

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

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

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Parish Office

Opening Hours

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Wednesday 1.30 pm—4.30 pm
Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

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12th December
- Light Garden Waste
19th December

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Message from...

I remember one Christmas Eve, when I was very small, my granny had come to stay, and I was getting impatient. It was about five o'clock in the evening and I wanted 'it' to come 'now.' Christmas Eve, in those days, was a long day! I pleaded with granny to help me. I remember sitting on her lap, and she put her arms round me, didn't say anything, but we were just together, waiting for my bedtime.

The following morning, probably not much after midnight, I would call out to the next bedroom "Mum, is it time yet?" "No, go back to sleep," came the reply. "How much longer?" "Not long, just go back to sleep." Then eventually, came the response I was waiting for. "Mum, is it time yet?" "Yes, OK, but don't make too much noise." And I jumped out of bed, went to my brother's bedroom, "Wake up, he's been!" and we spent the next minutes opening our stockings, always with a small book in, that would keep us quiet until mum and dad had got breakfast ready.

"He's been." Who are we waiting for, and why won't he come faster, and what do we do while we are waiting? We cannot speed up the arrival of the most precious gift that this world has ever known, but we mustn't try and dampen the anticipation of celebrating the birthday of Jesus, and that's where we must learn from the example of the youngsters as each Christmas approaches. The excitement of Christmas must overcome the tiredness of the

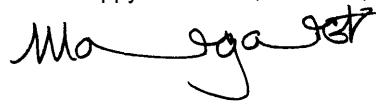
commercial event.

It's the same with all that God asks us to do as we wait for the fulfilment of his promises. Peter writes, "You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming." How patient are we to trust in God's timing? How anxious to do everything we can to hasten God's kingdom in all its marvellous glory? How might we resolve to make this Christmas a time of 'looking forward to the day of the Lord?'

On Christmas Eve look up at the sky. Ponder on the waiting shepherds, the wise men waiting to reach their destination, Mary and Joseph waiting for their child. Picture the whole world, waiting in eager expectation. Then remember that it was on such a night, dark, unsuspecting, ordinary, that God chose to send his Son into the world. God carefully chose those whom He would tell first, He knew who would receive the first birth announcements, who would welcome Him and bring Him gifts. Then thank God that He chose you too, and ask yourself, "Now, who should I tell?"

May your Christmas be really special and exciting and a real blessing.

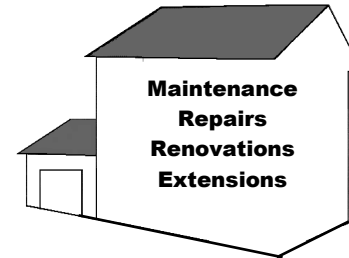
Happy Christmas, with love,



PS There is still time to book and 'come and see this thing which has come to pass,' for real. There are a few places on the pilgrimage going in 2007.

Reverend Margaret Barnes

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Parish Plan

The Parish Plan for the Devoran, Point and Penpoll area is developing very well. Residents had the opportunity to make further recommendations on the draft final proposals at a Village Exhibition on 1st December in an often packed Devoran village hall. The Draft proposals, amended to include residents' views at that meeting, will now be considered overall by the Parish Council and then discussed in detail with the District Council, the County Council and other agencies. A realistic and achievable set of objectives will then be put in place to form an agreement with the community.

The Parish Council is grateful to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to the Parish Plan. It is expected that the final proposals will be available for the whole parish area in the Spring. A copy of the draft proposals which include planning for traffic, public transport, housing, local facilities and retaining village character, can be obtained from the Parish Office if you haven't yet had the opportunity to read them.

Alan Truan.

Contact the parish office:

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e-mail feockparishcouncil@fourturnings.fsnet.co.uk

A Final Word...

THE LORD'S PRAYER ...
in Cornish!

Chyandour Trebartha
Looe art in St Keverne
Porthallow by thy Rame
Thy Kingsand Come-to-Good
Thy Withiel be Gunwalloe
In St Erth as it is in Porthleven
Geevor us St Day our Gribben
Head
And Probus our Treparretts
As we St Ive Trevose Gugh
Trespearne Relubbus
But Trelever us from St Eval
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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

December

Fri 1st Christmas Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am
Wed 6th Lunch Club 12 noon
Thurs 21st Christmas Concert with supper 7.30 pm
Sun 24th Carol Service 10.30 am
Nativity by ROCKS and BOULDERS 5:00 pm
Midnight Communion, Revd Margaret Barnes 11.30 pm
Mon 25th Sectional Service at **Carnon Downs**, Revd. Margaret Barnes 10.00 am

January

Wed 10th Lunch Club 12 noon
Sun 28th Chapel Anniversary Service 10:30 am, Revd. Jane Willcock of Truro. Followed by lunch at Crantock Bay Hotel

February

Fri 3rd Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am
Wed 14th Lunch Club 12 noon

March

Fri 2nd Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am
Women's World Day of Prayer Service 2.00 pm
Speaker Jill Maddock
Wed 14th Lunch Club 12 noon

Thursday 21st December
Penpoll Chapel
7.30pm

A Christmas Concert

Featuring Sidney Mitchell, David Rashleigh, Gareth Rees
John Hitchens and Agnes and Alison Jane
As heard on Radio Cornwall. Followed by supper
Proceeds in aid of National Children's Home

Point Quay Association

For anyone who's seen minimal return on their pension portfolio investment in the National Lottery, then take heart. A successful bid for funding by the PQA has secured £5,000 for the Quay extension fund. The Awards For



All body shared PQA's vision of the benefits the project will bring to the village and granted the maximum sum available for the 'Local Groups' category. Congratulations

are to be extended to the committee and Ewan McClymont for bringing together an inspiring application. However there remains a considerable amount (approximately £5,000) to be raised if the Spring 2007 construction start date is to be realised. Any donations towards the project will be gratefully received—please contact a committee member to discuss this.

The annual general meeting of the PQA, held on 30th November 2006, saw elections and re-elections to the committee which now stands as follows: Chairman—Ewan Abram-Moore (863322) Secretary—Billy Trebilcock (864415) Treasurer—John Fox (862727) Members—Norman Aubrey, Toby Claridge, Stuart Mountford, Tim Robins, Terence Smith, John Wilson. Many thanks are extended to those



leaving the committee for their contribution to PQA activities.

As custodian of the Village Fund, the PQA would like to remind residents that monies are available to underwrite any village event which might require an initial cash outlay. Please direct your enquiries to the Chairman.

Finally, a couple of reminders: the Orchard 'Strim and Trim' is set for 4th July 2007 and the PQA website can be found at:

www.pointquayassociation.org.uk



Village Quiz Answers

A1 Silver. 50,000 ounces of silver in its purest state were obtained during the 12 months ending July 1838. Lumps of silver weighing half a ton were occasionally turned out 25 years later.

A2 Opposite the Methodist Chapel in Bridge House, formerly *Lowarth Chandour* [The Garden House by the Water].

A3 In 1597, Baptista Boazio, a Portuguese sailor, prepared a map of the Fal estuary.

A4 A bone mill was established by William Stevens alongside the dam where Penpoll creek narrows to make fertiliser for his farm.

A5 John Swan, a local merchant, built Lemon Quay alongside and in competition with Daniell's [now Point] Quay.

A6 Trolver Hill was previously known as Quarry Hill where stone was cut, probably for the quays and cottages opposite.

A7 The bricks were recycled when a tall square chimney belonging to the smelting works was demolished in about 1910.

A8 Two tin mines are on record. Lower Carnon Mine was on land at the eastern junction of Penpoll and Restronguet creeks. The Restronguet Creek Tin Stream Company operated at the side of the creek below Point Green.

A9 The company's "logo" was a lamb holding the Cornish flag. The company's last smelter was in Liverpool, presumably to take advantage of the cheaper imports from Bolivia and Nigeria.

A10 The *Lizzie R Wilce* [length 102, breadth 32 and depth 12 feet, about 162 tons], was built at the Carnon Shipyard in 1876. She sailed from Falmouth to the Caribbean for pineapples and sugar, to Newfoundland for fish, to Argentina for phosphates and to South America to transport gold mining equipment for Harveys of Hayle. She ended her days, wrecked, at St Ives.

A11 Richard Chellew, the son of the then Point customs officer, was making sails in 1841 alongside his father's property on Point Green. The loft was later moved to Harcourt to be closer to Carnon Shipyard.

A12 The residents of Point had something of a reputation for smuggling. The smuggled spirits were found close to the Bell Inn, in a barn owned by the parish constable! The barn was quite possibly that which still stands between Point House and the end two cottages on Point Green - which formed the then inn.

A13 There is a record of a [dame?] school mistress living in Point in 1841. The first definite mention of a Day School was in 1848. Based at Rope House it followed the British and Foreign system [ie Nonconformist as opposed to Anglican].

So how did you do? 1-3 correct—it's time to delve in to the local history section at the library. 4-8 correct— treat yourself to another egg-nog. 9+ correct—looks like your Christmas stocking contained 'Life by the Fal' by Viv Acton (Landfall Publications). Our thanks to Bob Acton for permission to quote from 'Life by the Fal'.

Womens Institute

Would you know a timbali ball if you saw one? I had no idea what they were until I spent an afternoon with other WI members and Roma Woods making these colourful Christmas decorations: fiddly but fun and a great way to spend a winter's afternoon.

Other recent activities have included a well attended Community evening when David Chapman talked on being "Wild about Cornwall". Then there was a lunch with our neighbouring WI's at the Green Lawns Hotel, and some fascinating talks. We are planning to go to Idless Woods in early December, accompanied by Bob Acton, friends and dogs.

December also means carol singing around the creek, dogs are not good at singing but we enjoy the company of children, tenors and basses to swell the music. This year we shall be meeting at 6.00 pm on Monday 18th by the telephone box on Point Green, and will finish at Penlee for punch and mince pies.

The December meeting takes place at the Falmouth Hotel, where we are always treated to a very festive lunch. Then we come to 2007 and will begin on 8th January with a mystery afternoon and tea party. But if you want to know more, come and join us.

Happy Christmas from Penpoll and Point WI.

Cynthia Young.

To Burn or Not To Burn?

Village View needs your View!



We should like to hear your views on the possibility of reviving the traditional village event on The Green—Point Bonfire Night.

The possible revised format to include:

- Small bonfire
- Safe area for fireworks
- Insurance cover

Please register your views with the editors by the end of February for inclusion in an open forum in the Spring issue of Village View.



John Ellicott: In memoriam

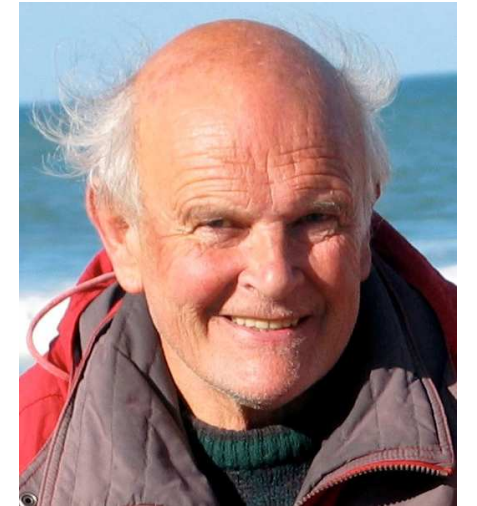
John Ellicott (1937-2006) was born and educated in Bristol where he later trained and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor. His wife, Barbara was also from the city and they were married there in 1958. Barbara's ancestors are Cornish [she is a Trevelyan] and it was not long before Cornwall called. They moved to the County in 1962 and into Point, in Chycoose Parc, in 1980.

John worked practically all his life in Cornwall on a wide variety of civil engineering and construction projects, including the new Law Courts in Truro. There were two periods abroad, when he was employed on the first phase of the new underground railway system in Hong Kong and, later, on a prestigious tourist development in the Bahamas.

John's influence was wide, as evidenced by the overwhelming and unexpected numbers of people who attended his funeral service. He enjoyed both golf and sailing. He acted as time-keeper for the Point Regatta. Even in retirement he took care of his garden with great enthusiasm and still found time for a variety of do-it-yourself pro-

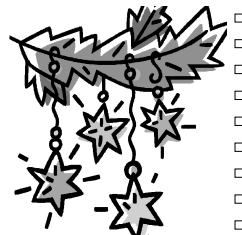
jects and other household chores. For many years he was a member of the Truro Round Table. Most recently, he indulged his love of photography and had embarked upon a project to record Cornwall's many wonderful churches and chapels.

John was passionate about all things Cornish, including the history of mining in the County. He was a quiet, somewhat reserved and deep thinking man, totally devoted to his wife, two daughters, Susan and Kate, his son, David and their spouses and his four grandsons. The family would like to thank all the people in the village for their great kindness and care.



Join the WI for carol singing around the Creek: Monday 18 December

Meet at 6.00 pm by the telephone box on Point Green. Concluding with punch and mince pies at Penlee.



Party Time

...or how to amuse the kids (and adults) at Christmas.

Question: What do you do when the kids are stressed, the adults soporific and Christmas dinner a somewhat heavy memory at the base of the stomach? Answer: Play a few games; together!

The Victorians made merry with some very physical and hazardous party games that would certainly fail today's health and safety regulations. In Snapdragon players snatched burning, brandied raisins from the flames while Flapdragon, required them to drink a can of



ale topped by a dish and a lighted candle, with the risk that their faces would be 'blackened or slightly burnt'. Some less boisterous games live on like Russian Scandal, The Queen of Sheba, Hide and Seek, Hunt the Slipper, and The Minister's Cat. Variations of the last were still played until quite recently on festive occasions at the ancient manor alongside the Quaker Meeting House at Come-to-Good.

Here are some ideas to start you off. In each case a successful player can be awarded a prize and unsuccessful players given penalties to perform; the more imaginative the better!



The Minister's Cat. In this mind wrenching game, guaranteed to keep everyone on their toes, each player is required to think of an adjective to describe the minister's cat, beginning with the letter A and, thereafter, working through the alphabet - 'the minister's cat is an angry cat', 'a boring cat', and so on. In a variation at Come-to-Good, players were required to recite the first line (at least!) of different nursery rhymes. Failures dropped out until only one person - with the best memory - remained. Another, more academic version requires players to recite a line or two of poetry or verse.



The Queen of Sheba. This is a quieter, less demanding version of Blind Man's Bluff. Players stand in a ring around a blindfolded gamester. After a few turns, he or she moves forward, touches one player and attempts to identify them by feeling their face with fingers alone.



Russian Scandal. A somewhat extended variation of Chinese Whispers. Someone writes and repeats a brief story to a second person who then repeats it, as well as can be remembered, to a third, the third to a fourth and so on. The story, which can be as full of wild intrigue as desired, must always, of course, be passed on in private until the final denouement. It is left to the last person to repeat aloud the final version to the whole company before the original



is read out by its creator (or vice versa), to the great amusement of all!

A Christmas Diversion

...or how well do you know your village?

Q1 What and how much precious metal was produced in the smelters alongside Penpol creek in the 19th century?

Q2 Where was the Poor House to be found?

Q3 When did the first map appear with a reference to the village and who prepared the map?

Q4 Where were bones formerly crushed, and why?

Q5 Who built Lemon Quay? And where was it located?

Q6 What was the previous name of Trolver Hill and why was it so called?

Q7 What was the source of the bricks for the semi-detached houses opposite Point Quay?

Q8 How many tin mines were operating in the village in the hey-day of tin mining and where were they located?

Q9 What symbol was used to mark the ingots produced by the Penpoll Tin Smelting Co. Ltd? Where was the company's last base of operation?

Q10 What was the name, size and activities of the largest vessel built in the village?

Q11 Who was the the local sail maker and where was his sail loft?

Q12 Where were 59 kegs of smuggled spirit found in 1822?

Q13 Where and when was the first school established in the village?