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Defibrillator Equipment

There are two defibrillators in the village; One on a wall between Mary's Pasty Shop and the Petrol Station and one at the Methodist Chapel. The code for opening both machines is **4680**, followed by a **tick**.

Medical Prescriptions

Patients at Probus Surgery. Prescriptions may be ordered and collected from Mary's Pastys shop as well as from the surgery. Please check collection points with Probus Surgery, or visit the Tresillian Village website News Bulletin page for the latest information.

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Diary at a Glance April 2021 – July 2021

NOTE: Prefix for all the telephone numbers below 01872 if calling from outside the area or on a mobile

Meetings are subject to Government Rules at the moment but as and when they start up again, this page will be updated.

Tiddlywinks

Every Friday Between 10 am and 12pm

NB: Run by Helen Nicholson is hoping to try out a session or two, which will be outside but with limited number of children. The cost will be £2 and you will need to book a place. 01872 520679

APRIL

Mobile Library

Friday 23rd Between 2:45 and 3.05 pm

MAY

Walking Group

Saturday 1st

Call 520568 for details

Council Elections

Thursday 6th May 7.00 am. To 10.00 pm.
Tresillian Village Hall - Committee Room.

Mobile Library

Friday 21st Between 2:45 and 3.05 pm

JUNE

Walking Group

Saturday 6th

Call 520568 for details

Mobile Library

Friday 18th Between 2:45 and 3.05 pm

JULY

Walking Group

Saturday 5th

Call 520568 for details

Mobile Library

Friday 16th Between 2:45 and 3.05 pm

St Clement Parish Council *

Online meetings until further notice

The Midi Club

We hope to resume as soon as possible. New members would be welcome. Meetings would normally take place in the Church Hall (guest speakers and dates will be made available ASAP). Do come along – you will be made most welcome. Shirley Anderson, Secretary

For information, contact: Shirley Anderson: 01872 520372 or Ann Winter: 01872 862627

Tresillian Garden Club

There is nothing new to report at the moment but hopefully we will be able to add information as the lockdown eases and more information becomes available.

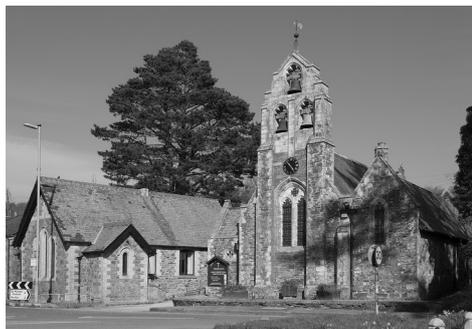
Membership to the garden club is £10.00 a year, we are a friendly group and welcome gardeners of all abilities.

We meet in Tresillian Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month from September to May. The meetings are from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Non-members are always welcome to any of the meetings at a cost of £2.50. In June, July and August we are out and about garden visiting.

Please note that times and dates are likely to change for the foreseeable future

Contact Lorraine Sutton Tel: 01872 520 609 or Cheryl Chatterton Tel: 01872 520 537

To all organisations that use the Church hall for their meetings please note that, the Church hall is being used to store and clean pews and many other church items from Lamorran during the renovations and bat conservation projects get completed.



News from Holy Trinity Church and Lamorran

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday commemorates the command, the *mandatum*, given by Jesus to his disciples – Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13: 34)

It was the day of the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the evening meal is being served when Jesus gets up, removes his outer clothing, wraps a towel around his waist, pours water in a basin, and washes his disciples' feet, drying them with his towel as he goes.

This was a job for the servants – touching dirty, dusty feet!

In this act, Jesus is teaching his disciples to serve and be served, he is showing them what love looks like -intimate, compassionate, tactile.

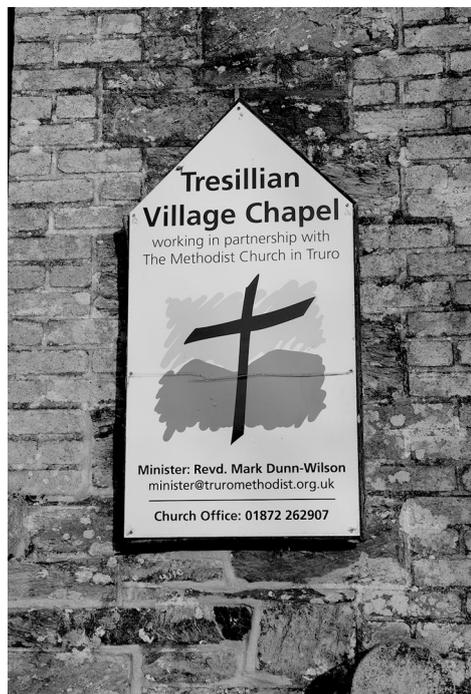
During the past twelve months of social distancing, I, for one, have missed the gentle touch of a hand, the warmth of a hug. How we all long for the day when we can once again reach out with a hand and not an elbow!

We all like to be independent and not to rely on others, but the pandemic has taught us the importance of the service so many – NHS and Care staff, delivery drivers, those who work in our supermarkets, the list goes on.

Isolation might have taught us to cope without others, but when this crisis is over, how will we show this commandment in our lives, how will we love one another?

Claire Wright

From The Chapel By Revd Mark



It promises to be another very strange Easter Weekend doesn't it!

I guess that very few of us would have expected us to be where we are when we celebrated Easter 2020 in Lockdown – but there are at least signs of hope. In fact, as I prepare for Easter Services, we are moving through the data-driven timetable of lockdown relaxation and the hope of a return to something approaching normal living again.

On the first Easter Morning, the Bible tells us of a conversation between two of the women who were going to prepare Jesus for burial. As they walked towards the tomb, their minds turned to the large boulder used to secure the grave from robbers. *'Who will roll away the stone?'* they asked. As it happens of course, when they arrived they found that the stone had already been rolled away and that Jesus was alive.

'Who will roll away the stone?' I sense that one of the powerful images of Easter 2021 will be that stone rolled away from the grave - what had symbolised the power of death and darkness, now revealing evidence of life and light.

My Easter prayer for you this year is that you will find Easter joy rolling away the brutality of darkness and death that has followed us all this year – and in its place discover a sense of hope, life and light. For me, that hope comes through my faith that Jesus is alive and that death does not ultimately win.

Friends, I pray that you will discover *'the stone rolled away'* from whatever gives you darkness just now, and that you will discover the joy of resurrection life.

God Bless

Revd Mark

Tresillian Village Playing Field Committee

Thank you all for the great support for our Christmas Tree – and it helped spread some Christmas cheer, along with the Kings in the bus stops, and the lights on the chapel and church.

We raised around £700 which is very welcome for maintenance funds.



During Lockdown 3 we haven't had to close the play equipment and I know its been part of the exercise regime for some families. We have managed to mend the wall and replace the netting and regular mowing will also start now that its getting a bit warmer. Other maintenance will need to be done as brambles etc grow – all jobs get easier if there are more volunteers so if you can help, please contact me or Andrew Tullett.

The committee have been successful with another grant from Cllr Mike Eathorne-Gibbons for which we are very grateful and we are going to have some equipment for older children. There will be a basket ball area and some outdoor gym equipment – hopefully installed before the summer.

We hope to have some community events again when the COVID pandemic permits - watch out for posters, or follow our Facebook page. Look forward to seeing you outside!

Helen Nicholson, Chair – Playing Field Management Committee (07791371933)

Tramlines

A great big thank you must go to the Village Improvement Group who provided us with the Three Kings, camels and sheep in various bus shelters throughout the village besides the lovely Christmas tree in the Playing Field. The fairy lights around the village and churches was lovely to see.

I was on my way to drop a Christmas card to Morwenna Dormer but there she was just ahead of me, walking her dog. I tried to call her but she didn't hear me until I was really close and then she nearly jumped out of her skin when I finally caught up with her.

She was trying to see if there was someone waiting for a bus and as he had been there for ages, so she asked me if I thought that he was alright. I suggested that she took a cup of tea over to find out but of course it was one of the Kings! I noticed that his crown had slipped down to his neck and he did look a little worse for wear at the time.



(c) Helen Nicholson

One King, waiting for a bus into Truro



(c) Helen Nicholson

Two Kings, well plastered after a good night out!

Isn't it lovely to see the mornings lightening up earlier each day and to hear the birds chirruping away in our hedge rows. March has brought with it some lovely warm days, cold soggy days and as the adage goes: " March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb" though I must comment that the April showers have turned up a little early. Spring has officially arrived now so hopefully life will slowly get back to normal and we can get back to visiting family and going out again.

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Getting our second Jabs.

Well here we are hopefully seeing more signs of light at the end of the tunnel. I hope that you have managed to get your first vaccinations without problems. Here's hoping that we all get our second jabs soon.

Many reports from people who were vaccinated, commented how well organised the volunteers both outside and inside the surgeries looked after them. I agree with their comments and felt very sorry for the cheerful volunteers, Young Farmers at the Clay Centre, Roche having to work outside in all weathers.

A big Thank You goes to all the people looking after us.

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On a totally different tack, I have noticed a strange man lurking amongst the tree-line near my house. He is there every day when I look out of my window or when I walk up the Close. Does anyone know him?

Either he is the Green Man of renown or is he an Ent lost from Fangorn Forest from J. R. R. Tolkien's books and films "The Lord Of the Rings"?

Lesley Jones



Regular Gatherings (Hopefully all back soon)

Usually in the Village Hall

Tresillian Singers Tuesday evenings

Michael's Dance School Wednesday evenings

Tresillian Dance Club Friday evenings
(Modern Sequence)

At the Methodist Chapel

Tiddlywinks – Parent and toddler/baby group
Friday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

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Mobile Library

In the last issue of the TRAM, I referred to the new Community library van being fitted with slanting shelves to stop the books flying in all directions if the librarian Ben had to make an emergency stop. Apparently, they don't work, especially if a car shoots out in front of you with out looking!

The van parks at Heron Close in Tresillian but the times have changed. The earlier times are now Between 14:45 to 15: 05. As usual, visits are on Fridays. Here are the dates for April up to August:

April 23rd; May 21st; June 18th; July 16th; August 13th.
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A message from Cornwall Libraries about their new electronic resources for library members.

Dear Cornwall Library user,

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St Clement Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

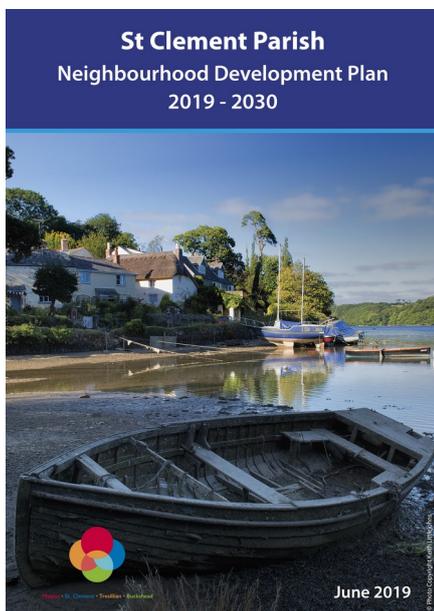
The referendum for the NDP should have been taking place on the 6th May this year, along with the Council elections. The council elections will still be taking place because this is the law.

Unfortunately, our plan has been cancelled again until further notice. A new date will be set by Cornwall Council in the future and you will be contacted accordingly by them.

It seems like a long time ago we were told that we would have a referendum for the St Clement Parish Neighbourhood plan. We have now been told by Cornwall Council, they won't be carrying out referendums at the same time as the local elections in May for Covid-19 health reasons.

We will have to wait a little longer! In the meantime we were given assurances that significant weight will be given by planners when they consider planning applications.

Helen Nicholson, Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan team.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

This is a document, which gives people like ourselves a real say in how our community develops – the way that land is used for housing, business, shops and leisure. It can also protect green spaces and influence the design of buildings. Local people play a major role in making the plan. It's part of their democratic right granted by the Localism Act. When agreed, it will have legal force until 2030, and must be followed by Cornwall Council when making planning decisions.

Where can I see the proposals?

Online at <https://stclementplan.wordpress.com/> and Cornwall Council's website. Hard copies are available at Truro Library and village halls in St Clement, Malpas and Tresillian.

Extract from Cornwall Council relating to the decision to delay the referendum

Although central government mandates that the local elections must go ahead, we have more discretion in setting the date of the neighbourhood plan referendums. We have considered this decision and add some planning considerations:

- Unlike local elections, regulations governing neighbourhood planning referendums require copies of all the submission documents to be made available for inspection in Council Offices and other public places during the referendum period. We feel that this is difficult to achieve in a responsible and Covid secure manner.
- The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has updated the planning guidance , confirming that neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight in decision-making. A further delay will therefore make no difference to decision making.

Having reflected on the issues, we agree that a delay until the early is in the best interests of our communities. If you have any questions about this decision or the implications for your neighbourhood plan. (c) Cornwall Council.

Obituaries

We have been informed that there have been two deaths since winter:

Mrs Christine Race and Mrs Joan Lister, both from Polsue Way.

Our Condolences go to the families and friends at this difficult time.

A Tribute to Joan Thomasson, Polsue Way

I have known Joan for years as I lived two doors down with my parents and my son on Carne Meadows.

As many of you will know, she was a lovely person who was always delighted to see you and to invite you in for a natter and on occasions "a little sherry". She was interested in my family goings on and I heard about her family and also got to meet them when they visited.

She had many friends and neighbours who would call on her or take her to events in the village and elsewhere and I know that she loved going to the Garden Club meetings. She was exceedingly clever and a delight to be with, but in later years, her eyesight and her general health began to fail.

Last year at the end of December, Joan turned 100 years old and received a card from the Queen but she wasn't well and ended up in hospital with a very bad chest infection.

Prior to that, we had got together to discuss Christmas and her imminent birthday, but I never got to wish her a Happy Birthday in person because of lock down and self isolation and it wasn't until later that Carla, Joan's daughter, let me know that she had past away.

I watched Joan's funeral service at Penmount Crematorium by Computer. The service and music was poignant and reflective but what struck me was the lack of information about Joan's working life with emphasis on Joan being a very private person.

Joan never let on about her past history. She would talk about her family but not much about her career. My family had supposed that she was maybe one of the Bletchley Girls but we were wrong. So I contacted Carla after the funeral and asked about Joan's life assuming that she could tell me something without contravening the Official Secrets Act. Apparently, Joan never revealed anything about her work but Carla was able to tell me about her life.

Joan and the children lived with her mother in Ruislip. Joan's father had died when she was nine years old. The family later relocated to Cheltenham in 1953. Joan then worked in The Directorate in the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), a highly secret department, where she stayed until she retired in 1980.

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The family moved to Mount Hawkes at St Agnes and to other places as well before she finally settled in Tresillian.

Once living in Tresillian, she kept driving for quite some time and would spend her summers with a dear friend in the Isles of Scilly.

I will always remember her as an articulate and clever lady and great fun to be with.

Lesley Jones



St Clement Parish Council News

St Clement Parish Council

We have 4 Councillors at present instead of 7 but we are due to have Elections on 6th May.

Current Parish Councillors are:

- Cllr. George Doherty (Chairman) 01872 520674
- Cllr. Theresa Cowling (Vice chair) 01872 271619
- Cllr. Keith Littlejohns 01872 520503
- Cllr David Stone 01872 279191

Your Cornwall Councillor is Cllr. Mike Eathorne-Gibbons

The Clerk to the Parish Council is Mr. Tomas Hill

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Please note that the role of Clerk is part-time but he will endeavour to respond to any enquiries as soon as possible.

The Royal British Legion Truro Branch

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9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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For further information contact Alan Beattie on 07791 572786
Or email truro.bcs@rbl.community

NB: The Veteran's Breakfast Club will be available again once the rules are relaxed for indoor eating areas. Please contact Alan for further information.

Tiddlywinks

Come and meet other parents and carers in the village.

Tiddlywinks is a parent-led play group for babies and toddlers (under 5)

Play time, snacks and craft activity plus music time to finish.

**10 am – 12 noon every Friday
at Tresillian Methodist Chapel, Lower Park.
(Near the Playing Field)**

£2 donation

Contact Helen Nicholson: Tel 01872 520295 email helennicholson@resource24.net

NB: Due to regulations, you will need to book places as numbers will be limited.

Probus Memory Cafe

Sad news I am afraid, I have been informed by Jill Prisk that the Probus Memory Cafe will not be opening again due to lack of resources and helpers.

The Wheel Inn

Unfortunately, there is still no solid news about the reopening of the Wheel Inn at the moment. Rumours have it that it was being purchased but the applicants pulled out. It is still up for sale.



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DAFFODIL LABYRINTH

A daffodil labyrinth has been created in Tresillian Churchyard by Andrew Nicholson from Random Acts of Wonder. The installation was commissioned by Tresillian and Lamorran with Merther PCC and features more than 2,000 daffodils. The labyrinth is 18 metres in diameter using six different varieties of bulb from Fentongollan and is now in full bloom. A labyrinth, unlike a maze, has no dead ends and features a single meandering path to the centre, designed to take you on a symbolic journey. Labyrinths are common to a number of ancient cultures and have been used in the Christian tradition for prayer and contemplation for many centuries. The most famous example is the labyrinth in the medieval cathedral of Chartres in France.

The aim of this project is to provide a beautiful space where people have time to reflect as they follow the meandering path through the daffodils and journey to the centre. Over Easter, Andrew has added a guided reflection linking the events of Easter with people's experience of living through Lockdown and Covid 19 during the last year.



Andrew admiring his work

© Sam Herbert from Camel Valley Creative

Andrew has been creating labyrinth installations for over ten years, mainly on beaches in Cornwall, which are walked as a means of contemplation. Over 7,000 people have participated in walking these symbolic journeys, with many sharing how valuable they found the experience. He set up Random Acts of Wonder two and a half years ago with the aim of resource churches, schools and the wider community with a dynamic programme of spiritual and well-being based activities and events. This is his first daffodil labyrinth. More of Andrew's labyrinth work can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/beachlabyrinth/>

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RANDOM ACTS OF WONDER!

TRESILLIAN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT GROUP

After experiencing a very wet, cold and stormy winter during the third lockdown, it is cheering to see the bright yellow of the daffodils spreading throughout the village and along the river bank heralding the arrival of spring and better days ahead.

Sadly, the weather has taken its toll on the little dog on the river bank and he had to be rescued. Unfortunately, the damage was too great to repair but all is not lost!

Luckily, there was sufficient marine ply left over from the model of the World War I soldier by the Memorial Stone to enable a replacement dog to be created.

Our thanks, as always, go to Lasse Tillgren for cutting out the new dog and Les Sutton for painting it with preservative before he puts on several coats of the special black paint to ensure the little dog will weather any future storms safely like the Contemplative Man and the larger dog but before the new dog could be placed, an anonymous benefactor very kindly replaced the little dog on the river bank. The Village Improvement Group would like to say a big thank you for such a lovely gesture and the replacement dog will be kept safe elsewhere.



The little dog, worse for wear by the weather.
(c) Les Sutton

The new little dog back in position on the bank with its companions

(c) Lesley Jones (and her shadow)



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Although we have been in lockdown for the last few months, the team has still been busy planning and working on projects for when lockdown eases. In addition to the restoration of the little dog, another planter is in the pipeline for later this year and we have just heard that Cllr Mike Eathorne-Gibbons has given us a grant for the materials for that planter. We are also planning to enter the South West in Bloom competition again this summer. Once lockdown eases we shall be busy getting everything up to scratch ready for the judges' visit.

A big thank you to the gentleman who has done work on the causeway path to the river, making it much safer with a handrail alongside the steps and also filling in the muddy parts with gravel. Our thanks also go to the litter pickers in the village who help to keep everything looking clean and tidy. It's sad that so much litter is discarded and it would be wonderful if everyone who walks around the village could pick up any litter they see and take it home.

As always, we would like to thank St Clement Parish Council and our Cornwall Councillor, Mike Eathorne-Gibbons, for all their support which is not only much appreciated but also much needed.

All this work is carried out by a number of regular volunteers but we'd love to welcome new people as many hands do make light work.

Please watch out for village improvement events on the village website (tresillianvillage.co.uk) as well as the notice board by Mary's Pasty Shop - everyone is welcome - and if you have any ideas for further enhancement of our village, or would like to be involved with our group, then please contact Helen Nicholson: helennicholson@resource24.net or telephone on 01872 520295.

Helen Nicholson and Lesley Dobel

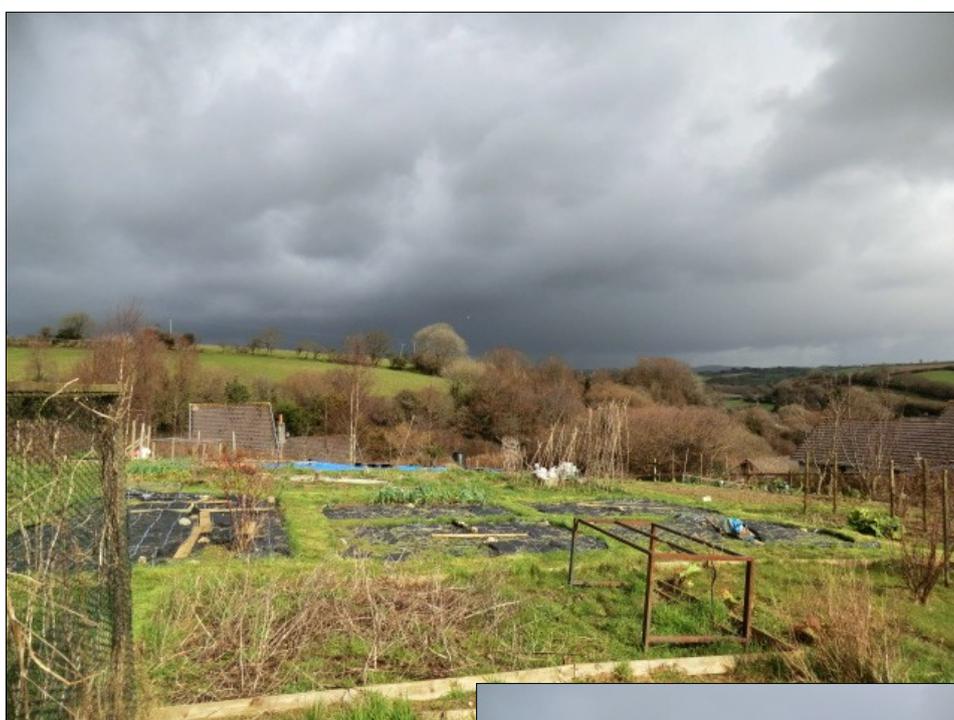
TRESILLIAN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Allotments have been snoozing over the winter months and many plot holders have stripped the old plants away and dug over the soil adding nutrients to enrich the land for this year's plants and seeds.

We have had to rescue the occasional plastic cover as the winds in the allotments have been severe at times and blown away covers, compost bins and their lids. I have added some photos from mid-March, showing the area on a day when the weather was looking quite dramatic. I went home in sunshine and shortly after settling down with a cup of tea, Tresillian was covered in hail!

Talking later to friends coming back into Tresillian from St Austell, they were amazed to see the whiteout covering the village.

Lesley Jones



As the days get longer and having had some lovely dry sunny days recently which dries the soil enough to make the soil workable, life is beginning to stir on the allotment site, the allotmenters are emerging from their winter hibernation, busy preparing their plots for this years crops.

Shallots and garlic are already planted soon to be followed by early potatoes and onion sets. At this time of year gardeners can get a little carried away and have itchy fingers eager to start sowing seeds, but be beware, unless you can sow under glass, on a nice sunny day the air temperatures can lull us into thinking that temperatures are rising, always go on the soil temperature, if seeds are sown too early into cold soil, they will just sit, sulk and probably rot before they have germinated. One easy crop to grow, whether on an allotment, garden or in a container is Beetroot.

Beetroot seeds are easy to handle and most varieties come in multigerm form, which means instead of it being one individual seed it is a cluster of 2 to 3 seeds, which gives a good germination rate.

Sow to a depth of ½ inch and 1 inch apart. To avoid a glut sow little and often, every two to three weeks. Beetroot likes a fertile soil so dig in well rotted manure or organic matter prior to planting, or multi purpose compost if sowing in a pot or container, feed with either a granular feed such as Growmore or blood fish and bone, or if growing in a container a liquid feed. Germination takes roughly seven to fourteen days, when the seedlings are roughly an inch tall, thin them out, so that you have one seedling every 4 inches, or the beetroot will lack the space it needs to swell into approximately a tennis ball size root, harvesting at this size ensures a sweeter tastier crop, if left too long the beetroot goes woody.

Beetroot is a versatile crop, that can be used boiled and sliced on salads, roasted like a root vegetable, used in soups or added to cakes and breads. Beetroot can be grown for its leaves to be used as baby leaves in salads or as a micro green crop, where the seeds are thickly sown and the seedling leaves harvested for adding to sandwiches, stir fries and salads. A variety called Bulls Blood is particularly one that is grown for its leaves.

During the winter months on the allotment site, thanks to Geoff and Eammon, bee boxes for solitary bees to use have been erected on the fence, encouraging bees especially bumble bees and hover flies to our plots helps with the pollination of our crops, these along side with the bird and bat boxes that are already in situ to help the local wildlife, will in turn help to enable the site to be run as organically as possible by controlling the pests that are attracted to our crops, we have already seen hedgehogs and slowworms along with the blackbirds and thrushes which are great for eating slugs and snails, we also have seen an increase in ladybirds that eat aphids, and hopefully the bird boxes will attract the blue, coal or great tits that will target the caterpillars.

Lorraine Sutton

WWF Tribute to HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh



We are deeply saddened by news that HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has passed away, and we remain hugely grateful for his lifelong contribution to our work.

His interest in wildlife and nature was long-standing, and Sir Peter Scott invited him to become involved in the founding of WWF. In 1961, The Duke launched WWF's first national appeal for funds to save the natural world.

As well as visiting hundreds of WWF project sites across five continents, The Duke promoted conservation issues at the highest levels of government and business. He attended and chaired many conservation meetings, conferences and summits – and assisted with fundraising and increasing awareness of our work. He was wholeheartedly committed to inspiring people, from the public to world leaders, to protect nature and wildlife.

The Duke was a powerhouse of persuasion and helped us develop into the respected global conservation organisation we are today

Prince Philip was a pivotal patron of WWF, serving as a passionate voice, advocate and champion for the organization's work from its creation and particularly as WWF International's President from 1981 to 1996.

In 1970, WWF established its highest conservation award, eponymously named the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Award, to recognise and encourage significant achievement in the global environmental field. The Prince was also the first president of WWF-UK, from its establishment in 1961 through 1982.

Pavan Sukhdev, President of WWF International, said:

"The Duke of Edinburgh has been a tireless champion for the environmental cause and a passionate ambassador for conservation issues around the world for decades. His Royal Highness helped chart the course of WWF from its very beginning and has truly made enormous contributions to the organisation.

"Across more than 50 years, His Royal Highness, Prince Philip's efforts on behalf of WWF have been inestimable – visiting WWF projects in over fifty countries on five continents, promoting conservation issues at the highest government and corporate levels, and helping with essential fundraising and awareness promotion.

"On behalf of all of us at WWF, I extend my sincere sympathies to Her Majesty the Queen, to the Royal Family and to the family of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip at this very sad time."

Marco Lambertini, Director General of WWF International, said:

"Today we mourn the loss of a lifelong advocate for the environment. Engaged with WWF since its foundation, the Duke of Edinburgh also extended his patronage to various other environmental causes and organisations.

"His Royal Highness believed we must safeguard the planet and its resources for future generations, and dedicated his life, and position, to inspire individuals and world leaders to protect nature and wildlife."

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Wildlife In And Around Tresillian



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English Bluebell - *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*

Bluebells are native to western Europe with the UK being a species stronghold. They're associated with ancient woodland and are often used in combination with other species as a clue that a wood is ancient. They reach their greatest densities in the UK's woods where many thousands of bulbs can exist in one woodland, creating the incredible blue carpets we fondly associate with spring. They also grow along hedgerows and in fields.

The English bluebell should not be confused with Spanish bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*), which is very similar in appearance to the English bluebell. However, Spanish bluebells grow upright, with the flowers all around the stem, not drooping to one side like the English bluebell. Hybrid bluebell (*Hyacinthoides x massartiana*) is a mix of the English and Spanish bluebell. It is often very similar in appearance to our native bluebell, but might threaten its existence by out-competing it and diluting the gene pool.



Many insects reap the benefits of bluebells which flower earlier than many other plants. Woodland butterflies, bees and hoverflies all feed on their nectar. Bees can 'steal' the nectar from bluebells by biting a hole in the bottom of the flower, reaching the nectar without the need to pollinate the flower

In the language of flowers, the bluebell is a symbol of humility, constancy, gratitude and everlasting love. It is said that if you turn a bluebell flower inside-out without tearing it, you will win the one you love, and if you wear a wreath of bluebells you will only be able to speak the truth.

Bluebells have been used for a variety of different things throughout history, not just for ornamental purposes. Their sticky sap was once used to bind the pages of books and glue the feathers onto arrows, and during the Elizabethan period, their bulbs were crushed to make starch for the ruffs of collars and sleeves. Due to their toxicity, there has been little use for bluebells in modern medicine. However, their bulbs have diuretic (increases urination) and styptic (helps to stop bleeding) properties, and research on how these flowers could potentially help fight cancer is ongoing.

The bluebell is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). This means digging up the plant or bulb in the countryside is prohibited and landowners are prohibited from removing bluebells from their land to sell. The species was also listed on Schedule 8 of the Act in 1998, which makes trading in wild bluebell bulbs and seeds an offence. This legislation was designed to protect bluebell from unscrupulous bulb collectors who supply garden centres.



Primrose - *Primula vulgaris*

A sure sign that spring is on the way. The primrose's pale yellow flowers are a common sight across the UK.

The name derives from the Latin *prima rosa* meaning 'first rose' of the year, despite not being a member of the rose family. In different counties of England it is also referred to as butter rose, early rose, Easter rose, golden rose and lent rose.

In large populations there is a variation in the colour, texture and size of primrose flowers. Native species can produce flowers in shades ranging from pale cream to deep yellow. There is even a variety with white flowers round a pale yellow eye, and also a rhubarb-and-custard, or pink, form. Bizarre forms include an umbellate form in which flowers form a spray on top of a longer stalk similar to a cowslip, and doubles.

April 19th is 'Primrose day'. This date is the anniversary of the death of the former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and the primrose was his favourite flower. Queen Victoria supposedly sent him bunches regularly and to this day primroses are laid at his statue by Westminster Abbey on this date every year.

Ground Ivy - *Glechoma hederacea*

An aromatic creeping herb with funnel-shaped violet flowers, the Saxons used this wildflower to flavour and clarify their ale

This small, common evergreen perennial, belonging to the mint family, spreads rapidly in a carpet-like form due to its creeping stems. Despite its name, it is not closely related to common ivy.

It is commonly found in woodlands, meadows, hedgerows, and wasteland throughout the British Isles, although rarer in Scotland. It also thrives in lawns as it survives mowing.

Known as a lung-cleansing herb, it has been used to treat coughs and other respiratory illnesses such as bronchitis.

It has been used a substitute for animal rennet to make cheese.

It is a rich source of vitamin C and can be used as a herbal tea.

Common names include Gill-over-the-ground, Creeping Charlie, Alehoof, Tunhoof, Field balm and Run-away Robin. It was known as "Our Lady's Vine" in Medieval times.



Trillium - *Trillium cuneatum*

Trilliums, also known as wake robin, are low growing spring-flowering perennials with three petals sitting atop three leaves, much like a cup on a saucer. They are slow to establish but are then long lived and readily form colonies. Like peonies they are best planted and left to establish over a number of years.

Trillium species are native to temperate regions of North America and Asia, with the greatest diversity of species found in the southern Appalachian Mountains in the southeastern United States. However, they are readily available for growing in the UK where they have become very popular due to their unique appearance.

Trilliums prefer a neutral to acid soil, but they will grow successfully in a good fertile soil that is rich in organic matter and does not dry out. Although trilliums are moisture lovers, they will not tolerate water logging. Trilliums are perfect planted between shrubs that provide both shade and shelter from the wind. Alternately, a shady border against a wall or fence is a good location.

Established clumps can be lifted and divided as the foliage dies back. Ensure each piece of rhizome has at least one bud and some roots. Lateral buds can be encouraged by scoring. To do this, scrape back the soil after flowering and score around the base of the terminal bud with a sharp knife. By the following year this will often result in several lateral buds or offsets that can be detached and grown on.



Opposite-leaved Golden saxifrage - *Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*

Opposite-leaved golden saxifrage tends to grow in creeping mats. It has a square stem and blunt-toothed, paired leaves (alternate-leaved golden saxifrage's alternate, as its name suggests). Unlike most saxifrages, it has no petals and only eight stamens. Flowers March-June.



Most commonly found in western Britain by streams, in boggy woods, on wet mountain ledges and wet, shady places. Scarcer as one travels east. Prefers acid soil.

Opposite-leaved golden saxifrage's close relative is 'Alternate-leaved golden saxifrage' (*Chrysosplenium alternifolium*). The latter is less common, has rounder leaves on longer stalks, larger flowers and can be distinguished by the leaves being alternate up the stem, rather than opposite each other and prefers alkaline soil.

Summer snowflakes - *Leucojum aestivum*

Native to much of Europe, with the exception of Scandinavia, Russia, Belarus and the Baltic Republics. Fully hardy in most regions of the UK.

Looking somewhat like a large snowdrop, *Leucojum aestivum* is a deciduous, perennial bulbous plant, generally 35–60 cm tall, but some forms reach 90 cm. You can tell the difference between the two flowers by the fact that Summer snowflakes have a green dot at the tip of each of its six petals, while snowdrops have dots on only three of its petals.



Its leaves, which are well developed at the time of flowering, are strap-shaped, 5–20 mm wide, reaching to about the same height as the flowers. The flowering stem (scape) is hollow and has wings with translucent margins. The pendant flowers appear in late spring and are borne in umbels of usually three to five, sometimes as many as seven. The flower stalks (pedicels) are of different lengths, 25–70 mm long. The flowers are about 3–4 cm in diameter and have six white tepals, each with a greenish mark just below the tip.

Apart from *L. autumnale*, which needs a well-drained soil, most other types grow best in a damp position in clay soils, where it generally increases rapidly. Prefers sun or part shade

All species of *Leucojum* are poisonous, as the leaves and bulbs contain the toxic alkaloids lycorine and galantamine. Galantamine is used for the treatment of cognitive decline in mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and various other memory impairments.

Forget-me-not (common) - *Myosotis arvensis*

Found on cultivated land, roadsides, waste ground and dunes and is a favourite with bees.

An erect plant, its very small, bright blue flowers (sometimes interspersed with pink) occur in spikes. The leaves are oval and hairy, with the ones at the base forming a rosette.

Flowers from April to September.

Their seeds form in small pods along the stem and attach to clothing when brushed against, eventually falling off, allowing the small seed within to germinate elsewhere.

Forget-me-nots used to be known as 'scorpion-grass', the current name only appearing in the early 19th century. The name Scorpion-grass arose because the flower clusters are more or less bent over or coiled. Other common names include Bird's eye, Robin's eye, Mammy-floer, Snake-grass and Love-me. The latter is related to the fact that the plant was a symbol of love, and if you wore it you were not forgotten by your lover.



Common Dandelion - *Taraxacum officinale*

This common British native perennial plant manages to find a foothold anywhere there is soil, from the smallest crack or crevice to roadside verges, gardens and fields. An efficient seed distribution mechanism 'dandelion clock' and excellent germination characteristics make it easy for the dandelion to spread far and wide. Its long tap root makes it difficult to eradicate, with even the tiniest fragment of root able to regenerate into a full adult plant.

The upside of dandelions is that they are a welcome source of pollen to many insects, and thus, are of benefit to wildlife.

The common dandelion is the subject of many myths and games, one of which suggests that if you pick it, or even just touch it, you will wet the bed - an idea that forms many of the local common names, including 'Wet-the-bed' and 'Tiddle-beds'.

Dandelion has been used in alternative medicine to treat tonsillitis, bladder infections, upset stomach, constipation, arthritis pain, and other conditions.

However, these uses have not been established with scientifically proven research on humans. There is no clinical scientific evidence that medications derived from the dandelion is effective in treating any medical condition among the human population.



Lords-and-Ladies - *Arum maculatum*

An early flowering plant, Lords-and-ladies can be seen in April and May. It is a shade-loving plant of woodlands and hedgerows, and is particularly distinctive as it displays a pale green sheath surrounding a purple or yellow 'spadix' (a spike of tiny flowers on a fleshy stem). This spadix eventually produces an upright stalk of bright red berries that is conspicuous among the leaf litter.

Lords-and-ladies are quite common throughout most of the UK. The exception is north and central Scotland.



The flower is designed to attract flies for pollination and club shaped spike releases a urine-like odour. Its fruit - a spike of bright orange berries - can be a common sight in woodlands in autumn. Like many wild berries these are toxic to humans so take care around them.

The plant's fascinating shape and form has inspired a wide variety of names.

These include:

Jack-in-the-pulpit

Soldier-in-a-sentry-box

Bloody man's finger

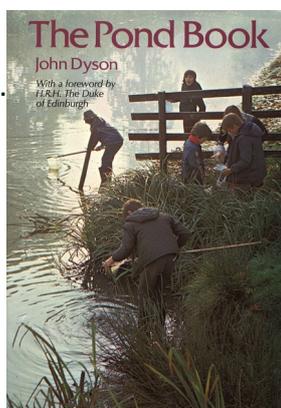
the rather lengthy 'Kitty-come-down-the-lane-jump-up-and-kiss-me' (an old Kentish name).

Perhaps not surprisingly, many have rather bawdy associations.

An opportune find on my bookshelves

Looking through my library of wildlife books I came across a delightful publication I purchased some years ago on the subject of ponds. The Pond Book, by John Dyson was published by Puffin Books in 1976. The narrative reflects on the demise of the village pond with the aim of enthusing young people to take up the challenge of making a positive contribution to helping revive interest in our, often, ancient village ponds. Many aspects of pond life are described and illustrated including observing and conducting a survey.

Of special note is the book's foreword by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. This clearly illustrated his passion for highlighting the plight of the natural world and the effect human beings have had, and continue to have on other species that inhabit the Earth alongside our own.



Foreword



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Village ponds can become dumps for rubbish and iron bedsteads, offensive to sight and smell. With a little effort and some attention they could just as easily provide an attractive feature of the landscape and a base for a pleasing community of plant and animal life.

The success of the 'Save the Village Pond Campaign' has demonstrated that once the possibilities are appreciated people are only too anxious and willing to make a virtue of something they have come to accept as an inevitable eyesore.

The Campaign has already made many communities 'pond-conscious' but there are still a great number who have yet to be enlightened. I hope this book will help to get the message across to them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be that of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, written in a cursive style.

1976

The iconic aerobic emperor of the pond

Golden-ringed Dragonfly *Cordulegaster boltonii*, is a striking dragonfly and the longest British species, the only member of its genus to be found in the United Kingdom. A very large species, males average 74 mm and the larger females 84 mm. Wingspan is up to 101 mm.

The female lays her eggs in shallow water, having a preference for slow running, acidic streams.

The hairy larvae live at the bottom of the water and are well camouflaged amongst the silt. They emerge after about 2–5 years, and usually under the cover of darkness.

They feed mainly on insects ranging from small prey such as midges, flies, butterflies and even bumblebees.

Flight period is from early June through to end August. Golden-ringed Dragonfly are basically a moorland species hence found chiefly in western side of Great Britain



© Keith Littlejohns Golden-ringed Dragonfly *Cordulegaster boltonii*

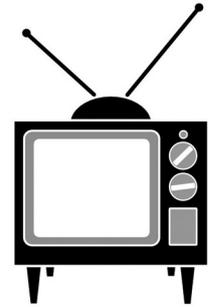
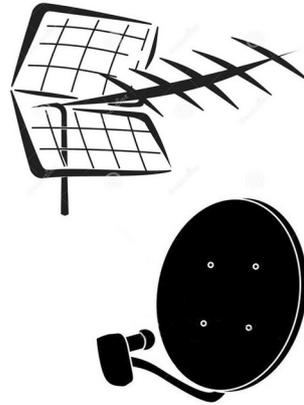
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Tresillian Walking Group

The walking group are still on standby but we hope to get going again in May barring any new government rules.

Walking is such an important way of exercising, improving your mood and feeling of wellbeing besides looking all around and seeing how the months have altered the countryside through Winter and now Spring appears. We have been restricted on how far we could travel and keeping safe distances away from other walkers. This doesn't stop getting out walking as a great method of exercise. Add a dog in the mix (and a lot of poo bags) and the great escape can begin.

Like many people in Tresillian, Dave and I have walked locally just to keep the knees and ankles going. In a moment of complete madness, I mentioned walking up to Waitrose to buy a few necessities and then back again. Isn't hindsight a wonderful thing? I should have clocked the slight look of surprise on Dave's face at this announcement, but he was up for it.

So off we set and very quickly, I realised how far and uphill the walk was. I was not as fit as I had imagined. The car park was quite busy with the Covid testing station and we arrived in a small hailstorm but certainly returned quicker on the downhill journey.

A lot of people have been walking from one end of the village to the other and back again and we are so lucky to have the river to walk by even if only completing a round trip of over the causeway and turning right to come out of Pencallennick School and back to the main road. This little detour has altered over the months with many trees cut down opening the views and piles of tree trunks and logs bordering the walk.

Turning left after the causeway and the world's your oyster with walks as long as you may wish, occasional seats to while away the time as you contemplate, bird watching, the tides and smells of the river and whether now could be a good time to start a new business deal for making cosmetic masks with the abundance of mud!

It is always a pleasure to walk up to St Clements but make sure to hang onto your dog as you walk past the swampy bit after Tresemper Pond as it is extremely unpleasant to go after a greyhound wearing your new trainers as Dave did a long time back.

In the last issue of TRAM, I wrote about the walk through the iron gate near the Church yard. This walk encountered quite a long steep upwards walk over the fields to get to Trehane Barton and then back along the roads going downhill to get back to Tresillian.

We decided to do the same walk again but the opposite way round as the field would be a lot easier downhill. We wandered past the village hall and continued uphill (Steep to begin with) and then called on our farmer friends Viv and Raymond keeping our distance to drop off a birthday present for Viv. We then continued gently upwards for quite a way and followed the lane until we found the crossroads with the Tresillian finger post.

We kept that to our backs and walked through Trehane Barton Farm before coming upon the fields. We walked to our right and entered the big field. This has been used by walkers a lot and the trail leading across and down was quite visible, so we walked down and entered the Iron Gates road.

There was a lot of activity happening in the fields as the railway people are cutting back the trees from the railway itself. A rubber membrane had been laid to protect the land and to support vehicles and containers.

This walk was easier on the knees as upwards had been gentle as we took our time. The views are lovely round here and it is always a good idea to see the walk from the opposite direction.

We were looking to go to Trelissick but having not booked a slot for the car park, we would have to rely on a space in a nearby layby. As you can imagine, this was a forlorn hope from the offset. I was in the driving seat and found that being short, the low sun was playing havoc with potential blind spots even though I was wearing my sunglasses.

I swung down into Trevilla Road heading towards Feock and had to breathe in and drive down passing Chelsea buses on one side and a stone wall on the other with the sun in my eyes.

We parked up in a large muddy area by a field access and then set off towards Pill Creek. We meandered down as far as we could taking the left hand side of the creek until stopped by private property signs.

We backtracked and then walked down the right-hand side of the creek until the incoming tide stopped us from walking along the foreshore. One great surprise was to suddenly become aware of a large vessel slowly moving across the vista ahead. This was the P&O Ferry 'Pride of Burgundy' going to its mooring in the Fal river, so sad.

The walk was quite an eye-opener with some new build of fabulous and expensive houses either side of the creek. The last time we had been down there was on a leisure boat, about three years ago, which took us up the creek on a high tide and we could see that more had been built since. The walk took just over two hours.

We popped over to Malpas to catch up with family on a lovely but cold day. We walked via the farm rather than the river walks from St Clement. Going by the farm, there was a note about cows in the field but as we couldn't see any of them and as we were walking by the hedge, we continued on as usual. We could see them in the distance but I was a little worried about the trip back. Quite rightly so. We walked back up the field and the cows were well spread out to also find a great big bull! Fortunately I spotted an opening in the hedge of the field and we explored and found that the farmer had opened up a tractor route. So we popped through this opening and walked on the safe side of the hedge before meeting up with the kissing gate with lots of interested cows staring at us.

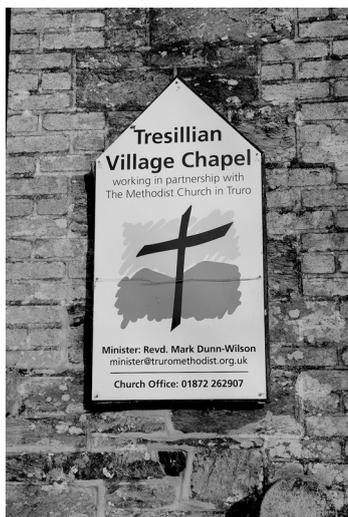
I must read the notices carefully next time as the bull was also mentioned but the note had got squashed up so wasn't apparent when we went through before.

" should have gone to Specsavers"

Lesley Jones

If you want any information about our walking group then please contact me on 01872 520568

Lesley Jones



Tresillian Methodist Chapel

We've been thankful over this past year to be part of such a caring community and we wanted to share love on Valentine's Day this year so we have decorated the outside of the chapel and invited anyone to take a heart as a keepsake or to give away. Lots of people have made hearts and lots have taken them away so we hope we achieved our aim!

Its been over a year since we've held a service in the Chapel, but we are in regular contact, watching services online (truromethodist.org.uk) and have been holding reflections around the Lent Cross outside the chapel recently. Have a look yourself as you are passing and, on Easter Day, come and help dress the cross with flowers. Easter is all about hope in darkness and we're looking forward in hope.



On Good Friday, Tiddlywinks toddler group will return outside in the Playing Field for 2 weeks and then hopefully inside. We have a Facebook page if any families want to join us Tiddlywinks@Tresillian, or contact Helen Nicholson (520295). There will also be an Easter Egg trail through the village for everyone to enjoy on their daily walk.

Keep safe, and keep well but if you are worried or lonely, or if you need any help for any reason, contact Helen on 07791371933.

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Holy Trinity Church & Lamorran

Services at the church in Tresillian have been plagued with difficulties over the last few months. The floods earlier on have gone through the church resulting in the church floor having to be removed, replaced or renovated.

The floors originally were laid on compacted earth with no damp coursing. This has resulted in a major job to rectify the damage with two coats of liquid damp proving to seal the underneath layer.

Where the organ normally resides, there is now has a beautiful pine parquet floor. The opposite floor of oak was rescued and according to Clive Stephens, the workmen couldn't stop admiring and sniffing the individual pieces of oak. The Damp course on this side brought the floor level up and so the oak panels had to be thinned down to ensure an even and level floor.

Meanwhile, the organ is in a thousand bits by where the altar resides, waiting for the day when it is put back together again.



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Lamorran Church Restoration Project – an update

27th March 2021

As our regular readers will know, the church of St Moran at Lamorran was closed in 2014, due to major cleaning problems brought about by the presence of bats. Shortly after closure we were invited to join the national Bats-in-Churches Project, run by a consortium formed by English Nature, the Church of England's Cathedral & Church Building Division, the Bat Conservation Trust, English Heritage and the Churches Conservation Trust, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

What started out as just a simple project to find a humane way of housing our resident bat colonies, whilst at the same time allowing the congregation to use the church for worship, has developed into a more or less full church restoration project, which in total will leave no change out of £213,000.

Things have really moved on since I last wrote in November. We have issued the contract for the bat mitigation works, and been out to tender for the remainder of the repairs, which came in just short of £85K. December and January were spent in a round of chasing grant aid from various national charities, which is beginning to show positive results.

We got the final go-ahead for the bat mitigation works at the beginning of February, with the contract being awarded to A1 Complete Builders of Grampound Road, a local firm with experience in building conservation.

The first task, started in the fourth week of February, was to clear the church of furniture, carefully dismantling the Georgian choir stalls, pulpit and pews, and cleaning off six years residue of bat droppings and urine stains. Of necessity, this meant moving the whole lot to Holy Trinity Church Hall at Tresillian, which we are using both as a restoration workshop and as storage, pending re-installation at Lamorran next Autumn. Cleaning entails three coat washing down with acetone to remove the urine stains, wire brushing with a fine bronze wire brush to clean the grain of the woodwork, and laborious hand work to remove generations of accumulated candle wax, as well as spot treatment of woodworm. Then the oak elements need to be repolished with lime-wax.

As a by-product of the furniture removal, we have one Estey American organ surplus to requirements (made by the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro', Vermont) for sale to anyone who fancies it.



The above photos show some of the pews, lights and other artefacts, which are residing in Tresillian church hall. The organ, mentioned by Nick is in the background of the left-hand photo.

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The major job, which is ongoing, is the construction of two bat lofts, to provide both roosting and flight space, together with securing the bats access routes through the roof voids, at the same time excluding future occupation by jackdaws. These lofts are positioned one in each transept, above the arches, which incidentally result in new white ceilings in the transepts. Hand in hand with this construction, we are partitioning the roof voids to prevent bat access to the congregational spaces in the church.



(c) Nick Jeans Repairs to the church

As part of the bat mitigation work, we have yet to start the complete redecoration following cleaning of the walls; cleaning and minor repairs to both the wooden and tiled floors, and the repair and re-hanging of both the south and west doors, to ensure that they are bat proof.

Fortunately, the parish recently received a legacy which covers the balance of the cost of replacing the former sodium-vapor floodlights throughout with LED lighting, similar to that at Holy Trinity.

This is a major scheme for the Bats-in-Churches project, funded by the Heritage lottery Fund, but in addition we have, before the church can be reopened, to obtain separate funding for the second (repair) phase of the restoration project. Apart from some minor repairs, we have three major tasks to complete before the church is re-opened. About half of the internal lime plaster is perished, and needs to be completely replaced, or needs to be re-finished; there are up to 400 metres of open joints in the wooden ceiling which need to be sealed, to prevent heat loss, and to prevent the entry of dirt & dust into the church; and we need to replace the bulk of the south transept floor with a new quarry tile floor at the original lower level. (At present the suspended timber floor is rotten, and obscures the view of John Verman's wonderful 3m long slate memorial).

The total cost of the second phase has to be funded by the parish, without further recourse to HLF. As at today we have made applications to five charities for grant aid towards this cost, resulting in a £5000 offer from Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and £3500 from the Allchurches Trust. These offers have enabled us to make a start on the most urgent replastering. Results are awaited from the other applications. These are though unlikely to cover the full cost, and we are looking to launch an appeal to cover the £76000 shortfall. As and when funds are forthcoming we will be able to widen the scope of the work.

Yes, we are open to donations, via the Just Giving website, on which we have a campaign page, LAMORRANCHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT.

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