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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**.

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# Tramlines

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Firstly may I send you Best Wishes for the New Year 2022 to all of our readers, contributors and advertisers.

Welcome to spring everyone although we have certainly had a most unusual February.

What is the old adage about March blowing in like a lion and out like a lamb? Well I think that February certainly had a go at that record. Chinese New Year is the Year of the Tiger and February certainly had dragons chasing the winds around the country.

It started up with a couple of very cold and windy storms. I thought that it had settled down a bit but after Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin and the potential of more on the way (anyone for Storm Gladys?) makes for worrying travel with trees falling over and damaging property. A tree opposite the Wheel Inn landed into the road and my friends, Vivien and Raymond over at Tresournes Farm had two trees fall down at the entrance to their farm, landing across the road heading towards Trehane. They got to work removing the trees but the tractor had trouble lifting one of them. (the trees) that is!

**See photos on pages 26 and 27.**

Travelling from Tresillian into Truro, despite traffic jams, has been a joy to see all the daffodils coming out through our village and then the glorious magnolia trees blooming going down Tregolls Road.

Not all of our associations are up and running yet but I hope to have new information on them in the future for the diary.

Finally, Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations are already under way this year and the Village Improvement Group are hinting that they have something special up their sleeves so please keep an eye out for posters on notice boards, the TRAM and information on the village website to keep you up to date.

Lesley Jones

Editor

## Quick News Items

### **Congratulations go to:**

Chelsea, Russell and big sister Harper, for the arrival of a new baby daughter born on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 weighing in at over 7lbs.

### **The Wheel Inn**

After being closed for so long, it was lovely to be able to walk into the inn for its opening on the 21<sup>st</sup> December last year. The alterations and refurbishments to the inn offered a new layout and with a roaring fire, Christmas tree and decorations plus new furnishings and made us all feel welcome.

### **Tresillian Village Hall**

The Village Hall Annual General meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and was well attended, with around 30 people there. The minutes have been recorded on the Tresillian Village website

[www.tresillianvillage.co.uk](http://www.tresillianvillage.co.uk)

### **Carharthen View**

Contractors have been working at Carharthen View during March, sorting out problems with a garden opposite the allotments (Cormac) and now tackling a huge problem with houses backing onto the farmer's field needing the embankments shoring up with stonework gabions.

### **Advertisers**

We will be accepting new adverts and old for the TRAM and from the end of March. The price list will be available for future TRAMs. Over the last few editions, there have been no fees paid while we transferred to the digital version from the paper one.

### **Hot News straight from the Tresillian Village Web site**

Truro Audi – the large conifer tree at the entrance will have to come down for safety reasons. Full story at [tresillianvillage.co.uk](http://tresillianvillage.co.uk)

# Tresillian Village Hall Meeting

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Tresillian Village Hall Committee was held on Thursday 24 February attended by 28 people.

Colin Honey, Chairman, thanked the members of the Management Committee for keeping the Village Hall going over the past two difficult years. He wished Claire Wright, Treasurer, and Ann McCormick, Lettings Secretary, well for a speedy recovery following their respective illnesses. In the absence of the Treasurer and the Lettings Secretary these roles had been shared by Hilary Stephens and Pam Collenette.

The rental charges had been kept competitive so that bookings were coming in following the lockdowns and also grants had been received.

At the end of the meeting, as required in the Constitution, the Management Committee members stood down and all indicated that they did not wish to stand for re-election. A new Management Committee was then appointed with David Lean, Treasurer; Kirsten Lean, Bookings Secretary; Lesley Dobel, Secretary; Aileen Bratton, Cherry James, Diane Nicholls, Desiree Tillgren, Lars Tillgren and Tanya Thomas with George Doherty as Chairman. George has a wealth of knowledge of the Village Hall and has undertaken the roles of Chairman and Secretary previously.

Going forward for the new Committee, 2023 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall so there will be an event to commemorate this. There is interest in the village for the formation of badminton and table tennis clubs and it was felt that the Hall could be the ideal venue for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June this year. Those present at the meeting were asked to submit ideas for the use of the Hall and the suggested events to the Secretary, Lesley Dobel ([jandldobel@btinternet.com](mailto:jandldobel@btinternet.com))

Lesley Dobel, Secretary, Tresillian Village Hall

## **Tresillian Residents Association Magazine (TRAM)**

TRAM Magazine will from now onwards be published exclusively on the Tresillian Village Website.

With limited house to house delivery volunteers, not withstanding COVID-19 safety, plus ever increasing printing costs TRAM is no longer viable in a paper printed form. A major advantage of web publishing is the wider potential audience plus the use of high resolution colour throughout.

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April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Alan has sent me this copy of his Coronation Festivities Committee Scroll that he received at the 1953 Coronation festivities in Tresillian playing field, signed by Rev. Gray, Mr. Symons of Polsue Farm and Mr. Percy Ellis.

Very apt for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year.

# A (not very ) BRIEF HISTORY OF TRAM *Continued*

By George Doherty

## The Editor's Chair

The 'Editorial Committee' arrangement worked fine for the first few issues but by Christmas 1972 I was extremely busy as Secretary to the Residents Association and the Village Hall Committee and could spend less time on TRAM. David took over the editorial duties, with Audrey and me assisting. This was the way things were until the beginning of 1974 when I again became Editor, ably assisted by Kay Flint, June Jenkin and George Price. I served as Editor until 1976, when I took up employment overseas.

From then, until Christmas 1994, it would seem George Price and Tom Lambert shared the satisfaction – and headaches – of Editor-ship. George's name appeared at the beginning of each magazine as 'Chairman' of the Editorial Committee, but it was always Tom who wrote the Editorial.

For the spring issue of 1995 Cliff Opie took over as Editor, bringing us into the computer age, using this new tool to produce excellent covers and presenting the text in a much improved style. He introduced an improved, blue on white typeface. I do not know (never will, I suppose) how he transposed this to stencil and Roneo.

George Price, despite failing eyesight, continued as a member of the Editorial Committee, as did his wife Margaret and Tom Lambert.

Cliff resigned as Editor in the autumn of 1997. Cliff, performed admirably as Editor, Tom Lambert took the chair. He was assisted by Olga Pinfold, Milly Saunders and George and Margaret Price.

I retired from my employment in May 2000 and returned on what I thought would be my last flight home from Ascension Island and The Falklands. (At the behest of my employers I was to return, in a consultant capacity, to the South Atlantic five times! But that is another story.)

As in every summer since we came to Tresillian in 1968 other than the times when I was overseas, my wife and I would go to the Village Produce Show at St. Michael Penkivel. In 2001 I think I'd been there for less than half an hour when Tom planted himself in front of me and said, "I've churned out TRAM for the last twenty years; it's time you came back and took over."

(Tom had a way of convincing one without their knowing they'd been convinced. We had a similar conversation regarding St. Clement Parish Council a few months later: he won that one as well.)

It would be a cumbersome task to wade through all the issues of TRAM to extract the names of all who, down the years, have served on the team without danger of omission. All have given stalwart service. I must make an exception of Tom.

From virtually the moment he returned to the village in the early 1970s, following a few years working in London, he was tireless in his services to the Village Hall Committee, St. Clement Parish Council, the Thursday Club and, by no means least, TRAM.

My first TRAM as Editor after 24 years was the Christmas issue of 2001 and, with a few hiccups, sat in the hot seat until 2020 and the coming of the foul Covid lock-down,

Just as I was beginning to think about the Christmas 2004 issue my previous employers pleaded with me to return to Ascension Island. "Just for a couple of weeks," they said. Now, Margaret and I would cheerfully disagree on the meaning of the word 'couple'. "A couple is two," she would insist.

In my native Wales 'couple' means a small quantity; four, five, perhaps. A 'good couple' is that much more; seven or eight maybe. It is the same on the South Atlantic islands of Ascension, St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha. And, obviously the same to my employers. I was not to fly back to the UK until just a few days before Christmas (and was to return south for a few more weeks in the New Year as well.).

I was then, and now, greatly indebted to the editorial team and Margaret for cobbling together a TRAM as best as they could.

Most readers will know of the reason why there was no TRAM between the spring of 2013 and Christmas 2014. I will not dwell upon that sad time now other than to say I never thought I, or indeed anyone else, would ever again produce the magazine. It is humbling that there was such pressure from the readers to think differently.

I have always been of the opinion that an editorial is an important part of any newspaper or magazine. Trevor (Grose) and I somewhat disagreed on this. (And agreed to disagree.) He was of the opinion that an editorial was only necessary if there was something specific to be said. I feel it portrays something of the tenor of the publication, even if it is only a few lines on the seasonal weather or the country's rail service.

From the early days of the magazine I offered 'Tramlines' as a start to the reading. Tom Lambert also penned such an introduction for several years, as did Cliff Opie. In the closing years of the 20th century this feature of TRAM was absent. I restored it in the summer 2002 issue and it remained until the most recent (and last) printed issue for Christmas 2019.

Lesley Jones now takes on the mantle of responsibility.

I somehow feel, knowing Tresillian and the wonderful people who are its inhabitants that at Christmas 2071 one of you will be writing a similar article to this to celebrate a Centenary!

### **The Purse Strings**

Shortly after Lawrence Julian had taken office as Treasurer of the reformed Tresillian Village Hall Committee in 1970, on his participation at some stage show of the Residents Association he was mischievously 'played on' by the late Jim Lister to the tune of "Hey, Big Spender."

The Treasurers of TRAM would certainly never fall into that category, but we've always managed to 'make ends meet'.

Mary Thomas was elected Treasurer at the inaugural meeting of the Tresillian Residents Association in 1968 and remained in that office until 1976.

After a brief 'holding period' by George Price the financial duties were taken on by Terry McIlvenna, who was to hold the office until the Residents Association ceased activities in June 1981. Terry continued as Treasurer to TRAM until his retirement in 1995

Milly Saunders (later to become Milly Farren) took over as Treasurer when Terry retired. She held the office for ten years, retiring on health grounds in the summer of 2005.

Heather Furse took charge of the purse strings and managed them admirably until she left the village in the summer of 2011.

Steve McIllduff continued the good work until 2018.

Aileen Bratton is our present Treasurer, at a difficult time. A difficult time because banks no longer want small 'social' accounts such as ours (at the rate branches are closing one may well ask what accounts, if any, they want of mere mortals such as us.) and finding somewhere to deposit our funds is complicated.

## **The Front Cover**

Joan's Redruth tramcar was to remain the cover drawing for several issues, although she presented some sparkling cute offerings for Christmas and Easter. Her cover drawings for the Christmas 1972-73-74 issues were excellent.

It is interesting to note here that The Council of Social Services used one of these covers as the frontispiece of its 1973-74 Grant Application to the Department of Education. They used another as a cover for the 1975-76 Application.

I think it is quite good to know that a couple of pages of our small village history remain somewhere deep in the archives of Westminster.

In the summer of 1975 The Residents Association organised a sponsored (height of) sunflower competition to raise funds for the Village Hall. Joan's interpretation of the event was superb; giant sunflowers dwarfing the 'gardeners' looking on in awe. There was even a small packet of weed-killer in the bottom corner!

When Joan left the village Mr F T Le-Roy McCready took up the artist's brush and provided us with a wide variety of cover subjects for many years.

His cover to mark the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was just a billboard, celebrating the event. It said it all.

Other contributors to our artwork were (in alphabetical order) Curley Allen, Jack Allett, Janet Bailey, Bill Gunn, Wally Jones, Rick Ludlum, Gaye Lush and Milly Saunders.

Jack and Wally were members of the Old Time Dancing Club; the others local residents or with local connections.

At Christmas 1991 Cliff Opie brought us into the computer age with a PC generated cover and frontispiece.

The summer of 1994 saw the 50th anniversary of D-Day. The TRAM cover was a composite of the events surrounding that day. Similar covers continued until spring 1995 when Sara Holden gave us the first of some splendid design covers; this was an egret in the creek with Tresillian Bridge in the background.

That was the first issue to carry a Celtic border. I do not know if this was an innovation by Sara or not. Whichever it is a feature that has been carried on every cover since. Sara was a professional artist and Tresillian resident. Her works on the covers of TRAM for the next two years were a pleasure. More loveable creatures followed the egret: a cheeky field mouse clinging to a stem of wheat, a badger poking its head out from his holt, and cheerful Christmas scenes.

The autumn 1996 issue was No. 100. At the Editor's request Sara drew an excellent replica of a tramcar. Sara left the village in 1997, a loss to the magazine but leaving the memory of lots of smiles on its readers' faces. After Sara's departure the cover pictures were provided by many artistic villagers including Janet Bailey, Carol Dodds, Milly Farren and Gaye Lush.

1999, the year of the total eclipse presented the summer issue with a clever and unusual cover. There were no credits. Who designed it? How was it reproduced? I suppose we will now never know.

The issue at autumn 2000 saw TRAM's first colour cover. A painting of the Tresillian River by village artist Margaret Merry was reproduced on a laser printer by her husband, Digby.

The cover for the Christmas TRAM of 2001 was by Carole Dodds. It was an unusual and very attractive juxtaposition of the Church, Chapel, Wheel Inn, Fal Garage and Toll House – all in places where they ought not to be! Simple line drawings but the detail was extraordinary; even down to the church notice board.

In 2002 H M Queen Elizabeth II had been on the throne for 50 years. As did most publications TRAM celebrated the occasion with the cover depicting a portrait of Her Majesty – in blue, of course.

Autumn 2002 was a photograph of Mrs Pat Sutherland planting a commemorative tree near the 'Wishing Well' in the Well Garden at the edge of the Playing Field.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the battle the cover of autumn 2005 was a scene at the Battle of Trafalgar, with an inset portrait of Admiral Lord Nelson, courtesy of Trafalgar Weekend Supporters.

In the spring of 2006 we produced a fund raising Easter Parade and Sorting Hat Competition. (Read Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, anyone who doesn't know about the Sorting Hat!) The cover of the spring issue was a colorful publicity blurb for the event; the summer issue cover was of various scenes filmed on the day.

The Christmas 2016 cover photograph was of the splendid Nativity figures that Mrs Jan Rettie had crafted for the Holy Trinity Church crib.

The cover of spring 2016 did not really do justice to the magnificent altar cloth that Mrs Margaret McQuillen made for St. Michael's church in memory of Mrs Joyce Dawe.

The final 'printed' cover was a splendid photograph taken by Mr Keith Littlejohns of the Christmas tree and interior of Truro Cathedral.

# The Story Behind the Plant Troughs Outside Marys Pastys

In the spring of 2019 Camborne Town Council sent an email via the Cornwall town councils network regarding a quantity of previously used municipal issue branded plant troughs that were surplus to requirements and offered free of charge. The content of which was passed on to me by Helen Nicholson to see if they would be of any use in our village by adding to the already established planters and plantings organised by the Tresillian Village Improvement Group.

I contacted the department at Camborne Council and made an appointment to visit the relevant depot to see for myself what was available. Upon arrival I explained why we wanted the troughs and found the staff really helpful in sorting out six troughs for me. They are manufactured from very strong plastic suitable for long-time use in an outdoor municipal location and have an integral water reservoir, ideal to provide a water supply that just needed topping up from time to time depending on the weather.

Although the integrity of construction was sound they obviously required quite a bit of attention before being deployed. The most critical item to attend to was the manufacture of pairs of metal brackets for each of the troughs as none were supplied and the cost of purchasing new ones from the manufacturer was prohibitive. This was quite complex because of the water reservoir that could not be compromised by puncturing with holes to affix any brackets. I came up with a design that involved bending and drilling straight bars of thick steel that could be bolted with sturdy metal washers above the reservoir water line and bent into a square hook at the top and a L shape at the bottom to support the base. Additionally, smaller brackets had to be manufactured to lock the troughs in place on the railings. The self-watering system is based on capillary mats and wicks allowing the plant roots to take up water through osmosis, and these had to be individually cut to shape to fit the recesses. After completing the mechanicals the outside surfaces required scrubbing then painting with three coats of a special paint for plastics. Metal bars and other fixing parts were purchased from Macsalvors as was the capillary matting and paint.

Keith Littlejohns



Water reservoir filling holes and capillary matting



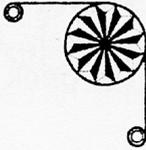
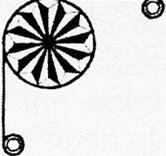
Keith affixing first trough to railings



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Troughs at front of Marys Pastys shop



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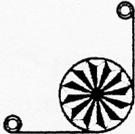
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# Tresillian Allotment Association

Looking forward to spring the allotmenters are starting to prepare their plots ready for planting, as the weather improves, the soil warms, and the days get longer it heralds the start of the growing year on an allotment.

The garlic corms planted in the autumn are now poking their heads above ground, the shallot and onion sets have been planted followed by the first and second early seed potatoes.

The end of February, March and April are generally the prime time to start sowing seeds, Runner and French beans are best started later, from mid to late May, these crops grow rapidly once germinated but don't like cold nights, so if sown too early and planted out too soon, they struggle and sit and sulk, whereas planting later they generally romp away.

If you want smaller batches of seed sown plants for crops like beetroot and lettuce which are better sown for successive picking. To save you having a glut, one tip is to sow the seeds in a small 7cm plant pot instead of a seed tray, just a pinch of seed into the plant pot is usually ample, then three to four weeks later sow another batch.

One of our plot holders said he could get a steady supply of large sheets of cardboard and that he would leave them in the shed for the use of anyone that could use them on their plots, many of the plot holders eagerly took advantage of this offer and are giving the No-dig method of growing crops a go.

This way of growing was pioneered by Charles Dowding who for many years has used this method with great success.

The idea is to cover all or part of your plot with cardboard sheets which blocks out the light so that weeds cannot grow. Next put a thick layer of organic mulch on top of the cardboard, this can be home made compost, fully rotted manure or bought bags of multi purpose compost, the depth should be around 15cm-20cms deep. Each year ideally in the Autumn apply around 5cms of compost or manure to top up the beds.

Spring is a good time to apply fertilisers to the soil, as most allotmenters want to be organic they choose to use organic fertilisers such as blood fish and bone, organic pelleted chicken manure or seaweed feeds.

The allotments started in 2013 and all plot holders try not to use pesticide sprays on their crops to control pests, last year we really started to see how the pest and predator ratio was starting to balance themselves out, Towards the end of Autumn 2021 several ladybird larvae were seen for the first time on the plots and compost bins, so hopefully these have overwintered and will be hatching into adult beetles to join our other pest control officers, such as the soldier beetles birds and hedgehogs.

The benefits of having an allotment are immense, apart from having fresh food to eat that you have grown yourself, free from chemicals and pesticides, keeping an allotment keeps you fit and is great fun, that is once you have cleared the plot ready for planting.

Lorraine Sutton.

As I mentioned in the Editor's forward, the five storms that had gone through Tresillian during February had only caused minor trouble in the allotments with tidying up and securing covering on the plots (normally weighed down by some of these massive stones and debris buried by the builders when they constructed Carharthan View ten or so years ago.

The last storm did knock down a large panel, which three of us managed to secure with large screws rather than the nails used before. So thanks go to Dave Waddilove, Dave Jones and me and also Geoff for turning up at the last moment and helping by leaning on the fence to test if it was safe.

There are no empty allotments at present but you may put your name down for one by getting in touch with either Lorraine or myself. You are also welcome to visit the allotments and look around by emailing [l\\_jones23@btinternet.com](mailto:l_jones23@btinternet.com) or phoning 01872 520568.

Enjoy the daffodils growing through the village.

Lesley Jones



# Lamorran Church Restoration Project

Nick Jeans, 28th February 2022

I keep writing updates for our friends and supporters, every time thinking that we are approaching the end of the project, and that this might be almost the last update. Well, I think (and hope) that this probably is that penultimate update.

In November, the bat mitigation works were paused, whilst we caught up on the general repairs, which were going out to tender. At the same time, we had applied for a faculty (the CofE's equivalent to a Planning Consent) for the remainder of the repairs, including the underlining of the remainder of the defective shiplap boarded ceilings, to finally exclude unauthorised bat access. Our application had the full support of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (which includes a couple of architects, an architectural historian and several other experts) but it wasn't till the end of January that we managed to overcome objections from Historic England and get the consent.

We had though placed a contracts for both the encaustic tile floor repairs, and for the renewal of the remainder of the leadwork to the roof gutters, in which a number of leaks became apparent in the autumn. Whilst the roofing work was completed just before the building industry's Christmas break, Covid twice struck the floor tilers, which have yet to get started.

However, things do make progress; the scaffolding's, up, the materials have been delivered to the site, and the ceiling job starts next week.

Any visitor to Lamorran in January will have encountered Tregothnan Estate's drainage contractor, Phil Dymond, working under the close supervision of Southwest Archaeology's Dr Walls, carrying out the tricky operation to put a French drain round three sides of the church, work designed to reduce the water table and cure a rising damp problem. For this we are indebted to the Estate who have very generously taken on this work.

The underling is now the first priority, whilst at the same time our contractor should be completing the furniture restoration work in the workshop at Tresillian (aka Tresillian Church Hall). As soon as the underlining is installed, we can get on with the decoration of the walls and ceilings, to be followed by the floor repairs and a final cleaning, sanding and sealing of the boarded floors.

We now have in place the funding for the one other major job, the south transept conservation work, including raising and stabilising the John & Catherine Verman monument to its correct position, and to lift and reposition in the transept floor the 11th century cross stone (recycled firstly as a grave ledger stone -inscribed Hic jacit Henricus....) and used, since 1845, as a flagstone in front of the Verman monument. We then have to reform the transept floor, at its original level, using new granite and slate flagstones, to better display the three monuments.

We hope to get this done before the furniture is reinstalled, and look forward to reopening the Church (but I won't tempt fate by hazarding a date!).

Once again, we must acknowledge with thanks the generosity of the various charities who have covered the budgeted costs of remaining work; the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust, the Allchurches Trust, the Enid Barron Legacy, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme. the Leche Trust, the Idlewild Trust, the Pilgrim Trust and the Diocesan Rural Churches Repair Fund. Without this help Lamorran would probably be on Historic England's "At Risk" Register.

PS. 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. First sensible offer secures.

# Wildlife In And Around Tresillian



## March 2022 – Getting Ready For Swans Nesting on Tresillian River

Spring is just around the corner and the Tresillian swans are starting to construct their nest. When the residents noticed the activity we sprung in action keen to make sure their nest and precious eggs have the best chance of survival

Right: Dan and Linda.



Wading into the river, trying to avoid sinking in the mud we took over a fresh bale of hay to their nesting island. Years ago a nesting site had been constructed for the swans consisting of a large insulated palette which is tethered to four posts. This nesting site has the advantage of floating so in the very high spring tides the nest and the swans eggs are safe from being washed away.

Left: Dan, Marcy, Linda and Philip.



After checking the ropes were free from weed and the palette able to lift we added a layer of straw and retreated to observe from a distance. It wasn't long before they were in action and busy housekeeping their new pad!

Left: Dan, Marcy, Linda and Donna.

Right: Dan retreating back home leaving the raft for the swans to make it their home.



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## February 2022 – Great Spotted Woodpecker



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Keith Littlejohns

The Great Spotted Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos major*. The rhythmic knocking of a great spotted woodpecker's beak on a tree trunk is a familiar sound in woodlands, parks and gardens.

This photo is of an adult male, which is identifiable by the red patch on the nape whereas young males have a red crown, females do not have any red colouring on their head. It is estimated that there are roughly 35,000 to 40,000 pairs nesting in Britain.

Length: 21-23cm; Wingspan: 36cm; Weight: 85g.  
Average lifespan: 2 years. Can be seen all year round.

Woodpeckers nest by crafting a chamber in a tree trunk by chiselling with its beak to make a suitably large enough void to raise young. They often choose an already established depression or shallow hole to start the process of deepening it.

Breeding typically begins around mid-April, and the incubation period runs between 10 to 16 days, during which time both male and females contribute.

Feeding woodpeckers prefer to visit a tree with some dead wood so that they can find colonies of grubs and insects in the decaying bark or wood to eat. They have a long sticky probing tongue to grab the small creatures. However, during autumn and winter they generally eat berries and nuts, including peanuts from garden bird feeders.

Woodpeckers are relatively common in most areas of the UK, except for northerly regions of Scotland and are almost totally absent from the island of Ireland apart from a few recent colonies in the far eastern side.

The Great Spotted Woodpecker is on the Green List, the least critical group.

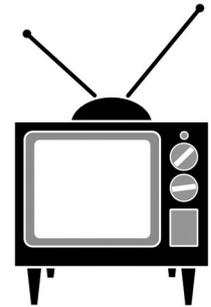
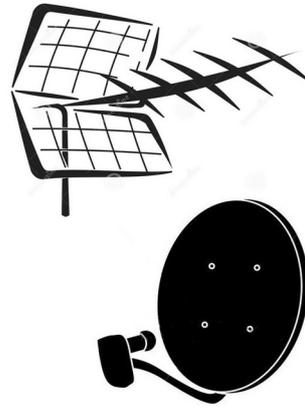
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# Tresillian and Lamorran with Merther The Parishes

By George Doherty

In the last issue of TRAM we look back on 50 years of publication of the magazine. It is of interest to look back on 50 years at Holy Trinity, but let us seize the moment and go back a few more years.

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century our Ecclesiastical Parish was St. Michael Penkevil and Lamorran with Merther. That remained so until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2007 when the new name of Tresillian and Lamorran with Merther was approved by order of the Queen's Council.

To mark the genesis of the new parish Bishop Bill (Ind), Bishop of Truro, led a 'Church Crawl', which was a ramble starting at the now derelict church of St. Cohan at Merther, precisely in Scoan's Field, near the church, the site of St. Cohan's well and small consecrated chapel, where it is believed he first brought Christianity to Cornwall. From there they went on to the church of St. Moran, at Lamorran before returning to Holy Trinity to rededicate it in its new name and to God's Glory.

This was Bishop Bill's last official visit before his retirement.

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## Holy Trinity, Tresillian

A Chapel of Ease to Merther was erected in Tresillian in 1878.

At a cost of £300 it is recorded as seating 84 people. (In the light of a later, similar, statement that number should perhaps be treated with a little scepticism.)

Rebuilding of the church was started in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The original chapel became the nave of the new building and the seating capacity was increased to 140 people.

Revd Tim Goldstone's remark, in an article in TRAM, that it would be uncomfortable if that many were in the congregation, must be the understatement of Holy Trinity's history – about seven worshippers to the pew? Phew!

The cost of the rebuild was some £4,000, which, with the exception of £300 from the Ecclesiastical Commission, was paid by the seventh Viscount Falmouth, The recently deceased grandfather of of Lord Falmouth.

The church was dedicated to the Holy Trinity on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1904 by the Rt. Revd Dr. Kestell – Cornish, former Bishop of Madagascar.

It is probable that the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Revd John Gott was ill at the time.

Holy Trinity became the Parish Church of Merther and Lamorran, although, as stated above, the name Tresillian was not incorporated until 103 years later.

At the same time the Rectory at Lamorran was taken down stone by stone and rebuilt at Tresillian. (It is now a private residence, appropriately named 'Lamorran'.

## The Clergy

**Revd Watkins** was the first Rector at Holy Trinity, staying until some time after the end of the First World War

Dick Rowe, who for many years kept Riverside Stores, recalled Revd Watkins saying, on the outbreak of war in 1914, "I'm afraid this conflict will bleed the country white, Richard." A man of perception, when all around him were crying "It'll be all over by Christmas."

Revd Watkins was followed by **Revd Longmore**.

**Revd Hubert Ainsworth** became Rector in the mid 1920s. He had been Army Chaplain to the 4/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion DCLI (TA). In those years there was a thriving branch of the British Legion in Tresillian, with their headquarters opposite The Wheel Inn. To the forefront of the organisation through the 20s and 30s were Dick Rowe and Mr Kittow, an ex-army officer who farmed Tregeagle Manor.

Revd Ainsworth played a leading role in its running. At his instigation the branch made a pilgrimage to France during which they attended a service at The Menin Gate.

**Revd Reginald Priestley** was Rector at the beginning of World War II and played a prominent part in setting up a contingent of the Home Guard in the district.

He died during the war years.

**Revd Clarke** was the next Rector.

He was first Chairman of the social club set up to welcome home village servicemen coming on leave. This was the forerunner of the Village Hall Committee.

Revd Clarke left the Parish shortly afterwards.

**Revd A R W (Brian) Gray** became the next Rector and remained until his death in 1982.

Revd Gray took a keen interest in local affairs, particularly the Infants School.

A dedication plaque to his memory was unveiled in Holy Trinity on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1986.

Following a lengthy interregnum **Revd Peter Goodridge** was inducted Priest in Charge on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1985 by the Rt. Revd Peter Mumford, Bishop of Truro. The induction took place in all three of the churches in his benefice: Holy Trinity, St. Michael and Lamorran.

With his diocesan duties having an increasing demand, Revd Peter found it necessary to resign from his office at Holy Trinity. He took his last service there as Priest in Charge on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 1988 but returned at Christmas 2002 to lead the Midnight Communion Service.

Sadly, Revd Peter died in the spring of 2006.

The induction of **Revd James Barnett** was also celebrated at the three churches in the Parishes on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1988. He too had duties at the Cathedral as Training Officer for the Diocese.

Revd James introduced a series of monthly Sunday evening 'Prayer and Praise', something of an informal version of the BBC television series, '*Songs of Praise*', with lively foot-tapping choruses to the accompaniment of keyboard, flute and guitar rather than the traditional organ. The first session was in November 1994 and was enjoyed by a congregation of over thirty. The second celebration was even better attended.

In June 1995 Revd James was appointed Anglican Chaplain in Strasbourg and Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the European Institute.

There was a three month interregnum during which Revd Peter Durnford, retired Rector of St. Just in Roseland took a number of services at Holy Trinity.

The Licensing Service of **Revd Tim Gouldstone** was at St. Michael Penkivel in October 1995. He was installed as a canon of Truro Cathedral in the stall of St. Constantine in 1998.

Revd Tim left in the autumn of 2002 to take up the position of Director of Norwich Cathedral Institute and Anglican Chaplain to the University of East Anglia.

He conducted his last service at Holy Trinity on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2002. Sadly, Tim died in the autumn of 2006.

**Revd Andrew Yates** was installed Priest in Charge of the Parish by Bishop Bill (Ind) at St. Michael Penkivel on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

In the 1990s Sue and Martin Collenette initiated a monthly Lunch Club, principally aimed at the older village residents, although there is no mention of any age restriction in the notices posted in TRAM, nor is there any specific mention of association with the church, although it would appear most of those involved were members of the congregation at Holy Trinity.

Whatever, Andrew soon became involved and on one occasion organised a coach and combined a Thursday Club and Lunch Club outing with a super restaurant lunch.

Andrew was an enthusiastic celebrant of the Church's 'Special Days' – and those that are somewhat 'on the fringe'. His encouragement to the ladies of the congregation in the 'ceremony' of 'tossing the pancake' on Shrove Tuesday and their fervent preparation of the Christmas puddings on 'Stir-up Sunday' (the first day of Advent, Christ the King) will long be remembered, particularly by Mrs Gillian Fielder, 'stirrer-upper supreme!' And all, of course, backed with sermons preaching the joys of our promised salvation those fun events symbolise.

**Revd Ann Butcher** became curate in June 2009 and was to assist Andrew and, later, Revd Lynda, with 'fifth-Sunday services'.

Once a month a road in Tresillian would be selected and at a Friday evening service, conducted by either Andrew or Ann, would give special thought to the residents of that road.

Prior to the service a card would be popped through the letterbox of every house on the road ("Usually by me!" Ann proclaims.) telling the inhabitants of what was planned and asking if they would like to be included in our prayers and, or, receive a visit from a minister.

Ann recalled that this approach met with surprising acceptance.

Andrew translated to the Parish of Paul and Mousehole in 2012,

**Revd Canon Lynda Barley** was licensed as Priest in Charge at St. Michael's on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

As with her predecessors Lynda's duties precluded her taking all Sunday morning service at Holy Trinity.

For some time we were fortunately in having other clergy to take the Sunday morning worship when Lynda was unavailable: **Rev's. Roger Nicholls, Brian McQuillen and Jem Thorold**

Jem was inducted into the parish of Newquay in 2015 and Brian has been Priest at St. Michael Caerhayes since early 2020. Unfortunately Roger has had to retire due to ill health.

The congregation of Holy Trinity will, for sure, long look back to the inspiring and meaningful sermons they offered us and the warmth and humour they shared with us on so many happy Sunday mornings.

Revd Lynda, now Revd Canon Doctor Lynda, retired at Easter 2020. She had intended to take her last communion service at Holy Trinity on Easter Day: the pandemic of Covid-19 brought about Government and Ecclesiastical restrictions on public worship, sadly prevented what would certainly have been a memorable and deeply emotional morning.

Happily Lynda did pay us a visit, and take a communion service in the autumn of 2021.

## Some Memories of 50 Years

**1980** The Church Bells rang out for the first time in many years.

**1997** Carole Dodds headed up a team to present an exhibition of arts and crafts. Included were many splendid examples of jewelry, lace, needlework, painted glass and wood carvings.

Carol created a triptych displaying "Impressions of Tresillian: Past, Present and Future." An interesting – and thought provoking – display of stage play and pantomime programmes, drawings by pupils of Tresillian school, paintings by local artists, covers of TRAM and much else.

**1998** The Church Hall was refurbished. The floor, which was in a rather sorry state, was sanded and sealed. The walls were repainted. The late Mr Ray Warren made new timber inset frames for the west elevation windows and Carol decorated the panes with coloured, shaped acetate.

Ray also made a new notice board to be affixed to the church and, with the assistance of his son, Tony, made two planters to be placed at the raised land to the front of the church. Unfortunately these were badly damaged by the flooding of 2020.

**2000** The "Clock Committee" was formed. None of the members were Parochial Church Councillors. Enthusiastic fund raising led to the 'Millennium Clock' being installed on Holy Trinity Church.

**2002** Carol and her team provided a contribution to an exhibition in Truro Cathedral of artifacts from churches throughout the diocese.

Holy Trinity's contributions included the statue of St. Andrew, the harmonium from Lamorran and a civil war uniform.

**2009** With a grant of £6,000 from Carrick Sustainable Committee Priority Project for New Kitchens the Church Hall kitchen was rejuvenated.

Out with the old, in with the new. A splendid electric range, fitted shelves and cupboards, sinks and a fridge. Coordinated with a major overhaul of the electrics and plumbing, of course.

**2014** The Memorial Stone and bronze plaque was placed in the Playing Field.

A Remembrance Day service has been held at the Memorial every year since

**2020** Thanks to the Tregothnan Estate a much needed car park was provided to the rear of the Church Hall.

**2022** A major overhaul of the organ and the Lamorran refurbishment ongoing

### **And dare we hope?**

A return of our happy community lunches in the Church Hall.

A return of our friendly coffee mornings at Mary's Pastys.

An annual quiz.

# Photos of Storm Damage at Tresournes Farm

As I mentioned on page 4, Storm Franklin toppled over two large trees taking down the entrance gate of the farm as well as the telephone wires on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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Raymond tried to shift the trees with his tractor without success but Paul George, his neighbouring farmer came to the rescue with his tractor.



Finally, all cleared away.



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# Tresillian Village Improvement Group

On behalf of the Tresillian Village Improvement Group we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the festive display of lights on the village flower planters, the shrubbery at the east end of the village and the boat at the west end.

Now spring is on the way and the daffodils are once again brightening up the roadside. As the ones by the Memorial stone and the shrubbery started flowering in December they have added much-needed brightness to the grey wintry weather.

This winter, our volunteers have planted the three planters with a variety of plants and a fourth planter will soon be added to the village display. As in previous years, Truro City Parks have planted a colourful display in the boat.

Now that the mornings are getting lighter, our stalwart volunteer will once again be out early litter picking around the village to keep it neat and tidy.

On two occasions in February a drop-in workshop by Amy Cooper was held at the Chapel for participants to learn how to create ceramic flowers that will be used to give an additional colourful display in the planters. We had over 40 people attend the workshops and reached our target of 60 flowers after the first workshop! Everyone enjoyed making with the clay and Amy was very helpful in showing some techniques on how to do it. The variety of flower designs was amazing - none look the same. The glazing workshop will be on 19th March in the afternoon, and hopefully we will be able to hold another one if we can secure some extra grant funding. We are planning to use the flowers in a Jubilee display as well as in the flower boxes over the winter.





Amy Cooper showing us how to use the tools, the clay and inspiration to make our own flowers.

Two of the participants getting to grips with their own designs, which once the clay dries will be painted and mounted on poles before firing.

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A lime tree has been planted in the Playing Field area to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and red, white and blue bedding plants will be put under it nearer the time. No doubt something might be planned for that very important event in our village, so keep a look out for information on the village website and on posters around the village.

Truro City Parks will once again be planting the boat for the summer while our volunteers will plant out the boxes on the railings by Mary's Pastys and also the four planters.

Any assistance that could be offered by members of the community for litter picking, watering and deadheading the flowers and plants in the planters and boat over the coming months would be much appreciated as once again we shall be entering Tresillian in the Southwest in Bloom contest with the judges' visit in July.

Please watch out for village improvement events on the village website ([tresillianvillage.co.uk](http://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](mailto:helennicholson@resource24.net) or telephone on 01872 520295.

## Tresillian Village Playing Field Committee

The Playing Field Committee again put up a Christmas tree for everyone to enjoy during the festive season – donated this year by Mr Moon. This year we were able to hold official switch on, with Cornwall Councillor Karen Glasson as a special guest. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by many, whilst children were able to make a wooden reindeer to take home. There was also a Childrens Art competition to draw a tree and help plant the Queen’s Green Canopy Tree. The entries were in the windows of the chapel for all to enjoy. It was a great team effort and our thanks to all the helpers and everyone who came along and donated, raising just over £340 for Playing Field funds, to help towards maintenance costs and hopefully returning the goal mouths.

We will be starting regular maintenance sessions again soon so if you’d like to help out please get in touch. We have entered the Green Flag Community Award again which is a quality standard for community run play areas. We’ve been successful for two years, so lets hope its three. If you see anything amiss in the Playing Field, please let us know – it is disappointing when things are misused, or the rules aren’t respected – please remember NO dogs, it is a children’s playing field, not a dog exercise field.

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

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

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# Tresillian Walking Group

**W**alking through the winter months can be quite challenging with bad weather, lack of time during the Christmas Period, illness and general malaise after eating too much but the time comes along when the last sliced of Christmas Cake, the end of the bottle of port and the knowledge that you have put on a few more pounds weight than intended needs to be addressed. What better way than to get out of the house and just walk?

January is normally the time when as many of our members gets together for a late Christmas Lunch because we are so busy in December.

Unfortunately, the ugly head of Covid meant that we would forego this treat again as we did last year but we will get together at another time, hopefully in the summer.

February is normally a very cold time and we have had one or two nasty weather warnings earlier but the BBC 14 day weather forecast implied that Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of February would be sunny with temperatures at 11 degrees so at the last moment we decided to wander around Trevichoys Wood Nature Reserve at Perranarworthal and afterwards go to the Olive Grove restaurant for a warm cuppa and even some lunch.

Dave and I were joined by David and Shirley Still (too many walkers had other commitments) so we four met up in the long layby between the woods and the Olive Grove.

Unfortunately, The Woodland Trust people had got there first and closed the woods for safety reasons, while they worked on the leat higher up in the woods.

Thank goodness that Shirley had another walk up her sleeve and we retraced our steps and drove over to the Punch Bowl and Ladle pub at Penelewey and took the first left into Mount George Road. Shirley and Dave had found this walk purely by chance and we will certainly be taking our walkers around it in April when all the bluebells should be out.

We parked our cars on the next road on the right by the Wellington Plantation and then walked back to Mount George Road continuing past the farm and then taking the small lane by a triangle on the left.

This walk practically walks you round the lanes through trees and by rolling scenery over the hedgerows. I spotted my first snowdrop plant, which was quite a tall specimen and all around were bluebell stems beginning to sprout in readiness for a couple of months later.

We walked along the lane with hardly any traffic though we stuck to the road rather than divert to other exciting areas but Shirley and Dave told us where the head off to Roundwood Quay, through other woodland areas, which will help us to extend the walk next time.

We arrived at Cowlands, an area that we do know quite well as we have often taken our walkers to both Coombe and then on to Cowlands. Then we walked back having wandered along this circular walk back to our cars.

At the start of March, we attempted Devichoys Wood Nature Reserve again and eight of us turned up for the walk. I had previously reported this walk in the TRAM back in 2018 and then we had walked through to the old Perran Foundry, which had been converted to terrace homes using stonework etc. to be within keeping with the appearance of the area.

At the start of this walk, we set off through the gate and immediately realised that there was some plant machinery still in the woods and pathways had been well churned up. (Glad I wore my wellies) but our walkers are made of sturdy stuff and we skirted what mud we could and took the lower path which led by the River Kennall, which was speeding along at a fast rate.

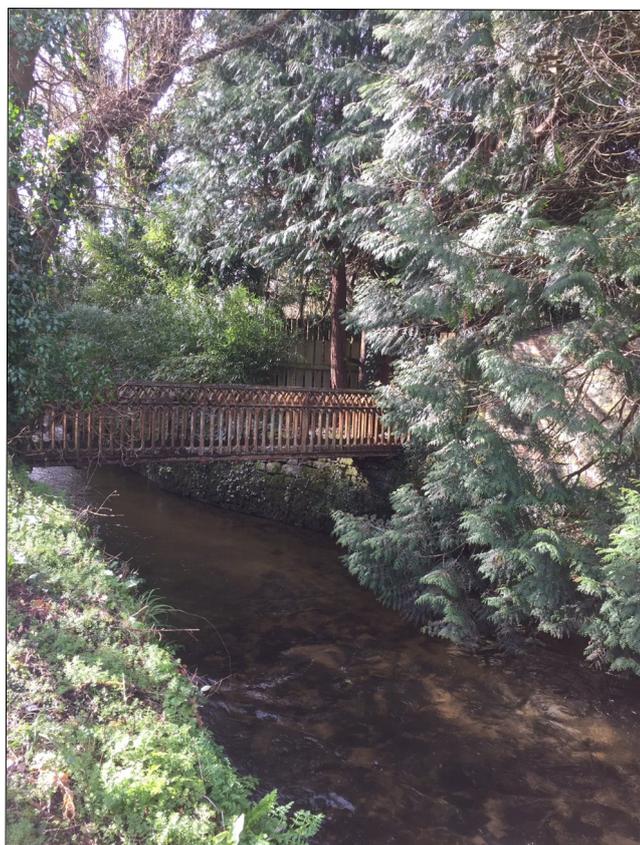
The paths had been widened since we last walked through the woodland with seating in areas overlooking the river and beyond had been added as well as a new replacement wooden bridge. I decided that the steps either side of the river were made for a giant so I was happy to have the use of a walking pole to get me up and down these steps.

Again, we continued to the new dwellings and noticed a metal flood gate had been added, the area behind the houses have leats running parallel and I assume there may be concerns to warrant the flood gate. A wide stainless steel bridge arched over the vehicle access contrasting with the old iron bridge nearby, which was originally made at Perran Foundry in 1879.

We retraced our steps and turned up a path leading to the upper reaches of the woods, passing the leat gate with water pouring down. We walked back to the first bridge and then turned upwards to the top of the woods with great views before continuing slowly downwards back to the entrance gate. We then dropped into the Olive Grove for a cuppa and a tea cake before heading home.

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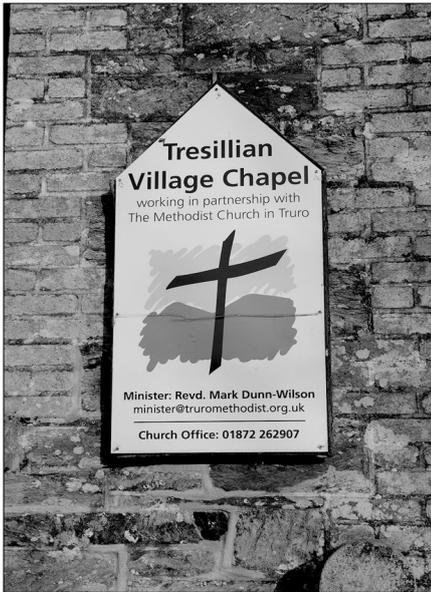
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## Tresillian Methodist Chapel

We continue to be open to new things taking place from the Chapel and we've been delighted to host the ceramic workshops for the Tresillian Village Improvement Group. The creativity shown by everyone has been inspiring! We're also hosting a St Piran's Day celebration with folk music and cake – we're looking forward to it! If anyone wants to use the building for a community activity, please get in touch – we'd love it to be used more.

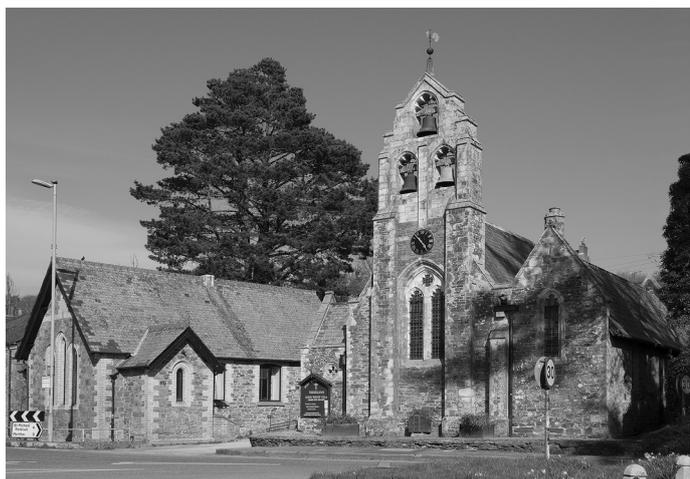
It was lovely to welcome a good crowd to our Christingle service at Christmas, despite the best efforts of Covid. We hope the message of hope at Christmas, and some time to see friends and family was particularly poignant this year. Worship on Sundays continues to evolve as well with Sunday Funday for families once a month as well as Café Church for more cake and a relaxed, informal service. There is also space for traditional services and we are hoping to have a programme that alternates with Holy Trinity so that there are options for everyone. Please look on the noticeboard for the programme of services.

Coming up to Lent, there will be a Bible study group at Chapel, but open to anyone, at 3pm on Thursday afternoons. We will be following a Lent study course by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, called "Difference". In a divided and fractured world, it can be hard to know where to begin with the issues that surround us. This 5-session course looks at brokenness and transforming relationships. We will also have our Lent Cross outside the chapel which will be added to each week until Easter when we will dress it with flowers. You are welcome to pause as you go by or join in on a Sunday.

On Good Friday, there will an Easter trail in the Playing Field as part of Tiddlywinks. We have a Facebook page if any families want to join us Tiddlywinks@Tresillian, or contact Helen Nicholson (520295).

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## Holy Trinity Church

After two difficult years things are slowly getting back to normal at Holy Trinity. We are delighted to receive Holy Communion on two Sundays a month when we welcome Revd Linda Whetter and Revd Greg Stanton. On the other Sundays we enjoy hymns, readings and prayers with our Worship Leaders. In recent months this has been Billa, but we are now offering prayers of thanks as we welcome Claire back to us following her long and serious illness and surgery.

Our thoughts and prayers are also very much with Gillian and Bernard, who for reasons of ill health have not been able to be with us for some time. also Vivien and Raymond, the latter recovering from his second hip surgery.

We warmly welcome Janet and Jim Sampson to our congregation. Jim will be leading this year's Lent course.

Sadly, we mourn the loss of Lord Falmouth and Margaret Maycock.

Our organ has been thoroughly overhauled and once again Judith is sending our voices and spirits soaring with her selection of our favourite hymns.

We welcome all residents and visitors to our Sunday morning worship. Services are usually at 11.15 am but time and venue may occasionally be changed – look out for notices.

George Doherty

On behalf of the PCC.

### **LENT COURSE "EMBRACING JUSTICE" STARTING THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2022**

Dear Friends

This year's Lent course will start on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 3.00 p.m. in **Tresillian Methodist church**. The theme is "Embracing Justice" and based upon the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2022 by Isabelle Hamley.

The 6 weekly installments will be led by Jim Sampson. The attached Word file provides the details of each session and the bible references if you would like to read beforehand or just bring your bible and follow the text as you go along.

Do come to as many sessions as you can manage.

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# Obituaries

**W**ith sadness we record the death of the Rt. Hon. George Boscawen, 9th Viscount Falmouth in his 103rd year.

Lord Falmouth was Britain's oldest living peer and was 'Father' of the House of Lords.

He will long be remembered in the communities of Tresillian and St. Michael Penkivel and in the churches of Holy Trinity and St. Michael for his great interest in their activities, his patronage and generosity and, perhaps a special gift, that of 'knowing' the people with whom he had contact.

He is succeeded to the title by his eldest son, the Hon. Evelyn Boscawen, who becomes the 10th Viscount.

We offer our condolences to his family.

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**I**t is with sadness that we hear of the passing of Margaret Maycock, who died at Beech House, St. Austell on the 2nd March at the age of 98

Margaret and her late husband, Harold, played a major part in the activities off Tresillian in the early years of the Tresillian Residents Association and the building of the Village Hall. She and Harold were the founders of the Modern Sequence Dance Club (active in the Church Hall in the late '60s – early '70s before the Village Hall was built) and gave enthusiastic leadership for many years afterwards. They were also active members of the Wine Circle.

Margaret was Secretary to the Village Hall Committee 1975-76 and was Chair of the Thursday Club for several years and was Chair of the Truro Disabled Club.

She was an enthusiastic golfer and played until quite recent years.

She will long be remembered with affection by the many people of Tresillian who knew her.

We offer our condolence to her sons and their families.



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