

# Penterry Post



## PENTERRY CALENDARS ON SALE NOW

December 2009

Have you bought your calendar for 2010 yet? The Penterry calendar is available now – from Jean's shop in St. Arvans, online from our website ([www.penterry.org.uk](http://www.penterry.org.uk)) or from committee members.

It has photos from this year's photographic competition and costs £6 (or 4 for £20) with all proceeds going towards the upkeep and improvement of St. Mary's, Penterry.

We are very grateful to all those local businesses which sponsored the calendar this year and to all those who took part in the photographic competition.

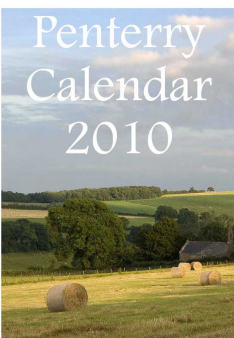
Our judges included local resident and former world showjumping champion, David Broome CBE, Sheryl Long, professional photographer and Nikki Moore of the Wye Valley AONB.

We have already sold over a hundred calendars and would like to double that if possible so that our hopes of rebuilding the porch this year will be realised.

We also have some Christmas cards for sale featuring St. Mary's in the snow or a Tintern goose! These cost £1.20 each (or 5 for £5) and are available from the same outlets as the calendars.

We know that this is a difficult time financially for everyone but do hope that you will be able to support us and enjoy looking at the photos of Penterry throughout the coming year.

Look out for news of our next competition in a future newsletter.



*Christmas card*



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### CAROL SERVICE

**The annual Carol Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.30 pm.**

**Do come along and enjoy the traditional service and a glass of mulled wine to help you back to the car park!**

## PENTERRY WEBSITE

The Penterry website has been running successfully for a few months now and has been visited by a large number of enthusiasts.

Now we need your help to add more content. Do you have any information about Penterry that we can add to the site or some photographs? We have some but more are always welcome.

One result of the website so far has been the meeting of two members of the Howell family who used to live at the Tout. Rachel and Zoe were both researching their family tree with no idea that the other even existed. Both made contact with us and we have been able to introduce them to each other and also provide a photo of their relatives. What a success story!

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### Committee

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Euan Kelway-Bamber  
Lyn Lynch  
Father Michael Gollop

New members are invited. We are small in number and would welcome additional help with events etc.



### PROGRESS WITH THE PORCH

Our efforts to refurbish the porch and replace the brick infill are still making slow but steady progress. The porch has been inspected by a Diocesan architect who will now draw up plans to be submitted to the Diocesan committee who have also visited the church. Then we can apply for a faculty and, hopefully, begin work. It would be wonderful if it could be completed next year in time for the Harvest celebrations in September. Thanks to Euan Kelway-Bamber who has been working to move things along – a very frustrating task at times.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Congratulations to Nick and Alison Bull who were married on September 26th.

Exciting news from The Tout where Selina and Ramon are expecting their first baby in February.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Doris Langley, a long time resident of Penterry, who has moved to Caldicot.

Congratulations to local resident Kate Humble who has been elected President of the RSPB.

Thank you to Rhys Parry who kindly cut the church field for us again this year.

The photographic exhibition in September was well attended and everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment from Chepstow Town Band.

Prizewinners were:

Under 16's

- 1st Thomas Shaw
- 2nd Emmanuel Kempton
- 3rd Oliver Shaw

Over 16's

- 1st David Palmer
- 2nd Bob Osborne
- 3rd Suzanne Snowden

The People's Choice award was won by Thomas Shaw with his enchanting photo of a waddling duck.

### Services for 2010

11.15am

**Sunday 3rd January**  
**Sunday 7th February**  
**Sunday 7th March**  
**Sunday 4th April**  
**Sunday 2nd May**  
**Sunday 6th June**  
**Sunday 4th July**  
**Sunday 1st August**  
**Sunday 5th September**  
**Sunday 3rd October**  
**Sunday 7th November**  
**Sunday 5th December**

A warm welcome to all new residents of Penterry. We hope to get to know you in the coming year.