



Summer 2023 Newsletter

Summer has arrived, heralded by a sunny and dry June with only a couple of days of decent rain to rescue our parched gardens and fields. Swallows and martins are back from Africa and busy rearing their first broods of the season. The hawthorn blossom at the beginning of June was spectacular and followed by a profusion of wildflowers, thanks to a cool wet spring.

Trebetherick Stores

Great news! Trebetherick Village Stores reopened on Friday 23rd June.



It has been a long haul, with numerous problems with the building along the way, culminating in a flood earlier in the week! We would like to thank Jonathan and Judith Armstrong for their investment and perseverance and wish Chris and Flo all the best. The interior layout looks marvellous and includes a delicatessen with an excellent selection of local cheeses, a coffee bar with homemade pastries and cakes, fresh fruit and veg, frozen ready meals and an off-licence, as well as newspapers.

Brisk trade was reported on the opening morning, and we urge all residents to make regular use of this valuable resource – use it or lose it! The Stores are open every day. You can follow their progress on Twitter: [@TrebStores](#) or Instagram: [@TebetherickStores](#)

Double yellow lines Along Dunders Lane

Members who contacted Cornwall Council with comments on their proposal to extend the double yellow lines from Polzeath all the way up to where Daymer Lane turns off at the top of Worthy Hill in Trebetherick, may already have been notified directly, but others will want to know that this plan is going ahead despite all our objections. But - following representations from the TRA Committee and other local residents, 10 parking spaces are to be allowed outside the Trebetherick Stores. Unfortunately, letters from the TRA Committee to the Parish Council and to Cornwall Council requesting that the scheme be scrapped because of the lack of any evidence to justify the proposal, the cost which would better be used for traffic calming measures (as we have been requesting for years), and the risk to pedestrians from increased traffic speeds appear to have been ignored. So much for local democracy...

Footpaths

Members of your Committee have been out and about clearing and inspecting our local footpaths, and fixing TRA roundels to all the new footpath signs which we funded last year. Unfortunately, we have found that the footpath from The Point to Pityme remains almost completely obstructed by tyres from the silage pit where it passes through Trewiston Farmyard, and now also by ingrowth of vegetation which is blocking the stile into the campsite. The footpath from Polzeath past Shilla Mill which then ascends up to Trebetherick Stores is also very overgrown with loss of the waymarks where it crosses farmland - also owned by Trewiston Farm. Both problems have been reported to the Parish Council and Cornwall Council Countryside Access Team.

Humpback Whales

Following the return of Cornish choughs to Fishermans' Field last year, now humpback whales! On 20 June a humpback whale was seen passing between the Rumps and The Mouls. Humpback whales are rarely seen from land. Numbers are starting to increase following the end of whaling sixty years ago, but even now the population is only around 20% of what it was in 1890. Let's hope extraordinary sights like this will become more common in future. Photo by John Garthwaite.



Daymer Bay Community Interest Company (CIC) – an Appeal!

After they had been closed by Cornwall Council, due to lack of finance, the TRA set up the Community Interest Company to reopen the public toilets at Daymer Bay. Following refurbishment, the toilets opened on 1st April 2019 and, apart from a brief period during the height of the Covid lockdown, they have remained open since then. The CIC is a non-profit-making organisation, and it depends on regular annual contributions of £3,000 each from three local sources: the beach shop, the car park owners, and the TRA. We also receive a few occasional generous personal contributions from individual TRA members.

Last financial year, April 2022- April 2023, it cost £30,000 to run the toilets. We received approximately £10,000 from the cash and card payments at the entrance doors. So far, we have managed to 'balance the books', but as we head into the current year, the effects of inflation are a source of worry. The costs of water and electricity, washing and cleaning, loo paper, repairs and maintenance, waste removal, particularly the removal of the contents of the septic tank, are all rising significantly, and we need to find a way of covering them. Our estimate is that we will need at least an additional £5,000 to cover our inflationary costs this year.

We are not the only ones suffering from these problems. Some of you will have seen from a recent article in The Cornish Guardian, that to meet their cost increases, all the public toilets in Newquay have had their entrance charges raised, from 20p to 50p; our entrance door charge is 40p. To date, our requests to St Minver Lowlands Parish Council to help with the shortfall have not met with success.

The national outcry against untreated sewage being discharged into the sea by water companies is bad enough but, if our local public loos close due to lack of support, we will be faced with our own crisis of human waste deposited on the beach and the dunes and we really must not let that happen!

So - please would you consider making a small contribution to the CIC?

Please make BACS payments to:

The Daymer Bay Community Interest Company

Account number 31545426

Sort code 40-45-10 (HSBC Wadebridge)

Please note 'The' at the beginning of the name! The banks have tightened up on matching payees' names precisely on any payments; neither kind donors nor the CIC treasury team needs the hassle of sorting out any problems with payments into the CIC account... Thank you.

St Minver Lowlands Parish Council Election

Following the resignation of Councillor Chris Boswell Mundy, who has moved to Wadebridge, the PC recently held an election for this casual vacancy. We were delighted that Tim Pethybridge, who lives in Trebetherick, applied for the position but following a ballot, the other candidate Mark Lawrence who lives in Rock, was appointed. So - we still have no local representation on the Parish Council, and it appears that they have no regard to appropriate geographical representation because there is no Councillor who lives in Polzeath either. That means that the residents in about half of the parish area have no representation on the Council!

St Kew Primary School

On 13th May, Jen Herzberg (wife of Joe, who undertakes the regular maintenance of the Daymer Bay loos, and daughter-in-law of Henry Herzberg, stalwart member of the TRA Committee) bravely undertook the Three Peaks 24-hour Challenge to raise funds for St Kew Primary School, which her children attend. This involves climbing the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales inside 24 hours: Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowden.

Jen is hoping to raise £8,000 to develop the outside space and fund playground equipment at St Kew Primary, with an 8-metre climbing wall top of the wishlist. Jen says of the school, *"It is such an amazing place for children to be not only educated but individually nurtured... Being active is so important for everyone's physical and mental health. Plus we're all aware of the positive benefits of being outdoors. The climbing wall will incorporate all aspects of wellbeing and the children will gain skills, confidence and have fun along the way."*

Congratulations to Jen for such a stunning achievement. She has a Justgiving Crowdfunding page for your contributions: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jen-herzberg-2>

Here she is with her team on top of Ben Nevis (wearing the blue headband):



St Minver School

Our nearest local primary school, of course! They are also raising funds to paint markings on their newly surfaced playground: netball court etc. Echoing what Jen says above about the importance of children being active, St Minver School is also keen to start a 'lending library' of equipment such as balls, skipping ropes and hula hoops for the children to use at home (or on the beach!). New or second-hand items can be donated at the school itself on Rock Road, before the summer term ends on 21st July, or financial donations either at the school, or to the school's bank account:

Lloyds TSB PLC

AAT Aspire Academy Trust

St Minver School

Account number; 37474060 sort code; 30-97-28

When transferring funds, please use the reference **STM ACTIVE** so that the Academy Trust's finance department can allocate the funds correctly to St Minver School, thank you.

Eden Geothermal Heating Project

Gus Grand, who is a member of the TRA Committee, is also the CEO of Eden Geothermal Limited (EGL). EGL in collaboration with the Eden Project has drilled a well more than three miles down into the underlying granite, making it the deepest geothermal well in the UK. The system came online on 20th June and will heat the rainforest biome and the nursery that grows the plants for the project as well as food for all the visitors.



Eden Project co-founder Sir Tim Smit with Eden Geothermal Ltd CEO Gus Grand, with the heating system. Photo reproduced from The Times.

Diana Barnes 1944-2018

If any TRA member knew this lady, please contact us via the website:
TRAenquiries2022@gmail.com

SkyBar Event

SkyBar, who run pop-up events, are planning to return to our area on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 August. Their events feature live music and DJs, themed bars and street food for about 500 people, with parking for about 150 cars.

Tickets are available online for all their events: <https://sky-bar.co.uk/>

In the past few years, this event has been held at The Point but this year the location has moved to the field owned by Trewiston Farm behind Trebetherick Stores, because of development work on the site of the old airstrip at The Point. We have inspected the event site, which is down the hill away from houses along the road, with the organisers, who have assured us that the event will be well organised with good security. Sgt Lee Holley, who heads up the Bodmin and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Teams, has also been made aware of the event.

TRA Summer Party 2023

Our annual summer party will take place on Saturday 26th August, 6-8pm, in the wildflower meadow down the turnoff just beyond Undertown near the bottom of Daymer Lane, by very kind permission of Guy and Annabel Wilson. The 'What3Words' location is 'revives.vaulting.fruitcake'

The party is free to paid-up TRA Members, but if you wish to bring any non-members with you as your guests, they will be invited to sign up as Associate Members on the night and to pay their annual subscription of £5. Our Treasurer will have the forms ready!

Please note that there are no parking or toilet facilities, but both are available at the Daymer Bay car park.

That's all for this Summer's Newsletter. The TRA Committee hope that you have a wonderful Summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our party.

If you have any questions, important news or wish to let us know about a problem in our area, then please email TRAenquiries2022@gmail.com

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