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Summer 2003

ANNUAL MEETING IN CENTRALIA



**Annual
Meeting
July 19, 2003
1-4 p.m.
Kitchen #2**

Fort Borst Park
Harrison St. Exit off I-5
Centralia

Pot luck lunch
Bring your own table service
and food to share



Message from our president...Mary

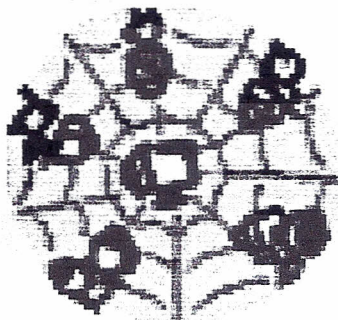
While technology often seems to move at the speed of light, the PNCS new web site project is moving at the speed of a Pacific Northwest slug. But at least there's impetus to move in a new direction.

At the March meeting, Dick Colenso suggested that the PNCS web site is probably the most important thing we do, since meetings are only three times a year and the group is so geographically spread out. Further, he suggested and then moved that because of its importance in keeping us connected, we invest money in having the site professionally maintained. His motion passed, and we are moving forward...slowly. The issue is that no one at the last two PNCS meetings knows enough about creating web sites to know exactly how to get started. We have leads on a couple of people who can help us with that. A student at Fort Vancouver High School designed a home page and got class credit for it, but we need more than that and we need help getting it from the disk it's on to the Internet.

Marcie Roth created the first PNCS web page, and it served us well the first several years. Her efforts are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, she lost the program to update it, and it has been stagnant for awhile. Web sites today can do so much more than they could just a few years ago. This is why we want to start again with a site that will keep up with anything we want to put on it or have it do for us. Among suggestions for the new site are a way people could send us messages, links to a bunch of other sites, e-mail links to members, a way for people to request information from our look-up library, and a way to post information on our meetings and events.

More suggestions were given at the meeting, but I must admit that the paper where they're written, which was in my hand four days ago, is nowhere to be seen at this writing. My brother and sister would say I have Aunt Margaret syndrome. But don't worry...Aunt Margaret was not from the Cornish side of the family.

If you have ideas for the site or know someone who could help us get it going and maintain it for a reasonable price, please e-mail me at sis-sonrm@qwest.net.



Change in plans – July meeting moved; Celtic event planned for October

If you blocked out the entire July 19 weekend for a second PNCS campout in Sequim in conjunction with the annual meeting, it had better be in pencil. At the March meeting the group voted to change the July 19 meeting to Fort Borst Park in Centralia, just off the I-5 at the Harrison St. exit.

The reason is an all-Celtic weekend Gay Knutson is spearheading in Port Angeles in conjunction with Yowann Byghan the weekend of October 24-26. Since many in PNCS are likely to be interested in all that's going on that weekend, we will have the October meeting in Port Angeles Oct. 25. "Plans are still being made but it is safe to say that all of the major Celtic traditions will be represented," Gay said. "There will be presentations, participatory and panel discussions, music, things to buy (jewelry, books, etc.), and lots of fun, crazy, people who share an interest in Celtic history, linguistics, artistic traditions, music, food, current events, mythology, spiritual traditions, and more. It should be pretty neat!"

Gay intends to work with several hotels and the Chamber of Commerce to secure special room rates for attendees.

Anyone who would like to help with any aspect of the Celtic weekend should contact Gay, cknutson@mail.olympus.net.

Cornwall

WITH granite ribs and black basaltic brows
And flanks of dark and metal-bearing slate,
All veined and patined o'er with snowy quartz,
Cornubia rises storm-swept from the sea,
A land of legend and strange mystery,
Of tragic frown and sun-kissed ecstasy.
He who would know the depths of that old heart,
For æons cradled on the changeless rock,
For æons guarded by the encircling sea,
Must seek the silence of her purple moors,
Must know the fury of her mighty surf,
Must mark the splendours of her sea-born clouds.
And then, perchance, his quickened ear will catch
Some passing fragment of celestial strain,
Some tuneful echo of the Infinite,

Still vocal in the hollows of her hills,
As Ocean's song within the carved shell.
For here his soul, by Nature's soul absolved,
May see the imprint of the hand of God
Unmarred by man; may hear that tuneful voice
Bidding him cast out fear, for he is just
An emanation of his Maker's breath,
A sentient atom of his Deity,
That must return to Him Who gave it birth
As do the rivers to the Ocean's breast.
Then the pale ego of his phantom pride
Will find the true Nirvana of the soul,
By losing what he fondly calls himself
In the great anthem of the heart of God.

From:

Folliot - Stokes, A. G.,
The Cornish Coast and Moors.
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London, (ca. 1910)

Harry Glasson returns home

Harry Glasson, who gave performances of original Cornish music in both Vancouver and Puyallup in January, sent this e-mail April 8: As Harry Safari, he leads tours of Cornwall and would be a wonderful guide on a trip "home." His e-mail is harrisafariUK@aol.com.

Since getting back to the old country things have been hectic (it is nice to be wanted). The weather has been warm and dry for the most part, in fact the word drought has been bandied around somewhat. I really miss the excitement of travelling though appreciate the comforts of home and family. I guess your ears must burn sometimes with all the talking I have been doing, our time with you was so great and something I shall remember all my life long.

I hope everything is well with you and yours and that you are still smiling.

I now have the photographs of the trip and I am trying, as time allows to put them on the computer (a tedious task) as my scanner is not the fastest. Ken sends his regards to everyone, we are still good friends and we have met up several times since coming back.

I am finding the travelogue hard to write, especially finding the time to recall and make it a creative write but I will endeavour to keep at it, please be patient.

Thanks again for all you encouragement patience and generosity.

Love Harry

Nominating committee wants YOU

The nominating committee, chaired by Dick Colenso, will present a slate of officers for the vote of the membership at the July 19 meeting. At the moment, this slate is blank. That means the field is wide open for you to get involved in your Pacific Northwest Cornish Society.

The bylaws state that no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office. That means Mary Sisson, Gay Knutson and Jim Faull are not eligible to run for president, vice president, and secretary, respectively. Bonnie LaDoe took the treasurer's post on an emergency basis and would prefer to pass it on and concentrate on being the group's historian.

Please consider bringing your fresh ideas and Cornish character to one of these positions. Contact Dick at DickColenso@wmconnect.com to tell him you're interested. Mary Sisson and Joan Huston also are on that committee. Contact them at sissonrm@qwest.net or jhuston@sincom.com. At present, Yowann Byghan is still membership chairperson, though he is quite ready to pass that job on as his plate is piled high with both professional and volunteer jobs. Membership can go with the treasurer's position or be separate. Membership chairperson is not an elected position; it's just always gone with the treasurer's territory until Bonnie took over the books but all the membership forms were still in Yowann's name.

**12th GATHERING of
CORNISH COUSINS -**
sponsored by the Cornish American Heritage Society and hosted by the Toronto Cornish Association

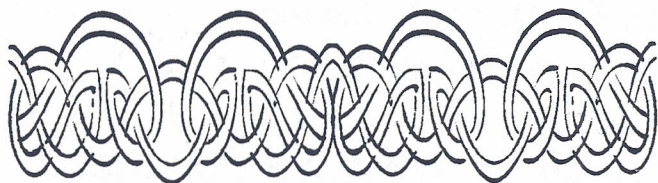
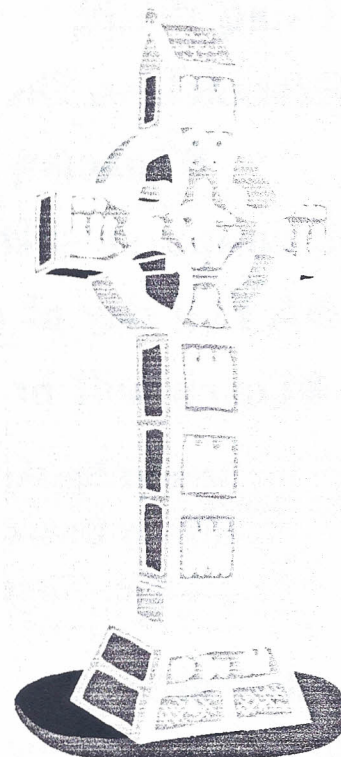
Come and enjoy a conference for those interested in all things Cornish, especially Genealogy, Culture and History, to be held July 23-27 2003 in Historic Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. (Just 50 miles east of Toronto and 2 1/2hrs from Niagara Falls).

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**PAROCHIAL HISTORY OF THE
COUNTY OF CORNWALL**

We have copies of the Parochial History of the County of Cornwall, a four volume set of books with lots and lots of information on old Cornish families. This set of books was donated to us from our Cornish member, Ron Lake, and we had them put on CD, so that all our members could enjoy them! They are available to borrow or purchase. Contact Joan Huston if interested in obtaining a copy! Joan@Tręgarthęn.com or phone 360-613-1718.



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Helston

Helston in an ancient town set in the hills of Western Cornwall, along the Cober River. There is a lot of "up along" and "down along"; the walk from St. John's to the top of Meneage Street is "quite a pull". Records of Helston go back to Saxon times, The Doomesday Book, and The Normans. It became a borough (town) in 1201 AD, making it the second oldest town in Cornwall. It just celebrated its 800th "birthday"! Up to the end of the 1200s, Helston was a seaport at the end of the Cober estuary. A castle was built (where the bowling green is now), and a priory and hospital built at St. John's. When the Loe Bar was thrown up and the Loe Pool filled the dammed estuary, Helston had to find another port; this was Gweek on the Helford River. After 1201 more charters were given to Helston extending its rights. Because Helston was a center of tin mining it became one of the five Coinage Towns of Cornwall in 1305. "Coinage" meant cutting a corner from a tin ingot and testing it. On coinage days tin was brought into the towns, tested, taxed, and sold. Coinage towns became prosperous. A family closely linked to Helston over several centuries (1500s through 1700s) were the Godolphins. They obtained their wealth from their mines (Great Work) near Godolphin and Tregonning Hills to the northwest. They had a town house built on Coinage Hall Street (now the Angel Hotel). Another ancient inn on Coinage Hall Street is The Blue Anchor which still makes a potent brew.

Even though Helston is an ancient town most of its granite buildings with slate roofs were built during the prosperous early 1800s when the surrounding mines were operating. Many of these buildings are quite imposing. The "plan" of Helston is based on four streets coming together at the "center" where the Guildhall now stands. Coinage Hall Street comes from the west, Wendron Street goes eastward, Church Street goes northward, and Meneage Street has many smaller shops and businesses. The Church of St. Michael at the top of Church Street was rebuilt after being damaged by lightning in 1763. Some other buildings in Helston

In Helston are: Godolphin Hall in Meneage Street, the Wesleyan Church in Coinage Hall Street, and the Folk Museum in Church Street. Two large "recent" additions to Helston are Helston School which brings students from the surrounding area, and the Culdrose Military Base just outside.

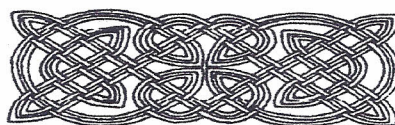
No description of Helston would be complete without Flora Day, The Furry Dance, and the Hal-An-Tow on the 8th of May each year. The Furry Dance is really four dances: a Morning Dance, the Children's Dance before noon,

the Noon Formal Dance (where the dancers wear formal clothes) and another Dance. All the dancers must be born in Helston, and they come from all over Cornwall to dance up and down the streets as well as through some houses to "drive the gloom of

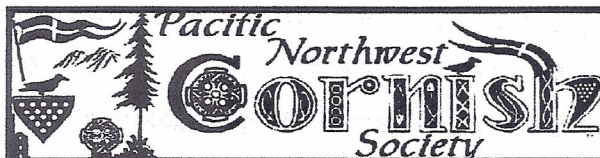


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The Hal-An-Tow is an ancient ceremony where the dragon (winter) is defeated by St. George (spring), and people carrying green branches. (This year there were 20,000 people who celebrated Flora Day.)



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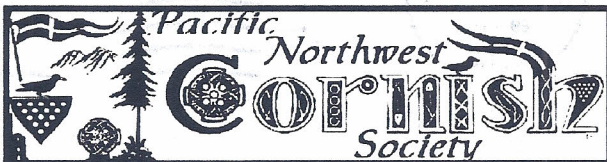
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List Cornish names and areas or Parishes interested in?

Send form filled out to:

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

PNC'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

Members unanimously voted to conduct three meetings each year. The normal schedule will be for a meeting in March (St Piran's Day recognition); July (Annual meeting for election of officers); and October. For planning purposes, the July meeting will normally be at Ft Borst Park and the March and October meetings will be divided between a location in the Olympic Peninsula area for members located in the northwestern parts of the state and the Puyallup-Olympia area for those in the southern locations.

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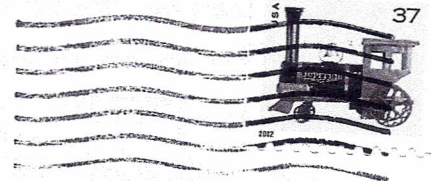
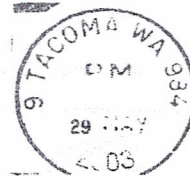
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The purpose of this society, organized as a non-profit Corporation, shall be educational. It shall be devoted to furthering Cornish heritage genealogical research in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

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