

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

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Message From...

It was absolutely amazing! I really struggled to believe it! I don't think that I have been so impressed by a building, a building that speaks, or even calls out to all who pass by, 'Welcome, come in.' For what seemed to me, to be such a long time, it had been under wraps, literally, and scaffolding; to the outsider it seemed a long time before any work commenced. Then suddenly, there it was! The nearest analogy would be the butterfly emerging from the chrysalis, if it is possible for a building to be likened to such. If you don't travel along the road through Come-to-Good, then I suggest you do so at some time, and pause to look at the refurbished Friends Meeting House.

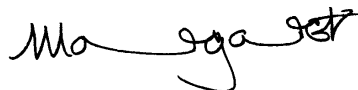
As I sat inside in the quietness of a Saturday afternoon, along with many others, some of whom were regular worshippers, some who had been involved in the work, others who came along as invited guests, I was reminded of some words of the late great Methodist minister, theologian, only person to have been President of the Methodist Conference twice, Donald English, who said that while we must not solely focus on the building, it is important as a first impression for many who walk by, the condition of the outside gives an image of the inside, including the body of Christ. There is no doubt about it, the Friends meeting place in Come to Good is theologically sound. And, what has happened over this past year is a transformation.

Thoughts of transformation lead me on to autumn and harvest. Nature in

all its glory, and we have had the glories of spring and summer, made all the more spectacular because of the winter we lived through which, because of the harshness of frost and snow, enabled the plant-life to go through the stages of growth that include dying and new life. We know that as autumn moves on, leaves will fall, the hours of light become less as the hours of darkness become more, but for now, we celebrate the gift of autumn splendour.

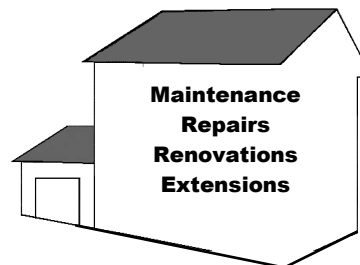
As we celebrate autumn, so we bring our harvest home, and we give our thanks to God, again. Even though the farmers have already had to dip into the winter food for animals much earlier than anticipated because of adverse weather conditions, we can still acknowledge, 'Yes, God is good in earth and sky,' and we do. We are very much aware of the effect that adverse weather conditions and natural disasters have had in various parts of the world. This year, while we celebrate God's goodness in our Harvest Thanksgiving service, we will also be reminded of the need for, and the work of, Shelterbox, as we welcome a representative from that organisation to our Sunday worship. Why don't you come along as well? There is always a welcome for you. 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' (Genesis 8 v 22)

With love and blessings



Reverend Margaret Barnes

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Penpoll Chapel



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WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

October

Fri 1st Coffee Stop 10:00 - 11:30am in aid of Macmillan
Cancer Relief

Sat 2nd The Big Clothes Sale - 2-5pm booking proceeds to
Shelterbox

Sun 3rd Harvest Festival -10:30am led by Shelterbox for the
Shelterbox Appeal

Wed 6th Church Council 7:00pm

Wed 13th Lunch Club 12:00 noon

Thu 14th WI Community evening with Peter Lavis, Heligan
researcher

Tue 26th Messy Church for families, noon-1:30pm

November

Fri 5th Coffee Stop 10:00 - 11:30am

Wed 10th Lunch Club 12:00 noon

December

Fri 3rd Christmas Coffee Stop 10:00 – 11:30am

Wed 8th Christmas Lunch Club 12:00 noon

Thu 16th Christmas Concert

Sun 19th Carol Service - 10:30am
Nativity - 6:00pm

Fri 24th Midnight Service conducted by Revd Margaret Barnes

Sat 25th Christmas Day service 10:00am at Carnon Downs

Shelterbox Shenanigans



Table-top sale of quality

'goods with a past'

Tea & cake served

Booking proceeds to

Shelterbox

Saturday 2nd October 2-5.00pm at Penpoll Chapel Enquiries: 863322



The Royal Aquarium

The link between the Royal Aquarium and Summer and Winter Garden Society, and Methodism might not be immediately apparent to you, dear reader. It opened in London in 1876 as a venue for high minded and intellectual entertainments. In the 1890s, falling on difficult times, it gained a risqué reputation as a music hall with a range of dubious attractions alongside. Aimed at the working classes, the magnificent building, clad in Portland stone and sporting a huge curved glass roof, drew crowds of fancy-free young men, including City professionals, and unaccompanied young ladies some almost certainly of the oldest profession in the world. London was the magnet; the Westminster Royal Aquarium was the honey pot.



An example in The Magic Circular of one 12 hour day's entertainment offered a programme of light music by the Royal Aquarium's own orchestra followed by a series of more traditional variety acts largely of an acrobatic nature for which the theatre was well

known, and a "Grand Ballet" featuring Mademoiselle Luna, "Premier Danseuse". Additionally, a "great swimming and diving entertainment" took place in the Annexe.



"Professor" Field, a magician as famous in his time as Houdini, was a fixture on the bill of the Imperial Theatre, itself an integral part of the Royal Aquarium complex. His fellow entertainers included such bizarre individuals as Maura an Equilibrist and his Wonderful Somersaults; Chirgwin the original Musical Kaffir; the Brothers Griffiths and their - mind-boggling - "original Blondin Donkey"; The Two Macs, comedians; and Ella Zuila the Australian Funambulist. Zaeo, a gymnast and aerialist whose close fitting leotard attracted not only the attention of the male members of the audience but also the Central Vigilance Society for the Repression of Immorality was also a frequent performer.

The connection with the Aquarium? The entire building was sold to the Wesleyan Methodists in 1902 and was subsequently demolished - Prince Charles would have had a fit! Phoenix-like Methodist Central Hall rose up in its ashes and opened in 1912. So there you have it! End of story: or is it?

Messy Church

The Messy Church experiment rolls on! In June, fifty people took part in a session of creativity, food and music as we explored the well-known story of Joseph. After a meal of multi-coloured mince, children left laden with pharaoh's headdresses, plasticine cows and dreams for the world as well as, we hope, a little more insight into one of the bible stories. The next session will be a lunchtime event on Tuesday 26 October and, bearing in mind our 'messy' mission to get hands on with bible stories, who could resist the challenge of the theme 'Bible Mountains'? Now, where did I put those crampons ...? Families, helpers and anyone with climbing experience welcome!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10:30 Sunday 3rd October

This year the chapel is supporting Shelterbox

Shelterbox will lead the service and all money raised will go towards their work

Everyone welcome!

Photographic Competition

The closing date for the Point and Penpoll Regatta photographic competition has been extended to 10th October 2010. The theme is "a water activity on Point River/Quay".

There will be three classes:

- Junior: Under 12 years
- Teenagers: 13 - 19 years
- Adult: 20 years and over

Please submit your entries by the 10th October to one of the following committee members:

Mr Charles Warren, Treryn, Point
Mrs Angie Blackman, Ebb Tide, Point
Mr Trevor Pooley, Bojewyan, Chycoose Farm.

(TUESDAY) 26 October

MESSY CHURCH

for families

craft games
worship lunch

Penpoll Methodist Church

Entry by donation

Noon-1.30pm

We get lunch too!

children must be accompanied by an adult
adults must be accompanied by a child

Womens Institute

"Stock had taken root through its pots, creating an almost impenetrable forest of plants with self sown willows for added density. Trees were growing through the roofs of the glass-houses and the 2 acre field of daffodils and Christmas trees at the back of the nursery was an unreachable sea of brambles". Does that sound familiar? No, its not Heligan but what is now the Potager Garden at Constantine; and that was how it looked when Dan Thomas and Peter Skerrett first visited the four and a half acre former tree and shrub nursery eleven years ago. At our October meeting, we shall hear how this sleeping beauty was rescued and now aims to demonstrate the beauty of productive organic gardening. In Alistair Sawdays recently published guide to 'slow England', the garden was selected for its uniquely calm atmosphere.

We have made October a month to celebrate the revival of lost gardens in the county. A few days after our meeting we shall be hearing about Heligan at the Community Evening. But this talk is about the lost gardeners -the absorbing stories of the staff who left the gardens and estate to fight in the First World War. This is perhaps a chance to find out more about the men who put their names on the bothy wall before they went off to fight.

Peter Lavis, a researcher on the award-winning publication "Heligan

History: Lost Gardens, Lost Gardeners" will tell us the stories of 10 gardeners, 3 from the same family, supported by evocative archive images illustrating these remarkable wartime stories. The community evening will be on October 14 in Penpoll Chapel and will include a finger buffet supper after the talk. Please look for posters around the village giving further details.

We have spent a lot of time planning a varied and interesting programme of speakers, and welcome anyone who might like come along the second Monday in the month to hear them. In September we heard about the Mercy Ships and the work of the volunteer doctors who perform operations at ports around the world. Our November meeting will bring Mr Roger Tappin of Bonhams auctioneers at Par to talk to us about his work, and later on a representative from Penlee House, Penzance will talk to us about Painting in the West Country.



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One authority suggests vestiges of the original building still lie amongst its foundations. I like to dream and wonder whether the ghosts of those racy young men still lurk in its shadows, perhaps pursuing the scantily clad females of the corps de ballet, or ogling Zaeo as she swings to and fro, or waiting at the stage door for Nicolo, Profes-

sor Field's assistant - she of "slim figure" who performed his "Sensational and Instantaneous Disappearance of a Lady in Full View of the Audience". You can almost hear the sonorous tones of the Chairman's introduction! Who knows? Who dares tell?

Gerald Nicholls.

Memory Lane

Please continue to provide photos for Memory Lane - any Christmas-themed pictures for the next edition of Village View would be welcomed.

A harvest theme is featured in this edition. Below - Harvesting at Hillside Farm, August 1959, l-r Meg, Sarah & Trish Maunder, unknown, Laxey Collins, Anthony (Sid) Deeble.



Above - Harvest 1953 l-r Howard Michell John Smitham, Laxey Collins, Gnat Lilley, Dora Collins, Will Retallack, Reg Crocker on the ground.



Point & Penpoll Regatta

The sun-blessed 2010 Regatta in pictures, including races on the Green and the winners of the "Up The Creek Trophy" - Point & Penpoll WI (Mountford (cox) Higgins, Grant, Almond, Elderton, Brocklehurst).

