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Saturday 4th 12 until 3:30 pm Jubilee Party in the Park (playing field)

Saturday 11th Walking Group - Holywell Bay area

Friday 17th Mobile Library, Heron Close 2:45 until 3:20 pm

Saturday 25^{th} . Gardening Club - Visits to Dove Cottage & 9,Higmans Close at Dobwalls at 2pm

St Clement Parish Council Meeting 28th at 7:00 p.m.

July

Saturday 2nd Walking Group

Saturday July 3rd Gardening Club - Cardinham open gardens at 1pm

Friday 15th Mobile Library, Heron Close - 2:45 until 3:20 pm

St Clement Parish Council Meeting is provisionally, Tuesday 26th July

August

Saturday 6th Walking Group (TBC)

Thirsday 11th Gardening Club 7pm social evening at Tresillian Allotments.

St Clement Parish Council Meeting - no meeting

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Medical Prescriptions

Patients at Probus Surgery. Prescriptions may be left and collected at Mary's Pasty Shop as well as Probus Surgery.

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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Welcome to the summer issue of the TRAM magazine.

Suddenly, everywhere is blooming. Our wonderful displays of daffodils were amazing along the roadsides and seemed to last for a lot longer than usual this year. The Churchyard Labyrinth had a nice display as well between the Village Hall and the Iron Gate.

But now it is the turn of the trees and hedgerows with fabulous colour displays and all the local gardens doing their bit to cheer us up.

Some of our groups are finally getting back together for meetings and outings and the most important event this summer will be the "Jubilee in the Park" at Tresillian Playing Field on Saturday 4th June (look on the next page as well as the tresillianvillage.co.uk webpage, for more information as there will be other jubilee items as well. The ceramic flowers have now been "planted" in the grass verge by the Oast House and look lovely in their E II R formation for the Queen's Jubilee.

A lot of events are happening in Tresillian through the next months startingwith the completion of larger road traffic islands to make it safer to cross the main road.

Hopefully, the gabion works in the back gardens of some of the dwellings in Carharthen Close will be completed in the next few weeks. These were to replace high wooden stakes supporting the land backing onto the farmland, which had rotted away. The gabions are not only holding back the steep land but also mean that the back gardens will be safe to play in and use again.

On a sad note, isn't it awful that all the people in our various village groups who work so hard to get Tresillian looking so wonderful for all residents to enjoy, for some evil person to steal the replacement boat before the village improvement group could plant it up for our enjoyment.

If you wish to write about items for the TRAM or contact me, then please use the email address above.

Lesley Jones

Update, apologies for not getting this issue out in time for the jubilee but the gremlins got into my keyboard and also I had printing problems as well. Lesley

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Tresillian Village Hall Committee

After two years of lockdowns and uncertainty, it is good to know that Tresillian Village Hall is once again open for business and bookings are flourishing.

The new Committee, which was elected at the AGM on 24 February, has been giving consideration to the use of the Hall following a number of suggestions made by Tresillian residents at the first Committee meeting held immediately following the AGM.

There is a great deal of interest in the setting up of a badminton club as well as table tennis and we are planning for both these to be up and running in the autumn of this year, once the badminton court markings have been completed and the necessary equipment purchased for table tennis.

Another change that has been made is the introduction of a booking contact form on the Tresillian Village website created by Keith Littlejohns. This form, once completed, goes to the dedicated email address of the Lettings Secretary (Kirsten Lean) and this is working very well.

Although there are very few evenings available for booking, we want to consider what uses can be made of the Village Hall in the daytime and if you have any ideas please complete the booking contact form on the website.

The Committee is giving consideration to the installation of CCTV at the Village Hall as there have been instances of vandalism and also the theft of a dinghy that was temporarily left behind the Hall by the Village Improvement Group.

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in case the weather is inclement on Saturday 4 June when it is planned to hold games and competitions in the Playing Field, the Village Hall will be on standby for those events to be held indoors instead.

Lesley Dobel Secretary



Tresillian Village Improvement Group

This is a busy and interesting time of year for the Tresillian Village Improvement Group volunteers with many of our projects underway having a Jubilee theme.

Wildflower seeds have been planted on the verge near the nursery and our thanks go to the volunteers who prepared the land. Bedding plants will be planted around the lime tree in the Well Garden with a red, white and blue colour scheme. This colour scheme will also be echoed in the planters around the village.

A fourth wooden planter has been made by Richard Bratton and placed on the verge by the nursery. This is going to be planted out by Keith Littlejohns who will also be planting the troughs outside Mary's Pastys.

Red, white and blue bunting will be going up around the boat and the planters ready for the Jubilee celebrations which will be taking place in the Playing Field on Saturday 4 June and information about this event will be published around the village. Street parties are planned for Sunday 5 June so it promises to be a fun weekend.

We have entered the South West in Bloom competition again this year and the judges will be visiting the village on 1 July so we will be busy getting everywhere prepared for that visit to make sure the village looks its very best. The allotments and the Churchyard are entered into a separate category of "It's your Neighbourhood" so, again, work will be done to make sure they look their best!

We have asked Truro City Parks to plant the boat for the summer and the autumn. The boat has been there for some years and is now starting to show its age. We were lucky enough to acquire a new boat but, before we could put it into place, it was stolen from where it had been stored behind the village hall. If anyone has any idea where the boat might be please contact Helen whose contact details are at the end of this report.

Once again, we would like to thank St Clement Parish Council for their support and also our County Councillor, Karen Glasson.

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. For example, volunteers on the watering rota only have to do that job three times a year – more volunteers would reduce this further.

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 Village Playing Field Committee

We're looking forward to some fun celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in the Playing Field in early June. By the time you read this, its probably happened so I hope you came along and had a great time. My thanks to everyone who helped deliver flyers, tidy up the field, cook the BBQ, entered the competitions, or just came along and had fun!

As well as the fun things, this time of the year is when the Playing Field is visited by several inspectors! First and most important is our annual ROSPA inspection who checks all the play equipment is safe. Then we have had a visit from the Green Flag inspector and we have to wait until October to see if we have retained our Green Flag status – this is a bit like the Blue Flag scheme for beaches – only the best will get an award! And finally, it will be the turn of the South West in Bloom judges who will be taken on a tour of the whole village to judge us as part of the Mortimer Cup. Every year we seem to have done better so we're hoping for good things again – we got Silver Gilt in 2021.

We hope to have at least one more village event this summer, and another SMITE competition. It does depend a bit on the time and resources of the volunteers in the committee – so if you'd like another event, come and help out!

We had our AGM on 28th April and we were pleased to here that our bank balance was in much better shape than last year. We reflected on a successful year with 3 community events, installation of the gym equipment, basket ball and table tennis. The team will be busy again after the Jubilee celebrations re-grassing the goal mouths. This does mean we will have to fence them off for a time, but we'll keep it as short as we can. Please don't go on it until its allowed or the grass will not grow back.

Enjoy the summer and your time in the Playing Field – please do report anything amiss to myself or Andrew Tullett.

Helen Nicholson (520295)

Chair, Tresillian Playing Field management committee.

The Royal British Legion, Truro Branch

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For further information please contact Alan Beattie on 07791572786 or e-mail truro.bcs@rbl.community

We wanted to know how Alan was eligible for his certificate. Here is his response with a little bit of

history, which many of you will remember.

"I received the certificate as I lived in the village from 1947 to 1963 at 'Penlee', the dormer bungalow which is now opposite Truro Audi. When I lived there it was the County Council depot and I remember the Shamrock, a Tamar barge, coming up there to discharge road stone from Porthoustock quarry.

The council yard was a source of great interest to me with all the machinery coming and going and of course the steam rollers.

1947 was the year that Rev. Gray came to the village and the story goes that he asked one of the Churchwardens if there was anyone in the village he should visit and was told, Mrs. Beattie has just had a baby you had better go and see her!! That baby of course was me!"



Some of you may remember Alan's Dad Captain Henry Beattie. He would fly the Union Flag on the huge flagpole in his garden for the Queen's birthday and other special occasions. Alan Iso remembers the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh travelling along the riverside in an open air Land Rover, from Pencalenick to St Clements. The river had been cleaned up and gravelled for the occasion!

Mobile Library Dates

June 17th
July 15th
August 12th

The mobile Library van usually visits every fourth week on a Friday and stops on Heron Close Tresillian between 2:45 and 3:10 p.m.









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Tresillian Garden Club

After a two year halt to the Garden Club, due to the Covid 19 pandemic and Government lockdowns and restrictions, the first meeting held on the 14th May was a visit to Trewithen Gardens which is situated on the A390 between Probus and Grampound, just outside of Probus village.

Trewithen means House of Trees, and with 30 acres of surrounding woodland garden and more than 200 acres of parkland, it's name is very appropriate. The south facing garden was developed at the time of the great garden plant hunting expeditions that took place between 1920 to 1932. Amazing seed collections were sent back to England and, thanks to the expertise of horticulturist George Johnstone who inherited Trewithen in 1904, many were successfully cultivated at the manor.

Trewithen boasts 24 champion trees, including a magnolia cambellii mollicomata. Champion trees are the largest trees of their species growing within the British Isles, champion trees qualify by being the tallest or having the largest trunk girth, measured at 1.5m off the ground.

Trewithen is at its peak now, and although we missed many of the magnolia blooms, the camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas were in full bloom, many of the azaleas are also fragrant and were a joy to see. In the walled garden the roses were looking very healthy with some already having a few blooms out, but most were full of big fat buds just waiting to burst into flower in the summer months.

Trewithian also has an on going project to reintroduce the native red squirrel back into the wild, and in the gardens, in an enclosure especially designed and built for them you can see these delightful creatures in their native habitat.

After a leisurely wander around the gardens, we all headed for the Tea Shed tea room, to enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and of course a slice of delicious home made cake, it was nice to meet up again as a group and have a natter about all things gardening related, with like minded friends.

Future dates

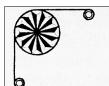
June 25th at 2pm. To Dove Cottage and 9, Higmans Close at Dobwalls.

July 3rd Cardinham open gardens at 1pm

August 11th 7pm social evening at the Tresillian Allotments.

Lorraine Sutton

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Tiddlywinks is a friendly play group for babies and toddlers (under 5). Music time with Andrew, followed by craft, snacks (please bring a piece of fruit to share) and free play.

10 a.m.—12 noon every Friday

© Tresillian Methodist Chapel, Lower Park (near the playing field) £2.00 donation

Contact: Helen Nicholson

Tel: 01872 520295 helennicholson@resource24.net

Tresillian Allotment Association

The allotmenteers are in full swing, weeding, sowing, planting, preparing the ground, and busy erecting all the supports for crops like runner beans, peas and climbing French beans, there are not enough hours in the day, seeds sown early indoors are now young vegetable plants getting ready to be hardened off and planted out on the allotments.

The new apple trees planted in the orchard are growing well and flowering, so hopefully we will get a good crop of delicious crunchy apples this year.

June is the time to plant Brussels Sprout plants out if you want to harvest the sprouts for your Christmas dinner.

Brassicas often fail if planted into loose, infertile soil. Dig the ground where you are going to plant them in autumn and work in plenty of well rotted manure or compost.

In spring add a general fertilizer such as blood fish and bone and then plant the young seedling plants. Do not fork over the surface of the soil before planting, tread the ground around the young plants down and then rake lightly around them.

Start harvesting when the bottom sprouts on the stem are about the size of a walnut and still tightly closed, always pick the sprouts at the base of the stem first. Brussels will store in a plastic bag in a fridge for 3 to 4 weeks.

If you do not like Brussels Sprouts try growing Kalettes or flower sprouts, these look like mini cabbages on the stem with green frilly leaves, streaked with purple. They have the complex taste of a sprout with the mild, sweet nutty taste of kale, they are winter hardy and full of vitamins A.B and E, they also keep their pretty colour and shape after they have been cooked.

Our scarecrows have been taken away to be redressed by Linda Buddell.

The scarecrows this year are all dressed up, sporting a royal make over in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Lorraine Sutton and Lesley Jones

Produce from the Allotments May 2022

We have a variety of vegetables, flowers for enticing bees and other insects to pollinate our produce as well as for our own enjoyment, so I have provided a medley of photos for your enjoyment.

If you ever want a tour of the allotments then let me know so that we can take you round.

Tel 01872 520568













The red cabbage is huge as can be seen besides the watering can for scale; salad leafs; strawberries; Californian Poppies and Sweet Williams are just a few of the flowers on the plots. Rosemary and sage bushes for herbs are not shown here but there are herbs growing as well.

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Coronation Day Committee 1953

Charles Olson and Percy Ellis

This article has been submitted from George Doherty and lets us look through not only a historic time with the Queen's Coronation but also of prices etc. back in 1953.

CORONATION DAY

The Tresillian Coronation Committee was formed in early 1953 to plan for celebrations to mark the forthcoming Coronation of H M Queen Elizabeth II,

Some two years earlier the Tresillian Social Committee had merged with the newly formed Tresillian Village Hall Committee. The late Mr Percy Ellis, who was at that time landlord of The Wheel Inn had been Treasurer for both committees from their outset and it is no surprise to learn that he was quickly roped in as Treasurer to this new group.

Mr Ellis kept a meticulous record of the various items of income and expenditure and many years later kindly loaned them to the late Mr Charles Olson, who wrote of them in the Spring 1986 issue of TRAM.

We are pleased to republish them here.

Soon after the formation of the Committee donations were sought to provide funds. The Social Committee ¹ provided a good start by giving £10. The Tresillian branch of the British Legion raided its funds and £2.10 ² and its example was followed by Tresillian Cricket Club with £2.20. The Women's Institute donated £3.17 and Revd A R W Gray £2.

Village collectors were appointed and by dint of persuasion and gentle arm-twisting raised a quite substantial sum: Miss Lander collected £11.45; Mr Jack Searle £14.80 and Mr Cowl and Mr Jackson between them raised £9.40 whilst Mr Brush handed in £6. All these sums were carefully recorded in six notebooks which the Committee purchased from Mrs Bunt's shop (now Mary's Pastys) for 8p More money was raised by selling raffle tickets for a pig supplied by Mr Maurice Symons, who farmed Polsue Manor. The raffle tickets were supplied by a Yorkshire firm: 1,250 tickets in books of 25 at a cost of £2 The raffle raised £10.85 with nearly all the tickets being sold by Mr Symons and Mrs Joyce Barcott.

The ladies of the village had a big part to play in the work of the Committee: theirs was the task of making up fancy dress costumes and decorating the Church Hall when the time came. The had shopped in Truro and bought 15 yards of material and 12 reels of Sylko thread from Roberts at a cost of £2.46 and five yards of 'unbleached' (unbleached what?) from Truro West End Drapery Stores (closed for many years) at 12p a yard.

Miss Joyce Kneebone, who lived with her parents at Tregothnan Lodge, was the decorations specialist. She bought paper strips, coloured paper, a large paper ball and two photographs of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh (5p each) for a total of 26p.

It was probably Joyce who took five sheets to be laundered at Truro Steam Laundry at a cost of 15p. These were to be used as table cloths in the Church Hall.

The menfolk were not allowed to sit back and watch. Maurice fitted in Committee business with his Wednesday visits to Truro Livestock Market. It was probably he who was asked to buy a large Union Jack costing £2, 24 yards of bunting for £2.50 from Penrose, the sail and tent makers. Someone must have felt he was skimping a little on the bunting on such an auspicious occasion and a further £3 worth was bought later.

Maurice also had to get four sets of flags and a bottle of sherry! His bill came to £8.33

The ladies were busy with their scissors and needles. To finish off the preparation of the fancy dress Mrs Pat Sutherland had to make some more purchases, all for the cost of £4.97

120 Coronation mugs were purchased for presenting to the children and older inhabitants of the village. These were bought from Knees, of Penzance, for £10.25 Whether there had been a miscount of heads or there had been a sudden patriotic increase in the birthrate is not clear, but later on another 36 mugs had to be bought to satisfy demand.

A longer lasting souvenir of the Coronation was the purchase of a steel flagpole made by Mr Bill Barcott's plumbing firm, Hoopers. It took a bit of work to put it up and the lads of the village tested its security one dark night by shinning up and sticking a Wellington boot on the top.

It was also the job of the menfolk to arrange a programme of sports in the Memorial Field ³ and this time it was decided to include a sack race and eating a hanging apple – did they chose a hard, old Bramley cooker for that event?

For the tough guys there was a chance to show their prowess at putting a 5lb shot. There was a bit of a giggle about the honeymoon race before two tug-of-war events: one for the men and one for the ladies.

The prize money was not spared; the total distributed on the great day was £9.25

As well as fattening the pig to a suitable size to raffle, Maurice had to lay on four gallons of milk.

The day before the Coronation was a busy one for Tresillian. Squads of menfolk rounded up the teenagers to shin up telegraph poles and tie the strings of bunting across the road. Places difficult to access were reached with ladders borrowed from the Council Yard. (Now Carr's Audi showrooms) In those days a lot of village men worked in the Council Yard and for many years if anyone wanted the loan of a ladder, wheelbarrow or a set of drain rods they just popped into the yard and had a word in the appropriate ear.

The needs of the inner man (and woman) needed to be catered for. Myners Pork Purveyors, of Lemon Street, met part of the demand by supplying roast pork to the value of £7.50. Tomkins, the baker at Polgooth also did quite well, selling to the Committee cakes, jam, etc. amounting to £16.45 but were generous enough to allow £2.42 for the subsequent return of nine large yeast cakes, six large fruit cakes and 1lb of strawberry jam.

One item in the collection is from L R Rowe, General Dealer, Tresillian for "soft drinks £1.48, six dozen straws 3p. (The late Lewis Rowe, of course, then proprietor of Riverside Store, (now Daisy Fay's Day Nursery) and well known to all TRAM readers and older Tresillian residents)

Many of the houses in the village had been decorated in patriotic style. There would have been fierce competition as to whose was best, but in the end Mrs Pat Sutherland and Mrs Jack Searle were awarded a joint first prize of £2 each. Mrs Ozard ran second with a prize of £1.50 and Mrs Brenda Higman got the £1 third prize.

On Coronation Day all went well. I (Charles) think admission to the Memorial Field was 2½p and as the gate amounted to £1.60, meant over 280 attended 4 the sports – and that doesn't include a host of youngsters who 'preferred' to come in quietly through the top hedge.

When settling day came and Mr Ellis submitted his balance sheet it revealed that a total of £104.87 had been raised, a figure that should be greatly multiplied for present day value. Oscar Blackford, the Truro Printer, submitted an account for £9.25, probably for posters etc. and after this was paid there was a cash balance left of £11.39 5

- ¹ Charles states the donation was by the Social Committee, but there is ample evidence to show the Social Committee merged with, and became, the Village Hall Committee in 1951.
- ² Charles chose to convert the imperial currency that would have been on all the documents in 1953 to present day decimal.
- ³ In all his writings Charles refers to the Playing Field as the Memorial Field. In this he is correct: the field was given to the village by the 8th Viscount Falmouth (Grandfather of the present, 10th Viscount Falmouth) as a memorial to those of the community who had given their lives in World War I.
- ⁴ Clearly there is an error here; probably in the typing it seems likely that the gate receipts were £16. 80 rather than a meagre £1.60
- ⁵ Again some wrong figures, again probably typing error. Using the figures above (there would almost certainly be other small amounts of receipts and expenditure) the cash balance of £11.39 would be about right it was a celebratory affair rather than a cash raising one!

It doesn't really matter, does it? The accounts were undoubtedly meticulously accurate and obviously a good time was had by all – and that DID matter!





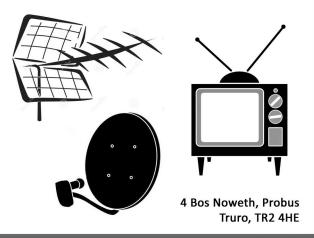
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Tresillian Midi Group

What a couple of years! The Midi Group is still in existence but, at present, not in its previous format. We have been meeting once a month for lunch at different venues which has meant we have been able to keep in touch with each other. Our first lunch was in September at Trewithen Tea Rooms where we had plenty of space and fresh air! We had Christmas lunch at The Alverton which seemed "normal" at the time and we are now visiting different restaurants each month.

We are hoping to resume our usual way of meeting, i.e. in the Church Hall with speakers and visits to places of interest, perhaps in September if the Hall is available. However, our numbers are diminishing and, if we are to invite speakers to our meetings, then we need more members. If anyone would like to join us, please get in touch with me. Look forward to hearing from you – all suggestions gratefully received.

Shirley Anderson 01872 520372

An Explosive Event

I am a believer in keeping reasonably fit and so besides swimming and aqua fit at Truro College as well as gentle yoga, I enjoy walking.

Dave and I walk our greyhound every day and walks can be long or short depending on time around the village and along the Tresillian River, through the Iron Gate near the Village Hall and of course with the walking group.

Our greyhound, Sparkle is getting older and is now more sensitive to loud bangs such as gunshot, fireworks and cars backfiring.

We now find that we cannot walk through the Iron Gate any more unless she is on her lead after a lorry dropped a large scoop from a height just as she was walking ahead of us and typically, like a greyhound, she was off like a shot! Believe me when I say, trying to catch both a greyhound and my breath back was pretty hard work.

Walking in our local environs can be quite surprising occasionally and we had one of those moments when ambling down the river with Sparkle in March. A lot of new paths are now available for walking through Pencalenick woods and as we wandered down towards the river along side one of the old ponds, I heard what I thought was a gunshot over at Tregothnan, so we put Sparkle on the lead immediately.

As we emerged back onto the river path, I thought what sounded as a loud and big firework display going on across the river but no, it was a huge, dead tree exploding as it fell down, taking off branches of the trees surrounding it.

It was so huge that the canopy actually fell onto the shoreline of the river dipping its branches into the water.

Thank goodness that it happened over on the Tregothnan side of the river and not as we were walking back home under many old trees.

If you walk down to the shoreline by the old building on the river and look back to your left, you will be able to see the big gap and remains left by the fallen tree.

Lesley Jones



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Lamorran Church Restoration Project

An update from Nick Jeans, 23rd May 2022

We really are are approaching the end of the project, or rather, we were, till we ran into contractual problems with one of our specialist sub-contractors, which will put back final completion till, possibly, next Easter. However, there's more good news than bad – we just have to re-think our plans for re-opening the church.

Since my last update in February, we really have made progress. The underlining of the remainder of the defective shiplap boarded ceilings; to finally exclude "unauthorised" bat access has been completed, more or less on time, on budget and without disturbing the bats maternity season. And the whole of the interior of the church has been redecorated, the white walls and ceilings now well lit by our new LED uplighter lighting. And the doors, which now open smoothly, have been repainted, probably for the first time since the 1854 restoration.

The encaustic tile floors have been repaired, including the stabilisation several areas of loose tile, so that the chancel floor no longer rattles when one walks on it.

Our next priority is to finally clean the tiled floors, and sand and seal the wood boarded pew flooring, whilst at the same time our contractor should be completing the furniture restoration work in the workshop at Tresillian (aka Tresillian Church Hall). And then it's just the reinstallation of the furnishings.

Except for the one last major job, the south transept conservation work, including raising and stabilising the John & Catherne 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.

Our hopes of getting this done before the furniture is reinstalled have though been compromised, by the withdrawal of our chosen conservator. Properly qualified and accredited conservators, capable of dealing with monuments of this quality, are few and far between, but we think we have secured the services of a suitable firm. Problem is, they are booked up until Christmas, necessitating a rethink. Our current thinking is to carry out the required preparation work in the south transept, under the supervision of Dr Sam Walls, our retained archaeologist, to excavate the sub-floor area and to remove the last remnants of the defective flooring, clearing away all dust and rubbish, ready for the conservation & reinstatement work. Whilst this is disappointing, we hope to effect a low-key reopening later this summer, to at least restart monthly services, postponing any "grand opening" until all is finished.

Whilst we look forward to reopening the Church, 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.

Nick Jeans

PS. As a by-product of the furniture removal, we still have one Estey American organ surplus to requirements (made by the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro', Vermont) for sale to anyone who fancies it. Any sensible offer secures. It is just about playable, and offers a challenging restoration project in itself. And I will be glad to get it out of my workshop!

Tresillian Walking Group

April saw more walkers joining us, so as promised, Shirley and Dave took us round the Mount Georges walk, that appeared in the spring issue 191 but this time we added in extra areas such as walking through the woods and ending up at the Green at Cowlands. From here, it was an easy walk back to the cars and home.



Here we are on the green looking over the river on what looks like a lovely day but quite stormy from this angle.

It was great to look along the river inlet and some of our walkers hadn't realised what a tranquil, out of the way place Cowlands is.

I have added a link below, which gives a lot more de information. This link really leads you to what a lov

Secret Walks no. 6, https://www.martinhespfood



In May, we had two outings because the Enys Bluebell festival was on during our normal walking day and the timing critical as the bluebells were 90 to 100% open so we invited our walkers to attend this one first.

Enys Garden estate is near Penryn and has been in the Enys family since the 13th century. Like a lot of the big estates in Cornwall, explorers have brought back unusual specimens to be planted in the gardens.

Charles Reginald Saltren and Elizabeth (Betty) Enys were the last direct members of the family and died in 1970/ 1980s. There is a magnificent family tree in the first of the information. The Roger family inherited the estate and still run it.

A book of peoples' memories of Enys has some very interesting information, The Dutch Navy were billeted there and the house was used as a boys' school.

One tale tells of a young boy catching tadpoles in a jar and Miss Enys made him put them back in the pond. He asked if he could take just one home but she told him that he was a thief and sent him on his way.



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The following Saturday found us parked up near Lower Lanner Farm before walking over fields towards Old Kea Church. What a lovely and calming place with some of the most vibrant stain glass windows in this little church. The original church had to be demolished as the tower was unstable and the tower is rebuilt in the ground but still not safe to go in. The new church was built from the old stone.

The walk took us over fields and past thatch cottages before heading back towards Coombe and then Cowlands. We walked up the footpath to Purdy's farmhouse tearoom and garden by Lower Lanner Farm

For freshly made cakes (the coffee and walnut was lovely), coffees and teas before heading homeward.

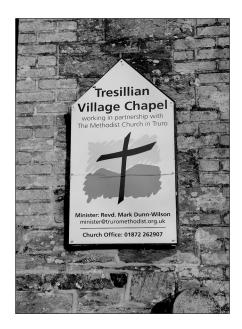
Below are the rebuilt tower and church and some of our group enjoying a leisurely sit down looking over the view before setting off again.







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Tresillian Methodist Chapel

We hope you enjoyed the Easter cross outside the chapel covered in flowers – the bare trunks becoming transformed with flowers, symbols of hope and joy. We've enjoyed a variety of services styles over the past few months, with lots of crafts and fun for families at the monthly Sunday Funday, to the more mediative service using music from the Taize community. On the second Sunday of the month, we have the more traditional Methodist service so if you like a good sing, come along. However, if cake is more your thing, come along on the first Sunday of the month for Café Church!

We also enjoy meeting up with the congregation at Holy Trinity – we had a joint service for Christian Aid week and then had a coffee and cake morning which together raised over £200.

During the summer we are planning another children's' holiday club on 17-19 August. We put up details on the "What's on in Tresillian" Facebook page.

The Chapel is available for events and groups to use – we've been pleased to welcome Duchy Opera recently. Contact Helen Nicholson (520295).



Holy Trinity Church

Rural churches, in common with many urban churches, have experienced declining congregations over the last decade or so. In the Church of England this has led to a small number of church closures. The pandemic exacerbated the situation as people were unable to meet together for worship and, although the situation has improved, many still fear attending. It also affected the way in which Holy Communion was distributed. The rise of 'streamed' services has allowed many to participate from home. One of the effects of this situation has been the reduction in money from the collection plate that goes towards running the diocese and the salaries of ordained clergy.

From what I have gathered from Clive Stephens, more churches - in town and country areas - will be grouped together in future in order to share clergy resources. As far as Clive knows, no local Anglican churches are about to close.

Bishops are now aware of the dangers of losing congregations and, according to national papers, are going to put various measures into place to help churches hopefully in the near future.

Cornwall is covered with wonderful and unique churches, as you will have gathered because I write and add photos in my walking group articles.

We will keep you posted with any news in future.

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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