

Memory Bank by Sarah Connors (from a tale told by Jean)

The people of Penponds missed their parish church very much during lockdown. Holy Trinity is more than a place of worship. The church building acts as a community hub for the whole village, regardless of belief or denomination.

Before lockdown, Holy Trinity hosted an impressive programme of events; quiz nights, folk concerts and pasty tastings as well as special days when dogs are invited to bring along their owner for a special tea. The most surprising is the irreverent but hilarious minstrel who delivered his concert from the pulpit with horns on his head.

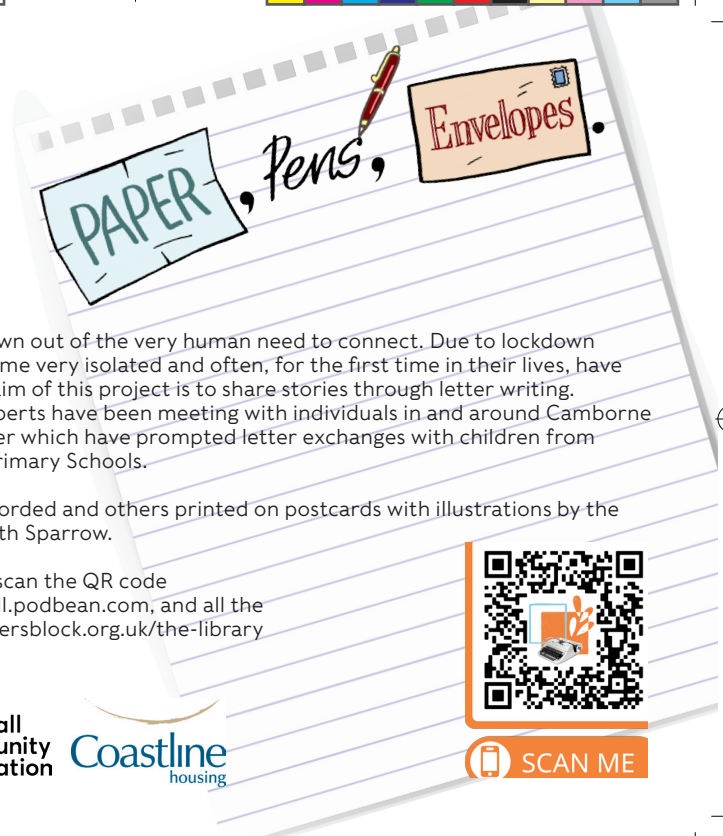
Most poignantly, before the pandemic the church hosted memory afternoons where locals would meet up for fish and chips and reflect on days gone by. The memory of Covid 19 will become part of this village's history. They'll reflect with pride on how the whole community pulled together to help each other.

Drawings by pupils at Penponds School





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Paper Pen Envelopes or PPE has grown out of the very human need to connect. Due to lockdown restrictions, many people have become very isolated and often, for the first time in their lives, have experienced loneliness. The simple aim of this project is to share stories through letter writing. Writers Sarah Connors and Polly Roberts have been meeting with individuals in and around Camborne and Redruth, sharing tales and banter which have prompted letter exchanges with children from Trewirgie, Penponds and St John's Primary Schools.

Some of these stories have been recorded and others printed on postcards with illustrations by the children supported by illustrator Keith Sparrow.

To listen to the audio stories please scan the QR code or visit www.thewritersblockcornwall.podbean.com, and all the stories can be found at www.thewritersblock.org.uk/the-library

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