

INFORMATION

Village Activities

(All held in the chapel)

WI: 2nd Monday in the month
2.00pm: Cynthia Young 865433

Coffee Spot: 1st Friday in the month, 10.00—11.30 am
Coffee, cakes, preserves etc

Lunch Club: one Wednesday each month, dates vary. Contact Betty 863902 / Bridget 862662

ROCKs—Right On Church for Kids: every Sunday 10.30—11.30 am in the school rooms Sept—June

YOGA—alternate Thurs 7.30pm Contact Diane 863989

Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday 9.30 am—12.30 pm
Wednesday 1.30 pm—4.30 pm
Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm
At other times please leave a message — 863333.

Kerbside Recycling

Alternate Tuesdays

- Cans, paper, cardboard, foil (4 October)
- Light Garden Waste (11 October)

Website

www.penpollchapel.ukonline.co.uk

Hire of Rooms

Penpoll Methodist Church
Meetings, functions, parties etc
contact Bridget 862662

Mobile Library

Saturdays—fortnightly
Penpoll Bridge: 14.20 to 14.35
Point Green: 14.40 to 15.10

Home Library Service

Angela Spurgin, Truro Library
0800 032 2345 (freephone)
enquiryexpress@cornwall.gov.uk

Bus Service

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POINT QUAY ASSOCIATION:

Billy Trebilcock 864415
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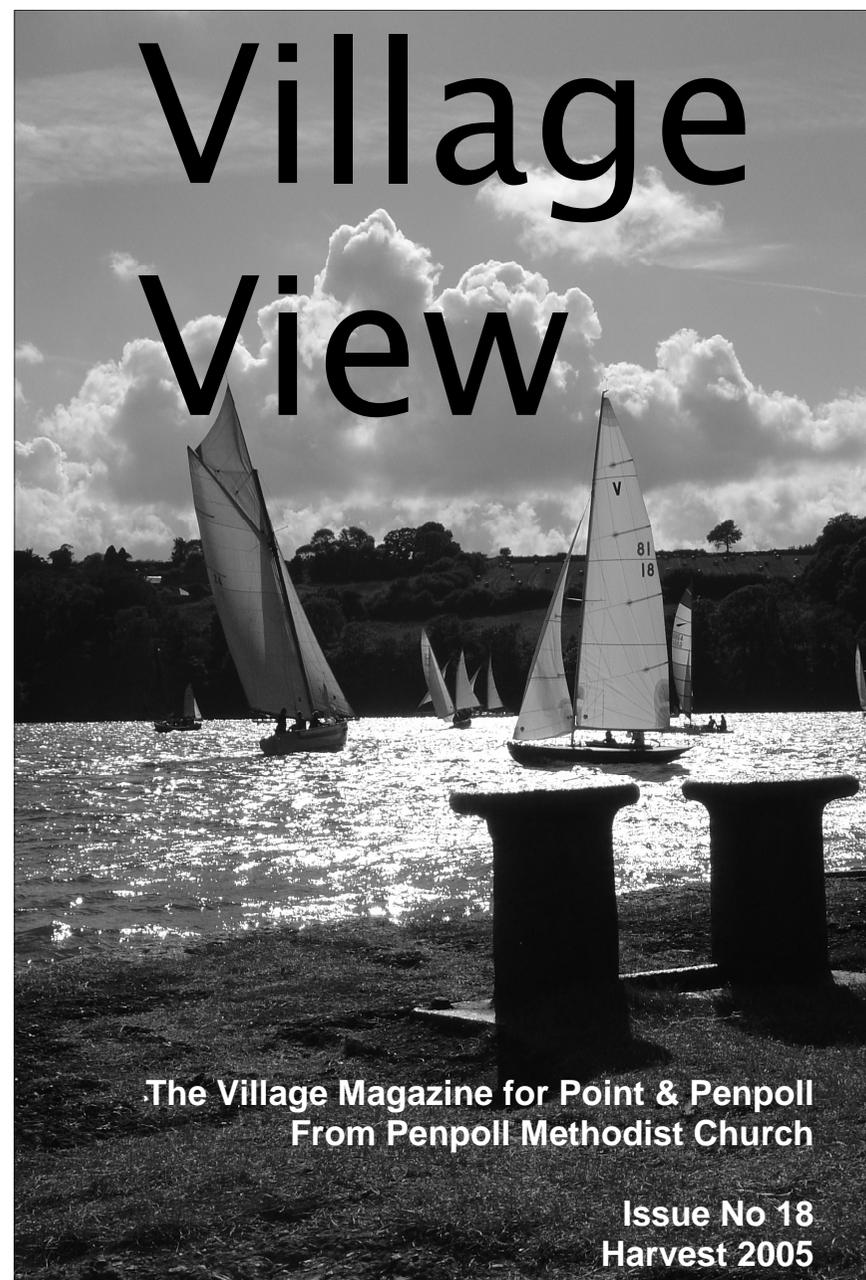
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From Penpoll Methodist Church

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Instead of our usual message from Margaret Barnes, a tribute to:

Miss Jenny West-Jones

Residents in Penpoll and Point may not have had the privilege of knowing Jenny, unless they attended Penpoll Chapel. Here she served as one of the team of Local Preachers for the Truro Methodist Circuit. In Carnon Downs, where she lived at the Manse with our Minister, the Rev. Margaret Barnes, she was an active and much valued member of the community.

All who knew her loved and admired her and count it a privilege to have known her.

A personal tribute from Revd. Margaret Barnes:

Jenny was an incredible friend, a great support and encourager. Her serving ministry was her life, at home or wherever she was. She was there after a good meeting, and the not so good. She was there when I thought I was a failure, and when things went well. She was concerned for all my flock and hers. None of us will ever know what she was going through with this awful illness. She struggled towards the end thinking she had so much more to give in service to God and her Saviour, but then Jenny always thought she could give more and would not listen when she was

advised to slow down. I guess God decided that she had done enough, more than enough - perhaps I ran her into the ground. She has triumphed over the awful illness that dogged the past few months especially. She had a wonderful pilgrimage in May, and walked where Jesus walked, and is now with Him. Margaret sends her love and best wishes to you all at this Harvest Thanksgiving time.

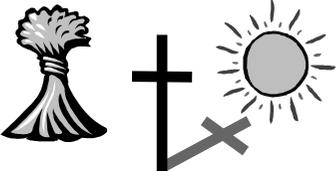


Reverend Margaret Barnes

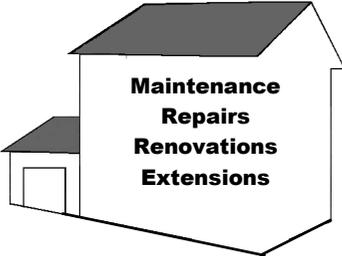
**HARVEST
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Bob Clipsham

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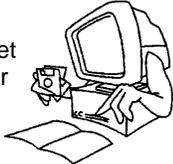


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Book of Remembrance

A few months ago we were asked two questions—did we have at the Chapel a Book of Remembrance and was it open for everyone to make entries? We could only answer the first question—we did not have such a book. However it set us thinking that we really should have a place where our departed relatives and friends could be remembered and that if we had that book, we could answer the second question in the affirmative. There also seemed to be the added bonus that in years to come it would provide a useful historical record for the Village.

And so, we now have a loose leaf folder with plastic envelopes and would welcome any entries stretching as far back as anyone can remember for inclusion. The paper size is A4 and we suggest that the entry should include the following details:

- surname, including maiden names
- forenames
- date/place of birth/death
- place of residence in village
- names of immediate family
- a mini CV
- a photograph

If anyone would like to have an entry in the book then please contact Christopher Kingston on 862662. There will be no charge but a donation of a couple of pounds would never be refused!

ROCKS

Right On Church for Kids

Kicks-off again in September
Join us every Sunday
10:30—11:30 am at the Chapel

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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

October

Sun 2nd Harvest Festival Service 10.30am
 Speaker - Mr. Bob Clipsham, followed by Open Buffet Luncheon and Open Afternoon

Fri 7th Coffee Stop 10.00 - 11.30 am

Wed 12th Lunch Club 12 noon

November

Fri 4th Coffee Stop 10.00 - 11.30 am

Sat 5th Prayer Breakfast 8.00am - 9.30am

Wed 9th Lunch Club 12 noon

December

Fri 2nd Coffee Stop 10.00 - 11.30 am

Wed 7th Lunch Club 12 noon

Sun 18th Carol Service 10:30 am

Nativity Service 6:00 pm

Sat 24th Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Dates for inclusion in the Christmas issue should be with the editors by the middle of November.

Open Afternoon

An Invitation to the Village

Sunday OCTOBER 2nd 2005

There will be a Buffet Luncheon and Open Afternoon from 12.00 Noon to 4.00pm to celebrate the Opening of the New Facilities at Penpoll Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME
COME AND SEE WHAT HAS BEEN DONE!

RU 8-14?

Launching soon
 A Youth Group at Pen-
Sports, games, activities, trips...

Possible times: Fortnightly, Friday evening or Sunday morning
 Programme available shortly
 Don't miss out!

Point & Pempoll Regatta 2005 Results



Mirrors	1. R Burley 2. C Mountford
Picos	1. Loe Beach Sailing School 2. LBSS 3. LBSS
Toppers	1. L Sly
Lasers	1. S Sly 2. M James 3. B Banks
St Mawes One Designs	1. R Brown 2. D Mantle
Shrimpers	1. J Benge 2. B Timmis 3. No 491
Darts	1. D Antonio 2. A Perkins
Asymmetric Dinghies	1. B Warren
Handicap Yachts	1. 'Mavis Cruet' - D Sincock 2. 'Jiggy With It' - Truro College 3. 'Redgauntlet' - W Hunt
Sunbeams	1. L & T Trenoweth 2. J Lowry 3. T Bailey
Ajax	1. L Thomas 2. C Thomas 3. No 19
Toshers	1. C Taylor 2. M Rangecroft
Working Boats over 25 ft	1. 'Grace' - D Tregaskes 2. 'Victory' - D Carne
Working Boats under 25ft	1. 'Lottie' - G Ferris 2. 'Dolly' - B Prynne 3. 'Leila' - A Bird
Compiled by Charles Warren	

A Regatta weekend blessed with fine weather, ideal for competition on water and grass and worship on the Quay, was marked indelibly in the memory when a local GP broke the sound barrier in a potato sack. Younger children with up to three legs, appended with egg, spoon, sack or wheelbarrow trampled the green to impartial cheers from the massed crowds and were rewarded with cooling ice creams. Mr Charles Warren once again lent his commentary, both enlightening and entertaining, to the seriously hectic business of sailing and rowing in the creek. The graceful array of Saturday's wind powered vessels, large and small, working or leisure, contrasted with Mondays brawn-driven gigs and paddle boats. The Lifeboat display team, who carelessly lost a man overboard, were welcome return visitors to the Quay. The major competition of the weekend however was to be found in the boat house where the WI provided an exacting course of savouries on the out reach, two sharp tacks taking you in the home straight where Victoria sponge and cut-and-come-again cake did for me. Balmy sunshine greeted Sunday morning parishioners gathered on the Quay with the Carharrack and St. Day Band for joyful thanksgiving. Many thanks are extended to all those involved in the organisation of Regatta events, for providing fun and fulfilment for the many residents and visitors.

the language has Celtic origins from Wales or from the Bretton region of France, 'poll' is the Cornish equivalent. The corresponding word in Welsh is 'pwll' and in Breton is 'poull'. Both words, it is noticed have two 'l's. Another interesting fact that supports the case for two 'l's is that on the East side of the Fowey River there is a Pempoll Creek with the hamlets of Higher, Middle and Lower Pempoll.

All this begs one obvious question. Why and when did the second 'l' disappear in all official documents sometime between 1963 and 1971? I have failed to establish a definitive answer but an examination of the Feock Parish Council minute books produced some clues yet makes the situation more confusing. Up to March 1954 all references in the minutes spelt the village with two 'l's. From then until October 1956 the handwritten minutes, obviously prepared by the same person, normally had one 'l' but sometimes two. After that one 'l' is universally used. It is clear, then, that our local councillors were using one 'l' several years before it became standard practice in more general public documents.

There might be long standing residents who can

throw more light on this intriguing mystery. I would be interested to hear from anyone who thinks they can provide an answer, and I will report back in the next edition of *Village View*.

In the meantime, who is to lead the campaign to persuade the appropriate authorities to change the spelling on all the road signs and on future maps?!

Dr. John Lander, The Old Farmhouse, Chycoose. (Tel: 862297).

The main sources of material for this article were the following books, all available in Truro Library: *Gerlyter Kemewek Kemmyn* [a Cornish-English Dictionary] by Dr K George (1993); *Popular Dictionary of Cornish Place-Names*, by O J Padel (1988); *Cornish Place-Name Elements* by O J Padel (1985); and *Road Names in Cornwall*, by R Lyon and G Sandercock (1997). In addition, the Cornish Studies Library in Redruth has microfilms of all the Cornish parish tithe maps of the 1840's and copies of the large number of local maps issued throughout the 20th century. The Cornwall Record Office has a copy of Gover's *Place Name Index*. I am also grateful to Mr Alan Truan, the Clerk to the Feock Parish Council, who allowed me access to two volumes of old minutes.

Penpol or Penpoll

I know I'm not the only reader of Village View who has wondered which of the two versions of spelling the village is most accurate. The normal present spelling is "Penpol", but that has only been the case for the past 40 or 50 years.

The earliest reference I have found is to a William de Penpol who lived in Feock parish in 1275, but by 1571 and for almost the next 400 years the spelling was universally, "Penpoll". Let a few examples suffice.

One of the important companies associated with the local mining industry was the 'Penpoll Tin Smelting Co. Ltd.' which began trading in 1827. In the 1840's there was a comprehensive exercise throughout the county to produce large-scale tithe maps. The one for Feock Parish was prepared in 1842 and shows all the buildings and fields, each with an identifying number. The accompanying 'apportionment' document matches the number with the owners, occupiers and usage of the various properties. The spelling throughout is 'Penpoll'. The first official Ordnance Sur-

vey maps were published around 1900 and all the updated editions up to 1963 show 'Penpoll' as the spelling for both the village and the creek. The Methodist Chapel retains the same spelling although the original 99-year lease dated 29th September 1856 of the land on which the Chapel was later built spells the place 'Plenpole'!

On the other hand, as residents will know, all the present road signs have one 'l', as do the Ordnance Survey maps produced from 1971 onwards.

The 'pen' part of the name is Cornish for 'head' or 'end'. 'Penpol' can entirely logically and appropriately mean 'Head of the Creek' with 'pol' or 'poll' variously defined as 'pit', pool, stream, cove, creek'. The second part of the word is almost invariably spelt 'poll'. Many examples can be given, including 'poll heyji' meaning duck pond, and Cornish street names such as 'Poll Down' meaning 'Deep Pool', 'Poll Velin' meaning 'Mill Pool' and 'Poll Hendra' meaning Pool by the Old Farm.

'Penpoll' more accurately reflects the Cornish language. Whether you believe

Womens Institute

If you feel like going for a walk and are not happy going by yourself then give a member of Penpoll and Point WI a call. Once a month we have a walk and everyone is invited to join us, including your four-legged friend. There might be only six of us with one dog or seventeen with five but everyone thoroughly enjoys themselves.

This year is the 90th birthday of the WI movement and it was suggested that each WI member should try to walk 90 miles during the year – shopping trips and walking around doing the housework was not to be counted. So once a month on different days we organise a walk and let every member know



where we will start from. At the moment these are only gentle rambles lasting two hours at the most but this may well change in time as we explore new places further a field!

We have walked creeks locally, Chapel Porth with Bob Acton leading us and bringing vividly to life the workings of the tin mines there and from the Round at Rose to the lost church at Perranporth with a member of the St Piran Society. At the end of this month we are walking around Flushing so if you feel like joining us give a WI member a call!

Sally Brocklehurst 01872-864717

Point Quay Association

A series of successful events were hosted on the Quay through the Summer months, including a brace of betrothals and the PQA Pasty and Party evening. The latter event and gifts from Quay users boosted the PQA coffers, which were slightly depleted following the theft of cash contributions from the Quay donations box. Unfortunately, the repeated damage to the brass plate dur-

ing the two thefts has necessitated the slot being welded closed to preserve the splendid plaque.

The slipway extension plans require modification following comments from the County Archaeologist, and will be resubmitted in due course. Please don't forget to contact a committee member if you are interested in organising or helping celebrations for the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, on Friday 21st October.

Resident Focus

Tom Summerton of Camelot House, Ropewalk, Penpol, collapsed on his beloved golf course on 23rd May, and died after only a few days in Treliske Hospital. On 3rd June, a very moving service was held at St. Feock Church where he had worshipped regularly for about 20 years. He was 87 years old. Tom is survived by Beryl, his wife of over 63 years, two sons and their families in Australia and their youngest son and family in Lichfield. He was a keen golfer and snooker player and a member of St. Feock Church Council for several years. He will be sadly missed in this community and we offer our love and support and deepest sympathy to Beryl and her family.



Tom Summerton

80 Years - What A Privilege. A 'thank-you' from John Freeborn.

Many readers will not have heard that 'Long' John Freeborn passed his 80th birthday last month, others could not have missed the large banner in Trolver Croft. Somehow, his daughter Pamela managed to entice over 100 people from every aspect of my life and career, to Penpol. It was mind boggling and I know that I did not manage to speak to everybody nor even recognise many! I want to thank all the many friends in Penpol who have welcomed me into their circle and took the trouble to call into the Chapel to help me celebrate and to meet many of the other people my life has touched in 80 years. Thank you for all your best wishes - **Long John.**

A daughter's footnote:

Please pass on my 'Thanks' to all the locals that worked so hard painting, cleaning etc. to get the hall habitable for my Father's 80th Birthday Party. Without their efforts the day would have been a complete flop. No way could I fit them all into my home! I will also say to anyone thinking of planning a surprise party - think again! So many pitfalls. We overcame them all and had a fantastic day, thanks to everyone's help. **Pamela Freeborn.**

Chapel Extension Completed!

A great deal of work has passed under Penpoll Bridge since we first reported plans to update the chapel facilities. It is therefore with much pleasure, and a certain amount of relief, that we can report the work at the chapel to be completed. Moreover, we have been able to tick off a couple of other items on our wish list, renewing the tarmac in the yard for example, which will hopefully stand us in good stead for the future.

So this is perhaps the time when a few words of thanks would be appropriate. Firstly to the property committee, who have borne the brunt of the workload, and who at some stages appear to have been camped out at the chapel; to their back up team, too numerous to mention by name - the fundraisers, the painters, the cleaners, the wise heads and broad shoulders; to the workmen (I think they were all men!) who capably and cheerfully undertook the work for us and lastly, but perhaps most importantly, to all who contributed so

generously, and with such faith and vision, to the financial targets—a very big thank you!

The facilities now available at the chapel are ones of which we can be proud, and which meet the many and varied demands of the 21st century! We hope you will come to view the work soon, possibly at our open event (see page 3), and will share in using them for the benefit of the whole community.

Where has the money come from?

Fundraising	£3,714
Donations	£9,431
Grants	£13,500
Chapel Funds*	£19,000
Reclaimed Tax	£3,423
Contribution from Truro Methodist Circuit	£50,000

TOTAL £99,068

**Chapel Funds—a surplus accumulated over many years towards this project*

Grants received:

Allchurches Trust	£150
Charities Aid	£100
Gibbs Charity	£500
Weston Foundation	£5,000
National Lottery	£5,000
Beatrice Laing Trust	£1,000
Feock Parish Council	£750
L.L.Stoate	£1,000
TOTAL	£13,500