

RECENT NEWS

Penlow Field throughout 2019 - Welcome to our fifth newsletter

We welcome to rest...

2019 has seen 13 new residents move into Penlow, Eric, John, Robert, Sam, Adrian, Evadne, Mary, Paddy, Alec, Malc, George, Jean & Anthony.

Ashes of June & Kelly have also been laid to rest.

Tree plantings...

Everyone has now chosen trees for their loved ones. Dates are being confirmed individually with families. We would like all trees planted by the end of February 2020 at the latest, so they have chance to find their feet before the drier weather comes along.

Bude ReFILL Shop...

Earlier this year we were very proud to be able to donate £500 to the Bude ReFill Shop initiative. This donation funded the purchase of a nut butter and nut milk machine for the shop. Customers are able to go in and purchase their nuts and watch their butter or milk made in front of them. As fresh as it gets!

Find out all about it at:

<http://refillshop.co.uk>

ReFILL SHOP
zero waste



Double award winning...



This year we are really pleased to be able to report that we have been awarded with not one but two titles. Back in March we were awarded with 'The Best Natural Burial Ground in the South West of Britain'

which is based on the feedback of families, that we are able to help find the perfect resting place for their loved ones.

The second award came about in September. We were asked if we would like to take part in the Cemetery of The Year Awards. After pondering this a good few weeks, I thought - we don't have anything to lose, so I entered by answering the questions bank. We scored a fantastic 340/360 points and were very pleased to receive a Silver Award.





photo taken from Google

Marbled white butterfly...

Back on 15th July, I was lucky enough to spot a marbled white butterfly - I was showing someone around when I spotted it. I managed to quietly get as close as I could, to take a photo. Although it wasn't the best quality it was good enough to confirm with Pete that it was just that.

Later that day Pete came out to Penlow equipped with his butterfly net and surveyed the butterflies there that day.

- Marbled white
- Silver washed fritillary
- Red admiral
- Green veined white
- Small skipper
- Large skipper
- Meadow brown
- Ringlet
- Speckled wood
- Gatekeeper.

We have kept the grass long in the areas where both Pete and I saw the marbled white, we hope that the female laid her eggs and we will see more next year.

Bee hives and honey...

In August our beekeeper Brian brought a second hive out to Penlow to live in the woods - thank you.

He also brought lots of delicious honey made by the bees in the first hive! I think that all the honey has now long gone and been enjoyed by many. A staggering 50 lbs of honey was produced by the first hive this year.

We await the harvest in 2020 so more can be enjoyed.

Christmas wreath amnesty...

As always, we will allow biodegradable wreaths to be placed on resting spots up until 6th January. We are providing hazel rods this year to help keep the wreaths in place. Please find them by the office door.

There are some details of two eco florists wreaths on the next page or please feel free to make your own.

HOWEVER - non-biodegradable materials are not compatible with a natural burial site, and may also be picked up by the wind and deposited in the stream or the ocean. Let's not add to the problem!



Maintenance help....

We'd like to welcome John Hummerstone of Just Gardens WSM who has been helping us with the ongoing maintenance at Penlow since October. Thank you for your hard work so far.

Please follow our pages on facebook and instagram for day to day blog posts of the happenings at Penlow. It's a great way for family to stay in touch with Penlow from afar.

Lambs born...

This year has been the first year that we have seen baby lambs born at Penlow. Feels like it takes things full cycle.

Hand digging...

In September I had a call from Steve from a bit further down in Cornwall. He is a grave-digger and prepares graves by hand. He has now started to hand-dig for us, so where possible graves are now being prepared by hand. Thank you Steve.

We are continuing to 'tuck people in' by hand as always.

Bideford Sustainability Group...

This year I have learnt of the Bideford Sustainability Group. I went along to one of their meetings in November. It was certainly interesting with lots of eco-friendly topics covered.

We hope to show the group members around Penlow in the Spring.



If you'd like to know more you can find them on facebook.



Open Day...

Thank you to all who attended our very wet open day and enjoyed a Cornish cream tea with us. Thanks go again to Short & Abbott for the loan of their events trailer. We simply could not have done it without that. Thank you Gary & Colin.

New for 2020...

We are very pleased to tell you all we have just purchased a larch gazebo. It will provide shelter from the weather and a place for ceremonies for those attending burials. Look out for more details in the New Year!

Wreath supplies...

This year we are pleased to be able to recommend both Cassie of Bude Blooms and Sarah of Sarah Penny Flowers as suppliers of environmentally friendly wreaths.

There are examples of their work below.:

Left: Sarah (from £20)

Right: Cassie (from £15)

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