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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.

Telephone 999 and follow the instructions to release the equipment

In memory of Philip Buddell

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Diary at a Glance:

Organisations

Weekly Tiddlywinks for young children and their carers. Fridays between 10 and 12 pm at the Methodist Chapel £2.50

December

Mobile Library – There will be a visit on 27th December

The mobile Library van usually visits every fourth week of the month and stops at Heron Close Tresillian between 2:10 and 2:30 p.m.

Turning on the Christmas lights 15th December – From 3 pm in the field - mince pies, mulled wine and Make a Lantern Lights switched on with Father Christmas at 4 pm

Fundraising for the Playing Field

Contact Helen Nicholson 07791 371933

Christmas wreath making – 19th December 2pm at the Village Hall. £10 for materials and mulled wine. Phone Desiree on 07854 214696

Christmas Quiz – Saturday 21st at the Methodist Chapel starts at 7.00 pm. £2 per person and Christmas nibbles included.

Tresillian Chapel – see page 36 for services

Holy Trinity Church - see page 38 for services

Christmas Eve Carol Singing at The Wheel Inn from 8 pm

January 2025

Midi Group meeting 16th 2.00 pm Village Hall

Mobile Library – 24th at Heron Close - 2:10 pm

Ceramic Tile Workshops - 25th Jan. 1 -4 pm Making

February

Ceramic Tile Workshops - 8th Feb. 1 -4 pm Glazing

February Mobile Library 21st 2:10 – 2:30 pm.

March Mobile Library 21st 2:10 – 2:30 pm.β

Christmas in Tresillian

Christmas Church Services

Tresillian Chapel 15th Dec 6.30pm Advent Taize Prayer

22nd Dec, 11am Family Carol service

24th Dec, 6.15 pm Christingle

Holy Trinity Church 15th Dec, 3pm Candlelit Carol Service

24th Dec 8pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Quiz

Saturday 21st Dec

7pm

Tresillian
Chapel

£2 each

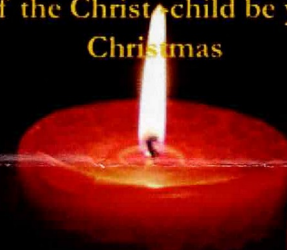


Christmas
nibbles



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas



Christmas Eve Carol
singing at The Wheel
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Tresillian Chapel:

25th Jan—1 to 4pm Making
8th Feb— 1 to 4 pm Glazing

FREE event. No need to book— Contact
Helen Nicholson 520295

Christmas wreath
making
19th December 2pm
Village Hall. £10 for
materials and mulled
wine. Phone Desiree
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CERAMIC TILE WORKSHOPS
25TH JAN & 8TH FEB 2025

Christmas with Tresillian Playing Field 15th December

There will be a busy day on the 15th. From 3 pm in the field there will be Mince Pies, mulled wine and how to make a Lantern.

Father Christmas will be there to switch on the Christmas Tree lights at 4 pm. Afterwards, there will be at Carols at the Wheel Inn.



**Christmas with
Tresillian Playing
Field – 8th Dec**

From 3pm in the field - Mince pies,
mulled wine and Make a Lantern

NEW DATE 15th DECEMBER

Fundraising for the Playing Field
Contact Helen 07791371933

And afterwards at the Wheel Inn...

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December 27th

2025
January 24th
February 21st
March 21st



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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 February 10th to be placed in the March issue.**

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Tresillian Walking Group

The Walking Group met at Charlestown, St Austell on Saturday, the 26th October outside the Shipwreck Museum.

One of the last times that the walkers looked around this area, we wandered back into a lane where we passed a chimneystack and building before continuing into a field, which had a very good lane for us to wander as far as we could before returning around the harbour.

Since then there has been major works to support the cliffs on the right hand side of the harbour looking out to sea.

This time, one of our walkers led us up the left side of the quay, which took us up to join the coastal path. We had a great turnout for our walk and a good time to catch up while enjoying the views.

I had never walked this side of the Coastal Footpath before because the path was rather set back. We could see that there was access to the beach below and one guy was trying to get into the sea but the wind was rather fresh to say the least. The sea was chucking up pebbles so we left him to it and continued on our way.



The Coastal footpath slowly climbs upwards over the fields and then connects with Sea Road, where the posh houses are found. We wandered over on the coastal path behind the houses with lovely views and joined Sea Road and up to the Port Avallon Hotel and restaurant before dropping down back towards the Coastguards view point and lookout. Some of us sat outside in the sunshine and others actually went in to view and talk to the coastguards on watch. Outside was a shed with used books for sale so we got one to take home with us.

St Austell Coastguard point is part of H.M Coastguard and its volunteers who respond to coastal & maritime emergencies. The next coastguard lookout is at Carlyon Bay.

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Back onto Sea Road, we returned towards Crinnis Road but turned left and down through hedge rows before dropping down past a long high fence, which has been erected for privacy and unfortunately stopped us from seeing the old chimney at what was once Lovering's China Clay Dry .

Our last stop was at the Rashleigh Arms for a light lunch and a refreshing drink before heading home.

This was a successful first walk for the walking group and we will be setting off again in the new year.

Lesley Jones

If you would like to join us then please contact me on 01872 520568.

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Tresillian Village Hall
Thursday 19th December
at 2.00 pm

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Tresillian Midi Group

Once again, time to write another report for TRAM!!!! Our Group seems to be going from strength to strength. We started our programme for the year by an outing to the Hewas Inn at Sticker for lunch where we enjoyed our usual welcome, service and a delicious lunch.

Our first speaker at the Village Hall on 19th September was Philip Martin, Estate Agent, who spoke on his fifty years in the business. He began with his childhood in Tresillian through his professional life to the present time. He was a very entertaining speaker - both informative and with some anecdotes! Gaye gave a vote of thanks. The raffle was drawn by Philip and won by Ann S.

Our October lunch was held at the Victoria Inn, Threemilestone where again we had an enjoyable lunch with good company. This month our monthly meeting took the form of a visit to St. Just in Roseland Parish Church where we given a tour of the Church by James Thomas who was very knowledgeable about the church, its history and the contents. We followed this by lovely tea and cakes in the cafe alongside the Church!

The November lunch meeting was held at The White Pyramid, Trewoon, where we received a warm welcome and good food. Our November meeting in the Hall was well attended with over thirty members enjoying a demonstration by Steph and Donna from Pengelly Nurseries, Sticker, on how to decorate your house for Christmas. They made garlands with both natural and artificial material, a table decoration and a new Japanese way of displaying plants known as Kokedama - simply using moss instead of a pot for a plant! Thanks was given by Ann and the raffle won by Ann H. At the meeting, members made their menu selections for the forthcoming Christmas Lunch to be held at the Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth.



Our next meeting in the hall will be held on Tuesday, 21st January, at 2 p.m. when we shall play Beetle and enjoy a festive afternoon tea afterwards. This is a very sociable meeting and would be ideal for any prospective new members to come along. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Shirley Anderson

Secretary

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Editor's Ramblings

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers, and contributors who help to produce the TRAM Magazine each quarter.

The Tresillian Walking Group enjoyed a walk around the Coastal Footpath at Charlestown before stopping for a quick meal at the Rashleigh Arms and then off back home.

The Village Improvement Committee have been busy getting the hall up to standard with new windows, electric blinds and other updates. The Midi Group used the hall and enjoyed a wreath making session courtesy of Penrose Garden Centre.

The Remembrance ceremony in the Playing Field on the 10 November was well attended and thanks go to Lorraine and Les Sutton for making the site look clean for the day.

Something weird happened on the 18th of November. When I got up in the morning and opened the curtains, it looked as if lumps of green moss had dropped off the roof overnight covering our decking. On asking around we found that we were not the only people to have the same experience. I know that it was stormy and windy that night but I was told that probably birds had done it.

On the 22nd of November, we were on our way to Tesco's (other stores are available) and saw quite a few people stopping to take photos of a deep colourful rainbow arching over the Cathedral. The sky was dark and that enhanced the shot.

Of course, I had a go at photoing it but being only short in stature and closed in by lots of tall cars at Tesco, my shot was useless. It was not the only rainbow that day but it made me smile.

The Storm over Saturday and Sunday curtailed our first Christmas Tree event but it will be going ahead on Sunday 15th from 3 pm.

Lesley Jones - Editor

TRESILLIAN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT GROUP

We held a Bingo & Buns afternoon in the Village Hall on 2 November and gave it a Halloween theme, which included pumpkin pies, which were declared delicious. It was a shame that more people didn't come along as we had a fun afternoon with lots of raffle prizes and cakes.

Our thanks go to Andrew Nicholson for doing a sterling job of caller as always, plus all the volunteers who donated raffle prizes and lovely cakes and decorated the Hall to look autumnal.

We raised enough money to purchase Christmas lights for the boat and planters, which is good.

The planters have all been painted and the Memorial Garden tidied for the Remembrance Sunday service, which, luckily this year, was a dry and sunny day.

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 at the most – 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.

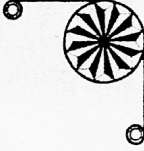
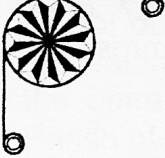
Please watch out for village improvement events on the village website(tresillianvillage.co.uk) as well as the notice board by Mary's Pasty Shop - everyone is welcome - and if you have any ideas for further enhancement of our village, or would like to be involved with our group, then please contact Helen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

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Helen Nicholson and Lesley Dobel

Christmas in Tresillian





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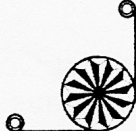
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Echoes From Past Editions of TRAM

Long time editor of TRAM George Doherty worked together with Keith Littlejohns on TRAM during the last few years that George felt able to maintain his editorship of our village magazine. George was conscious of the fact that without a successor dedicated to maintaining the archive and to continue to keep the magazine going as a regular publication his work over many decades would end with his passing. As somebody who has a long background in printing and publishing plus a similar passion for history, Keith promised George that he would keep TRAM going as a viable publication for as long as it had an audience, and just as importantly remain as a journal that records life events in Tresillian as a reference work repository into the future.

Keith maintains the extensive physical printed archive and also the now digital only archive going forward.

The paper archive is extensive covering all decades from the 1970s up until just before Covid-19, when TRAM has only been published in digital form ever since. Given the vast amount of articles published in paper form only, there is a wealth of interesting content that is worthy of republishing.

As this is the 200th Issue of the TRAM, It seems appropriate that the inclusion of the following little gems from issue No.1 December 1971 starts off a future series of historic tales from Tresillian's past.

Here are two adverts to begin with, and on the next page are two written articles from the same issue.

Lesley Jones.

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CHRISTMAS TREE AND

CAROL SINGING

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This, apart from being yet another opportunity for getting together and celebrating the Christmas season, raises a rewarding amount for charity.

In 1969 a sum of £11.7.0d. (we used British money in those days – remember?) was added to a collection made by the ladies of the W.I. and was shared between the Save the Children Fund and the Society for Research into Muscular Dystrophy.

Under a similar arrangement in 1970 our carol singers raised £13.8.0d. for the West Cornwall Society for the Mentally Handicapped.

This year the benefitting charity will be the Friends of Truro Hospitals, who are endeavouring to provide an Electro-Encephalograph machine, which will greatly assist the mentally handicapped. of the county.

The Carol Service will begin at the tree at 7.0 p.m. on Tuesday 21st. December

Probus Male Voice Choir have again been kind enough to lead in the singing. We plan to then walk to Fairfax Road, returning through the village to the Polsue Way estate and then down to Manor Cottage.

We do sincerely hope that as many of you as are able will join us for some part of the evening.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday 8th January 1972.

All children in the village and children of members of the Association are invited to this party,

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INVITATION

We look for new ideas in most things, but not so much for the party, the only ingredients for success are Fun, Food – and Father Christmas; we reckon that's all the young 'uns want - and this is THEIR day, so please bring or send, them along, their pleasure is more than sufficient reward for the effort of this annual occasion.

The Church Hall is the place (Free of charge, by kind permission of Rev. A.R.W. Gray.)

Games start for the younger children (under – sevens) at 2.15 p.m.; older children (age 7 - 12 inclusive) please come along later at 4.30 for tea and entertainment followed by games.

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7 – 12 group – 8.00

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BIRDS EYE VIEW – by Andrew Nicholson

A lot of the birds that are regulars on the Tresillian River actually leave in the spring to breed elsewhere before gradually returning from mid-summer onwards and into the autumn. Autumn is often the time too, when more unusual migrant birds can sometimes be seen stopping off briefly on the river as they passing through. There wasn't too much unexpected in the first part of the autumn this year, but this changed heading into late October and early November.

Very welcome visitors were a pair of Whooper Swans, who dropped in on the 27th October and were present for a couple of weeks, often seen opposite Tresempole Pool. These were only the second sighting of Whooper Swans on the Tresillian River this century, the first ones being a pair that were present for a few days a little further down the river at St Clement in April 2021, at the time when some lockdown restrictions were still in place. These swans are birds of the far north, breeding predominantly in Iceland before many head south for the winter. They are very similar in size to our own Mute Swan, but have a distinctive yellow and black beak rather than the Mute Swan's orange and black beak.

Hot on the heels of the Whooper Swans was the visit of a Pink Footed Goose in early November. This one liked hanging out amongst the very substantial flock of Canada Geese on the river. These are also birds of the Arctic, breeding in Greenland and Iceland, with significant numbers over wintering in different parts of the British Isles, particularly Scotland, Ireland and Norfolk.

Trips down to Cornwall are a lot less common, but several Pink Footed Geese have been reported across the county this autumn. This was our first visitor on the Tresillian River since spring 2000 where one was seen several weeks at the start of the first lockdown, sometimes right next to the Fal garage!

A real surprise was the sighting of a Common Scoter, also in November. This is a duck species normally seen out on the open sea, although an unusually obliging one was present at Swanpool lake in Falmouth for a couple of weeks some years ago. This one was near St Clement, but disappointingly, didn't hang around for long and was only seen by a couple of observers (sadly I was not amongst them!). Sometimes you just need to be in the right place at exactly the right time!

As we enter into winter, although the days are short, there are plenty of birds to be seen along the river. There are good numbers of wading birds and ducks, and if you are patient, why not try and spot a Kingfisher? You can often see one at Tresempole Pool, but you can also sometimes see one right in Tresillian. The other day I was watching one from the verge of the main road, repeatedly hovering like a miniature blue Kestrel before diving into the river.

Now that's a sight that can brighten up even the dullest winter day.

Whooper Swans, Tresillian River 6/11/24,

Photo ©Andrew Nicholson



Obituaries



Sylvia Honey passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 17th November 2024. She was the beloved wife of Colin, loving mother of Julian and Nicola, special nanny to Grace, Jack, George and William and sister to Wendy.

The Funeral service took place at 11.00 am, Thursday 12th December 2024, Trelawny Chapel, Penmount Crematorium and the wake was held at the Hotel Vara, Truro.

Over 70 people attended the funeral and the wake. Donations in Sylvia's memory were to be made to Cancer Research UK.

I personally have known, Sylvia for twenty years. She was into book clubs, Walking Club, the Tresillian Gardening Club, the U3A and yoga, the latter at Carnon Downs.

Sylvia went to the Truro High School under the higher Adult Education programme to improve her swimming. She met Maggie and got her to join her as well. We three joined the Truro Leisure Centre to get fit. Later Linda joined our little group and one day, before Covid turned up, Sylvia mentioned that the swimming pool had a notice asking swimmers to swim the equivalent of the Channel to raise funds for those that had suffered back injuries making them paraplegic etc.

Before we got very far, the whole exercise was put onto hold because of Covid and it wasn't until we got back into the pool in 2021. We joined the "Aspire Channel Swim 2021" and we came up with the name "WaterWings". We started with £100.00 and by the time we had completed the challenge, we had made £850 for the charity. We received a certificate, a medal and a haversack for our efforts.

While Sylvia was ill, we would swim and dedicate how many lengths we did on her behalf.

Go Safely Sylvia.

Lesley Jones

CORNISH SMITE CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW – By Andrew Nicholson

The Cornish Smite Championship took place at Tresillian Playing Field on Sunday 22nd September. Heavy rain in the morning put the event in doubt, but thankfully, the rain stopped in the nick of time and the tournament was able to go ahead. For those of you who are still wondering what the game of Smite is all about – it's a version of skittles where a larger skittle or "Smiter" is thrown rather than a ball at the pins. Each pin is numbered 1-10 and if you knock down one pin, the value of the pin is scored, but if more than one pin is felled it's the number of pins knocked down that is scored.

Considering the weather, it was great to see an entry of sixteen pairs taking part (on a par with last year) and a good crowd of supporters to match. There were four groups in total where each team played each other, with the top two teams progressing through to the knock out stages - and the quarter finals; whilst the bottom two teams also progressed to the Consolation knock out.

Before the knock out part began, we paused the event to have a minute of applause for the very popular Sid Deeble who sadly passed away a few weeks before the event. Sid, from Trispen, was always a keen supporter of Smite and used to play in this event each year with his grandson, Dougal.

As the tournament progressed, the two remaining teams for the championship final were reigning World Champions - father and son team of Ryland and Jack Shepherd from Probus, taking on the teenage pair of Joseph Nicholson and Carne Michel (from Tresillian and Trispen respectively) .

Joseph and Carne had created a big shock in the semi-final knocking out 2022 Cornish and World Champions, Andrew and Isaac Nicholson. Isaac had just won the World Singles title for the second consecutive time a month previously in St. Neot, but this time his brother, Joseph and friend Carne were too strong, winning 2-0 after Joseph took out a great long shot on the ten pin to win the match.

Ryland and Jack came from 1-0 down in their own semi-final to beat Tim and Chloe 2-1, and they were favourites in the final to add the Cornish title to the World Doubles title they had won the previous month. But sport doesn't always follow the form guide! The first game was quite an edgy affair, but with the scores on 46-40, Carne took out the 4 pin to win the first leg 50-40. The second leg saw Joseph and Carne open up a sizeable lead as missed shots proved expensive for Ryland and Jack. However, the World Champions didn't lie down quietly and tried to force their way back into the match, separating a couple of key pins for their opponents with the scores on 48-34.

Could Joseph and Carne get the exact 2 pin score they needed to avoid going bust (if your score exceeds 50 exactly, your team has to go back to 25)? Carne cleverly managed to take out two different pins though to win the leg 50-34 knocking out their second World Champion pair in the process – well done Joseph and Carne – new Cornish Smite Champions! This victory seemed particularly appropriate as Carne was also one of Sid Deeble's grand children.

In the Consolation event, local pairing of Hannah and Ben Kernow won the final against Tammy and Darren 2-1 to keep the chocolates in Tresillian!. Thankfully, the weather stayed dry and all in all, it was a great afternoon of Smiting. With the entrance fees, together with the BBQ and cake sales over £200 was raised, split between the playing field and Compassion (the chapel sponsors a lad called Emmanuel in Uganda through Compassion and the money goes directly to help support him and his family).

Look forward to seeing you on the Smitch (the Smiting pitch!) again next year!
Action at the 2024 Cornish Smite Championships!

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Cornish Champions Joseph Nicholson and Carne Michel (left pair) and finalists Ryland and Jack Shepherd



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Tresillian Allotment Association

As the days slowly shorten and the darker nights draw in, activity on the allotment site is also slowing down, the garlic bulbs have already been planted and apart from harvesting Kale, Brussels and Leeks as and when required, the allotmenteer spends increasingly more time indoors now than out.

But don't let them fool you, they may be curled up in a comfy chair, cuppa in hand, but their minds will be working overtime, thinking about the following year ahead. This is the ideal time for thinking and planning your plot out, and deciding what you want to grow on your plot next season.

My Sister and I, are for example deciding to move most of our fruit from one plot to another, the plot we are moving them to, has been used to grow vegetables and has over the years been enriched with manure making a nice depth of soil, doing this will then give us a chance to dig the old fruit bed over, weed it and add manure and compost to the beds. We will grow vegetables in this plot next year, which in turn will improve the soil structure.

The wonderful colourful seed packets ordered in October have arrived, bringing forth great expectations of the seasons ahead.

Never get obsessed with the sowing dates shown on the seed packets, these are for guidance only, use your own judgement according to the prevailing weather. It is better to be little late sowing the seed, than to rush and sow the seeds while the temperature is too cold.

Temperature is a key factor in getting seeds to germinate, and if it is too cold there is a high risk you will get no germination at all. Good quality compost is also essential for seed germination, you are better to buy a new smaller bag of good multi purpose compost or compost specifically formulated for seed sowing, or again the seed can fail.

The other essential ingredient for successful germination of seeds, is water, too much and the seeds will rot, not enough and the compost will dry out and the seeds will fail, getting the balance of watering right is not easy, especially now with the peat free composts, water the compost before you sow the seeds, so that the seed is pressed against damp compost, when you have sown the seeds, cover the surface with a sprinkling of compost or vermiculite, then use a freezer bag with tie handles to put the tray or small pot inside and tie up the handles, this makes an ideal cheap propagator, you can open up the bag if it looks like too much condensation is being produced and then close it up again to keep the moisture in, most seeds will germinate between 10 to 14 days.

WINTER GARDEN JOBS.

Clean your garden tools, use a stiff brush to remove any soil, then wipe handles and blades with hot soapy water, dry thoroughly with a clean dry cloth, remove rust with steel wool and use a sharpening stone to give blades a nice sharp edge. Wipe metal parts with a lubricant like WD40 or vegetable oil and use linseed oil on wooden handles.

Between now and February is the ideal time to move dormant, deciduous shrubs.

Prepare the new planting hole before you dig up the shrub you wish to move, dig the new planting hole, then fork over the base to break up any compacted soil, remove any stones and weeds, then place some well rotted manure or fresh compost in the bottom of the hole.

When digging up the shrub try and take as big a root ball as you can, and replant immediately into the new planting hole, plant the shrub at the same depth as it was growing previously. Backfill with soil and firm in well to ensure good soil contact. Water it in well.

Spread a mulch of well-rotted horse manure or compost between herbaceous perennials and around trees and shrubs, this helps suppress weeds and aids soil structure.

Dead head winter bedding like pansies and cyclamen this will stop them forming seed, which will in turn keep them blooming longer.

From everyone on the allotment site we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Lorraine Sutton and Lesley Jones.

Gaye's Arty Afternoons

Gaye Lush has been running her arty afternoons on Wednesdays fortnightly at the Methodist Chapel for two years now. Most of us were beginners or lousy at drawing but Gaye has inspired us to tackle all to draw, paint and make collages and to try out many types of media to work with.

It has been amazing to get together and learn that you can paint over an ordnance survey map and try drawing/painting freehand without resorting to lightly sketching out a picture (and cheat by borrowing an eraser for your mistakes but don't let Gaye see you doing it!) but to boldly go for it and see what happens.

Just a table laid out with a flower arrangement or using old cards or photographs to copy birds, leaves, pets, views of our lovely countryside and anything else that we can use.

Our last meeting was to make flat Christmas decorations such as these to hang on a wall, all using materials and fancy papers.

Our final meeting will have taken place on Wednesday the 11th December and after that the meetings will have closed for the winter but will soon be back in the spring.

We meet fortnightly between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the chapel and the cost for this will be £3.00 per session to cover heating costs etc. for the chapel. Tea and biscuits are free.

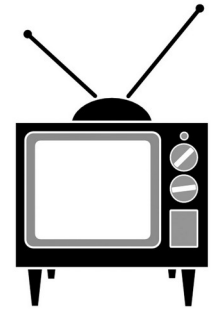
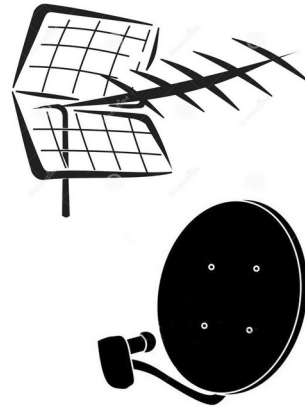
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Tresillian Village Website - Contact from Australia

Back in October this year I published an item in the News section of the Tresillian Village website regarding an email enquiry I received via the website from Australia about a family history research project being undertaken by David Blake who lives in Brisbane, Australia.

His enquiry related to family history information left by his late mother regarding his grandfather, Ernest James Blake, who was born in Cornwall in 1880 subsequently emigrating to Australia with his parents in 1882. Following up on this information David managed to obtain documentation relating to his grandfather's baptism on 9th August 1880 which reveals a location of Ventonberron and that the baptism was likely carried out there by a travelling clergyman, perhaps from Probus, also listing his great grandfather as having the occupation of farm labourer. David's understanding is that the Ventonberron mentioned was a farm house, somewhere near Tresillian.

I replied to David saying that Venton Berron is the name of a cottage a short distance due north of the village of Tresillian, and that this may be related to the farm house he mentions. It was at this point that I thought it worth publishing an item on the Tresillian Village website in the hope that someone may come forward with information to assist him in his quest to find out more.

Within a short period of time after posting an item in the News section of the website I received a reply from Julie le Masurier who purchased Venton Berron cottage with her husband, saying that she would be happy to make contact with David and share what knowledge she has about the property. The following is a shortened version of the history of the property Julie related to David.

"According to Cornwall County Records, there is evidence of habitation on this site back in medieval times. Our water comes from a natural spring which is in records as a holy well, which has been in documents since 1265." *[They occasionally have people visiting who like 'collecting' all the holy wells in Cornwall.]*

"Venton, which is also sometimes spelt Fenton, means spring in Cornish. Venton and Fenton appear in different Cornish place names e.g. Ventongimps. Lots of places in Cornwall also have Perran in their name e.g. Perranporth, Perranwell, which is linked to St. Perran the patron saint of Cornwall. Perran also gets written different ways such as Berren and Berron, so Venton Berron means St. Perran's Well/Spring - and the records of the holy well do indeed refer to it being dedicated to St. Perran."

"The oldest parts of the current property were up until the 1960s two cottages, one called Venton Berron and one Trehane. Trehane was an estate and we adjoin the now neglected gardens where the ruined house in the article you shared still stands. The cottages had very thick cobb walls, and were farm workers cottages. The cottages used the holy well for their water, and there was a slate water trough to store it. That slate now being our hearth! Some brief investigations we did found a record of Venton Berron being rented out to a widow and her servant in the year 1700."

A big thank you to Julie for responding to help David in piecing together a part of his family history, and to David for reaching out on his voyage of discovery that has yielded yet more fascinating historical information about our location in Cornwall.

Keith Littlejohns

Photo: Venton Berron cottage c1960s



Annual Service of Remembrance November 10th War Memorial Tresillian Playing Field



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On a peaceful, bright and mild Cornish Sunday morning a good turnout of people gathered around the village War Memorial in the Playing Field at 10.45 prior to a short service that started soon afterwards.



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Local Methodist Preacher, Helen Nicholson opened and led the ceremony. Helen spoke about the terrible conflicts the world is currently experiencing and the hope that peace will ultimately return.



Assembled wreath and cross layers at the ready.



As in recent previous years Leslie (Les) Sutton [left] took on the task of organising the annual event with aplomb. Bob Scott [second left] read aloud the familiar 4th stanza from Laurence Binyon's 'The Fallen' as adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women: *"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them."*



Helen was our stand-in bugler this year either side of two minutes silence, thanks to modern technology smartphone/bluetooth speaker combo.

Bob Scott then read aloud the words immortalised on the Kohima Memorial inscription: *"When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today"*.



Lesley Dobel, led the wreath laying



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Roy Owen, laid and acknowledged a wreath.



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Dave Chapman, laid and acknowledged a wreath. He had also earlier read out the names of WWI fallen as commemorated on the war memorial and who were part of our local community, as well as reading out names of members of our armed forces lost in any military conflict since WWI and who's relatives are resident in our village community today.



Andrew Redgewell, laid and acknowledged a wreath.



Malcolm James, laid and acknowledged a cross.



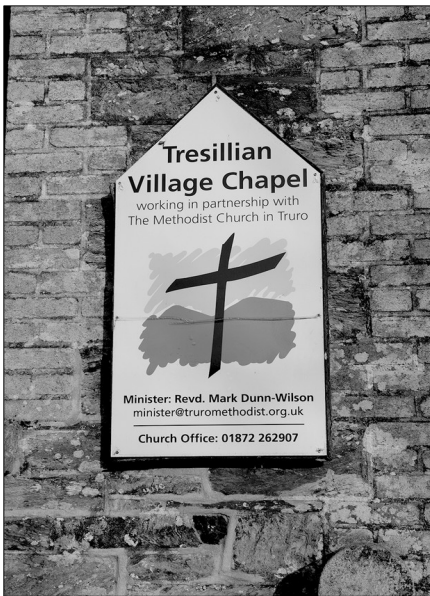
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Paul Sinclair, laid and acknowledged a cross.



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Joseph Nicholson and Isaac Nicholson laid and acknowledged crosses

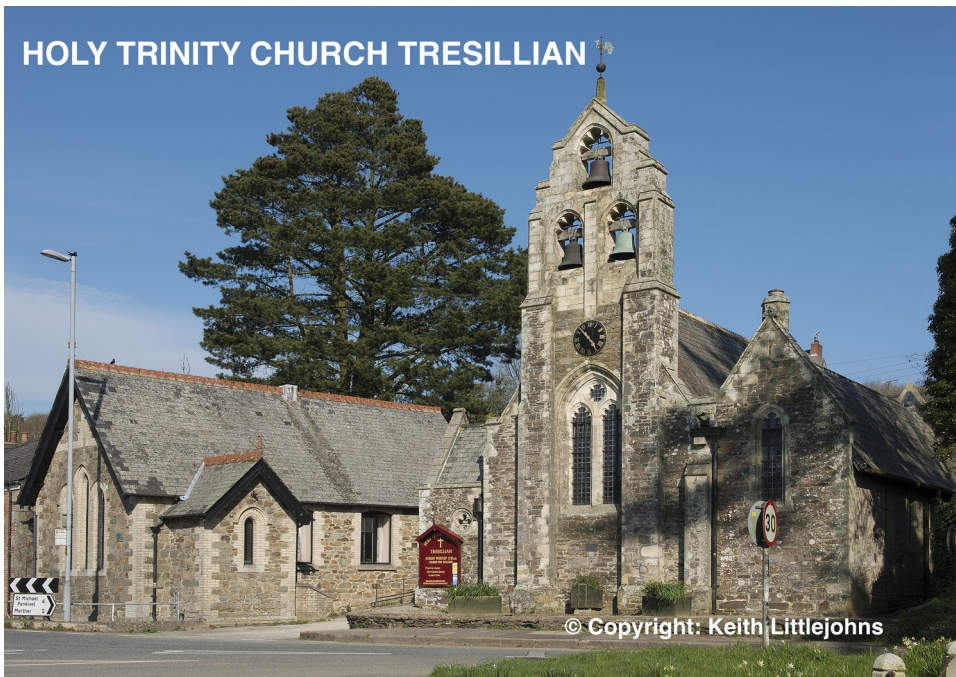


Thursdays – 10-11 or 5-6pm Tresillian Methodist Chapel (Lower Park)

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👋 Meet some new people

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A Christmas message from our new Priest-in-Charge Rev. Caroline Husband.

Angels are fearsome beings, we like to pretty them up and make them look more presentable, but they have a nasty habit of surprising the unsuspecting person and then delivering hard news! It takes a bit of time to work out whether or not it is good!

It is easy to categorise the birth of God's son as a children's story, or a fairytale, however, the birth of Jesus was just as real as both yours and my birth. The Census of those times has not withstood the test of time, however, there are documented records that talk about "Jesus called the Messiah" and the incredible things that he taught and did. He was a real and live person, just as we each are.

The story of Jesus's birth has been romanticised, we conveniently 'forget' the gruesome and jealous acts of Herod the then king. We forget the hardship of walking great distances when heavily pregnant, the stress of finding nowhere to sleep, the worry about finances and being out of work -these are all very real difficulties that were experienced by Jesus' family and by us today. We know about stress and travelling to our families for Christmas, the stress of making sure everything is ready. Jesus's family would have experienced the same stress, but their family did not have room to put them up, and so they found themselves with no place to stay.

Different parts of the Christmas story will resonate with different people and possibly at different stages of life as well. As we contemplate the true meaning of Christmas let us consider those who are around us and, seek to be good news to them helping to ease a little bit of stress and worry that they carry. Please do pop into your local church or attend one of the services, we will be pleased to see you, we will make you welcome, and if we can ease some of your worry, even if just for a short time, we will try.

Grace and peace,

Rev Caroline

Services on next page.

Sunday 1st December 11.15 am Service of the Word for the first Sunday in Advent led by Billa.

Sunday 8th December 11.15 am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Caroline

Sunday 15th December 3.00 pm Candlelit Carol Service led by Rev Canon Pat Robson followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Sunday 22nd December 11.15 am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Linda

Tuesday 24th December 8.00 pm Service of Holy Communion for Christmas with Rev Linda

Sunday 29th December 10.00 am No service at Holy Trinity but there will be a team service at Probus "Together @ 10" In addition to our services, Jim and Janet Sampson will be leading an Advent Study Group at Tresillian Chapel on Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th December and 2nd January at 3.00 pm

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and hope to see you at some or all of our services.



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