

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

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 Bryher 864599

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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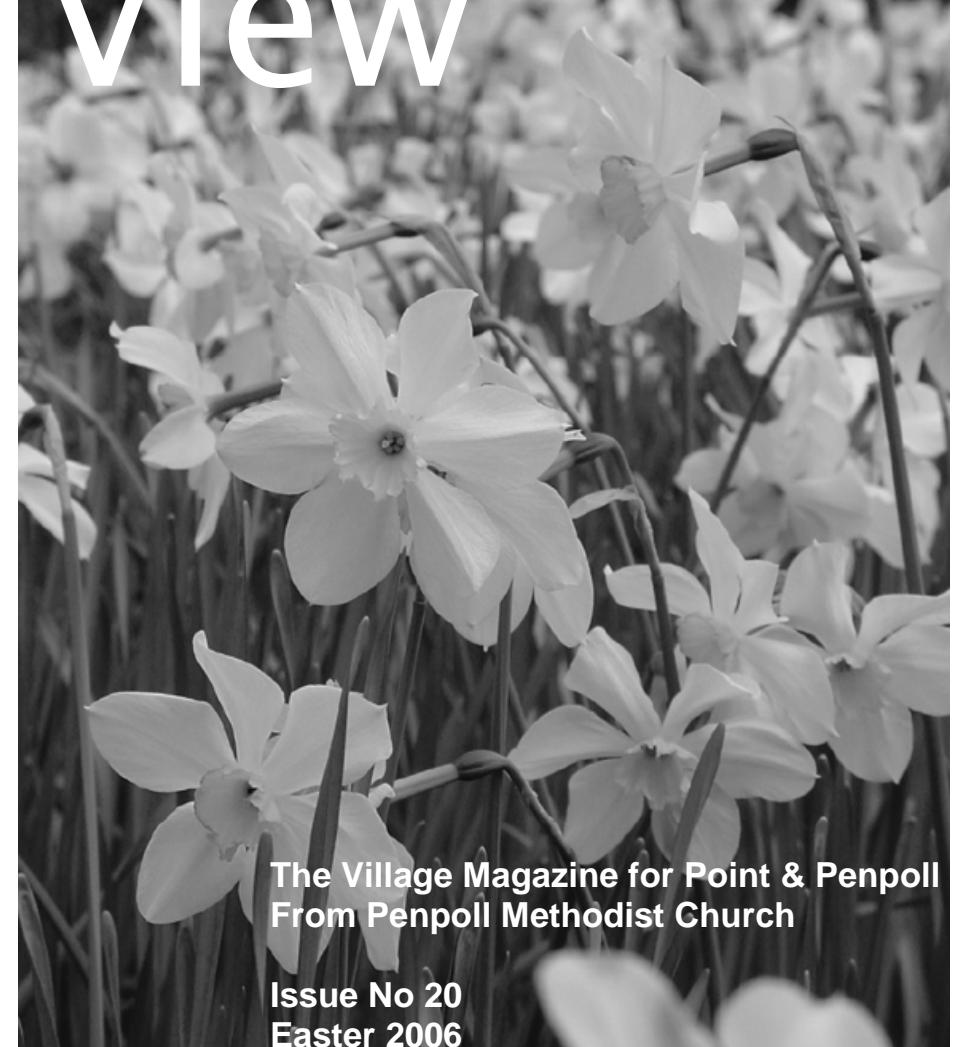
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Message from...

To say that I was disappointed when the decision was taken to cancel our pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine, would be an understatement. As time has passed slowly, I now realise that it was the right thing to do at the time. On reflection, perhaps I was keen to go for the wrong reasons. Certainly while I was in Tel Aviv airport last year, waiting to come home, I clearly wanted to stay, never mind go back. How did I react at the decision? I suppose I let the disappointment get a hold, and then, eventually, just got on with things.

Somewhere around about 120 years, or so, ago, somebody else was disappointed that he couldn't travel to Palestine, as it was then. James Thomas East desperately wanted to walk the paths that Jesus walked, but was unable to raise sufficient money to be able to achieve that ambition. How did he react to the decision? He set off on a journey and travelled round England. He travelled to the Lake District, journeying through wonderful countryside at the time of the corn harvests, he walked through local markets, he talked to fishermen on the east coast, he travelled through town and village, meeting people, talking with them. He wrote a hymn all about it. He wanted to go for the right reason.

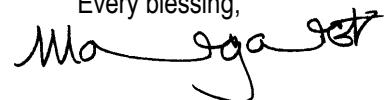
Two thousand years ago, many people were disappointed with some chap named Jesus. They thought that He had come to change the world, they thought that He had come to overthrow the Roman army, they thought

that He had come to sort out the religious leaders. In fact, they got really excited when He rode into Jerusalem, on what we call Palm Sunday, albeit on a donkey. Instead, He put up with all the criticism, He didn't really do much, a bit of healing, teaching and preaching here and there, had a few meals with tax collectors and so-called sinners. He seemed to do a lot of eating and made friends with a few undesirables. Even when He was arrested on some trumped-up charge He didn't deny it. He really did nothing to resist His punishment. No, He did nothing, except, that is, to die on a Cross, an innocent man, He suffered the indignity of death by crucifixion. And He even cried out to God to 'forgive them.'

He died to save us all, because He loves us. He stretched out His arms and died, for you, for me. AND, yes, there's more, on the day we call Easter Day, He was raised to life to overcome the power of death. Where, O death, is now thy sting? Where grave thy victory? That's all He did. Isn't that enough? To know that He loves you, and me. Hallelujah, what a Saviour.

Have a really happy and blessed Easter. Why not come and celebrate with us, not just on Easter Day but every Sunday.

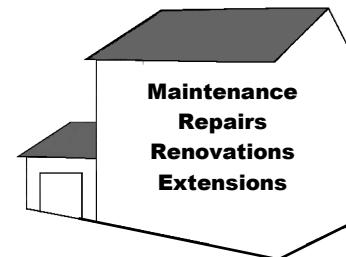
Every blessing,



PS. The hymn that James East wrote, begins, "Wise men, seeking Jesus"

Reverend Margaret Barnes

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At this time of year there is great concern about influenza. Homeopaths have been helping to treat 'flu' for many a long year so take heart all is not

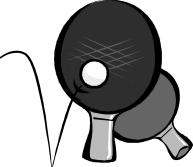
lost if you have not had your 'flu jab. Should 'flu' strike we have many remedies that will help alleviate symptoms including Gelsemium (chilly, heavy limbs and eyes, bursting headaches) and Eupatorium (aching limbs and bones, headache and shivers).

For emergency remedies in the home: Arnica for any kind of soft tissue injury, reduced shock, swelling and inflammation. Rhus Tox: sprains and strains but also think of it at the beginning of cold sores. Urtica Urens: minor burns and scalds; allergic skin reactions. Fractures will heal more quickly with symphytum or calc phos (also osteoporosis). Homeopaths will be only too pleased to advise and may have their own first aid kits using combination remedies.

Monica Derrick LCCH ARH

Table Tennis

 Penpoll persevere in Division One of the West Cornwall League, despite occasional difficulties finding enough people to play. The team practices and plays matches in the upstairs hall at the chapel. Anyone interested in a knock-up or a try out should contact Neil Rundle on 862681



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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

March

- Sun 26th 10.30 am Mothering Sunday – Mrs Christine Roberts
- April**
- Fri 7th 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop
- Wed 12th 12.00 noon Lunch Club
- Sun 16th 10.30 am Easter Morning Service – Revd Chris Blake, Chairman of Cornwall Methodist District
- Sun 23rd 10.30 am Parish Council Service – Revd Ian Haile
- Mon 24th 7.00 pm Annual Chapel Meeting

May

- Fri 5th 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop
- Sat 6th 10.00 – 2.00 pm Car Boot Sale, Point Green (see page 8)
- Wed 10th Lunch Club 12.00 noon

June

- Fri 2nd 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop
- Sun 11th 10.30 am ROCKs Family Service – Revd Margaret Barnes
- Wed 14th Lunch Club 12 noon
- Sat 24th Chapel Stall at Regatta on Point Quay
- Sun 25th 10.30 am Regatta Service – Revds Aubyn de Gruchy & Margaret Barnes

July

- Fri 7th 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop
- Wed 12th Lunch Club 12 noon

August

- Fri 4th 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop

September

- Fri 1st 10.00 – 11.30 am Coffee Stop
- Wed 13th Lunch Club 12 noon

October

- Sun 1st Harvest Festival 10.30 am – Revd Derek Carrivick, of Devoran parish church

Point Quay Association

PQA held their AGM back in December and the following posts were duly appointed: Ewen Abram-Moore – Chairman; John Fox – Treasurer; Billy Trebilcock – Secretary.

Planning permission to extend the existing slipway with a timber structure has now been obtained. There are a number of conditions attached to the planning consent, these are:

- The lockable bollard included in the application must be installed before the slipway is brought into use. This is in order to prevent the launching of craft by cars driving onto the quay.
- Before the slipway can be brought into use a management scheme outlining access to the slipway must be agreed with the Local Planning Authority. Subsequently use of the slipway must be in accordance with the management scheme. This is in order to prevent unlimited vehicular access onto the slipway.
- Before installation proposals for the surface treatment of the timber decking must be approved by the Local Planning Authority. This is in order to ensure the safety of users of the slipway.

PQA will be developing the management scheme in consultation with local residents, Feock Parish Council and the Restronguet Creek Society, as well as the Local Planning Authority, in order to

endeavour to accommodate everyone's views on how the slipway may be effectively managed. Meetings to discuss the issues will be held in due course but in the meantime, should you have any comments or suggestions regarding the management of the slipway, or indeed the surface treatment of the timber decking, please pass them on to John Fox who is acting as our Planning Agent (tel: 01872 862727, e mail: foxes5@onetel.com)

The new web site address is, www.pointquayassociation.org.uk

We are always looking to improve the amenity so any comments or suggestions should be made to one of the committee members. Or if you would like to be involved in maintaining the amenity please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ewen Abram-Moore
Chairman

New Year's Day Tug O'War— probably the best hang-over cure in the world. Last October, a challenge from the Chairman of PQA was accepted by the inhabitants of Devoran to do battle with rope. Fuelled with squash and mulled wine, residents of the neighbouring hamlets heaved it out in the Orchard in childrens', adults' and village bouts. Overcoming various Devoran shenanigans, including claiming a telegraph pole as a team member and anchor, Point won the day and agreed to a return war on Devoran Quay, New Year's Day 2007. Start your preparations now—eat more pies.

Devoran, Point and Penpoll Village Plan

Devoran, Point and Penpoll residents have formed a Steering Group to evolve a village plan for the area. This plan will be incorporated with similar plans for Carnon Downs and Feock to create an overall parish plan for the Feock Parish Council area. At this point it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of this year.

The Steering Group will be responsible for the production of the local village plan and will take the opportunity to reflect with residents on local issues and the quality of life to identify what is currently valued in the community. It will also identify perhaps local problems or opportunities and then prepare a plan of action, based on solid research and with a sense of realities, to bring improvements to local life over a period of time.

The plan will hopefully examine a number of issues including the protection and conservation of the existing village environment and the local landscape character, the impact of the Mineral Tramways Strategy, Roads and Transport issues, local car parking, bus services, local sporting and social activities, community safety, in fact anything that affects your quality of life.

There has already been a successful response to the request for volunteers for the Steering Group, and

meetings have just started. However, if you feel you could contribute to the village plan and you want your views to be heard during its evolution there will always be room for additional help.

If you want to be involved with the local Steering Group, or if you just want further information about what is going on, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office, Feock Parish Council on 863333 or mail feockparish-council@fourturnings.fsnet.co.uk.

ROCKS

Right On Church for Kids
Join us every Sunday
10:30—11:30 am at the Chapel
Everyone Welcome!



EASTER
MORNING SERVICE
10.30AM SUNDAY
16TH APRIL

Revd Chris Blake
(Chairman of Cornwall Methodist District) will lead the service including communion
Everyone is Welcome
ROCKS 10:30—11:30 am



B*olders!

"B*olders is our local youth group and is on every Friday fortnight. It's a chance to see your M8s and have a great time. We've already been to Eden and had a gr8 time! We had a super evening at Ships and Castles, and a mammoth pancake evening (which left the chapel stinking of frying for weeks on end). It was a real christening for the new chapel kitchen. We've got a pro snooker person coming in to give us top tips on the game. Come along and have some fun."

Edgar Hole

Coming soon: Bowling, Rounders, Beach BBQ !!! Details: Bryher 864599

You may have been wondering to what end the tykes on Point Green have been repeatedly running rings around two grey haired residents every Sunday afternoon for the last two months. This was Point FC's (aka the B*olders irregulars) preparation for a seven-a-side football tournament which was unfortunately cancelled and so a match was scheduled with Truro City Methodist Boys. Sunday March 5th saw the teams come face to face on the pitch of Carnon Downs Caravan Park (many thanks to Simon Vallance). An organised and energetic PFC saw off the City challengers with a resounding 12-0 victory, putting in an excellent team performance. Congratulations to the team (pictured above) and manager(s)!! Back Row: Robert, Jack, Casper Fergus Front Row: Rachel, Vicky, Hester, Hannah (plus Eddison—mascot)



Car Boot Sale

Do you dream of clean lines, empty surfaces and 'a place for everything'? Are you sinking under all that clutter?!

Why not join the 2006 Point and Penpoll Village Car Boot Sale Saturday 6th May and have some clutter-free fun whilst making money? Last year we raised over £500 for the Penpoll Methodist Chapel Extension Fund and those who took part made up to £160 from selling their unwanted belongings. This year we hope to build on that success and help raise funds for the Point Quay Association.

There are 20 pitches available. To book a pitch all you have to do now is contact Kate Abram-Moore on 01872 862216 and pay your one-off registration fee of £10 before the 15th April. You will then receive some written helpful hints and instructions for the big day. If you have items that you wish to donate to the event, Penpoll Methodist Chapel will be running a stall for chapel funds: please contact Bridget Kingston 862662 for further information.

Point & Penpoll Regatta

Point & Penpoll Regatta 2006



Regatta Sat 24 June

Children's sports on The Green
from 2:00 pm
Sailing from 4:00 pm

Regatta Service Sun 25 June

Revds Aubyn de Gruchy &
Margaret Barnes 10:30 am

Watersports Mon 26 June

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



Womens Institute

As I write a tub of early daffodils are nodding in the breeze, harbingers of Spring and spring colour to come. The WI are ready to spring forward into an active programme of events for 2006.

In 2005 WI members were challenged to walk more, in fact a target of 90 miles was suggested. Well, we achieved about a third of that, but the walks have been interesting and have included a visit to St Piran's Oratory, a walk round Restronguet and a bracing afternoon at Godrevy. We have had a faithful band of walkers including several non-members and friendly dogs (I think Ginky takes the prize for the most walks!). Anyway, we plan to continue our exploration of the local countryside this coming year.

In April, with a talk entitled "A Funny Job For A Woman," we welcome Penny Praill, who will tell us about the ups and downs of working in other countries in a man's world. The rest of the programme is due to be published shortly and will again include a Community Evening in the Autumn.

Additionally, there are weekly activities such as table tennis and swimming, as well as some more impromptu events such as a Cornish Afternoon or visits to members' gardens. However, if you really want to know what's going on, why not join Penpoll and Point WI? You will be most welcome!

Resident Focus

Long-term village resident and retired ship master, **Austen Rundle**, shares memories of his first voyage with the Blue Funnel Line.

My first voyage as a Midshipman [I.e. Apprentice or Officer Cadet] with Alfred Holt & Co.'s Blue Funnel Line commenced on Aug. 8th 1943 when I was sixteen and a half. I sailed from Liverpool on S.S. Neleus, an old coal burner of 6,479 Gross Tons and Length 443 Ft. We went first to Belfast Lough where a convoy was being assembled and sailed from there bound for Freetown West Africa

The ship's Master and Officers were British and the Ratings were Chinese which was quite usual for A.H. and Co. Wartime additions to complement were 12 D.E.M.S. (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships) gunners for our machine guns and one Naval P.O. for the 4.7 inch gun. On this occasion "Neleus" was appointed the convoy Commodore ship so we also had a Naval Commodore and his two signalmen and special radio equipment.

The convoy speed, which had to cater for the slowest ship, was seven knots and our route took us round the North of Ireland. As was usual there were 4 of we Middies aboard and we shared an accommodation block called the Halfdeck, which we were responsible for maintaining. Two of us were first trippers and day and day about we either stood the 4-8 (a.m and p.m)

watches on the bridge or were on "day work". From the first day out we both had to get progressively used to climbing the foremast and also took a turn at steering, which took a lot of getting used to.

We were not allowed to keep diaries but I think it was the sixth day out that we were attacked by Focke Wolfe Kondor long-range bombers. At last the special radio gear was in use. I was on watch on the bridge at the time and would not have expected to hear the word 'bandit' used in that context but the crackling voice saying "bandit bearing 085, altitude so and so" and continuing with operational details that were quite beyond me could only be referring to an attacking aircraft. It was only on that day that I learned that we had an R.N. anti-aircraft Cruiser called "Dido" in our escort. She was in full view of us and I could see her large dish antennae searching and steadyng up as her guns belted out her response to the problem. She ensured that at no time could the attackers come in low. Some damage was inflicted on the convoy but was kept to a minimum by her presence, and there was no doubt that the day went to the "Dido".

Normal routine resumed the following day. In convoy there was a lot of signaling required by Aldis lamp and International Code. All the Mates were competent at this but the more help they could get from the Middies the better, so we were required to fast track that particular skill to make ourselves really useful on watch. To that end we had in our dayroom a morse key and lamp and

all of us practiced hard every day. On this particular passage, as we were Commodore's ship, the two Naval "bunting tossers" were kept very busy and looked after it all. It took us three weeks to get to Freetown and I smelt the tropical vegetation before I could see it. It was being used as a bunkering port and we discharged 2,000 tons of coal as well as other general cargo. It was very hot and humid of course and our mosquito nets came into regular use.

We also started the daily routine of taking quinine to protect against malaria. Without doubt it was the most horrible stuff I had ever tasted. We four Middies were not allowed alcohol but all the rest of the complement could have a tot of rum to take the taste away if they wanted it. I noticed that the Naval P.O. usually managed to wangle "gulpers"! We were given an orange instead.

From there we sailed to Takoradi on the Gold Coast in a small unescorted convoy of which our Captain was the Commodore. We discharged general cargo there, then proceeded to Lagos in Nigeria. At Lagos we completed discharging cargo, a lot of which was for the Forces, and then the "deep tank" was cleaned and heating coils fitted in readiness for loading palm oil. Once that was loaded we Middies had to check its temperature and ullage twice a day for the rest of the voyage. We also loaded palm kernels and rubber at Lagos before returning to Takoradi where we loaded bauxite, mahogany logs and cocoa beans, before

proceeding to Freetown to join a convoy for home.

There was no repetition of the air attack homeward bound but one night there was terrific depth charge activity outside the fringes of the convoy as the escort beat off an attack by a submarine "wolf pack". There was no damage to the convoy whatsoever, so once again the escort had turned up trumps. We were bound for Hull with our cargo, our route was west of Ireland again and then up The Minches to Loch Ewe on the N.W. coast of Scotland. From there a convoy to Methil in The Firth of Forth where we received a barrage balloon for the final dangerous 150 miles to the Humber.

I remember the long awkward train journey home from Hull via Selby and York, and the boys on Hull station wanting a penny for the guy so I guess it must have been the first week in November.

