

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—11.30am; except Jan
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

Parish Office Opening Hours

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

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

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From Penpoll
Methodist Church

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Message from...

They tell me that Christmas is coming! But how do we know? How do we know anything? How do we know where the fire exits are in a building, or even the loos? How did the people long ago know that Jesus was going to be born? How did Mary know she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus? How did Joseph know who the father was? How did the shepherds know the baby had been born? How did the Wise Men know something 'big' had happened? How do we know Christmas is coming?

The signs, of course! Ah, yes, the signs. There are obvious signs to answer the first two questions – the little running man, is how I was introduced to the fire exit sign many years ago when Health and Safety issues were the big issue of the day. And you can usually find a sign for the loo.

Long ago, 'the people who walked in darkness saw a great light!' The Bible tells us that an angel appeared to Mary one day. How scary was that? Mary was scared at the angel's appearance, pretty unsure of what the angel told her, but she was reassured when the angel said that God had chosen her. 'Let it happen according to what I have been told,' she replied. But when she told Joseph, he wasn't so sure. So, during a night's sleep, an angel appeared to him, and that was OK, because God was in that, as well.

The angels appeared to the shepherds, and that was scary, but by the time the angels had finished singing their news, the shepherds were excited. Yes, God was in that, and they ran and found the baby, 'just as the angel said.' The Wise Men? They saw a star, they interpreted the message, they followed the star, got a bit lost in Jerusalem, but eventually, yes, God was in that as well, they found 'the big event.'

Signs and wonders. But what has happened since? It is hard to imagine, 2,000 years later, that Christians are still persecuted in some parts of the world, because they believe in that 'big event,' Jesus, Word (of God) made flesh, who came and lived among us. It's hard to believe that during 2,000 years of wrong, God still loves us, Jesus really wants us all to follow Him. But, it is true. How do I know? Because the signs are there. The signs are there for you, for me, for all who would put their trust in a loving God, and believe.

Why don't you come and see for yourself. We mustn't forget those persecuted, we must try to forgive the perpetrators of so much wrong, but, the season of forgiving and forgetting, becomes the season of giving and getting. Come and share, as we worship Christ, the new-born King. Let Him reign in your hearts as He does in mine. The signs are there. Believe me, I'm the minister!

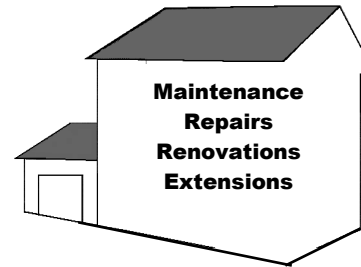
With much love and every blessing for this truly wonderful season, and for ever.

Margaret



Reverend Margaret Barnes

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3 February
Messy Church
for families
craft games
worship SUPPER
We get tea too?!

At Penpoll Methodist Church
4.45-6.30pm

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adults must be accompanied by a child

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Gerald Roberts: In memoriam

GERALD (Gerry) ROBERTS
Ropewalk, Penpol.



Gerry died peacefully at home on 1st October, aged 80. He was born and educated in Cardiff and, after appointments in both the Vale of Glamorgan and Staffordshire, he moved to Cornwall in March 1964, to the post of Treasurer to the Cornwall Hospital Management Committee, later to become Treasurer to the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Area Health Authority.

After 13 years living in Truro, he and Irene moved to Penpol where they enjoyed their new life and made so many good friends. In addition to his post at the Cornwall A.H.A. Gerry made representations to London and he also directed the finances for the setting up of both the Rheumatology and Haematology Departments. He was well re-

spected by consultants and colleagues. He became President of Truro Lions Club and later Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor of Lions International. He was one of the early members of the Victoria Investment Club, Chairman and then Treasurer during his membership, resigning when the venue became unsuitable for his condition.

After four years of health problems, it was really during the last two years that Gerry was so ill and suffered a lot of pain - even the doctors were puzzled and unable to make a firm diagnosis, other than "no malignancy."

Gerry's widow, Irene, continues living in Ropewalk. Their daughter, Helen, lives in Dartmouth and son, Andrew, lives in London. They have four grandsons, of whom they are very proud.

WI Carol Singing Monday 15th December All Welcome!



Meet at 'Penlee'
(on the Tram Road, close to the stepping stones). Followed by mince pies and punch

In aid of the Merlin Project

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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

December

- Fri 5th Christmas Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am
 Wed 10th Christmas Lunch Club, 12 noon
 Thurs 18th Christmas Concert by Sidney Mitchell & Friends, 7.30pm, followed by supper
 Sun 21st Carol Service, 10.30am
 Nativity, 6.00pm
 Wed 24th Midnight Communion Service, 11.30pm, led by Revd M Barnes, BA, BTh
 Thurs 25th Christmas Morning Service at Carnon Downs Methodist Church, 10.00am
 Sun 28th United Service at Penpoll Methodist Church, 10.30am

January

- Wed 14th Lunch Club, 12 noon
 Sun 25th Chapel Anniversary service conducted by Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson, BHum, of Truro. Lunch to follow in the school rooms.

February

- Fri 6th Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am
 Wed 11th Lunch Club, 12 noon

March

- Fri 6th Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am
 Wed 11th Lunch Club, 12 noon
 Sun 22nd Mothering Sunday service led by Lucille Rowse

Thursday 18th December
 Penpoll Chapel
 7.30pm

A Christmas Concert



Featuring: Sidney Mitchell and friends who will provide musical items and lead community carol singing
 Proceeds to Action for Children and Precious Lives Appeal



Penpoll Chapel Congregation

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all!



This Christmas edition of Village View is handed over to those groups in the community that bring us together throughout the year in one way or another. It's a chance to say 'thank you' and send festive greetings to everyone in Point and Penpoll. Photographs of some of the group members are provided to help you recognise those involved, and for you to badger should you wish to participate or see something done!



Christmas Greetings to all the readers of Village View from everyone at Penpoll Methodist Church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who so loyally support our monthly coffee mornings and other chapel activities through the year. Do come and join us in 2009!

Village View Editors

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
from the Editors

Terence Smith, Nicki John (welcome to a new team member!), Ewan McClymont and Gerald Nicholls (not in photograph!)

Restronguet Creek Society

"At my age I forget many things but I never forget the beauty of Restronguet Creek..." Thus wrote one of our oldest members. Her words echo the aim of our society, 'Safeguarding the natural beauty of Restronguet Creek'.

The society also organises talks and events which are detailed in the annual Newsletter, along with many other articles relating to the Creek. The Newsletter is provided to subscribing members of the society. Although the subscription of £3 per household seems very little, it does mount up and helps us to fund or contribute to projects around the creek and organise events. If you know of someone who may like to become a member, for example a new neighbour, please advise them that our membership application form can be downloaded from the website (see back cover) or contact the Secretary, Margaret Challen, on 01872 862130 or e-mail Margaret_challen@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you for your valuable support and
Merry Christmas!
Antony Lane, Chairman, RCS.



Trust In The Star...



Trust in the Star, the sweet Bethlehem Star, not only at Christmas but all your life through. Keep Christ in your heart, he is with you today, lowly and humble he is guiding your way.

Live your life by his teachings, show kindness to all. Be of good courage and keep peace in your soul. Don't be unhappy, down-hearted and blue, trust in God's plan and his purpose for you.

Take hold of his hand and the strength will be there, to comfort and keep you in his loving care. You've tried it your own way and I've tried it mine, so let's try it God's way this time.

Trust in the Star, the sweet Bethlehem Star, not only at Christmas but all your life through and life's richest blessings will be given to you.

Annabelle Snodgrass (Tony James' Aunt) 1986.



Angel Delight

The Nativity Play
21 December 6.00pm
at Penpoll Chapel
Everyone welcome

Point Quay Association

2008 was a busy year for the PQA, the major project of the Quay extension being successfully completed in February. The first season of use has been very successful without any complaints and little or no misuse. Signage and bollards are being installed this month. To relieve pressure on the need to organise and run annual fund raising events to cover the insurance for the Quay, a pledge scheme was instigated which raised almost £1200 this year (excluding any Gift Aid income still to come at 22%) – approximately £300 of which has been promised as an annual pledge. Huge thanks are extended to all who have contributed pledges etc. Also huge thanks go to Howard Spiers whose aerial photograph has raised more than £1000 for the PQA.

Thanks to volunteers who have kept grass cut and hedges trimmed and, once again, ensured our annual maintenance costs to zero. There are some areas of loose stones around the quay



and alongside the slipway and we will be discussing repairs with the Parish in the coming year. PQA is registered as a charity on everyclick.com. If you use everyclick as your search engine and nominate PQA as your chosen charity we get funds every time you click on a search result. To date we have received £107 from everyclick and our 21 supporters— so get clicking!

Perfect weather this year resulted in a very successful regatta. Thanks to the regatta committee for organising the event and for their donation to the PQA. Note for your diary, next year's event is on 11th July.

Sadly John Wilson (top row, second from right) has decided to step down from the committee. John has been a stalwart for the PQA over the years and his valuable contribution will be sorely missed, not least behind the bar at fund raising events! We wish him well for his 'retirement.'

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the PQA and if you would like to get involved, just badger any of the individuals pictured below, John excepted!

Womens Institute

Our greetings to you all for a Happy Festive Season!

Starting with our Community Evening at the end of November, we have a busy and varied programme leading up to Christmas. There will be an afternoon making seasonal decorations from recycled bits and pieces. Craft days with recycling in mind taught us how to make rag rugs just like gran's, expensive looking jewellery from old buttons, patchwork bags, and Christmas topiary trees and wreaths. Those who went on the course will now teach others, with an afternoon to be spent on these crafts. A few days later we are off to Cotehele to see the big floral garland in the Great Hall and listen to the BBC Choir singing carols. Our first call will be to Fowey for the Christmas Market and refreshments. Nearly 30 of us will meet again in Falmouth for our annual Christmas lunch, which always comes with crackers, hats and laughter!

Finally, the carol singing will be on December 15, when we shall raise money for the Merlin Project to build an MS Therapy Centre in Cornwall. There

are over 60 such centres in the UK but only now is one being built in Cornwall where there are more MS sufferers than anywhere else in mainland Britain. We shall start at Penlee opposite the Chapel at 6pm, go along to the Quay, up to the Green, up Point Road, left along the Ropewalk, down the hill and across to Trevallion Park. We aim to be back at Penlee two hours later for mincepies and punch. Please come and join us or at least listen out for us!

Our January meeting is always a DIY event and there was talk this year of putting on a pantomime. Feeling that was perhaps a bit ambitious, we shall start small by asking members to entertain us in any way they like for 3 minutes each. This means either that no one will turn up for the meeting, or everyone will come to have a laugh at others making fools of themselves! Our 2009 programme is just being finalised and promises to be interesting and varied with something for everyone. Don't forget to come and listen to Mrs Judith Stephens talking at our March meeting about how she created Marsh Villa Gardens in Par. It's hard to believe that the barren piece of land is now one of Cornwall's better known gardens.

Sally Brocklehurst (Tel: 01872-864717)



ROCKs, B*olders Café Church

Have a Super Christmas and Joyful New Year from all the 'tykes' at ROCKs, B*Olders and Café Church

ROCKs has enjoyed another busy term and, as you read this, we are probably flat out with our Nativity rehearsals, costumes, staging, lights ... We love putting on our Nativity each year and hope you enjoy watching it too! Our collection this year will be in aid of the Precious Lives appeal. Our Christmas Party will be on 11th January, from 10.30am-12.30pm at the chapel. Anyone is welcome to join us for games, party food and a good time ...



Several members of the **Café Church** crew having too much fun by far!

B*Olders is really good because... it gives us something to do on Friday night. Also I LOVE the outdoor trips! It's really good that you can just do your own thing in the 'Chill Out' sessions and learn stuff in the other sessions! I get to meet up with all my friends who I don't see in the week and have a laugh. B*Olders is fun, enjoyable and educational!! Why not come and get B*Oldered-over?

By Hester Claridge.

Lunch Club

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM THE LADIES OF
THE LUNCH CLUB

The Luncheon Club's highlight of the year is almost upon us!

Every month [with a break in Summer] a team, from the 8 to 10 cooks, bottle-washers and serving wenches in the village, prepares, cooks and washes up mountains of food and dishes for up to 30 local residents. The work does not stop there: menus are planned a year ahead taking into account the availability of produce and the feedback about previous dishes; buyers are sent out monthly to scour the area, negotiate prices, and purchase the necessary foodstuffs; a treasurer accounts for the subscriptions [currently £3.50 a meal] and associated costs - the object is to break even. After each lunch,

kitchen and function room [at the rear of the chapel and ideal for occasions of this sort] are left scrupulously clean and tables and chairs returned to storage. Many of the team hold a Certificate in Basic Food Hygiene, and there are visits by the Health Inspector with which to deal.

The Christmas lunch is more than a meal - turkey of course and all the usual accompaniments followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies, not to forget the crackers, presents and paper hats, with much laughter and ribaldry throughout. All the meetings are a social occasion. As much as anything else, this is what brings the "guests" back: the pleasures of meeting old friends and making a few new ones, even late in life. And for that reason alone we all regard it as a Club and not merely a diner! So we wish you all a heart-felt:

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!

