

Next Meetings:

March 7, 2020—Puyallup, WA and March 21, 2020—Portland, OR



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HAPPY NEW YEAR CORNISH COUSINS!

As another new year and new decade are upon us, we are looking forward to seeing what the year has in store for us. First, we will look back at 2019 in pictures and minutes of the meetings and our holiday party. The change in the number of gatherings arose because of the distance people had to travel. Going forward, we will have two meetings in both March and October, one in the North and one in the South. We will all come together for the Annual Meeting in July in Centralia's Ft. Borst Park. We will also continue to attend many of the Celtic Festivals to locate Cornish people and recruit new members. We welcome anyone interested in volunteering to represent PNCS at a Celtic event (see list on page 9). Please contact the Board so that we can make a reservation, pay for the booth, and give you materials.

Also, we are again offering PNCS Sweatshirts and T-Shirts for sale through the Country Store. These are quality 100% cotton shirts with our logo. See picture on page 12.

We are always interested in hearing suggestions for programs to present at the meetings; please feel free to send your suggestions to any member of the Board by going to the website and clicking on "contact us." I will be emailing several of our newer members for profile information to highlight in future newsletters.

Also, to put on good programs, we will need additional reserves in our treasury. One fundraising idea being considered is to accept donations for providing coffee and cookies at a rest stop on I-5. We checked with other groups who advise it is profitable for them. This is a good opportunity to greet people at the rest stop and promote the Cornish Society.

If you have any ideas for the group, we are open to all suggestions. I would like to start collecting your stories and featuring them in the newsletter, so please forward to me at softwalk2@yahoo.com No space limitations, no requirements, just send me what you have. Include pictures too. Thank you, Alene

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

MEETINGS

March 7, 2020—Puyallup, WA

Gordon Bennett will present The Cornish in Pachuca and Real de Monte in Mexico, and family ties.

or

March 21, 2020—Portland, OR

Program to be determined

Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share);

business meeting at noon,

New Member

Marjorie Copeland

Marjorie and her five siblings were all born in Tacoma, Washington, but later moved to Puyallup where Marjorie graduated from high school. Her mother was born in 1920 in Eatonville, Washington, one of four children. They all attended Kapowsin all grade school and grew up on a farm in Elk Plain.

Her mother's father was John Sidney Bennett, born in Great Falls, Montana in 1892. The family lived in a small house in Boston Heights, twenty seven blocks east of downtown, just across the Missouri River from the Anconda Copper Smelter. There was a foot bridge for workers to cross over to work.

His father, John Bennett and wife Jane Giles Edwards came to Montana in 1890 from Ludgvan, Cornwall. They had followed relatives who already lived in Superior and Stockett, not far from Great Falls. After about nine years in Great Falls, they moved to Hoquiam, Washington where John established a blacksmith shop, which years later became a trucking company.

Marjorie has followed her family on Ancestry and learned that both her Bennett and Edwards lines came from Cornwall. She found Aussie relatives too, who were part of the massive exodus to find work in mining places around the world.

Marjorie has found PNCS meetings very helpful in learning about the Cornish people and their history and is enjoying reading books in our library.

She is now looking forward to her first trip to Cornwall in July with her son and family, and has made a list of sites, including Ludgvan and Penzance, and family graves she hopes to visit. She would love to have your input on any sights or foods that you feel are a must when visiting Cornwall.

Please say hi to Marjorie at the Spring meeting and maybe you can help her plan her trip!



WELCOME TO PNCS

Marjorie Copeland

Pat Connors <nymets11@pacbell.net>

To: cornish-american@rootsweb.com

Jan 13 at 2:41 PM

As you all know by now, Ancestry is closing down the Rootsweb lists on March 2nd.

As a replacement, I have set up a new list on the groups.io website at: <https://groups.io/g/Cornish-American/>

I have also sent invitations to join to all of you. However, if I miss anyone and you want to join, let me know I and I will send you an invite, or you can just on the site and join by yourself.

Sorry to see the lists leaving, it has been fun while it lasted, Take care, Pat

Pat Connors

<http://www.connorsgenealogy.com>



Shirley & Bob Bruce, Charter Members # 008

Bob Bruce, who is the Choir Director Emeritus at the First Presbyterian Church, is the person responsible for obtaining our meeting place in Puyallup for all these years. It makes it very easy for people to find us every year in March. Bob himself is Scottish but also Cornish-by-marriage to Shirley.

Levant Disaster 100th Anniversary 1919 - 2019



For much of its life span Levant had five or six hundred employees, men, women and children. A typical miner's day was long and very hard going; a life under the sea was not easy and life above it was hardly better.

THE LEVANT MINE DISASTER occurred 100 years ago, and this is the day remembered as one of the saddest days in the history of West Penwith. On October 20, 1919, Pendeens close-knit mining community was plunged into mourning, when the Levant man-engine broke and sent 31 local miners to their deaths. The late William Lawry was the youngest boy working below ground that day and was on the man-engine at the time of the disaster. Miraculously he survived. Fifty years later he wrote down his account of the tragedy and then gave it to a couple of tourists he met on the coastal path near his St. Just home. Many years later, the manuscript was rediscovered and returned to the Geevor Mine, where it is looked after today by the Trevithick Trust.

1748 Levant Mine first appeared on Martyn's Map, as an amalgamation of three other early mines: Zawn Brinney, Boscregan and Wheal Unity. Its location is remote, but deposits of tin and copper were rich.

1820 Levant Mining Company was formed with a capital of £400. A group of 20 people were involved in the company, which was divided into 80 shares. It went on to become a great success – in one period of two months, it made £4,630.

1836 By this time, 320 men, 44 women and 186 children were employed at the mine. Many of the women and children were involved in 'dressing' the ore: preparing it for sale.

1840 Michell's whim engine was made by Harvey's of Hayle. Designed by Francis Michell, its purpose was to carry ore from the deep workings – some extending beneath the sea – to the surface.

1857 The man engine was installed. This aimed to make the transporting of miners up and down the workings faster and easier. Each day, miners changed into their work clothes in the Miners' Dry (changing room) before walking down the tunnel to Man Engine Shaft.

1919 The Levant mining disaster. Thirty-one men were killed when a link between a rod and the man-engine snapped, sending the engine down the shaft. The engine was not repaired, and the deep levels were never worked again.

1930 Levant Mine closed after losing large amounts of money. A major factor in this was that in the midst of an economic depression, the price of tin had dropped dramatically.

1967 Levant passed into the care of the National Trust. In the same year, the Trust also took on the care of East Pool Mine, near Redruth.



The waterfall in the Rainforest Biome, Eden Project, Boldeva nr. St. Austell, Cornwall, Oct. 2019

Come to Kent for the International Festival, it's a fun event and if you're at the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw, be sure and look for the Johnston/e Clan, we're just a couple booths down from the Cornish Society.

New Members

Christopher and Val Ensor

Chris and Val have been active in Scottish Clan Johnston/e for the past 10 or so years. They run an information tent for the clan at different Scottish Highland Games in Washington. It was at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games in Enumclaw, WA that they came across the PNCS who have a tent close by where they met Terry Maves and Craig Pedlar who told them about the work of the Society. So, in 2019 Chris and Val joined.

Chris was born in the late 1940's in Bishop's Stortford, 30 miles northeast of London, England. He had a Scottish Mother, an Irish Grandfather and A Grandmother from Penzance in Cornwall whose maiden name was "Teague". He met Val in Chamonix, France in 1995 and they were married in Scotland exactly a year later. Chris then moved to Kent, WA to join Val and her two young sons from a previous marriage. He then worked for a disability non-profit in Tacoma for 13 years before retiring.

Val was born and raised in south Seattle in Washington. Married to Chris Ensor, mother of two adult sons and grandmother to a delightful 11-year old granddaughter. Val is an active Council member and National Membership Commissioner for Scottish Clan Johnston/e; a Toastmaster member since 2007, she serves regularly in public speaking and leadership roles along with co-leading a Gluten Intolerance Group locally. Val worked in the banking industry throughout her career and recently retired, allowing for more time with family, friends and travel. She has a desire to learn more about her ancestry DNA results with 37% ethnicity estimate located in England, Wales and Northwestern Europe.

VISITING CORNWALL & OTHER CELTIC NATIONS:

In gathering information on the Celtic Nations Val and Chris decided it would be important to visit all the main Celtic Nations. They travel regularly to Scotland where Chris has relatives. In starting to explore the others they travelled to Wales and Cornwall last October and plan to visit Ireland and the Isle of Man this year.

CELTIC NATIONS:

Val and Chris want to include representatives of all the Celtic Nations in a venture they embarked on 3 years ago with the Celtic Arts Foundation based in Mt. Vernon, WA. This is the Kent International Festival. It's held each year to celebrate Kent's diversity by promoting the sharing and understanding of different cultures (Kent is considered to be the 10th most diverse city in the USA). Chris and Val had attended for several years in their Scottish kilts. They were asked to add to the growing number of cultural booth by providing a Scottish one. They however thought that Scotland is too narrow and instead they should broaden the scope to include as many Celtic Nations as they could find. (The list includes Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall, Brittany in France and Galicia in Spain). Chris and Val are trying to include information at their booth from as many organizations representing these nations that have a presence in the Puget Sound and surrounding areas including of course, the PNCS.

SAVE THE DATE: Kent International Festival: May 30, 2010 10am to 4pm. We encourage our fellow PNCS members and their friends to come visit us on May 30th beginning at 10 am at Kent's Showare Center for the 12th annual Kent International Festival.

Pictures from the October Meeting in Puyallup



Claudia Hunt

Founding Charter Member #001
Joan Tregarthen Huston



Pictures from the October Meeting in Portland



Alene Reaugh, Secretary

Dot Huntley, Treasurer

ShaSha Alsdorf, VP South

Bob Scott, President



Douglas Hambley



Jim Faull & Bonnie LaDoe



Guest : Laurie Rubin



New Member—Sandy Ryder and
and her husband Ron



Kat Wivell- Scott



Carolyn Bawden

Pictures from the Holiday Party in Portland



Bob Scott

Pot Luck Lunch and a White Elephant Gift Exchange . The wooden map was handcrafted by member Douglas Hambley.

Under the rules of the gift exchange, presents could be claimed by another who had not yet opened a present, Bob Scott got the map first and it was consequently stolen by Bonnie LaDoe.

The food was delicious and everyone seemed happy with the presents. We all enjoyed the afternoon.



NEW MEMBER - Kevin & Ann Reilly



Kat Wivell-Scott



Carolyn Bawden & Rob



William & ShaSha Alsdorf



Bonnie LaDoe & Carol Lower



Ann and Kevin Reilly



Douglas Hambley



Carolyn Bawden



Alene Reaugh



POT LUCK



Douglas and Kat



Carol & Maggie Crago

PORTLAND OCTOBER MEETING ENTERTAINMENT



Andrea Wild is a singer, producer and emcee from Liverpool, UK currently residing in Portland. Andrea created and manages the high energy Celtic band, The Stomptowners, the Welsh-driven Andrea Wild & The Bad Wolves and Three Pound Note. She also produces a unique monthly live music event, Global Folk Club. Andrea is a dedicated member of the Welsh Society of Oregon and also sings with Oregon's Welsh Dragon Choir.



Zac Léger (guitars, bouzouki, whistles, button accordion, vocals)

Zac Leger is a gifted musician with two decades of experience touring and playing music professionally. He holds numerous medals on various instruments from both the U.S. and Ireland, including an All-Ireland medal on the Irish *uilleann* pipes, one of few Americans to hold this prestigious title. He also toured with highly acclaimed stage productions including Women of Ireland, An Irish Christmas, Emerald Beat, Celtic Crossroads and Ireland: the Show (for which he has also served as musical

We have enjoyed Andrea and Zac at past meetings and she even took it upon herself to learn some Cornish Songs for our entertainment. With them was Dylan, Andrea's son. And this time she asked if anyone could waltz, Douglas Hambley stepped up and we had quite a show.



**CALENDAR OF CELTIC FESTIVALS AND GAMES
2020**

<i>April 25-26, 2020</i>	<u>Elk Mountain Highland Games and May Day Festival</u> http://www.elkmountaingames.com/	<i>Rogue River OR</i>
<i>No Date Available</i>	<u>South Coast Celtic Fest</u> http://southcoastfolksociety.wordpress.com/	<i>Coos Bay OR</i>
<i>May 2, 2020</i>	<u>Albany Scottish Festival & Highland Games</u> Timber-Linn Park, 900 Price Road SE, Albany OR https://www.facebook.com/pg/AlbanyScottishFestival/events/?ref=page_internal	<i>Albany OR</i>
<i>May 23, 2020</i>	<u>Eugene Scottish Festival</u> Dot http://eugenescottishfestival.com/	<i>Eugene OR</i>
<i>May 30, 2020 ****</i>	<u>Kent International Festival</u> accesso ShoWare 625 West James Street, Kent WA http://www.kentinternationalfestival.com/home.html	<i>Kent WA</i>
<i>June 13-14, 2020</i>	<u>McMinnville Scottish Festival</u> 900 SE Baker Street, McMinnville OR https://www.macscottishfest.com/	<i>McMinnville OR</i>
<i>June 20, 2020</i>	<u>Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games</u> Prosser Wine and Food Park, Prosser WA http://prosserscottishfest.org/	<i>Prosser WA</i>
<i>June 27, 2020</i>	<u>Tacoma Highland Games</u> http://tacomagames.org/	<i>Graham WA</i>
<i>No date available</i>	<u>Athena Caledonian Games</u> http://athenacaledoniangames.org/	<i>Athena OR</i>
<i>July 11-12, 2020</i>	<u>Skagit Valley Highland Games</u> Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon WA https://www.facebook.com/pg/SkagitValleyHighlandGames/events/?ref=page_internal	<i>Mount Vernon WA</i>
<i>July 18, 2020</i>	<u>Portland Highland Games and Clan Gathering</u> Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham OR http://www.phga.org/	<i>Gresham OR</i>
<i>July 24-26, 2020</i>	<u>Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games</u> Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 – 284th Avenue SE, Enumclaw WA http://www.sshga.org/home.htm	<i>Enumclaw WA</i>
<i>August 1, 2020</i>	<u>Spokane Highland Games</u> Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, Spokane WA https://www.spokanehighlandgames.net/	<i>Spokane WA</i>
<i>August 22-23, 2020</i>	<u>Douglas County Celtic Highland Games</u> Dot –Henry Estate Winery, Umpqua OR http://www.dscots.com/Celtic_Highland_Games.php	<i>Umpqua OR</i>
<i>Sept 3-4, 2020</i>	<u>Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival</u> Belfair State Park, 3151 NE State Route 300, Belfair WA http://www.hoodcanalscots.org/home.html	<i>Belfair WA</i>
<i>September 12-13, 2020</i>	<u>Kelso Highlander Festival</u> Tam O'Shanter Park, 1655 173 rd Ave, NE, Bellevue WA http://www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival	<i>Kelso WA</i>
<i>November 6-8, 2020??</i>	<u>Yachats Celtic Music Festival</u> http://yachatscelticmusicfestival.org/	<i>Yachats OR</i>

OCTOBER 12, 2019 MINUTES OF THE PUYALLUP FALL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, there were 16 people in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as reported in the last newsletter. There was no treasury report.

Group advised that there are new T-Shirts and Pasty Books.

Introductions were done and each person advised of their Cornish Connections.

Old Business – discussion of coffee at rest stops on I-5.

Report on Highland Games – 14 people signed up for Evites to our meetings

Voting of current members took place for the changes in the by-laws and it was approved unanimously.

New Business – looking for a volunteer to coordinate Highland Games.

Put out a plea for people to write for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Guest Speakers: Malcolm and Karyn Davies from Wales – they discussed the similarities and differences in the Welsh and Cornish Languages.



L-R Gordon Bennett, Guest Speakers Karyn Davies & Malcom Davies—
Bob Scott and Joan Huston

OCTOBER 19, 2019 MINUTES OF THE PORTLAND FALL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm, there were 12 people in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as reported in the last newsletter.

We started with the introductions and Cornish Connections.

Treasury report shows the we are \$200 to the good. We need a new form of revenue. A suggestion was made that we provide coffee and cookies at rest stops. Bob has looked into it and it is feasible in Washington, but Oregon is not. We need to address it in March and get on the list with the State.

Report on the Seattle Highland games, we got 14 signatures for people interested this this group. We have included them on the Evite list for future meetings.

A vote was conducted on the changes to the Bylaws and it was passed by unanimous show of hands.

A call was made for volunteers to help with membership to assist the treasurer with notifications to new members and obtain a short history for our records. Bonnie LaDoe volunteered for this position.

We also requested volunteers to help with coordinating the Highland Games. There was no interest in this, and we will address again at the March meeting as the games are starting in April.

A Holiday Party was discussed, and it is scheduled for December 7, 2019. It will be a potluck and white elephant gift exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 1;15pm and we were entertained by Andrea Wild and her band of musicians.



Bonnie LaDoe wearing the colors

Puyallup Attendees

October 12, 2019 Meeting

Bob Scott, President
Gordon Bennett, VP of the North
Claudia Hunt
Sandy Dunkel
Joan Huston – Charter Member #001
Marjorie Copeland – New Member
Bud Rehbers - visitor
Bob & Shirley Bruce – Charter Members #008
Paulie Peasley – visitor
Mary Black
Doug & Vicki Wolford - Charter Member #034
Terry Maves



Portland Attendees

October 19, 2019 Meeting

Bob Scott, President
ShaSha Alsdorf, VP South
Dot Huntley, treasurer
Alene Reaugh, Secretary
Jim Faull – Charter Member #012
Bonnie LaDoe, Membership –
Charter Member # 037
Sandy Ryder – New Member
Ron Ryder, - Guest
Douglas Hambley





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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

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at Softwalk2@yahoo.com Sweat-shirts and T-shirts are now available, see pictures inside. You can also place orders with Café Press at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>. 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.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Webpage: _____

\$25 Individual Member \$35 Family Membership Amount Enclosed: _____

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 Old Cornwall Societies
<http://oldcornwall.org>

The Cornish American Heritage Society
www.cousinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association
www.busby.net/nzca/

The California Cornish Cousins
www.califcornishcousins.org

Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)
www.cornishvic.org.au

Cornish Websites

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

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

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

FamilySearch
Information from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy.
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

Bureau of Land Management
Search for land patent records by name and state.
www.gloreCORDS.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/

BYU Idaho Special Collections
Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Idaho.
<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/>

Celtic Festivals

April 1, 2020 Elk Mountain Highland Games, Rogue River
May 2, 2020 Albany Scottish Festival & Highland Games
May 23, 2020 Eugene Scottish Festival
May 30, 2020 Kent International
June 13, 14, 2020 McMinnville Celtic Heritage Games
June 23, 2020 Tacoma Highland Games
July 1, 2020 Pacific NW –Seattle Scottish Highland Games
July 11, 2020 Skagit Valley Highland Games.
July 18, 2020 Portland Highland Games
September 1, 2020 Kelso Highlander Festival
September 18, 2020 Oregon Celtic Festival, Canby, OR