

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—11.30 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 Penny 862624

Hire of Rooms

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

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Saturdays—fortnightly
Penpoll Bridge: 14.20 to 14.35
Point Green: 14.40 to 15.10

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Opening Hours

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Wednesday 1.30 pm—4.30 pm

Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

At other times please leave a message — 863333.

Kerbside Recycling

Alternate Tuesdays

- Cans, paper, cardboard, foil
18th March
- Light garden waste
25th March

Website

www.penpollchapel.ukonline.co.uk

Point Quay Association

Billy Trebilcock 864415
www.pointquayassociation.org.uk

Restronguet Creek Society

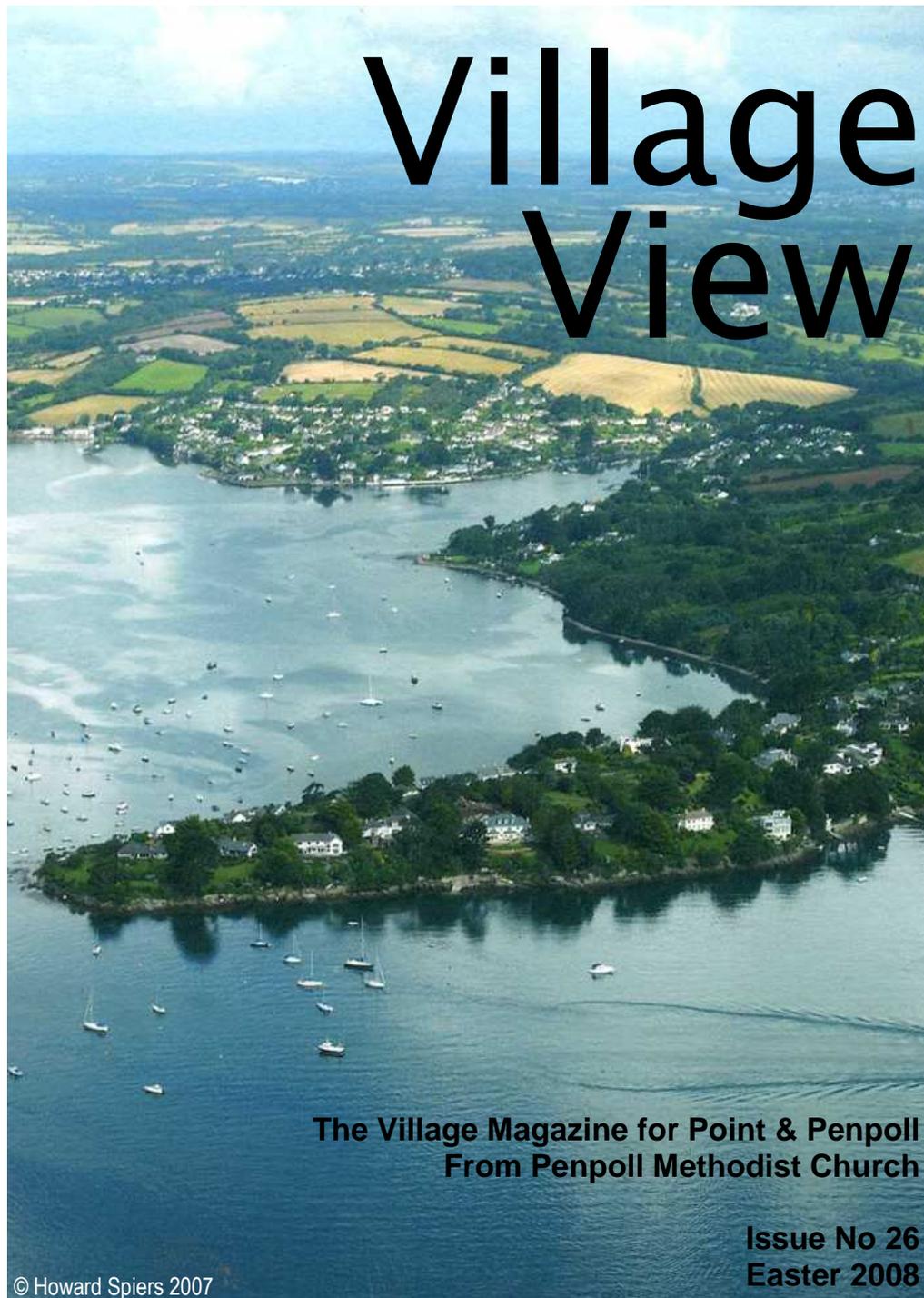
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Message from...

'It's come too soon,' they said. No, not talking about Christmas, (although that is on its way - be warned!) No, Lent. And yes, it did come remarkably quickly after Christmas, but why people got so worked up, I don't know. It's not as if they take too much notice of it.

It seems that we have become too familiar with the Christian year; key elements of it have become so engrained in British life that few people trouble to ask why we do what we do or why we celebrate them. One example is Shrove Tuesday; I wonder how many of the people who made and/or consumed pancakes wondered why they gave consideration to that significant piece of religious history and the reason for having pancakes, or at least the symbolism. Lent, itself has become largely irrelevant to the majority of people to the point that few now understand what it is or even realise that we are in the season of Lent leading to Easter.

Much is made of Christmas but more important by far for the Christian is Easter. Jesus of Nazareth turned his face towards Jerusalem and set out for the city knowing that within days he would be hung upon a cross. He gave his life willingly, prepared to die, carrying a terrible burden; a burden beyond our comprehensions. And on the third day God raised him from the grave. This message is familiar, so much so that it sparks little excitement in parts of the church, and worse, is

dismissed as irrelevant by many outside of the church.

Familiarity needn't breed contempt. Familiarity can be a source of comfort, security and inspiration. Being familiar with the Queen and calling her 'Liz' might not be a good idea if invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, but upon seeing an old friend familiarity might lead to a handshake, a hug, a sharing of news, a pleasant and joyous exchange.

Whenever you read this, I want to encourage you to reflect - has Lent held any significance for you, or does it passed unnoticed? What does Good Friday mean and what is its relevance to you? It's nice to have a long holiday weekend, to see family and friends, but what does Easter morning hold for you? Does your familiarity lead to joy and celebration or something else?

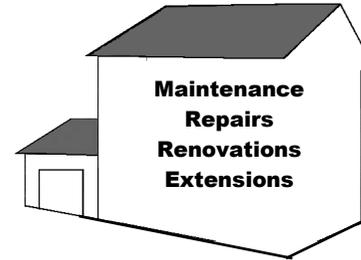
Why don't you join us this year? He chose to be born, yet was born to die - Maundy Thursday at Carnon Downs at 7.30 p.m. Asking for trouble he went into occupied territory - Good Friday walk, starting at Carnon Downs at 9.00 a.m., with a Coffee stop at Penpoll and continuing to Feock. He lives, He lives, Hallelujah - at Penpoll at 10.30 a.m. (Service led by Revd. Dr. Chris Blake, Chairman of Methodist Cornwall District. It would be really good to see you, then or at any time.

With every blessing for the season of Lent and Easter, and always,



Reverend Margaret Barnes

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Musical Youths

Residents of Chycoose Parc in Point may think the Glastonbury Festival has come to Cornwall should they wander by when the Lords Of Vision are working on their sound. Originally a threesome, Matthew Partridge (age 14-lead guitar/vocals) and Patrick Ramsey (age 16-drums/vocals) formed the group last year with a bassist who has recently departed, having given up his instrument. Now more White Stripes than Led Zeppelin, the boys are focussed on building their set with a view to cutting a CD by the end of 2008.

Lords Of Vision is self-taught guitarist Matthew's third band and Patrick's first. Regular band practice in Patrick's bedroom, as well as Matthew pre-



viously attending Rock School at Penair (part of the curriculum enrichment week), has helped them tighten their sound and broaden their musical horizons. Additional jamming takes place at the school music shops and Patrick takes advantage of the musical facilities at the Richard Lander old school.

Composing their songs starts with a beat from Patrick to which Matthew adds a guitar riff, they then seriously mix it up, eventually building the sound to an "instrumental psychedelia." The vocals, written by both band members, come later. The boys listen to musical genres which sound more like books of the Old Testament—doom, stoner, rock and metal, and cite influences from bands with names straight out of Dungeons and Dragons—Kyuss, Wolfmother, Queens Of The Stoneage, The Killers, Nirvana and Foo Fighters.

Once they've secured a new bassist (if interested, contact the Editor) you can expect to soon see the Lords Of Vision participating in Truro's ever expanding live music scene. When they secure that first gig, make sure to get down the front and join the mosh!

LORDS OF VISION



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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

April

- 2 April General Church meeting - 7.00 pm
- 4 April Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 5 April Prayer Breakfast - 8.00 am
- 16 April Lunch Club - 12 noon

May

- 2 May Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 14 May Lunch Club, 12 noon

June

- 6 June Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 11 June Lunch Club, 12 noon
- 15 June Orchard Service—details to be confirmed
- 29 June ROCKs Anniversary service with Janet Tredrea of Wadebridge

July

- 4 July Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 16 July Lunch Club, 12 noon

August

- 1 Aug Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 2 Aug Regatta stall on Point Quay pm
- 3 Aug Regatta Service on Point Quay - 10.30 am. The Reverend Dr. John Johnson, Speaker of St. Austell.

No Lunch Club in August

September

- 5 Sept Coffee Morning, 10.00 - 11.30 am
- 10 Sept Lunch Club, 12 noon



Good Friday Walk of Witness from Carnon Downs Chapel (meet 9:00am) to Feock with refreshments at Penpol Chapel. Short service & Hot Cross Buns at Feock Church



Point Quay Association

The extension of the slipway was completed by Marnick builders in February. Made from Nigerian eki hardwood, it is clear that the new slipway will certainly ease access to and from the Quay and extend sailing and paddling time on the water.

As part of the fund raising activities, if you would like to secure a colour copy of the aerial photograph of Restranguet Creek featured on the front cover (size 13x19 inches) please contact Howard Spiers on 862386. Prints cost £15, of which £10 goes to the PQA.

Point & Penpoll Regatta 2008



Regatta Sat 2 August
 Childrens' sports on The Green
 from 2:00 pm
Sailing from 4:00 pm

Regatta Service Sun 3 Aug
 Reverend Dr. John Johnson,
 Speaker of St. Austell 10:30 am

Watersports Mon 4 August

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



wife points out, something to do with the poverty trap. This is not the time to have a rant about consumerism however. Society is on the verge of a new Golden Age based on the old concept of thrift, and quality rather than quantity. Recycling has always been an essential part of human existence and a cherished quality of the Cornish (I hear cacophony of Jewish, Scottish and Yorkshire voices yelling at me) and now is the time to squeeze that penny until it squeaks. Effective composting is the basic building block of good gardening. It solves so many problems but mainly what to do with green waste and how to rescue the traditionally impoverished Cornish soil. We can sort the rat problem out in the cookery section.

Gardening is the oldest profession (let's ignore claims by other "professions") and the most direct way of monitoring the health of our world. A gardener keeps his eye on the soil, pests and diseases, and most importantly, the weather. It's finger on the pulse stuff and I'm sure most of us have been aware of climate change to some extent if only by the changes in seasonal norms (sorry Norm). There was a happy time when all "new" things were quite rightly viewed with suspicion. What was wrong with the traditional methods of soil husbandry? Well they were usually thought of as inefficient, which meant that the profligate and greedy landowners weren't making enough money (Easy now. Ed.) Lets go backwards a bit and see what happens.

Ewen Abram-Moore

Father and Son Marathon

On April 13th 2008 40,000 runners will take to the streets of London in the centenary year of the world's biggest fund raising marathon. Amongst those cheered on by a million spectators will be father and son Mark and Guy Trebilcock, previous residents of Point.

Having previously completed three London marathons (see picture below, in RNLI vest) Mark aims to make this his eighth in total, whereas this is Guy's first attempt at the 26 mile pounding of the capital's cobbled streets. However, this shouldn't be a problem for a 21 year old geology student of Cardiff University who's routinely engaged in sport when not mapping the geology of the Cornish coastline. Mark is a seasoned runner and an active member of Truro running club. He was instrumental in establishing and growing the Truro Half Marathon to the popular race it is now.

The question is, who'll finish first? Will Mark's 46 years prove no match for Guy's youth, or will experience prove invaluable on the day?



A Gardener's World



It's a funny old world. I've always thought that when I can no longer lift a lawnmower into the back of my car it's time to give up gardening and do something else. Like write about it for instance. I now realise that where there is a will there is a way and all you do is get a young assistant to help with the mower and KBO. Besides I like gardening and writing about gardening (and particularly making a living from the latter) might not be as easy as it sounds. Will I be able to pay the mortgage writing for the Parish news? Watch this space.

Sustainability in Gardening I think was my brief. Actually, I didn't have anything down on paper which is an advantage for a self confessed blabbermouth. Knowing about plants and stuff is all very well but being able communicate is the most important thing.

Being a jobbing gardener it is vital to be able to offer opinion on the colour of the living room carpet, how much the building work going on next door is costing or passport schemes for people from darkest Devon. You can get this kind of information from other tradesmen but they don't usually know their aconites from their echiums.

I've been a gardener for nearly 25 years and if that's not a sustainable career call me a person from China. I originally trained as an archaeologist and also had a stint at art college doing a BTEC HND in Design Model making. In fact if my plan to reconstruct historical sites had come off I'd probably be living in one of those big houses on Restronguet Point instead of just cutting the grass. However, I'm not far away and that's all down to horticulture. My very first paid work was gardening for an old lady whilst at sixth form college. I cut her hedge, weeded the borders and accompanied her on various shopping trips around Fareham and Lee-on-Solent. She would buy us fish and chips or a pasty for lunch and then we'd play cards. I foolishly suggested that we make the game interesting by having a side bet. Needless to say I often went home with very little remaining of my wages. She was a very infirm but remarkable woman and the only person I've ever met to own a Bengal tiger at the age of 10.

Oh yes, sustainability. Well I think that many of our problems stem from our buy-it-and-chuck-it-away culture, which itself is fuelled by advertising. Hmm, actually they might be, as my

Womens Institute

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Penpoll and Point the children being treated for cancer in Sennen Ward at the RCH Treliske are enjoying new books and games, ceiling mobiles, lollipops after their blood tests and presents if it is their birthday. All possible because more than £210 was raised from carol singing around the village a week before Christmas.

But Christmas is long past and we have been busy planning our programme for the coming WI year. We do try to make it varied and this year it does seem to have a strong Cornish flavour.

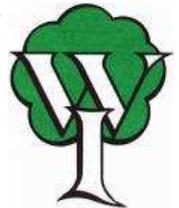
Many people will know Marsh Villa Gardens at Par but looking at the lush greenery now who would guess that it is planted on china clay waste and that it has been a long labour of love for the Stephens family who live there. The story of their hard work, illustrated with slides will be told later in the year. Phil Davey from Playing Place explores the meaning of the name and will tell us where to find our local Plain-an-Gwany. Mrs Amanda Barlow will tell us about her life running the Budock Vean Hotel which sometimes has its Basil Fawley moments, local Wendy Shier's talk is entitled "Family Matters" and author Gordon Channing will talk about his pioneering lifestyle in "Valley of Dreams"

On the more serious note we

have asked Cornwall Care to come and talk to us about looking after the elderly and how to cope with senile dementia. The Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen would have been involved recently in looking after the seamen airlifted from the damaged container ship and their Regional Fund-raising Organiser will tell us about their work.

It looks as though we have an interesting year ahead of us and if you want to find out more, join in our monthly walks or outings just give us a call!

Sally Brocklehurst
Penpoll and Point WI
Tel: 01872 864717





EASTER



MORNING SERVICE

10.30AM SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

Rev'd Dr Chris Blake, Chairman
of Cornwall Methodist
District will lead the
service including
communion.

Everyone is Welcome

ROCKS 10:30—11:30 am



Memory Lane

In the Christmas edition of the Village View, we suggested that the Tin works picture was dated around 1935. However, our thanks to David Rees, the ex-proprietor of the long gone Point village shop, who highlighted that his father and grandfather felled the chimney stack around 1910. Some of you may know that the red bricks were used

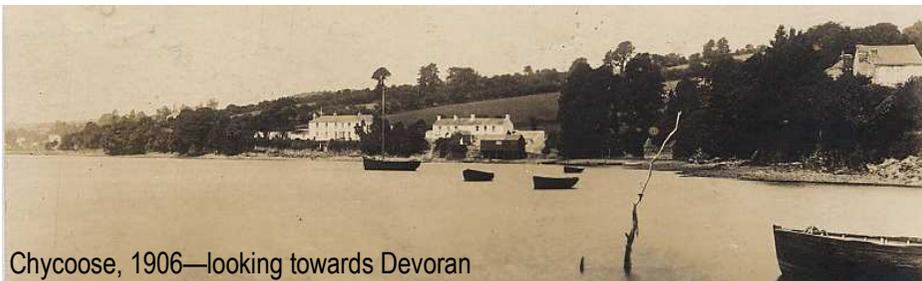
to build Glenavon, now owned by Graham and Iris Crocker.

The location of two of the three pictures below is clear, however if you could assist in pinpointing where and exactly when the S-boats pictured were laid up we would be most grateful.

Please do keep rooting around in the attic and dig out a photo from the family album or of the local area to surprise the readers. Please contact the editors (details on the back of this issue) to arrange having any pictures scanned.



Penpoll, 1904



Chycoose, 1906—looking towards Devoran

Reading at Book Launch

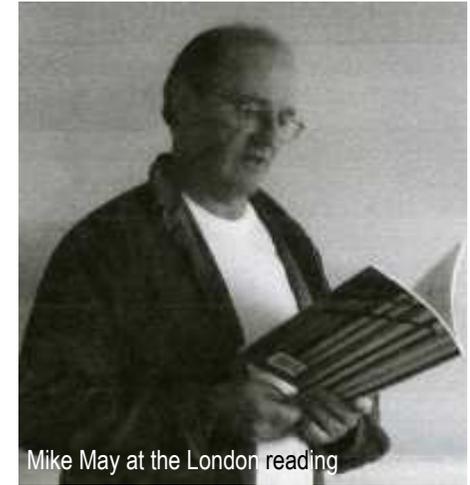
In 2003 writers, Sarah Salway and Lyne Rees embarked on an experiment following a simple formula. Using email, they exchanged 300 'messages' of exactly 300 words, with each one returned within a time limit of 72 hours. Links were made creatively—words, theme, character, form or even mood. The project took eighteen months to complete and the original *Messages* was published in July 2006.

With a new edition of *Messages* due out in January 2008 they decided to create a mini project, inviting all comers to contribute 300 word responses, this time with a tightened 24 hour deadline.

During November 2007, over 100 writers responded from around the world including Australia, Canada and the USA as well as Europe and the UK. From more than 1200 responses they chose a selection which has just been published under the title *Your Messages*. Selected contributors were invited to read at a Launch Event in London on January 31st, among them Cally Taylor who had flown from Texas and Michael May from Penpoll.

This is how one of Mike's three selected submissions begins:

Some evenings, a silver cloud drifts over the estuary on the incoming tide. If it were an unpleasant thing, you might call the water's movement insidious, so slow but steady, relentless, creeping it comes. If you stare and



Mike May at the London reading

stare, you will not really see it come. Only if you turn away will this stone or that patch of weed be overtaken and drowned when you look back. It is secretive; beautiful; awesome in its coming.

You will find the rest of the piece and the others in *Your Messages* (ISBN 798 19060614569) which is available from booksellers or from Bluechrome Publishing: www.bluchrome.co.uk price £5.99. All profits will go to the charity KidsCompany, an organisation which supports disadvantaged young people who are trying to help themselves.

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