



## Autumn 2022 Newsletter

**Welcome to our quarterly newsletter – what a wonderful summer we have had here in Trebetherick. Here are some of our main news items:**

### **TRA Summer Party**

TRA member Sarah McWhirter reports: “the annual Summer Party was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August in the beautiful wildflower meadow behind Undertown, by kind permission of Guy and Annabel Wilson. We are very grateful for the ongoing support for the summer party. The evening was blessed with warm sunshine and was very well attended with over seventy guests, both members of TRA and their friends.

Guests were served refreshing Pimm’s and wine together with some delicious canapés made by a TRA team.

Endellion Sharpe, Chairman of TRA, welcomed the guests and suggested that each person should speak to at least one person they didn’t already know, which was aided by name badges to help us remember!

Endellion then welcomed our special guests:

- Peter Goodman, Manager of the Stepper Point Coastwatch station, who has been involved in the campaign to install a further two new web cameras to the Stepper Point Coastwatch area, to complete their coverage of the mouth of the Estuary.

- Amanda Pennington and Alex Roads from the Friends of Wadebridge Leisure Centre CIC, representing the team who have worked hard to save the Leisure Centre from closure.

- Andy Stewart and Bev Samuels, our Beach Rangers who continue to work hard to keep the area safe after a particularly challenging start to the summer season in Polzeath. The Chairman then concluded with some very welcome news, introducing Jonathan and Judith Armstrong who had just completed the purchase of Trebetherick Stores, with the intention to re-open the shop once refurbishment is complete.

The Summer Party was deemed to be a great success due in no small measure to strong TRA support.”

### **Trebetherick Stores – an Update from the New Owners**

“We’d both like to thank everyone for the excellent reception and kind words at the TRA party after Endellion told you we had bought Trebetherick Stores. It has been a long process but we’re glad to have finally got there in the face of some tough opposition from determined developers. We’d also like to thank the kind people who have been to see us or stopped us in the street or on the coast path for a chat. For those of you who weren’t there we’re hoping to re-open the shop and offer some breakfast pastries, daily supplies, hot food, cakes etc. for the village and the wider community. We’re working on trying to restore the newspapers too. We’re hoping to tell you more about this and the new tenants soon. It will take some time to get the building to the standard we’d like but hopefully you’ve already noticed it looking a bit tidier and you’ll see the work on renovating the flat

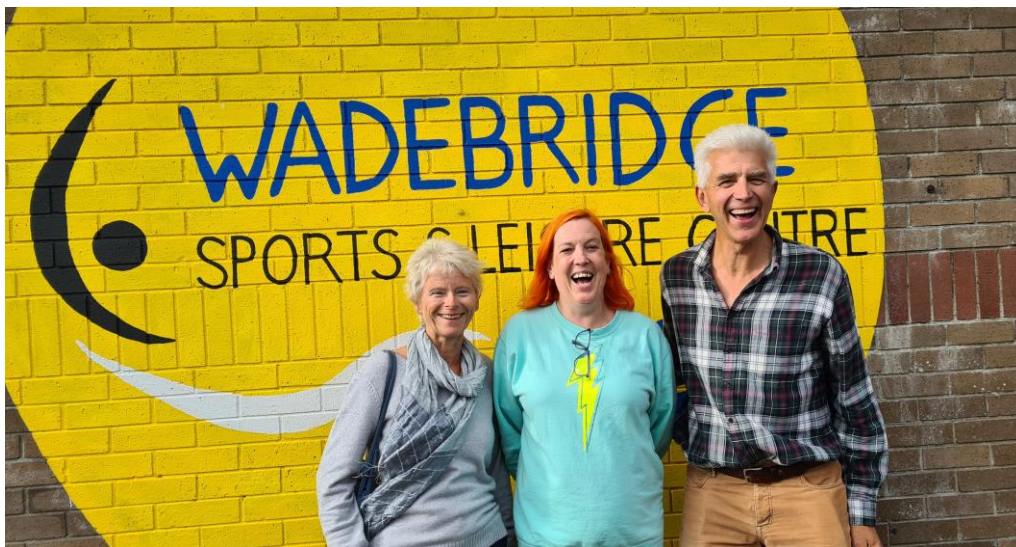
has started and the outside should be restored too in the next few weeks. The flat won't be a holiday let - we'll rent it out on a long-term lease to people who need to be in the area. We're happy to keep people updated, if they'd like us to, via the TRA newsletter you can follow our progress on our Twitter account here: <https://twitter.com/TrebStores> or Instagram here: <https://www.instagram.com/trebetherickstores/> We're hoping to have some news soon on some temporary facilities whilst the refurbishment is underway. Thank you all again for the kind wishes."

**Jonathan & Judith Armstrong**

## **Wadebridge Leisure Centre**

TRA Committee members Jonathan and Clare Beard attended the ceremonial reopening of the Wadebridge Sports and Leisure Centre after its takeover by the Friends of Wadebridge Leisure Centre CIC. The TRA was thanked by Amanda Pennington, the Mayor of Wadebridge, for their donation of over £5000, largely thanks to a very generous donation from a TRA resident who wishes to remain anonymous. This donation came at a vital time and ensured that the takeover from the Council could proceed without any delay.

Further information about the sports, gym and swimming facilities and their crowdfunding appeal can be found here: <https://www.wadebridgeslc.co.uk>



## **Donate the Rebate**

A Crowdfunder campaign has been launched in Cornwall to urge second-home owners to give away the £400 government energy rebate, for every household, to charity.

Estimates show that in Cornwall there are some 13,500 second homes, an average across the county of 5% of dwellings. However, this percentage varies markedly by Parish Council area: **St Minver Lowlands has the highest percentage of all: 42%**. Areas nearby are also relatively high: St Minver Highlands 36%, St Merryn 35%, St Endellion 30% and Padstow 28%, along with six Parish Council areas on the south coast of Cornwall which exceed 25%.

Based on the figure of 13,500 second homes, £5.4 million will be distributed by the government to second-home owners in Cornwall in the form of the energy rebate, which will show up as a deduction on energy bills over the next few months. This promise is not affected by the domestic price cap recently announced by the new administration.

As TRA members are aware, Cornwall is one of the most deprived areas in the country. Recent reports show a big increase in families seeking food parcels because of the cost-of-living crisis, and a growing lack of suitable housing for local people.

Clicking on the Cornwall link on the Donate the Rebate website suggests 4 charities in the county that could benefit from the scheme, along with GiftAid options. As many members will be aware, one of these, Cornwall Community Foundation, supports many local projects including the Wadebridge Foodbank on an ongoing basis. A number of national charities are also listed on the website. The Friends of Wadebridge Leisure Centre CIC are also launching a crowdfunding appeal to help with the soaring energy costs of heating the swimming pool.

**NB: Government energy rebates will be distributed automatically through your energy supplier, you do NOT have to apply. OFGEM is warning consumers against scammers; if you receive a message purporting to come from your supplier delete it immediately, DO NOT click on any links.**

### **Dogs on Beaches**

Cornwall Council is holding a consultation with residents, dog owners or not, to review current arrangements for dogs on beaches, as happens every three years. At present Cornwall has 148 beaches with no restrictions on dogs, including Daymer. A further 73 beaches have restrictions, typically 10am to 6pm during the summer months, including Polzeath. Four beaches ban dogs altogether.

To access the consultation survey and fill in the questionnaire, go to:

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/dogsonbeaches2022>

The consultation deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **Bird flu**

An 'Avian Influenza Prevention Zone' was declared by the government for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly at the end of August, along with other areas in the Southwest. The disease is highly unlikely to affect humans, including eating poultry or eggs from infected areas. An outbreak has since been detected on a poultry farm near Torpoint. Bird flu is contracted and spread by wild birds, including sea birds. This photo was taken recently at Mother Ivey's Bay on our side of Trevoze Head – one of 5 dead gannets seen washed up on the beach that day.



Here is some advice from DEFRA to reduce the risk of spreading bird flu:

- Do not touch dead or sick wild birds and keep dogs away from them.
- If possible, double wrap the bird in plastic bags, using the first bag to pick it up and dispose of it in a domestic or council rubbish bin. Preferably also use gloves and wash your hands afterwards.
- Report any dead bird of prey or any collection of 3 or more dead seabirds to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335 577
- If you keep chickens or other domestic birds, then report any suspected cases of bird flu to the DEFRA Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301

### **Cornish Choughs on Fishing Cove Field!**

A much happier bird story, and a triumph for conservation! The Cornwall Bird Watching and Preservation Society (CBWPS) reports that twenty years since a pair of choughs miraculously reappeared on The Lizard and bred successfully, in 2022 25 breeding pairs have produced 70 fledglings, bringing the Cornish population to around 200 birds. This amazing increase has been achieved with the help of dedicated volunteers as well as the hard work of nature-friendly farmers and landowners in providing suitable habitat for the chough. For many years extinct in Kernow, the chough is now spreading on coasts all over Cornwall.



### **TRA Website 2022**

Members may have noticed that the TRA website has undergone a redesign this year, although our website address remains unchanged: <https://trebetherick.org.uk>

The new website will contain information about the area, useful links, contact details for various Committee Members, the newsletters and details of forthcoming events.

One of the items under consideration is a planning update. This would be a faster way of alerting members than waiting for the next Newsletter. A recent Planning Application for the demolition and rebuild of Sandy Lodge can be found on Cornwall Council's website, but the date for receipt of comments has now passed.

**That concludes our last Newsletter for 2022. If you have any questions or newsworthy items for our 2023 New Year newsletter, then please email [TRAenquiries2022@gmail.com](mailto:TRAenquiries2022@gmail.com)**

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