

INFORMATION

Village Activities

(All held in the chapel)

WI: 2nd Monday in the month
2.00pm: Sally Brocklehurst 864717

Coffee Stop: 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

B*olders—8-14 year olds. Times vary. Contact Penny 862624

Hire of Rooms

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

Mobile Library

Saturdays—fortnightly
Penpoll Bridge: 14.20 to 14.35
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Opening Hours

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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 11th December
- Light garden waste 18th December

Website

www.penpollchapel.ukonline.co.uk

Point Quay Association

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Message from...

Dear Friends

The young boy was apologetic, and with tears streaming down his face, he said, "I'm sorry, mister, but I didn't know what else to do. Nobody would stop, so I threw a brick."

His crying had turned to sobbing, as he pointed behind him, to a spot just behind the parked car. "It's my brother," he said, "I can't lift him up. He rolled off the pavement and fell out of his wheelchair." He clung to the young executive, and pleaded, "Will you help me to get him back in his wheelchair, please? He's hurt, and he's too heavy for me."

The young executive was moved beyond words, and tried to swallow the rapidly developing lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the profoundly disabled boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a clean, rather smart, white handkerchief, and dabbed at the fresh cuts and grazes. A quick look told him that the boy would be OK. "Thank you, and may God bless you," the grateful boy told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push the wheel-chair down the pavement to their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the BMW. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message, "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

Not a Christmas story, but, I feel this is appropriate for us all, as we get into the busyness and business of Advent and Christmas, as we prepare to celebrate with friends and family and God. Let us not be too busy for each other, friend or stranger, or God.

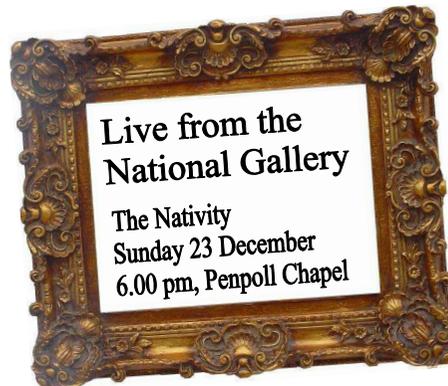
May Jesus be your reason for the season. Have a great time, a time of real blessing, as you celebrate together, 'Christ is with us.' May your joy continue into 2008.

Hope to see you at Penpoll Methodist Church sometime, when you have time.

Every blessing,



Reverend Margaret Barnes



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Christmas Remembered Continued

As always the tree was decorated, home made sweets stickily wrapped, letters posted up the chimney to Father Christmas, and lots of football played on the Green. Paul and Luke now have their own families, and have told us that the time they spent with us was one of the happiest of their lives.

Jill de Sausmarez



Frohe Weihnachten!

My childhood Christmases were spent at home in northern Germany... memories of deep snow and cycling to school on ice! The tree remained outside until the morning of the 24th, when it would be brought in and lavishly decorated... including 30 real candles!

My brother and I were then banned from the room and impatiently waited for the visiting relatives. At last, 6:00 pm would arrive (yes...still on the 24th!) when the ring of a silver bell would summon all to the living room, glowing orange in the candle light, and bathed in the sweet scent of warm pine. Presents would be opened only after a few carols or musical performances! When the aroma of pine became too intense we would patrol the candles to find the one about to ignite the tree! Just as well we had no smoke detector in the house-the frequent bleeping would have spoiled the music!

Hilke Molsen



A Christmas Poem

Christmas is for cowards and thieves
How might they be loved as dearest friends?
Redemption starts where satisfaction ends
Instinctively, one does as one believes
So did Christ love everyone the same
That each might love the same as he
Most children that are loved will loving be
As they become the people they became
So shall you love all creatures in his name



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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

December

- 7 Dec Christmas Coffee Morning, 10.00 – 11.30 am
- 12 Dec Christmas Lunch Club, 12 noon
- 20 Dec Christmas Concert, 7.30 pm followed by supper
- 23 Dec Carol Service 10.30 am
Nativity Play, 6.00 pm (see separate advert)
- 24 Dec Midnight Communion Service, 11.30 pm
- 25 Dec Christmas Day Service at Feock Methodist Church, 10.00 am

January

- 16 Jan Lunch Club, 12 noon
- 19 Jan Churches Together Up the Creek, Walk (see separate advert)
- 27 Jan Chapel Anniversary conducted by Colin Woolcock of Penzance, 10.30 am followed by lunch at Crantock Bay Hotel

February

- 1 Feb Coffee Morning, 10.00 – 11.30 am
- 13 Feb Lunch Club, 12 noon

March

- 2 Mar Mothering Sunday service conducted by Deacon Joan Cole of Truro, 10.30 am
- 7 Mar Coffee Morning, 10.00 – 11.30 am
- 12 Mar Lunch Club, 12 noon
- 21 Mar Good Friday walk, refreshments at Penpoll
- 23 Mar Easter Sunday service, 10.30 am

Thursday 20th December
Penpoll Chapel
7.30pm

A Christmas Concert



Featuring: Syd Mitchell, David Rashleigh, Gareth Rees,
John Hitchens, Agnes and Alison Jane

Collection for National Children's Homes. Refreshments



Point Quay Association

The Annual General Meeting of the PQA took place on 28th November 2007 at Penpoll Methodist Chapel with 12 residents in attendance of which 7 were committee members. The Chairman reported on the activities of the association during 2006-7 and thanks were extended to Stuart Mountford for his considerable help during his tenure as PQA member, not least for his work in the Orchard. Those involved in the various fundraising activities conducted during the year were also thanked as were the Point Regatta Committee for organising the 'premier event' in the village regatta calendar.

The Treasurer's report concluded the PQA funds were in excess of the estimate of the cost for completing the slipway extension, work on which should begin in December. Both the

Chairman's and Treasurer's reports will be posted on the PQA website (see back cover) should you wish to read them in full.

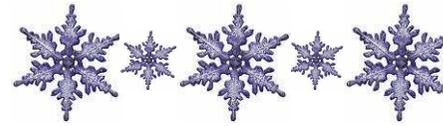
It was proposed that a "PQA Supporters" donation scheme be established. A regular annual donation to the PQA would ensure that the quay and orchard can be maintained and insured without the constant need to hold fundraising events. Details to follow.

The Chairman (Ewen Abram-Moore), Treasurer (John Fox) and Secretary (Billy Trebilcock) were duly re-elected and Howard Spiers was elected to the vacant position on the Committee. It should be noted that this was in no way related to his donation of £340 to the PQA of money raised from the sale of his aerial photograph of Restronguet Creek. If you would like to secure a colour copy of this magnificent print (see below; size 13x19 inches) please contact Howard on 862386. Prints cost £15, of which £10 goes to the PQA.



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Christmas Remembered



Christmas at Chycoose Farm

My memories of Christmas as a young girl during the War were of increased busyness. My parents were farmers and also ran a milk round, which stretched along the Tram Road to the new roundabout so that all year there was much to do and outside help was scarce. To add to their difficulties, Father was in the Home Guard and many evenings after a hard day's work, he would be out training or guarding "The Tunnel" from saboteurs. Father had a horse drawn milk float and delivered bottled milk. I helped him when not in school. Mother had the awful daily task of washing the bottles.

In the run up to Christmas the poultry, geese, ducks and chicken, had to be prepared for orders and most people came on foot to collect their orders. Milk was not delivered on Christmas Day but bottles still had to be washed on Christmas Eve ready for the Boxing Day delivery. That apart, no work was done on the Day, except of course two milkings and the feeding of livestock.

Of the great Day itself I have no particular memories. I was an only child with loads of elderly relatives and we would take it in turn to visit each other for parties that were spread over the period and there were always

games, I suspect mainly for my benefit. These visits were made on foot as few people had cars and those that did had laid them up for the "Duration" because a serious reason was needed to get a limited petrol ration. Father had a ration strictly for farming use and once when a girl in the village suffered a broken bone, and there was no ambulance, Father drove her to hospital and was fined ten shillings (50p) for improper use of his ration!

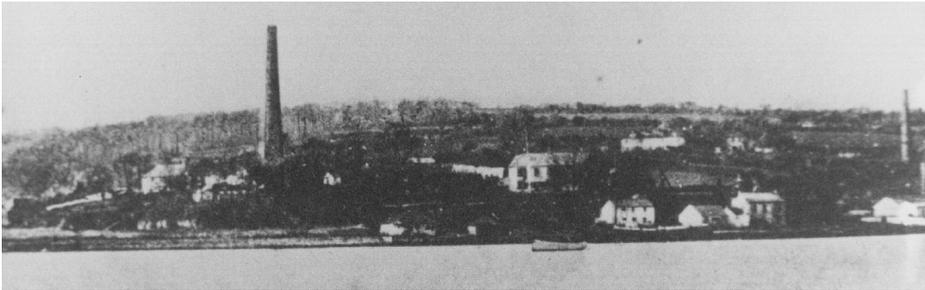
Bridget Kingston



A Memorable Christmas

One of our happiest family Christmas's was the one we shared with two little boys who were fostered with us in the 1970's. Paul aged 8, and Luke 6, arrived at Point House on a dark December day to be welcomed by total strangers and a way of life that was very different from their own. Our first priority was to kit them out in warm clothes, and I was surprised when they said later that the best bit of all their new clothes and Christmas presents were the warm woolly socks, and the comfortable shoes. We all had a lot to learn!

Everything about the preparations for Christmas were new to Paul and Luke, so we all enjoyed sharing their excitement. Luke was fascinated by our nativity scene, and often rearranged the figures, as a broken legged shepherd can testify. We still have a wobbly shepherd wedged upright in the corner of the stable. *Continued overleaf*



Above: Penpoll about 1935, showing the tinworks
 Below: Penpoll before new building started; note the Bone Mill Pond wall is still intact



Above: The Old Tram with Point Green cottages in the background
 Below: Looking towards Point from fields at Trevalian Park



Womens Institute

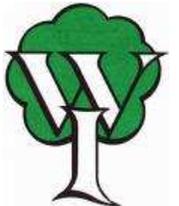
Come and join us at another community event when we go carol singing around the village on December 17th. We shall start at the chapel at 6 p.m. and end about two hours later at Penlee with mince pies and mulled wine in front of a big log fire.

Not only is there the fun of all singing together but we shall be raising money for Sennen Ward, the children's cancer ward at RCH Treliiske. If you cannot join us perhaps you could listen out for us - sometimes we have difficulty being heard above the sound of the television! There is something special about carol singing around the creek when the moon is out and shining on the water (or mud) and people will come and go as we progress through the village. Families with children come between tea and bedtime but there is always a core of about twenty of us. We will provide the songsheets - you just have to remember to bring a torch and £1 donation towards the refreshments.

The Community Evening was started eight years ago because we felt it would be a good opportunity to meet and chat to others who lived locally and to welcome newcomers. This was a great success in October when we went back to the original formula and asked a local to come and talk to us and as always follow it with a WI buffet supper. Our guest speaker was the Rev Barbara Heseltine, who came to live here

10 years ago with her husband Philip. The story of how she, a mother of four, grandmother of seven with a career behind her became the non-stipendary assistant priest at Feock was told to us in a frank and fascinating way. If we feel that any of the speakers at our monthly WI meetings would appeal to others we invite the community along - you have only to read the notices that are pinned up around the village. Ralph Bird's knowledge of gigs is legendary and his slideshow a treat so we hope that the November meeting was enjoyed by everyone that came.

Don't forget
 December 17th - see you then!



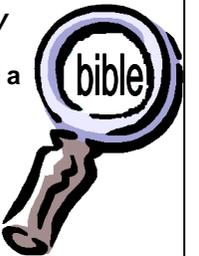
Sally Brocklehurst.
 Penpol and Point WI

walking with the Bible

- a treasure hunt with a difference!
Saturday 19 January

Participants will need a
 Start 1.30pm at
 Feock Parish Church
OR
 Carnon Downs
 Methodist Church

Ending at Penpoll
 Methodist Church for refreshments
 and an informal act of worship.



Memory Lane

Calling all readers! Do you have any photographs of Point and Penpoll, including residents, which we could put to print?

We've started the ball rolling with a few from Graham and Iris Crocker and the Chapel (many thanks for providing these). Hopefully, this will inspire you to send in your pictures so we can make this a regular feature.



From left to right – Howard Michell, Harry Crocker, Sid Deeble



Above: Miss Point 1957 featuring Wilfred Crocker (back left), Reg Crocker (back right), Graham Cocker (centre), Harry Crocker (front left), Jack Battensby (front right)

The pictures can be formal panoramas or simply snaps from the family album. If you can provide information about the location, date or who you've captured for perpetuity, all the better. We have some interesting occupants of the creek lined up for the next issue. Now go dig in the attic and see what you can find! Surprise your neighbours!



1981/2, Reg Michell (left), Reg Crocker



Above: the assembled masses of Penpoll Chapel Sunday School, taken on Point Green, 1909. There are in excess of sixty children (of which only one is picking their nose) and not a single hatless head— a milliner's and hatter's dream.

Below: Penpoll Chapel choir, taken by SJ Govier 1910, comprising ten bonneted ladies, six mustachioed gents and two juniors. The pulpit remains unchanged today, although the pews have made way for more comfortable seating.

