

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

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Wednesday 1.30 pm—4.30 pm

Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

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Penpoll Methodist Church
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Point Quay Association

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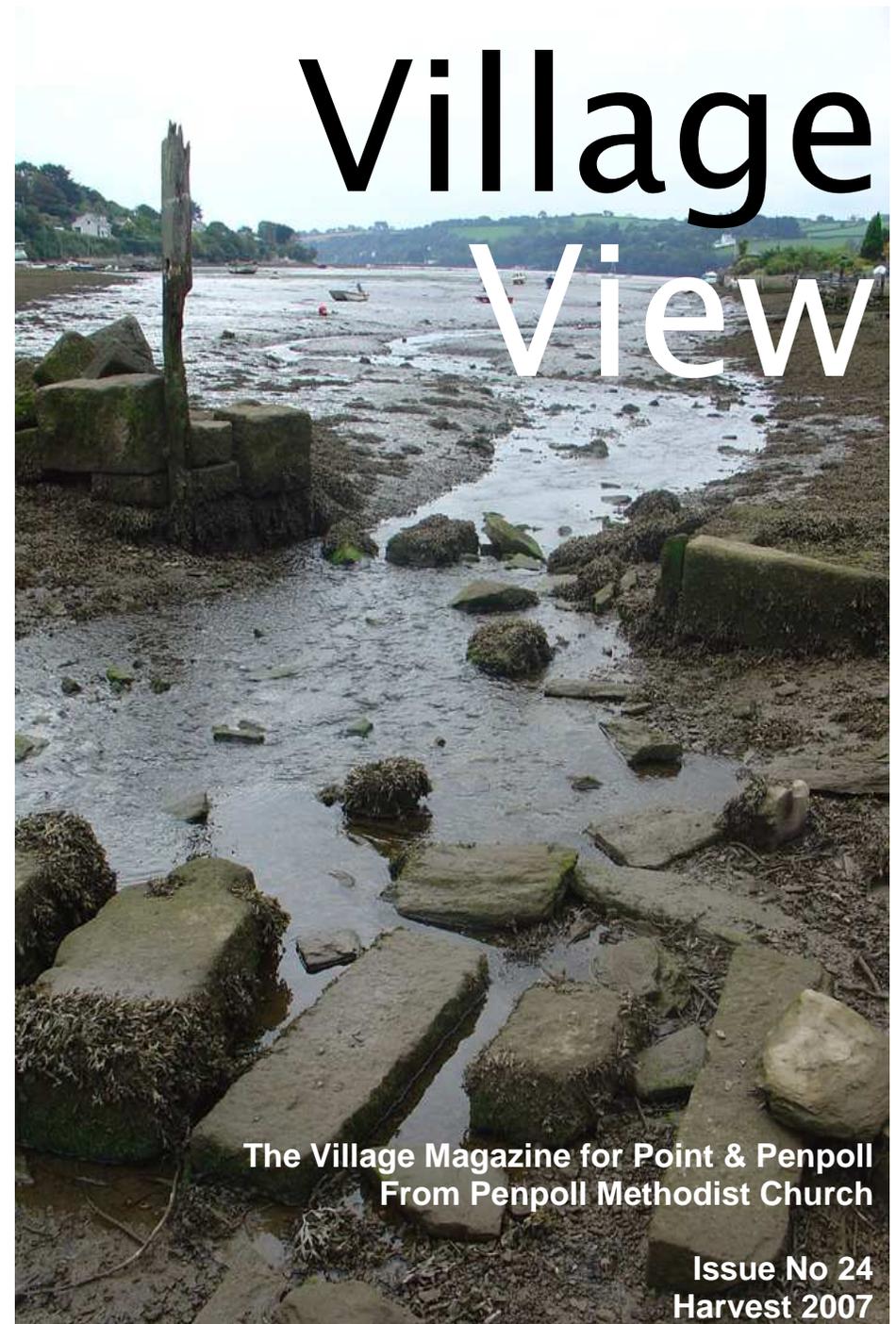
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From Penpoll Methodist Church

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Message from...

Dear Friends, a few articles ago, I began with the comment, 'What a summer we have had!' And I repeat it, 'What a summer we have had!' As we reflect on the summer that is rapidly passing, I wonder thoughts we have. Then it was about the many sporting events, now they are best put to one side, although we did hold out for a draw in the final (cricket) test match! Last time I mentioned that India made an attempt to get the runs rather than holding out for a draw! And Justin Rose did much better at The Open!

The World News has been pretty much the same as ever. Wars, bloodshed, suicide bombings, more of our servicemen and women being killed. Poverty is still not history; resources are not being fairly distributed; we still are receiving news about the same countries really suffering, enduring corrupt regimes and natural disasters.

Closer to home we have seen the misery of families living in areas of terrible flooding, there was the heart-stopping moment as news came through that Boscastle was flooded, but mercifully, not as bad as three years ago. Those families from the north-east and the west country don't seem to be in the headlines, or even the newspapers now, but we know that they are still suffering hardship as they try to clear up and return home.

There seems to be a new culture in the world of crime, the knife culture – is there a day when we don't hear of a

knifing incident? And, of course, when one thinks of crime, one is reminded of Madeline McCann – as I write, the question is still, 'where is she?' So we share the turmoil of her parents and family.

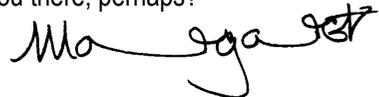
Another heart-stopping moment when we heard those dreaded words, 'foot and mouth disease,' but again, hopefully, it doesn't appear to be spreading, but we must be vigilant. The restrictions on animal movement has affected farmers in this area, in our own Circuit.

Personally, I've had an interesting, exciting time – Pilgrimage in May, and moving home in August, and now, the real excitement – 'what's in this box, or this one, or this one,!!

Then there's the weather! Nothing changes, although we had a glorious summer weather-wise!! Where were you when we had an exceptionally early summer? I knew you would forget! But just think, while we have been having rain, you haven't had to water the garden! Oh, I nearly forgot, there's a new Prime Minister! And, yes, Elvis is dead!

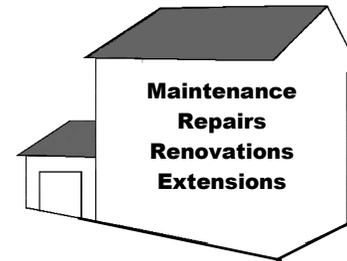
And, yet, while all this is going on, it's not all doom and gloom, there is so much that is good happening, internationally, nationally, locally. Yes, God is good! But we don't hear about it, because we don't tell anyone. But, it is true, just trust me, I'm the minister!!

Come and hear the good news of God's love – 10.30 a.m. every Sunday morning, rain or shine, Penpoll Chapel. See you there, perhaps?



Reverend Margaret Barnes

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Village Bonfire

Following the notice of an open meeting in the last issue of Village View, those who made it to the Chapel discussed the possibility of reinstating the tradition of bonfire night on the Green. Although that meeting was enthusiastic, and it was felt that all concerns raised could be safely addressed, the process has since stalled. While the man hours and finance needed are not insurmountable they are considerable, and so the issue is really one of whether as a village this is an important tradition we wish to maintain or whether we are content with other opportunities to come together and we celebrate bonfire night privately or at Devoran. We shall see! If a fully insured public event should come together at the last moment, posters will be displayed in the usual places.

Pen McClymont & Kath Trebilcock

Past Point and Penpoll

Calling all residents of Point and Penpoll! Do you have any old photographs of the village of historical or social interest which we could publish in the Village View? Anything from the family album which captures village events, work and life etc. would be most welcome. Please contact the editors (see back cover for details).

Marie Curie Collection

Earlier this year, Peter and Eva Watkins collected £70 from the residents of Chycoose Parc for the charity Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Marie Curie nurses provide free nursing care to cancer patients and those with other terminal illnesses in their own homes.

For more information go to the website: www.mariecurie.org.uk/



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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

October

Fri 5th Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am in aid of MacMillan
World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Sun 7th Harvest Festival 10.30 am – led by Laura Macadam,
Christian Aid Development Officer
Wed 17th Lunch Club 12 noon

November

Fri 2nd Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am
Wed 14th Lunch Club 12 noon

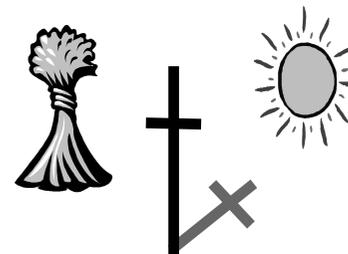
December

Fri 7th Christmas Coffee Stop 10.00 – 11.30 am
Wed 12th Christmas Lunch Club 12 noon
TBA Nativity
Thu 20th Christmas Concert 7.30 pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER

10:30am. Led by Laura Macadam
of Christian Aid

Everyone is Welcome



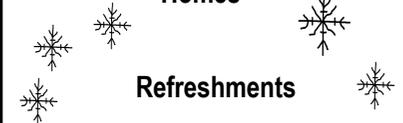
GRAND CHARITY CONCERT

THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER
7:30 pm

Featuring:
Syd Mitchell, David Rashleigh,
Gareth Rees, John Hitchens,
Agnes and Alison Jane

Collection for National Children's

Homes



Refreshments

Point Quay Association

Fund raising for the Quay extension was given a significant boost by the children of Point and Penpoll who secured £1,409 with a sponsored shop-lift at Currys. Anyone interested in quality electrical items at criminal prices please meet in the Orchard at midnight on the 13th of the month. OK, so not all kids are the granny-roasting villains the tabloid press would have us believe and certainly Vicky Spiers, Robert Trebilcock, Ben Spiers, Fergus Claridge and Hannah Fox (below, l-r), don't comply



with the stereotype. These youngsters representing the youth of the village pulled together a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation which wowed the committee at the Cornwall Youth Service award meeting in Penryn and saw their application funded in full. Well done kids, now get back to some serious wanton vandalism.

The annual PQA party on the Quay managed to dodge the rain storms allowing posers from all around to descend for a wild-west hoe-down. The



bucking-bronco ensured no-ones' dignity was preserved while Dr Peabody's snake oil remedies soothed bruised elbows and egos. The night turned in £1,720 of which £840 was profit.

The funds raised for the Quay extension including the Lottery Awards For All (£5,000), the Cornwall Youth Service grant (£1,409), a donation from the Parish Council (£1,000) and monies raised by the PQA will cover the cost of the project. The DEFRA licence (cost covered by the Parish Council) has finally been issued and it is anticipated that building will commence within the next two months.



Womens Institute

We heaved a big sigh of relief to see the sunshine on Regatta day - otherwise a lot of food given by the village for the teas would have had no takers. Friday afternoon was spent eyeing the weather and making over 260 sandwiches with 2 1/2 lbs of cheese, 3 dozen eggs, 60 slices of ham, not to mention tins of tuna and salmon. Nearly 60 large cakes were donated together with 27 pizzas and quiches, a few hundred small buns, traybakes and sausage rolls. Over 100 sausages were cooked, 5 litres of squash was drunk and 20 pints of milk used to make many cups of tea. And because it was such a glorious day the boats came and so did the people and by the end of the afternoon there really was nothing left. So next year we have to make many more sandwiches!

Every sailor taking part gets a free tea and because the crew of the working boats are unable to come ashore their tea is taken out to them. Every boat gets a selection of sandwiches, sausages and cakes - all of this is bagged in the morning and then after sailing it is delivered to them. And this year there were 15, I think!

So we owe you all a big thank you. Those that gave, those that helped on the day and the small committee of four WI members who organise the canvassers, do the shopping, make the sandwiches and make sure that there is a tea for everyone. A wonderful £970

was raised. By the way, if the weather had been bad and not many had turned up it would have been St. Petrocs, for the homeless in Truro that would have benefited from all those sandwiches and cakes.

Sally Brocklehurst. Penpoll and Point WI



All I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark

- One.** Don't miss the boat.
- Two.** Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three.** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four.** Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something big.
- Five.** Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six.** Build your future on high ground.
- Seven.** For safety's sake travel in pairs.
- Eight.** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine.** When you're stressed, float awhile.
- Ten.** Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.

From Bovey Tracey Church Magazine
Provided by Iris Crocker

In Memoriam

Olive Mary Cruise (1922 to 2007) grew up in Essex during the two World Wars under what were difficult times for both schools, teachers and their students. A sixth form evacuee in Bedford, she was justifiably proud of gaining a scholarship - a major achievement for a girl in those days - to Cambridge University where she read French and German and met her future husband. After a year at Training College she taught for a while, later moving around the country with Kingsley as he pursued his own career in Education Administration - their son, John, was born in Norfolk - until she set up what was to be their final home in Penpoll.

Olive maintained longstanding interests in education, music, art and crafts - in particular weaving and sewing - and the care of her garden at Roskerry. She also derived much pleasure from the Scottish Country Dancing classes run by a close friend and neighbour, Margaret McFarlane. Amongst other things, she was the first Secretary of the Penpoll Womens' Institute and an active member of Penpoll Church, serving at different times as Church Council Secretary, Society Steward and later Senior Steward, and, most recently, Hostess at the monthly Luncheon Club meetings. She was also a founder member of the Worship, as well as a regular supporter of the Fellowship, Groups.

Olive had a reputation for her way with words. She said what she thought and believed. She also had a

gentle sense of humour. Margaret Barnes recalls being quietly reprimanded when, having asked if she could borrow a Bible from Olive, she received the somewhat dry reply, "I thought that you would have brought your own?!" In particular, Olive will be remembered for her tolerant nature and approach to life. She never seemed to get flustered; she had been an assiduous and highly motivated student and those characteristics had stayed with her throughout her life. She will be greatly missed by her close friends and family, the many other friends in her immediate circle and a great number of people whose lives she touched, both 'native' and 'incomer' alike during her forty-seven years in Penpoll.



The editors are greatly indebted to both Margaret McFarlane and Margaret Barnes for their very considerable help in preparing these notes

Point & Penpoll Village Plan

The Parish Plan has now been completed thanks to contributions from many people, not least of course, the residents themselves. The whole process took almost two years, involved six public meetings and almost 60 separate meetings of local Steering Groups to evolve. The results have gone through a consultation process with all other partners and agencies and have been accepted as a clear set of achievable aspirations for local communities.

The Parish Council has now endorsed issues set out in the Parish Plan and provided a level of finance for it to be implemented over a period of seven years. A summary of the Parish Plan proposals is currently with printers and will be distributed to all households over the next few weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office if there are issues that need further clarification.

The next steps will be the most important and difficult. That will be to bring aspirations to reality. To achieve the objectives that communities have set for themselves the community will need hard work and commitment from everyone working in Local Government and those other agencies involved. It is hoped that the community will also want to share in making things happen. To that end the Parish Council will be forming a Parish Plan Action Group over the next few months. If you want to share in that please telephone the Parish Office

for a chat about it.

While the Parish Plan has been evolving work has been ongoing to achieve some of the objectives set out in it. Achievements so far include:

- A scheme promoted and partly paid for by the Parish Council and undertaken by the District Council to undertake a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Devoran.
- Progress toward solving the major traffic difficulties in Carnon Downs.
- The appointment by the Parish Council of Planning Consultants to produce a Planning Brief for the former Devoran School site to protect its future conservation and enhance its possible uses by the community.
- Assistance to Local Village Halls and meeting places.
- Improved local influence in Planning through more local involvement.

Work is also ongoing with those involved with the new County Council Unitary Authority to ensure that the Parish Council and the local community are best placed to influence and be involved in the delivery and definition of services closer to the community.

For more information on the Parish Plan or any other local issues please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on:

Telephone: 863333

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

Alan Truan.

Austen's First Command



Here, local resident Austen Rundle relates his first command on Alfred Holt & Co.'s Blue Funnel Line M.V. Astyanax (named as was usual for them after a character in Homer's Iliad). We left Birkhead on 15th Sept. 1967 with a full general cargo bound for S.E. Asia and China. I was forty years old and living at Penpoll with my wife Ruth and, at that time, three sons.

Astyanax, built by Scott's of Greenock in 1948, was a single screw diesel with a service speed of 15 knots. Her complement of 54 included 19 British officers and 35 Chinese ratings. As the Six Day War between Israel and Egypt had closed the Suez Canal, we were routed round the Cape of Good Hope with a bunkering call at Durban.

It was the time of Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution in China, and I was advised that one of our ships had been detained in Shanghai for two weeks without explanation. Holt's were the last British cargo liner company to call there regularly and it was becoming an increasingly difficult commercial decision whether to keep it up. Fortunately I had called there as Chief Officer of the Glenogle, one of Holt's Glen Line ships, so I was quite familiar with the tiresome routines and paranoia of the authorities. On the morning of 2nd Oct. we could see Table Mountain 70 miles off in a

clear blue sky just before sunrise. The heavy swell eased as we rounded the Cape and, accompanied by graceful albatrosses, all seemed well with the world. The 6,942 mile passage to Durban took 18 days; we stayed there just six busy hours. On out into the Indian Ocean en route to Penang, an agitated Chief Steward informed me that the Engineer's badly cut hand required stitching and he was unable to face doing it himself! It needed attention alright, and with some trepidation, I put three stitches in it myself. I was lucky that my patient was a steady young Scot but I did wish his skin wasn't quite so tough! I let the Mate have the honour of giving him an anti-tetanus injection.

I was glad to get to Penang on the night of 17th Oct, and see the familiar and friendly faces of the pilot and the agency staff. It's a pleasant spot and it was a funny change that night to lie in my bunk and hear the town clock chiming, it seemed quite soothing after thirty-two days without a real break.

At Manila a member of staff of our agents in Hong Kong flew out to brief me about recent problems in the Chinese ports. At Shanghai they were discharging our cargoes (which they needed) but refusing to load our ships. A port workers Rebel Committee had been formed which had been in the habit of haranguing Masters on the subject in a most belligerent manner.

We berthed in Shanghai on the 3d Nov. and next morning were joined by another Holt's ship the Glengarry which berthed ahead of us opposite a huge mural which read 'Down with Brit-

ish Imperialism, Firmly Support the Heroic Struggle of the Chinese Workers of Hong Kong!' I visited Capt. Bob Paterson aboard Glengarry for some conviviality and an exchange of views. That afternoon the Rebel Committee descended on Glengarry and went through their paces, shouting their slogans and waving their Red Books under Bob's nose and refusing to load his ship. I was glad to get out, sailing for Hsinkang on 5th Nov.

Hsinkang was congested due to lack of labour and bad weather, the fortnight's delays meant we missed our homeward loading dates in S.E. Asia and I was given a new programme. We headed for Moji then immediately headed out through the Bungo Strait to Yokohama, where I managed a welcome phone call home. Next it was up to Otaru (near Sapporo) where we loaded a large consignment of oak coffin boards! At Yokohama we attended a carol service at Christ Church and heard the Japanese section of choir sing some of their own well-rehearsed carols. Next call was Shimizu, where we enjoyed a good view of Mount Fuji, then Nagoya and Kobe where we spent a pleasant Christmas. On Boxing Day, we were off westward through the Inland Sea to Moji. I was surprised to receive there a huge basket of fruit as a gift from the Mayor of Shimonoseki and a book of Hiroshige's paintings from the agents. We sailed that evening bound for Singapore. In Japan we had loaded 2,000 tons including canned salmon, canned mandarin oranges, plywood, textiles, ceramics, manganese, motor cycles,

PVC resin, and chemicals.

On Jan 28th, we had a strong gale and snowstorms lasting all day with temperatures just above freezing. It was as if the Japanese winter just had to shake its fist at me one last time. The radar packed up just halfway through it adding insult to injury. However heading south as we were there had to be an end to it and it was pleasant to need to change into our 'whites' on New Year's Eve! From Singapore, Port Swettenham and Penang we loaded palm oil, latex, rubber, timber, canned pineapple, tapioca, tin ingots etc., while at Trincomalee in Ceylon we loaded tea. Then it was round to Colombo to load desiccated coconut and coir.

Heading home, our bunkering call at Durban was made memorable by breakfast on board with my Aunt and Great-Aunt who had come down from Johannesburg for the occasion. After a final bunkering call at Las Palmas, we docked in Gladstone Dock in Liverpool on 21st Feb, a days delay for a tug strike making the voyage a month longer than I had bargained for. I was ready for some leave and Ruth, bless her, had been able to leave her mum in charge at home and drove up to Liverpool to meet me. With our Marine Superintendent she was one of the first up the gangway, all smiles and as smart as paint.

