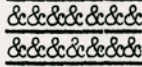


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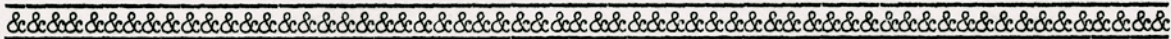
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The following pages are a selection reproduced from TRAM, August 1973, and consist solely of specific content relating to the story behind the efforts made to achieve the construction of a Village Hall for Tresillian that we enjoy today.

EDITORIAL

The great day is nearly upon us and TRAM is happy and proud to dedicate this entire issue to the Village Hall and the celebrations being held in conjunction with the opening. The majority of the articles in this issue are concerned with the Village Hall Story from its early beginnings right up to date, and it is most interesting to see through how many phases of trials and tribulations the scheme has passed.

This success story (for success it is) must not end here. All of us must surely agree that the building as it stands has been well worth the effort. We must all now enjoy the fruits of our labours. If the building stands empty for any period of time be it only for one or two days in the week, this must surely be considered a failure. The Hall is there to be used and should be used to its full capacity.

The Committee have a responsibility here to make sure that the fees charged for the hire of the premises do not "put people off".

There is, of course, a much greater responsibility which rests on us all. Any building will, by its very nature, deteriorate with lack of care and we must all ensure that if we use the Hall we take care of it and its contents.

One of the worst forms of damage which can occur of course is that of vandalism. We have all seen examples of pointless damage and destruction done by these faceless idiots who "get their kicks" out of ruining things which are provided for their benefit. It is to be hoped that our Hall does not suffer as so many others have done from these attacks. Here again we can all play our part by keeping an eye open for anything of this kind happening.

Having started off the magazine with a sobering thought, we trust that you will all enjoy the period of the celebrations and from TRAM we would like to wish all the organizations every success in their events during the period.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Tresillian Residents Association extends sincere congratulations to the Village Hall Committee on the opening of the long-awaited Tresillian Hall.

From the earliest days of the Association there had been talk of the desirability of having a village hall that was large and modern enough to accommodate the increasing activities of the rapidly growing number of organisations. It was when planning the 1970 Fete that consideration was given to attempting the reformation of the Village Hall Committee that had been dormant since 1967.

At an informal meeting of the Residents Association and the last elected Village Hall Committees it was agreed to call an open meeting and elect a committee to investigate the possibilities of building the long-planned hall.

The extent of cross-representation between the two Committees in these past three years has, to us, been indicative of the trust that the Association has earned from the village.

Inevitably in a village the size of ours the extent to which people get involved in more than one organisation is large. When a particular group, in this case the Village Hall Committee, arranges a large event or series of events the pace of some other groups will slow. The number of events organised by the Association in this year of the new hall has been fewer than usual (but not all that fewer). Any shortcomings in that respect will surely be more than made up by the boundless scope offered to us by this hall. From the standpoint of our affiliated organisations the new hall must be considered with pleasure. The basic dimensions of the hall were drawn to meet the requirements of badminton. The large floor area is certain to be advantageous to the continued success of the Old Time Dancing Club. Plays, pantomimes, music halls; all can be staged before a larger audience with the resultant benefits of atmosphere, satisfaction and financial reward. Moreover the existence of a small Committee Room means that organisations can hold meetings without encroaching on activities requiring the main hall.

The Association can certainly plan ambitious and enterprising schemes making full use of the space and facilities available. Some of these schemes may well lead to the formation of new affiliated groups. We will certainly be able to cater for minority interests to an extent previously impossible.

Many years ago there was the Social Committee. From that Committee emerged the Village Hall Committee. Long after the idea of a hall for Tresillian had sadly, reluctantly but

unavoidably shelved the Residents Association came into existence. Very different in its aims and activities, experimenting and exploring and all the time increasing in strength and ability. At its instigation came the reformation of the Village Hall Committee, a completely separate entity but owing its life to the far sightedness of that 1970 Committee who said we want a hall, we need a hall, and by golly, we're going to have a hall!

THE START OF IT ALL

By Mrs. V. BRABYN AND Mrs. D. JEWELL

In the early years of the 1939-45 war, when the men of the village were coming home on leave we thought it would be a good idea to start a small fund to provide friendly, social evenings to welcome them home.

To raise the money we organised whist drives, dances and concerts. From the beginning we were given tremendous help. Mr. Percy Ellis provided the music for these occasions, always free of charge. Mr. Wakeford of Grampond Road and the late Mr. Jack Warne and his friends from Probus gave invaluable assistance with the concerts. The late Mrs. B. Higman and the late Mrs. A. Deacon helped produce plays and make the costumes. Material was scarce, of course, most of the costumes were made from crepe paper! The fires were lit by the late Mrs. Searle, fortunate in having an ample supply of wood to augment the very meagre ration of coal. The tea was usually made in a huge, iron urn. Food was of course rationed and scarce but for these occasions there was no lack of generosity in providing sufficient to make a real party.

By 1942 we had a profit of £50 and we were worried! This was quite a handsome sum in those days and we felt it was getting too big a job to manage on our own; and in any case the law stipulated that all War Charities were to be registered.

We asked the rector, at that time Rev. Clarke, to call a public meeting. This meeting was extremely well attended. Rev. Clarke was elected Chairman, the late Mr. Albert Williams Secretary and Mr. Percy Ellis Treasurer. The £50 was 'handed over' and the Welcome Home Fund was well and truly launched.

Rev. Clarke left the district shortly afterwards and Mr. Maurice Symons took his place as Chairman, a position he was to hold continuously of either the subsequent Social Committee or the Village Hall Committee (sometimes both) for almost twenty-five years. Mr. Percy Ellis was Treasurer to both Committees for twenty-eight years.

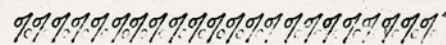
The war ended and each serviceman of the village was given £10. There was some money over and at another public meeting the Social Committee was formed. Its aim was to contribute to the social life of the village. Money was raised at many events and was given to Church, Chapel, Youth Club, Cricket Club and Playing Field. Financial assistance was given to providing the street lights in the village.

The social activities were getting bigger and the Church Hall seemed to be getting smaller! We wanted to pay for an extension to be built to the rear of the Hall but as it was Church property this was not allowed and so the idea of a Village Hall was born. Once more a public meeting was called and it was decided that the money in the Social Club funds should be used to provide a Village Hall.

So on the 29th August 1949 the first Tresillian Village Hall Committee was formed, with Mr. Garnet Roberts as Chairman, Messrs. A. Williams and R. Perry joint Secretaries and Mr. Percy Ellis Treasurer. Until February 1951 the Social Committee and the Village Hall Committee ran as separate organisations but as by that time both bodies were working wholly to the same aim it was agreed to merge.

We were hoping to buy a nissen hut but finding a site was a problem. Mr. Roberts approached Lord Falmouth with a view to purchasing a plot of land, we don't think anyone expected that he would be as successful as he was, because not only did he obtain the land for us, but Lord Falmouth very kindly gave the piece of land where the Hall is now built, his only condition being that a permanent building be erected.

The years that followed are other stories, there were setbacks and disappointments, there were years of successful fund-raising, hard, but happy, work. To we who were in at the beginning it is a great joy to see the Hall now built.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS SINCE 1947

It is a sobering thought to note that during the years over one hundred and forty people have contributed their services as Committee Members to the Village Hall and the earlier Social Club, some of them spanning a quarter of a century.

The following list of names is that of all who served on the Committees from 1947. The names have been taken from the Minutes of the Annual General Meetings over that period and every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, however there may have been changes in between Meetings and if for this or any other reason any names have been inadvertently omitted we are very sorry.

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| Allen Mrs. E. 1949-50 | Bescombe Miss P. 1952-53 |
| Allen Mr. E. 1949-54 | Booth Mrs. 1955-56 |
| Annear Mrs. 1957 | Booth Mr. 1956 |
| Annear Mr. 1957 | Bowden Mr. B. 1970-73 |
| Barber Mr. J. 1965-67 | Brabyn Mrs. V. 1947-49, 1967 |
| Barcott Mrs. J. 1957 | Brabyn Miss J. 1953 |
| Bescombe Mrs. 1948 | Brewer Miss 1950 |
| Bescombe Mr. 1948 | Brighton Mrs. M. 1973 |

Bunt Mr. H. 1952
 Cottell Mr. 1948
 Cowl Mr. B. 1958
 Cowl Mr. J. 1948, 1952-53
 Croghan Mrs. E. 1973
 Curtis Mrs. D. 1951-56
 (Assistant Sec. 1951-56)
 Dearsley Mrs. D. 1965-67, 70-73
 Dearsley Mr. E. 1965-67, 70-73
 Doherty Mr. G. 1970-73
 (Secretary 1970-73)
 Dolman Mr. F. 1965-66
 (Secretary 1965-66)
 Dooley Mr. 1951-52
 Downick Mrs. 1957-58
 Eddyvean Mr. J. 1947
 Ellis Mrs. K. 1973
 Ellis Mrs. P. 1965-67
 Ellis Mr. P. 1947-70
 (Treasurer 1947-70)
 Ellis Mr. G. 1965-67, 1970-72
 Ellis Mr. J.
 1951-55, 1957-60, 1965-67
 Evans Mr. W. 1949
 Flint Mr. P. 1972-73
 Frampton Mr. R. 1951-54
 Franckom Mrs. 1948-50
 Franckom Mr. 1948
 Goodway Mrs. A. 1955, 1965-67
 Gray Mrs. M. 1948, 1965-66
 Gray Rev. A.R.W.
 1947-50, 1955-57, 1960, 1965-67
 Griffen Mr. 1956
 (Secretary 1956)
 Grose Mrs. E. 1950
 Grose Mr. C.T. 1950-57
 Grose Mr. T.C. 1970-73
 (Chairman 1970-73)
 Guttridge Mrs. 1965-66
 Hamilton Mrs. 1957-59
 Hanley Mr. D. 1971-73
 Harris Mr. R. 1948-60, 1970
 Harrison Mrs. 1965-66
 Harvey Mr. A. 1970-73
 Horsman Mrs. 1951-52
 Jackson Mrs. 1954
 Jewell Mrs. D.
 1947-58, 1965-67, 1970
 Jewell Mr. F. 1949-50
 Johns Mrs. J. 1970-71
 Johnson Miss G. 1947
 Johnson Mr. I. 1951-54
 Johnson Mr. J. 1949
 Johnson Mr. T. 1950
 Johnson Mr. W. 1951-60
 Julian Mrs. J. 1949-50
 Julian Mr. J. 1949
 Julian Mr. L. 1970-73
 (Treasurer 1971-73)
 Julyan Mrs. 1951-52, 1958
 Kerrigan Mrs. 1967
 Kneebone Miss J. 1948-60
 (Secretary 1950-55)
 Kneebone Mr. L. 1949-56
 Knight Mr. 1958
 Lambert Mrs. 1956
 Lambert Mr. 1948, 1955-57
 Lemmon Mrs. K. 1971-73
 Lewis Mrs. O. 1971
 Little Mr. 1947
 Martin Mrs. P. 1957
 Martin Mr. R. 1949-52, 1957
 Maycock Mrs. M. 1956
 Maycock Mr. H. 1956, 1970
 Mayes Mr. 1955
 Miller Mrs. A. 1971-72
 Miners Mr. D. 1949
 Miners Mr. R. 1965-67
 Mitchell Mrs. E. 1950
 Mitchell Mr. E. 1948, 1950
 Myners Miss J. 1952
 McKenzie Mrs. 1950
 Olson Mrs. M.N. 1959-60, 1965-67
 Olson Mr. C. 1957-60, 1965-67
 (Secretary 1957-59)
 Olson Mr. G. 1958
 Ozard Mr. D. 1954
 Ozard Mr. J. 1955
 Pashley Mr. 1956-60
 Perry Mr. R. 1949
 (Secretary 1949)
 Pooley Miss M. 1949
 Pooley Mr. E. 1955, 1957
 Reed Mrs. 1950
 Reed Mr. 1950
 Richards Mr. G. 1948
 Roberts Mrs. G. 1948, 1951-54
 Roberts Mr. G. 1947-54, 1956
 (Chairman 1949)
 Roberts Miss B. 1949-52
 Roberts Mr. W. 1954
 Rowe Mr. L. 1949-50, 1955-56
 Rowe Mr. R. 1947-52, 1955-56
 Rowse Mr. F. 1949-50

Rowse Mr. R.	1953-54	Trebilcock Mr. R.	1970-73
Rowse Mr. W.	1948-50	Trickey Mr.	1956-57
Salmon Mr. R.	1948-49	(Chairman 1957)	
Sandiford Mr. M.	1972-73	Ward Mrs.	1954
Saunders Mr. E.	1970-73	Ward Miss C.	1955
Searle Mr. C.	1947	Warren Mrs. V.	1965-67, 1972-73
Searle Mr. J.		(Secretary 1967)	
	1948-50, 1952, 1955	Warren Mr. R.	1965-67
Smith Mr. D.G.	1959-60	Watkins Mrs. V.	1971-73
(Secretary 1960)		Watkins Mr. J.D.	1970-72
Speake Mr.	1958	Weekes Mrs.	1955
Stribley Mr. C.	1970-73	Weekes Mr.	1952-53
Sutherland Mrs. P.		Weekes Miss	1952-53
	1949, 1966-67, 1970	Weston Mrs.	1952-53
Sutherland Mr. A.		Weston Mr.	1952-53
	1948-49, 1965-67, 1970	Willcox Mrs. R.	1967
Symons Mrs.	1951-54, 1957-58	Willcox Mr. G.	1970
Symons Mr. M.	1947-70	Williams Mr. A.	1948-54
(Chairman 1950-56, 1958-70)		(Secretary 1949)	
Thomas Mrs. M.	1973	Wilton Mrs.	1951
Thomas Mr. M.	1972-73	Wilton Mr. H.	1951
Tiller Mr. T.	1951-54	Young Mr. D.	1972-73
Trebell Mr. S.	1965-67		

There was no elected Committee in the years
1961-64 and 1968-69

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## THE YEARS BETWEEN

The original proposal that funds should be raised with the object of erecting a Parish Hall in Tresillian was carried on the 19th. February 1948.

At first the idea was to erect some form of temporary building but as explained in the article "The Start of it All" with the gift of the land it became necessary to consider a permanent structure. Alfred J. Cornelius, Architect, Truro, was asked to draw up plans and it was the resultant scheme that formed the basis for all visions of the completed hall for many years.

The main fund-raising activity over the years was the Annual Carnival Week. Almost every village organisation contributed in some way to these events with the Carnival Procession and judging being the highlight of the week. There were, of course, many other Summer and Winter activities, clay-pigeon shoots, Christmas poultry-drives and motor-cycling--scrambling being only three of the evergreen favourites.

A generous contributor to the funds was the Tresillian and St. Clement Horse Show Committee.

The scheme gained momentum and by the Annual General Meeting of 1955 there was £525 in the account. The estimated cost of the building at that time was £2900 and a 50% grant was available from the Council for Social Services. Loans were available to meet the difference at an interest rate of 2½% per annum.

Considerable activity crammed the years from 1955 to 1957 but after many 'false starts' a public meeting was called in August 1957 at which, in view of falling support, it was decided to suspend all operations towards building a hall at that time.

With some renewed enthusiasm the scheme took on a new lease of life in late 1957. A large number of people were gathered into a voluntary labour force and the site was tidied and levelled and the foundations for the hall were excavated. Unfortunately, for various reasons, work was suspended in early 1958.

There was a brief revival of interest in 1965 when part of the land was used to provide an access to the bungalows to be built in Fairfax Road. Various fund raising activities were held in the next two years but by 1967 it was agreed there was still insufficient backing to get the building, literally, "off the ground".

And so it was not to be for a further three years that the scheme again got under way, this time to reach fulfillment.



## THE YEARS OF FULFILLMENT

With an overwhelming motion of support given at the public meeting in June 1970 the new Committee approached the venture of building the hall with confidence. From that very first meeting one golden rule was applied religiously - number one priority was the building of the hall.

All active organisations in the village were invited to appoint a representative to the Committee and with very few exceptions they did.

Fund raising was as important a part of the Committee's activities as it had been of their predecessors a decade before. At the first meeting of the new Committee serious consideration was given to organising a weekly draw. From that evolved the Supporters' Club, managed quietly, efficiently and with outstanding success by Mr. Peter Flint, with a tireless body of collectors making their weekly calls on almost every house in the village. The support given to the project by the members of this weekly draw has been one of the greatest fillips to our confidence in the past two years or so. Every report by Mr. Flint was factual proof of the firm backing we enjoyed from the majority of our fellow-villagers.

There is a little pleasant satisfaction to be gleaned from the fact that one of the contributory factors to the falling support for the hall in the fifties and sixties, the popularity of television, was that which provided us with a large part of the funds we have raised in the past few years. "It's a Knock Out" commands a T.V. audience of millions and when the holidaymakers swarm into Cornwall in high Summer they are nothing loathe to come and see our local efforts.

Despite all our efforts we have always been against the head-wind of inflation and our efforts all but came to naught about two years ago when the grant system was radically changed and for a horrible period it appeared they could well disappear completely. We can never fully express our gratitude to a far-seeing County Council who, in taking over the administration of the grant system, obviously appreciated the important part a project such as ours can play in the community. In addition to a generous grant system the assistance received from County Hall at all times has been very helpful.

Our old friends the Council for Social Services have also been always at the ready with their fathomless wealth of information and assistance on a hundred and one different problems.

Despite the generosity of the supporters and their weekly contributions, the never-failing support given to all our

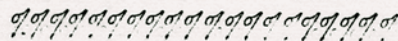


local activities, the hard work that coins in the profits at the Knock-outs and the grant aid we are by no means out of 'the red'. We are more than confident that the running costs of the hall will be met by revenue from lettings, even whilst keeping the letting charges at a level that ensures no organisation is 'priced out'. Nevertheless the final cost of building, furnishing and equipping the hall will exceed the money that has been raised and the grants by something in the region of £4000. This amount will have to be taken up in the form of loans.

A few friends have generously offered interest-free loans and this type of loan is, of course, particularly acceptable. In order to take up loans from other sources guarantors are required. If any person would care to offer an interest-free loan or to act as a guarantor we would be very pleased if they would contact our treasurer, Mr Lawrence Julian. Please don't think we are only interested in large amounts, all contributions of this nature are appreciated.

So at last to the great day. The Hall will be opened on Saturday, 18th. August, by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Falmouth.

Let us then view the achievement with satisfaction, humility and heartfelt gratitude.



### CELEBRATIONS

Earlier in the year, when building was well under way, the Committee decided that a week of celebrations would be a memorable way to mark the opening of the hall.

Literally as soon as the plan had been mentioned it was realised that, with the number of active organisations in the village being invited to participate, a week would certainly not be long enough. A glance at the programme of events on pages 20 and 21 will indicate just what we mean.

Some of the events are old favourites, some are new ideas. The lively troops of Tresillian Brownies, Guides and Cubs start off the celebrations in a manner traditional to their activities, a camp-fire with a sing-song. Traditional also is the ever-popular Whist Drive. The W.I. are organising a Cheese and Wine Party which promises to be a very pleasant night out. Possibly one of the great success stories of the past few years is that of the Old Time Dancing Club. Starting from 'scratch' Mr. and Mrs. Maycock have led an enthusiastic band of members to a very good standard in these weekly modern-sequence dancing sessions. A special Grand Dance will mark their contribution to the celebrations.

The Tresillian Residents Association had initially planned to have the Fete as their contribution to the celebrations



but the postponement of the opening necessitated a change of plan. Traditional to all memorable occasions is the children's party so, after much thought, it was decided that a party it should be. It is very fitting that it should be, the Tresillian Village Hall will stand for many, many years, used we are sure by the many village organisations in which the children who enjoy this 1973 party will take part and, in participating, can look back and say "I remember when this hall was opened." A mixture of traditional and modern is the hope for a Social Evening planned for the evening enjoyment of the grown-up members and their friends.

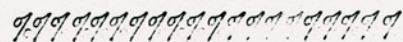
There will be Community Hymn Singing in the Hall on the Sunday evening. We are grateful to members of Probus Male Voice Choir and Tresillian Methodist Church who have kindly agreed to lead the singing.

The young ladies of the Midi Group have organised a Fashion Show for the enjoyment of the dress-conscious of the community.

If the popularity of the two Music Halls held after the Fetes of 1971 and 1972 are any guide the production by the Amateur Dramatic Society should be a sell-out at all three performances.

To close the celebrations Tresillian Rovers Football Club are organising a game of football between ladies and gents on their ground at Tregurno, (just past Bridge Garage).

We hope everyone will enjoy the mixture planned and the Village Hall Committee are grateful for all the effort that has gone into arranging this 'elastic' Celebration 'Week'.





# TRESILLIAN VILLAGE HALL

Monday 17th. September

COMBINED TRESILLIAN GUIDES, BROWNIES AND CUB-SCOUTS

**CAMP FIRE SING-SONG**

and

**BARBECUE**

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS 7.0 p.m.

ADULTS 10p

CHILDREN 5p

Wednesday 19th. September

**GRAND PRIZE WHIST DRIVE**

VILLAGE HALL 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 20th. September

**TRESILLIAN W.I.**

**CHEESE & WINE PARTY**

9.0 p.m.

Entertainment includes Mr. David John  
with his doves

Tickets 25p Senior Citizens 15p

Friday 21st. September

**OLD TIME DANCING CLUB**

**MODERN-SEQUENCE DANCE**

7.30 p.m. - 11.0 p.m.

Margaret Truscott at the Organ

M.C.'s. : Jack and Ruby Allett

Tickets 20p

Saturday 22nd. September

**TRESILLIAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

2.30 p.m.

**CHILDRENS PARTY**

ALL CHILDREN OF THE  
VILLAGE WELCOME

7.30 p.m.

**SOCIAL EVENING**

DANCING : TOMBOLA  
COMPETITIONS

25p



# OPENING CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 23rd. September

## COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

7.0 p.m.

LED BY MEMBERS OF PROBUS MALE VOICE CHOIR

and

TRESILLIAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Tuesday 25th. September

## TRESILLIAN MIDI GROUP

### FASHION SHOW

MODELLED BY F.H.B. SALONS, DEVORAN

Tickets 15p including Light Refreshments

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## TRESILLIAN AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

PRESENT

### OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

Friday 29th. September

at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets 25p

Saturday 29th. September

at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Children and Senior Citizens 15p

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Sunday 30th. September

## TRESILLIAN ROVERS F.C.

### LADIES v GENTS FOOTBALL

at

TREGURNOW

(By kind permission of Mr. J.S. Matthews)

Tresillian Rovers F.C. Ground

KICK OFF 3.0 p.m.



# List of Contractors & Suppliers

TRESILLIAN VILLAGE HALL

18th. August 1973

Architects

Quantity Surveyors

**Marshman, Warren & Taylor**

**H.S. Haughton & Partners**

14 HIGH CROSS  
TRURO

67 LEMON STREET  
TRURO

**BUILDER**

**NOEL MEAGOR**

LYN COTT  
BISSOE ROAD  
CARNON DOWNS

HEATING AND PLUMBING

**HOLKINS PROJECTS**

16 - 17 Lemon Street  
Truro

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

**P. A. ELLIS & SONS**

Tower Bungalow  
Tresillian

SANITARY WARE, IRONMONGERY AND  
KITCHEN FITTINGS SUPPLIERS

**HARVEYS**

Garras Wharf  
Truro

WINDOW FRAMES

**D.T.H. STRUCTURAL SERVICES**

Garras Wharf  
Truro

Text MAPLE STRIP FLOORING AND  
VINYL TILE FLOORING

**JEWSONS Ltd.**

Billacombe Road  
Plymouth

FELT ROOFING

**WESTERN FLAT ROOFING**

Trewan Farm  
St. Columb

STEEL PORTAL FRAME

**BLIGHT & WHITE**

Prince Rock  
Plymouth

ROLLER SHUTTER

**SYSTON ROLLING**

**SHUTTERS Ltd.**

33 Albert Street  
Syston, Leicester

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

**ANTIFYRE Ltd.**

Colville Road  
Acton, London W.3.

LETTERING

**EAGLE SIGNS Ltd.**

Union Street  
Plymouth

INAUGURAL PLAQUE

**C. TREVAIL**

4 Old Bridge Street  
Truro



## "GOING - UP"

One of the first things the new Committee of 1970 agreed was to ask Mr. Ray Stephens to act as architect for the new Village Hall. That this was a wise decision has been proved time and again. Mr. Stephens had already given good advice to the Residents Association prior to their decision to attempt to reform the Village Hall Committee and as someone living in the village and an active participant in the many village activities his choice was an obvious one.

Given a brief to design a hall that could be used for badminton at a cost ceiling the Committee felt was the maximum that could be afforded Mr. Stephens very quickly produced drawings that immediately appealed to the Committee. One comment, with which no one disagreed, was that "this is the hall we want and we must go all out to build it! The design and specification utilised as much minimum-maintenance materials as was practical and economical. Mr. David Crossley was co-opted to look after the Quantity Surveying aspect of the project and it was he who produced a Bill of Quantities on which invitations to tender were extended.

The invitations to tender were sent out to selected contractors in September 1972 and in October the lowest tender, that of Mr. Noel Meagor, Carnon Downs, was accepted. Work commenced in November 1972. Mr. Meagor was by no means inexperienced in the building of village halls. He was the builder of Carnon Downs Hall, which was the first hall the Committee visited in their quest for new ideas and first-hand stories of experience.

Anyone who has had anything to do with building, from a dog-kennel upwards, doesn't need telling that the task is fraught with delays, difficulties and frustrations. Tre-sillian Village Hall has been no exception but all that is now in the past and the result is there for all to see and, we hope, praise.

Many hours of Committee business were spent on the subject of sub-contracts for the specialist trades. Much of this was left to Mr. Stephens to arrange but in two particular fields the Committee were, of necessity, very closely involved. The electrical installation was considered important because the Committee felt that an adequate number of power-points was essential as was the provision of good lighting. The Ellis family has maintained an unbroken connection with the hall project for twenty-five years; Mr. P. Ellis, apart from being treasurer from the very first meeting until 1970, has provided music and amplification for countless events through the years. It was therefore with great pleasure that we received a competitive tender from P.A. Ellis and Sons linked to some excellent drawings giving us all (and more) that we could desire in the electric layout.



It appeared the number and variety of heating systems was endless. At one stage consideration was given to a form of electric ceiling heating but this was rejected because of high running costs. Eventually a system of oil-fired radiators was decided on and the sub-contract was placed with Messrs. Holkins Projects, of whom Mr. John Watkins had been associated with this Committee since the 1970 reformation.

Other sub - contractors and suppliers of materials are detailed on page 30.

And so, gradually, the building took shape. When the steel portal frame was erected it looked terribly small to the uninitiated spectator, then it was realised that a 'bay' extended from either end of this frame, but it still looked small! Things were forgotten and urgent telephone calls were made to the long-suffering architect to put matters to rights. Improvements and alterations were thought of and considered, some to be dropped, others to be implemented. The concrete floor was laid (the hall began to look a little larger) and then patience was required whilst the 'drying-out' process took place. A forgotten tap handle and the work of inquisitive small children caused a flood that upset this stage of the programme badly and resulted in postponing the date of the opening. At last the floor was laid and for the first time the full extent of the hall area could be appreciated. And suddenly, there it was, ready for occupation.

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