

## ***Next Meeting: MARCH 3, 2018***

First Presbyterian Church, 412 W. Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup, WA 98371



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Spring 2018

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The fall meeting was well attended by a more than 20 people including several newly discovered Cornish joining us for the first time.

Our **SPRING MEETING** to celebrate St. Piran's day will be:

*March 3, 2018.* We will put together a nominating committee and discuss the election to be held at our Annual Meeting in July. We will also ask for volunteers to attend and represent the Cornish at the Celtic Highland Games held throughout the summer. The games will be in Belfair, Enumclaw, Portland, Salem, Eugene, McMinnville (replacing the Newport Games). Many of us have done this and found it a lot of fun. People stop at the booth with the question, Am I Cornish? And it goes from there. We have met many Cornish and other people who **LOVE** Cornwall. I have met many people since joining this group.

July 2018, we will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year as The Pacific Northwest Cornish Society, a group formed to promote our heritage, history, culture, and genealogy to discover just what it means to be Cornish and who our ancestors were. We are planning a big Anniversary Celebration and hope that we can interest past members and welcome all the newly discovered Cornish. So please put the date *JULY 21, 2018* on your calendar and join us at Fort Borst Park for a fun party to include balloons and cake, Celtic entertainment, memories, photos of founding members and past events PLUS a lot of good food.



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# ST. PIRAN'S DAY

## MARCH 5, 2018

In Cornish it is *Gool Peran* and is the National Holiday of Cornwall. St. Piran was the Patron Saint of Cornwall and Tin Miners. The Cornish celebrate every year in Cornwall and around the world on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

St Piran's Day started as one of the many tinnners' holidays observed by the tin miners of Cornwall. Other miners' holidays of a similar nature include Picrous Day and Chewidden Thursday. The miners of Breage and Germoe observed St Piran's feast day as that of their patron saint until at least 1764.

Piran is famous for his accidental discover of tin, when a black stone on his fireplace got so hot that a white liquid leaked out; the first tin smelting. It was this discovery that earned Piran the title 'Patron Saint of Tinnners', tin mining being the backbone of Cornish industry. This discovery also formed the basis of the Cornish flag, the white hot tin on the black of the ore.

According to legend St Piran was fond of a tipples or two, despite his tipples, he is said to have lived to the age of 206.

The modern observance of St Piran's day as a national symbol of the people of Cornwall started in the late 19th and early 20th century when Celtic Revivalists sought to provide the people of Cornwall with a national day similar to those observed in other nations. Since the 1950s, the celebration has become increasingly observed and since the start of the 21st century almost every Cornish community holds some sort of celebration to mark the event. Saint Piran's Flag is also seen flying throughout Cornwall on this day. (Wikipedia).



Perranporth 2012

# Fall Meeting at Clark County Genealogy Library October 2017



Colleen Pedlar & Sandy Dunkel



Craig Pedlar and ShaSha Alsdorf



Bob and Kat Scott and Kat's sister Lorrie  
Grendahl & cousin Margaret Porter



Doug Hambley & Dot Hoskings



Jill Penhallegon Durgin & Ed Durgin  
Bonnie LaDoe and Margaret Porter



Linda Roser & Bonnie LaDoe

In attendance at the October meeting were the following  
ShaSha Alsdorf—President; Craig Pedlar—Vice President  
Alene Reaugh—Secretary; Dot Hosking Huntly—Treasurer  
Bonnie LaDoe— Archives; Colleen Pedlar; Margaret Porter;  
Sandy Dunkel; Linda Roser; Douglas Hambley; Kat Scott;  
Bob Scott; Jill Penhallegon Durgin; Ed Durgin.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Nancy Huddleston



**GUEST ATTENDEES**



Kevin & Ann Reilly



Dr. Nancy Ray

Linda Ryan

ShaSha's sisters



Lorrie Grendahl

# **BELTAINÉ**

## **Band Members**

Brian Baker - Guitar

John Keys -  
Multi-Instrumentalist

Jamie Vandenberg  
Accordion



The instrumentation of hammered dulcimer, guitar, accordion, flute, marimbula, and vocals of this Northwest quartet combine to offer a unique Celtic fusion sound. Beltaine embraces traditional and original music to shine as bright as their name implies. There is a strong synergy among the members of Beltaine, as all members play both melody and harmonies on multiple instruments as well as vocals. The music is eclectic but not electric, with emphasis on traditional dance music and powerful songs. In live performances, Brian, Jamie and John keep it light and lively with sprightly tunes and stories – soon everyone is singing, dancing and everyone gets to be a part of the magic of Beltaine!

“The bright and festive sounds of acoustic guitar, hammered dulcimer, marimbula, flute and penny whistle combine in folk-inspired arrangements, with dance-like qualities and a celebratory air throughout.” Hilary Field - Victory Review

Beltaine performs throughout the Northwest at many events including; The Highland Stillhouse, Galway Bay Irish Festival, Irishtown, Portland Highland Games, The Bite of Oregon, Portland Rose Festival, Newport Celtic Music Festival, Yachats Celtic Music Festival, Tryon Creek State Park Summer Concert Series, Scappoose Concerts in the Park, Pittock Mansion Holiday Music Program, and many other local venues.



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Just an update to let you know the newsletter is back. Ann Holiday did such a great job on the newsletters previously, so when she moved to Pennsylvania last year it was hard to find someone who was willing to try to step into her shoes. So, I have agreed to do it, but will warn you, it may be just a “news-letter”, I will do my best but I am an amateur so please give me some leeway. Please send me your suggestions or family stories to print. Thank you, Alene Reaugh

## Why a Cornish Society?

- Meet others of Cornish descent
- Cornish Materials
- Use the PNC Society library
- Meet Cornish people from all over
- Learn Cornish culture
- Gain access to Cornish genealogy
- Taste a pasty
- Learn Cornish songs
- Link to other Cornish groups
- Share travels experiences.



Cornish beach walk



## Who are we ?

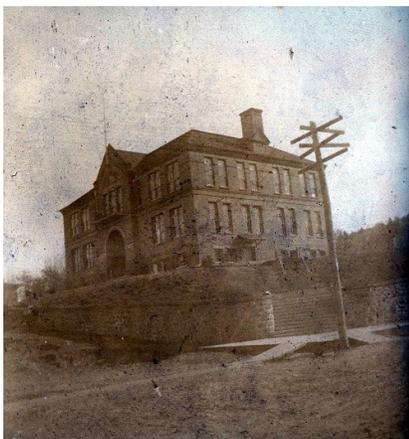
The Cornish are an ethnic group associated with Cornwall; a Duchy of England and located in the southwest. It is bordered by the River Tamar to the north and Lands End to the south and includes the Isles of Scilly. Traditional accounts of Cornish ancestry teach that they are descended from the Celts making them distinct from the English. Cornwall is a separate nation with a unique language, society, foods, and customs.

# Social Media For Seniors

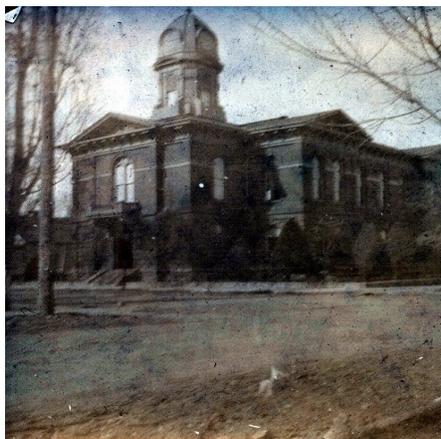
by Bonnie LaDoe

Without a smart phone in this tech savvy world, I'm in the minority. But I do indulge in a bit of social media on my ailing old desktop computer. Facebook has now become a comfortable companion. I'm not a fan of all the political opinions and I don't "friend" everyone who is a friend of a friend. I do enjoy seeing some of my friend's photos and keeping up to date with their activities, but most of my interest is in the history groups. Especially rewarding are the history and memories groups from the ghost towns along the Washington side of the lower Columbia River. And the Portland History and Memories group has fantastic old Portland photos and a wealth of individuals willing to share their vast knowledge of Portland's history.

I have been blessed (or maybe it's cursed) with an album of old photos that my grandfather, William Upton, took and developed himself. He developed them in oddly shaped frames and, of course, didn't identify any of them. Most of them had faded so badly that only ghostly images remained. But with digital enhancing, I was able to bring some back to life. That did not, however, help with their identity. A few I recognized as from the Lower Columbia, but there were some with large buildings that could not have been from that area. I knew that my grandfather's family had been in The Dalles, Oregon near the turn of the 20th century, so when I found a Facebook group called Old Photos and History of The Dalles, I joined and posted some of the old photos I thought might be of that area. The group's participants were delighted with them and were able to identify some. One of a long gone school brought back memories for many and sparked conversations about old classmates and teachers. All the photos I posted are of buildings no longer standing.



Old Academy - The Dalles



Old Wasco County Court House -



Wasco Warehouse Milling Co.

The Lower Columbia groups have been closest to my heart since they represent the people and places of my ancestors. I have posted my old photos and enjoyed many more posted by the group. It is not surprising that many of our ancestors knew each other in these small villages, but sharing our common bond to these places as a group is, for me, what social media is all about.

And it is more than just old photos and memories. One member found an old diary in an antique shop and posted a few pages in an effort to return it to the rightful owner or her family. It took only minutes for the group to identify the owner and since she had been a friend of my mothers, I knew she was still alive and had her address and phone number. Through personal messages and phone calls, the diary was returned after being lost over 50 years.

Sometimes these history groups can help with genealogy too. A genealogist from Sweden had traced her clients long lost ancestor to the tiny burg of Deep River, Washington. In only minutes, the group that includes Deep River had located people who had known the lady's ancestor and put her in touch with descendants.

And recently, a lady asked if we could find any information on her husband's father who was killed in an accident near Cathlamet, Washington in 1967. Her husband was a small child when it happened and hoped to find out exactly how his dad died. It wasn't long before the headline from the August, 1967 newspaper, the Wahkiakium Eagle, was found giving all the details of his dad's accident as a lineman. And they were also put in touch with people who remembered the incident. A follow up post indicated that it brought closure for them after all these years.

So, it appears I've found my niche in social media. Through these groups, I've found new cousins and gained new friendships.



Will Upton 1901



Grandpa Will Upton and  
Bonnie (Scott) LaDoe

## Soul warmth by Robert Lawrance

I walk alone in the sun  
    Beauty surrounds me  
The waves gently breaking over the age-old boulders  
    The rugged trees dance  
In the warm breeze  
    This is the place I long to be  
My haven away from the world  
    here I can be myself, alone  
I walk along the rocky shore  
    The sky is empty of grey, and nature is alive  
The azure sea disappears into forever  
    The birds sing their sweet songs  
As the gorse smiles with pure radiance  
    And I know this is my sanctuary  
This is where my heart can be free  
    And my soul uplifted  
This is my home – this is Cornwall.



Photo from LOVE OUR CORNWALL Facebook

SOME OF OUR MEMEBERS ARE HEADED TO ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

Dot Hosking Huntley and her son Bruce Anderson are headed to Scotland, London, and Cornwall. Dot has been making all the arrangements for her May13, 2018 trip. This is what she had to say about it: *My next career will be as a travel agent! I've spent hourrrrrrrs getting Bruce and I from Edinburgh to Skye to Fort William to Glasgow/Edinburgh to London/Newquay to Redruth and back to London, all in 2 weeks.*

Craig and Colleen Pedlar are also preparing a trip to meet up with friends and family in New Zealand, from there they are traveling to another out of the way island. They are leaving in the middle February and will gone until the middle of March.

Whenever I see pictures of the Cornish Coast, I feel right at home with the beaches on the Oregon Coast.

Gwithian Beach, St. Ives Bay, Cornwall

Photo from FB page



Newport, Oregon

Photo by Alene Reaugh



# Pacific Northwest Cornish Socie-

## Officers

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Web site:

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

## PNCS Meetings

**First Saturday in March**  
St. Piran's Day in Puyallup  
**Fourth Saturday in July**  
Annual Picnic- Centralia  
**Third Saturday in October**  
Fall meeting in Vancouver

## 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) Sweat-shirts and T-shirts can be ordered directly from Café Press at <http://cafepress.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)

## 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

**Visit Pacific Northwest Cornish Society on Facebook for information**

## 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.

## **Cornish Heritage Organizations**

*Federation of Old Cornwall Societies*

<http://oldcornwall.org>

*The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation*

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

*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)

## **Cornish Websites**

*Cornwall Connections*

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

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

*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/>