Next Meeting: CANCELLED



SPRING-SUMMER 2020



Next Meeting

CANCELLED The JULY 11TH Meeting at Fort Borst Park is **Cancelled** due to the Covid 19 Virus. We hope to be able to meet again time for our October Meetings.

St Just in Penwith/Sennen on the way to Cape Cornwall out of St Just Photo by Bruce Lamont Anderson.

When I wrote the last newsletter, I said we welcome the new year, and we are looking forward to what it would bring. Little did I know that the whole world would turn upside down in the first three months. I am sure everyone can relate that one day it was life as usual, and the next day everything would change. It was probably a different day for most, but for me, it landed on my birthday, March 13.

We had the March meeting in Puyallup before this mess started in full force. As a result of the virus, we had to cancel the March meeting in Portland. Now we are faced with the cancellation of our Annual meeting scheduled for July 11. I contacted the Centralia Parks Department and learned that they would be in Phase Four of reopening, which restricts gatherings of more than 25 people. In years past, we have had as few as ten and, in some cases, more than 25 people. While it is not likely that we would exceed 25 people, we made a Board decision to cancel at this time.

We are scheduling the next meetings for October, which are subject to change if the virus remains a concern. The date for Puyallup is October 17, and Portland is October 24. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for our next annual meeting. Please save the date, July 10, 2021.

Notice to Cornish Cousins

The following was taken from the California Cornish Newsletter.

Last year the Toronto (Canada) Cornish Association produced the second volume of accounts of their ancestors' migration from Cornwall to Canada. Some copies of the book are still available, and if you are trying to track down some missing cousins, they might well be featured here. The surnames and origins in Cornish Emigrants to Ontario: Volume 2 are:

> Sleeman from Helston Vivian from Little Petherick Williams from St. Ewe Branton from Morwenstow Douglass and Tregarthen of the Scilly Isles Chesterfield of St. Austell and Vivian of Polgooth Oliver and Richards of Tywardreath and Penwithick Couch of Lanlivery Willams of Launceston and Coulls of Camborne Bolitho of Wendron Stephens of Duloe Tripp of St. Keverne

A few (very few) copies of volume 1 are still around, and feature Davey and Lord of St. Neot, Coleman of Lanivet and Treleaven of Lanlivery, Clemence and Slade of St. Veep, Harris and Allen of Mevagissey, Udy and Tinney of Lanlivery, May and Hallet of Jacobstow and Jewell of Newquay.

The cost is \$20 Canadian or \$15 US, plus postage and handling. Copyright © 2017 California Cornish Cousin, All rights reserved.

Our email address is: info@californiacornishcousins.org

Pat Connors <nymets11@pacbell.net> To:Cornish-American@groups.io

If you are stumped on a branch or two and do not know what to do next and/or where to look for records, this group is the place to ask for help. There are many experts on this list ready to give you help. But, you have to ask.

For those of your who are familiar with records, it would be kind if you share what records are important to our genealogy and where to find them (with links).

Pat Connors, owner http://www.connorsgenealogy.com

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society FUTURE MEETINGS October 17,2020—Puyallup, WA October 24, 2020— Portland, OR Program to be determined. Suggestions? Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share)

July is the month of our annual meeting, which has been canceled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Generally, at our annual meeting, we elect officers and collect dues. The board members have all agreed to serve another year, in March we will appoint a nominating committee and will vote at the Annual Meeting in July 2021. Please consider volunteering for an office.

The dues, however, are still due, so here is a little reminder to send your money into our treasurer Dot Huntley. Dues for 2020-2021 are due to our treasurer no later than June 30, 2020. Please send your check to PNCS, % Dot Huntley, 486 Plat B Road, Sutherlin OR 97479

\$20 for a single membership\$30 for a dual membership\$300 for a life membership

Most of the Celtic Shows and Highland Games for this year have canceled already. If you know of one going forward and want to participate, please notify Dot Huntley to get registered. The article on pages 7 & 8 is a request for family stories to be included in a book. We have quite a collection of stories for a project we had planned, and I would like to send them in for inclusion in the book. If you have submitted a story and do not want it included, please send me an email at <u>sot-walk2@yahoo.com</u> When I am ready to send them in, I will send an email to the author of the story for permission to send them.

MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS: We are a small group covering a large geographical area and need help keeping everything together. We offer information sharing among the members, help in learning about genealogy, special guest speakers and the ability to meet and make friends of people with common interests. We also have T-shirts for sale and other Cornish items in the Country Store online. Now comes my plea for volunteers to serve on the Board or provide help with the newsletter. We are looking for members to share their stories with the group or as a speaker, at one of our five meeting. In addition we are open to any and all suggestions for the group or help in securing speakers or entertainment. Please contact one of the Board Members.

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In Memory Louise May Sontra-Colenso



1928 - 2020

Long time PNCS member Louise Colenso passed away at her home in Puyallup, Washington, April 17, 2020. Louise was "Cornish by marriage" due to her 70-year marriage to her husband, Richard Colenso. Her enjoyment of all things Cornish more than qualified her for membership in our society. She visited Cornwall three times and served as our "first lady" when Dick was president in 2003

Louise was born November 12, 1928, to Stephen and Anna Sontra in Meadowlands, Minnesota, the youngest of 8 girls. After her marriage to Dick in 1950 she became a pastor's wife & missionary, she and Dick together served 41 years to retirement and another seven years after. She taught women's groups, played the piano, and hosted many guests, both national and foreign. She also loved children, craftwork, crocheting sewing, and made 41 Raggedy Ann & Andy dolls for her grandchildren & others.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Judith Raether, and also her daughter and PNCS member Jackie Smith. Louise is survived by her husband, Dick, son David, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Louise will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a kind and gracious lady whose lovely smile always made you feel welcome. And her cherry Jell-O was a constant hit at our potlucks! Rest in peace, dear lady.

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CORNISH CHOUGH

A territorial Cornish chough seeing off a kestrel in west Cornwall on Sunday 17th May, 2020!

This red-legged, red-billed member of the crow family earned itself the name 'Cornish chough' because of its close association with the Duchy for several hundred years.

The chough's symbolism for Cornwall can be easily found for it features on the coat of arms, proudly sitting on top of the crest flanked by a tin miner and fisherman as a striking reminder of Cornwall's proud traditions. The chough's Cornish name, Palores, means Digger, a reference no doubt to its habit of digging away at loose soil to find invertebrates.

In Wales and Scotland during the 17th Century, where choughs would also have been common, the chough was known as the Crow of Cornwall. Legend has it that the soul of King Arthur departed this world in the form of a chough, its red feet and bill signifying Arthur's violent and bloody end.

Several naturalists were already noting the decline of the chough in Cornwall at the end of the 18th century. They were concerned that choughs were suffering at the hands of sportsmen and suppliers of natural history specimens.

However, trophy hunters were not the only problem. The steady degradation of the chough's preferred habitat - grazed cliffs and heathland - played a major part in the demise of the chough in Cornwall. In past centuries, sheep, cattle and ponies would have grazed the cliffs all year round, keeping vegetation short and open, providing perfect conditions for chough to find a supply of insects such as cranefly larvae, dung beetles and ants.

The removal of stock to inland pastures, where they could be managed more easily, meant the cliff slopes soon scrubbed over and choughs found it increasingly difficult to find suitable feeding areas. Nesting had all but ceased in south Cornwall and the Lizard by the mid 1800s and by 1910, the chough had disappeared from all southern coastal counties of the UK. It remained though in Cornwall, but even here there was concern that it was doomed to extinction, with reports that former haunts on the north coast remained unfrequented.

The year 1947 saw the last successful nesting attempt in Cornwall. An ageing pair of choughs lived near Newquay between 1960–1967 but one of the pair was found dead in March 1967. Its partner patrolled the cliffs alone until 1973 when it too, the last of the Cornish choughs, was seen no more.

For the next 28 years, choughs remained absent from Cornwall; the only recorded sightings being of a few birds passing through or escaped from captivity.

The natural return of choughs to Cornwall in 2001 changed all that!

The Spirit of Arthur returned and with it, a hope that the legend would be fulfilled!

Many thanks for the photograph: 'Tin Coast'Many thanks to the RSPB: <u>https://www.rspb.org.uk/.../../bird-a-z/chough/</u> cornish-choughs/

HE BLACK DEATH

In these uncertain times, we need a topic that can take our minds off our current problems. It's always a good idea to put things in perspective by considering those who are in a more unfortunate position than we are. That was exactly the position for people in Cornwall 671 years ago to the day.

In 1348 a ship from the Continent had brought the bubonic plague, later known as the Black Death, to Dorset. In the absence of handy vectors such as mass rapid transport facilities, it took several months for the plague to spread along the south coast of the British Isles. But spread it did.

Those who claim that Cornwall's 'remoteness' can somehow reduce the effects of Covid-19 are location could not prevent the arrival of the plague, probably by boat, by March 1349. The worst wasn't over until November of that same year.

Reliable data on the spread of the disease was even worse then than now. One measure of its impact was the institution of new clergy to replace those who had died. In the decade prior to 1349, the average annual number of replacements in Cornwall was 4.2. In the year from March 1349, 85 new clergymen were required. This implies a clerical death rate of around 40%, which is quite close to general estimates of the mortality of the Black Death.

Cornwall's population fell from around 90-100 000 in the 1330s to between 50 and 60 000 by 1377. Although not all in one go. The bad news for the current 'herd immunity' advocates is that there was a second, almost equally bad, outbreak in 1360-62, after which plague became endemic for two to three centuries.

In Cornwall mortality is thought to have been highest around river estuaries on the south coast and in towns, probably reflecting trade links and population densities.

Truro in 1378 was described as 'almost entirely desolated and waste', while in 1410 it was still 'much impoverished by pestilence and death'.

Many farms and smallholdings suddenly became vacant. In Moresk manor around Truro in the early 1350s around half had no tenant, while on the poorer, upland soils of Wendron around two thirds of holdings were unoccupied. In the long-term depopulation became the norm for a century and a half.

The 45 inhabited sites in Wendron in the early 1330s contracted to just 31 by the late 1400s. Arable land reverted to waste or became pasture, prices plummeted, and tin production collapsed to 20% of its early fourteenth century peak in the immediate aftermath of the Black Death.

Yet the economy bounced back surprisingly quickly. Vacant landholdings were snapped up by formerly landless families, tin production had recovered by the 1380s, onerous feudal services tended to disappear, wages rose. For those who survived, the late 1300s and 1400s was a time of opportunity as Cornwall's economy diversified and grew faster than elsewhere.

On the other hand, the plague periodically returned. This period also saw frequent wars and occasional periods of food shortage and famine. Horsemen of the apocalypse tend to travel in groups.



Scourging was a popular remedy for the Black Death. Its effectiveness against the coronavirus is not yet known https://bernarddeacon.com/2020/03/page/1/

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Recipes from a Cornish KitchenBlogspot.com

PASTY PIE



About 40 years ago I got very fed up making pasties, they took too long and often started laughing at you i.e. the crimping fell open. I still make proper pasties occasionally but for ordinary use I make Pasty Pies. So easy, they never fail if you follow a few simple rules and you use and eat less pastry [crust]. They taste exactly the same as a proper Pasty! I can fling one together in about 15 mins. Meal done, no dishes - perfect.

You need a deep - about 2", round 8 or 9" tin, preferably with a lip

around the outer edge, well oiled. I do have a 10" for a larger Pie, feeding a good 6. So much easier than making 6 pasties!!!! Making the Pastry. [Rough Puff] I make it first thing in the morning or the night before and leave in the fridge. Or batch make to freeze, taking out the night before. But pastry needs to rest in the fridge.

For one 8" Pasty Pie you need: 12 oz Plain Flour large pinch of salt 3 oz lard - room temperature 3 oz hard baking margarine [or butter, but in this instance marg is OK] - room temperature

Rub the fat into the flour and salt. not too finely. Add very cold water slowly until just enough to bring together. Gently knead with your hands until incorporated and put in a poly bag to rest. Assemble all your ingredients:

12 - 14 oz beef skirt, cut into little pieces. NEVER ever use minced beef.

Swede [Rutabaga in the US], chipped small from a whole piece Leeks, sliced finely

Onion, roughly chopped Potatoes, chipped like the swede Parsley, chopped Salt and Pepper. A little extra flour for dredging.

Never cube or diced the veg. I use leeks, because my mother often did. They make it very juicy. I have not given you quantities as it will depend of the size of your tin.

Make your Pie: Roll out just under weeks, with variations. The 2/3rds of your pastry, keeping it round and even and making sure you have enough to hang over the lip for the crimping. Slide your rolling pin underneath, lift and place it over the tin.

Start the filling: Swede first, then half of the potato. A little seasoning. Then the leeks and the remainder of the potato. A little more seasoning then carefully cover with the skirt, then the onion and parsley. A little more seasoning. Your Pie needs to be really full.

Dredge with plain flour. Roll out the rest of the pastry crust. Lift with your rolling pin as before. Level out the edges and trim so everything is even. Press together and start the crimping, as the photo. Press towards the centre and make a slit in the centre top. You can brush with milk or egg if you wish. Place in your very hot pre heated oven 220 deg C for the first 10 mins to set the pastry. Turn down to 190 deg C and bake for 1 hour 20 mins, more or less, according to size and thickness.

Leave in the tin for 5 mins, then, on a cooling rack, take some kitchen paper, cover the Pie and put a corner into the slit on top [to stop the juices escaping]. Cover with another rack, hold both racks together and VERY quickly flip over, take off the tin and flip back. Be careful - it is very hot! But hey presto it is out of the tin. Make sure the top rack is upside down.

DO NOT EAT for at least an hour. Allow the juices and flavors to develop and merge together. You cannot appreciate the flavors if the Pasty Pie is too hot - this applies to ordinary pasties too, of course.

I will make proper pasties in a few Rough Puff basic pastry recipe is suitable for lots of things. Bought Flakey Pastry is too flakey for the Pie, although I have used it occasionally if desperate!! You cannot use short crust pastry.

Dear Friends in the United States Dydh Da (G'day) and greetings from Australia.

The 'Agan Kernow Project' (Our Cornwall Project) Dydh da! (G'day) and greetings from Downunder!

Given the current restrictions regarding social distancing and our relative isolation during the COVID-19 crisis, people with Cornish heritage are invited to contribute a story to this international project now that we all have a lot more time on our hands. Come on folks: what better way to while away the time proactively than to write down a story or two about your Cornish ancestors and/or your memories of visiting Cornwall. They don't have to be long stories and Ken Peak (President, Cornish Association of Victoria) has developed a series of questions to help you make a start. These documents, a helpful place to begin, are posted at: http://www.cornishvic.org.au/ our website here in Australia. Your stories don't even have to be typed – just send Ken what you have and he will gladly edit them.

Here in Australia we remember Penny McGuire-White who, in 2019, spoke at a CAV meeting about her memories as a young girl of Penzance during World War 2. It was a poignant talk, as she took us back to a wartime tour of the streets and familiar parts of Penzance that many of us know and love. Penny kindly sent Ken her notes, which will be written up as part of the 'Agan Kernow Project'. He has a number of other contributions as well, but he still wants more, especially from other states in Australia and our colleagues and friends in other parts of the UK, the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

Stories can be short; they can be funny but best of all they should be told from the heart. We all have funny stories or perhaps not so funny stories from holidays in Cornwall. Then there are the vignettes of our ancestors coming out from Cornwall. Everyone has a story of our ancestors and what they did. Even if you don't think it's interesting, we are sure that there will be many who will be fascinated by our stories. These stories should not be lost; they should be written down on behalf of the Cornish 'Cousin Jack's and Jenny's' who literally helped forge our nations. We want as many members of our Cornish Associations around the world to put together their stories and send them to Ken Peak for editing. We think it would be great to publish a book of these short stories about our ancestors or stories about our time spent in Cornwall. We think it would be a great read. It's something everyone can be involved in, especially these days when we might have more time. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Oll an Gwella (All the Best) Ken Peak

Note: See next page for forms to complete.

Send your stories marked with 'Agan Kernow Project' to: Ken Peak President, Cornish Association of Victoria 15 Shorthorn Crescent, DOREEN, Victoria, Australia 3754 Phone: +614 400 309 469 Email: pkicons29@bigpond.com

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Forms & Questions for	: The	'Agan	Kernow	Project	' (Ou	r Cornwall	Project)
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My Cornish Holiday: a helpful place to begin:

1. What year did you travel to Cornwall?
2. How long did you stay in Cornwall?
3. Who travelled with you in Cornwall?
4. Where did you go in Cornwall?
5. What interesting things did you see? Attach details
6. Can you remember any names of the Hotels you stayed at?
7. Can you recall any of the meals you ate while in Cornwall?
8. Did you visit relatives in Cornwall?
9. Do you have any photographs of your trip to Cornwall?

(If yes, please attach a few of them.) 10.Did anything funny and/or strange happen to you while in Cornwall? Tell us about it, please attach.

Thank You My Cornish Ancestor: a helpful place to begin

1. What are your ancestor's name and life details?
Name:
DOIII.
Married:
Died:
2. Where did your ancestor live in Cornwall?
3. Do you know what they did in Cornwall?
4. Were they married and/or had children?
5. In what year did they come to the United States?
6. Where did they land?
7. What did they do in the United States?
8. How do you relate to your ancestor?
9. Do you have photographs of your ancestor?(If yes, please attach them to this form)
10. Do you know a story about the life of your ancestor? Please attach

Thank You, Ken Peaks Email: pkicons29@bigpond.com

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MARCH 7, 2020 - Meeting in Puyallup



Colleen Pedlar, Doug and Vicki Wolford, Terry



Don Bennett, Marjorie Copeland Gord'n Perrott, Bud Rehberg



Bud Rehberg, Gord'n Perrott, Don Bennett



COUSINS— L-R Don Bennett, Gordon Bennett, Marjorie Copeland, Bud Rehberg



Terry Maves, Craig and Colleen Pedlar Doug & Vicki Wolford



Sandra I. Goninan Dunkel and Joan Tregarthen Huston

Gordon Bennett gave an exceptional presentation with a slide show of his family ancestry to Cornwall, and to Mexico with the Cornish miners.









A Good Time was had by all !! Minutes of the meeting and financial records are available upon request.



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Cornish Country Store

Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours online 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

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You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at <u>Softwalk2@yahoo.com</u> Sweatshirts and T-shirts are now available, see pictures inside. You can also place orders with Café Press at <u>http://cafepress.com/pnwcs</u>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

Web site:

www.nwcornishsociety.com

PNCS Meetings are held three times a year.

ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION Puyallup, WA - First Saturday in March and Portland, OR - Third Saturday in March .

ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC -FORT BORST Centralia, WA - Second Saturday in July

FALL MEETINGS Puyallup, WA - Third Saturday in October Portland, OR – Fourth Saturday in October

PNCS Library

The PNCS Library Books, CD & DV's available to check out at the meetings. The library welcomes donated books about the Cornish. You can bring donations to one of the meetings or contact Alene at 541-819-2084.

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List Cornish names and	areas or parishes of interest:	

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. www.cornishmigration.org.uk

Cornish Heritage Organizations

Federation of OW Cornwall Societies http://oldcornwall.org

The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation www.consinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association 101010.busby.net/naca/

The California Cornish Cousins www.califcornishconsins.org

Cornish Association of Dictoria (Australia) www.cornishoic.org.au

Festivals and Events

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Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games 169 SW Coast Highway Newport, Oregon 97365 101010.newportcelticfestival.com

Cornish Websites

Cornwall Connections A collection of links to all things Cornish. nonw.cornwallconnections.peeples.com

Cornish Global Migration Programme Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere. www.cornishmigration.org.uk

myCornwall.to 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.to 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

Oregon State Archives Search for Oregon records on line. http://genealogy.state.or.ns

Cyndi's List More than 290,000 links to genealogy sites. The founder spoke at the March 2011 PNCS meeting. www.cyndislist.com

Family Search Onformation from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy. www.familysearch.org

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Dsland Foundation Look up your ancestors who came through New York between 1892 and 1924, free.

www.ellisisland.org

Bureau of Land Management Search for land patent records by name and state. 10010.glorecords.blm.goo

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 10000.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ watpcgs/ BIJU Daho Special Collections Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Ddaho. http://abish.byni.edn/specialCollections/