

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS, DECEMBER 2009

Dear Member

As we approach the end of the year and approach our AGM, we want to bring you up to date with all that's going on.

This has been an eventful year. After much negotiation with Restormel Borough Council, we finally signed the transfer document on March 31st – the last day of the council's life! We now own the freehold of Trenance Cottages and a small amount of land surrounding them. This means we have been able to press ahead with our application for funds to continue and complete our project.

We are currently half way through the bidding process for funds from Heritage Lottery which, if successful, will give us a large part of the money we need. The cottages are unique in Cornwall because they are able to show 19th Century dwellings in an almost unaltered state. We shall add a modern extension at the back to enable community use, but the emphasis underpinning all we do will be on heritage. We will show the public the history of the cottages, telling the story of the people who lived here – how they lived and what they did. The wider story of Newquay's development will also be told. Because we shall need an income to cover overheads, maintenance, etc., we plan to run a shop selling quality goods and local wares including produce and craftwork, and also a Tearoom/Teagarden with an emphasis on the period setting.

Even with the grant funding, we shall still need more money, so we shall continue to put on events in Trenance Gardens. As a member, you are very important to us. Membership is still just £3 per person per year, and in 2010, as well as receiving a half-yearly Newsletter, members will be invited to come and look around the cottages, hear about our plans and ask any questions.

The Open Days, for members only, will be on the 17th & 18th of April. We do hope you will join us. Full details will be sent nearer the time.

Please remember to renew your membership – it's due on 31st March! Children up to 16 are free. Corporate membership is £25 per year. Please send your payment, using the slip below, (cheques payable to "Friends of Trenance Cottages") to the Honourary Treasurer, Reg Warman, at Woodlands Farm, Lane, Newquay, TR8 4NY, enclosing a SAE.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IF KNOWN (it's on your card!):

E-MAIL:

Are you willing to help out at events? If you tick YES, we will contact you.

Also this year, our chairman Ted O'Dell decided to resign from the Friends in order to concentrate on the immensely time consuming work with our two non-profit companies, Trenance Cottages CIC and Trenance Cottages Newquay (of which he is managing director). Mavis Warman is the acting chairman.

Our events this year were great fun as usual - Sponsored Walk, Spring Fayre, Crazy Golf, Jazz in the Park, Picnic in the Park, Johnny Cowling's Gospel Show and the highly successful Santa's Grotto. In addition, Lane Theatre gave us their takings for a performance of 'Girls'Night' – we are very grateful.

EVENTS IN 2010

We will be planning more events in the new year. Please watch out for details.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CHAIRMAN , Mavis Warman

On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank you all for your tremendous effort over the past year in all our fund-raising events, which will continue apace to raise our contribution towards the Heritage Lottery grant. Any outside fund-raising events which contribute to the cottages funds are always very welcome. Thank you to Ted for standing as chairman of the Friends of Trenance Cottages from the beginning. The committee is very aware of the workload still needed to bring to fruition the dream of opening the cottages to the public.

To all our future members we are offering a special Christmas membership deal of joining anytime between now and 31/3/2010 for £3 to run until March 31st 2011. This will enable new members to attend our special open day of the cottages in March.

We look forward to your attendance at the AGM on Jan 19th at 7.30pm at the Heron Centre, Newquay, where the Friends will vote in members nominated for the Executive Committee and be presented with a Financial Report. This will be followed by an Open Meeting.

Please use the slip below for nominations and provide signatures from the proposer and seconder. Completed slips must be returned to the secretary by 12th January.

Kind regards and a very Happy Christmas/New Year.

Mavis Warman, Acting Chairman, Friends of Trenance Cottages

NOMINATION FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMITTEE 2010/11

(Nominations are invited for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer + extra members of the Executive)

Present officers are: Acting Chairman Mavis Warman, Vice Chairman (vacancy), Secretary Chris Blount, Treasurer Reg Warman, Publicity Officer Jill Willmott.

**Extra Executive members: Jan Taggart, Frank Kneebone,
Norman Thompson, Ron and June Fullwood, John Rainbow, Jan Dent, Graham
Willmott, Stella Jenkin and Sue Miles.**

**I hereby nominate.....for the post of
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Signed..... Telephone number:.....

Seconded by.....

Signed..... Telephone number.....

Please return this slip to the Secretary:

Chris Blount, 42 Penmere Drive, Newquay, TR7 1QQ, by 12th January.

If your name appears above and you have not yet indicated whether you wish to stand
again, and you will not be at the AGM, please let me know. Thanks, CB. (872402).