

# 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

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

## Hire of Rooms

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

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## Point Quay Association

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[www.pointquayassociation.org.uk](http://www.pointquayassociation.org.uk)

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## 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

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3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Light Garden Waste  
10<sup>th</sup> April

## Website

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

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## Message from...

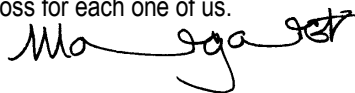
I wonder how many of you remember the Panorama programme, broadcast on April 1<sup>st</sup> and which had at least half of the viewers fooled when they showed how spaghetti grew on trees?! I was asked what my feelings would be if this particular edition of Village View appearing on 1<sup>st</sup> April alluded to April Fools Day. I don't have a problem (I hope!), let's face it, according to St. Paul writing to the Corinthians, 'we are all fools for Christ.' Perhaps, not risking to be disrespectful, an example of a fool can be seen in Jesus Christ himself. After all, what sort of fool would go to the place where the 'wanted' posters actually referred to him? That is what appeared to happen on that day, just less than 1970 years ago, that today we celebrate as Palm Sunday, and, in 2007 falls on April 1<sup>st</sup>, April Fools' Day. When he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, yes, the King of Kings and Lord of all, on a donkey. He knew that the religious leaders of the city were out to get him. They had had enough during the last three years to call a halt to his actions, and, as scripture says, "they sought to kill him." What a fool!

But what an incredible fool. Not only did he arrive on a donkey, obviously drawing the crowds to him, the children waving palm leaves, the people throwing their cloaks onto the ground for the donkey to walk over, and everybody shouting out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!" But by staying in or near the city he was an easy target. All the time, knowing that 'they' were working out the best way to capture him, to put him on trial, with an outcome on which they had already decided. He had supper with his friends, to celebrate the Pass-

over, he gave Judas, the betrayer, the opportunity to leave the supper party early. Then Jesus, in true Methodist fashion (!), after supper, sang a hymn, and went over the valley to pray in the garden. There he waited, he prayed, he agonised, he was betrayed with a kiss, and arrested, tried illegally and then given up for crucifixion, whipped and scourged, without putting up even a verbal fight. He said nothing. The fool. But, oh, how he loved, and loves us.

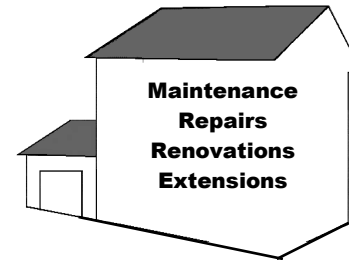
Led out to die on Calvary, buried .. the fool? No, of course not. We are the fools. We still struggle to accept Jesus as our crucified and risen Saviour. Perhaps, just perhaps, this year, it might be different. Perhaps our Good Friday Walk of Witness (see page 3) might just be the year when we are really witnessing to the love of Jesus through his death. AND through his resurrection. Because, fool that he was.. well, no, he wasn't, because that is what he came to do, he was raised to life, conquering death, he ascended into heaven and is sitting at the right hand of God our Father, where he intercedes on our behalf. A fool couldn't do that. Only Jesus could. Jesus, son of God who came on earth to love us and to call us to be his followers.

"We are called to be fools for Christ." Will you think about it? Will you come and be a fool for Christ, please? There are quite a number of us around! Come and share in the celebrations this Easter. In the meantime, enjoy the wonders and blessings of Easter. May it be enriched by the fool who gave his life on a cross for each one of us.



**Reverend Margaret Barnes**

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## Village Bonfire

Further to the article 'To Burn Or Not To Burn' in the Harvest edition of Village View, three letters from residents of Point Green were received in opposition to the proposal. They wondered who would be responsible for organising and insuring the event and expressed concern over the risk of fire, ash and firework damage to properties and vehicles in the vicinity of the Green and to the surface of the Green itself. The convenience of the organised display on Devoran Quay was highlighted and Point Quay was suggested as an alternative venue.



Several letters of support arrived, noting the bonfire on the Green was a village tradition stretching 'back along' which contributes to community life. Organisation and Insurance need not be onerous, possibly underwritten by the Village Fund, and the event could be conducted safely with the necessary precautions. Two of those in favour, Pen and Kath, have suggested anyone with views concerning the event should meet to discuss it further at Penpoll Chapel on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Be there to register your view!

Point Quay Association Annual Fund Raising Event

## WILD WEST PARTY

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 6.30 - 11.30 PM  
POINT QUAY

**WILD WEST  
FUN FAIR  
WITH RODEO  
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**PRIZE FOR  
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Price includes free drink, funfair (with rodeo ride) and square dancing  
Tickets: Billy Trebilcock - 864415 or Jez Smith - 865413

# EASTER

## MORNING SERVICE

### 10.30AM SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

Revd Margaret  
Barnes will lead the  
service including  
communion.

Everyone is Welcome

ROCKS 10:30—11:30 am

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## WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

### April

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Walk from Carnon Downs to Feock. Refreshments at Penpoll Chapel.
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Easter Morning Service - Revd Margaret Barnes
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Lunch Club
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Annual Chapel Meeting
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens Day

### May

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Lunch Club

### June

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am ROCKS Service
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Lunch Club

### July

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Lunch Club
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Chapel Stall at Regatta on Point Quay
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Regatta Service – Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson

### August

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning

### September

- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Lunch Club

### October

- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Morning
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Harvest Festival Service

**Good Friday Walk of Witness from Carnon Downs Chapel  
(meet 9:15am) to Feock with refreshments at Penpoll  
Chapel. Short service and Hot Cross Buns at Feock**



## Point Quay Association

Fundraising for the Quay extension continues with a successful 'Winter Salsa' session adding £150 to the coffers. If you would like to make a donation to help finance the project, please contact the Chairman (863322) or the Secretary (864415). The annual fundraising party on the Quay has a wild west theme and takes place on June 16th (6:30-11:00pm). Why not dig out your chaps and mosey on down there?

Please don't forget the Orchard 'Strim and Trim' on 4th July - all hands welcome!

[www.pointquayassociation.org.uk](http://www.pointquayassociation.org.uk)

## Point & Penpoll Regatta 2007



**Regatta Sat 14 July**  
Childrens' sports on The Green  
from 2:00 pm  
Sailing from 4:00 pm

**Regatta Service Sun 15 July**  
Revds Mark Dunn-Wilson &  
Margaret Barnes 10:30 am

**Watersports Mon 16 July**

**NB: Please don't forget donations for the Regatta teas and raffle!!!**

## Fred Seddon: In memoriam



A well-known and well-loved personality of Penpoll, Fred and his late wife, Dorothy, arrived in Trevallion Park twenty-three years ago. He was a regular Rotarian and a member of the Professional and Business Club. His claim to fame was being air-lifted from the Minack Theatre to Treliske Hospital with heart failure, but eventually he bounced back and amongst other things, he and Dorothy distributed Talking Books to blind people in the area and Falmouth - a service which Fred himself was grateful to receive when he lost his own sight. But again he soldiered on and tackled the problems of cooking, using the computer and making frequent trips to town. He was so positive and forward-thinking, and always cheerful.

that you leave the walled section of the City not by Bootham Gate or Micklegate Gate but by Bootham Bar or Micklegate Bar. Then there are Coney Street (where rabbits or rabbit products were sold), The Shambles (not a derelict area but where the butchers congregated) and Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma Gate (where the stocks and whipping post were to be found).

So what descriptive names are there in this Parish? Where for example is Penpoll? Easy, you cry, it's a farm adjoining Lambe Creek. Well done! But where is or was Canada? It's not a mile away from the Chapel and why was it called Canada?  
Christopher Kingston

## Womens Institute

The Women's Institute. What picture does that conjure up? Some say jam and Jerusalem but many of us in Penpoll and Point WI don't make jam and most don't know the words of Jerusalem. Indeed we only sing it at our annual meeting and we forgot this year! One friend has even said that she's not old enough to join the W.I.!

To me it is the Chapel and the W.I. that make this village a community. We try to call on newcomers to the village to make them feel welcome and to let them know that there are friends around should they need help. The Regatta is a great community day with tea provided by everyone in the village but the work in making sure there is a tea

and enough of it is done by the W.I. A review after the event will tell us what sandwiches went well, do we need more brown or white bread next year, were there enough sausages? And then there is the carol singing around the creek the week before Christmas—again organised by the W.I.

We all get something different out of the organisation. It's not just a monthly meeting with an interesting speaker and a chance to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat, but walks, visits, supper parties and to these partners and friends are invited. I have learnt calligraphy in a day course organised by the County Federation and visited RHS Rosemoor and Barnstaple as well as Mount Edgecumbe on day trips.

We are visiting Tremough campus, part of the new University of Cornwall and next month we go to St. Feock and Old Kea churches to look at the stained glass windows with Michael Swift. A talk on the Hedgehog Sanctuary at Mawgan is scheduled for April and later in the year Tracey Wilson of Duchy nurseries will speak on Coastal Gardening. So it's definitely not just jam and Jerusalem and all ages are welcome! Sally Brocklehurst tel: 864717

## Thanks



Grateful thanks are extended to Charles Warren for kindly donating daffodils for the Mothering Sunday service.

## ***What's In a Name?***

A little while ago, one of our local preachers was drawing to our attention that we all had names and that it was pleasing to us as individuals to be known to others by our respective names. He went on to quote, without agreeing with him, an author who commented on the excitement that there must have been in the discovery of The Americas, all of it waiting to be given names. How typically European! A continent just waiting for us to come along to name the rivers and plains and mountains, just as though the indigenous inhabitants had not already done so. The truth is, of course, that we like giving names whether it is as youngsters to our school friends (or our teachers) or as adults to our children and homes, or indeed as politicians to commemorate our political heroes - Mandela Buildings or Martin Luther King Square.

Names have always been with us from the earliest times. They are signposts for conversation. Primitive man may not have had a Julius Caesar Street but he probably had a cave "you know, where the one with the short, fat, hairy legs lives." Names were and are a necessary means of identification. I used to find great pleasure in looking at old deeds in which fields were identified by names rather than Ordnance Survey numbers - Beef Close, Far Ruckford, Square Field, Long Acre. Names that described the use, position or physical appearance of the field.

Names devolve, names change, they have additions (or subtractions). At school in Sussex there were two nearby playing fields called Near Ruckford and Far Ruckford. It did not take long to establish that they were named for the nearby Ruckford Farm. It was puzzling that Near Ruckford was further away from the farm than Far Ruckford. These were new names and the Near and Far related to their distance from the school and not from the farm.

Surnames give information as to the (former) occupation of earlier relatives - Butcher, Baker, Smith or who their father was - Robinson - or in Iceland (of women) who their mother was - Brigittesdottir. It may tell where they lived - Field, River, Townsend, or describe their appearance - Short, Thynne, Tall, Beard.

Places commemorate people or events in history - Trafalgar Square or nearer home, Wellington Plantation. We award what or whom we consider laudable with a place name. Conversely we do not name places after events or people we would sooner forget. Recently the French have indicated that they are not entirely won over by Waterloo Station but they may yet get to love it! There are place names that were once informative but now, to many people, meaningless.

Consider the walled City of York with its history stretching back to Roman times. It has streets that end in "gate" - Petergate, Stonegate, Walmgate - that is clear enough until one remembers that in York "Bar" means gate and

Fred died on 17th January, at his daughter's home in London - about five years after Dorothy. He is survived by two daughters and three granddaughters. Those of us who knew him were fortunate to have had Fred as a good friend and neighbour. He will be sadly missed by us all.

## ***Barbara Bickford Vallance: In memoriam***

After a short illness, Barbara Vallance, a true Scillonian, passed away in the Cathedral View Nursing Home on 23 December 2006. She was born in St Mary's, the Isles of Scilly, where she grew up and later married in 1953. One of a family of four she was a very bright youngster winning one of the few coveted scholarships to the Grammar School in Penzance where, at the tender age of eleven, she was obliged to live with a distant relative during term time.

While she never lost her love of the Scillies, she was never to live there again. Instead, an adventurer at heart as the future was to demonstrate, her star lead her to Kent where she completed a teacher training course before working with young children in the East End of London. After marriage, she and Peter moved to Essex where their four children were born and she recommenced teaching. In 1972 they started a new life with the establishment of what proved to be a very successful caravan park near Truro. Living 'on the job' they made a good team. Barbara

was totally involved: she was as good with adults as she was with children. Caravanning became a way of life and she ensured they took as many short and long breaks away in their own van as work and family allowed. Eventually, they felt able to move away into The Ropery in Point.

Barbara never fully recovered from Peter's death a couple of years ago. Nonetheless, she continued to take an active and encouraging interest in her family, which by now had extended to include twelve grandchildren. She was proud of them all, having taught them the value of self reliance from an early age - something which she must have learnt for herself when she only saw her parents during school holidays. Stoical to the last and appreciative of the efforts of her sister, children and friends, she bore the last months of her illness with a fortitude that prompted one member of the family to express a wish to be 'only half as good as her'.





## Fairtrade: what does it mean?

Fairtrade is just what it says on the tin; that producers are treated fairly by the exporter/importer and end point of sale. Before this sounds dangerously leftist and anti market forces - remember that in many ways this is capitalism with a conscience. There has been a counter attack in the press recently - claiming amongst other things that fair trade practices distort the market, and allow retailers to take most of the pre-



mium price. I find it encouraging that even the Economist magazine carried five prime pages on the issues, but I have yet to be convinced by the arguments. I'm pleased the big boys are worried. As Marks and Spencer brings in a fair-trade cotton collection it seems that what was once seen as a lunatic fringe activity is now entering the high street.

The ideas behind Fairtrade challenge our belief in "cheap is best". The relentless pressure on suppliers has resulted in the lowest prices for decades as a percentage of income, in



our supermarket trolleys and in the high street. This is as a result of the buying power of global brands like Tesco, and makes the world market in commodities e.g. coffee, very unstable - which is where the guaranteed prices and long term contracts in Fairtrade agreements come in. These protect the future for families who are producing the coffee beans. Ultimately a revolution in trade, allowing producer countries to also manufacture the end product, might make Fairtrade redundant; but for the moment there doesn't seem any other way to make the huge retailers understand that while we may like low prices, we don't want them at any cost. The signs are that companies seem to be watching the rocketing growth of fair-trade goods (30% increase annually), and want some of that market.

The political power of your daily and weekly shopping doesn't only have impact upon the developing world. Think about the difficult time most farmers have in the UK. Question the miles



and miles that food travels these days before it gets into our kitchens and onto our plates. For more details on supermarket practices that make life hard for producers the world over have a look at [www.traidcraft.co.uk/survey](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/survey) (also available in paper form by dialling 020 7242 3955). If you want to do something, then choosing your pork from the Bissoe pig farm, or your poultry from Come to Good supports local producers, and tastes fantastic too. The same is true for going to farm shops as you pass for local veg (if you're not growing your own that is!).



The fantastic news is, that because we all have to eat every day, a small change makes a big difference, as all those purchases add up. Switching to a Fairtrade brand for a few of your staples, buying local vegetables from a farm shop, all make a difference. Penpoll Methodist Chapel is registered as a FairTrader for Traidcraft products (one of the leading brands). Catalogues and a varying range of products are available to try at the coffee mornings, (first Friday of the month). Orders are made on a monthly basis, and we can arrange to have items delivered free of charge. For more information speak to Vicky Claridge (864729). Have a good shop!

## 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations at Crantock

A coded "Happy Birthday" in naval flags decorated Austin Rundle's birthday cake at the Crantock Bay Hotel. The chapel congregation and friends were celebrating the chapel's anniversary and were delighted at the same time to be able to surprise their friend on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



Austen is swamped by members of ROCKs keen to sample the cake made by Bridget Kingston and decorated by Anne Nicholls.

Last Easter we published Austen's memoirs of his first voyage. The next issue of Village View will feature Austen's further adventures, his first command aboard the M.V. Astyanax. (pictured below).



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