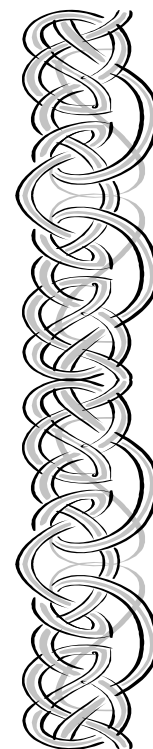
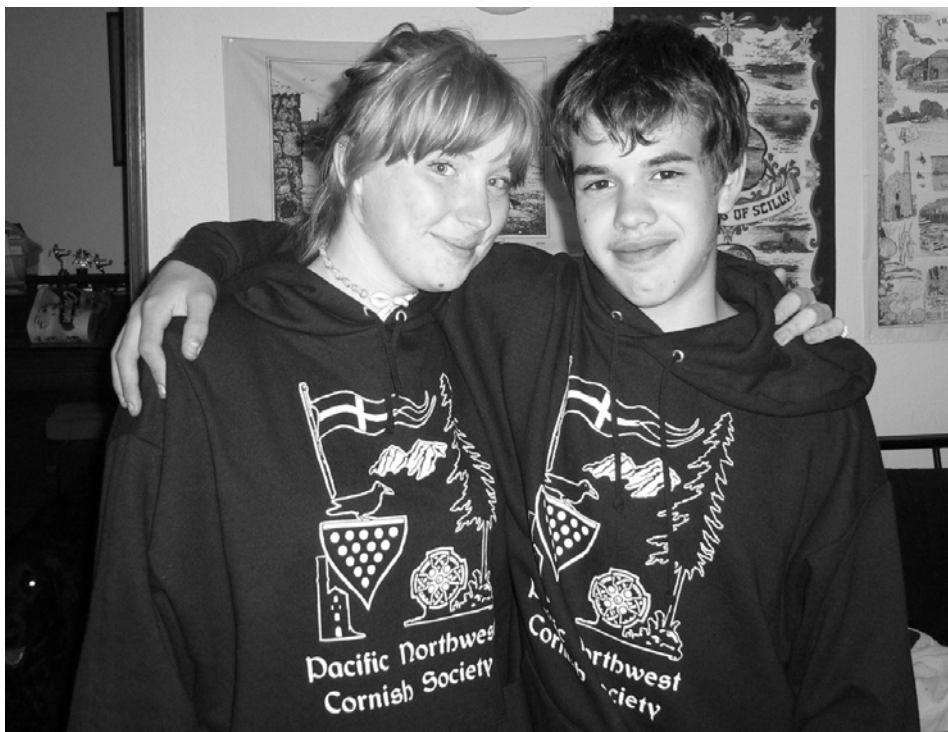




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Christie & Ricky Huston model the new "hoodies"



L-R: Shirley Ewart, Jan & Bill Marshall, Bob Bruce, Shirley Bruce, Bonnie LaDoe, & Louise & Dick Colenso at October 29th meeting.

## UPDATE FROM YOU NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT.

The Pacific Northwest Cornish Society had two recent meetings, October 8<sup>th</sup> in the North and October 29<sup>th</sup> in the South. The same agenda was presented to both meetings. We enjoyed a slide show from Dot Huntley of her trip to Cornwall. The minutes of both meetings are available at our website in the Members Only section. It was recommended at the last meeting that I should be your President rather than Vice President and I have agreed to take on that responsibility.

The idea of having three "Chapters" of the Society so that a larger geographical area could be covered was presented to both groups. The areas covered would be North of Chehalis, South of Chehalis and Eastern Washington. The idea, as presented by the members present at the meetings, was to have each area conduct meetings or just "get together" throughout the year.

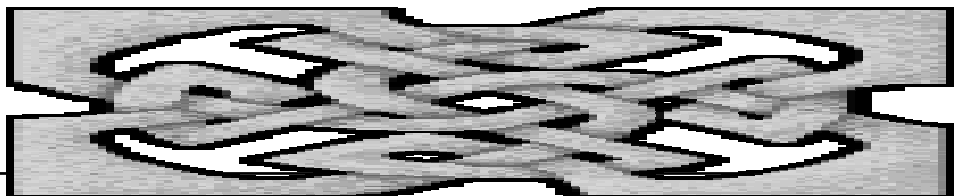
We would still like to have a March meeting to Celebrate St. Piran's Day and then have an annual meeting in a central location for a full day or weekend getaway.

One idea is to change our annual meeting to a time that is not at the height of "vacation season." A time that more people may be able to attend would be in early fall, after Labor Day. An all day seminar would give us the ability to present speakers on various subjects allow us time for singing Cornish songs and visiting with each other as well as sharing a meal either lunch or dinner. Some of the ideas presented were to find a location that would accommodate us in a Hotel, Motel and RV campsites such as a resort or other type of vacation location. Each attendee then could enjoy their personal type of getaway. We are still working on formulating the ideas so if anyone has suggestions, please bring them on.

Dick Colenso has reviewed the By-laws and has proposed changes that will allow us to be more flexible in planning our meetings. The changes are being evaluated by the Board and will be presented to the membership for a vote.

As always, my email door is always open and I welcome your suggestions and ideas. Please visit the website that is maintained and updated regularly by Mickey Sieracki, our Web Master.

My email door is always open at [softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:softwalk2@yahoo.com) Kernow Bys Vykyn Alene Reaugh



## GOLD! A Kelsey old-timer's story

'OL' NEDDY GILBERT - a course he's dead now. He was an ol' man then. 'bout 90-years-old, and I was a kid. I used to go around' pannin' in the creeks around' our place at Foresthill all the time. And he tolod me--he called me kiddie--he said, 'Kiddie, back in the '70's, away in the early days, two men came here to my cabin on the river. 'He was livin' right there at the river in a cabin and he was main' a lot of gold.

"Well he told me about these two fellas who sold him \$600 worth o' their gold. He sid they got it right around' the point from his cabin! Said he always was goin' to go up and see where it was they got it, but he had so much gold he never got around' to it. He suggested I go up there and see what I could stir up.

"Well I went around' there, but being a kid y'know, ya didn't know too much about formations or anything' and it was hard to guess where they had it at. It'd been so many years, it was all dead leaves and brush.

"Well one night I walked out around' this ditch where they took water out in the early days to sluice down on the river. I was standin' there an' I noticed a mound of dirt at the end of this ditch--just a small one--and I looked at that and I said to myself, 'That's a mound of dirt. I wonder where that come from?'

"I took my rifle--it was winter and I was searchin' for a deer--and I cleared off the leaves and everythin' and it looked kind of gravelly and quartzsy. I scratched it out 'o there and took some in my handkerchief, see? It was rainin' so I said, 'Guess I better get back to the cabin. Gettin' wet.'

"The next morning' I got up and took that gravel and panned it. And when I was done pannin' it I had a dandy string of gold. I said, 'That's gold, by gosh!'

"So I went back and took my pick and shovel and I cleaned it out and found the little drift they had run in there. They hadn't gone in there very far, only 'bout two or three feet. I got in there and there was a vein about five inches wide. You could see gold stickin' out all over the rock. There was so much in there. I took some of that and never told nobody 'bout it. I showed my father and he said, 'Well where'd you get that?' I wouldn't tell him, but I said, 'I got it and there's some darn good rock there.' And my dad said, 'Hummmmph.'

"I covered it all up, 'cause that was railroad land and they wouldn't let you go on it. I been there five or six times since, and it's just like it was when I found it when I was a little boy, and nobody's ever seen it, and it's still there. It's still there, that gold vein.

"How much gold's in there? Well my experience tells me it's a pretty big pocket. I wouldn't take no big operation to get it out. You just have to know what yer doin', see?

"I LIKE THE SMELL of powder smoke and mouldy timbers--something' about it I like. But most men, something' about that smell makes 'em sicker than a dog. I used to have to go down in the Sliger mine when it was hot weather and see what air there was, 'cause I could tell if it was bad a long time before it got there."

*To be continued in the next newsletter*

## STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN CORNWALL

A triangular shaped area in Cornwall has been unveiled as Britain's most mysterious location. People in the 'Penzance Triangle' are twice as likely to spot a UFO, and three times as likely to encounter a ghost than in any other area of the UK. Scientists conducting major research into paranormal activity in the UK found the area topped the list of three bizarrely shaped psychic hotspots, which they have labelled 'Britain's very own Bermuda Triangles.' A research team from the British UFO Association spent two months collating all the documented cases of UFO and ghost sightings and other phenomena. They uncovered 120 reported incidents in the area — 27 per cent more than the national average. The affected areas have all experienced battles, plagues, trauma and tragedy over the centuries: factors that may encourage increased paranormal activity. The presence of ley line intersections, irregularities in the Earth's magnetic and gravitational fields, or even extraterrestrial activity, could all play a part in forming these mysterious triangles. The Penzance Triangle spans St Ives, Sennen, Porthleven, and Mawnan. It represents the highest concentrated area of paranormal activity in the UK and encompasses an area of 216 square miles, which envelops most of the county's southern tip. Regular sightings of UFOs are reported over Falmouth Bay, where Morgawr the sea monster intermittently appears. A ghost ship sails around Porthcurno, and St Michael's Mount is named after a local vision of the Archangel Michael. It might also be unwise to take your evening stroll in Mawnan Woods — where the grotesque Owlman is said to reside!

## Cornish Family Stories

I asked Bill Marshall, a new member since July 2005, to share his family story with the PNCS in an effort for us all to get to know each other thru our ancestors. The following story is what he gave me. Now I appeal to others of you to share your family stories and include a picture to be published in the next newsletter. It does not have to be a specific format and could just be a memory of a place or event in their lives. Please email them to me at [softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:softwalk2@yahoo.com).



**Maud Edith shortly before her marriage. About 1904-5.**

Maud Edith Adams, daughter of David Thomas Adams and Ellen Elizabeth Sergent was born in St. Dominick's Parish near Calstock, Cornwall in 1884. On September 6, 1905 Maud Edith would marry William Henry Marshall who was born in 1884 at Calstock. They were married in St. Andrews Church. Both were 21 years old.

The young couple moved into a cottage in St. Ann's Chapel near Gunnislake where the above photo was taken. Shortly thereafter, William Henry found work in South Africa working the Robinson Deep Gold Mine and later the Kimberley Pit. Upon his return from Africa, they couple traveled to Liverpool, boarded the S.S. Adriatic, and arrived at Ellis Island in May of 1907. William and Maud brought William's baby sister, Mary Jane, along with them.

William Henry soon found work in Laurium, Michigan working the mines. It was here that the couples first two children were born. Norman William in 1909 and Wesley Russell in 1910. By 1912, the Marshall's had moved from Laurium to avoid the labor disputes in the mining unions. They landed in Tonopah, Nevada, where Iris Maud was born in that year. The work only lasted about a

year and a half so it was off to another mining job, this time in British Columbia, Canada. The community this time was Luxton, B.C. where Alta Edith was born in 1915. Again the work evaporated so by 1920 the Marshall's had moved to Tacoma, Washington. William H. was now working in a Boat Yard welding.

In October of 1933, Maud Edith came down with cancer and passed away. William H. passed away in October of 1947 of miner's consumption. Son Wesley R. passed away in October of 1971 of cancer. Norman W. passed away in April of 1972 of a heart attack. Iris M. passed away in October of 1986 of heart disease, and Alta E. passed away in December 2002 of heart disease.

By, Bill Marshall of Onalaska, Washington



Hello,

We are a Cornish website based in sunny Penzance (although its rather overcast today).

We are currently trying to encourage more Cornish writers (of people with special memories of Cornwall) to send in their articles.

***We are particularly interested in stories relating to the landscape and Cornish heritage.***

If you go to our Cornwall art & Culture page <http://www.geniusloci.co.uk/cornwall.htm> (look at the 'Cornish Writers and Tin Mining in Cornwall sections) you will see the sort of thing we are looking for.

Although we are not in a position to pay people we do offer a free webpage and due to the popularity of the site it will give people a lot of exposure. These pages are very popular with our visitors.

Best wishes

**Phil & Sue Aston**

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## THE NEXT PNCS MEETING

Our next meeting will be in March 4, 2006 to celebrate St. Piran's Day! (St. Piran's Day is celebrated all over Cornwall on March 5th. More on this in the next newsletter). Our meeting will be in Puyallup at First Presbyterian Church 412 W. Pioneer, Puyallup, WA. We will be showing a movie made in Cornwall, "Ladies in Lavender" starring Judy Dench and Maggie Smith. The movie includes Cornish songs and Pasties. The movie will run 1 Hr and 40 minutes. We will have a discussion on the movie as part of the program. 12 Noon business meeting, 1:00 pot-luck (bring something to share & your own service) and then the movie. We hope to see you all there.

### **Jean Timmermeister, one of the founding members and first President**

Time passes and after a lifetime in maritime western Washington, I find myself in not- so - mild Spokane Valley, Washington - almost to the Idaho state line- in a community known as Greenacres. I moved here from "sunny Sequim" to be nearer to one of my three 'children'. I am chilled to the bone at the moment but I know I will warm up and sure to be too warm in the summer but I'll acclimate one of these years!

As I unpack carton after carton and check each one off in my 'catalog' of boxes, I am setting up my office - along with trying to find room for all the stuff that was in my larger kitchen in Sequim. My office has two walls for my photographic society responsibilities and one wall for Cornish interests at the moment (the book cases, cabinets and file drawers are not fully in any kind of order at this writing!). The fourth wall is really a closet full of more boxes I don't want to even think about right now. *Moving is not for sissies!*

We have a few PNCS members east of the mountains and it's my plan to get together with at least a couple and promote a branch of PNCS so that we can all enjoy our Cornishness on occasion. Alene has provided me with her aunt's name and contact info; Steve Gill in Palouse, south of here, is my friend and he's agreed to get a move on to have a PNCS group here. Janice Gefre is in Yakima and we've emailed about the possibility of the eastern group and we're ready to get things started.

So, I appeal to all of you! If you have Cornish contacts in Eastern, Washington or into Idaho, please let me know.

**Jean Richards Timmermeister,**  
PNCS #003, *Founding President* ;  
CAHS; CFHS #00163

[jrt\\_cornish@msn.com](mailto:jrt_cornish@msn.com) (note the underscore between my *initials* and *cornish*)

This email is only for my Cornish friends and pursuits. Please no spam: few people have this new email!

## LETTERS FROM THE WEBSITE

I thought that you might be interested in taking a look at my website at <http://uk.geocities.com/cmbond23@btinternet.com> which contains sources for the study of Cornish history, place names and people. I am adding information on a regular basis and although it's fairly small at present, it should become more useful as time passes by. Also, I thought that I also ought to let you know that the Cornwall Record Office web pages have moved to <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=307> and now includes the silly names list.

Regards, Chris Bond

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I recently received a letter from Plumstone Productions, Penzance. They are promoting a new CD as well as other items to help to preserve the Cornish dialect. They produce CDs, in Cornwall, with authentic accents and dialect and recently put A L Rouse's "Cornish Childhood" on CD. Their efforts are shown on their website: [www.ConnectCornwall.com](http://www.ConnectCornwall.com).

Jim Faull

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Susan [maid.kernewek@virgin.net] Hi, I was just looking at your very nice web site and thought I,d say hello form Cornwall , Last weekend I went to the Gorsedd conference by invitation, I am not a bard, we had a very nice talk on the church of St Piran and after a pasty diner we walked out to the church which has been uncovered this year, it is not the old oratory but the second church to be built in the dunes, when it to was buried in the sand the third church was built at Perranzabuloe. Attached are some photos of the event, next week is Lowender Perran at perranporth and I shall hopefully attend that, would you like me to send some photos of it to you ? photos are as follows:--- piran 1-- is the site of the old oratory and Piran 4 is a close up of the stone, Piran 5 --is of the church looking from the tower end to the alter end, the lady on her own in a yellow/black tartan skirt holding an umbrella is the Deputy Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman, Piran 6-- is looking from the alter end to the tower end, last is a water stoop in the wall.

Also this week the Cornish Wrestling published a

DVDshowing all the throws and moves, plus a demo at the Royal Cornwall show and a match at St Columb, £7-50 plus £2-00 for postage abroad.

Hope this email will be of some interest to your members and if any would like to correspond with me I'd be happy to reply, Sue



### Cornish List Pin

This is the official Cornish Mailing List emblem -St. Piran's Flag with the "L" for "List" designed by PNCS member Paul Scandlyn. The pin is \$15.00 and Paul is generously donating \$5.00 of the purchase price to PNCS. Please mail your check with your exact shipping address and the number

of pins ordered to:

**Paul R. Scandlyn**

**449 S 12<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**Cornelius, OR 97113-6815 USA**

You can see Paul, that "handsome devil," if you visit the web site at :

<http://www.cornish-ancestors.co.uk/clul/Misc/listpin.htm>



## CORNISH COUNTRY STORE IS OPEN

WE HAVE A GOOD VARIETY OF ITEMS THAT  
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these items [www.nwcornish.org](http://www.nwcornish.org) You can place an  
order by emailing me at [softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:softwalk2@yahoo.com) .

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## PNCS LIBRARY

The PNCS Library exists, as of today, March 2004, in cardboard boxes at the home of one of our founding members, Joan Tregarthen Huston. The PNCS Library will always welcome donated books about the Cornish. If you have a Cornish book you would like to donate to the PNCS library you can bring it to one of the meetings or contact Joan Huston at 360-613-1718 or at [joan@tregarthen.com](mailto:joan@tregarthen.com) .

## HISTORY OF CORNWALL on CD

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@Tregarthen.com](mailto:Joan@Tregarthen.com) or phone 360-613-1718. Or go to [www.archivecdbooks.com](http://www.archivecdbooks.com) and check out all their CDs.

## PNCS 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.

## 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:  
**[mjrothman@comcast.net](mailto:mjrothman@comcast.net) or [Joan@Tregarthen.com](mailto:Joan@Tregarthen.com)**  
Or mail to: **Marcia Rothman, 5345 April Dr, Langley, WA 98260**  
Make sure they get to us prior to the above deadlines to be included in the next newsletter.

## Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name:

Address:

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State/Province:

Zip:

Phone:

Email address:

Webpage:

\$10 Individual member    \$15 Dual Membership

List Cornish names and areas or Parishes interested in?

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Send form filled out to:

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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.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Individual Membership: \$10.00  
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Lifetime Membership: a one-time payment equal to fifteen (15) times the current annual dues.  
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