

Penterry Post



PENTERRY WELCOMES YOU!

Penterry Church is the focal point to our stunning little community. Its idyllic setting creates an enchanting and hallowed feel for all those who visit.

A small committee looks after the church and adjacent field, and organises events in order to promote community spirit as well as preserve the fabric of the church. This newsletter is one way we can keep in touch, and we're delighted to welcome Sabrina and Suzanne as our new editorial team.

In addition to the regular church events such as the harvest festival service and the overwhelmingly popular Christmas Eve carol service, the committee is keen to use the church and surrounding field for community-wide activities.

Among the many great ideas mentioned at a recent meeting were stargazing, geocaching, foraging, and a barn dance. Perhaps you have your own ideas? We would love to receive feed back on which of these activities interest you most, and further suggestions that you might have.

Our next event this year will be the Harvest Service , which will be followed by a picnic on the field . Details below....

July 2013



PENTERRY CHURCH SERVICES:

Sun 7th July 11:15

Sun 4th Aug 11:15

Sun 1st Sep 11:15

HARVEST SERVICE AND COMMUNITY PICNIC

1 Sep 2013

The Harvest Service will take place from 11:15am

This will be followed by a community picnic from 12:30 on the field—all are welcome.

Beer, live music by Chepstow Town Band, bbq fires for you to cook your own bbq food on, games and prizes!

Pack your basket and your blanket and join us for a fun filled afternoon.

NEW AM-DRAM GROUP

In years gone by, the St. Arvans Pantomaniacs staged many popular performances at the Memorial Hall. More recently, many of you enjoyed the Penterry Players' unforgettable performances at the same venue ("The Mary Moxley Murder", "Mary Moxley – The True Story?" and "Dead on Cue").

The success of these events has led to the formation of a new drama group under the name Cast Adrift. The group has already taken the murder mystery "Dead on Cue" on tour to Portskewett, and is now preparing a new drama for this Autumn – watch this space!

There are still vacancies in the cast and backstage for anyone who fancies a very lighthearted introduction to the thrills and spills of stage performance – get in touch by e-mailing info@castadrift.org or call Nick Brewin on 01291 689711.



"She's dead!" – a scene from Cast Adrift's murder mystery "Dead on Cue"

SUMMER CLUB

If you have children aged between 8-11 or know of friends looking for something to entertain and encourage their young ones over the summer, why not send them up to the *Home Grown* Summer Club?

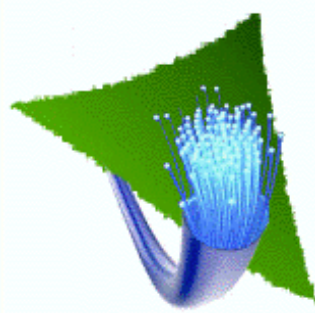
Based in the Penterry area, children will explore nature as well as the history the area has to offer. The activities are based around education, fun and the outdoors. Each week will be themed and will have a specific work book aimed at Numeracy and Literacy. The activities for the week will include art and craft, cooking, science experiments, basic first aid lessons, navigation and survival skills.

For more information or to get your young ones signed up, please contact:

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BRINGING THE WORLD TO PENTERRY

These days it seems that nearly everybody depends on the internet to keep in touch with the world at large – work, play, shopping, family and friends. All of these activities work best through fast broadband connections, which have been slow to reach rural areas.

Households connected to the St. Arvans exchange should now be able to receive BT's Infinity service, but for those whose telephone service comes from Tintern there is little prospect of any improvement. However, some households in Penterry and the Cot have signed up to a new high-speed wireless broadband service being offered by Spectrum Internet, which will connect to a new antenna shortly to be installed on high ground near to Devauden.

This service was launched in response to the efforts of local campaign group "BiGDIG" – to learn more about the initiative, and how you might benefit from the service, visit www.bigdig.org or e-mail info@bigdig.org. Grants of £1,000 per household are currently available from the Welsh Government towards the cost of installing the service, but time is running out as the scheme closes in September.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Thanks to generous support from the community and local businesses, we have been able to make a number of much-needed improvements to the church in recent years, starting with repairs to the porch over the cold winter of 2010/11.

Since then we have had the interior of the church painted, and the pews stripped down to their natural finish. The rear of the church has been tidied up, and ventilation grills inserted in the windows. Outside we have repointed the worst cracks in the church walls, repaired the collapsing churchyard wall and refinished the bench in the church field.

Of course the work is never done, but we feel that the church is looking better than it has for many years. If you haven't visited the church for a while, why not come along to the Harvest Picnic on the 1st of September when the church will be open throughout.



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New members are invited. We are small in number and would welcome additional help with events, planning and new ideas.

Penterry online

If you have not done so already, please visit our webpage : www.penterry.org.uk

We urge you to register your details so that we can keep you informed of breaking news and forthcoming events, making communication swift and effective.

Looking forward to your registrations!

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Nettle Quiche

For those of you tormented by the nettles in your garden, why not pop on your marigolds and seek a delicious revenge with this Nettle Quiche:

Ingredients:

Short crust pastry (quick cheat bought from the supermarket or home-made)

150g tender tips of nettle leaves

3 eggs

100 ml cream

200 ml milk

5 rashers bacon (Fried off and finely chopped)

Season to taste

Method:

Line pie dish with pastry. Blind bake.

Mix milk, cream, eggs, seasoning and bacon.

Chop nettles finely and add to mixture (don't forget to wear your gloves for this). Pour mixture into pastry shell and bake for 25 minutes.



Nettles *Vernon Scannell*

My son aged three fell in the nettle bed.
'Bed' seemed a curious name for those green spears,
That regiment of spite behind the shed:
It was no place for rest. With sobs and tears
The boy came seeking comfort and I saw
White blisters beaded on his tender skin.
We soothed him till his pain was not so raw.
At last he offered us a watery grin,
And then I took my billhook, honed the blade
And went outside and slashed in fury with it
Till not a nettle in that fierce parade
Stood upright any more. And then I lit
A funeral pyre to burn the fallen dead,
But in two weeks the busy sun and rain
Had called up tall recruits behind the shed:
My son would often feel sharp wounds again.

