn't even have to be pressed open flat. It copes with that perfectly, and there is even a mode where it can automatically digitally "straighten" the curved part of the page where it dips into the centre binding.

Each double page takes about two seconds to scan and save . . . turn the page and click the button again for the next one.

It saves each page to disk on the fly, with each book saved as a separate volume, and then with an additional software module, it can create a PDF file of the whole book for viewing using Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

The results will be produced on CD and they can have copies of the CDs for free too. The catch? Well, there isn't one, except that we want to have the scans available on CD for the Archive CD Books Project, so that they can be shared by us all—all over the world for our genealogy and history research.





Carn Brea

Carn Brea is the most prominent landmark of west Cornwall, rising some 750 feet behind the ancient mining towns of Camborne and Redruth. Its distinctive outline includes Carn Brea Castle and the monument to Lord Francis Basset, Lord de Dunstanville.

The Castle's origins can be traced back as far as 1379, when it was probably a chapel to St Michael. Now the Castle is a unique restaurant, offering candle-lit dinners within its 600-year-old walls.

The Monument, built of granite and standing some 90 feet high, was built in 1836, as a tribute to a local man. Lord Francis Basset was a mining entrepreneur and a member of an ancient Cornish family. They became one of the principal mine owners in the Camborne-Redruth mining district in the 18th and 19th Centuries.

The summit of Carn Brea is covered in ancient sites such as hut circles and ramparts, dating back to the Iron Age and even to Neolithic times, with evidence that the Carn was settled prior to 3000 BC.

Chough spotted at Land's End

The RSPB is claiming a happy coincidence—a chough, symbol of Cornwall but extinct in the county for a quarter of a century, was spotted near its discovery centre at Land's End just before it re-opened for Easter.

The rare crow-like bird could be the chough which escaped from a group at Paradise Park, Hayle, and has been seen at several locations in West Cornwall in recent months. At one point it was apparently happily living with a group of jackdaws.

—April 26, 2001 *Westcountry Publications Ltd*

Cornish Chough release delayed a Year.

Conservationists who have worked for 20 years to return Cornwall's emblem, the Chough, to its natural habitat have had to postpone releasing a group of the birds for a year because of the foot and mouth epidemic. The release can only happen in May.

—Ron Lake

Yesteryear: West Briton

150 years ago

From The West Briton, April 25, 1851

NATURAL PHENOMENON IN CORNWALL - In the parish of St Austell there is a singular phenomenon, which seems to have mightily puzzled the wits of the good neighbourhood and in earlier times would certainly have given a rise to some legend of Robin Goodfellow of hidden treasures. It involves the appearance of light near the Turnpike Road at Hill Head, the appearance is that of a small flame, it wanders very little but alternatively rises and descends over the same place.

100 years ago

From The West Briton, April 25, 1901

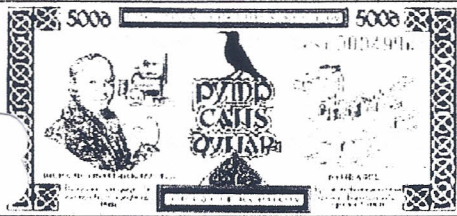
THE NEED OF STEAM FIRE-ENGINES - The captain of the Truro Fire Brigade, Mr Hockin, wrote suggesting the county should provide steam fire-engines in certain districts. The Truro Fire Brigade had attended fires at Newquay in the north, and St Mawes in the south covering an area of 250 square miles. He thought it was unfair that Truro should be expected to provide fire appliances for outside districts which did not contribute to the cost. The chairman suggested that the matter be referred to the County Councils Association to ascertain the opinion of councils generally.

Bodmin Wassail Cup Tradition

"Nicholas Sprey, town clerk of Bodmin, by his will, bequeathed 13s. 4d. yearly among such good friend: of the better sort, inhabitants of Bodmin, as shall be pleased to make at some convenient house in the said borough, on Twelfth-day a supper, and for furnishing a wassail cup with wyne and sugar, and from thence to go with the cup to every mayor's house yearly and for ever according to the manner and fashion in that kind accustomed, for the continuance of love and neighbourly meeting in the said town; to be paid out of the rents and yearly profits of a house and stitch of land in Bore-street, and over against the Bore-lane; and if it be not used every year to revert to testator's heirs."

The rent-charge of 13s. 4d. was received by the corporation out of the premises alluded to until the death of Mr. Samuel Stone in 1838, when the devisees under his will objected to make any further payment, alleging that it was nothing more than a free gift. The origin and purpose of the charge had been entirely forgotten; and, the conditions of the bequest having ceased to be fulfilled, the gift would revert to the heirs of the testator or their assigns, in accordance with the terms of the will.

Source: <http://www.patpnyc.com/bodmin.htm>



The 500 Dynar Note

This commemorative 500 Dynar note has been issued by the Cornish Stannary Parliament to mark the two hundred years since Richard Trevithick constructed the world's first passenger-carrying motor car which made its pioneering journey in Camborne on Christmas Eve, 1801. This remarkable event gave rise to the well-known Cornish song, "Goin' Up Camburn Hill Comin' Down," recognised by Cornishmen the World over.

The word "dynar" appears in the 13th-century Cornish Ordinalia miracle play. Line PC504 reads: "odh a della pypm cans dyner," which means, "he was owed five hundred dyner."

Each note is uniquely numbered with its own serial number and has been impressed with the official silver seal of the Parliament, thus adding to its appeal. This commemorative note is being marketed solely by Cornish Heritage on behalf of the Cornish Stannary Parliament.

It is available for credit card sale at the Cornish Heritage web site <http://www.cornish.heritage.care4free.net> for \$8.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

We need the support of our Cornish Cousins Now!



The Cornish Language Rejected by the English

The British Government commissioned an independent report to look into whether the Cornish Language should be funded and protected. The report, which was written by Professor Mackinnon, came out in support of the Language. Unfortunately the British Government, who have recently ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Regional and Minority Languages, are refusing to recognise the threatened Cornish Language for inclusion under the provisions of this important convention. We are absolutely jumping about this decision and are asking our Cornish Cousins to support us in trying to force the Government to protect the Cornish Language as it so obviously deserves. We would be very pleased if as many of your members as possible could e-mail the authorities with their concerns. Please: Email The Executive Secretary of the Convention for the Protection of National Minorities at the Council of Europe:

- Mr Mark Neville mark.neville@coe.int
- M.P Andrew George cooperu@parliament.uk The first MP to speak in Cornish in the UK parliament
- BBC Radio Cornwall radio.cornwall@bbc.co.uk They did a good report on the refusal of the Government to include Cornish
- Government Office of the South West receptionist.gosw@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

Please tell them all that you are alarmed at the British Government not supporting the Cornish Language.

How proud are you of your Cornish roots? Do you really want to help to protect your distinctive heritage? Your native and beloved Cornwall is facing a crisis. Sadly the ethnic Cornish are now a minority people in their own land. People are actively being encouraged to move from England into Cornwall (one of the most economically depressed areas in Western Europe) at a alarming rate. Forty-thousand new houses are forecast to be built within the next ten years (another 160,000 people). The majority of well paid jobs are already quite wrongly held by incomers, while the majority of the Cornish are having to make due with the poorly paid menial jobs (£3.60/hr). Important decisions about our heritage, our culture, our Cornish way of life and our future are being taken by people who just couldn't care less and who often appear to work against Cornwall's best interest.

We plead to Cornish people throughout the World to support Cornish Heritage in our quest to take legal action at the European Court of Human Rights, where we can present our case and force the British government to fulfill its obligations under International Law. Please help the Cornish in Cornwall before we are ethnically cleansed and lost forever.

Cornwall Superstitions or "Widdles"

The Cornish were isolated from the outside world and the majority was engaged in the traditional occupations of mining, farming, and fishing; therefore, they were able to retain until the mid nineteenth century a rich folklore inheritance. It is said that Cornwall had more in common with Brittany across the channel, the occupants of which settled in Cornwall, than with the rest of England.

William Bottrell's *Tales and Hearthside Traditions of West Cornwall* is a classic book of this tradition. Bottrell's book is related in the rambling style of the old droll-tellers. Humor and romance, lively dialog, character portrayal, and appreciation for nature find their places in his stories. Here and there, in some tale of "dark imagining," his narrative rises to the heights of dignity and strength.

This genuine folk-culture permeated the minds of those who lived in the Cornish cottages and must have compensated them for their lack of education.

"Against this stubborn rock of old belief, the waves of Methodist teaching long broke in vain." As late as 1869, Reverend C. G. Honor said until recently "wonderful stories were still told among the miners and fishermen of the doings of giants, charm, superstition, widdle, piskies, mermaids, and demons."

The influence of Methodism never completely eradicated the superstition of the Cornish people; nevertheless, the Cornish left their native language for English about a century before John Wesley, and for this the Cornish "suffered almost the entire loss of their older Celtic folk-lore."

This loss is seen comparing the Cornish celtic traditions with their parallels still related in Wales or Brittany; for example, the vague Cornish traditions of lost lands and buried cities [Atlantis] with the fully told stories from the Celtic speaking countries across the English Channel. In Cornwall, with the celtic Cornish language gone, there remains a faint echo of Arthur and remnants of folk tales from Wales and Brittany. (Robert Hunt, *Popular Romances of the West of England.*)

Once Popular General Superstitions

The following, then, are samples of popular superstitions:

It is unlucky to wash a baby's head for the first twelve months.

Washing a child's hand's before his first birthday will take away his riches and he would live and die poor.

Nails should be bitten, not cut, for the same time, for that would make them thieves.

Hair at no age must be cut at the waning of the moon, that would prevent it growing luxuriantly.

Hair cut off should always be burned; it is unlucky to throw shorn hair away; otherwise, birds might make a nest of your hair, weaving tightly, so that you would have difficulty rising on your last day.

Children's first lost teeth are burned in order to prevent snaggle teeth from coming in.

Coral necklaces are worn to ensure easy teething.

Coral beads are said to change color indicating whether the wearer is ill or well.

All locks in a house are unlocked at birthing to ensure an easy delivery.

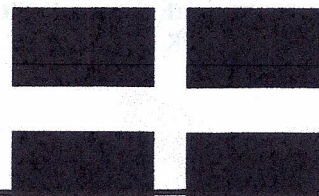
Cornishmen of the west are born with tails; they drop off when the Tamar River is crossed.

When a boy is born under the waning moon, the next birth will be a girl, and vice versa.

When a child is born under a waxing moon, the next birth will be of the same sex.

A child born at the interval between the old and new moons is fated to die young.

Babies with blue veins across their noses will not live to see twenty-one. (Robert Hunt, *Popular Romances of the West of England.*)



T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE!

PNCS Sweatshirts and T-shirts are available for sale at every meeting (black PNCS logo on white) in various sizes. Can be mailed (\$3.95 for shipping via Priority Mail).

Contact Treasurer Joan Huston. Price is \$10 for T-shirt or \$20 for Sweatshirts via email to PNCS123@aol.com



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PNCS Meetings Four Times a Year

The four meetings of PNCS, of necessity, cannot be in private homes and our annual meeting as well as the St Piran's Day meeting were set expressly to be as near as possible to most of the members (approximately midway between Seattle and Portland), but our small annual dues would not allow us to rent most facilities for *all* meetings.

PNCS meets to celebrate the Cornish patron saint's day, St Piran's Day, as near to March 5th as possible in which we learn about Cornishness. A May meeting was voted to be for Cornish genealogy, followed by an annual meeting in July which is a picnic as well, and then, in early autumn, a meeting with a general program.

The officers would appreciate information on free meeting places south of Seattle/Tacoma and north of Portland. The location must be in close proximity to the Interstate for obvious reasons. Let an officer know specifics if you have a place in mind.

OUR NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Second week in January
Second week in May
Second week in August
Second week in November

Send articles, pictures, ads, notices, whatever, to:
Marci@whidbey.com or jhuston@sincom.com
Or mail to: PNCS

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Silverdale, WA 98383

Make sure they get to us prior to the above deadlines to be included in the next newsletter.

PNCS Web Site

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QUERIES and MEMBER'S INTERESTS

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**11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins
Registration Form**

One registrant per form please—conference attendance limited to 400 people.

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone # (____) _____ Email address: _____

Conference costs: Until August 1, 2001 (please check your choice) (US Funds)

4 days full Gathering Pkg - includes 5 meals

_____ Adult \$110.00

_____ 18 and under \$55.00

_____ CAHS Member \$100.00

4 days - registration only, no meals

_____ Adult \$60

_____ 18 and under \$20

Single day registration - includes meal(s) of the day

_____ Thursday \$35.00

_____ Friday \$35.00

_____ Saturday \$35.00

_____ Sunday \$15.00

Extra meal tickets not guaranteed to be available during the Gathering.

Late Registration (after August 1, 2001)

_____ \$120.00

\$ _____ **Total enclosed** (US Funds only - payable to 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins)

Mail to: 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins, 3438 Pennroyal Rd, Port Charlotte, FL 33953 USA

Feel free to include 6 Cornish surnames that you are researching for the program.

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MEMBERSHIP: Individual Membership: \$10.00
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