

INFORMATION

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(All held in the chapel)

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2.00pm: Sally Brocklehurst 864717

Coffee Stop: 1st Friday in the month, 10.00—11.30am; except Jan
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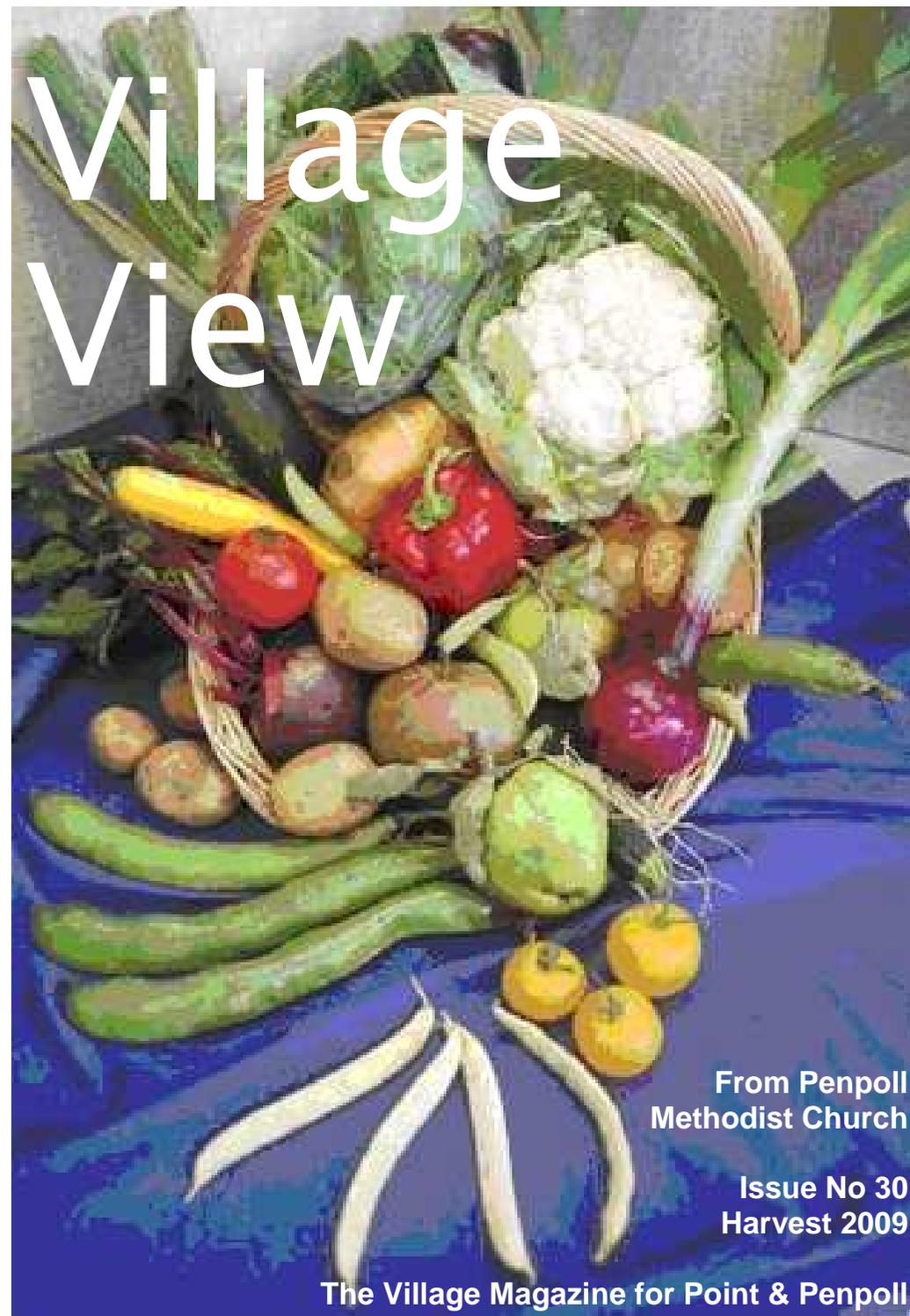
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Message From...

Dear Friends,

September again!! I was in the long queue at the post office and as somebody passed me she whispered, ""I think they are all getting their car tax! I've just sent a parcel to Australia, you have to allow 13 weeks for surface mail!" I replied, "Ready for Christmas!"

How time is flying again! But, to return to September - I wonder if you know what significant events occurred on 30th September 1928 and 26th September 1955 (without going to the internet!)? Do you also know what happened on 3rd September 1752? The answer to the last question is: our Gregorian calendar was revised, from the Julian calendar, in 1752. It was amazingly so accurate that Pope Gregory's calendar is out by only one day every 3,300 years. However, there was a problem with the changeover, an 11 day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars, so Parliament just changed the date, the 3rd of September 1752 became the 13th September. Now that is real 'tempus fugit!' The people were not happy!

I suppose we are more familiar with 29th September, Michaelmas Day, St. Michael's Day. St. Michael, not only the Archangel watching over the land of Israel, the patron saint of seafarers, maritime nations, horsemen and wardrobes, but also the angel who cast Lucifer out of heaven. Michaelmas Day, traditionally the last day of harvest, is also the last day for picking blackberries, but I'm not telling you the reason for that!

September is, of course, a time for change and preparation. Education - school for the first time, new class, new school,

new institution, new teacher (new pupils!). Summer goes out and autumn comes in, this year on 22nd September at 21.18 precisely!

The Methodist Church begins a new Connexional year so, in a number of places, there will be a new minister - new congregation. Here, I begin the last three years of active ministry, and we all consider the work that God wants us to do now, for the next three years, and beyond that time. What will happen in 2012? I will 'sit down!' I am not being replaced. What will be happening in the congregations? We need to listen to what is God is saying He wants for His people in this place. It is no use waiting 'to see what happens!' God is speaking to us now. It could be really exciting, it should be, He has so much work for us to do. Prayer and listening are the keywords. In the meantime, it is a really special time to give thanks to God for so much: the harvest, the seasons, His grace and bounty, to praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come.

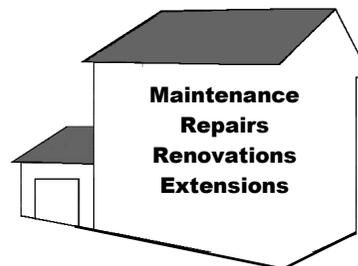
And remember God's promise to Noah after the flood: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease". (Genesis 8-22)
Enjoy all the goodness that God provides.
Love and blessings,



PS. 30th September 1928—Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.
26th September 1955—Bird's Eye fish fingers went on sale for the first time.

Reverend Margaret Barnes

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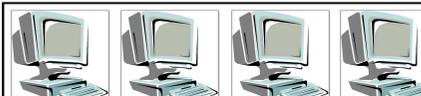
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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

October

Fri 2 nd	Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am in aid of Macmillan
Sun 4 th	Harvest Festival service at 10.30am led by Mr Russell Buley MA, of Truro
	Food Bank Collection 2.00-4.00pm (see page 12)
Tue 13 th	Messy Church 4.45-6.30pm
Wed 14 th	Lunch Club 12 noon
Sat 17 th	B*olders BIG Weekend (see page 10)

November

Fri 6 th	Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am
Sat 7 th	Prayer Breakfast 8.00am
Wed 11 th	Lunch Club 12 noon
Wed 18 th	Church Council meeting 7pm

December

Fri 4 th	Christmas Coffee Stop 10.00 to 11.30am
Wed 9 th	Christmas Lunch Club 12 noon

Coffee Stop
Friday 2 October
10.00 - 11.30 am

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

cakes, friendship, fresh produce, coffee, cards, chat ...



10th Anniversary

Happy Birthday to us! This issue of Village View marks the publication's 10th anniversary. The idea for a regular newsletter was originally formed as part of the Chapel's 'outreach' programme back in 1998 – an initiative to find ways of connecting with local residents. Produced three times a year to coincide with Easter, Harvest and Christmas, Village View is distributed to over 300 households in Point & Penpoll.

Over the years it has been edited and produced by different volunteers – the original committee being Margaret Macfarlane, Lorraine Michell and Elizabeth Lomax. Penny McClymont and Gerald Nicholls took over from Lorraine and Elizabeth. It is now Gerald's turn to hang up his pen and we will miss his contribution greatly.

The decision to move upmarket was taken in February 2003 whereby Mid Cornwall Printers were commissioned to professionally print the newsletter – a job they have been doing ever since. Advertising has helped offset some of the cost of this and we are particularly grateful to two regular 'sponsors' – Almond's Newspapers and Pooley Building Contractors – both of whom have supported it from the start.

The format of Village View has evolved over the years and we have always tried to encourage village residents to contribute articles (please keep them coming!). A wide variety of topics have been covered ranging from a se-

lection of magic tricks to a recipe for sloe gin. We've had Christmas quizzes, old photos, memoirs of a sea captain, as well as a healthy debate on 'Penpol or Penpoll?'. Our thanks to the WI and the PQA for their regular input, and to the many of you who have allowed us to feature you in a 'resident focus'.

Please let us know your thoughts and ideas, as well as any old photos and articles. Here's to the next ten years.

Womens Institute

We have been so lucky with the weather for the regatta in recent years that we really could not complain about this year! But surprisingly not much food was wasted - a few sandwiches had to be chucked when after a few days in the fridge they started curling up at the edges! More cakes were added to the raffle prizes. Cut cakes and buns were offered with coffee after the service on Sunday morning and we had a cake stall, taking IOU's from people who had come to the service with only their collection money. What did surprise us was just how much money we managed to raise - over £1,000 - because people were so generous. So thank you all for that great community spirit.

Another community get-together is October 23 when Falmouth based Mark Gregory, an underwater photographer and author, will show us an amazing array of colourful marine life

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Poppy

Spotted at Carnon Mine by Daphne James of Penpoll, the plaque in the boat reads "Poppy. In your dreams". Daphne adds, "When I grow up I want to be a gig!"



(TUESDAY) 13 October
MESSY CHURCH
for families
craft games
worship supper
Penpoll Methodist Church
Entry by donation
4.45-6.30pm
children must be accompanied by an adult
adults must be accompanied by a child
We get tea too?!

Food Bank

Earlier this year I offered my services as Treasurer to the newly proposed Truro Food Bank and life has been hectic ever since! Malcolm and Doreen Henderson from Kea Church felt called to set up a Food Bank having seen them in action in Canada. They took the idea to the Churches together in Truro and gained their backing and a large number of local churches are now involved in fundraising, collecting food and volunteering for the various tasks.

A Food Bank does what it says on the tin! It collects non-perishable food from the local community through churches, schools and supermarket collections. It stores them and distributes them to families or individuals whose need for an emergency 3 day supply has been recognised by a professional care worker. Vouchers are distributed to social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau, the Women's Refuge, Christians against Poverty, doctors, health visitors and church pastoral teams, and with this voucher those in need gain a food box with enough food and recipes to create 3 days worth of meals. This is intended to take them through their crisis period while other forms of help are found.

The Truro Food Bank will cover the postcode areas of TR1-5 and in writing applications for grants I have realised the extent of the problems that can be hidden behind our neighbours' doors that can lead to this kind of crisis.

If you would like to help there are a number of ways :-

You can volunteer your time.
You can offer financial support through one-off or regular donations.
You can donate food through an organised collection (see below) or at any time you can drop off food at St Lucia, Chychoose.

Peter White.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the chapel is supporting the Truro Food Bank, and invite the whole of Point and Penpoll to join us!

A list of items the Food Bank requires will be posted on the Chapel and boathouse noticeboards and items can be brought along to the chapel on Sunday 4 October, between 10.30am - 12.00 noon (the Harvest Festival service) or 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Please bring what you can to make this a bumper collection!!!

that is hidden below the temperate seas around Cornwall. The diversity of what is beneath our waves is said to rival that of a tropical reef. Mark has represented the UK in the World Championships of Underwater Photography, his work has been included in over 20 publications and in 2000 he was the Geographical Magazine Photographer of the Year. As usual there will be a WI finger buffet - all for the cost of £4.50. Posters will soon be going up with the details of the evening.

It was a busy summer for us. Not only did we organise the catering for the regatta, but hosted and prepared a sit-down midsummer supper party for 50 members and friends. It was hard work but a good chance for everyone to enjoy the company of others. We had planned to treat guests to a Cornish cream tea in the orchard in August but unfortunately it rained again, so everyone had to squash into the chapel school room. You can imagine the noise level!

The cultivation of willow and its uses, together with examples of different baskets and their history, was a great talk given by Carol Horsington of Henwood at Liskeard. We so enjoyed it that we have asked her to come in early December and give us a lesson on making door wreaths and decorations for the Christmas tree. October's meeting will be interesting in that we have a talk on antique underwear and will be shown samples, including corsets! At our last meeting before Christmas estate agent Philip Martin will tell us about the trials, tribulations and exhilarations of his job - he is apparently very funny.

So, if you fancy playing table tennis, rowing a gig, going for walks, interesting visits and great company, do come along on the second Monday in the month to the Chapel or call me. Sally Brocklehurst (Tel: 01872-864717) PS A crew from the Restronguet Creek Society joined the annual WI vs Chapel gig race at the Regatta. The Chapel retained the cup on a judge's decision!



Roger Almond: In memoriam



Roger Almond (1940-2009) grew up in Salford, Manchester during the early years of the Second World War. He met Marion in 1958 and they married in 1962. Soon they bought their first business near Manchester, which they ran until 1970 when with their son Howard they came to Carnon Downs and together with Marion's brother and sister-in-law bought the 'Vivo' shop (now Spar). This was eventually extended to include another very popular shop known as 'The Odd Bottle'. These shops were run very successfully for the next 11 years and many people may remember Roger's long black hair and full beard.

Roger and Marion always worked as a team both in their business and domestic life. They later ran a number of businesses in Truro and St. Mawes before starting a new local venture in 1985 - the Mobile Newsagents - with Howard who continues with his wife Leah to run what has now become an indispensable part of village life.

Despite his business demands Roger had many outside interests. He was deeply involved with the Perranwell Football Club. He was especially interested in the welfare of young people, running several youth teams for the Football Club as well as being closely

involved with the Youth Club in Carnon Downs. He was also a member of the Falmouth Ambassadors, and greatly enjoyed meeting and greeting passengers from the cruise ships which visit there. He loved travel, regularly voyaging, especially in the winter, in his own motorhome to both Spain and Portugal.

Roger was a great family man. Most recently he derived immense pleasure from his granddaughter, Elise, whom he adored. He was, quite simply, happy with all he did. He was always smiling. Moving into Penpoll was a long awaited ambition; he loved living here and enjoyed joining in with the life of the village and the chapel.

Arthur Allen: In memoriam

Arthur Allen died on 4th July 2009, 9 days before his 94th birthday. A Truro lad, Arthur initially lived with his sister and four brothers on what is now Trafalgar roundabout. As a boy he remembered family walks Feock and often his parents and the youngest might travel home in a pony and trap.

As a carpenter and builder, 'Alf Allen' as he was sometimes known, worked on many of the cottages at Trolver Hill, Polgwyn, Feock, Point Green and Penelewey, as well as a



Resident Focus

Many people passing across Point Green may have wondered who that couple are who sit under a bright blue brolly on sunny days; or huddle up in sweaters on all the other days!



Margaret and John Wilson have shared 22 homes in 51 exciting years. A pilot in the RAF, John flew a variety of planes - Meteors, Vampires, Mosquitos, Hornets, Victors, VC10s and Boeing 707s - from and over a huge variety of locations in the UK and overseas. They met in a group on a visit to Brands Hatch, got engaged at their second meeting and the rest is history. Margaret left her London job to become a 'camp-follower' during which time she brought up their three sons, took on a variety of jobs and domestic chores and in the 1970s, while John was based in Canada, flew to and fro across the Atlantic for the princely sum of \$5 Canadian.

They bought Cartref on Point Green in 1985 and moved in on his retirement two years later. They have lived there ever since during which time Margaret has turned a brambly wilder-

ness (John did the spade work!) into a quite unsuspected and beautiful many levelled garden at the rear (Margaret does the rest!). They have extensive interests: for example, John in model railways - he has built several layouts including one for the St. Mawgan Model Railway Club and Margaret in agricultural history - it's less easy to manage her embroidery and crochet work these days. Both were involved in the acquisition of Point Quay for the community and later worked hard to clear The Orchard and raise funds. John has run the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme since 1989 and Margaret maintains her gardening interests to this day as Show Secretary of the Devoran Flower Show Committee.

Neither are sailors, although they both agree that the sight of Restronguet Creek filled with boats of all sizes on Regatta Day is one to be treasured. Meanwhile, they enjoy keeping a watchful eye on the changing seasons on the water and the local bird life, hopeful to see once again the occasional osprey, and, of course, enjoying a glass of wine or a cup of tea as they watch from beneath that bright, blue brolly.

Point Quay Association

The PQA AGM takes place at 7:30pm, Thursday 3rd December in Penpoll Chapel. Committee election forms are available from the PQA contact detailed on the back cover.

Project 'Make Over'

Work has been on-going during the summer on the re-modelling of the upstairs space at the chapel to make the area more useable. The old kitchen has been stripped out and the wall between the kitchen and walk-in cupboard has been moved to enlarge the storage area.

Interestingly, once this idea had been mooted, it was remembered that this was exactly where the wall had originally been—the tiny kitchen upstairs had been enlarged to cope with large-scale catering events, in particular community lunches. Returning the wall to its earlier position will provide a smaller coffee bar but, more importantly, a larger cupboard which should also house the stackable plastic chairs and tables.

The re-plastering work is now finished and it is hoped that by the time you read this all the painting and decorating will also be completed. The new kitchen is on order and, once that is installed, we will be furnishing the space to create a more welcoming and comfortable ambience that remains multi-functional—at least, that's the plan!

The young people from B*olders (our youth group) have been the driving force behind this project and are achingly keen to fit out the new café and chill area. Since we do feel extremely blessed to have their enthusiasm at the heart of so much that goes on in the village, we are delighted that

they want to raise some funds towards this project that they will be able to spend on new kit for the youth club. Please put the date of their fundraising event (details below) into your diaries and come along to join in the fun.

Pen McClymont 862624

17th October 2009



B*olders BIG Weekend

Cakes

Competitions

Crabbing Contest

Home-made produce

Tug-of-War!

Point Quay 2-5pm

Please come & support us!

Diamond Anniversary

Congratulations to Jan & Tom Reid of Chycoose Parc who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 10 September 2009!!

house on Trolver Croft where he lived from 1967. After a spell at Falmouth Docks fitting out large ships with bathrooms and staircases, he joined the Royal Engineers in 1940 as a volunteer in the Artisan Works Company and within two months was in France. There he built hospitals and constructed dummy guns until the order to retreat came through. On June 15th 1940 he was taken from Dunkirk to Weymouth on one of the 'Little Ships' that rescued so many troops.

After working on the breakwater at Weymouth and a hospital at Portland he was transferred to 577 Field Company, and after training was sent to Sicily. The Company made their way up through Italy and were the first to enter Rome although they were later ordered to withdraw. Arthur served with the Canadians, the Bechuanas, as well as New Zealanders and finally was involved in the reconstruction in the region around Trieste with Yugoslavians.

Arthur was demobbed in 1946 and set up with John Basset to form 'Basset and Allen' general builders. He had a workshop in Peoples Palace in Truro where he did all his joinery and construction.

Arthur Allen was for many years a force in the Carnon Downs Bowling Club and with Harry Dootson helped build the extension and facilities for the present club. He had a great time during this era, representing Cornwall in the Worthing Bowling championships with Colin and Mike Allen, and enjoying the friendship and the competition of all the members of the club. It was a great

source of pride to him that he introduced a number of people to the game.

Later in life he made a habit of a lunchtime pint at the Punch Bowl & Ladle. He gained a great deal of companionship, care and friendship from his friends, staff and customers at the pub. Arthur's two sons Peter and Philip live locally with their children. Six grandchildren, five boys and one girl, all of whom were his delight, gave Arthur both enjoyment and pride.

Susannah Thompson: In memoriam



Auntie Sue, as everyone knew her, was born on 6th December 1923 on St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, the second child of three girls and one boy. They were all extremely close and island life was full of playing on the beach and roaming.

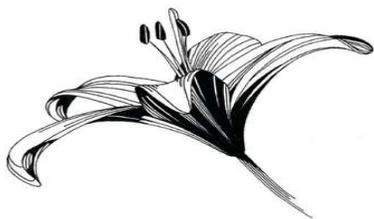
Auntie Sue stayed on the Isles of Scilly dedicating her life to her work in the Post Office as Post Mistress of St. Mary's, and caring for her mother, Ada, following the death of her father. During the war, as a result of the shortage of civilian manpower, she was transferred to St. Ives and Plymouth. However, she was always glad to return to the family home in Scilly to carry on her career,

for which she was awarded the Imperial Service Medal for her continued service.

Whilst she never married, Auntie Sue was deeply attached to her family - her sisters Dorothy in Salisbury and Barbara in Point meant everything to her. After retiring from the Post Office, Auntie Sue came to live near her sister Barbara. She bought her bungalow in Penpoll and had many happy days there; in her garden and enjoying the panoramic view. She enjoyed many visitors and would regale them with her homemade buns, biscuits, pasties and her famous coconut pyramids.

She particularly enjoyed the visits from her niece and nephews, as well as their children, who also lived in the village and nearby Carnon Downs. The children all loved Auntie Sue dearly as they grew up and she would spoil them whenever possible. Many of the children of the village have sampled Auntie Sue's buns and biscuits.

During the last few years Auntie Sue found life very difficult and empty without her beloved sisters. She was however, comforted by her immediate neighbours who became good friends. Also she would look forward to Sunday afternoons spending time with her Scillonian cousin, Mary Davidson, reminiscing of old!



Village Party

A huge THANK YOU must go out to all the organisers and participants of the Village Party. There was a massive response to the event, resulting in a donation of £1,500 to the Cornish Hospices! Remember nothing could have been achieved without everyone's help and cheerful faces that turned up on the night. All our visitors were envious of the fantastic village in which we live - we even managed splendid weather for the event!



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Point & Penpoll Regatta

The Point and Penpoll Regatta suffered somewhat from a slight breeze and a drop of rain. For the first time in many years the sailing was affected by the weather to such an extent that the usual flotilla of working boats was absent. This didn't deter the hardy locals who battled it out in high winds and lashing rain which made for thrilling sailing. The weather failed to stop the childrens' races on the Green where the participants were rewarded with ice creams for their efforts. Roll on 2010!

Memory Lane

This issue of Village View features photographs in keeping with the autumn season. The images were provided by Bridget Kingston and give a flavour of bringing in the harvest over the past 70 years. Laxey Collins, her father farmed at Chycoose and later at Hillside Farm, Goonpiper.



Above: The labourers take crouse; Laxey Collins (left) and Howard Michell, Heather Davey's uncle (right). Laxey's father is thought to be in the centre.



Above: Combining at Hillside Farm, August 1960.

Below: Harvest at Bleak House, Carnon Mine circa 1940.

