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Tresillian Defibrillator Equipment

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Telephone 999 first to report the incident, then follow instructions to release and use the equipment.

In memory of Philip Buddell, who was the lead person to bring defibrillator equipment to our village.

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Colchicum autumnale, common name Autumn crocus.

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

Community Larder - Thursdays, alternating between 10-11 am and 5pm - 6pm at the Methodist Chapel.

Fortnightly

Arty Afternoons - Wednesdays, fortnightly 2-4pm at the Methodist Chapel. (see poster in this magazine for more details)

Monthly

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. (See advert in this magazine for more details)

September

Smite the addictive wooden garden game. 2pm, September 28th, Playing Field. Tombola, Drinks Cakes, and Savoury items. (see poster in this magazine for more details)

October

Thursday 16th October 10.30 am, Tresillian Village Hall. Coffee morning to raise funds for Mount Edgcombe Hospice in memory of Jean Tubb who was involved in lots of things in this village over many years, including the Village Hall Management Committee.

Remembrance Sunday 2025

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on **9th November**. All villagers are welcome to gather for the traditional ceremony held at the War Memorial in the Playing Field. Would advise gathering in good time before 11 am. If the weather is inclement the proceedings may start a little earlier. A church service will be held afterwards.



Tresillian Residents Association and TRAM Magazine

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The TRESILLIAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION was formed in 1968 and is available to all residents of the village and surrounding district, friends and associates of our community as a free on-line magazine. Should you wish to advertise your business or organisation then there will be a modest fee, which is used to cover production and web delivery costs.

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Reports on recent activities of village groups and organisations, notices of forthcoming village public events, articles of local interest such as - nature observations in and around our local area - interesting facts about our local area history/environment, and suggestions to the Editor about subject matter you would like to see published. All of which should be sent to The Editor. (email above).

Please submit any items before November 12th to be placed in the December issue.

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Ed's Ramblings

By Lesley Jones

Wow, what a hot few days and nights we have had over August. Everything has suffered in our garden but some flowers have coped. We have a large Gunnera plant that has fainted away and our Agapanthus have not lasted but both will survive next year with a bit of luck next year.

The Agapanthus came about because a lady wanted rid of hers and advertised it in the Falmouth Packet. My stepson offered to pick it up for me but hadn't realised how big it was and no mention of size had cropped up! Rob brought it over on his trailer and we cut it up into three lots. Agapanthus roots like to be contained, so we potted two of them in the largest pots available. And buried the rest in our front garden. One pot withered and died and the second pot kept going for a bit but the buried plant has been fantastic in the ground. The majority of flowers are blue but I bought some white ones from the Range and hopefully they will grow again next year.

I first saw them at St Mawes Castle years ago and couldn't get over how large the flower heads grow. Mine at home are a lot smaller but I usually get a standard crop of about 19 blooms. This time I got 29!

In our car parking area, I noticed that there was a lot of what seemed to be black grapes on our but these had fallen from our Cherry Laurel tree. I think that their fruits are poisonous but they soon disappeared by courtesy of the birds and maybe squirrels as well? Again, this was something that I had never noticed before.

Dave and I are trying to keep fit by walking as much as possible, so on Bank Holiday Monday, (the hottest day), we decided to wander along by

the river and then climbed down the big field towards Malpas to catch up with family over there.

We took water with us and wore hats and sun cream and managed to walk in quite a lot of shade but stopped by the pools so that we could see lots of little fishes in the weeds and then larger fish flashing silver a little further out. I couldn't make out what fish they were but later on as we walked by the toilets at St Clement, we talked to the farmer and his wife both busy gardening and I mentioned the fish. They may have been small Bream.

They also told us that we could walk up the hill towards Malpas but four days previously, the fire brigade were fighting a deep area underground in the fields and no one was allowed over the walk. We did see the fire chief in his car and also the fire brigade further on the skyline as they were making sure the fire was out. We finally got to Malpas and enjoyed looking over the view to the heronry opposite as we quaffed cold drinks before setting off back home later.

Other News:

Arty Afternoons are back in the Methodist Chapel fortnightly on Wednesdays at 2 - 4 p.m. and the cost is £3:00. This time we had a large crowd and nearly ran out of tables. A great afternoon.

Tresillian Village Playing Field Committee

By Helen Nicholson

Thank you to all who came to the Fun Day on 3rd August. There were a range of games to play including golf, coconut shy, ever popular bowling alley and, for the first time, bingo! We also had drumming sessions by Andrew Nicholson and a wonderful array of cakes, plus BBQ.



We raised just over £500 which will help pay for new benches to replace the wooden benches which are coming to the end of their useful life. We will also be applying to St Clement parish council and our Cornwall Councillor Karen Glasson to top this up as they are quite pricy.

We have achieved Green Flag status again this year which is an award which recognises well managed parks and green spaces. It means we have been independently judged against a benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

All this work in the Playing Field is carried out by the volunteers on the committee and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work. We could do with some new faces though as we have lost some members. Please come along to the AGM on 24th September, 6pm in the Village Hall.

The next event in the Playing Field is the Cornish Doubles Smite Championships on 28th Sept, starting at 2pm. Smite is a garden game, based on skittles, which anyone can play. Come along and have some fun – there will be refreshments and a tombola provided by the Ladock School PTFA.

Finally, as a reminder, the field has been given to the village in trust, with these bye-laws – if they are not adhered to, we run the risk of the field being closed to all:

The bye-laws are:

- Behaviour likely to cause a nuisance or endanger others is not allowed
- Exercising of dogs is prohibited
- BBQs and fires are prohibited
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Helen Nicholson, Chair – Playing Field Management Committee (07791371933)



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Tresillian Village Hall Committee

By Desiree Tillgren

Following all the improvements carried out in the Village Hall over the last year, thanks to the

receipt of various grants and the quite onerous work required in applying for them, things have quietened down somewhat on the work front. We are delighted with the efficient heating system, the new windows and doors, blinds, curtains, etc. plus, most importantly, the installation of fire doors.

Our caretaker, Andy Grant, who volunteered to take on the job of doing the re-decorating in his spare time, and which has meant no disruption to users, has nearly finished and the Hall is looking great. We are very grateful to Andy for such a good job.

Following the disposal of the two tumbledown sheds and rubbish at the back of the car park, the outside is looking tidy as well as being a safe area.

The Village Hall now has its own website up and running with an on-line booking form at tresillianvillagehall.co.uk which we hope will attract new users. The Hall is a wonderful venue for hosting parties and wakes.

You will see in the Village Improvement Group report that a bench has been installed on the river bank, donated by St Clement Parish Council, to the memory of George Doherty who was both a Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Tresillian Village Hall Management Committee at the time of his death, and the Parish Council will be putting a plaque on the seat with his name on it.

This autumn, we are hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in memory of Jean Tubb who was involved in lots of things in this village over many years, including the Village Hall Management Committee. The coffee morning will be held on Thursday 16 October at 10.30 a.m. and there will be a variety of stalls – books, costume jewellery, new and nearly new clothing, guess the weight of the cake, guess the name of the bear, art work and, of course, a raffle. Posters and flyers will be distributed around the village nearer the time but we hope as many people as possible will come along to remember Jean and support this important event.

Desiree Tillgren

Chairman

Tresillian Village Hall Management Committee

One For Your Diary

Thursday 16th October 10.30 am

Coffee morning to raise funds for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in memory of Jean Tubb

See full story in article above

Mobile Library Dates

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

Your next Friday visit will be :

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October 31st

November 28th

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Home visits

Beginners welcome



Tresillian Allotment Association

By Lorraine Sutton

Autumn is approaching fast, after months of dry hot weather, accompanied by often strong drying winds, the rain finally came with a vengeance, but you won't hear a grumble or complaint from any keen gardener, the rain was a refreshing welcome.

Watching and hearing on the local and main news channels about the struggles farmers were having with the drought, I feel that surprisingly, crops on the allotment have done well, so ok the peas went over quickly as they like a bit cooler conditions, but not before we got a reasonable picking of pods before they rapidly set seed, and the climbing French beans didn't seem to want to scramble up the bamboo canes, instead curling themselves around the bottom of the canes and going around in circles, but we have had a great crop, not so easy to find and pick the beans and sometimes a bit of the old Sherlock Holmes was called for, but all in all a successful crop, the runner beans are still going strong and are climbing up their bamboo canes just as they should.

As for the potato crop, we had a pleasant surprise, as to be honest, when we planted the seed potatoes, we sprinkled some pelleted chicken manure and a handful of Vitax 6X in the trench, planted the chitted tubers and mounded the soil on top, and left them to fend for themselves, so we were not expecting great things especially with the dry weather, but I have to boast that this year is the best we have had, bigger potatoes and a better yield per seed potato planted.

If anyone has wandered up to the allotment site this summer and looked over the gate, you would

have seen a wonderful display of summer bedding plants brightening up the site.

A big thank you to Keith & Barbara Littlejohns for planting out five large troughs, and placing and fixing the troughs on the railings down the ramp, not an easy task.

The apple trees in the allotment orchard have also gone into overdrive and are full of tasty eating and cooking apples, the orchard has been planted with a mixture of different varieties of apple, plus, several allotment holders have

We have Blenheim Orange dating from the 1740's, Bramley bred in Nottingham circa 1809, Cornish Gilliflower that was discovered in a Truro garden circa 1800 and shh don't tell anyone, an interloper variety, a Devonshire Quarrenden an early early heritage variety dating back to the 17th century. Lorraine

If you fancy picking up the Allotment challenge or would just like a chat or a tour around the site to see what it is all about.

Please contact

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Lesley Jones 01872 520568 or mobile 07907 728753

Happy Gardening

Lorraine Sutton & Lesley Jones.

Tresillian Allotment Association

Lesley [Ed.] hear, I can agree wholehearted with Lorraine's words about how different the hot days, rainstorms and windy weather has altered how everything has grown this year on our allotments and how lovely the flowering plants have helped the bees. Lots of sweetpeas and other flowering plants and veg have surpassed themselves.

Our onions have been lifted and left to dry before collecting and leaving in our greenhouse upside down between a slatted bench, which enabled any liquid could drip out. These are now dried out and still sitting upside down in bags in a dark part of our garage.

We lifted all of our potatoes and they have been quite wonderful. There will be lots of baked spuds as well as some small salad spuds as this is the first time we have successfully grown second earlies. We also planted first earlies as usual but these potatoes fell rapidly if I didn't keep a close eye on them when cooking.

Walking around the allotments showed how many allotmenters had grown tomatoes on their plots and in their greenhouse at home, we have also grown loads of them along with cucumbers. Lots of tomato soups etc. have been consumed.

One batch of 'tumbling toms' from Keith and Barbara's home greenhouse.



Tomato Soup

Ingredients

- 2 table spoons olive oil
- 2 onions chopped finely
- 1 carrot peeled and diced finely
- 1 garlic clove crushed (garlic salts)
- 1 celery stick finely chopped (I cheated and used celery salt)
- 1 lb Fresh Tomatoes halved
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 3/4 pints vegetable stock
- Handful of fresh Basil (Shredded)
- Salt and pepper to taste

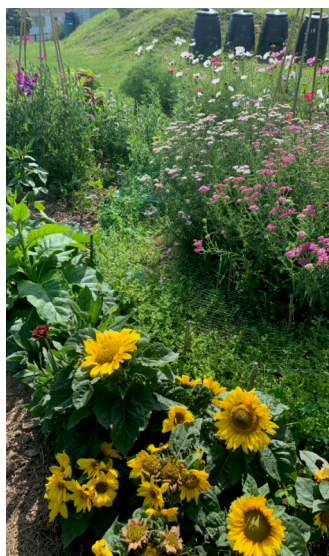
Method

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan, add onions, carrots, garlic and celery, cover and cook for 10 minutes until soft.
2. Add tomatoes and sugar. Season with salt and pepper – stir and cook for another 5 Minutes.
3. Add Stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes
4. Liquidise until smooth and add basil.

I made this soup making sure that the cooking times were the same but then poured everything into my soup kettle. One of the best buys I have ever made.

Lesley Jones

Tresillian Allotment Association Gallery 2025



Tresillian Village Improvement Group

By Helen Nicholson and Lesley Dobel

Throughout the lovely weather we have been experiencing this summer, the boat, planters and window boxes have looked so colourful thanks to the care of our volunteers who carry out weeding and watering to ensure the blooms stay fresh for everyone to enjoy. Whilst the shrubbery at the eastern end of the village doesn't require watering as the shrubs are now well-established, it does need a great deal of work by one of our volunteers to keep it weed free and the shrubs regularly pruned.

When the road through the village was widened in the early 1960's, two seating areas were created on the river bank below road level to enable people to sit and enjoy the view out of sight of the road. Sadly, over the years this area has become neglected, overgrown and forgotten until our volunteers were tidying up and came across the two platforms with the seats having long since rotted away. However, St Clement Parish Council have kindly donated a bench in memory of George Doherty who was a Parish Councillor at the time of his death. This bench has now been installed on the first of the platforms and we hope that it will be enjoyed by all those who walk along the river bank. We hope in the future to instal a second bench on the other platform.

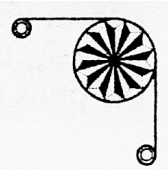
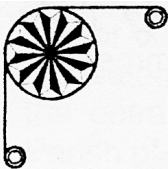
All this work is carried out by a number of regular volunteers but we'd love to welcome new people as many hands do make light work. For example, volunteers on the watering rota only have to do that job twice a year at the most – more volunteers would reduce this further.

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

Helen Nicholson and Lesley Dobel



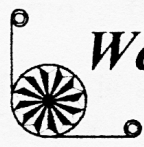
Please watch out for village improvement events on the village website www.tresillianvillage.co.uk as well as the notice board by Mary's Pasty Shop - everyone is welcome - and if you have any ideas for further enhancement of our village, or would like to be involved with our group, then please contact Helen Nicholson: helennicholson@resource24.net or telephone on 01872 520295.



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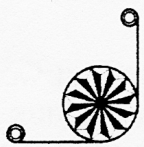
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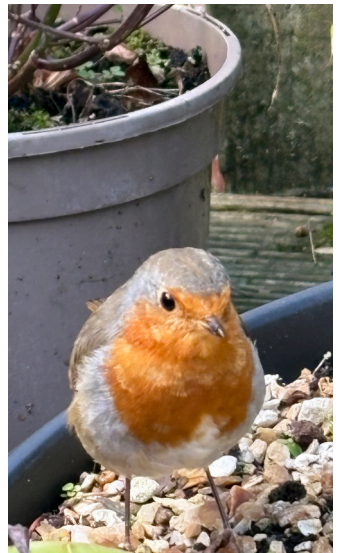
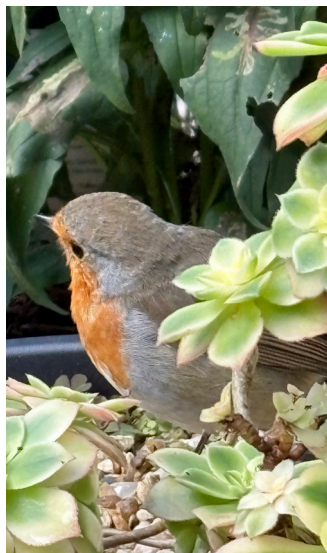
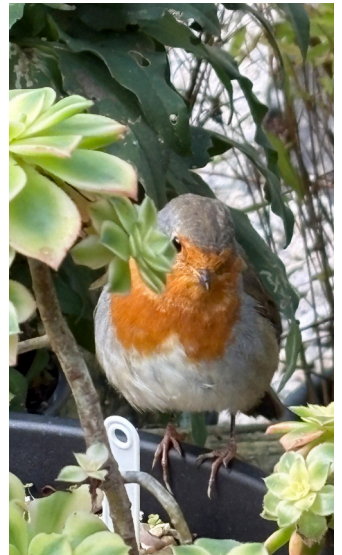
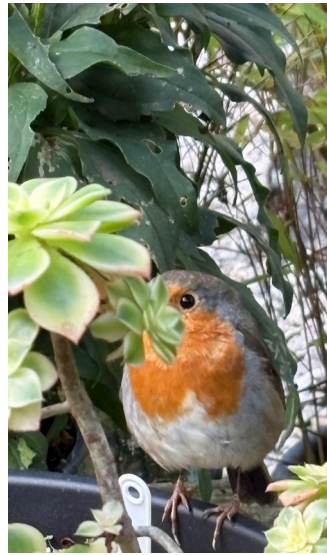
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Wildlife In And Around Tresillian



Charming, if cheeky little Robbin playing hide and seek close to Barbara Littlejohns whilst gardening

Tresillian Midi Group

By Shirley Anderson

What a glorious summer we had! Autumn is upon us! The Midi Group have only held one meeting since our last TRAM report which was our Annual General Meeting. The meeting was very well attended with twenty-nine members present.

Reports on a successful year were given by Ann W and Shirley A and Treasurer, Beryl, reported a healthy financial state. It was agreed that a donation from funds of £260 should be made to Cornwall Hospice Care.

The election of officers was made:-

Chair, Ann Winter; Vice-Chair, Susan Fraser; Secretary, Shirley Anderson; Treasurer, Beryl Wyatt. Committee Members: Pat Gluyas, Gaye Lush, Ann Staten.

The meeting was followed by entertainment by the Songsters of the Emerys Choir, St. Austell, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A collection of £118 was made for Mount Edgumbe Hospice and given to the Choir.

A delicious cream tea brought the afternoon to a close!

Our new year started on Tuesday, 2nd September, with a lunch at the Polgooth Inn when members had a delicious meal and good company.

Our first meeting in the Village Hall was on Tuesday, 16th September, when Jane Richardson spoke to us on Medical Detection Dogs.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned for the year ahead and new members are very welcome.

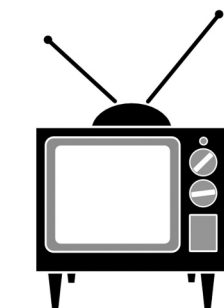
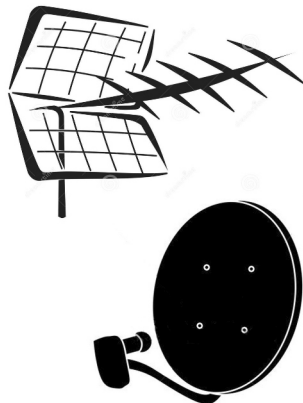
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Recollections of "Shamrock"

by Charles Olson

(Originally published in TRAM No. 10, March 1974)

A recent report in the "West Briton" mentioned the efforts of marine, historical and other bodies to discuss plans for the saving and restoration of the last vessel to trade under sail in the West Country. The 30 ton Tamar built ketch-rigged barge Shamrock was built at Stonehouse, Plymouth in 1899. All her life was spent mainly carrying loads of stone for road making to the little ports around the coasts of Devon and Cornwall and now she is beached in a Plymouth backwater.

She was a frequent visitor to Tresillian, bringing loads of crushed stone for the tar macadam plant which stood in the old Council Yard opposite Manor Cottage. The plant was moved some time after the last war as a result of petitions from the villagers.

Things came to a head when Mr Hawken Rowse, then a County Councillor and now Chairman of the new County Council, built a float to go in one of the Tresillian Carnival processions. The float was a model of the tar macadam plant labelled "The Monster" and as it went along it belched forth clouds of smoke and dust, being stoked by Hawken Rowse crouched under the model. At that time his parents lived at Manor Cottage and every time the tar macadam plant was lit up clouds of smoke and dust were blown along by the prevailing winds as far as Bunt's Garage. Life must have been rather difficult at Manor Cottage on "tarmac days".

I have many recollections of watching Shamrock coming up the river at high tide, her sails furled and a little engine "put-putting" away as she navigated the bends of the river. She was usually met at Malpas by Stan Jewell a council yard employee with a row boat far older than himself, he would row down to Malpas, hitch his boat up at Shamrock's transom, and act as pilot to Tresillian.

Sometimes the tide wasn't just right and Shamrock would tie up on the mud for a few hours until she was able to get to the quay at the Council Yard. Once tied up planks would be laid across to act as a gangway and the stone unloaded from the hold with a basket and a winch rope into barrows which were then wheeled to the stone dump. After unloading, her decks were brushed down, the hold battened down, and as soon as the water rose she set off again for the Plymouth quarries.

There often seemed to be a dog as part of the crew, generally sitting up near the bow to act as a lookout.

Shamrock was the last of her breed, the last of a long line of coasting ketches that brought an enormous amount of goods up the creeks and rivers of the West Country. They brought coal, timber, limestone, manure, fertiliser, grain and building materials to Tresillian but the trade began to fall away once the railway had established its many branch lines and goods stations.

I remember a rail journey some years ago, it must have been just after the last war and the coach was one of the old fashioned ones with framed photographs of beauty spots in Cornwall. One of those photographs was of Looe about 1900. Ladies in flowered hats and bustles, escorted by gentlemen in striped blazers and caps, were viewing the harbour at Looe crowded with little coasting ketches and fishing luggers. Right in the middle of the scene was Shamrock, gleaming with new paint, her masts still the original length, her decks neat and tidy.

I wish she were coming up the river tomorrow.

Charles Olsen





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Obituaries

Patricia Ann STEPHENS Passed away peacefully at Cathedral View on Thursday 14th August 2025. Pat aged 89 years of Tresillian.

A much-loved wife, mum, mother-in-law, granny and great granny who will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Family and friends were warmly invited to attend a celebration of Pat's life at Penmount Crematorium on Monday 1st September 2025 at 11am in Trelawny Chapel.

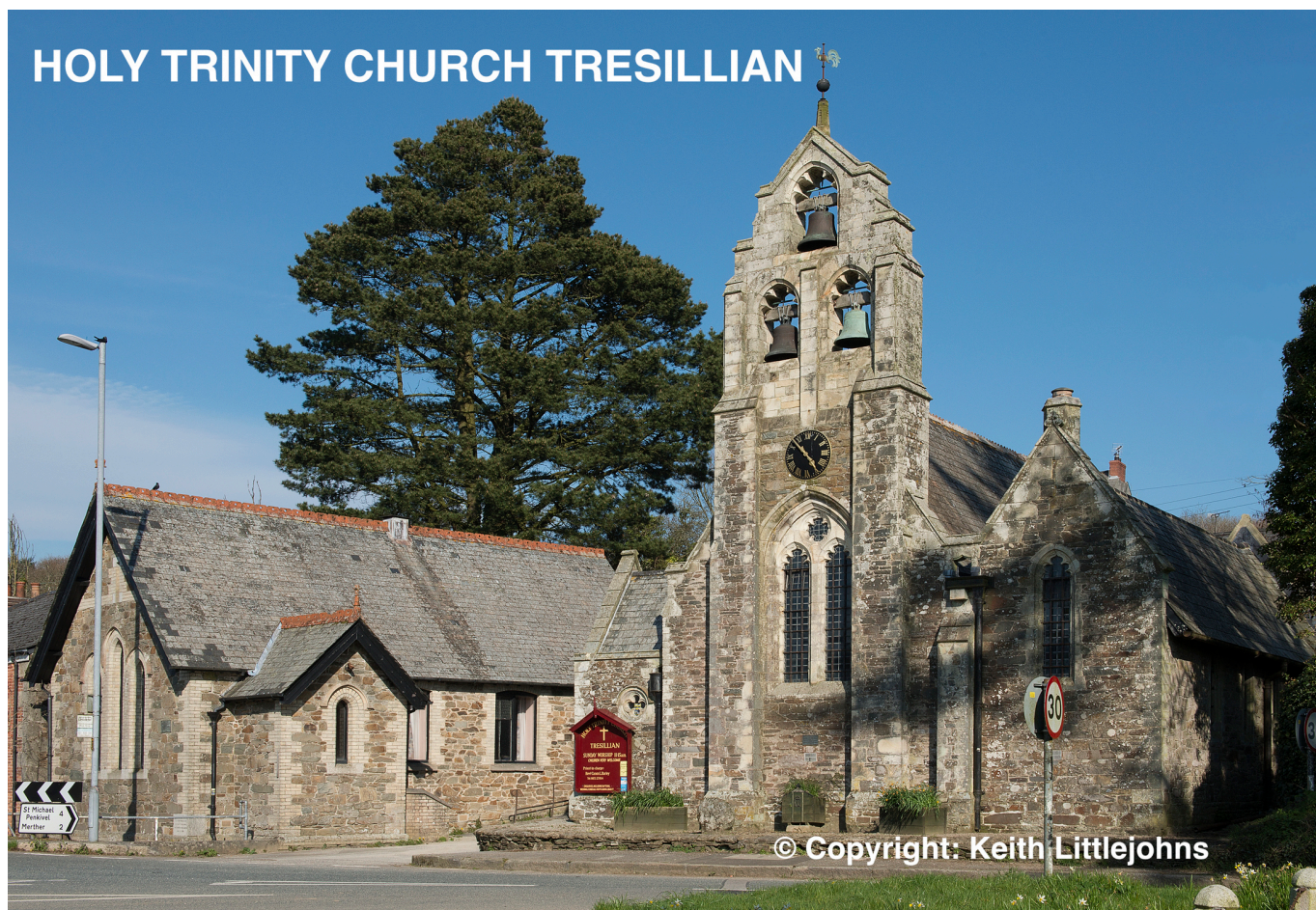
Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to a charity of your choice. Pat's was a life well lived.

Dennis Barnicoat and Son Funeral Directors, 17 Ferris Town, Truro, TR1 3JH. 01872 223200.

West Briton

Holy Trinity Church

Information supplied by www.holytrinitytresillian.org.uk



Sunday 7th September Morning Worship with Rev Caroline at 11.15 am

Monday 8th September Community lunch 12.00 for 12.30pm start. Book your place with Claire on 01872 520198 or call if you have already booked a place but are unable to come.

Sunday 14th September Holy Communion service with Rev Linda 11.15 am

Sunday 21st September Book of Common Prayer evensong at Lamorran with Rev Linda 3.00 pm

Sunday 28th September Holy Communion service with Rev Linda 11.15 am

Tresillian Methodist Chapel

By Helen Nicholson

We had a lot of fun at our Kingdom Builders Holiday Club in August – if you missed out and would like to join in, there is another chance on 28th September at 1030 am. Children created buildings in all sorts of ways and Steve from Minecraft had some tips each day!



Events at Tresillian Chapel



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

👉 Help reduce food waste 😊 Enjoy a hot drink in a Warm Space

👉 Meet some new people

There is a varied programme of services planned, with different styles of worship each Sunday at 11am. The popular café church is the first Sunday of every month – suitable for young and old, as long as you like cake!

Further information is advertised on the Facebook site WhatsoninTresillian or contact Helen Nicholson (520295).

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