

ST. TEATH TIMEPIECE

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MEMORIES of being together among friends in days gone by -
and **HOPES** that these days will come again soon.

(Photos by Adrian Jasper 2018)

ST TEATH TIMEPIECE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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OPENING BALANCE: Balance at Bank 1/04/2019	1,498.53	
Cash in Hand		<u>0.36</u>
		<u>1,498.89</u>
INCOME: Advertisers	1,280.00	
Mailings	134.00	
Donations		<u>215.00</u>
		<u>1,629.00</u>
EXPENDITURE: Printing	1,600.28	
Postage and Stationery		<u>87.45</u>
		<u>1,687.73</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME:		- 58.73
CREDIT at 31/03/2020		<u>1,440.16</u>
REPRESENTED BY: Balance at Bank 31/03/2021	1,439.80	
Cash in Hand		<u>0.36</u>
		<u>1,440.16</u>

23/03/2021

EDDIE JONES
Treasurer

Our thanks to Eddie for managing the accounts so efficiently over the past year. As you can see, our expenditure has exceeded our income by a small amount during this last year. However, since the income due from advertisers this year will be considerably less, due to the discount we have given local tradespeople in these difficult times, we shall be depending on the generosity of our readers to make up this deficit. Whilst we hope to be able to hold a fundraiser at some point in the future, we are appealing to readers to donate whatever they can to TIMEPIECE funds in order to enable us to keep the newsletter going. There is a donation tin in the Post Office.

Our grateful thanks to those villagers who have already responded to our plea - your support is much appreciated.

EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Imagine a large door opening very slowly. Crowds of people are trying to jostle their way to the front in an attempt to gain their freedom. But there is only a glimpse of the outside world and only a few will escape.

They include schoolchildren, shoppers, the gym enthusiasts, those desperate for a hair-cut, the self-catering holiday makers. Everyone else must wait behind the door, frustrated and disappointed. It was bad enough when everyone was in darkness but that sight of freedom is possibly even more of a trial.

Then on May 17th, the door opens wider, (Boris permitting). Far more people rush out. People invite friends into their homes again, pubs and restaurants can welcome customers indoors, friends and family can come to stay (a red letter day for me).

On June 21st, if Boris' crystal ball is working properly, the door will be wide open. Everyone is out. Nightclubs reopen, weddings and funerals can go ahead without any restrictions on numbers. Life is "normal" again.

Or is it?

Yes, I sound like a glass half empty kind of person and, yes, I admit that I am, but I find it very sad that so many events have been cancelled, including the Royal Cornwall Show. Some large events are going ahead with covid restrictions in place but many have been cancelled for a second year. As I write, the carnival is the only local event that is going ahead. Normally my summer days would be filled with one fundraiser after another. At the moment I don't see any indication that any will happen this year.

My "roadmap" after lockdown isn't detailed, I know. I have to admit that rather than a road I found it to be a maze, as I researched government restrictions. Do you know exactly what you can do and when? I may ask questions later! Is it any wonder that people find themselves bending the rules unintentionally especially after a year of frustrations?

I am hoping that this will be my last editorial about the pandemic.

Or maybe not

P.S. I know many people will have come down to Cornwall on holiday and who can blame them. But if you are a visitor here and happen to be reading this (although I can't see any reason why you should!) **please** would you remember that restrictions also apply here and don't stop just because you are on holiday?

BARBARA STRACHAN

WISE WORDS

Learn from yesterday. Live for today. Hope for tomorrow.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Fear never builds the future. But hope does.

JOE BIDEN

LOCAL ELECTIONS ON MAY 6th

At the elections on May 6th you will be asked to vote for St Teath's representative on Cornwall Council. Sadly not enough volunteers have come forward to fill the seven places now available on St Teath's new Parish Council, so there will be no need for a Parish Council election. It is disappointing that more villagers have not offered their services in this capacity, now that we have our own Parish Council at last dealing solely with the affairs of St Teath village and surroundings and making all our own decisions.

There are three candidates for the place on Cornwall Council : **Dominic Fairman** for the Liberal Democrats, **Daniel Laughton** for the Conservatives and **Michael Williams** for the Green Party. We have invited all three to state their case in *Timepiece*, but at the time of going to press, only the Lib Dem and Green candidates have re- sponded.



DOMINIC FAIRMAN writes:

It has been an honour and a pleasure to represent the village and wider parish for the last 5 years on Cornwall Council.

Over this time I have got to know many people in the community and attended the Parish Council meetings on a regular basis. This has been an extremely difficult year for everyone, but I do believe that it has revealed the strength of the community in St Teath, of which you should all be rightly proud.

As well as helping many residents resolve their personal issues with Cornwall Council, I have worked over the time on two large projects for the village, which I am pleased to say have both been successful.

As of the 1st April Delabole became a parish in its own right, which now means that St Teath Parish Council can concentrate all its time and efforts on St Teath alone. This has already led to a 25% reduction in the parish precept element of your council tax and means that future spending will only be for the benefit of people in St Teath with decisions made by the people of St Teath. I am a great believer in bringing local decisions back down to local people and I believe this will benefit the village for years to come.

Secondly, I have been working diligently on realising the village ambition to implement a 20-mph zone. This has been slow work, but funding has now been secured and works will commence later this year.

It is my sincere hope that I may be able to represent you all again for the next four years along with Tintagel, Delabole, Michaelstow, St Breward and St Tudy. Please consider me for your vote on May 6th.

Dominic Fairman – Liberal Democrat

LOCAL ELECTIONS (CONT'D)



MICHAEL WILLIAMS writes:

I have lived in North Cornwall since 1982. My children were born and raised here. I have a strong sense of the area, of its beauty and its opportunities, but also of its needs.

I joined the Greens during the financial crash. It had become clear that the old politics were not working. Politicians deal with the unforeseen but too often the response is just a patching-up until the next time: there is no vision. The Green Party is passionate about implementing its policies on long term issues: environmental ones of course - climate change, air quality, loss of biodiversity. However, these are inextricably linked with the need for fairness and equality, the need to change educational and housing policies to meet the issues facing us in Cornwall.

Cornish businesses have been ravaged by Covid. We have a chance to rebuild and re-invigorate our local economy by creating sustainable jobs. The Council's economic and procurement policy should address this.

We must plan for all the people not the few. Transparency and public involvement are often absent from the planning process. Disproportionate benefit goes to influential landowners and developers at a cost to the environment and expensive houses are favoured over affordable ones.

We must use the Council's power, greater than that of most local authorities, to ensure that we enjoy regular and affordable public transport. In that way, we cut carbon emissions and make lives less pressured and expensive.

Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, but that is not nearly enough. We must stop 'development' that destroys our natural environment, to our loss as well as that of biodiversity. We must stop emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Instead, we must invest in renewable energy and in retro-fitting homes to make them warmer and less expensive.

Michael Williams - Green Party



Pictured are Molly Mewton, Sylvia Mewton and Marjorie Beare, St Teath WI "Nursery Rhyme" fundraiser, October 1974

Sylvia, you remain Queen of St Teath's Heart nearly 50 years later xx

PATRICK M.

WONDROUS WEDDINGS

The following wedding reports have appeared in local newspapers, - proving that it isn't only *Timepiece* that's prone to bloomers. (Apologies for the errors in last month's issue—ED)

The bride and groom, both Young Farmers, then cut the wedding cake made by Mrs Luston shaped like a haystack on stilts.

Due to a misunderstanding in a telephoned report, we stated that the couple would live at the home of the groom's father. We have been asked to point out that they will in fact live at the Old Manse.

The bride made her own wedding gown—a classic style in white brocade with a train that was the 6.15pm from Redhill.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with scooped neckline and bell-shaped skirt with a train and a few loose slates and ridge tiles falling from a satin head-band.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom went into the vestry and sighed.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM DELABOLE BILL

We must realise that acts of damage to our environment are acts of self destruction to mankind.

If you build a fence around you, you will be fencing out more than you will be fencing in.

You know it's going to be a bad day when you put your bra on backwards and it fits better.

ST TEATH SCHOOL REPORT

What a term the Spring Term of 2021 was! 8 weeks of online home schooling, followed by a relatively short 4 weeks in school for the majority of the pupils. 2020 and 2021 have been a challenge for everyone in society, yet our primary-aged children seem to have taken it in their stride.

As was previously reported, during our second period of school closure, we as a school tried to maintain a degree of normality, with children registering online for English and Maths lessons daily. 12 months ago we could not possibly have believed that we would be teaching whole classes of children in this virtual manner, yet here we were, engaging with our children as they carried out their lessons in their living rooms, kitchens and bedrooms! The adaptability of all children and indeed our teachers was truly phenomenal. Our online attendance was seemingly better than actual attendance figures for the same period last year! A HUGE thank-you must go to all our parents who supported their children during the home learning period. I think they can now appreciate why teachers require relatively long holidays to recuperate! Additionally, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all the St Teath staff who worked tirelessly to provide stimulating lessons in these challenging times.

Contrary to what was reported in many press outlets, our children were eager to return to school when it reopened on March 8th. In fact, we had 100% attendance for the first week! The children, and perhaps a few of the parents, were so keen to be back in school, playing with friends, enjoying familiar routines and just simply being children! In fact, it was as if they had never been away! We hear a lot about lost education and catching up on all that the children have missed during the lockdowns. Academic subjects are important, but to my mind the most important aspect of primary education is social development and our children certainly enjoyed their 4 weeks back at the end of last term. One special event was Comic Relief day, when all children and staff dressed as Super Heroes. Many came as doctors and nurses, very much in line with the sentiments of the whole nation.

The end of term saw the departure of Mr Banks, as Head Teacher of St Teath School. Mr Banks has been Head for 12 months, but he also held the responsibility of CEO of the North Cornwall Learning Trust, of which our school is part. Due to the increasing demands of that role, he has decided to step aside temporarily to focus on that aspect of his work. In the interim, I have happily accepted the role once again of Acting Head Teacher. I always thought that meant I could spend more time on the stage, but apparently not! Everyone at St Teath CP wishes Mr Banks every success and we hope to see him again in school from time to time.

Finally, we are hopeful that life at school can soon return to relative normality; where bubbles are something you have in a bath and mask-wearing is for Super Heroes only!

MR HOWARD

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A REMINDER

Following the receipt of an anonymous, but heart-warming letter to *Timepiece*, we would like to remind readers that our policy is not to publish **anonymous** submissions of any kind. We can, however, withhold on request the writers' names, provided the editing staff know their identity. Thank you.

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St Teath Church's tribute to HRH Prince Philip.

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In lieu of last year's cancelled festival, a number of mini films were made which include a series of interviews and readings involving many of this year's festival authors. These can be viewed on www.ncornbookfest.org/north-cornwall-book-festival-at-home or search for North Cornwall Book Festival at Home on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram or Vimeo

We look forward to seeing you again

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

As I write this in Easter week, I am pleased to report that the Church has re-opened for public worship. The first service was held on Easter Day with a wonderful congregation of 50 and, as an added bonus, the service was filmed and posted on YouTube afterwards for even more to see. Since then, if all goes to plan, normal services will have resumed at 11.00 am each Sunday morning. Refurbishment of the organ has been completed during the lockdown and I am led to believe it sounds better than ever. All are always welcome to join our Sunday services or simply come in for quiet private prayer or meditation on Tuesdays or Saturdays at the times when the Church is open for that purpose.

It may still be Easter week as I write, but the Easter season does not end with Bank Holiday Monday and the Easter week which follows, as many seem to think, but continues throughout April and into May until Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday, on 23rd May. Throughout the Easter season we will be continuing to reflect on the astonishing story at the heart of the Christian faith that Jesus of Nazareth, a human being, after being tortured, humiliated and executed in the most awful manner, by being nailed to a cross, was raised to new life by the power of the Holy Spirit, proving him to be more than just a man. Jesus is, in the words of the Bible, the very "Author of Life" and the channel through which we encounter God's healing love and forgiveness.

St Paul recounts how, following his being raised to new life, Jesus appeared not only to his disciples but to literally hundreds of others before he finally departed to be with God in what is usually called the "Ascension". This event will be remembered on Ascension Day, 13th May. Before his Ascension Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come upon them, giving them the strength and courage to tell the world about Him. Whit Sunday, Pentecost, is when the Church recalls how the Holy Spirit did, indeed, come powerfully upon the disciples, giving this frightened bunch of men, who had gone into hiding after the arrest of Jesus, the ability and bravery to speak out and proclaim the good news about the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

As I write, phase 2 of the lifting of lockdown restrictions on 12th April is imminent. Phase 2 will still be in operation on Ascension Day, 13th May: but, if all goes to plan, phase 3 will have come into force on 17th May in time for Whit Sunday on 23rd; and we will be well on the way towards resuming a more normal way of life. Let us all hope and pray for that; and also that we will be able to enjoy not just the "old" life, but a "new" and better one in which the spirit of community and care for friends and neighbours which has come to the fore during the lockdowns continues and grows, inspired and renewed again by the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

JEFFREY TERRY, Curate
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

SUN 2 nd MAY	11am Choral Communion -
SUN 9 th MAY	11 am Morning Prayer
SUN 16 th MAY	11 am Choral Communion -
SUN 23 rd MAY	11am Morning Prayer

We are planning to be able to hold the above services in future but social distancing must still be obeyed and facial covering must be worn. The church will continue to be open on **Tuesday and Saturday** from **10am to 4pm** for PRIVATE PRAYER.

A METHODIST MINISTER'S VIEW

We do not hear very much about the country of Iceland but over the past year it has been in the news on at least two occasions. The first was in the late Summer last year when two Beluga Whales which had been kept in captivity in Shanghai were released in the seas in a special reserved area off Iceland. More recently the news has been of one of the island's volcanos becoming active releasing steam and lava. Volcanic activity as well as glaciers have shaped the landscape in many places.

Some years ago, Professor Charles Moule a New Testament scholar at Cambridge University used the example of a volcanic crater in responding to one of those 'tricky student' questions. He was asked in a lecture if he believed in the Resurrection of Jesus. He responded by saying, "In my experience the size of the crater is proportionate to the force of the impact. Look at how many people follow Jesus today".

It has often been said that the proof of the Resurrection is evidenced not only in the historical biblical records but in the experiences of people across the ages through to the present day. It may be difficult to believe, but millions of people across the world will have echoed that 'Jesus is Alive' on Easter Day and will testify to his impact in their daily experience.

I have recently purchased two biographical books now available in paperback format about people who are well known for their Christian faith. One is the autobiography of Cliff Richard who is still idolised by many. He is well known for his Christian faith and some of the songs which he sang have Christian origins. He talks about his faith in a number of places in his life story. The other is the biography of David Sheppard who was a gifted test match cricketer. He trained for the priesthood and after gaining experience in ministry in the East End of London became the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool. Together with his Roman Catholic and Methodist Colleagues he had a great input in that area, and appropriately the biography is entitled 'Batting for the Poor'. The landscape of their lives was shaped by their Christian experience, and other lives as a consequence.

These 20th Century examples of the impact of prominent Christians are further proof of the Resurrection and leave us with the question of what it means to us personally

Every blessing in your reflecting.

BRYAN EDE

ST TEATH COMMUNITY BUS

As stated in last month's Timepiece the Community Bus will be resuming trips to Wadebridge on Friday 7th May. We will also be resuming our trips to Truro as of Monday 17th May. At the moment numbers will still be limited to 7 so both trips will be bookable. Please call Tom Imber on 01208 592711 to book a seat.

For the time being in order to encourage passengers to use our Community Bus and keep this service in the village, we have decided to reduce the fare to Truro to £3 (this may need to be increased again in the future). The fare to Wadebridge/Tesco will stay at £2.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mondays - Truro 9.30am from the White Hart

Fridays - Wadebridge/Tesco 9.30am from the White Hart (MANDY WOODS)

A THOUGHT

SUCCESS is not the key to happiness. HAPPINESS is the key to success.
If you love what you're doing, you will be successful. ALBERT SCHWEITZER



LEARNING THROUGH FUN

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We have had a wonderful few weeks welcoming all the children back after a staggered start to the year. We are very much looking forward to the Summer term with 21 children on roll now, we have welcomed and settled lots of new children over the past few weeks.

We do still have spaces in both rooms and take children from 1-5 years old, please enquire at stteathpreschool@talktalk.net if you are interested, we would love to hear from you.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Hunt and donated Eggs, we sold around 80 clue sheets totalling £160. Fundraising events like these mean a lot to us, enabling us to buy new resources for the children.

We are hoping as lockdown restrictions start to ease that we may be able to venture out on a trip with the children this summer term, we love our annual beach trip or a trip to the strawberry farm is always a big hit with the children.

We are still collecting Bags to School, these can be dropped at the preschool under the shelter at any time. Again, a huge thank you to everyone who donates, this is one of our main fundraisers.

Over the past term we have been developing the outside area, the children now enjoy a large sandpit with construction shed to choose from and a sports shed, children are able to choose resources to share with their peers whilst outside, all encouraging independence, physical development, building relationships and social skills. Thank you to Helen and Harry Dower who have completed a couple of Dump Runs for us, we are always incredibly grateful for the help.

We will be looking for Committee Members for our Preschool come September, please enquire for more information if this is something you would be interested in to help the Preschool.

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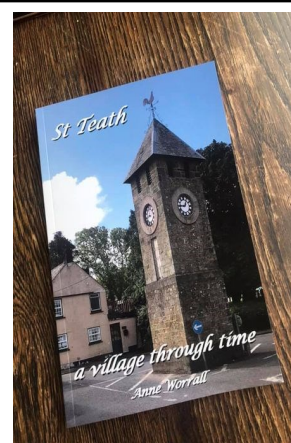
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THE HISTORY OF PENGENNA MANOR (PART 2)

By Richard Blewett

Last month the story of Pengenna had just reached the end of the 1600s. Now read on...

In 1722 Pengenna was sold to a wealthy Falmouth merchant called Robert Corker. He owned thousands of acres of land and hundreds of properties across Cornwall. He was five times Mayor of Falmouth, Receiver General, responsible for collecting rates for the Prince of Wales on all the tin mines in the Duchy and even MP for Bossiney from 1722 to 1731. Corker massively overstretched himself and, heavily in debt, dipped into the tin receipts that should have been paid to Frederick, Prince of Wales (son of King George II,) to the tune of £23,000 (£2.7m in today's money!). He tried in vain to sell some of his property to cover the shortfall, but on his death all his estates were made over to the Prince of Wales, so for a time Pengenna had a Royal owner! (See document opposite)

At a huge sale in 1735 Pengenna and surrounding lands were purchased on behalf of Sir John Molesworth (4th baronet) of Pencarrow, in a joint property deal with Edmund Prideaux of Prideaux Place in Padstow. The property was divided again in the same year, beginning a very stable period of ownership by the Molesworth family for the next 290 years.

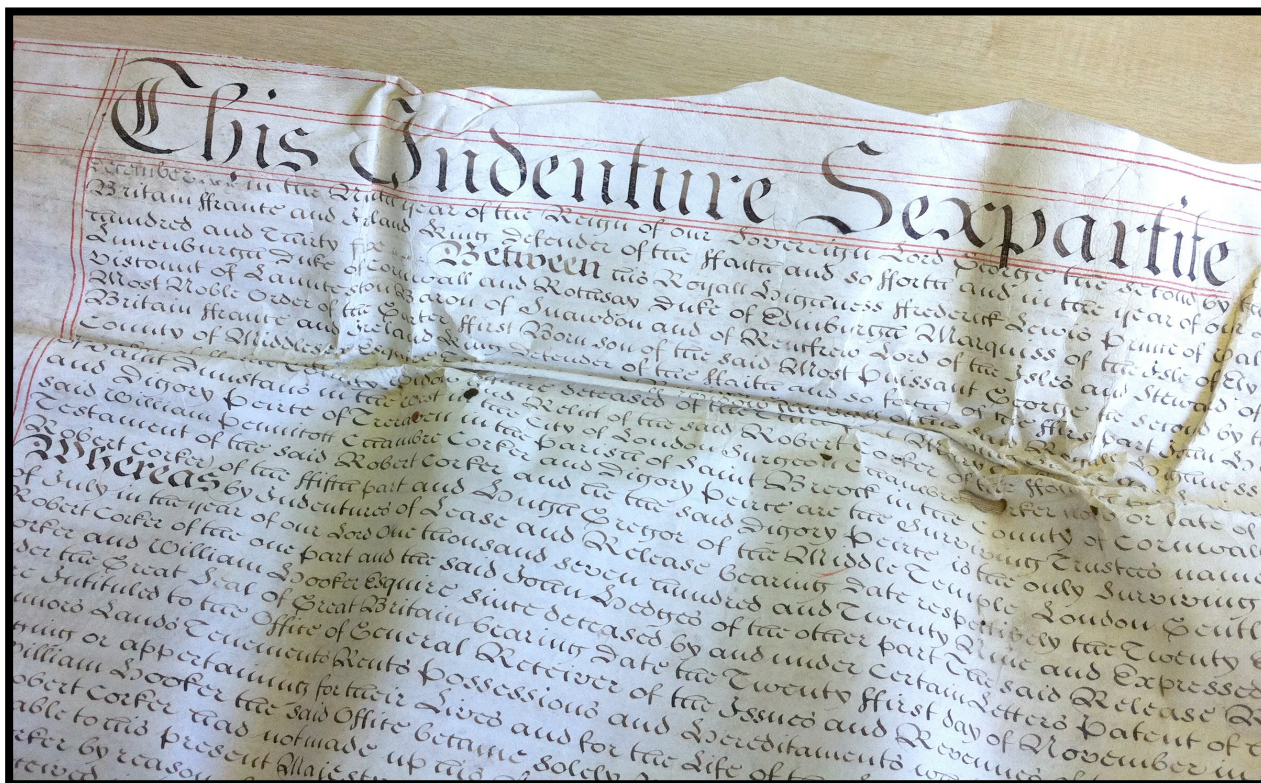
Unfortunately, the Molesworth family were not great record-keepers, and the few they did keep were either destroyed during the Second World War bombing of their Devonport solicitor's office, or during a bad flood at Pencarrow in the 1990s. We do know however that a William Bligh and his wife Prudence rented the property at the beginning of the 1800s, moving on to St Tudy in 1812. It is not known whether these Blighs were related to the famous Admiral Bligh of HMS *Bounty* but I would love to research that! Around this time more building works were carried out at Pengenna — chopping into the medieval hall to add a small extension of a sitting room downstairs and bedroom upstairs, identified today by the wooden sash windows with red brick lintels on the southwest corner of the house.

Then in 1863 my family makes its first appearance at Pengenna, but they are not Blewetts, but Hockens: William Hocken, from Davidstow his wife Mary, eight daughters and two sons took over the tenancy of the Pengenna estate. Four years later a young farm labourer from St Kew Highway called Thomas Blewett joined them to work on the farm. His hard work and determination not only pleased his boss William, but also caught the eye of William's niece, Ann Hocken. They fell in love. A story straight out of Jane Austen and passed down through the Hocken family tells what happened next. One night, the whole family — including Ann, with Thomas as a guest, sat down to dinner at Pengenna,. William spoke from the head of the table: "So, boy, are your intentions towards my niece truly honourable?" The young Thomas replied, "Why yes sir, of course sir," to which William declared, "Well then, you shall have the farm and that's that!" William's eldest son had previously emigrated to Iowa, USA, and his younger son was regarded as a complete wastrel, so William obviously felt there was nobody else suitable to pass the tenancy on to. Ann and Thomas were married in 1872 at St Gennys Church (where her parents were living). (See photo opposite)

At this time, the final phase of Pengenna's development was completed: a new scullery and wash house were added to the rear of the house, where the Manor's kitchen is now located. Evidently, William Hocken and Thomas Blewett must have run the farm together successfully for some time, because it was not for another twenty-three years that William finally retired.

(To be continued)

PENGENNA MANOR



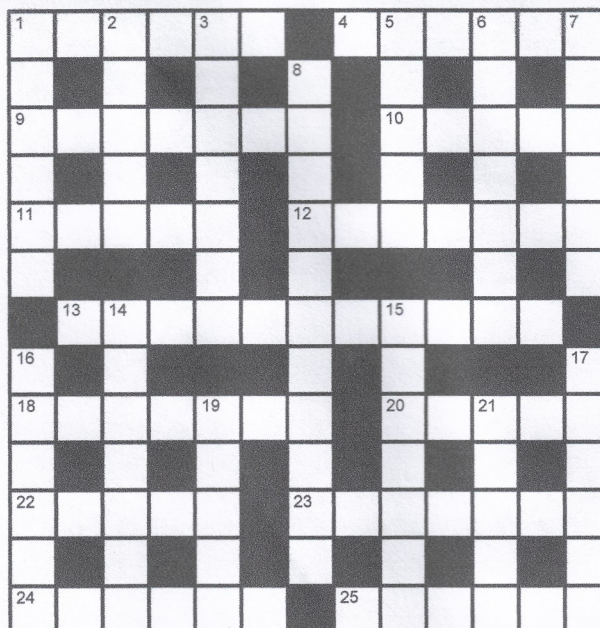
Transfer of Pengenna to Frederick II, Prince of Wales in 1831



William and Mary Hocken, with children Sarah, Susan and William photographed outside the front door of Pengenna in 1875

Across

- 1 Opaque celebrity extremes surround noisy descriptor (6)
- 4 Initially suggest parking underwater makes excessive sea foams (6)
- 9 Devastating weather ripped through a party (7)
- 10 Light unit or ancient burial site (5)
- 11 Leans towards good man in French bed (5)



Down

- 12 Washington turned completely and badly (7)
- 13 Loud rapids flow before egg generates censure (11)
- 18 Is youth able to make flask? (7)
- 20 Religious Greek character or French self starter? (5)
- 22 Poem confuses Cyril (5)
- 23 Friend turns to injure flyer (7)
- 24 Scuffle lets us quiver (6)
- 25 Mint, lime and Harlequin found in village centres (6)
- 1 California island race the French make into beef stock (6)
- 2 Monsters score at wrong end of endless break (5)
- 3 Expired vision said to be salty lake (4,3)
- 5 Football Association cheek turns to Indian staple (5)
- 6 Full length dress all turned up to jawbone (7)
- 7 Winstone and Wonder follow good man and loose dogs (6)
- 8 Arsenal lops broken energy producer (5,6)
- 14 Ruptured drains cover point of entrails (7)
- 15 Pa prone to disrupt, in theory (2,5)
- 16 Bristol ecological centre turns out to be hiding place for wild cat (6)
- 17 Nation gets older with employments (6)
- 19 Perform beyond expectations in Sussex celebrations (5)
- 21 Express thoughts inside hoop in Eastbourne (5)

Answers on page 20

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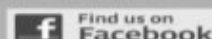
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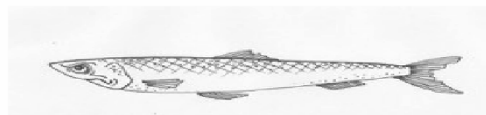
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RICHARD DAVEY.

Thank you to JULIE, KAREN & LORRAINE for all their hard work in clearing the edges of the Church path of grass and weeds. It looks fantastic. Well done, it has been seen and mentioned by many.

Also can we say a big thank you to GERALD and his helpers for clearing the church wall opposite the shop.

(With the start of the grass mowing season coming soon, will all dogs ensure their servants clear up after them, please? Strimmers and dog mess are not good together.)

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