



Cemetery plans

During mid October, A large audience packed the Pelham Hall bar area to hear County Councillor Giles Howard, accompanied by two colleagues, explain that cemetery capacity in NE Monmouthshire was very limited and that new sites were needed in the very near future. Sites within Monmouth had been investigated and rejected, either because of flood plain issues or because the substrate was not suitable.

3 sites in Penallt have shown promise, the current proposals are shown on the map above. Following initial consultation, sites 1 and 2 proved to be unsuitable (watercourses, rock near the surface and shallow soil), so a third site, a 3 acre field was the focus of the discussion.

The meeting broke up after about an hour, with many of the audience feeling that MCC might well remain rock/hard place bound, as it seemed that the field would fail the cemetery criteria anyway. Nevertheless, MCC are due to continue exploration and a feasibility study of the site, conducting further research to establish if the site is suitable.

A newsletter for Penallt village

Following the success of the recently launched website www.penallt.org.uk, a printed newsletter might seem like a step in the wrong direction. Why print and deliver, using resources and time ? Isn't the website the perfect resource for sharing information ?

We understand that some village residents cannot access the internet or do not use a computer. For this reason, we are printing a newsletter for issue to the entire village. We intend to print and publish shortened versions of content from the website in this newsletter. It will be delivered, we hope, quarterly. It's going to be free, supported in the future by advertising or sponsors.

Is there any content you would like to publish ? Is this even a good idea ? We'd love your views about this newsletter and the website. Please email webmaster@penallt.org.uk, or place a letter in the postbox next to the entrance door at Pelham Hall marked 'newsletter feedback'. Thanks for reading.

A Wet November

November 2011 was warmer than usual, average maximum temp of 11.6°C. There were 26 days on which rain fell, a total rainfall of 103.8 mm, 61% above the Ross-on-Wye* average for November.

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The Penalltimate

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Free, probably quarterly, with views and news of happenings, events and stories from Penallt

Internet Problems ?

In consultation with a number of villagers, the Pelham Hall Committee has been considering the poor provision of broadband in the village and has asked a small group of villagers to investigate what might be done. Although many homes in Penallt can enjoy "broadband" provision, most of them have speeds which are officially classified as "slow" (below 2 Mbps) whilst others are beyond the range of any sort of broadband at all.

To canvass the opinion of the village there is an online questionnaire which we would encourage you to fill in <http://www.penallt.org.uk/broadband>. Alternatively you will find a paper version with this newsletter.

The 'Penallt Internet' village team would like to understand your views. Should the village decide that the idea is worth pursuing, the Penallt internet team will look at alternative routes to providing the village with a sustainable broadband solution.

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Meend Farm

The Pelham Hall bar area was full on Thursday 20th October when a large crowd of locals (and others) came to hear Ludo Graham and Kate Humble give more detail about their plans for Meend Farm.

Kate Humble opened with the news that, although both were very hopeful about it, their purchase of Meend Farm had not actually been completed yet (as of 20th October). She explained that the farm was owned by MCC who had marked it down for disposal in several lots and that it was destined to be lost as a working farm as a result. Kate and her husband heard about this and decided to try to preserve it as a working farm and approached MCC with a way forward.

More information about the meeting is available on the website.

Image courtesy of David May.



The Art in Penallt team would like to thank everyone for supporting the weekend "Three Ways to Love Art"

Art in Penallt

The book keeping is now complete and we can share with you that all the Art sales in Capel Pentwyn reached the grand total of £5,300. Our total income for the whole weekend was £3,171.55. This included fundraising from various events over 2011. Expenses for this year were £1,422.38. The total profit came to £1,749.17.

As the event was so successful we would like to do it again next year and have, provisionally, arranged for the weekend of 6th/7th October 2012. We therefore agreed to retain £749 towards this and to divide the remainder giving £500 each to the two chosen charities, Cancer Research Wales and The Babington Meadow Trust. If you have any questions or comments do, please, contact Cathy Farber at 01600 860476.

Diary for Penallt

Thursday 15th December 2011

Narth Singers in Pelham Hall
Concert Starts at 7.30pm
Free Admission

Saturday 24th December 2011

Midnight Mass at Penallt Old Church



Saturday 28th

January 2012

Film Night Pelham Hall

Loose Cannons (Italy, 2010)
Starts at 7.30pm
£5 admission includes a snack

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Film Night at Pelham Hall
Tough Enough (Germany 2006)
(as above)



Monday 27th August 2012

Pericles at Babington Meadows performed by Rain or Shine Theatre Company. Advance Notice.

Any items here you'd like to add? Please contact us.



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Environment
Agency Wales

Registering your Septic Tank

The Environment Agency Wales is currently preparing to contact septic tank owners across Wales to ask them to register their septic tanks. If you have a septic tank you will need to register it by 31 December 2011. (Although the website notes they will permit notification upto 30 June 2012 before enforcement action is taken)

You can also help by making sure your colleagues and neighbours are all aware of this requirement.



Over the past 6 months there have been a number of sightings of a big cat. Further details are on the website. Is it myth and fable? hoax or a genuine beast....

Babington Meadow details now online

At its November 2011 meeting the Babington Meadow committee agreed that its minutes, and other documents, should be made public. These are now available on the penallt.org.uk website.



BBC antiques expert visits Penallt

The evening's entertainment 'Antiques Antics' attracted a good audience of members and non-members of the Penallt WI from a wide area. A wickedly funny speaker with an eye for the absurdities of human nature, Adam's talk had the audience in stitches as he gave us an insight into both his auctioneering and television careers.

A coup for Penallt WI! Adam Partridge, well-known auctioneer and antiques expert on BBC programmes Flog It! and formerly Bargain Hunt, was in Penallt as guest speaker earlier this year.