



Fall  
2023

**Next Meeting is a Zoom Meeting!**  
**October 21, 2023 at 4pm Pacific time.**

*zoom sign in and password will be sent the day before the meeting.*

Picnic pictures from August 2023



Pictures from PNCS Picnic at Fort Borst in August 2023



Gord'n's Chocolate Star Gazey Pie



# President's Message

Doug Wolford

Uncle Albert Rosevear

"Your father is on his roof adjusting the TV antenna!"

"If you don't want to see him, close your blinds!"

That was a conversation between my great-uncle Albert Rosevear's neighbor and his son, Clarence, who knew he had no control over his 90-year-old dad on his roof. To Albert,

It was no big deal to climb a ladder to the roof of his 3 story house, one of many which he built.

Uncle Albert was born in Par, Cornwall in 1881, a year before his sister Florence, my grandmother, came along. There were at least 8 children in the family, and as they became adults, their father, Great Grandfather John Rosevear, let them know that the Cornish economy couldn't support them all. Seeking other possibilities, they migrated to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States. Two daughters remained in Cornwall, while Albert and his brothers Ed and Stan ended up in Ogden, Utah in 1906. Albert had left a special girl behind in Par, and in 1909 they were reunited and married. A son and two daughters later completed the family.

In 1918, Albert was offered a shipbuilding job and the family relocated to Aberdeen, Washington. After World War 1, he became a carpenter on land, and many houses and commercial buildings throughout the Grays Harbor area are examples of his handiwork. In retirement, he volunteered his talents as a carpenter, using his skills to serve others.

I remember his great sense of humor, and the twinkle in his eye. He lived to the ripe old age of 91 and passed away peacefully. A great Cornishman, gone but not forgotten.



## Minutes of last meeting August 12, 2023

Minutes of the PNCS meeting in person at Fort Borst Park, Centralia, August 12, 2023

There was a very good turnout for our first in person inside meeting since the COVID shutdown made in person meetings impossible. 27 people signed in at the meeting

The meeting was held at Fort Borst Park in Centralia. We are able to reserve this building. It has a kitchen and power, so it is easy to have a potluck picnic, and to have a meeting with a program.

The meeting was led by Gord'n Perrott, Vice President. We went around and introduced ourselves and introduced our Cornish connections.

Alene Reaugh, our former president, said we used to use Evite for the meetings.

Currently we have two Zoom meetings a year, the ones that used to happen in Puyallup and in Vancouver, WA, and one in person meeting, in August at Fort Borst Park.

Dot Hoskings Huntley gave a treasurer's report

We have \$3775 in checking. We increased the dues 5 years ago. We were going to the Highland Games and buying stuff for our Country Store.

How do we want to use the funds? Our expenses currently are low. We used to rent three spaces for our meetings, but currently we are only renting the Fort Borst space. The other two meetings are virtual, on Zoom.

We accepted dues payments at the meeting. Bonnie LaDoe, membership, said she will send out a new membership list after this meeting. She had a list of people who had not yet paid. We have approximately 50 members. There was one new member, Nicole. We discussed a bit how to recruit more members. We are geographically very spread out. The most useful thing we've found in the past is for one or more of us to attend Highland Games or Celtic Festivals and have a booth there where we can let people know we exist. We used to attend a couple of these each year, but have not restarted after COVID. If anyone wants to attend, please let Bonnie know.

We talked about CAHS, the Cornish American Heritage Society. It is the umbrella organization for Cornish societies across the country. Mineral Point and Toronto are possible sites for a gathering in 2024. We are all automatically a member of CAHS. Its website is [cousinjack.org](http://cousinjack.org). To join, fill out their form. There are no dues for membership. CAHS is viable but is changing what they do. They have an online Zoom book club. Currently they are reading Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier. They have a good newsletter.

PNCS has a library. We used to check books out to members, and they could return them at the next meeting.

We also have a country store. We stock Cornish items for sale.

And we have a box of supplies for the picnic – we provide plates, cutlery, napkins etc for the picnic.

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One of our recent problems is to figure out what to do with each of these. They have been stored by Bob Scott most recently and mostly by Alene in the past. Alene has pointed out that now we have the internet, there is much less need for us to have a library so that people can learn about their heritage. And people have access to digital downloads of books easily now; you can do this even if where you live does not have a good library. For example the Seattle Public Library allows people to sign up to get a library card from almost anywhere and allows digital downloads of material they have in their collection. So the physical library is in some sense obsolete; and no one wants to store it and bring it to meetings.

The material in the country store also has to be stored by someone, but it's in a different category; we bought the things for sale there – t shirts, sweatshirts, Cornish flags, etc.

We've discussed what to do with the items at several recent meetings. We could simply give away whatever people wanted to take.

We could perhaps donate the materials to a genealogy site or group?

The materials are now old. We've had them for awhile.

Suggestions:

Could we donate them to the state library in Olympia? On the second floor is an extensive genealogy library.

The Sumner library has an extensive genealogy section

We decided for the library, that people could take what they wanted. That will reduce drastically the amount that needs to be stored by someone

For the country store, the items were displayed for sale and several were bought by attendees.

Alene Reaugh has written a book on one of her ancestors who married a serial killer and disappeared. She spent years researching the story. She had books with her. People could buy one.

Gord'n Perrott narrated a slide show on his recent trip to Cornwall. He was able to visit Lamorna Cove, where his father's parents had owned two houses. Lamorna Cove is between Penzance and Land's End, on the south coast of Cornwall. It is big enough to have a pub, the Lamorna Wink. Other than some minor fishing the cove shipped out Quarried Granite for London buildings. He also showed pictures from St. Michael's Mount, The Pool mine Museum, Botallack and the Crown mines and Kynance Cove.

# Treasurer's Report

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## Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2023

	Aug 31, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Umpqua Bank - Checking	3,913.73
Total Checking/Savings	3,913.73
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts receivable	-48.89
Total Accounts Receivable	-48.89
Total Current Assets	3,864.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,864.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accts Payable	-2.15
Total Accounts Payable	-2.15
Other Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Dues	-260.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-260.00
Total Current Liabilities	-262.15
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-262.15</b>
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,364.03
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	2,593.96
Net Income	169.00
Total Equity	4,126.99
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>3,864.84</b>

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## Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Profit & Loss July through August 2023

	Jul - Aug 23
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Annual Dues	360.00
Cornish store	
Meeting Sales	129.00
Total Cornish store	129.00
Donations	30.00
Misc Income	0.00
Total Income	519.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>519.00</b>
Expense	
Hall rental	350.00
Total Expense	350.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>169.00</b>
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## THE CELTS

*“The Races of England”*

The Earliest Inhabitants. The earliest inhabitants of Britain left no written literature or history. From research we learn that they lived during what is known as the Stone Age. We should probably be safe in saying that these ancient people worshiped the sun and said prayers and sang hymns to the weather and other forces of nature; but we unfortunately know nothing of just what language they spoke, what thoughts flashed through their minds as they wandered through the dark woods and dangerous bogs, or what songs they sang and what tales they told as they crouched together around their fires.

The Celts. Later than the Stone Age people, but still several centuries before the birth of Christ, there came to the British Isles a group of tribes speaking various forms of a language known as Celtic. Those who went to Ireland are known as Goidels (goi'delz) or Gaels; those who invaded Britain are called Britons or Cymry (kim'ri). These invaders drove the earlier settlers into the back country or mixed with them.

The ancient Celts of Britain were in general rude and primitive. They did not live in towns, but in small groups of huts surrounding the strongholds of the chieftains. Their social organization was tribal, each tribe having its own chief, to whom the lower classes were entirely subservient. The tribes were frequently at war with each other, and seldom united except against a common foe.

The Celts had many classes of poets, of which the most famous, the bards, sang songs in praise of their chiefs, accompanying themselves on a small harp with five strings. During the Middle Ages Irish and Welsh bards were well known throughout Europe. They told many tales and sang many lays (songs) that afterward served to enrich the great stream of English literature.

Though the Celts, like the early Germans and Scandinavians, were in many respects barbarous, their literature was richer in tone and content and more artistic in form than that of their neighbors. An ancient author tells us that to Celts had two passions, - to fight well and to talk cleverly, - and their literature shows, not only that they were fierce in battle, but that they cultivated the art of poetry. Their literature also proves that they held women in great respect and had a high sense of personal honor. They were, moreover, keenly appreciative of the beauties of nature. The fairy charm, or magic, of flower, leaf, fountain, and stream is everywhere present in Celtic poetry. Just how much the literature of England and America owes to this “natural magic” of the Celts we cannot tell exactly, but certainly our debt is great.

In the following passage the richly poetic language with which the ancient Celtic writer adorns his description of a beautiful and loveable maiden illustrates both the charm of Celtic nature poetry and the loving admiration bestowed upon women.

The maiden was clothed in a robe of flame-colored silk, and about her neck was a collar of ruddy gold, on which were precious emeralds and rubies. More yellow was her head than the flower of the broom, and her skin was whiter than the foam of the wave, and fairer were her hands and her fingers than the blossoms of the wood anemone amidst the spray of the meadow fountain. The eye of the trained hawk, the glance of the three-mewed (full grown) falcon, was not brighter than hers. Her bosom was more snowy than the breast of the white swan, her cheek was redder than the reddest roses. Whoso beheld her was filled with her love. Four white trefoils (clover leaves) sprung up wherever she trod. – [From The Mabinogion, translated by Lady Charlotte Guest].

The wild and reckless bravery and the heroic deeds of ancient Celtic warriors are often described with truly epic grandeur. When, for example, Cu Chulainn (koo kul'in), one of the greatest heroes of early Celtic romance, had been wounded to death in his last battle, we are told that he asked permission of his enemies to go as far as a neighboring lake to drink.

“We will give thee leave.” said they,” provided that thou come to us again. I will return if I am able.” answered Cu Chulainn, “and if I am too weak, I will bid you come to me.” And he went to the lake and drank his drink, and washed himself, and came forth to die, calling on his foes to come to meet him. And since he was too weak to stand, he went to a tall stone which was upright in the plain, and he bound himself to it with his girdle, that he might not die seated nor lying down, but that he might die standing up. Thus he died, but, though his foes came all around him, they durst not go to him for fear, since they thought he was still alive.

To the ancient Celts we owe also a large body of charming tales about lovely fairy ladies who fell in love with and married mortals, or who lured men away to islands of eternal summer beyond the sea or to gorgeous underground palaces surrounded by gardens of never-fading flowers and fruit that was always ripe. The Celts were the first to tell the stories of Saint Brendan’s marvelous voyage, of King Arthur’s passing to Avalon, and of Sir Tristram’s love for the beautiful Isolt, all of which have been repeated in English and have delighted readers young and old for nearly a thousand years.

Many of the ancient Celtic tales were not written down till late in the Middle Ages, but we know that they existed even in ancient times.

Presented by Richard W. Colenso

This book was the 1945 High School textbook of my late wife of 70 years,  
Louise Sontra-Colenso (“Cornish by marriage”)

Source: ENGLISH WRITERS: (Revised Edition) “The Historical Background of Old English Literature”

Authors: Tom Peete Cross; Reed Smith; Elmer C. Stauffer; Elizabeth Collette

Published by: Ginn and Company 1931 & 1940 Philippine Islands.



# Mushy Peas

<https://cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk/content/mushy-peas/>



## Rootsweb Web Sites and Mailing Lists

Yvonne Bowers <[ybowers@gmail.com](mailto:ybowers@gmail.com)>: Feb 26  
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CORNISH Listers,

Rootsweb has announced that Hosted websites will become read-only beginning in early 2024. At that time, all logins will be disabled, but hosted sites will remain on RootsWeb as static content. Website owners wishing to maintain their sites must migrate to a different hosting provider before 2024. There is now a link to more information on the RootsWeb home page which leads to [https:// support.rootsweb.com/s/article/Retiring-and-Migrating-Portions-of-RootsWeb](https://support.rootsweb.com/s/article/Retiring-and-Migrating-Portions-of-RootsWeb)

Unfortunately this includes the CORNISH VOLUNTEER LOOKUP LIBRARY created in 1998 at <https://homepages.rootsweb.com/~yvonne/cornishlib/cornishlib.htm> as a companion online library to the CORNISH and CORNISH-GEN mailing lists at Rootsweb. According to Rootsweb, the pages will still be accessible (but not updatable) however I'm actively searching for a new hosting site.

If were listed as a volunteer on the CORNISH Library page, this would be an excellent time to visit your entry(ies) and ensure your correct email address is listed. I can still update the pages for a few months. The library pre-dated the current OPC (Online Parish Clerk) Web site at [https:// www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/](https://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/search-database/) so if you are an OPC, there's no need to update the CORNISH Lookup Library OPC lists. I'm just going to put a pointer to the official web page.

As I get more info, I'll let you know.

Yvonne Bowers

## Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Webpage: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Individual Member \$30 Family Membership

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Dorothy Ann Hosking**  
**1451 Spruce Street, #204,**  
**Florence OR 97439**

### **PNCS MEETINGS ARE HELD 3 TIMES A YEAR**

#### **ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

ZOOM MEETING ON 1ST SATURDAY OF MARCH

#### **ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC AT FORT BORST PARK *IN PERSON***

PICNIC AT FORT BORST PARK IN CENTRALIA, WA , THE 2ND SATURDAY IN AUGUST.

#### **FALL MEETING**

ZOOM MEETING ON 3RD SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

President - Doug Wolford [dvwolford@centurylink.net](mailto:dvwolford@centurylink.net)

Vice-President - Gord'n Perrott, [gordn.perrott@gmail.com](mailto:gordn.perrott@gmail.com)

Secretary - Pamela Perrott [pamelaperrott@comcast.net](mailto:pamelaperrott@comcast.net)

Treasurer - Dorothy Hosking [dot97479@gmail.com](mailto:dot97479@gmail.com)

Membership - Bonnie LaDoe [bladoe@aol.com](mailto:bladoe@aol.com)

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