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TRELLECH & PENALLT

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Old Church, Penallt



St. Nicholas, Trellech

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Letter from the Vicarage

Mark 6. 38 "Give and gifts will be given to you. Good measure, pressed and shaken down and running over, will be poured into your lap; for whatever measure you deal out to others, will be dealt to you in turn."

But, almost every letter that now arrives through the letter box is asking me for money! All very good and valid causes I am sure; but should I give to each and everyone? A difficult dilemma for a religious leader in any community, but a moral and ethical question that I know many others also wrestle with.

We wrestle with it because we are, at heart, a people who want to give and want to make a difference. But sometimes the need is so great that we feel overwhelmed and even **guilty, because the pressure never gives up and we can't** make the difference we wish we could. There is always one humanitarian disaster or another, as well as the many smaller but increasingly important charities that we **support as we live as part of a "big Society". How does God** guide us in all of this? Well, first of all, he does not want you to feel guilty, or pressured. He knows the generous level of giving by in this community. I also witness it all around me; so many people giving of their time, talents and money, from local community needs right through to major famines and disasters as well as specific projects and interests. Giving is an essential part of the Christian faith, but we are also given freedom to choose how we give.

2 Cor. 9.7 "Each person should give as he has decided for himself. There should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver. It is Gods power

to provide you with all good gifts in abundance, so that with every need always met to the full, you may have **something to spare for every good cause.**"

We are encouraged to give generously as a discipline of life, in response to the generosity of God toward us, but also in a wise and measured way. The scriptures also make it clear all our giving should be a matter of private discipline and a gift of love, not a result of guilt or external pressure. Of course people, associations, and media, should raise our awareness of the changing needs around us, but how we give, and to what we give, is a matter between ourselves and the God who teaches us to share all that, in love, he gives to us.

Matthew 6. 3 "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing; your good deed must be in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

I just thank God for all that you do give, in so many ways, to so many needs, and pray that you may be encouraged to quietly continue in your good works.

Sandra Howells

Registers

Births: Madeline Grace, daughter to Kath and Steve Vicars,
sister to Charlie.

Baptisms: Isaac Allaway
Matilda Snell

Holy Matrimony: Aly Rowell and Richard Graham

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Coffee Morning !!

Hosted by Stevie and James Coutts at
The Reynolds, Tregagle.

Wednesday, 10th August, 10.30 - 12.30

Come and enjoy their beautiful garden, with a lovely cup
of coffee and delicious cakes !

In aid of Penallt Old Church

ART IN PENALLT

Dinner and Talk by Local Artist Richard Alun Wills

The Inn at Penallt - Tickets: 01600 772 765
7 pm - Friday 30th September

Fine Art Exhibition - Paintings, Sculpture, Glass, Ceramics & Jewellery. New Works by Leading Artists

Capel Pentwyn (Free Entry)
10am – 4.30pm Sat 1st & Sun 2nd October

Meet the Artists – Reception (Free Entry)

Capel Pentwyn – 5pm Sat 1st October

Art Boot Sale – Have you got Cash in the Attic ?

Babington Meadow – Pitches: 01600 715781
10am- 4.30pm Sunday 2nd October

Information: Cathy Farber 01600 860476



Sept 30th – Oct 2nd

Penallt W.I.

ANTIQUES ANTICS by ADAM PARTRIDGE

A light and humorous overview of the antiques industry and life as an auctioneer with a look at how the various antiques television programmes arrive on our screens plus an insight into the world of cruising and art auctions at sea, a job Adam did for most of 1998.

Open to all members of the community - friends, husbands, visitors, colleagues and anyone who happens to be walking past and hesitates in front of the door!

FRI DAY 12TH AUGUST 2011, 7.30 p.m. Pelham Hall

Cost: £3.00 for non-Penallt WI members

August 4th is our regular summer walk and pub supper. As always, members friends, husbands and probably the dog, will be welcome.



Back to Church Sunday 2011 will be taking place on
Sunday 25th of September.

The idea behind Back to Church Sunday is simple. Church members invite a friend to come to church with them. They don't just meet their friend at church, they go together. The whole church is there to welcome visitors. We don't have to have a special service, just welcoming new faces and old friends into church on one day is what makes it special.

Back to Church Sunday is now well established and widely advertised throughout the UK. This year it comes to Trellech and Penallt !

Many people feel they belong to church yet at the same time feel separated because they have not attended for a good while. This can be due to all sorts of reasons: moving home, new job, getting married, sickness, or any change of circumstances. Whatever the reason, we invite you to come back to church on 25th September where you will not be the only ones, and where you will be warmly welcomed.

In 2010 over one hundred and eighty people came back to church in our Diocese on Back to Church Sunday, and approximately fifty of those came back on a regular basis and became part of the life of the local church. We hope you will be one of them in 2012.

So whatever your reasons, this is the time to put the date in your diary and accept our warm invitation to come back, to share with the rest of us as we worship God and receive the blessings of Holy Communion, in the fellowship of others who believe in God, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Monmouthshire Show Christian Witness 2011

Churches Together in Monmouth and Area

Introduction

This year the Monmouthshire Show will be held on Thursday, 25th August, and local Christians will be there to give a witness to our Lord Jesus. 20,000 people descend on the **showground every year and we seek, "To share the love and truth of Jesus and be available to obey Him in any ways He directs." It is stressed that this is not about a particular church; it is about God's people representing Him. There has always been support and input from a variety of local churches, and this letter gives some details of the event and areas in which you could get involved.**

Outline of the activities

- **The tent belonging to the Ministry "Cymru Jesus" will again be set up earlier in the week (See below).**
 - Free refreshments will be offered throughout the day, including home made cakes.
 - **Children's activities will be run including crafts, balloon hats and face painting.**
 - A Christian bookshop will be available.
 - Gospel presentations will be made during the day to catch the attention of passers by.
 - Visitors to the tent will be offered Christian tracts.
- Personal workers are available for anyone that wants to talk, though this is never done in an aggressive way. Those that want to sit in peace can do so!

There is always much work to be done before, during, and after the day, and the major tasks are shown below.

- Prayer. Crucial! Specific prayer meetings will be arranged including one down at the Showground on the night before the Show.
 - Cakes. It is a big undertaking to make enough cakes to keep the tent going all day, and is one of the most popular aspects of the operation with the visitors!
 - Tent Set up. The tent will be put up on Tuesday 25th August in the early evening, this is heavy work and needs a good team.
 - Refreshments. The day will be split into hourly shifts from 9am to 6pm, we need three people per shift to serve drinks etc. We also need the water to be fetched at regular intervals.
 - **Children's Corner. If you can work with children, helping them with crafts etc. this may be the area for you. There will be hourly shifts and we need 2 to 3 people per hour.**
 - Personal Workers. This is for Christians who are comfortable speaking with strangers, listening to their stories and sharing about Jesus. Perhaps the most **remarkable stories of God's action over the years have come from this area. "PWs" will also be involved in giving out tracts.**
- Take down team. Weather permitting the tent will be taken on Friday at a time to be arranged.

If you would like to be involved in any of the above or would like more information please contact us so we can make sure we organise effectively.

Ring either Ian or Janice Roberts on 01600 77 28 74 or email us on ian.roberts@talktalk.net

Peru 2010

Report by Peter and Katherine Symes

As supporters of Traidcraft, we signed on for their 'Meet The People' tour to Peru. From initial briefing at Traidcraft's Gateshead office to sending off our feedback form, we were filled with admiration at the care taken to ensure that we had a superb trip.

Fantastic scenery: Amazing mountains, vast plains, fertile fields growing potatoes, maize, rice and fruit. Terraces, hundreds of years old, Llamas, and beautiful alpacas.

Tourist attractions: Machu Picchu, more impressive even than the postcards! The Pisac Inca and other amazing ruins Spanish colonial architecture; churches and town squares. The internationally famous whole-day train journey over the Andes.

Traidcraft centres and other projects: The Minka bases in Lima, Collasuyo, Cuyo Grande and Cuyo Chico. **The COCLA coffee production area. The Allpa producers' centre in the Sacred Valley.** The floating reed islands of Uros on Lake Titicaca. Administratively efficient, wonderfully friendly, performing an invaluable service to hundreds of small farmers and producers. The school for girl street children in Lima started by a local teacher and supported entirely by fundraising. The café in Ollantaytambo started by a Dutch woman, all profits going to support destitute young girls and elderly women.

Travel: Thirteen-hour flights Lima and back. Flights from Lima to Cusco and Puno to Lima over the snow-capped Andes. Long bus journeys up and down twisty roads, some under construction, to high altitudes. Foot-powered bicycle taxis. The train to Machu Picchu.

Towns : Lima. Ollantaytambo. Cusco. Puno. Juliaca. Crowded, jostling, busy. Splendid architecture. Messy slums and industrial areas. Glossy shopping malls and boutiques selling luxury alpaca garments and gold and silver jewellery. Back-street cafes selling rice and potato dishes. A sophisticated restaurant with an international menu and floorshow.

Altitude: Testing at times. Particularly during an hour-long climb (which took our guide fifteen minutes!) to a homestead stay on Taquile Island, Lake Titicaca. And where our bed collapsed at midnight.

Our guide and companions: Fantastic, the best guide ever. Well informed, caring, courteous, nothing too much trouble, passionate about his country and culture. A group of thirteen people, all interested in Traidcraft; super company.

The people: Above all, the people. The ordinary people who grow the crops, the tea, the coffee, who make the garments, the jewellery, the ceramics, the products we enjoy. Welcoming and generous to the point of embarrassment, proving again to us the hospitality and graciousness of those who have so little, and how they share without reserve. The people on the other end of the Fair Trade relationship - was so humbling, so enthralling, so encouraging!

And what did we return with? Souvenirs, Christmas presents, garments, jewellery, ceramics. Above all, with great gratitude that we were able to make the trip and with a determination to do more for Fair Trade and **Traidcraft. It works! We've seen it working! We hope to go on another trip next year! Anyone want to join us?**

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey

Sunday 4th September, 2011, 3p.m.

The Friends of our Lady of Tintern invite you to Vespers where the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Kallistos is the speaker this year. It must be very likely that he will be the first Greek Orthodox Bishop to speak in the Abbey since its foundation !

Timothy Ware, Kallistos' English name, was born in 1934. He gained a double first in Classics and then studied theology. He went on to Princeton and, returning to Oxford, was awarded his D. Phil in 1965. From 1966 he was the Spalding Lecturer on the Orthodox Church until he retired in 2002. In 1970 he became a Fellow of Pembroke College. He has been a prolific writer and a prominent participant in ecumenical discussions.

Kallistos was drawn from Anglicanism into the Orthodox **Church in 1958. While still a layman he wrote 'The Orthodox Church' which is widely considered to be the** best introduction to Orthodoxy in English. In 1966, the year he began to lecture at Oxford he was ordained a priest and took monastic vows at the Monastery of St John the Theologian in Patmos, Greece. In 1982 he became the titular bishop of Diokleia, the first Englishman to become a bishop in the Greek Orthodox Church since the 11th century, and when the Diocese was raised to the level of a Metropolis he became its titular Metropolitan.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Vespers. If you wish to sit please bring your own chair. Parking has been **arranged behind the Anchor Inn, (providing it doesn't rain** like it did last year). After the service there will be tea in the Village Hall.

The Old School and Capel Pentwyn At the Heart of Penallt



- *Thinking of a family get-together ?*
- *More guest space for a wedding ?*
- *Want to enjoy time with old friends but don't have the space ?*

The Old School (sleeps 6) was built in 1834 from local oak and stone and was restored by a local architect in 1997 using local craftsmen and artists. It retains all the essential character of the original building with oak beams and wood stoves.

Capel Pentwyn (sleeps 5), the old St Mary's Church, was built as the school chapel in 1869 at the height of the Arts and Crafts period and was made redundant in 2003. It adjoins the Old School and a stunning conversion by a local architect and furnishings by owners Ros and Alastair Robertson reflect the style of that period.

Both properties can be let separately or together for larger groups. Rentals are normally by the week or 3 or 4 day short breaks. The 5-Star spec of both properties means that all guests need to bring is food and drink. Everything else you will need is provided and included in the rental price.

For information and availability www.oldschoolpenallt.co.uk or phone Ros Robertson at 01600 715781

Make a Party of it!

OLD CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING

Always needing volunteers ... please ring Sarah Haeffner on
01600-712349

August: Mrs Virginia Hartley & Mrs Sue Dean

September: Mrs Sally Welsh & Mrs Anna Welsh-Morgan

Services times at St Nicholas,

| Date/time | Season/place | Service | |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 31st July | Trinity VI | United service, | refreshments |
| 6.00pm | Old Church, Penallt | Evensong | |
| 7th August | Trinity VII | | |
| 09.30. | St Nicholas Trellech | Matins | |
| 11.00. | Old Church Penallt | Holy Eucharist | BBQ Lunch |
| 14th August | Trinity VIII | | |
| 09.30. | Old Church Penallt | BCP Eucharist | |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | Family Eucharist | |
| 21st August | Trinity IX | | |
| 09.30. | Old Church Penallt | Eucharist with Baptism | |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | Holy Eucharist | <i>healing ministry</i> |
| 28th August | Trinity X | | |
| 09.30. | Old Church, Penallt | Holy Eucharist | |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | Holy Eucharist | |
| 4th September | Trinity XI | | |
| 09.30. | St Nicholas Church | Sung Matins | |
| 11.00. | Old Church, Penallt | Holy Eucharist | <i>healing ministry</i> |
| 15.00. | Tintern Abbey | Eccumenical Vespers | |
| 11th September | Trellech Harvest and Lunch | | |
| 09.30. | Old Church, Penallt | BCP Eucharist | |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | family Harvest | Lunch |
| 18.30. | Cathedral | Evensong | New Dean |
| 18th September | Penallt Harvest | <i>Rev J Coutts</i> | |
| 09.30. | Old Church, Penallt | Harvest Eucharist | <i>bread and Cheese</i> |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | Holy Eucharist | <i>healing ministry</i> |
| 26th September | BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY | | |
| 09.30. | Old Church, Penallt | Holy Eucharist | refreshments |
| 11.00. | St Nicholas Trellech | Holy Eucharist | Refreshments |
| 2nd October | Trinity XV | | |
| 09.30. | St Nicholas Trellech | Sung Matins | |
| 11.00. | Old Church Penallt | Holy Eucharist | <i>healing Ministry</i> |

Trellech and Old Church, Penallt

| <i>reader 1</i> | <i>reader 2</i> | <i>server/chalice</i> | <i>chalice 2</i> | <i>welcome</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| St Nicholas | Methodist | n/a | n/a | S Haeffner |
| A Powis T McGorrigan | F Kemp V Kimber | T McGorrigan | | A Powis T McGorrigan |
| S Dean B Green | T Churchward | n/a | K Lowe | T Churchward A Stubbs |
| C Mills A Gilbey | W Boycott B Richards | L Harper A Gilbey | K Bowen | C Mills A Gilbey |
| L Harper J Rogers | S Haeffner R Parsons | L Harper K Bowen | K Lowe | S Haeffner B Green |
| F Kemp T McGorrigan | A Powis S Coutts | T McGorrigan | | A Powis T McGorrigan |
| T Churchward B Green | A Stratton | n/a R Parsons | K Lowe | A Stratton A Stubbs |
| W Boycott B Richards | S Haeffner A Gilbey | L Harper K Bowen | A Gilbey | W Boycott R Parsons |
| S Dean R Parsons | C Mills J Rogers | L Harper K Lowe | R Parsons | S Dean B Green |
| K Bowen D Shannon | A Powis V Kimber | n/a L Harper | | A Powis S Haeffner |

HARVEST IN TRELLECH AND PENALLT

"All good gifts around us "

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TRELLECH

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 11am

COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

with

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Bring the family, a savoury dish and a sweet dish,

and join in the festivity

Proceeds to charity



OLD CHURCH PENALLT

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 09.30

HARVEST EUCHARIST

Traditional service where harvest gifts can be

brought; tinned, jarred, packet, and dried food

to go to help the homeless through the

RAVEN HOUSE TRUST

Harvest bread and cheese after the service

Portaloo at Penallt !!

Have you noticed the portaloo in the churchyard at Old Church, Penallt ? This is a temporary trial, over the summer months, to test the need for a lavatory. As there is no running water and no drainage at the church, the only lavatory provision has to be either a portable, chemical one, or a composting one.

We hope that anyone who uses it will take the time to tick the list they find inside, so we can calculate how much is it used and therefore how necessary it is for us to provide a more permanent facility. If we need to do so, it will be more discreetly sited and screened than this one.

This portaloo is on hire and we hope to offset the cost by **asking users who 'spend a penny' to contribute via the wall safe** in church. We are also arranging a summer BBQ with proceeds towards the hire cost.

BARBECUE

Ladies and gentlemen, why get bogged down in cooking Sunday lunch on 7th August ? Come to the lavish Summer Parish Barbecue (12.30 - 2.00) in the Old Church churchyard and help us to make it such a loocratic event that we will be flushed with success ! Food and drink will be provided, just bring something to sit on. It would be potty to miss it !

*Letter from Pauline Grainger, St John's Church The Hays
Cardiff, re their Pilgrimage here.*

Dear Sandra and helpers,

I don't know how to thank you for all your hard work in making our visit to Trellech so enjoyable. I always jump in and arrange these annual events and then spend months worrying that it won't turn out right on the day. On this occasion I really shouldn't have worried. We were in safe and caring hands. I realise what a lot of work must have gone on behind the scenes and it was truly appreciated by us all. People were talking about it in church on Sunday and it is really heart warming to know that our fellow christians are always willing to offer friendship and fellowship to strangers. I love to bring St John's people to a country parish as a refreshing change to our location in the heart of Cardiff but once inside the church, wherever it is located, all is familiar and comfortable but with less street noise to distract worship.

The tea you arranged was superb and especially the soup which was an inspiration since we had a lunchtime start from Cardiff and some of us had only had water biscuits with the wine tasting to sustain us. Talking about food, if you should want to arrange a visit to Cardiff, possibly a Christmas shopping trip, we would be delighted to return your hospitality as we run a tea room in the church and have appropriate facilities. It would make a good base where people could leave their shopping and take the chance to visit the local attractions.

Once again, our thanks to you all.

The Music of Leonard Cohen

On Wednesday September 28th 2011 Keith James one of the finest acoustic guitarists in the country has added one extra night to his UK tour and will be performing the music of Leonard Cohen in the wonderful setting of Trellech Church.

Cohen is the most enigmatic, mysterious and subtextual songwriter the English speaking world has ever known. Revered and covered by the entire music community; **Leonard Cohen's exact sense of prose, his wry humour and his courage to wrestle with the unspoken, forgiving human frailty with the brush of each line.**

This Keith James concert has had outstanding acclaim from all music critics across the country. He has wowed music lovers all over the country with his performance of the music of Leonard Cohen that once seen and heard it is an unforgettable evening.

Keith spent much of the nineties recording and producing music and has now founds time to restart touring over the last few years with such tours as The Great Canadian Songbook which reached sell-out audiences.

Tickets are £10.00.

Start time is 7.30 p.m.

To book contact Peter Garwood on 01600-860376

or email pgarwood@globalnet.co.uk

See <http://www.keith-james.com/concerts.php> for more information on Keith James.

CREAM TEAS FOR CHURCH IN UGANDA

Those of you who helped to build and support the Ogenda School for Girls, in the Nebbi District of Uganda will remember the joy when we heard that the government had at last adopted the school and would provide teachers for the future. They did not however provide the funds for the classrooms or the dormitory which were still needed. This would remain the responsibility of the local community, but with the help of **the Charity "Hands Around the World" the classroom block** was built. John and I were able to see this in process during our visit in 2010. The dormitory is now built and in **use, and the Headmaster's house is almost complete. I look forward to seeing this new development during my visit this coming September, when I shall also attend the wedding of a former student of the school.**

The community commitment to the school development did however mean that a plan to build a church in the village was put on hold until now.

I witnessed the laying down of the first foundation stone on one of my earliest visits. The foundations were completed in 2011 and I returned home from our visit last year with a request for help.



They know we cannot help them to the same extent as before with the school, but we did agree to holding two fund raising events in 2011 to enable me to take a gift with me in September this year. Last Christmas we raised £250 at **our vicarage party, and we are now ...**

You are invited to cream tea afternoon
3pm. Saturday 3rd September 2011
Panteg House, Griffithstown.

All proceeds to support the construction of a new parish church in Padoch,
Nebbi Diocese, Church of Uganda.

If people cannot attend but wish to support this fund, gifts can be given to the Parish of Trellech and Penallt (Nebbi fund) or donations to Rev Sandra Howells or Rev Nicholas Taylor.

Contact 01600 716622

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St Nicholas Bell Ringing Association.  
Notice of resignation

Margaret Wrightson who has been our tower Captain since 2003, has recently resigned as Tower Captain for St Nicholas Church. She continues to ring at the Priory Church in Monmouth and while the ringers in Trellech seek to elect a new Captain, they acknowledge with gratitude the time and commitment Margaret has put in to teaching people to ring in Trellech.

New ringers are always welcome. Ringing practice is held on Monday evenings, 7.30 - 9.00. For further details please contact The Vicar, or the Ringing Master, Colin Harris

Penallt Old Church Summer Fete was held on 16th June in Pelham Hall due to the wet weather. HOWEVER, although the weather was unkind, the enthusiasm and effort everyone had put into the day, gave a profit of £1,652.76, so a big THANK YOU.

| <b>Income</b>      |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Stall</b>       | <b>Total</b>    |
| Tombola            | £87.55          |
| Teas               | £144.76         |
| Books              | £106.30         |
| Ice Cream          | £66.25          |
| Cakes              | £146.94         |
| Picture Raffle     | £86.00          |
| Plants             | £252.90         |
| White Elephant     | £83.11          |
| Toys               | £28.75          |
| Plant stall in May | £110.00         |
| Raffle             | £835.75         |
|                    |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>£1948.31</b> |
|                    |                 |

| <b>Expenses</b>   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Raffle printing   | £64.00         |
| Hire of hall      | £65.00         |
| Bream Silver Band | £125.00        |
| Wine              | £41.55         |
|                   |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>£295.55</b> |

**PROFIT: £1652.76**

*God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him,  
"Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally  
figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other  
words, we can now do what you did 'in the beginning'."*

*"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.*

*"Well", says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it  
into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus  
creating man."*

*"Well, that's interesting. Show Me. "*

*So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to  
shape the soil.*

*"Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."*



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CATBROOK MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Tuesday 16th August, doors open 7.30pm - Blackheart Acoustic Duo (an acoustic modern folk duo). Tickets £8.

Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm - Alison Neil performing "The Just William Lady".

Yoga classes with Ruth Routh on Tuesday evenings, 7-8.30pm and Thursday mornings, 10.30-12 noon.

Coffee mornings third Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am.

To book the hall email Rose at [info@catbrook.info](mailto:info@catbrook.info).

PELHAM HALL, PENALLT

Regular events

Bowls Club every Tuesday

Wednesday morning PILATES ... contact Diane Bartle 891249

W.I. **1st Thursday of the month ... contact Trish Hayward on 712864.**

The hall is available for private functions ...book with Vin Godier on 716502

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FILM NIGHT at PELHAM HALL

Starts again in September

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HARVEST SUPPER

15th October, 2011 ... more info to come.

BABINGTON CENTRE - TRELLECH

To hire Babington Centre, contact Dave Robbins, 01600 860714

## THE NARTH HALL

Contact person - Sue Stocker - Secretary 860530

Art group meets every Wednesday. Contact Sue Seymour on 860033

Bridge Group contact Vivienne Casson on 860054 to find out more.

Films on The Narth Contact Hywel Rees on 860516 for information

Gardening Club last Tuesday of the month. Contact John Lewis on 860374.

Keep fit for the mature person Thursday a.m.. Contact Huw Smith on 860659.

The Narth Singers Wednesdays at 7.30pm - contact Jenny Hickey on 860216.

Play reading group Meets one Monday a month. Contact Gordon Casson on 860054

Whist drive third Friday of each month at 7.30pm. Contact Sue Stocker on 860530

**Womens' Institute** 7.30pm on the third Tuesdays. Contact Jan Stephens on 860576

Youth Club fortnightly on a Thursday, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Contact Kate Rees on 860516 or Rachel Widdicks on 869142

Private Bookings To book hall & for rates, contact Mary Pardington on 860227.

## *Art in Penallt.*

*Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning at Lane End Cottage and also for your generosity. We will be updating the village website [www.penallt.org.uk](http://www.penallt.org.uk) and the Parish Magazine with further news about Art in Penallt in October. Tickets for the dinner and talk by Richard Wills at the Penallt Inn on Friday 30th September will be on sale at the pub very soon.*

## Old Dean, New Dean.

The previous Dean of the Newport Cathedral, Richard Fenwick, has been consecrated Bishop of St Helena, in the **Atlantic. His 'patch' will also include Ascension Island.** The service on 7th May was attended (in South Africa) by our Bishop Dominic.

The new Dean of the Cathedral is Rev. Jeremy Winston, **previously Vicar of St Mary's, Abergavenny.**

His installation as Dean will take place on 10th September, and he will lead Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 11th, at 6.30. Anyone wanting to go to this should contact the Vicar, who will be attending.



### Friends of Trellech Church and Churchyard CHEPSTOW MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

St Nicholas Church Trellech  
Saturday, 3rd September 2011, 7.30pm,  
Entry from 6.45pm

Tickets £8 available from:  
01600-860275/861855/864245/861806 or  
01633-871122  
or on the evening.  
Licenced bar and raffle

## HOME & GARDEN

Summer is here why not contact Jon and Laura for an estimate for all of those Gardening projects:

Tree work~ Hedge & Conifer cutting~  
Grass cutting~ Pruning Shrub~ Paths & Decking~  
Planting & Digging borders~

### In and about the house:

Painting Decorating inside & out~  
Plumbing repairs & new projects~  
Roof Repairs~  
Guttering cleaning~  
Window cleaning~



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### Contact Jon & Laura

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Call Gail 01600 861871

## Dates for the diary

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| August 7th     | BBO at Old Church, 12.30                 |
| August 12th    | 4.15. Visiting Bell Ringers.             |
| August 12th    | 7pm. Wedding rehearsal at Old Church     |
| 20th August    | 12.00. Wedding at Old Church             |
| 20th August    | Wedding Blessing at Trellech             |
| 21st August    | Baptisms at Penallt                      |
| 23rd August    | PCC meeting                              |
| 25th August    | 5pm Wedding Rehearsal at Old Church      |
| 27th August    | 3pm wedding at Old Church                |
|                |                                          |
| 3rd September  | Nebbi cream teas afternoon Griffithstown |
| 3rd September  | 7.30 Chepstow Male Voice Choir. Trellech |
| 4th September  | Vespers at Tintern Abbey, 3 p.m.         |
| 9th September  | 7pm Wedding Rehearsal Penallt            |
| 10th September | 1.30 wedding at Penallt                  |
| 11th September | Harvest service & lunch, St Nicholas     |
| 13th September | Deanery Conference                       |
| 18th September | Harvest service in Penallt               |
| 25th September | Back to Church Sunday, both churches     |
| 28th September | Leonard Cohen concert, St Nicholas       |

### Mobile Library dates - use it or lose it !

Monmouthshire Mobile Library calls in Penallt, at the lay-by near Pentwyn Park, opposite the Old Post Office, every third Friday morning, at about 11.40, but because of vehicle problems, holidays and the weather, they often change the date at the last moment, so please phone the library to check; the van is expected August 19th, & September 9th & 30th.

**PLEASE support this very useful service ...**

*Library phone: - 01600-775215*