



## Spring 2024 Newsletter

**A happy New Year to everyone – The relentless storms over the Christmas period certainly left their mark with heavy rain and regular wind speeds of over 60mph recorded in North Cornwall. This has left waterlogged fields, eroded sand dunes and storm damage to many trees, buildings and caravans.**

**Here are three important Spring dates for your 2024 diaries:**

### **Annual General meeting**

The TRA AGM will take place on the evening of *Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March* at the Perceval Institute in St Minver. Formal proceedings will start at 6.30pm and last for about an hour. Members are warmly invited to come along at any time from 5.30pm for drinks and nibbles, and to meet fellow Trebetherick residents. The AGM papers will be emailed to you 3 weeks in advance, with the opportunity to add items to the agenda.

### **Easter Beach Clean**

Our usual Easter beach and footpath clean-up will take place *Easter Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00-12.00*. Clare and Jonathan Beard will have gloves, bags and pickers for you to collect at the top of the steps to the beach. There will be Easter Egg treats for all so bring family and/or friends.

### **Easter Art Exhibition**

We are delighted to announce that Patricia Glasswell and Clare Beard are organising another art exhibition. It will be held at An Mordros, on the Greenaway, where we had the exhibition in 2021, and thanks once again to Patricia and John Glasswell for offering their house as a venue.

On *31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday)* Patricia will host an evening drinks party and preview for TRA members and families. The Exhibition will run for three days starting on *Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, and ending on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April*, opening at 10am and closing at 4pm each day.

If any budding or experienced artists or sculptors amongst our members would like to take part, please telephone Clare on 07973 563331.

Once again, we will be raising money for Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Daymer Bay Loos.

## **Christmas Eve Carols at St Enodoc Church**

You might not think that a sleepy church in the middle of a North Cornish golf course would merit a big screen in the churchyard to broadcast the service taking place inside – we are not talking the coronation here - but for the annual carol service on Christmas Eve at St Enodoc, you would be wrong. Anyone showing up later than 2.15pm for a 3pm start did not get a seat inside, apart from possibly a kneeler in the bell tower or in the chancel. For everyone else, it was a question of jostling for standing room only in the porch or joining the massing ranks in the churchyard. At first the atmosphere out there was one of slightly disgruntled confusion. Although carol sheets did make their way outside, picking up the start and pulse of the first carol, let alone the right key made for hesitant singing which, hilariously, bore little relation to what was happening inside! But as soon as the first lesson was announced, enterprising 20-somethings clad in Dryrobes, wellies and festive antlers whipped out their phones, found chapter and verse and took turns to read reverentially and beautifully to the hushed and attentive crowd. Shortly afterwards a distinguished-looking man, with evident musical training, started to conduct us from the porch and the singing became less ragged - apart from 'While Shepherds Watched' to the Wesleyan Lyngham tune, which disconcerted visitors unfamiliar with its meandering ways. Phones continued to be passed around to different readers and we all felt part of a very special and unforgettable celebration of Christmas. 'Go tell it on the mountain' was sung with particular gusto. In my mind it will now always be 'Go tell it on the golf course' – that spoken news of the first Christmas reimagined for 2023. Our thanks to Charlotte Obolensky for this report.



## **St Minver Community Hub**

The St Minver Community Hub has been awarded a Shared Prosperity Fund grant of £600,000, which This brings the total funds raised and pledged to some £900,000. This will enable construction of the new Community Hub Building in Trewint Playing Fields to commence this year and to be in use by the end of 2024. This is a tremendous milestone for the project that was envisaged over 10 years ago and for which fund raising has been underway for 5 years.



The new building will not only provide the facilities to secure the future of the Scouts, Guides, Football Club and Health Hub but also provide a modern, fully accessible, energy efficient, space that will be at the heart of the St Minver Lowlands community (which includes Trebetherick).

## **Daymer Bay Community Interest Company (CIC)**

Following the closure by Cornwall Council of the public toilets at Daymer Bay, the TRA agreed in 2016 to set up a community interest company to re-open them. After two years of negotiation, and alterations were made inside the building while new Propelair toilets were fitted to reduce water consumption, the CIC signed a lease with Cornwall Council, and the building re-opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. From then until now, a period of nearly five years, the toilets have remained open, apart from a few weeks during the outbreak of the Covid pandemic.

The CIC continues to face constant challenges such as, lack of finance, drains blocking due to misuse by the public, vandalism, some users avoiding payment,

repairs to the building fabric, and the increase in costs of consumer materials, cleaning, and waste removal. Consequently, the CIC is only able to continue to function with the generosity of financial contributions, both large and small, made by TRA members. Anyone wishing to help with a contribution should send their donation to:

*The Daymer Bay Community Interest Company, A/N: 31545426, S/C; 40-45-10*

The chairman of the CIC, Henry Herzberg, is retiring on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, when he will also retire from the TRA Committee, and will be replaced by Edward Green, who has kindly agreed to take on both these roles. Other new members of the CIC Directors Board will also be required at this time, so if any TRA member would like to volunteer to join the CIC Board of Directors, please do apply to either Henry Herzberg, [henry@henryherzberg.com](mailto:henry@henryherzberg.com), while he is still in office, or to Edward Green, [edwardjgreen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardjgreen@gmail.com), after Easter. Edward will continue to be supported by Michael Somers, Finance Director, and Priscilla Baxter, Company Secretary, and the building will continue to be managed by Joe Herzberg, dealing with all day-to-day matters on site.

Thank you to all TRA members for their continuing support in keeping the toilets open.

### **Daymer Lane Problems**

Several residents of Daymer Lane have complained about the Lane being narrowed by excessive ingrowth of hedges and trees. This makes walking down the narrow lane even more hazardous. The middle section of the lane is the worst affected and the problem is caused by residents who have not cut back their hedges and also self-seeded saplings on the verges. We notified St Minver Lowlands Parish Council and CC Highways Department about the problem 6 months ago but thus far, no action has been taken. Would all residents of Daymer Lane please ensure that their hedges or trees are not overhanging the Lane, and also report any other obstructions to the CC Highways Department

**That's the end of this Winter's Newsletter.**

**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](mailto:TRAenquiries2022@gmail.com)**

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