



### **Cornish harpists not bizarre at all**

The group is called Harpers Bizarre, but the seven women from Cornwall and nearby counties proved to be no more bizarre than your average Cornish person. Their music, performed in April in Seattle and Vancouver, Wash., before the group moved north to Vancouver, B.C., was a delight. The music represented Welsh, Irish, and Cornish traditions as well as original compositions, but when the seven harpists played the "Helston Floral Dance" the Cornish in the crowd felt they'd arrived home. While the harp community in Seattle and Vancouver was largely responsible for their visit and made up most of the audience, PNCS was well represented. Some members strengthened Cornish ties by hosting harpists.

Harper's Bizarre is a performing group from the Cornwall Harp Centre near Bude. The centre is based at Trehawsa, the home of Royal Academy of Music-trained harpist Sarah Deere-Jones. Students of Celtic or pedal harp can camp on the 11-acre site for weekend residential courses or stay as bed and breakfast guests.

If you've ever had a hankering to learn the harp, the Cornwall Harp Centre can get you started. The centre also offers sheet music, CDs, and other harp-related merchandise. Check their website at [www.cornwallharpcentre.co.uk](http://www.cornwallharpcentre.co.uk).

And if the harp's too gentle for you, Deere-Jones' husband, Phil, plays the bagpipes.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

They are calling in Juneuary in the Pacific Northwest as it is unseasonably cold. I am hoping that by the fourth Saturday in July, the day planned for our annual meeting/picnic we will at least get to the point of "warm."

### ANNUAL MEETING

July 26, 2008 at Fort Borst Park in Centralia

We have decided to try something a little different for the Picnic. Because we only meet three times a year we need to have extra time to visit with each other and catch up on what is happening. As a result of this idea, we will start at our regular time of 11:00 am with the Social Hour, followed by Lunch at Noon and then a short meeting to include election of officers and a wonderful presentation by our own Craig Pedlar.

At our meeting in March there was a change to the By-Laws as follows: Article V Section 4 - The elected officers shall be elected by a simple majority of all voting members present at the annual meeting, *there will be an election of officers every other year, with NO term limit, beginning in 2008.*

As a result of this change I did not call for a Nominating Committee to be formed. Craig Pedlar VP, Carol Lower, Secretary, Dot Huntley, Treasurer and I as President have all agreed to serve for another year as your Executive Board. I would like to extend the offer to others interested in one of these positions to come forward and volunteer to be nominated. Everyone who volunteers will be included on the ballot and all will be presented at the Annual Meeting in July for a vote of those present.

Hope to see you all there. Alene Reaugh

### Existing :

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### Change to include this:

The meeting schedule was standardized so that everyone can plan ahead to attend meetings. The meeting will be held:

**First Saturday in March, in the North**  
**Fourth Saturday in July, Central location**  
**Third Saturday in October, in the South**

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PNCS members enjoy the Cornish Harp group "Harper's Bizarre" in Vancouver. See article front page.

**Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Annual Picnic**

**\*July 26, 2008**

**\*Fort Borst Park, Centralia (Harrison St. Exit off I-5 )**

**\*Kitchen #1**

**\*11 a.m. Social Hour**

**\*Noon- Potluck -bring food to share and your own table service & drinks.**

**\*Program by Craig Pedlar**

## **The Rosevear Family History: 1440 - 2005:**

Few families can trace their origins back 200 years, fewer still 400 years, and only a very few, 550 years. The Rosevear family, from Cornwall, can trace its history back 550 years. It is a fascinating story and a story that is due to one man, Bob Roseveare.

Bob Roseveare was a remarkable person. In 1942 after graduating from the equivalent of our high school, he was selected to work for the English Intelligence Service at Bletchley Park. Here his mathematical ability helped the British break the German's Enigma code. After the war he went to Cambridge and after graduation left for South Africa and better job prospects. Eventually he returned to England to continue teaching math. Sometime in the late 1970s, Bob began to develop a special mission—to discover his Rosevear family roots and then, more importantly, to share this heritage with other Rosevear descendants. Through his careful research, a detailed picture of the family tree began to take shape. Not only did the tree grow but branches became more numerous. At this point Bob wanted to bring all the Rosevears in on the project. He decided to organize a Family Gathering at which Rosevears and their relations would meet as one in Cornwall, their original home. Bob wrote to hundreds of Rosevear(e)s proposing a family reunion. To Bob's delight almost 400 Rosevear(e) descendants, half from overseas, traveled to Cornwall in 1985 to meet for the first time. For this occasion, the first of two Gatherings there, Bob published five booklets describing the family members and their history.

Bruce Greenberg and Linda Rosevear Greenberg attended both of Bob Roseveare's reunions. For them, learning that they were part of this far-flung family and meeting their many cousins was a special experience. They wanted to continue Bob's work, and their experience owning a small publishing company—devoted to American toy trains—proved fortuitous. In 2002, with Bob Roseveare's blessings and encouragement, they began the work that created this volume. Bruce and Linda laboriously entered Bob's handwritten 176-page family tree containing 10,000 names into their computers and wrote to the 400 Rosevear families on Bob's mailing list. Responses were initially quite low, but as the process continued, more family members responded and updated births, marriages, and deaths. Each time a family member sent information, Bruce and Linda would enter the information in the family tree and send back a proof. Frequently, the family member would make additional changes or additions, and sometimes this round robin went four rounds!

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## CORNISH DIALECT

*Art-a .....Are you?*

*Balk. Bulking..... A fisherman's term used in pilchard curing*

*dry.....the house where miners change their clothes*

*Fuzzy-pig..... The hedgehog*

*Gad..... A miner's pick. Mining tool*

*Hell. Ell..... Helling stone. A slate stone for roofing*

*Johnny-comr-fortnight.....A traveling draper*

*Karn, Carn.....Hard rocky ground  
Manshons. Manshuns.....Small loaves baked without tins*

*Tetty ground.....Potato patch*

*Tetty-rattle.....Cornish stew*

*Wheal.....A mine*

*My a gews hep let, my a gan a goll*

*War ow fossow los ydhyow gwer a dyf*

*Lun a wakter of, ynnof lyes toll*

*Genef bryny du powes where a gyf*

*I talk without hindrance, I sing of a loss,*

*On my grey walls green ivy grows*

*I'm full of emptiness, in me many holes*

*Crows find their bitter rest in me*

*Credit to Dave Annear*

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# The Cornish are Coming!

Cousin Jacks' and Jennies' from around the World will be descending on the historic fishing port of Looe and South East Cornwall during the first week of September 2008 for the third Dehwelans or Homecoming in Cornish. It is estimated that there may be over six million people worldwide that are of Cornish descent.

Festival co-ordinator Edwina Arkell said, "With the decline of the Cornish mining economy after its peak in the 1870, migration was an attractive proposition for young men seeking the best wages and conditions." History shows that 'Cousin Jacks' were not slow to seek their fortunes wherever skilled miners were needed and as the mining fields of the New World began to give up their riches and the old mines of Cornwall stopped paying dividends, so young men and their families - miners, foundry workers, carpenters and farm boys alike - took ship to the Americas, Australasia, Asia and Africa. "The Dehwelans Festival is an opportunity to encourage the descendents of these miners, as well as the considerable UK Cornish community to retrace their family roots and sample a piece of Cornish culture and hospitality." The Festival is organised by the Keskerdth Kernow group, with local board member Ron Overd overseeing. The group wants to provide a platform for developing future links with visitors from these overseas communities that will not only spread the richness and diversity of Cornish culture but also bring lasting economic benefits to South East Cornwall.

The Dehwelans website has been revamped and will not only provide information on the range of walks, talks, lectures, film shows, dances, musical entertainment, trips and tours, performances and workshops during the week long gathering, but be an opportunity for Cornish businesses to promote their products, produce and services. [www.dehwelanskernow.com](http://www.dehwelanskernow.com)

## **Festival programme**

A large performance marquee and market place is planned on the grassed area by the Millpool car park right next to the river and at other locations around the town, all promoting Cornish culture, crafts and history. There will be weekly and daily Festival tickets on sale in the Looe Tourist Information Centre. Telephone 01503 262072 Below is just a flavour of what is planned;

Cornish Troyl & Noze Looe, theatre performances, choir concerts, children's entertainment, local produce market, early bird catches the fish, market tour, Sheila's School of Dancing The Smugglers Tale dance show, TASTE SE Cornwall group 'Grazing on the Riverside', photographic exhibition, guided heritage trails, Methodism lecture, World Heritage Site lecture, family history studies and links to the Cornwall Records office at the Looe Enterprise Centre. An RNLI concert and a Looe Valley walk to name but a few. Sir John Trelawny has also agreed to read excerpts from his book the Islanders and a trip has been arranged to tour Trelawne Manor near Looe topped with a Cornish cream tea.

A full programme of film screenings is planned with feature films, sponsored by Barclay House Restaurant, Rooms and Cottages and including 'Cornish Shorts', Dressing Granite, The Midnight Drive and The Wrecking Season as well as local archive film material. It is hoped that young people will be able to make their own film around their insights into their Cornish identity, that will be edited and shown at a later date.

It is also hoped that Cornish musician Phil Innes of KYNAZ (Cornwall Youth Music Action Zone) and Cornish speaker Pol Hodge will work with Looe Community School to assist young people to write a unique musical piece especially for Dehwelans that they will perform at the festival. Young people from Sheila's School of Dancing are writing a unique dance piece around the story of Zephaniah Job, The Smugglers Banker to be performed in the picturesque riverside location. The Cornwall Songwriters will be performing their latest offering called Cornish Lads.

### **Trips Out**

The organisers wish to spread the benefits of the festival by organising a number of trips out around South East Cornwall including; The Mineral Trail to Minions & Liskeard, Pelynt & Bishop Trelawney tour & workshop, Smugglers Yarn trip to Polperro, Looe Island. The Monkey Sanctuary and Tamar Valley Tour to Calstock, Gunnislake and Kit Hill.

The week will culminate in a Gala Show Case on the Friday with dancing on the seafront with Carolaire & colourful processional on the Sunday.

### **Gorsedd**

To top it all, the annual Cornish Gorsedd is being held in Looe on the Saturday, when 350 plus Cornish Bards and their families from around the World will descend on Looe for their annual Bardic ceremony. The Gorsedd of Cornwall is an organisation dedicated to the preservation of Cornwall's unique Celtic spirit, through literature, language, music, the arts and is the recognition of all forms of important service to Cornwall and its people. The annual Gorsedd ceremony takes place on the first Saturday in September at a different outdoor site each year. It is open to the public, attendance is free and visitors are most welcome. The colourful ceremony, which takes about 1½ hours is conducted mainly in Cornish but an explanatory bi-lingual booklet is available. This ceremony will take place on the playing fields at the Barbican and in Looe Community School. There will be a procession of Bards through the town in the morning.

For more information on the Cornish Gorsedd go to [www.gorsethkernow.org.uk](http://www.gorsethkernow.org.uk) To book contact Looe Tourist Information Centre Telephone 44 (0)1503 262072

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## Fran Anderson Charter Member #14 died June 2, 2008

Frances May Anderson, daughter of [Malcolm Campbell Anderson](#) and [Florence Eva Crosby](#), was born at Olympic Hospital, Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington, on 24 May 1932. The Anderson family resided from 1932 to 1941 at Manette, Kitsap County, Washington. Her father died in January 1941 at Centenario Hospital, Papantla, Veracruz, Mexico. Her mother died circa 1969 in Bremerton. Fran had two siblings, Adda and Samuel; both preceded her in death. Frances did not have any children.

She was graduated as Salutatorian in May 1950 at Sequim High School, Sequim, Washington. Frances started work as a laboratory technician in 1951 at Richland, Washington. She was employed by General Electric Company between December 1951 and December 1965 at Hanford Atomic Works, Richland, Washington. She started using the nickname Fran in 1952.

Fran married [Robert Lowell DeMers](#) on 9 August 1952 at Sequim, Washington. Fran and Robert were divorced in January, 1963.

She was employed by Preservative Paint Company, as a quality control chemist from 1969 to 1975 at Seattle, Washington. She started work for the Army as the lab. Tech. In September 1975 she began work at the Sewage Treatment Plant at Fort Lewis, Washington. She resided between 1977 and 1987 in Yelm, Washington. Frances graduated from Evergreen University with a Bachelor of Arts (major - chemistry, minor - computers).

Frances May Anderson married [Raymond Leroy Swim](#) July 1987 at Riverside Crystal Bells chapel, Reno, Nevada. She and Ray were divorced in 1989. Her name was legally changed to back to Frances May Anderson in 1989 (maiden name).

She was diagnosed with breast cancer, and had a mastectomy to remove the cancer in February 2000 at St. Peter's hospital, Olympia, Washington. She went through five and a half weeks (every day, Monday through Friday from May 2000 to June 2000 at Olympia Radiation Oncology, Olympia) of radiation "therapy". She had surgery for colon cancer on 25 April 2002 at St. Peter's Hospital, Olympia, Washington.

From 2003 to 2007, she was in remission from her cancer. When her tests began to show cancerous activity once again, Fran went through several different chemo treatments. None seemed to be effective. She was admitted to the hospital May, 2008 for 10 days. Her Doctors then seemed to feel she was strong enough to be sent home. She arrived home on 1 June, 2008 and passed away in the early hours of the next morning.

I will miss Fran so much. Having her as one of my best friends for 15 years enriched my life and contributed to my growth as a person.

Shirley Gregory





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