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EDITORIAL

All are getting weary with severe social restrictions for another month. But we find various ways to deal with the difficulties of lockdown life.

In this issue we have reflections on the natural world and the countryside around us. We have reports of an unexpected delivery and learning challenges in and out of school.

Public bodies are busy trying to keep essential services going. Chacewater Parish Council reveals what gets done locally for the cost of a single Police Officer's annual salary.

Work is underway to create a big Community Garden and a new Car Park. A pétanque/boules ground has been designed and built for all to enjoy on the Millennium Green. The Bear hunt is a success and new contests are launched.

So, there are reasons to be hopeful. British Summer Time begins at the end of March. Let's look forward to improving social contacts as Springtime approaches.

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IN BRIEF

Some really good news, the **Post Office** is back, thanks to Colin Hook, and welcome. Open Monday and Wednesday 9.00 till 12.00 in the W.I. Hall. Like they say, use it or lose it!

More good news, considering so much has been shelved at the moment, we should be proud of the progress made

on improvements around the Parish. For example, the new **car park and community garden**:- slightly delayed but work has begun; the **pétanque pitch**:- done. Repairs to the unmade road at Wheal Busy:- done. Progress at the **Observatory**, slow but more due to lack of funds than anything. Last but by no means least, planning permission applied for **Chacewater Recreation Centre**.

More good news, following requests from residents, it has been agreed by the Parish Council to allow dogs on leads onto the **Millennium Green**. It's temporary, six months, to be sure respect is given to all users of the Green. PLEASE pick up after your dog, and enjoy the safe environment.

Some sad news, we are very sorry to report the end of an era for **Chacewater Football Club**, with the death **Donald Smith**. A great stalwart of the club, who will be fondly remembered by many.

Young Holly's brilliant **Bear Hunt** plan has helped many enjoy some time outdoors. Two hunters have tracked down all the bears and won trophies. Another 16 have got certificates for their "bags". Well done! Look up **Chacewater bear hunt** online for more.

Spring is on the way, let's hope for some lovely weather to enjoy. Bulbs are bursting to break out of the ground to show themselves, a bit like all of us. Here is hoping for a return to some sort of normal, so polish up your boule, and ready your spades, there is a lot of work and fun to be enjoyed and much to look forward to.



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NEW TERRAIN

A new pétanque ground has been made beside the new path at the top end of the Millennium Green. The work was done like this in the last week of January.



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Day 2 : The hard-core was levelled and compacted to get a good sub-surface. It rained a lot.



Day 3 : Another 4.5 tonnes of shale grit was brought in and flattened with a whacker plate to create a good playing surface.



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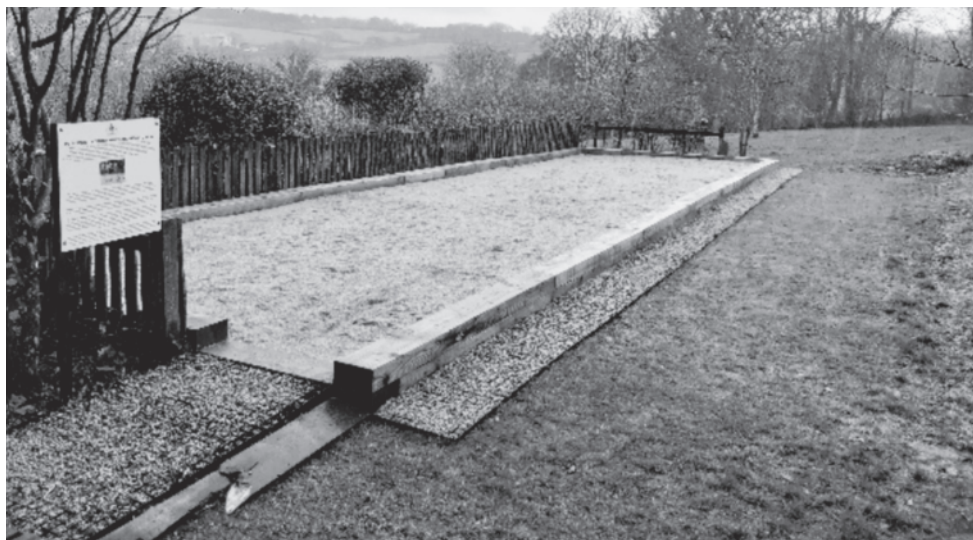
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WHAT HAVE 'THEY' BEEN UP TO?

Potholes at Wheal Busy

By the time this article is read - and with all fingers and toes crossed for some good weather - 14 tonnes of planings will have been delivered and deployed to 5 different locations around the Wheal Busy site, where some of the potholes look more like craters. A pile of planings will be left behind on this occasion to allow local residents to fill more holes as and when they occur. The snag here is that the main entranceway into Wheal Busy is classified as an "Un-adopted" Lane and so requires local effort to maintain. Volunteers are therefore key to its long-term material condition.

Pétanque Anyone?

If you have taken a walk up to the Millennium Green lately, you may have noticed a shiny new pétanque court has been built by our lovely volunteers. A full article explains more.

Community Car Park & Garden

Work on the site has been delayed slightly due to this awful wet weather we have been having. However, it is looking very likely that work will commence on 01 March 2021. The first stage will be to form the new car park entrance and get some hardcore laid. This will enable deliveries of materials etc. to be made without causing excess mud on the road. The second stage will then start levelling out the area to form a foundation for the car park. This is a community

project and volunteers are, as always welcome (and encouraged) to get involved where possible. Many hands make light work as they say! Please get in touch with the Parish Council if you are able to lend a hand or some tools.

Chacewater Recreation Centre

As many of you will be aware, the planning application for this site has now been submitted to Cornwall Council. Please see centre pages for full details on this exciting project.

Dogs in the Millennium Green



The Parish Council and friends of the Millennium Green have discussed the requests from residents to allow dogs in the Millennium Green. They have agreed that dogs may

be allowed however, they MUST be kept on a lead. This decision will be reviewed in 6 months, so we hope that dog owners are responsible, follow the rules and PLEASE pick up after your dogs!

ILLEGAL OFF-ROAD ACTIVITY – Wheal Busy

A definite spike in off-road activity has been witnessed recently along the Bridleway that passes the Observatory for Cornwall and down towards the Station Road viaduct. So, the Parish Council has worked with Tregothnan Estates with a view to placing boulders

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at the start and end of this particular route. Last year it cost our Community a significant sum of money to bring this particular Bridleway area back up to standard and so we do not want all our efforts going to waste just so a few inconsiderate people can have fun in the mud!

A few signs have also been deployed in an effort to influence change across our Public Rights of Way (PRoW) infrastructure.





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TRURO FOODBANK PART 2

The previous article provided information about what Truro Foodbank does and how to receive assistance from us if you are in food crisis. This time there is some information about what types of item people can donate and where they can do this.

If a customer comes to a Trussell Trust foodbank like Truro, the food parcel they receive will contain essential foods plus some other items. There is a pick list provided to us from nutritionists at Trussell Trust who assessed what amount and range of food items should go into a food parcel containing 3 meals a day for 3 days per person in the household. The volunteers follow this pick list when packing up the food to be given out. A typical food parcel will therefore contain:

- Tinned meats, fish, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, baked beans, pudding
- Tea, coffee, milk, fruit juice, biscuits, cereals
- Pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereals

Occasionally we will be asked to supply food for a customer that is vegetarian or vegan. We do have a special diet box which can contain lentils, specific vegan branded food, oat milk, gluten free items. We can only do this because generous donors have thought about what to put in our donation bins. These days there are a number of food support organisations around but a customer coming to a Trussell Trust foodbank will receive a

balanced diet of mixed food items recommended by a nutritionist.

The main reason that 60% of people come to Truro Foodbank is low income. In these times many people are struggling financially because of reduced hours, loss of job (especially in hospitality work), debt etc.. We work on the assumption that if a person is struggling to buy food for the table they will not be able to buy other household items. Furthermore, some customers have pets, and many would feed their pet as a priority before themselves. It always amazes and heartens me to see what the public donate. There is an assumption that foodbanks supply baked beans and potatoes: yes, we do but the public know we supply so much more and they generously donate a wide range of items including:

- household items such as washing up liquid, laundry liquid or powder, cleaning products
- hygiene items such as shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet roll
- pet food for dogs or cats

There are Truro Foodbank food donation bins in the Truro branches of Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose, Co-op and Barclays. Since the start of Covid the supermarket store managers have kindly agreed to allow us to have an A frame display board on the way in to Tesco, Sainsbury and Waitrose. This enables shoppers to see if there are any specific items we might be starting to run short of. People definitely do read these notices because the items

requested certainly end up in the donation bins!

Different foodbanks have different facilities. As we do not have fridge space at the moment we do not ask for fresh or chilled items. Please bear this in mind when donating milk or fruit juice. Longlife items from normal

shelves are great for us, but please do not put any chilled juices in the donation bin. Many thanks to everyone that has donated food to us; you have really helped thousands of people to get through the last year. Thank you.

A GOOD WALK

Continuing the theme of using the **cornwalltrails.net** website whilst in lockdown to remind the Chacewater community of good walks around our area, the following trek (marked Number 2 on the orange arrows you see on lamp posts, tree trunks, etc.) offers a really good route to north, east, and west of the Parish.

THE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & HERITAGE “LOOP”

Due to its length and occasional gradients, this walk is quite challenging. It starts with a lovely little stroll out of the main village settlement, along the Carnon River at Riverside before emerging onto Station Road and going north towards Blackwater. After about 100 metres fork right down a Bridleway towards Jolly's Bottom. Crossing the river again, look out for the orange arrow in the thicket that navigates you right, uphill and across the main London to Penzance railway line.

Once over the railway line, continue on around the bend for about a hundred yards and turn right up towards the



Kea Downs road. Here turn left for a straight half mile trek - watch out for traffic which can be quite speedy along this stretch - stopping occasionally to take in the distant views from the ridge



road. Eventually, you come to a point just before the main A30 flyover, where you turn left. Then you descend about a third of a mile before coming back to a crossing on Station Road, near a partial wetland that is an officially designated Cornwall Wildlife Site (CWS).

You are about half-way now and you could return left towards Chacewater if you choose! However, most would want to cross straight over Station Road and up towards the wooden-sided railway bridge, catching a glimpse of the 7-Arched Viaduct to the

left as you go. Having paused to wave at the train passing below (as we used to!) head on up another 200 metres and turn left at a small cross roads on this rural road. [At the crossroad you may consider taking a slight detour to the right and visit the Grade II* Listed Wheal Busy Chapel (1863), 100 metres along the Devoran to Portreath cycle route.]



Returning to the crossroad, go straight over and turn right, down a bridleyway to the Great Wheal Busy Down. Turn left along a tree-tunnelled bridleyway. At the end is a metal field-gate from where you can take in the real majesty of the surrounding countryside and glimpse both railway viaducts that cross the valley bottom in the distance. Be sure not to miss the two white domes in the field to the left that identify the Observatory for Cornwall

Astronomical site, now-abandoned but which is gradually being brought back to life by a few caring volunteers.

Turn right and right again as you come down through the Downs and eventually link with the Wheal Busy Lane; turn left at the large boulders for another half mile walk back into Chacewater village. Be careful of the road if you intend to go back to your starting point at the car park.

Distance: Just over 4 miles (so allow roughly 2 hours and a bit for this walk)

Terrain: This one can be quite challenging due to distance and terrain.

WRITING COMPETITION

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DON'T DELAY - WRITE IN TODAY

"MIDWIFE MIKE TO THE RESCUE!"

It's amazing how quickly backache can transform into full blown labour when you're 2 weeks from your due date! Well that's exactly what happened to me during the first lockdown. After nesting all week, cleaning anything and everything (including the inside of the washing machine drum), I finally ticked off 'hoover the lounge' from my 'to do list' at about 10pm on Saturday 6th June.

Being eight and half months pregnant with my second child, I went to bed tired but had some uncomfortable backache so decided to listen to some calming, breathing exercises on my phone, that I had from my hypnobirthing app. I used my husband's super-effective noise-cancelling headphones and that was it, I was in the zone. Before I knew it 10pm had turned into 3am and, after the second round of breathing exercises, I suddenly realised that I may have actually just breathed my baby down the birthing canal (all while my husband Mike was peacefully sleeping next to me and blissfully unaware of the drama that was about to unfold).

"Mike, Mike" I panted, as I tried to stand up in the bedroom doorway, turning on the bright spotlights and explaining I might need to call the hospital, as the contractions were starting to feel quite strong. Poor Mike, he woke up startled and confused, like I'd just told him someone had stolen his car, took one look at me and said "I don't think we have time". I let out a primal grunt and we both knew from my previous



birth that only meant one thing.....
...I was about to have a baby!

Mike quickly got dressed, rang our brother in law in Carharrack to come and get our 5-year-old daughter Sophie (who was also asleep and blissfully unaware of what was happening) and rang 999 for an ambulance. The operator then told Mike to get some towels, some shoes laces, which he frantically ripped from his trainers and a safety pin. Like an episode of The Generation Game gone badly wrong, we suddenly realised what we were both about to do.

The operator was amazing and talked us through the whole birth while keeping us both calm. Just 14 minutes after we made the initial call, our son James was born at 3:45am on our bed.

Mike was such a fantastic support and delivered our son with his bare hands, something even the midwife at Treliske said she had never done without gloves.

The ambulance arrived and without waking our neighbours Paul and Linda or Dani and Nina, we were taken to the hospital to be checked over. Mike followed in the car 10 mins later.....
..as he had to re-lace his shoes again first!

Both mother and baby were fine, James weighed 7lb 6oz and the nurses at Treliske were brilliant. They all congratulated Mike as much as they congratulated me and after a few more hours finally we went home to introduce James to his big sister Sophie.

Eight months on and we still have no idea what the shoe laces or safety pin were for!

Natalie Ellis

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A new community building for Chacewater



As most people are aware Chacewater Parish Council in partnership with South West Community Builds have been designing a new building for the Recreation Ground, to replace the old Football pavilion and toilet block.

Over the past 2 years the team have identified the needs of the parish and have been designing a building that is within the financial reach of the community. It was identified early in the process that the building needed to be much more than a couple of changing rooms for the football team to use once a week and it needs to be an energy efficient building beyond current building standards.

There was clearly a need for more activity space, not only for the community but for the school too. It also showed that all age groups could benefit more from a larger building that could encompass more opportunities for clubs and organisations to form.

The building has been designed to reflect these needs and so the new Chacewater Recreation Centre was formed. It includes a double height sports training hall with an indoor

artificial climbing wall; this sports area is large enough for badminton, circuit training, dance classes as well as being long enough for indoor archery competitions (National standard). Also, on the ground floor are public toilets, showers, a small kitchen, and two FA compliant changing rooms.

The first floor is for crafts, recreation, arts, music, and therapy. The large room is called the "Messy" room designed for messy activities! There are two smaller multipurpose rooms which can be used for activities like one-to-one therapy sessions, musical instrument lessons, small meetings, and NHS support sessions. The first floor can be accessed either by the platform lift between the two floors, an external staircase from the recreation ground or by a ramp from the school. The ramp from the school allows the pupils to access the building for music lessons (in the soundproof room), confidential meetings with external agencies and parents, large group sports sessions in the main hall (including climbing), extracurricular clubs as well as breakfast and afterschool clubs. All these opportunities will enhance the

pupil's lives and allow them to discover new sports and recreational activities.

The building has been designed to be a low-carbon building, in line with the Chacewater Neighbourhood Development Plan, and it is envisaged that it will be zero carbon in its energy use. The building will have 10KW of solar PV on the roof with battery storage and will utilise an air source heat pump to provide hot water and heating. The lighting will be LED and it will include A+ rated windows, doors, and appliances. The building itself will have high levels of insulation and a heat recovery ventilation system.

The planning permission has now been submitted and we would

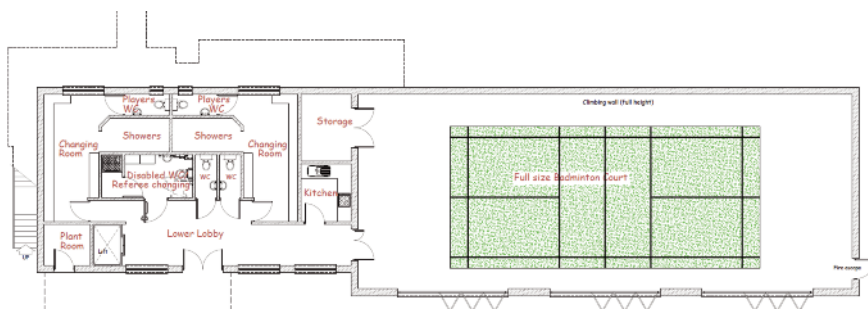
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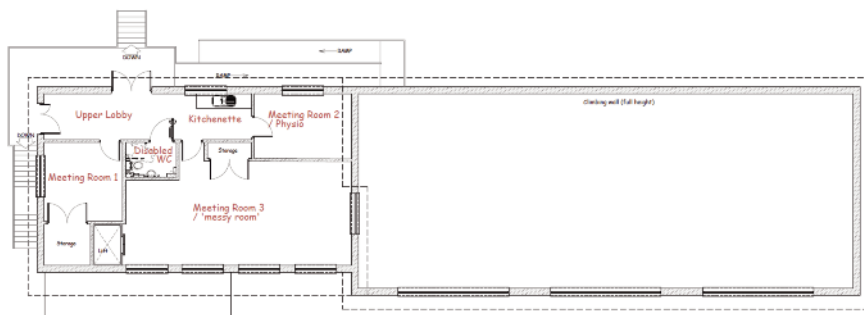
The funding for the project will be through a range of local and national grant funders, local donations, business sponsorship, and fundraising.

Paul Bearham

Director of South West Community Builds



Ground floor plan



First floor plan

BUSY LIFE PART 2

There are people amongst us who would like to see the Busy turned into a lovely walking parkland complete with cafe and dry pathways. I am not sure how I feel about this, although it must be said a nice bench up at the top looking across the Busy towards the Carn Marth mast, capturing the view of the stacks wouldn't go amiss. There are also people amongst us

Cornwall left, that you can walk your dog and very rarely meet another person, and even then, if you do, you can be fairly sure they will be local folk, happy for a chat. Maybe it cannot be compared to our beaches or Bodmin Moor, but it is still a wild place. It can be muddy and wet. Sometimes you cannot see in front of your face for drizzle. I would like to say



An ideal bench position

who would like to see it as a ground where they can drive their four wheel drive off roaders and bikes up and down the rough tracks, I know how I feel about this. Lately, I have discovered a new group who would like to see it turned into a drone race course, with its unique whining noise which can be heard all over the Busy, driving my dog crazy. I am not overly keen on this either.

Personally, I love it as it is, minus the odd dumped tyre and lazily left dog mess. It is one of the few places in

it is unspoilt, but of course it is totally spoilt by man.

There is hardly a square foot which hasn't at some time in the past been dug up or moved. There is hardly any top soil left and the ponds are such that you think twice about letting your dog venture into.

It is wise also to keep to what paths there are, if you stray off them, it's not far before you reach an old caged off mine shaft opening or something which resembles a crater, which if you

do care to venture to the top will either find another metal cone or just some rubbish which must have taken some effort on someone's part to haul in there.

There are three main ponds, the main one everyone knows, nothing much growing in it, an old pallet and a discarded body board. It's always a murky brown. Some people let their dogs swim in it, I am not so sure, not only for what base chemical is possibly dissolved in it, and what hidden obstacles could be lying beneath in the form of glass or metal. In my years here, although I have seen it low in the summer, never yet have I seen it dry. I suppose it cannot be that toxic, I do see tadpoles in it during the summer, although not sure if they reach maturity or not. Someone once told me a rare breed of newt could be found living in it, but I am not so convinced.

Near this pond a bit more hidden away is one which does disappear in the summer, but in the winter months the water is clear with vegetation growing within it, if you were to creep up to it you can spot common snipes hiding amongst the clumps of grasses, but they soon get startled and noisily fly away.

Down in the valley of the Busy where hardly any vegetation grows is the third pond, full of tyres and a massive old concrete structure in the shape of a tee, I must endeavour to find out how it came to be there, this also dries out every year, I cannot believe any lifeforms are in here. It's a scar on the landscape it wouldn't be out of place

in a corner of a city dump, and one day I always plan to drag the tyres out to the roadside for removal. Good Intentions

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

As we have now lived through a whole half term of remote learning, I am so proud of the efforts that the children, parents and staff have made during this challenging period. Rather than include pictures in my report, please go to the front of our school website to see the amazing work that has been carried out. Combinations of daily live lessons through zoom, recorded lessons from staff and work completed on paper packs has meant the children have carried on with their learning.

www.chacewater.cornwall.sch.uk

The school has supported a substantial number of key workers on a day to day basis - approximately 30%.

We have also celebrated Mental Health Awareness and Safer Internet Day during this time with some excellent reflections on our individual identities.

We received some laptops from the Department of Education to support home learning as well as some financial support from the Freemasons and the local Parish Council towards computer support.

At the time of writing, we wait hopefully for when we can return to school.

Chris Gould
Headteacher

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VILLAGE PONDWATCH

FEBRUARY 2021

Blasts of cold air etched swirling patterns of fine lines onto thin plates of ice that briefly merge to cover the pond. The wind has stripped the last leaves from surrounding branches where many birds pause to rest, to watch or search for food.

By mid-February, persistent rains have filled the pond with clear fresh water after the ice has melted. A cream-bellied newt rolls over and folds herself into the bright green mat of starwort weed that stretches out from the shore. Two blue-tits, perched on a broken bulrush, drop to bathe in the water below. They stop splashing and fly into the overhanging ash tree branches where they can re-arrange their feathers.



Male toads have come to the pond. They stand on the floor and stare upwards. Some slowly stumble towards a new position among the weeds and lily stalks. Others sit with snouts in the air above the weed. Later, the rasping calls of frogs may be heard and eager toads are more active

on the surface. One tries to rest his elbows over a short rod of floating reed which rolls him back into the water. He gives up after three attempts and swims to rest on a raft of lily roots.



There is more excited splashing as toads wrestle to assert dominance while they wait for the females to show up. Underwater, the same struggles are seen as a silvery water beetle wobbles past in the sunlight. Newts also slide by layers of leaves and secretly weave their way through the straggling stems to nestle deep under the weed.

Paul Shevlin



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LEARNING IN LOCKDOWN

What a wild ride this year has been for so many reasons. As an ex-teacher, now turned private tutor, I can hold my hand on my heart and say: "Well done home-schooling parents!"

I was the intrepid teacher pumping out online learning, attempting to mark it and give some sort of worthwhile feedback while OFSTED were breathing down my neck. And now I am happily working with children one-to-one supporting them to gain confidence in learning. So I have seen all the sides of online learning.....just getting the children to sit down (and not always in pyjamas or a superhero costume) is a battle, then logging in and working out how to submit the work..... let's not go there!

On a more serious note, these are unprecedented times, and unlike the 1950's when schools closed and teachers spoke on the radio, we have access to some serious tech. But that doesn't always make it easier. Structure and predictability are what children unconsciously like about school, and of course socialising with their friends, neither of which can be provided to the degree needed. Parents are expected to teach AND do the day job AND the housework AND find time to look after everyone's mental health AND goodness knows what else. So I feel for you trying to work full or part time and teach your child; this is no small task. We should celebrate our qualified teachers of course - but parents are superheroes too!

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I will say that schools and teachers are working ridiculously hard behind the scenes to try to create lessons and content that the children can access, understand and actually learn something from without too much adult support. This is not as easy as you would think, particularly for technophobe teachers who love nothing more than a flip chart and funky pen. But really the crux of it for me is that children will learn even if they don't complete every online lesson that day. They will learn from going on walks. They will learn from playing. They will learn from being in the garden, reading comics, having fun! Children's brains have plasticity meaning they can stretch and grow all the time.

So don't beat yourself up if they want to be plastered in paint and mud and not do maths that day. They will catch

up. There are so many wonderful resources to find out there to support your child that are not from their school but will have just as much, or more, impact. Last but not least - do not be offended if your child does not want you to be their teacher! Ultimately children love the structure a teacher or tutor provides and like to keep that separate from their family fun time. You are all doing an amazing job, and I salute you.

From a passionate tutor.

CHACEWATER PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2021/2022



The precept is the council tax that Cornwall Council collects on behalf of the parish council. The precept is calculated as part of the parish council's budget; it fills the gap between the parish council's planned expenditure and its estimated income. Parish councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and so the precept is a hugely important part of a parish council's income

This year there was a slight increase on the precept in 2021/2022 (0.24p per week), and the Parish Council were able to pull monies from their reserves to keep the rise in the precept to a minimum.

Parish Council's build and use reserves for future community projects. In Chacewater's case those projects will include, re-surfacing of the main council car park, creating a new access from the school to the recreation ground & contributing towards the new Multi sports recreation centre

(planning fees etc)

We also managed to achieve a significant amount of improvements to our Parish this year, including a brand new pathway and petanque court in the Millennium Green, planning permission for the new community car park and garden and improvements to the Cornwall Observatory site.

The money needed for the budget comes from the precept raised and income received. Chacewater Parish Council has raised the precept to **£38,363.00** for 2021/2022.

This is an annual charge of £68.63 for a Band D property which equates to **£1.32** per week (Many of our residents living in bands A-C will actually pay less). A breakdown of how this will be spent is below.

GRANTS AWARDED 2020/21

Main Car Park **£3000**

To build a reserve for re-surfacing which is required every 10 years

Recreation Ground **£1500**

Towards repairs, maintenance and improving the space

What's on Magazine **£900**

Towards printing costs

St Pauls Church **£450**

Used for Grass Cutting

Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG) **£200**

Annual subscription & website management

Chacewater School PT **£200**

To assist with home learning equipment

YOUR MONEY – Where does it go?

Administration	£ 11,803
Services / Grants	£ 8350
Village Maintenance	£ 6720
Public Rights of Way	£ 2200
(PROW) Maintenance	
Election Fees	£ 2000
Outside Spaces	£ 1760
Public Conveniences	£ 1700
Capital Project	£ 1650
Street Lighting	£ 1200
WI Hall	£ 1000
Total	£ 38,363

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ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE RUNNING
COSTS, ACCOUNTING
FEES, STAFF SALARIES,
INSURANCE,
SUBSCRIPTIONS &
EXPENSES

3p

PLAY AREAS
**(TWELVEHEADS &
CHACEWATER)**
REPAIRS,
MAINTENANCE,
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

7p

**OUTDOOR SPACES &
BUILDINGS**
RECREATION GROUND,
PAVILION, WI HALL
MAINTENANCE AND
RUNNING COSTS

6p

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
RUNNING COSTS OF
PUBLIC TOILETS
LOCATED IN CAR PARK

8p

PROW
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF
WAY MAINTENANCE

23p

**VILLAGE
MAINTENANCE**
WASTE REMOVAL,
STREET FURNITURE,
STREET LIGHTING, BUS
SHELTERS

29p

**GRANTS/ACTIVITIES/
SERVICES**
6 ORGANISATIONS RECEIVED
GRANTS IN 2020/21
CONTRIBUTING TO GRASS
CUTTING, PRINTING OF
WHATS ON AND
MAINTENANCE TO THE CAR
PARK AND GREEN SPACES

6p

UPCOMING PROJECTS
NEW COMMUNITY
CAR PARK & GARDEN

ELECTION FEES
2021 IS AN ELECTION
YEAR!

7p

OBITUARY

Don Smith : 1934-2021

Donald William Smith was born in Truro on the 21st February 1934, to Muriel and William and passed on the 8th February this year at the grand age of 86 years .He was raised in St.Agnes and was a manual worker in his early life for the Highways Department and then moved into the office at County Hall where he stayed until his retirement.

Don had two main passions in life, his wife Phyllis and football.

Phyllis was truly the love of his life. He used to cycle, being a non-driver, from St.Agnes to Truro to court her and, during their marriage, he bought her flowers every Saturday without fail .They had three daughters, Lorraine, Deborah and Maria. Phyllis passed away in 2009. Don said that he received



Phyllis's spirit a few months later telling him that he would not be joining her until he was 86 years of age. Phyllis was right!

Don, apart from being a successful boxer during his National Service, loved all sports but was a football fanatic. He played for Truro City youth, St.Agnes, Truro Hendra, Treliske, NALGO and Chacewater. He

served Chacewater Football Club as a player, Team Manager, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and Committee man for many years and was made a life member of the club along with his great friend Ken Moyle. Don was also the Fixture Secretary for the former Mining League for a few years.

A highlight in Don's life was being taken by Maria to the football World Cup in Germany in 2006 as a guest of BT. During his time there he mistakenly ended up in a porn shop!

Don Smith was very well known wherever he went on a Saturday afternoon and was warmly received by everyone. He had many friends who enjoyed his straight forward views on the game and it is sad that we will no longer hear his words of encouragement for his beloved Chacewater team in the future. Don's funeral was on the 15th February and the family have requested that his ashes be scattered at the Recreation Ground when Covid restrictions are lifted and they are grateful that this was approved by the Parish Council.

Thank you our friend. Rest in peace Don.

Chacewater Football Club



THE SIXTH IN A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS FROM PASTOR ADRIAN.

It is really good to talk with you again through these notes and I write to you today from my office in the old caravan set up in my garden. Many of us have had to adapt to new ways of living and for some working from home, like myself, it has meant finding an office space to keep on going the best we can. Today, I find myself looking out of the caravan window, from the seat facing my desk, at the sheep which are grazing lazily in the field next door. Watching them, I am

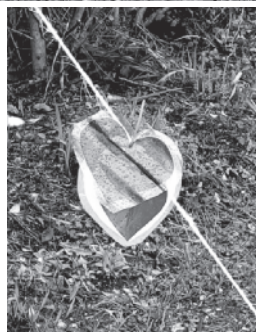
reminded of one of the most popular stories told by Jesus; the Parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke 15:1-7.

Well, we all love a party, don't we? And it will be really great to have parties again, when all this is terrible pandemic is over. But imagine a party in heaven, wow, what would that be like? And Jesus says there will be a party every time someone is reunited with God. That is a party every time a lost sheep is found. In fact Jesus maintains that God will search out the

lost, the lonely, the separated, the isolated and the forgotten. Jesus looks out for all of those who are left behind, all those in need of care and protection; He searches endlessly for that one lost person in a hundred. This is what the Love of God is like and this is what Jesus means to me. He will look out for me, care for me, associate with me when no one else will and because of this I have decided to follow Him and His way. And, Oh boy, that makes me feel special, despite all I have done and all I have messed up. Jesus will search me out and bring me home and He will do exactly the same for you. How lovely and reassuring that is; particularly when we are faced with all of this current difficulty in our lives. I think the point of the parable is clear, come back to God through Jesus, allow Him to seek you out, once rescued, follow Him and live in His way. Then all of heaven will have a party, all of the angels will join in and so should all of us every time that a lost sheep is found.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.' John 3:16,17.

An invitation for you; starting on Valentine's Day right through until Easter we would like to encourage everyone to show a more Christian Love to each other and to others in the community. We have a banner on the grass above the village car park, 'Let's put Love into Action.' We would like to



encourage children and their families to make weather-proof hearts and hang the finished hearts with all the others that will appear on the display. We would very much like to make a positive start to Spring this year by sharing the Love of Jesus in the community in this fun activity. Let us see just how many hearts we can add to the 'Love in Action' display.

I would like to wish you all every blessing and may the Peace of God be with you all until we meet again, Pastor Ade.



The Methodist Church

Adrian Mitchell is the Lay Pastor for Chacewater, Twelveheads and Hicks Mill Methodist churches and a Local Preacher in the Truro Methodist Church Circuit.

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Reader

The good news this month is that the Post Office service is back in the village. I have been pleased to meet our new Sub Post-master – Mr. Colin Hook from Summercourt, who is running the service for our village on Monday and Wednesday mornings 9 – 12 each day. Whilst I was there in the former W.I.Hall (face mask adorned) I am very pleased to say that it was continuously busy which is most encouraging. Chacewater needs a Post Office and Colin Hook needs us all to use it, so that it will generate sufficient business to justify his personal expenditure. It will be quite simply, a question of use it or lose it! So, let us all use it when we can on Monday and Wednesday mornings to keep this service in the village.

Another good item of news is that the water is freely flowing down the Leat that runs along the boundary of the Brookside flats. So many thanks to all who work so hard to keep the village from flooding keeping and the water levels low enough to prevent water entering any properties in Fore St.

There is however a slight issue of parking at Brookside as someone had left their car on what should be a yellow hatched area, this is preventing the person who has legal access over the bridge into their property from using it – in an emergency this could be extremely dangerous or fatal. Please could the owner of that car not park there again. I have asked that the

yellow hatching is repainted.

With the vaccination programme meeting National targets, and more and more people being eligible to have their “jab”, we look with optimism that restrictions we have had to live with for almost 12 months will be gradually lifted.

The Planned new community car park and garden off Church Hill will soon we hope be an added feature close to the school at Chacewater. Mrs Chrissie Martin – Chacewater Parish Clerk tells me that the contract with Tregothnan is all under control and awaiting the legal teams’ signatures only. So good news to end this article from me for this months edition.

Stay safe and keep well.

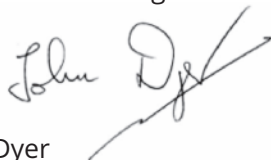
As usual if I can help any resident. Please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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Yours with kind regards



John Dyer

Chacewater Cat Chat



She likes to blend in!

Linda Shevlin

COMMUNITY GARDEN

As we reported in February, we have the chance to create a new Community Garden in Chacewater during the next few months. A successful bid for a government grant means we can begin to turn an acre of agricultural land off Church Hill into a sustainable growing space and recreation area in the village.

The land is on a hillside. Money will be spent to create access, on earth-moving to establish the growing areas and a level platform for a shed, seating and workspace.

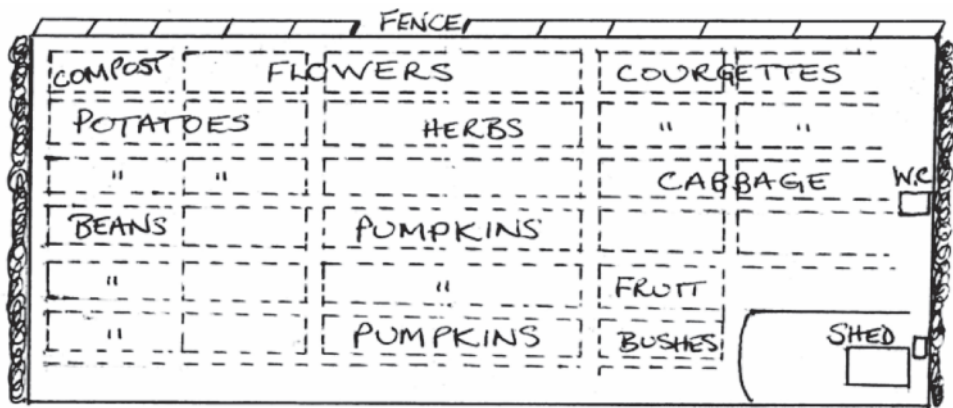
The cash grant terms and the long-term viability of the Community Garden project both depend on local

folk lending a hand to build the Garden and to tend it in the future. It is good to know people are keen to get started and there are some great ideas for planting a variety of crops.

Everyone is welcome to become a Chacewater Community Gardener. Please register your interest if you like to get outdoors to enjoy fresh air and gentle exercise, to get in touch with nature and help plants grow. Sign up with the Chacewater Projects [info@chacewaterprojects.co.uk].

We'll keep you up-to-date with progress and let you know when we can start digging and planting. **HELP CHACEWATER GROW!**

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Sadly, the church had to close for services in January due to the increase in Covid cases in the area and the number of vulnerable members in our congregation. We will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, the church will be open on Thursday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00 for private prayer.

Keep well and stay safe.

**For further information please call
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CHACEWATER METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOMES ONE AND ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

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On Behalf of Chacewater Parish Council

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Ambulance **999 or 112 for emergencies**
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Fire **999 or 112 for emergencies**

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Organisations, Clubs and Associations in our area.

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Rainbows (Girls aged 5-7)

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Guides (Girls 10-14) meet 5.00-7.00pm

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Beavers Mondays 6-7pm

Methodist Church Hall

Cubs Thursday 6-7pm

Temporarily at Tomperrow

Scouts Thursday 6.15-7.15pm

Tomperrow

Tel. Akela 01872 560 531

Chacewater Players

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Tel 01872 560 343

Chacewater Tea Dance

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Tel. Ian Sharman 01872 274 113 or email ian.sharman@gmail.com

Chacewater Methodist Parent and Toddler Group

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Becky Tippet 01872560429 or Helen

New 01872 562 920 or 0751 024

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Anne Benson 01872 271 948

Cornwall Orchid Society

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07561 161 461 or 07929 248 156

Chacewater Evergreen Club

Temporarily suspended

Tel 01872 560 772

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Temporarily suspended

Hilary Dewey 01872 560 517

Chacewater's Book Club

Temporarily suspended

Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm at the "Kings Head". No fees, just read the book and come along.

Linda 01872 561 626

Monday Morning Meet

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WI hall

Jill Hocking 07790 439 075

Chacewater Horticultural Show

Karen Bath 01872 560 079 or email

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Knit-wits Crafts Group

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Val Barnes 01872 242 213 or valerie07@gmail.com

Cornwall Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers

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Audrey Durrant 01209 820 307 or

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Chacewater Football Club

Russell Grice 07455 616 113 or email

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Chacewater Bowling Club

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Jenny Prime 01872 560 369

Happy Feet (Line & Country Dancing)
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Village Hall
David Turner 01209 899 123 or
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Keep Fit Cornwall

Tuesday evening Chacewater Village
Hall
07854 925 843 or
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Chacewater Village in Bloom

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help the village. New volunteers
always welcome.
Linda Shevlin - 01872 561626 or
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If your organization is not included above please contact the Editor

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Chacewater Parish Council is currently meeting virtually on Zoom at 7pm on the last Friday of the month, except in December. There are also occasional meetings on the 2nd Friday of the month. Dates of the meeting will be listed in "What's On" and on the Parish Council website (www.chacewater.net).

Anyone is welcome to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk for a link to join in.

Chacewater Parish Council Clerk

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Little Eden Baby & Toddler Church
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Normally meets on Sunday afternoons
Schoolroom Twelveheads Chapel.
families@truromethodist.org.uk for
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Yoga

Village Hall Thursday evening
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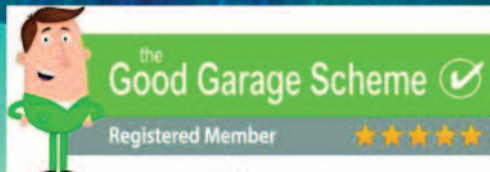
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