

# INFORMATION

## Village Activities

(All held in the chapel)

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

**Coffee Stop:** 1st Friday in the month, 10.00—11.30 am  
Sale of 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. Contact Penny 862624

**B\*olders**—8-16 year olds. Times vary. Contact Kath 864415

**Café Church**—every Sunday 10:45-11-30 am Sept-June (11-18 years). Contact Vicky 864729

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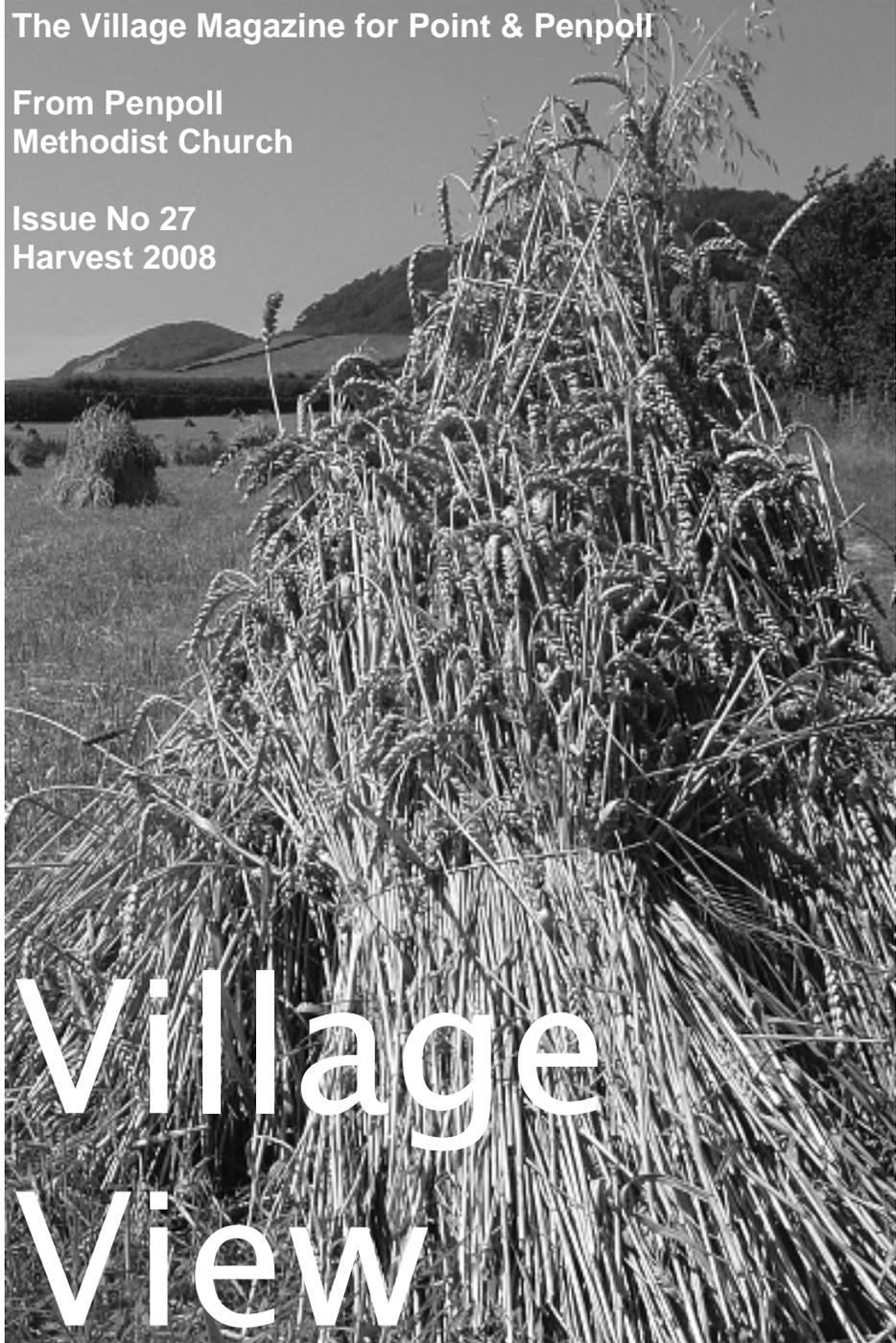
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## Message from...

Dear friends, a lot seems to have happened since I last communicated with you, as the year rapidly moves on. I write as we come to the end of August so assume that we are having summer! We have been told to expect a poor harvest, yet, I have been agreeably surprised to see the fields of corn ripe for harvesting.

We are in summer and winter sports time – England are doing better, at the moment, in the ODI's, than they did in the Test matches; but we are well into the soccer season. The summer Olympics has just come to an end, with tremendous results from all our Olympiads, even those the non-medal winners did exceptionally well, although our hearts go out to people like Paula Radcliffe and Michaela Breeze, both having suffered injuries before the games – how the latter suffered with those weights. But they had a go.

My summer has been incredible – I've had a sabbatical! A few years ago, the Methodist Church made sabbaticals compulsory so, after completing ten years in presbyteral ministry, I commenced 3 months of rest, relaxation, reflection and refreshment. The main focus was three weeks in Israel/Palestine – my fifth time there, so only visiting just a few of the Holy sites, for purposes of research and Bible Study. The principle reason for my visit was to meet with, and listen to, the people and to hear their stories and thoughts about the conflict and the Separation barrier. I met with Palestinians and Israelis, and oh, what a privilege – it was humbling,

inspiring, confusing, exciting, and, at times, scary. I was vulnerable, lonely, more than I anticipated; there were high moments and very low ones, laughter and tears. Then I spent time at home 'getting back into music,' and finishing with an incredible holiday to Canada and Alaska.

Through all this, I was, and am, very much aware of the closeness of an unchanging God, a Creator God, a loving God, who is always with us; of there always being a harvest whatever the weather; of the promises of God being fulfilled; of words of St. Paul who talked about running the race, finishing the race, about the onlookers, about claiming the crown.

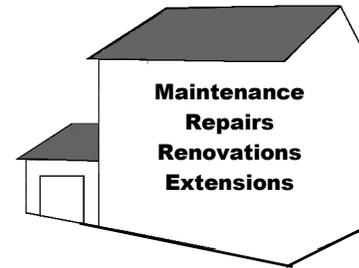
We are coming to the season of Harvest Thanksgivings, when we have the opportunity to come together to praise God for his goodness to us, for seedtime, harvest, health, strength and food, and much more. We don't only do that at this time of year, every day should be a time of thanksgiving, and every Sunday we join together to share in worship, and at other times too.

At Penpoll, we had Messy Church and we are having another one soon. Café Church started in September. Different? Yes! You could come too! But then, you could come at any time, why don't you, you are always welcome.



**Reverend Margaret Barnes**

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## ROCKs and B\*olders

**ROCKs** (Sunday mornings, 0 – 10yrs). A busy year for ROCKs has seen us out and about, as well as having fun most Sunday mornings at the chapel as usual. From joining a mass drumming session at Carnon Downs chapel, to inviting friends from Devoran Church to join us for a BBQ at Carnon Mine, to welcoming Feock Chapel Sunday School for a massive building project, to opening our doors for our first ever 'Messy Church' (standing room only! – see advert for our Harvest session), it has been good to share so much with so many! Our final session before the summer break was a family service led by Janet Tredrea looking at humour, which was followed by a picnic in the orchard and water sports off the quay. Our next year promises to be just as busy – please feel free to join us any Sunday morning, 10.30-11.30am. And, since by the next issue of Village View it will be too late, don't forget to get in touch if you would like to join in this year's Nativity Play!

Pen McClymont: 862624 or  
[penmcclymont@btinternet.com](mailto:penmcclymont@btinternet.com).

**B\*olders** (occasional Friday evenings (8-16yrs), and Sunday mornings (11-18yrs)) B\*olders on Friday evenings has been equally busy – ice skating, archery, film making, surfing, abseiling, and plenty of time to hang out with mates. The original vision of a supervised youth club driven by the young-

sters seems to be working – and as an added bonus the 'responsible adults' enjoy it as well! We keep in touch by e-mail, contact Kath Trebilcock for more details: [trebilcocks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trebilcocks@yahoo.co.uk).

B\*olders on Sunday mornings had moved from once a month to fortnightly at the request of its members! We are now introducing a new initiative, Café Church, to allow our youngsters to explore the Christian faith outside the boundaries of traditional worship (see advert). Further details from Vicky Claridge: [tobyclaridge@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tobyclaridge@tiscali.co.uk).



(TUESDAY)  
**7 October**  
**Messy Church**  
 for families  
 CRAFT GAMES  
 WORSHIP SUPPER  
 We get tea too?!!  
 At Penpoll Methodist Church  
**4.45-6.30pm**  
 admission by donation  
 children must be accompanied by an adult  
 adults must be accompanied by a child

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### WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

#### October

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 – 11.30am Coffee Stop in aid of MacMillans Biggest Coffee Morning
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 11.30am Harvest Festival – Revd Margaret Barnes, BA, BTh.
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 4.45 – 6.30pm Messy Church
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Penpoll Church Council
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Lunch Club

#### November

- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am Coffee Stop
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Lunch Club

#### December

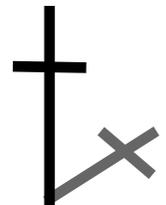
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am Christmas Coffee Stop
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Lunch Club
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Christmas Concert followed by supper
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Carol Service
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm Nativity Service
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30pm Midnight Communion – Revd Margaret Barnes, BA, BTh.
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Christmas morning service at Carnon Downs Methodist Church



### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

10:30am. Led by Reverend Margaret Barnes

Everyone is Welcome



## Regatta 2008 And PQA

Visitors to the Point and Penpoll Regatta enjoyed races on the village Green. Sprints, egg and spoon, sack and three-legged races for the under fives to over forties were hotly contested. The children participating were rewarded with a free ice cream, position stickers which ran out due to the large number of competitors! In the boat house the WI made in excess of £1,000 pounds for the Regatta Fund through the sale of tea, cakes and savouries, donated by village members. The rain on Sunday morning didn't deter the service, led by the Reverends Margaret Barnes and John Johnson with hymns accompanied by the Carharrack and St Day Band, while the collection raised £196.12 for the RNLI.

A late tide delayed the start of the 115th annual village regatta and a variable S.W. wind provided demanding conditions for the 77 boats racing within Restronguet Creek. Wind shifts brought many of the 18 Working Boats very close to the people watching on Point Quay, making an exciting spectacle. Throughout the afternoon, Regatta Teas organised by the Point & Penpoll WI were served from the Boathouse.



**Sailing Results:**  
OPTOMIST—1 R. Dyer; MIRRORS-1 T. Cosier, 2 J. Lushington, 3 E. Cosier; PICOS (single) 1 D Grayson, 2 R Trebilcock, 3. C Fuller; (double) 1 G Grayson, 2 F Claridge, 3 E Hole & W Vallance; LASER- 1 S Grant, 2 T Claridge, 3 S Egan; FIREFLY-1 G English; ST MAWES O.D.- L Trenoweth, 2 D Ryeng, 3 S Seviour; HANDICAP DINGHIES- 1 N Woodley; ASYMMETRIC DINGHIES- 1 R Warren, 2 C Dormenval, 3 P Haddrell; HANDICAP YACHTS- 1 C Hoare, 2 N Parriss, 3 P Johnson; HANDICAP YACHTS (modern)- 1 R Edwards, 2 M Willaims, 3 G Carne; AJAX- 1 R Brown, 2 C Thomas, 3 M Conlin; TOSHERS- 1 S Grigg, 2 A Perham; LUG & MIZZEN- 1 D Gard; WORKING BOATS (over 25ft)- 1 N Bowers, 2 P Collins, 3 J Andrew; (under 25ft)- 1 P Ferris, 2 P Williams, 3 A Davies

Rescue boats on the day were provided by Loe Beach Watersports Centre, Mylor Sailing School, Percuil and Restronguet Sailing Clubs and Roseland Paddle and Sail.



and Slovenia. When considering his work Darren is quoted as saying "I would like the viewer of these works to smile and therefore engage, but at all times know 'what it is'."

If you're in London in October, you can catch the soldiers billeted at the Frieze Art Fair in Regents Park.



## Indian Head Massage

Indian Head Massage – the history: This is a treatment with a long tradition in India where it was developed, by the women, as part of their grooming ritual and used on a daily basis for healing, relaxation and the encouragement of healthy hair growth. It was brought over to England, in the late 70s, by Narendra Mehta who extended the treatment to include the neck, shoulders and face.

What does the treatment involve? During a thirty minute session

various techniques and movements are used including deep kneading, pressure and stroking to massage the upper back, neck, shoulders, arms, head and face. Oils can be used, but are not essential.

What is Indian Head Massage used for? The treatment helps relieve stress and tension in the muscles and joints thus improving joint mobility, stimulates and improves the circulatory and lymphatic systems, disperses toxins, increases alertness and concentration. The massage may also aid the relief and alleviation of tension headaches, insomnia, sinusitis, eyestrain etc. A very helpful therapy for those of us who spend the day in front of a computer!

If you would like to experience Indian Head Massage, in your own home, please contact Elaine Beckton on 01872 863005 or 07785 798246. The first treatment will be at an introductory fee of £10 and subsequent treatments £15 (within a 10 mile radius of Penpol, Truro). If outside the area a small charge will be made for fuel.

Indian Head Massage – A deeply soothing and relaxing therapy.



## Artist In Residence

When not surfing with the waves on Cornwall's north coast this summer, local artist Darren Lago was to be found in his garage in Point creating his latest body of work. The series fea-



tures four life-size reproductions of those mass produced green plastic soldiers we played with as kids, however these ones have their pistols trained on their boots.

'Inappropriations', the title of one of Darren's previous solo exhibi-



tions, is a suitable description of some of his pieces which twist and fuse the functions of everyday objects giving them alternative meanings.

From Burton on Trent Art College, Darren progressed via a BA at Portsmouth Polytechnic and MA at Chelsea School of Art to a scholarship at the Slade School of Art. His work has been exhibited extensively throughout the UK in addition to New York, Zurich



The 30th Watersports Evening began with a Handicap Gig Race between the WI and the Chapel, ending in a 'dead heat'. The gig events continued with races for Ladies, Men, Juniors, Mixed and Veteran crews, with the Falmouth Gig Club winning 3 of the races. Rowing events included the Pair of Paddles, Ran-Dan and the evening concluded with the traditional Rowing and Running around Penpoll Creek.

### Watersports Evening Results:

GIGS: LADIES- 1 'Killigerran' Roseland, 2 'Irene' Falmouth, 3 'Circe' Truro; MEN- 1 'Irene' Falmouth, 2 'Killeran' Roseland, 3 'Morlader' Penryn; JUNIOR- 1 'Morlader' Penryn, 2 Irene' Falmouth; MIXED-1 'Irene' Falmouth, 2 'Killigerran' Roseland, 3 'Morlader' Penryn; VETRANS- 'Irene' Falmouth, 2 'Killeran' Roseland, 3 'Morlader' Penryn; PAIR OF PADDLES (open)- 1 M Langdon, 2 T Such, 3 A Gates; (junior)- 1 H Preston, 2 D Jane, 3 F Roebuck; RAN-DAN (ladies)- 1 Penryn 47, 2 Penryn 37, 3 Penryn 1; (open)- 1 Polperro 22, Falmouth 37, 3 Falmouth; ROWING AND RUNNING- 1 D Jane & H Preston.

The Regatta Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the 2008 Regatta Weekend so enjoyable and successful, despite the weather!

## café church

11—18 UPS  
SUNDAY MORNINGS  
10.45—11.30 AM  
BREAKFAST £1.50  
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Despite the dreadful summer, members of the PQA were delighted to see the benefits of the Quay extension being realised during the Regatta and on a previous occasion when the Quay hosted a rowing event.

Many thanks for the generous pledges to the PQA. We now hope to have sufficient funding to maintain the Quay and Orchard for some time. If anyone would still like to make a pledge please contact Toby Claridge on 01872 864729.

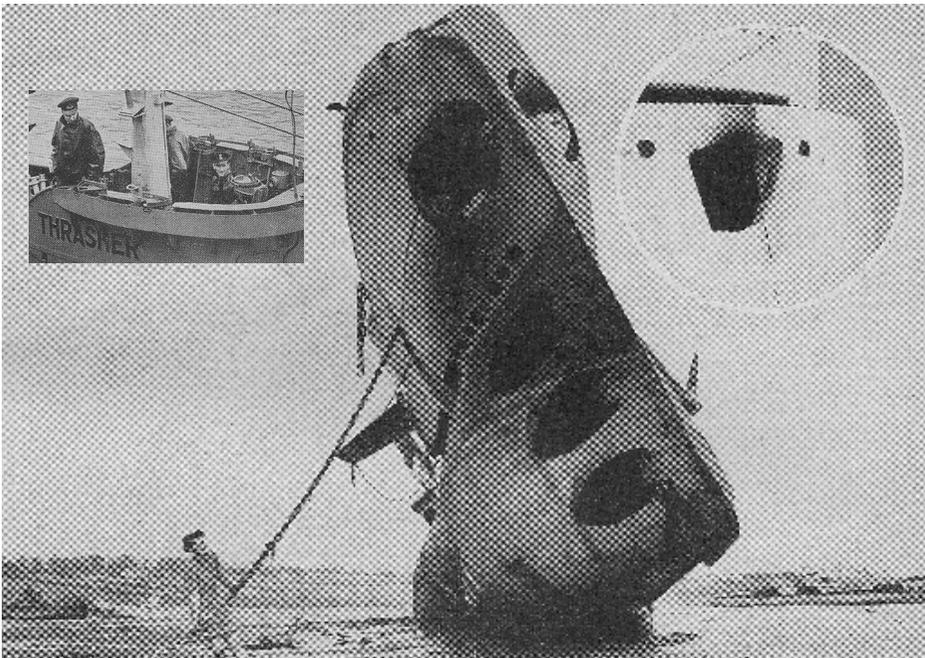
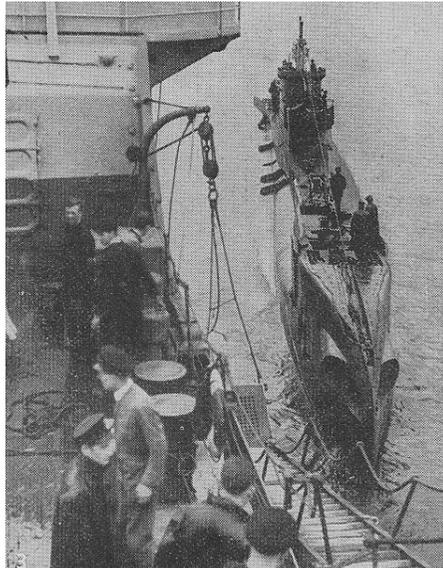


## Memory Lane

Additional material from a newspaper article relating to the submarines featured in the Easter edition of Village View has been provided by Treve Brown.

“Slumped on the mud of Restronguet Creek in April 1946, and waiting with her comrades Taku/Tribune and Trusty to be towed away for breaking up, was the famous Thrasher, her service days finished forever. She figured in a remarkable episode in February 1942, when Lieut. P. S. W. Roberts, R.N., and Petty Officer T. Gould removed two unexploded German bombs from her gun-casing (inset) and for their heroism were each awarded the Victoria

Cross. After refitting and recommissioning, the Thrasher was prepared for sea again and is shown alongside a submarine depot ship after patrol.”



## Betty Townsend: In memoriam

Betty (1906 – 2008) has been a much loved and admired member of our village community for the last thirty years. However, before coming to live on Point Green she led a very busy and interesting life. As a student she made daring trips to pre-war Germany to distribute passports to German Jews, and later worked for the United Nations Resettlement Agency with her husband Eric. They were among some of the first teams to reach the concentration camps and the horrors they found stayed with them for the rest of their lives.



Betty and Eric lived in Camborne for many years where Eric was a GP and Betty became a respected County Councillor and chairman of many committees including her Magistrates Bench. It was following Eric's tragic death from Motor Neurone Disease that Betty moved to Point. During her long and varied life Betty seemed to meet a succession of amazing and interesting people – artists, politicians, actors and statesmen. She had the ability to recount those meetings with great flair and always with great humour.

Betty's stories, encouraged by a gin and tonic, would have us all in hysterics as the famous names flew by – Noel Coward, Ernest Bevin, Barbara Castle, John Gielgud, Clement Atlee.

From Cuttle Cottage Betty always played a huge part in village life. Even when she was not well in her later years, she would always play a part in the regatta, the fireworks, the WI meetings, and the parties. Almost ten years ago she was able to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the garden at Point House with her sister and friends from the village. The sun shone and it has become a day which will stay with all who shared it. Point is a poorer place without her.

## Speed Limits

Following a suggestion by a resident of the Old Tram Road, The County Council was approached by a local councillor with a view to changing the speed limit along the Tram and beyond to 20 mph. This has now been agreed upon with possible extension along Quay Road and should be implemented early in 2009. Like all speed limits, it will be difficult to enforce but it is hoped that it will engender a driving culture that respects the limit and makes the roads safer for children, the elderly, joggers, cyclists, strollers, rabbits, badgers, birds and any other creature that happens upon our pathless country roads.



worked at Mumford's garage in Truro before obtaining a position at Penair School looking after the technical equipment associated with the Science Department. At holiday times he kept up the caravanning activities that he and the family had come to enjoy so much.

Having cut his teeth on dinghy racing in the R.A.F. Denis decided to join the Restronguet Sailing Club at Mylor and served as Race Officer there for a few years. His friendship with Charles Warren eventually led to him becoming a keen and long serving Secretary of the Point and Penpoll Regatta Committee and through that office he became quite widely known and appreciated.

## **Mabel (Mabs) Leonie Saville Lewis: In memoriam**

Born in Madras, Mabs' early life was very hard. By the age of 18 she had experienced an unhappy few years in boarding school in England; the early death of her father, which left her mother and siblings in very straightened circumstances; and a tough time as a scholar at Christ's Hospital. A brief happy period in France was followed by the subsequent death of her mother. These experiences left her with a genuine and long lasting interest in and care for people in similar circumstances.

After secretarial training, Mabs worked as a personal assistant in the City, in industry and, during the Second World War, commissioned in the ATS.



She met and married her first husband in 1947. Tim was a chartered accountant who later opened a chain of laundrettes. Meanwhile, Mabs took on the traditional role of *materfamilias*, a task on which she played great importance. They had three children. On Tim's unexpected death after 30 very happy years, she took over the management of the business for a further five years. She remarried in 1985, this time to an old family friend, Neville Lewis and they moved to Cornwall to be near to her family.

Neville died after 14 happy years. Mabs' many interests kept her in Cornwall. She maintained a close interest in and contact with her family, her godchildren and other young people, and her many friends, always maintaining "proper" standards of behaviour, despite a tendency to speak her mind! Her life was filled with a wide variety of other interests including her collection of postcards, thimbles, dolls and eggs, her garden, watching professional football (especially if David Beckham was playing) and the WI. (8th Sept 1918—31st June 2008).

## **Womens Institute**

Once again the community of Penpol and Point surpassed itself with the regatta. It was certainly a day to remember with a record number of eighteen working boats turning up and £1,180 being raised. Thank you all very much for providing a fantastic tea, so many great raffle prizes and donations of money. We had been watching the weather reports all week and on Friday afternoon with showers expected on Saturday we decided to prepare only ten boxes of food to hand to the working boats at the end of sailing. We got that one wrong! So, food had to be put together for another 50 sailors.

Just to prove to you all that we are not a Jam and Jerusalem WI, we undertook the challenge to provide a crew for the gig 'Fear Not; in a race against the Chapel in 'Falcon'. Our first reaction was to laugh and then to agree, providing that the Chapel crew was made up of women over 55! For those of you who did not see our 'race' on the Monday night, each boat was helped by three members of the Devoran Pilot Gig Club, we were using their boats after all. This was supposed to be a thank you for all our work behind the scenes; and when you consider that the combined age of the oarswomen in the WI boat was over 375 years, I think we did very well. It was great fun and hopefully will become an annual event with members clamouring to take part. The chapel crew was rather younger (111 years), so with that 'handicap' taken into ac-

count, it was a dead-heat and both teams were presented with the 'Up the Creek' trophy which we shall look after in the Chapel for the next year.

Keeping to the theme of the sea, our Community evening on Thursday, October 16 will be an illustrated talk given by Captain David Barnicoat, the Chief Harbour Pilot of Falmouth. It will be a wonderfully entertaining evening because David has some great stories to tell. Not only do you get great entertainment but the usual WI supper. Tickets are limited so be sure to ask a WI member for yours at the beginning of October. With September upon us, our monthly walks will be starting again. They may be fairly short and local, or a bit further a-field with lunch as well. Hopefully if the weather is kind to us, we will walk from Polkerris to Fowey this month with lunch at The Rashleigh Inn either before or after.

Sally Brocklehurst tel: 01872 864717  
Devoran Pilot Gig Club - Up The Creek Trophy (from left to right): Joan Elderton (WI), Jill Bray, Stuart Mountford (organiser and cox, WI crew), Sally Brocklehurst (WI), Marion Almond (WI), Elizabeth Grant (WI), Mel Johns, John Bray (cox, Chapel crew), Niamh McClymont (C), Vicky Swan, Dave Allen, Will John (C), Vicky Claridge (C), Rachael Burley (C).





## Beating the Bounds

Over 70 people, many from Point and Penpoll, took part in the Beating of the Bounds in the Feock Parish on 7th June 2008. The event was such a success that the organising committee has suggested it become a regular event. Crammed on to the Black Swan (kindly supplied by the King Harry Ferry), participants began a journey by water from Point Quay to Roundwood

Quay, and then took to foot through Penelewey, Come To Good, Quenchwell, Carnon Downs and Devoran Quay, returning to Point for the finish.

Centuries ago when ordnance survey maps were rare it was usual to make a perambulation of the parish boundaries. The parish and parochial officials headed a group of local people armed with green boughs, usually birch or willow, and beat the parish boundaries. Sometimes the boys in the group were themselves whipped or even violently bumped upside down on the boundary stones to make them remem-



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ber. (With the agreement of parents this traditional ceremony was carried out but not in such a violent form. Due to equality the girls also took a turn!)

The object of taking boys was to ensure they could bear witnesses to boundaries for future generations. Priests would pray for the protection of parish land in the forthcoming year, and for a successful yield of crops. Prayers were also often given asking for the safety of those using the sea, and for a good yield of fishing stock for the future.

The ceremony has an important practical purpose. Checking the boundaries used to be a way of preventing encroachment by neighbours. Sometimes boundary stones would be moved, or lines obscured, and a memory of the true extent of the parish was necessary to maintain the integrity of the borders.

In England the ancient custom is as old as Anglo-Saxon days, as it is mentioned in laws of Alfred the Great. It is thought that it also may have been derived from Roman Terminalia, a festival celebrated in the Spring in honour of Terminus, the god of landmarks to whom cakes and wine were offered, sport and dancing taking place at boundaries. It is likely that the custom therefore has roots in both Pagan and Christian folklore.



## Denis Archer: In memoriam



Denis Archer, a resident of Penpoll for over thirty years, died on 12th July aged 80. He will be sorely missed by his wife Gwen and their extended family. Many friends and neighbours will remember his enthusiasms, helpfulness and acts of kindness. Denis was born in Bristol, and on leaving Cotham Grammar School at sixteen he became an R.A.F. Apprentice at Halton. Luckily, when on a visit to Delabole with a colleague he met Gwen and they were married five years later.

Denis qualified as an electrician and served in the R.A.F. ground staff working on aircraft maintenance. His first overseas station was in Kenya, and often accompanied by Gwen and later by daughters Gail and Helen he served in many others. He duly rose through the ranks and became a Flight Lieutenant.

Settling here at Penpoll after leaving the R.A.F. in 1975, his new home was designed by his brother Raymond who lived nearby. At first Denis