

*Next Meeting: MARCH 2, 2019 – Puyallup WA  
and MARCH 16, 2019 – Portland, OR*



SPRING 2019

**Changes at the Pacific N.W. Cornish Society for 2018.** The biggest change is with officers on the Board., we voted to changed the by-laws to add an additional Vice President. We now have a VP in the North – Gordon Bennett and a VP for the South – Shasha Alsdorf. In addition, we have added another meeting in March in Portland. President Bob Scott will cover both meetings but for most people it means less traveling long distances for the March meeting. If this works, we will consider doing the same thing in October which will mean less traveling long distances for the people in the North. The annual meeting will continue to be held in Centralia in July where both the South and the North people can get together. Of course, you are welcome to attend any and all the meetings.

Our Fall meeting was held October 20, 2018 at the Clark County Genealogical Society (CCGS) in Vancouver, Washington.

**Minutes of the meeting;** President Bob Scott called the meeting to order at noon, and welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves and their Cornish connection. We waived the reading of the minutes, as they are published in the newsletter. Treasurer Dot Huntley was unable to attend but provided a financial statement which was communicated to the group. Secretary, Alene Reaugh discussed the Country Store, most of the sales are at the meetings or the Celtic Games. There was a discussion of the Celtic Highland Games and volunteers were recruited. See section on Highland Games for review of dates and places.

New Business included discussion for revenue and one idea discussed was providing coffee at Freeway Rest Stops, we need additional information about this and will discuss at March meetings.

It was suggested that we add a link to Genealogy Society State Library in Olympia on our website. I will notify Mickey of this addition.

Old Business: We have finally located our lost library, but we are still missing the parade banner. Please check your garages again because we will need to replace it if not found.

Effective July 2019 membership will increase from \$15 individual to \$20 and \$25 for Family to \$30. The Lifetime will stay at \$225. Continue next page

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LOSS OF LEASE: I received notification that the Clark County Genealogy Society lost their lease on the meeting room that we use for our October meetings. The library representative told me they are in the process of determining if they will move to a new location or operate the library without a meeting room. What this means for us is that we must find a new place for our meetings. The March meeting in Portland will be at the Oregon Stamp Society Building.

CELTIC HIGHLAND GAMES We are planning to have a booth at the Highland Games in 2019. Please see the list on page 8 and notify me at: [softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:softwalk2@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping at any one of these.

**Spring Meetings**  
**ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**  
**Saturday March 2, 2019**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

**412 W. Pioneer Ave, Puyallup**

**Speaker : DON ANDERSON**

**Author, *Paper & Spit***

***DNA+Genealogy***

***Locating his birth parents and  
heritage***



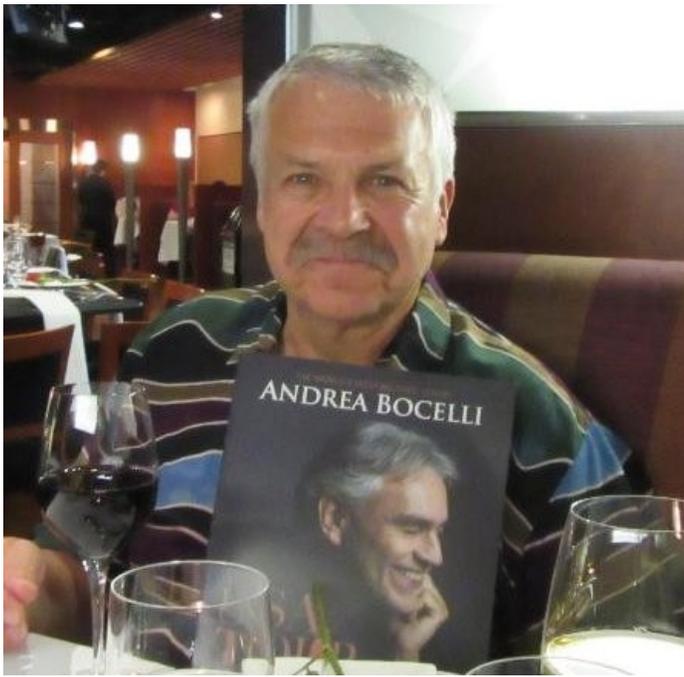
**And**

**March 16, 2019 in Portland, Oregon**

**New Location: Oregon Stamp Society Building**  
**4828 N.E. 33rd Ave Portland, Or.**

**Program to be announced**

# INTRODUCING: OUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH.



Gordon Bennett of Milton, Washington is our new Vice President of the North. He has been a PNCS member since 2016, is married and has one daughter and four grandchildren. He attended two airline schools and served in the Army and National Guard. After 36 years with Boeing, he is now retired using his aviation experience by volunteering at the Museum of Flight in Seattle and is also a member of Ft. Nisqually Historic Society.

Gordon's Cornish roots are deep as he can trace his Bennetts family back to 1591. For generations forward, they lived in Penzance, St. Just or Ludgvan, all in close proximity to each other.

About 1880, Gordon's 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather, John Bennett and wife Jane immigrated to America settling in Great Falls, Montana where John was a blacksmith. While there, they had six children, the eldest being Sidney who was destined to become Gordon's grand-

father. John and his family later moved to Hoquaim, Washington where he opened a blacksmith shop and was commissioned by lumber companies to make rails for train tracks.

Gordon's grandfather, Sidney, married Lavina Noble at Grays Harbor in 1917. They moved to the Eatonville area where their five children were born (one son died as an infant). Third born was Donald Earl in 1922, who was to become Gordon's father. While living in LaGrande, Sidney helped build the Alder Lake Dam. In 1926, Sidney purchased a 320 acre dairy farm in Spanaway. At one time, Lavina worked as a welder in the Tacoma shipyards. Donald served in WW2 and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He married Virginia Ross in 1946 while stationed at Ft. Lewis. They moved to Bremerton where they raised their four boys, one being Gordon..



Donald Bennett and his sister, Marjorie at the Spanaway farm, 1942

Gordon's roots go deep into Washington State too. On his mom's side, they are members of the Snohonish Tribe and direct descendants of Ft. Nisqually: Two Hudsons Bay Scottish employees and two Snohomish Indian wives.

Thank you, Gordon, for agreeing to serve our group. We pledge to help and support you any way we can.



## Reunion Helps Find New Cousin

By Bonnie LaDoe

On the right, Pat Harding and Bonnie LaDoe; Pat's two boys on the left. In back of the graves of William Carlyon and Mary Kessell, Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Social media may have its drawbacks, but it certainly has its perks too. For our family reunion this year, which included four ancestral names, Facebook proved to be a cousin finder.

The people doing all the work set up a Facebook page to get the word out about our reunion. As word spread from cousin to cousin, I was surprised one day to get a message from a young man I did not know, Pat Harding. He explained that he was a Kessell cousin and we soon found that our common ancestor was William Carlyon Kessell who was born in St. Ewe, Cornwall and spent most of his years homesteading in Grays River, Washington. Pat's great-grandfather was William Carlyon's first child, William Francis. William Francis lived in Grays River for a while and then moved his family to Tillamook, Oregon.

Pat and his wife and three boys live in Washington, D.C., so I never dreamed I would be able to meet him. But as luck would have it, Pat was attending his family reunion in Tillamook about three weeks before our planned four family reunion in Rosburg (near Grays River). Since his family was flying into Portland before heading to Tillamook, he asked if I knew where some of the Kessell graves were in this area. I sent him a map showing the grave of William Carlyon Kessell and many of his family. And to my surprise, he asked me to go with them to the cemetery in Portland. It was so nice to meet my "new" cousin, his wife and two of his boys. We spent a pleasant day honoring our ancestors and getting to know each other.

I assumed that since the Rosburg reunion was only three weeks away, Pat would not be able to make the trip back to the Northwest so soon. But he decided that an Astoria fishing trip with his two brothers was in order and the weekend of our reunion would work out fine. So, Pat and his three brothers all came to the "big" reunion and were able to see where their great-great grandfather homesteaded.

I love that Pat has so much interest in his ancestry and because of that, I have found wonderful cousins!

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society  
**Spring Meeting Saturday March 2, 2019 in Puyallup**  
**First Presbyterian Church 412 W. Pioneer Ave,**  
**And**  
**March 16, 2019 in Portland, Oregon**  
**New Location: Oregon Stamp Society Building**  
**4828 N.E. 33rd Ave Portland, Or.**

Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30; Program 1:00pm  
 bring something to share); business meeting at noon,

President Bob Scott with  
 Speaker Don Anderson,



*Three Pound Note* with  
 Andrea Wild, Hugh Glanville, Stafford Wild



Andrea's daughter Phoebe Burns



Fall Meeting in Vancouver was well attended and everyone enjoyed hearing Don Anderson talk about finding his family through DNA . He was very helpful to other adoptees to know just where to start. After his talk we were entertained by the group—*Three Pound Note* with Andrea Wild, Hugh Glandville & Staford Wild.



Top Left to right  
 Craig Pedlar, Bob Scott  
 Ann & Kevin Reilly  
 Sandy Dunkel, Doug  
 Hambley, Maggie Crago  
 Nancy Huddleston, ShaSha  
 Alsdorf Bonnie LaDoe,  
 Colleen and Craig Pedlar  
 Vicki and Doug Wolford  
 Carolyn Bawden, Evelyn  
 Reymond .

# CORNISH HERO TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING HIS CREW



John Davey Clark died saving his miners in 1902 in Alamos, Sonora, Mexico. He has never been recognized for his heroic act. His great granddaughter, Lupita Duarte Clark, is raising funds to have a Bust unveiled May 1 in his memory.

John Davey Clark was born in Cornwall, England in 1850; he migrated to Alamos, Sonora, Mexico. Lupita is one of many descendants who reside in the United States and in Mexico. She is currently writing his biography.



Lupita Duarte Clark

This is a list of the Celtic Events happening in 2019. The ones in bold are ones we have done in the past. Please contact PNCS Board on Website to sign up to represent the Cornish Society. We do not yet have the dates but I have indicated the month. We will do the registering and payments for booth and entry.

### **CALENDAR OF CELTIC FESTIVALS AND GAMES 2019**

April or May **South Coast Celtic Fest Coos Bay OR**

<http://southcoastfolksociety.wordpress.com/>

May—**Eugene Scottish Festival Eugene OR** [http://](http://eugenescottishfestival.com/)

[eugenescottishfestival.com/](http://eugenescottishfestival.com/)

June—**Bellingham Scottish Highland Games Ferndale WA**

<http://bellinghamhighland.org/games.html>

**June— McMinnville Scottish Festival McMinnville OR**

<https://www.macscottishfest.com/>

June—**Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games Prosser WA**

<http://prosserscottishfest.org/>

**June—Tacoma Highland Games Graham WA**

<http://tacomagames.org/>

**July—Athena Caledonian Games Athena OR**

<http://athenacaledoniangames.org/>

**July—Skagit Valley Highland Games Mount Vernon WA**

<https://celticarts.org/2018-highland-games/>

**July—Portland Highland Games and Clan Gathering Gresham OR.**

<http://www.phga.org/>

**July—Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games Enumclaw WA**

August—**Spokane Highland Games Spokane WA**

<https://www.spokanehighlandgames.net/>

**August—Whidbey Island Highland Games Whidbey Island WA**

<http://www.wihg.org/>

2019—**Jory Family Reunion Salem OR**

<http://joryfamilyandfriends.org/>

**August—Celtic Highland Games Winston OR**

[http://www.dcscots.org/Celtic\\_Highland\\_Games.php](http://www.dcscots.org/Celtic_Highland_Games.php)

**September—Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival Belfair WA**

<http://www.hoodcanalscots.org/home.html>

September—**Highlander Festival Kelso WA**

<http://www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival>

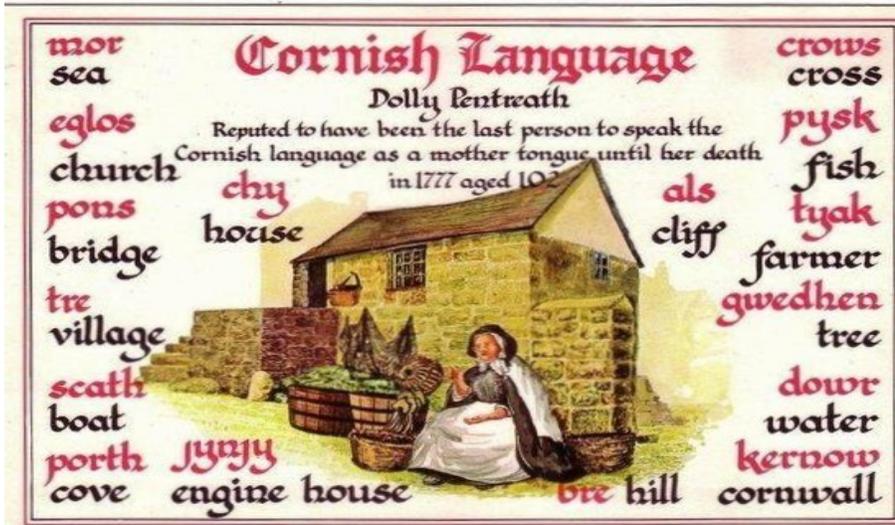
September—**McKenzie Highland Games Springfield OR**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/532604676949332/>

November—**Yachats Celtic Music Festival Yachats OR**

# CORNISH LANGUAGE REVIVAL

## HAPPY NEW YEAR - Blydhen Nowydh Da



### Happy New Year in Celtic

- Welsh Blwyddyn Newydd Dda
- Irish Bliain Nua faoi mhaise duit/daoibh
- Breton Bloavezh Mat
- Gaelic Bliadhna Mhath Ùr
- Cornish Blydhen Nowydh Da
- Manx Blein Vie Noa

Despite being dormant during the nineteenth century, the Cornish language has been recently recognized by the British Government as a living regional language. The current revival began in 1904.

**Historical Background:** The Cornish language, unlike the Anglo-Cornish dialect, which is an English dialect spoken in Cornwall, is one of the three living members of the Brythonic family, the other two, Welsh and Breton. The appearance of Cornish as a distinct language dates to about 600 AD as a result of the evolution of the Brythonic language spoken in the south-western region of Great Britain. Its closest relative, however, is not Welsh, but Breton, since both languages were mutually comprehensible for centuries.

**Official Recognition:** The efforts to promote the language began to show some progress when on 2 March 2000, the United Kingdom signed the Council of Europe Charter on Regional and Minority Languages. On 5 November 2002 the British Government announced its decision to recognize Cornish. This recognition assumed a measure of official status for the language for the first time in history, although it does not mean that Cornish is an official language in Cornwall. The new status for the Cornish language opened the way in 2004 to the development of a Strategy for the Cornish Language designed by government entities and by some language and cultural organizations.

What cannot be disputed is that after a hundred years of silence and many more centuries of discrimination, enough Cornish is now being spoken in the streets and houses of Cornwall to warrant official protection and recognition.

**Excerpts taken from :** *A Brief History of the Cornish Language, its Revival and its Current Status*  
- Siarl Ferdinand, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Review the whole Paper at:

[www4.uwm.edu/celtic/ekeltoi/volumes/vol2/2\\_6/ferdinand\\_2\\_6.pdf](http://www4.uwm.edu/celtic/ekeltoi/volumes/vol2/2_6/ferdinand_2_6.pdf)



# STILL LOST



This is the booth we use when we attend the Highland Games. The banner was made for us by a previous member. It was last seen at the July 2017 meeting in Centralia, we did recover the lost library. If we can't locate the banner it will need to be replaced.

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For our 20th Anniversary we decorated the tables with Cornish flags with one small error, it included the British flag. When we notified the seller they were most apologetic and replaced them immediately at no cost with the correct flag. So in thanks we are providing a shout out to Green's Flag Shop Ltd of Gloucestershire. They stand behind their products.



Gloucestershire.  
Call Us: [0345 163 0085](tel:03451630085)  
9.30am - 4.30pm Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 1.00pm Friday  
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**PNCS Meetings**  
**First Saturday in March in Puyallup.**  
**Third Saturday in Portland.**  
To celebrate St. Piran's Day

**Fourth Saturday in July**

## 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/pnwcs>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

## PNCS Library

The PNCS Library is **FOUND !** We have three boxes of books and pamphlets which are available for check out at any meeting. The library welcomes donated books about the Cornish. You can bring donations to one of the meetings or contact Alene by email

[softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:softwalk2@yahoo.com).

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

## Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\$20 Individual Member r \$30 Family 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

# 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](http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk)

## **Cornish Heritage Organizations**

*Federation of Old Cornwall Societies*

<http://oldcornwall.org>

*The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation*

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

*New Zealand Cornish Association*

[www.busby.net/nzca/](http://www.busby.net/nzca/)

*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.peeples.com](http://www.cornwallconnections.peeples.com)

*Cornish Global Migration Programme*

Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere.

[www.cornishmigration.org.uk](http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk)

*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/>