

# 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  
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- Light Garden Waste (20 December)

## Website

[www.penpollchapel.ukonline.co.uk](http://www.penpollchapel.ukonline.co.uk)

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Penpoll Methodist Church  
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contact Bridget 862662

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[enquiryexpress@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:enquiryexpress@cornwall.gov.uk)

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# Village View

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From Penpoll Methodist Church

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## Message from...

November, Remembrance, Advent, December, Christmas, help! Own up. When the first person mentions Christmas isn't your first response a feeling of dread? Whether you've got to prepare a meal which, on a normal day, would probably feed the whole road, while at the same time exuding an air of bonhomie to the disparate strands of your family, or you've got to struggle across half the country to be with people with whom you've nothing in common but a shared surname, wouldn't you really much rather be at home doing something normal and un-seasonal? Or you would if the entire Western world hadn't conspired to suggest that the only way to celebrate the Christian message that the greatest person ever born was born into poverty, is through conspicuous consumption of worldly goods with our nearest and dearest.

The Victorians had a lot of good ideas but creating the foundation of the modern festival was not one of them. It was Prince Albert who introduced many new customs into a day that before then had probably been more religious than festive. Charles Dickens did much to disseminate the idea of what a proper Christmas should be with the miserly Scrooge in A Christmas Carol finally seeing the error of his ways to join in the fun. We've come a long way from the coin tossed by him to a passing errand boy so that the Cratchitt family could have a goose for dinner. Today the pressure to buy expensive gifts for people, who lack nothing, is so intense that even

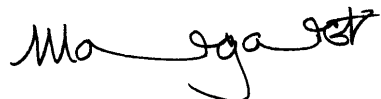
grandparents resent the amount they feel they are expected to spend on children who already have their own version of Toys'R'Us within their bedroom walls.

So why don't we, this year, do something different? Let's cut the amount of money we spend on presents that will soon be out of fashion, soon be far from 'cool' or 'wicked' or whatever the latest word is, and buy a goat or a can of worms or something else that the charities such as Christian Aid are suggesting. Let's enable a family in a Third World country to have some clean water to drink. Let's invite the awkward aunt to a meal more frequently than just the once a year on Christmas Day, and get to know her a bit better, we might find she's not so bad after all.

And then let us listen to the song of the angels, let's go to Bethlehem with the shepherds, let's kneel in awe and wonder like the Wise Men, let's go to Penpoll Methodist Church and see this thing which has come to pass. There are several services for such an opportunity, and then keep it up all through 2006. See you there!

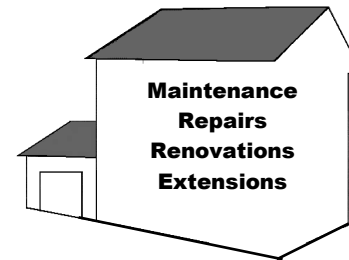
Have a really blessed, different Christmas – Glory to the newborn King.

Love and blessings,



**Reverend Margaret Barnes**

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# SPOT THE CAROL!

- 1 Move hither the entire assembly of you who are steadfast in your belief
- 2 Listen, the celestial messengers are vocalising
- 3 Nocturnal timespan of unbroken silence
- 4 Adorn the interior passageways
- 5 At 12 o'clock on a clement night it arrived
- 6 Small principality in Judea east of Jerusalem
- 7 During the nocturnal observation of collected wool bearers by their caregivers
- 8 The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of far eastern heads of state
- 9 In a distant place located in a feeding receptacle for livestock
- 10 Jovial Yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural by us
- 11 The primal Christmas
- 12 An emotion of delight infusing and inspiring the planet and its creatures
- 13 Omnipotent supreme beings who elicits ecstatic respite to distinguished males

Answers will be posted on the Boat House door after New Year!

*Submitted by Shirley Still*

## ROCKS

Right On Church for Kids

**Continues through Winter!**  
Join us every Sunday  
10:30—11:30 am at the Chapel

**Everyone Welcome!**

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### WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

#### December

- Fri 2nd Christmas Coffee Stop 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Wed 7th Lunch Club 12 noon
- Thurs 15th Christmas Concert 7:30 pm followed by supper for everyone
- Sun 18th Carol Service 10:30 am
- Sun 18th Nativity 6:00 pm
- Sat 24th Midnight Communion 11:30 pm. Revd. Margaret Barnes
- Sun 25th Sectional Service at **Feock** 10:00 am. Revd. Margaret Barnes

#### January

- Wed 11th Lunch Club 12 noon
- Sun 22nd Chapel Anniversary 10:30 am Revd. D.W. Nicholson of Liskeard followed by lunch at Crantock Bay Hotel

#### February

- Fri 3rd Coffee Stop 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Wed 8th Lunch Club 12 noon

#### March

- Fri 3rd Coffee Stop 10:00 - 11:30 am
- Wed 8th Lunch Club 12 noon
- Sun 26th Mothering Sunday 10:30 am taken by Mrs Christine Roberts of St. Agnes

*Dates for inclusion in the Easter issue should be with the editors by the middle of March.*

Thursday 15 December  
Penpoll Chapel  
7.30pm

## A Christmas Concert

featuring Sidney Mitchell & Agnes Jane  
as heard on Radio Cornwall  
followed by supper

## Changes at Village View

As one of the originators of Village View for Christmas 1998, along with Elizabeth Schofield and Lorraine Michell, I should like to acknowledge the hard work of several people since then. First of all Elizabeth and Lorraine in the early launching days before Elizabeth moved to Helston.

By the following Christmas Penny McClymont had joined us and I was delighted that by 2001 she had taken over the publishing side from my very early amateurish computer efforts. Penny developed a more interesting lay out and introduced photography which greatly enhanced what I believe has become quite a popular local publication. I am sorry we have to lose you Penny but understand your dilemma with your new Church commitments.

Gerald joined us in 2002 when Elizabeth moved and we introduced the Harvest publication having decided that we could afford three publications a year and a coloured cover - with a bit of financial help from advertisements!

Tez Smith has now taken over from Penny and also lives in Chychoose Parc. Welcome Tez and thank you for being so willing to fill the breach. Your Harvest publication was great. I guess computer skills are child's play to a scientist!

After seven years and the first Christmas brain wave I also have decided it is time to give up. We need some more new blood. I'm delighted to

announce that Ewan McClymont, Penny's husband has volunteered. There should be a very useful link there! Maybe we have not completely lost Penny! Many, many thanks Ewan.

Thank you to everybody for your contributions over the years, and for your encouragement and help. Good luck to Village View - and come on to all the budding authors in Penpoll and Point! Your articles, thoughts and ideas are needed!

Keep up your good work Gerald, Tez and Ewan and happy article hunting for 2006 onwards.

Margaret McFarlane

*PS The new editors would like to thank Margaret and Penny for their phenomenal contribution to bringing Village View together over the seasons and for instruction in how to achieve this!*



Follow the  
STAR

The Nativity  
Sunday 18 December  
6.00 pm @ the Chapel

## Aid Conservation Through Education

Every other year, Jill de Sausmarez and Anne Nicholls run a coffee morning at Jill's home, Point House, in aid of a national and/or local charity. This year Aid Conservation Through Education [ACE] deservedly received a much welcomed £700 as a result of their hard work, the labours of their many helpers and the generosity of the village residents and friends.

ACE is a small charity based in Cornwall. It supports a small number of communities in south Uganda with whom it maintains direct personal relations. People live a hand to mouth existence and many children have no parents because of the AIDS epidemic. Provision of everything frequently falls to, often elderly, relatives. Although primary education is free, there are often more than 200 children in a class with one teacher and no teaching materials. Classrooms can be

dilapidated with earth floors and holes in the roof.

ACE helps, in particular, by providing free exercise books and pencils for every infant child; building new classrooms, stores and latrine blocks; supporting teacher training costs for a number of teachers; and working with other organisations to provide clean water tanks. Almost uniquely, everything is voluntary, there are virtually no administrative costs charged to the charity and the funds are passed directly to the individual schools. Even visits to the communities are self-financed by the individuals concerned.

ACE can be contacted at Chynoe, Newmill, Penzance, TR20 8XW. £10 finances one year's educational stationary for one child; £90 the cost of one year's part-time teacher training and £3,500 will build a new classroom.

## Book of Remembrance

Our Book of Remembrance is up and running. The first eight entries have been made and another three are in the pipeline. If you wish to have a relative or friend "remembered" please get in touch with Christopher Kingston on 862662. There is no set format. Each plastic envelope will take a sheet of A4 and you can use both sides and fill them with a potted biography and anecdotes and other personal recollections.

However as a potential source

of local history we would like full names and dates, the names of immediate family members (parents, children, grandchildren) and places of residence within the village and please, if you have one, a good photograph which will be returned when it has been scanned into the record.

Christopher will gladly print out the entries and provide you with a copy for checking. There is no charge!

## Penpol or Penpoll

*In response to Dr Lander's article in the Harvest issue of Village view on the spelling of a certain hamlet, local resident and historian Bob Acton responds.....*

Dr Lander's article in the last issue of "Village View" makes a pretty convincing case for the spelling "Penpoll", but he overlooks a few points which might favour the opposite conclusion.

"By 1571," he says, "and for almost the next 400 years the spelling was universally 'Penpoll'." But Baptista Boazio's map of the Fal Estuary (1597) has "Penpoel Cove"; Thomas Martyn's 1748 map has "Penpoll", but his greatly improved version of 1784 has "Penpol", as does the Admiralty Chart produced during the 1880s. In *Life by the Fal*, my late wife Viv reproduced a West Briton article headed "Penpol and Point Regatta and Carnival"; it dates from 1922. Ten years later, two events celebrating the installation of electric lighting in the chapel were advertised; in January 1932 the venue was "Penpoll Wesleyan Chapel", in March it was "Penpol Wesleyan Chapel"!

"Penpoll," Dr Lander claims, "more accurately reflects the Cornish Language." But R. Morton Nance's Cornish dictionary gives only "poll", with many examples such as "pol-goth" (goose pond) and "pol

strong" (dirty pool, dung pit). Dr Lander cites Oliver Padel's Cornish Place-Name Elements as one of his sources, but Padel's long article about "pol" lists some 80 places containing this syllable, and only 7 of them have the double-l. While researching my books of walks I have come across Penpolls at Mawnan and St Veep, but also Penpol Creek at Newquay and several Penpols at Hayle. Dr Lander admits that "our" Penpol(l) had its William de Penpol in 1275, but doesn't mention Robert de Penpol, who lived at St Veep in 1327.

The history of the Cornish Language is complex and confusing, a subject of sometimes heated controversy among the experts. Craig Weatherhill, in *Cornish Place Names and Language*, distinguishes between Old, Middle and Late forms; "poll", he states, is the Late Cornish spelling and "pol" is the version in Old and Middle Cornish. But those few people who could write in the days when Cornish was the normal spoken language are unlikely to have had any notion of "correct spelling". Across the border in England, for example, no serious attempt to standardise spelling was made until the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, when Samuel Johnson compiled his dictionary, and even after that valiant effort many people continued to write words according to how they sounded in their own dialect. If that were still the case here, the true "locals" would probably write "Pmpool" !

Bob Acton

## Womens Institute

In the midst of Autumn rains and dark evenings the WI are looking forward to a colourful Spring. Fentogolan Daffodil Farm have developed a new jonquil type daffodil called "Penpol", which we just could not resist. So Sally acquired a large bagful of bulbs, which have been planted in a number of our gardens as well as outside the Chapel and around "Sheana's" board by the postbox. So let's hope for, if not quite a host of golden daffodils, at least a spot or two of cheerful colour in 2006.

Of course, we have not forgotten Christmas, and to get everyone into the festive spirit we shall be carol singing round the Creek on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We gather at 6p.m. at the Boatyard and as usual welcome extra voices, particularly tenors and basses, and if anyone can provide a musical accompaniment that would be great. Carol sheets are provided so don't forget your torches or lanterns; the actual route will be printed on posters nearer the time and we plan to finish at Penlee for hot punch and mince pies.

Non singers turn off your radios and televisions, listen out for the joyful sound of carollers and contribute to our charity of the year, which is The Penpoll and Point Chapel.

We look forward to seeing you all and wish everyone:

"A very Happy Christmas."

## Point Quay Association

The AGM, including election of committee members, took place on December 1st. Tim Robins stood down as Chairman but will still serve on the committee. Ewen Abram-Moore was appointed to the position of Chairman, whilst John Fox and Billy Trebilcock retained the positions of Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Issues discussed at the AGM included the proposed slipway extension. In light of the mixed views on the project, a vote was requested which was strongly carried in favour of the extension going ahead. Revised plans for the slipway extension were recently submitted to Carrick County Council. Visit the council website to view the new wooden design and submit your thoughts, positive or otherwise on the development of the Quay.



## Resident Focus

### Toby and Vicky Claridge

Originally from Bristol, the Claridges moved into Trenant, just off the Green, in April this year. In fact they got involved in village life from day one, arriving on the day of the car boot sale and immediately taking up a pitch!

Toby and Vicky have three children – Fergus aged 11, Hester 9 and Christian 6. Having sailed in the past from Tangiers to Malta and around the Bay of Biscay, it is fair to say that the family are keen sailors - this was one of the main attractions of moving to Cornwall. As for Point, they literally fell in love with the place after discovering it whilst going through job interviews (Toby is a solicitor and Vicki a GP).

"Apart from the stunning location and the friendly welcome, the best bit about the village has to be the fact you can see the stars (no street lights), the sound of the curlews and, oh, the ability to take a boat to the pub" said Toby.

Vicki and Toby Claridge seeking refreshment.....



### Sarah, Tez and Archie Smith

Visitors to Point for over twenty years, the Smith family left behind the flatlands of Cambridgeshire and became residents of 'the estate' (Chycoose Parc) in Autumn 2004. Archie, now 6, revels in the watery-ways of Cornish life in-between fun-filled days at Devoran school where the staff and children have been incredibly welcoming. Sarah joined the Dermatology Department at RCH as Consultant in July 2004 having trained in London and Cambridge. Tez commuted between metropolis and styx for nine years while working for a Japanese pharmaceutical company. Archie's favourite thing about village life — being collected from school in a boat then throwing himself off the Quay (at high tide).



### Sue Webber

Sue is a member of the Cardiac Catheter Laboratory team in the Cardiac Unit of the Royal Cornwall Hospital. She trained and qualified at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge and, latterly, she was the Sister of a similar unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. She moved to

Point about twelve months ago attracted, like so many, by the charms of Cornwall as well as the challenge of a new position.

After Addenbrookes, Sue took a break from nursing and spent twelve months travelling through Africa before completing an intensive cookery training programme and working with Stephen Marquick, one of the most highly regarded chefs in Bristol.

With friends in Bristol, Sue also sang in a local classic covers band, "Ad Hoc". She is a keen sailor and obtained her Day Skipper's (Theoretical) Certificate earlier this year. She keeps her culinary hand in by preparing cakes for a local beach cafe and Christmas cakes and puddings for private local sale.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Isreal/Palestine

We hear lots of references to this very special country - politically as well as in the name of religion. At some time over the next four weeks we will hear the shepherds say, "Let's go to Bethlehem." And I say the same thing to you, 'let's go to Bethlehem' and to Jerusalem and Nazareth and other places. If you have been before, come again, it will be a fresh experience. If you've never been before, then do come.

Revd Barbara Heseltine and I are going again (28<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006) and we would be thrilled if you

## B\*olders!

The inaugural club session of B\*olders took place in November, to rave reviews from a brace of eight year old participants (see below)...

*"Boulders is a club for people age 8 to 14. It is held at penpole Methodist chapel. On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November the children of point and penpole met up for the first ever Boulders. We played snooker, table tennis, table football, guay fawks making, giant jenga and hide and seek. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November we played basketball. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we went to ships and castles. We will try to go to as many places as we can! Feel free to come along!"*

*Niamh McClymont and Morwenna Fox.*

In addition to these events, January 6<sup>th</sup> sees a post-Xmas chill-out session at Penpoll Chapel where snooker, table tennis etc. can be enjoyed. Also in the New Year a five-a-side football team will be started so dig out and polish those footy boots now!

For further information, contact Bryher Hole on 01872 864599

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would come too. If you are not certain, and wish to know more, please contact one of us AND/OR come to a meeting Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in Feock Parish Church.

Barbara Heseltine 01872 870039  
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