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Front page photo Canada Geese arriving © Malcolm Pinch

left and collected at Mary's Pasty Shop as well as Probus Surgery.

#### **Defibrillator Equipment**

There are two NHS defibrillators in the village; One on the wall between Mary's Pasty Shop and the Petrol Station and one at the Methodist Chapel. These replace the old ones and instructions for releasing them are on a plaque beside the defibrillators.

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In memory of Philip Buddell

### Diary at a Glance:

**The Mobile Library** van visits every fourth week of the month and stops at Heron Close Tresillian between 2:10 and 2:30 p.m. (see page 5 for dates).

**Weekly** Tiddlywinks for young children and their carers. Fridays between 10 and 12 pm at the Methodist Chapel £2.50. ( see Page 6) for details).

**Bingo and Buns Village Hall** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2:00 to 4:00 pm( see Page(17)

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**Gaye's Arty Afternoons** 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the Methodist Chapel. £3.00 per session

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#### **Mobile Library Dates**

The mobile Library van usually visits every fourth week on a **Friday** and stops on Heron Close Tresillian between 2:10 and 2:30 p.m.

2024
October 4th
November 1st
November 29th
December 27th

2025 January 24th



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# **Editors Ramblings**

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Well this has to be one of the coldest summers I can remember since moving down here to Cornwall in the 1980s. The amount of rainy days was a bit of a face ache when trying to grow fruits and veg in the allotments and we lost quite a lot of stuff unfortunately.

I thought that a rather large and noisy aeroplane was taking its time circling over Tresillian the other day until I realised that it was hundreds of motorbikes passing through the village. In actual fact, over a thousand bikers took part. This event takes place every year usually on the 2nd week of September but was postponed for a week due to weather hazards. This event is the 37th race in remembrance of Martin Jennings from Beacon Camborne, an ITT racer killed on the Isle of Man Manx GP. Money collected for charity was in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. See Photos on page 22.

In September on the Wednesday the 18th, Gaye started up the Arty Afternoons in the Chapel time at 2:00 to 4:00pm. These are really friendly classes and tea and biscuits are free. The price costs £3:00, which goes to the upkeep of the chapel.

See photos on Page 17 and 18.

The CORNISH SMITE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRESILLIAN – 22ND SEPTEMBER! at 2:00p.m. in the Tresillian Playing Field. The results and photos will be in the winter issue of the TRAM

October is the start of the Allotment new year and the leases will be going out soon for the plot holders. If you are interested in joining us then please contact either Lorraine or me so that we can show you around and give you the Parish Clerk information for you to contact him.

November will be when the Bingo and Buns will start on the 2nd of November in the Village Hall on Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

If you have any articles or p	photographs that could be added	d to the TRAM then they	will be appreciated.
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Editor.

#### **Tresillian Midi Club**

**T**resillian Midi Group is flourishing and members enjoyed our usual first Tuesday of the month lunch at the Polgooth Inn in June when we had the usual good food and friendly service.

Our June meeting in the hall was very well attended and Sara and Paul Edwardes spoke to us on their visit to Burandi, Africa. They visited for two weeks with their charity, which supports the population in a self-help way, which is proving to be beneficial to them. They were excellent speakers and showed a wonderful film.

Our last lunch in the programme for this year was held at The Kings Arms, Tregony, when twenty-one members descended on the pub! As usual, the food was excellent and served promptly, all at the same time with no pre-ordering necessary! Well done to the Chef! Our lunches are always jolly affairs – rather noisy but we had the exclusive use of the room!

We held our Annual General Meeting on the 16th July in the Village Hall with almost all members present. After the meeting, we were entertained by the Songsters of the Imerys Choir - wonderful singing and amusing prose. The meeting concluded with a cream tea at which the singers joined us. It was a very successful meeting and we are hoping to have a similar meeting for our next Annual General Meeting!

Officers elected were -

Chair: Ann Winter Secretary Shirley Anderson

Treasurer: Beryl Wyatt Vice-Chair Susan Fraser

Committee: Ann Harris Gave Lush Ann Staten

It was agreed by all the members that our charity this year would be the research into Neurofibromatosis which is a disease affecting the families of two of members. A donation of £200 was made. Donations have also been made to Cornwall Hospice Care, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Burundi through the year.

We welcome new members to our meetings – lunch at a local pub on the first Tuesday of the month and our meetings in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. Annual Membership is £15! The September lunch is at the Hewaswater Inn, Sticker, and our speaker on 17th September is Philip Martin on "Fifty years of Estate Agency".

Do come along!

**Shirley Anderson Secretary** 

# **Tresillian Playfield Committee**



1st Sept 2024 Tresillian Playing Field 12 pm start

All ages welcome Refreshments

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Fun activities such as:

- Races
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Organised by Playing Field Committee

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A bird box with St Clement Parish Council

**BBQ** 

## **Tresillian Playing Field Committee**

**O**n a gloriously hot day on the 1st September, the Village Playing Field Committee held our own Tresillian Olympic Games. The event started at 12:00 pm and the committee did a great job! The field was well set out with hay bales to sit on as well as lots of areas to find shade from the sun.

There was live music; paint your own bird boxes provided by St Clement Parish Council; BBQ and icelollies to keep us cool; the cake stall had a lovely display of cup cakes, tray bakes and other cakes for sale and besides them was a really good raffle so congratulations for the gifts given by the various organisations such as the Wheel Inn, the Alverton Manor, cream teas, days out including tickets to explore gardens, lots of wine bottles; tickets for the Maritime museum at Falmouth; cakes etc.

There were lots to do during the afternoon with all types of games including golf, bowling and races on the field. For the third year running the afternoon finished with a long obstacle race that snaked around the field with interesting elements to get through finishing with a double row of bales.

In between the music and the games, there was a brief AGM led by Helen Nicholson, Chair of the volunteer committee. Helen outlined the finances and who the officers were, inviting more to join if they wanted to.

Get in touch if you missed the opportunity and would like to help!

Helen Nicholson 07791371933





Lots of lovely stalls providing the food and cold drinks, cakes, music, and excellent raffle as well as supervising the games. Thanks to all those who worked wonders getting together the layout of the field and to the committee for providing such a great day.

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#### **Tresillian Residents Association and TRAM Magazine**

Email address: tresillianvillage.co.uk

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#### THE ASSOCIATION IS NON-SECRETARIAN AND NON-PARTY POLITICAL.

Tram is published quarterly by the association, usually in March, June, September and December and if you sign up for the on-line magazine, then you will be advised when issues are available on the tresillianvillage.co.uk website.

#### **MATERIAL FOR TRAM**

**REPORTS** on the activities of village groups, organisations, places of worship etc, letters and suggestions, notices and small ads should be sent to the editor. (email above). Please submit any items before October 20th to be placed in the December issue.

Opinions expressed in any article appearing in the TRAM are not necessarily those of the production team. The production Team reserves the right to publish or withhold any article etc. submitted to it.

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

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#### WORLD SMITE CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT & UPCOMING CORNISH SMITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Andrew Nicholson

The annual World Smite Championship took place in St Neot on the edge of Bodmin Moor over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Smite is a version of garden skittles and players gather from all over the country, many making this an annual pilgrimage and basing their Cornwall summer holiday around this event. There was even a handful of international competitors taking part – from as far as East Timor and New Zealand!

The reigning World Singles Champion was none other than Tresillian's very own, Isaac Nicholson! He had also won the World Doubles title with his Dad, Andrew in 2022. Isaac started his title defence in great form, winning all four games in his group to make the knock out stages, including a tense 50-48 win over a former world champion. A 2-1 win followed in a high - quality 2nd round game before a 2-0 win in the quarter finals saw him pitched up against 2022 World Singles Champion James Martin in the semi finals. Isaac easily brushed the former champion aside with a 2-0 win to set up another final – this time vs local St Neot "Smiter", Pete Parry. Pete took the opening leg, but Isaac then hit top form to win the next two to retain his World Singles title and give him a third world title in all – all before he turns eighteen! He's also the first player to retain the world singles title since Andy Cooke in 2018.

In the World Doubles Championship – 2022, winners Andrew and Isaac Nicholson were knocked out in a cracking Quarter Final by fellow father and son "Smiters", Ryland and Jack Shepherd from Probus! In the deciding leg as Jack came to the smitch, the Nicholsons were 47-41 ahead with an easy three pin on offer if Jack missed to win the game. But Jack took out a great long shot on the nine pin to win it 50-47.

They had previously lost a World semi -final in 2022 to the Nicholsons pair, as well as a couple of close defeats in the Cornish Championship, so this was a well- deserved victory.

Ryland and Jack didn't look back from this point and won their semi final 2-0 before winning the title 2-0 in the final after Ryland took out a ten pin to become world doubles champions! So, all the current Smite World Champions hail from Tresillian and Probus!

#### CORNISH SMITE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRESILLIAN - 22ND SEPTEMBER!

The Cornish Smite Championship takes place at 2pm on Sunday 22nd September at Tresillian Playing Field. This event used to take place in Calstock but moved to Tresillian in recent years. It's a Doubles only and it's £5 entry per pair. Proceeds will go to the Playing Field and to Compassion – an organisation that facilitates the chapel sponsoring a child in Uganda. Complete novices and hardened players are all welcome – just turn up on the day and register! Lots of cake will also be available as usual and there will also be a BBQ!

The reigning World Singles and World Doubles Champions will all be in action, plus the reigning Cornish Champions – Matt and Hannah from Troon.

To sign up, text Helen Nicholson on 07791 371933, or just turn up on the day by 2pm – individuals can also be paired up.

BACKGROUND: Smite is a version of skittles that are numbered one to ten. If a single skittle is felled the number of the pin is scored. However, if more than one pin is felled, it's the number of pins that have been felled that is scored. Each person or team takes it in turn to throw a larger wooden skittle (The "Smiter!") at the pins. All felled pins are then replaced where they come to rest. Each team needs to score exactly 50 points to win the game. If the score of 50 is exceeded, the player goes back to 25. If either team misses the pins altogether on three consecutive throws, they automatically lose the game.





Some of the World Championship Smite matches in action from Doorstop Green, St Neot



Isaac receiving his prize from co tournament organiser, Sue Daniel



Ryland and Jack Shepherd after winning the Doubles

Photos© Andrew Nicholson

### **Bird Life Tresillian and St Clement**

**O**ver the summer months, quite a few birds have visited us in our garden and on the allotments. Woodpeckers, magpies, wrens, and lots of robins, blackbirds, sparrows and a thrush as well as doves making quite a clatter when the latter land on the garden bushes. The woodpeckers like to grab either the peanuts or fat balls that we put out for them and hammer them into the tree bark for storage later on the year. Hazel nuts are pushed into our lawns by the squirrels but there seems to be a dearth of insects in the gardens.

At the beginning of September the Canada Geese came back with a vengeance, only the other day, the river seemed to be bereft of all but a few seabirds paddling around but yesterday I counted over one hundred geese settling just overlooking the Fal garage wall. Later in the month there are hundreds flying in formation over the fields and into the river.

The photos on the front page of the TRAM and here were taken by Malcolm Pinch (one of the Walking Group members, which we will soon be starting up again).



Photos @Malcolm Pinch Looking towards Tresillian from the causeway







Andrew Nicholson mentioned that the Osprey was down by St Clement but by the time he got there he was too late to see it. Billa and Nick Jeans were having their lunch enjoying the view from their garden and the Osprey was directly in front of them.

# **Tresillian Village Hall Improvements Group**

**W**ell, with the amount of rainfall this summer, we haven't had to resort to watering the flowers around the village as much as previous years! Truro City Parks have done another very colourful planting of the boat and our volunteers have ensured that the planters throughout the village have been colourful with different plants all year round.

Next will be the maintenance of the wooden planters and the man and his dogs to ensure they all keep looking smart whatever the weather throws at them.

Regular litter picking throughout the village is done by one of our volunteers for which we are very grateful.

After the success of the two Bingo and Buns afternoons last spring, we shall be having another Bingo and Buns afternoon in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd November from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a raffle and tea and cakes will be available to purchase at half time. Please come and join us for another fun afternoon. Posters will be put around the village nearer the time as a reminder.

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.

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

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

# **Gaye's Arty Afternoons**



More Dates 8th October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December

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The artists getting down to draw and paint summer flowers. Here are the artists having tea, coffee and biscuits.

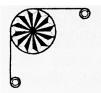
Returning after the summer break, Gaye had given all of us some homework, which had to be done on a postcard. Here's our homework. There was a lovely display of silk flowers in the chapel so I have added them in as well.

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# **Tresillian Walking Group**

I have been hoping to get the walking group up and running (hobbling) again this October. Having had a new knee operation, I feel fit enough to get going out and exploring our wonderful landscapes again.

We normally get together on the first Saturday of the month and meet at 10:30 am at the start of the walk followed by a picnic, cafe or pub.

Please let me know if you are an existing TWG walker or if you would like to meet up with us. Don't forget your cameras and phones and wear sensible shoes.

Dogs on leads please for safety reasons but this is a great time to meet walking companions and exercise your body into fitness. We take our time walking and gossiping and putting the world to rights.

Once a walk is chosen then I will let you know the time and place, OS Map reference, and address with PostCode.

If you are interested then please contact me either on Tel: 01872 520568 or email | jones23@btinternet.com

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

NB: Future dates will be for October, November, December

Photos taken by Malcolm Pinch of the motorbikes passing through Malcolm's village after going through Tresillian earlier on. photos © Malcolm Pinch.





## **Obituaries**

#### From the Western Morning News

Hilary Keam (Bringer of Laughter) Cornish Bard Degor Hwarth.

Hilary Keam passed away peacefully at home on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024, aged 84 after a long illness bravely fought.

A Thanksgiving Service for Hilary's life was held at Ladock Parish Church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and the dress code was in Cornish Colours.

Condolences go to her family.

## **Tresillian Village Hall Management Committee**

The Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to report that, after months of hard work and investigation, we have been successful in receiving a CLUP Levelling Up grant through St Clement Parish Council.

This grant will cover the costs for the following improvements :

New double-glazed windows throughout, two double-glazed doors – one external and one internal, the front door having been replaced recently.

New motorised blackout/fire retardant blinds and curtains for all windows and doors in the main hall and the committee room.

The Village Hall and Tresillian Methodist Church will share their own brand new website for on-line bookings, updates, etc.

A paid Project Manager will be appointed to oversee all the works over the next few months.

Our next task is to source available grants to replace the current heating system to include the boiler, pipes and radiators.

Desiree Tillgren

Chairman

Tresillian Village Hall Management Committee

#### TRESILLIAN ALLOTMENTS.

For the plot holders it is the most exciting time in the allotment calendar, Harvesting! The harvest is the ultimate reward for all the care and attention that has been lavished on your plants over the last few weeks, and even if the rest of your family, friends and neighbours are groaning at not more courgettes, the allotment gardener is overjoyed at the success of the season.

This year while most non gardening or non allotment folk, are maybe fed up of the topsy turvy weather, for the green fingered amongst us, it has been an ok year. After the slow start of the cold wet Spring, and early Summer months, we have since, had sun and rain in almost equal measures, ideal growing conditions, and now the plots are all burgeoning with wonderful produce.

The 2nd early potatoes were one of the first crops to deliver, being lifted in July, this year on our plot, we decided not to plant first earlies as they seemed to struggle, so instead we planted two rows of second earlies and two rows of main crop potatoes.

The second early potato varieties were Acoustic and Jazzy and both have performed well.

We have had at least 5-6kgs of peas, and having decided to stagger the planting of the seed, we successfully had a crop that went through July and August.

We are now taking home trug fulls of Runner and French beans, along with courgettes and sweet corn.

One of the plot holders this year is having a go at growing asparagus and sweet potatoes, the rest of us look on in interest to see if these crops are successful, before maybe attempting to grow them ourselves.

This is a nice part of being on an allotment site, you meet like minded people, who are always up for a natter and willing to swop hints and tips, and inspire you to try to grow something a bit different.

Our motto is "If at first you don't succeed, try try try again" there is always another year, and sometimes it is about trying a different variety of seed that suits your plots conditions, for example on our plot, some of the old heritage seeds do better than the more fussy F1 hybrids, or simply growing the plants in a different area of your allotment, that is perhaps more sheltered will sometimes do the trick.

DID YOU KNOW that the humble leek was known in Egypt from the time of the Pharaohs and has been cultivated in Britain since the Saxon times. Leeks are a very easy crop to grow and are a good source of folic acid, potassium and vitamins.

We have at the time of writing two full plots and one half plot available to rent. Full size plots measure approx 10 metres x 5 metres which gives 50 sq metres. The cost is 40 pound a year and includes water, each plot has it's own compost bin and we have four wheelbarrows for the use of plot holders. If you are interested in taking up the allotment challenge of growing your own food or want a chat for more information contact

Lorraine Sutton 01872 520609 Lesley Jones 01872 520568





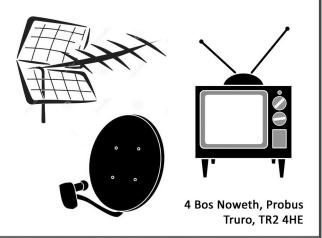
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# **Tresillian Methodist Chapel**

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There is something for everyone at Tresillian Chapel! Traditional worship at least once or twice a month, Café Church on the first Sunday of the month for cake and a relaxed, informal service Sunday Funday for families on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please look on the noticeboard for the programme of services.

We had a very successful Champions Challenge holiday club at the end of the summer holidays which had an Olympic theme. Children enjoyed games, crafts and stories acted out by our teenage helpers.







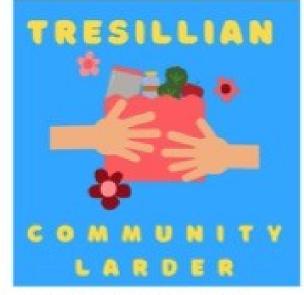


Coming into the autumn, Gaye's Arty Afternoons have started again on Wednesdays every fortnight. The Chapel is available for the community to use, so please do get in touch if you've got an idea for a group.

Helen Nicholson

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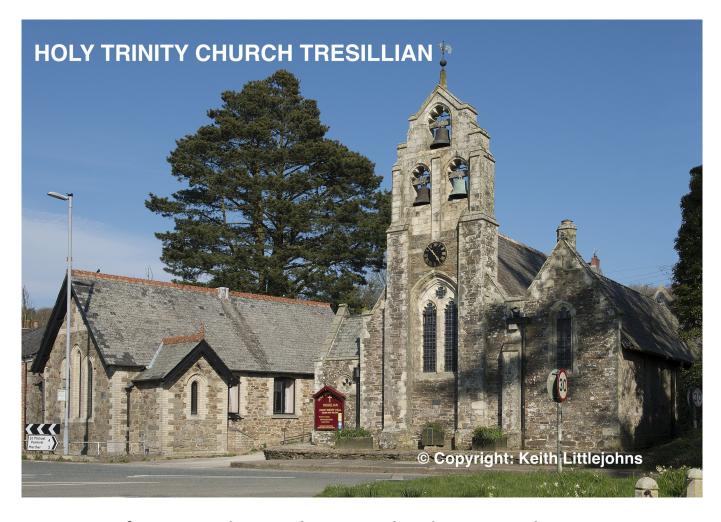


Thursdays - 10-11 or 5-6pm Tresillian Methodist Chapel (Lower Park)

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More information is available at the Holy Trinity Tresillian website http://holytrinitytresillian.org.uk



2024

### NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July - Trinity 8 - Otherwise Rural Mission Sunday - BCP EVENSONG at 3pm, led by the Reverend Linda Whetter.

We will be serving tea after the service.

Nothing very exciting to report this month, but between showers and other distractions, work goes

on with voluntary churchyard maintenance. The time is coming when we need to cut over the grasses, so there are opportunities for volunteering! In the course of "managing nature", we continue to eradicate brambles and ivy that threaten to over-run the camellias. It would be good to name the camellias before the knowledge is lost.

Our New Guide to the Church of St Moran is on sale at the church. This should interest locals and visitors alike, and be good value at £3.00 a copy, available both at Lamorran, and Holy Trinity.

We still have a few copies of the Bats-in-Churches' delightful children's book, The Little Church Bat, copies of which we have on sale at £6. The Churchwarden recommends it as a gift for small grandchildren.

OPEN TO VISITORS St Moran is open to visitors, all day, seven days a week.

CELTIC QUIET PLACES: St Moran as part of the Celtic Quiet Places network in Cornwall, is open not only to sightseer visitors, but also as a place for quiet prayer and contemplation. The network extends from St Leven to Morwenstow. For information on St Moran and the other 106+ churches in Celtic Quiet Places go to <a href="https://www.celticquietplaces.com">www.celticquietplaces.com</a>. We are much indebted to Pat for setting up this network.

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The idea is to encourage people to visit churches across the County, and to this end we have Celtic Quiet Places Pilgrim Passports on sale @£2 to record visits.

Mailing list - please email <a href="mailto:info@holytrinitytresillian.org.uk">info@holytrinitytresillian.org.uk</a> if you would like to be included on our mailing list for this newsletter.

**HOUSEKEEPING** There are currently no toilet facilities at Lamorran, although the PCC do have a scheme in preparation, and which we hope to carry out this coming summer. Car sharing is to be encouraged, and the parking provision is limited to roadside parking.

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