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Tue. 11th	Full Moon
Tue. 18th	Parish Council AGM 7.00 pm Chacewater Village Hall
Thurs. 20th	Mobile Library Twelveheads Chapel 11.50am -12.10pm Chacewater Car Park 13.20 pm -14.00pm
Sun. 23 rd	Community Garden's First Meet Up On the site 11.30 am All welcome to discuss the future
Fri. 28 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Chacewater Village Hall
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EDITORIAL

With the arrival of Spring and a little easing of Covid restrictions, there are a few more opportunities to get out and about in the open air. This edition features outdoor activities and many items that highlight interesting things to see and do while exploring the neighbourhood. Enjoy rambles around Wheal Busy and treks towards Penstraze. Look for plants and wildlife in the fields and waterways.

Local elections for Cornwall Council will be held on 6th May. Chacewater and Threemilestone are joined in a new electoral boundary, so we have invited all four candidates in our area to tell us what they have to offer. You will find their statements in the centre-pages. Your vote Cornwall as Council's responsibilities include Social Services. housing, transport proper environment and many other aspects that affect our daily lives. It does make a difference who sits in County Hall.

While Chacewater Parish Council continues to look after essential local services and actively seeks to improve facilities for all, the Parish Council also has to rely on the support and services of Cornwall Council. You will see in our published reports how much work is being done and how many volunteer projects are assisted and developed in partnership with our local Council.

It's a collective effort; so keep us posted. Please send dates for the Calendar, Advertise your business, share new reports or any comments to: **01872 399560** or email:

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IN BRIEF

As the year marches on at a pace we continue to see the early signs of hope for

something like normal life returning. Let's just hope that the progress made so far isn't knocked off course by a setback, in a similar fashion the early morning frosts, of late, that did for my beautiful magnolia flowers.

Speaking of plants, a group of interested gardeners met up at the site of the new **Community Garden**, on the first legal day, for a socially distanced tour of the site. There is great enthusiasm and much talk of ideas and plans for planting. For anyone interested in the future of the project there is to be the first **Meet Up** on Sunday 23rd May at 11.30am on site. The big shed and a tool shed are now on site awaiting assembly and a bit of TLC, exciting progress indeed.

The work on the Car Park behind the school continues apace, and we should be looking to see the job finished this month. On the subject of Car Parks, a big **thank you** to all who moved their cars and vans to enable the contractors to reline the Village Car Park on Good Friday. I think the inconvenience was well worth it.

More positive action at the **Millennium Green**, with the enlarged entrance at the top of the new path. This should greatly improve visibility and safety for the children, and as a bonus, allow strangers to the area to be more aware of the new path. Perhaps there is a need to improve the visibility and access to the bottom entrance?

There will be quite a few changes on the **Parish Council** this month that will take place at the AGM to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th May at 7.00pm all welcome. We are saying goodbye to three very long serving members, they will be a hard act to follow for those who take over. Elections for **Cornwall Counci**l are to be held on 6th May. Find each of the four candidate's statements printed in our centre-pages. Polling stations are open from 7.00am – 10.00pm.

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BUSY LIFE Part 3

Although I am not clear of the official boundaries of the Busy, there will be people who know exactly but I am not that fussed; I have my own idea what I regard as the outer reaches of the area.

For instance, if I was to start at the bench up from Duckworths, where the old telephone box used to be. (I hope someone had the foresight to photo this for history as it just disappeared overnight.) I walk down the lane towards Blackwater for a few hundred yards, taking note on the way of the daily accumulation of plastic bottles, tin cans and fast food wrappers which constantly re-appear no matter how often I clean up. I sometimes think to myself - if as a society we cannot keep even this small area free of rubbish what chance has the world got?

Then, across the train bridge, carefully checking the massive rusty nuts on the fencing as I go, just to ensure it's still structurally sound. If I look towards the container storage depot, I can imagine



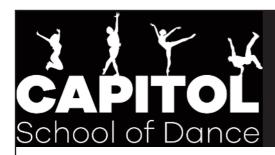
what it must have been like as a working station. I have looked on the net at old photos which I find fascinating, showing a large Blue Circle cement silo and the old siding, (too big

a subject this time, maybe look into at a later date). We often discuss how lovely it would be to join a train there, either to pop down to Penzance for the day or shoot up to Plymouth; no traffic jams or worrying about parking charges. You just can't help thinking how short sighted it was closing down these little stations to the public.

Onwards down the lane, typically I just miss the train thundering under the bridge as I leave it. Reaching the bottom I turn right along Station Road, where I take my life into my hands listening out for cars using it as a race track. A short walk, and I can leave the road into a track running parallel with the road. There are houses hidden up the side of the valley - I always wonder who lives up there. I walk to the Blackwater viaduct. I always thought this was Chacewater Viaduct but it turns out there is another one just after this called that.

I think that probably we all take these structures for granted most of the time, but think of the effort just to transport the granite blocks location, let alone hoist them into position, what a feat of engineering. To stand under one of its arches and look up at the massive blocks of granite all fitting perfectly into place, you have to marvel at the engineering skill. With a little research I find that it was built in 1888, replacing an earlier one. diggers or hydraulic cranes, just manpower with block and tackle. The lines are dead straight, I cannot see any imperfections.

I cross the road and join the bridleway back up to the Busy. It can be fairly muddy, especially if some joker has



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decided to use it as an access point to the Busy for his off-road vehicle circumnavigating the granite blockade (since writing this a new granite blockade has been placed here). I follow this to the top, and lean on the gate, where once again I can look towards the train line and follow it up to Kea Downs. I can see in the distance a lovely new bungalow built on the site of an old ruin. It is right next to the train line, but I met the builder there and it doesn't bother him as the train is in a dip, and anyhow he loves the sound of it periodically whooshing past; and for him the view he has outweighs any disturbance.

At that point I turn down the lane, past the (soon to be world class) Observatory, to the farm on the corner. When we first came here we used to call this junction "Hanging Rabbit Junction" and we probably will all our life. For some reason, maybe dropped by a buzzard, there was a carcass of a rabbit hanging at head height on a branch for months - only falling to the floor when every last bit of sinew had rotted. Also, notably at this spot if you look carefully, an old cathode-ray television can be found embedded in the undergrowth: probably destined to be there long after we have gone.

And as my four-legged walking companion is getting on in years that's as far as we go this time, up the lane back to the bench. This is what I consider to be the far side of the North eastern reaches of the Busy. We will leave the other parts of the Busy for another time.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Hello, my name is Josie Hocking (was Nancarrow). I was brought up in Chacewater during the 1940's. Yesterday, on Good Friday 2nd April 2021, my family and I visited family graves at Chacewater churchyard. I am writing to say that it was so wonderful to see the beautiful primroses and wild flowers. It was a sight to behold and it did our hearts good - very uplifting in these sad times. Thank you to everyone who is involved in the upkeep of the graveyards, it is much appreciated. Best wishes to you all.

Josie Hocking

THE BIG LUNCH - SAVE THE DATE

The Big Lunch is an annual national event launched at the Eden Project right here in Cornwall in June 2009. It's aim is to unite neighbours one weekend a year in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Although we are still subject to some restrictions due to covid, it would be good to share with others on June 6th. If the weather is good, why not pack up a picnic and head to the Millennium Green for an hour or so over lunchtime – groups of six or two family bubbles together – we can wave and say hello to remind ourselves of the more normal times to come.

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Parish & Town Council Elections & AGM

The "Statement of Persons Nominated" has been published by the Elections Team at Cornwall Council. The full PDF version can be found on the homepage of our website **www.chacewater.net**. As 10 people have been nominated as Parish Councillors there will no need for an election when you vote on 6 May for Cornwall Council and the Police Commissioner.

On 18 May, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council, the old Councillors will stand down and the new Councillors will come into office. The AGM will be held in the main hall at the Village Hall. This will be the first face to face meeting of the Council since March 2019. Members of the public are welcome to join this meeting; however, social distancing measures must be adhered to & face coverings must be worn.

Community Car Park and Garden

The project is well underway and over the Easter period volunteers have been busy working on the Garden section of the area, building walls, planting hedges etc. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to local businessman, Mr A. Mitchell, who has offered to provide some materials required for the car park entrance and exit free of charge.

Pavilion Toilet Block

One very active and determined volunteer has been extremely busy

fixing up the toilet block at the recreation ground in order to get it back to a useable state. The building has been swept, jet washed and painted inside and out; doors and toilets seats replaced and generally sanitised throughout. A huge effort here which we are grateful for and hope that this is the last time it needs to be done before the pavilion is eventually replaced.

Pot holes

Cornwall Council, Cormac have filled in numerous pot holes along Fore Street and High Street over the Easter break (Thank you to the Cormac team for listening and actioning those requests)

Car Park Re-lining

As planned, contractors arrived on Good Friday to re-paint the white lines marking the Main Car Park bays. Thanks to all drivers who moved their cars so that this work could be completed.

Millennium Green

When the pathway project was underway, we realised that (as part of that same 'road safety' initiative), the entrance / exit opposite the school at the top of the green, would benefit from widening to improve visibility for pedestrians using it. Work has begun to get that underway, a rotten sycamore tree has been removed and the gap in the hedge has been widened. The hedge stones will be replaced to form a wider entrance and extra safety rails will be installed. Materials removed are being recycled

to create a new buttress by the lower green entrance and the Millennium Stone.

Friday 30th May – Full Council Meeting (TBC)

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday 30th April – Full Council Meeting (Via Zoom)

Tuesday 18th May – AGM and Midmonth Meeting (Chacewater Village hall)

Meeting dates, agendas and minutes can all be found on our website – www.chacewater.net



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Shades at the ready - so much sun!!

Well, we were allowed and so the Chacewater Rights of Way (CRoW) walking group took advantage of a beautiful sunny morning on the first Sunday in April to explore more of our Public Rights of Way (PRoW). We considered this to be the first real day of Spring. A bit windy and in "walking bubbles", we all were well dressed for the chill but soon discovered that wasn't entirely wise.

This particular walk introduced us to a number of official - but previously forgotten/undiscovered - pathway routes, which made it all the more enjoyable. The route itself took us out of the Square Car Park, across Fore Street and along Riverside (Footpath 301/65/1), where we cut right over the bridge and up towards Tamblyn's Barn on Footpath 301/17/1. At the mid-

point, we paused for the bright photograph you see above, which also shows our viaduct in the distant background.

We trekked up and over the field (questioning the use of way-markers as we went?) before emerging out on Kea Downs Road and crossing the "Weak Bridge" over the Penzance to London railway line, before heading off to the right on Byway 301/30/2. Taking a moment to talk about the best nearby Badger sett area in the Parish, we headed off left all the way along Byways 21/1 and 28/2, passing both Willow House and Penstraze Farm as we went.

Eventually, we came to the Bridleway crossing between 29/1 and 29/2. We initially turned right along the recently re-opened 29/1, which takes you to the

very edge of Chacewater Parish at a place described on the map as a "water collect". In the field to the right is a wonderful display of gorse in the adjacent SSSI (Site of Specific Scientific Interest) site. This was truly glorious but we had to retrace our steps so we could get back along the very straight Bridleway 29/2 which brought us back out on Kea Downs Road.

We took a left along Kea Downs to Woodbury House, where we paused to look at the new growth Gunnera plants, before taking another left along Bridleways 7/3 and 2 down across a



couple of fields and beneath the viaduct, where we headed back towards Jolly's Bottom via Footpath 7/1 and found this – in its way – beautifully fallen tree, which we decided not to report as it was still very much alive, doing no harm and easy to navigate.

Passing this structure, we then simply headed back into the village along the tried and tested route from Jolly's Bottom to Station Road and aback along Riverside, where some walkers peeled off.

As usual and because we like to chat, this walk took a bit longer than planned but it gave all a terrific lift. All things being equal, we will meet for the next – distancing – CRoW walk at The Square Car Park at 0930 on Sunday the 2nd May 2021.



CHACEWATER COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Our very successful Renewable Energy Fair and Electric Vehicle Day is back!! After having to cancel our event last year we have been working hard to organise things so that visitors and exhibitors can feel safe and confident whilst not limiting the variety of green energy options on display.

The event will be spread across the Millennium Green and Recreation Ground with a series of talks being held adjacent to the village hall. We are planning plenty of space to move around although, hopefully, Covid restrictions will have been lifted by our scheduled date of 24th July 2021. Please make a note of the date and we look forward to seeing you there – more details to come in next month's What's On.

Cornwall Council Electio



John Dyer

I am proud to be seeking re-election for a Division on Cornwall Council in which I have lived all my life. I have been honoured to represent Chacewater and surrounding area for several years. Chacewater is a wonderful community working together. Was proud to have been Chairman of the Village Projects Committee. Have attended Parish Council meetings on a very regular basis and worked with and supported

all initiatives within the community e.g., Village Hall; Bowling Club; Chacewater in Bloom; Millennium Green; New Path to create safer walking access to Chacewater School; development of extra parking for parents closer the school and am actively working with Tregothnan Estate restoring the Blacksmith Shop and other historic buildings at Wheal Busy.

I proudly offer myself to continue as your local candidate who has represented a large area of what used to be the Greenbottom Ward of Kenwyn Parish; the whole of Chacewater Parish which ends at Scorrier in the west and Twelveheads to the south. In addition, this new division will be for me coming back to former territory that I have represented before as it includes the total village of Threemilestone.

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Cllr. Dulcie Tudor

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Alan Rowe, Arboricultural Consultant "Many tree planting schemes never get done because of lack of support but Dulcie's 'can do' attitude cuts through the usual blockages. She can be relied upon to get things done for our environment."

Cllr. John Davey. Kenwyn Parish Council and Community Watch Volunteer. "A year ago we were having lots of vandalism in Threemilestone. It was great to meet a Councillor who cared and worked with Community Watch and the Police to solve the problem and cut crime."

Babs Roundswell, Director of Chaos Charity Group. "Dulcie is a woman on a mission, finding local solutions to local issues. Having had the pleasure of working with Dulcie, her passion for community, straight talking and integrity shines through."

Mike Ashcroft, Chair of TMS Community Centre Management Committee. "In the past 4 years Dulcie has been the most proactive Cornwall Councillor I have known and restored my faith in local politics."

Mark Holden, Landlord the Victoria Inn. "Dulcie has been at the forefront of many local improvements and has no problem holding Cornwall Council accountable for what she feels is right. She's a great voice for local businesses."

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Green Party Candidate Karen La Borde

Green candidates are winning seats on councils across the country because voters are concerned about the climate emergency and the massive loss of wildlife and nature. After Cornwall Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, I believed action would follow quickly. This is not the case. Cornwall Council appears stuck in a time warp committed to large scale

developments on green land, building more roads and increasing traffic.

A new type of councillor is needed, one who understands the threat of a changing climate and one who will speak out for the planet and the future not just short-term gain.

If elected I will continue to campaign and work hard for real change. I have fresh ideas and an energy and enthusiasm which other candidates don't have.

I promise to question the need to build over our green fields. I promise to work hard to find solutions to excessive traffic and improve public transport. I promise to protect Cornwall's natural assets on the toast, inland and within our towns and villages. And I promise to ensure decisions made on your behalf are done so with transparency and honesty.

I am a forward looking, hard-working and courageous councillor who will support the community in Chacewater to continue the good work it has already done. I am proud of Chacewater's community spirit and energy and I hope you will trust me with your vote.

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Edward Penrose

My name's Edward Penrose and I'm standing as your Liberal Democrat Candidate for Cornwall Council. I'm a born and bred local, being delivered in the Royal Cornwall Hospital and having grown up and gone to school in the Truro area; only recently venturing past the Tamar in 2018 to study Politics and History at university. As a young person, issues on housing and the environment engage me most as the areas

affecting my every-day life and the lives of people in this ward.

This is why I think the Liberal Democrat record in Cornwall Council clearly places us as the best party to lead the next four years. The Liberal Democrats in Cornwall have pioneered the delivery of affordable housing, becoming the number one council in the country for its delivery two years in a row. Our direct ownership and control of new developments continues to ensure sustainable housing targets and infrastructure delivery are met whilst retaining maximum amounts green space.

I also know how our passion for countryside preservation often leaves us worried about the climate crisis. This is why the Liberal Democrats in council have made environmentalism a top priority. In thirty of Cornwall's most deprived communities we have worked with residents to cultivate new natural spaces. Moreover, since 2009, we have transformed Cornwall's energy sector from 6% renewables to 40% today.

I hope from this you can see the tireless work of Liberal Democrats in Cornwall and will consider putting your trust in myself to deliver for our community.

CHACEWATER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)



A date for your diary

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Tuesday 18th May 7pm

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VILLAGE PONDWATCH

In April sunshine, the black head and bold vermilion chest of a courting male bullfinch stand out among many small brown birds that find food and refuge around the pond. All day, sparrows comb the tangled hedgerows and a great tit, high up in a tree, repeats his persistent call. Sometimes, two goldfinches dropwith splashes of red and yellow, black and white - onto the green weed carpet to drink.



A mallard duck marched her brood of twelve chicks up from Falmouth Road

on Wednesday morning, 7th April. They stayed to feed and swim on the pond for 30 minutes and then set off walking towards Twelveheads. Traffic was halted 4 hours later as the

duckling procession returned to march down Church Hill and find ways back to the Carnon River. The



following week, a mallard drake took an afternoon nap, safe in the middle of the pond.

Although shrinking from the edges, the pond water is crystal clear and reveals humps and hollows with sharp shadows made by the sediment of dead leaves, stones, stalks and the roots of aquatic plants. Many floating sticks and drifting weeds have been removed from the surface, so it is easy to watch the action unfolding in the underwater scene.

One water beetle drives like a bullet through the water. Another beetle,

the size of a fingernail, swims erratically above sunlit ridges and valleys. It pauses and drops down to explore a hidden shadow.



Tadpoles appear on April 1st in the starwort on the eastern shore. Within a week, dozens seek safety in shallow water at the

edge of the pond. Several others swim in deeper water and some feed in drifts of green weed where newts lurk in tunnels and caves. By mid-April, many hundreds of tadpoles are grazing on the shelving bottom as hundreds more swim through the water and among the weed banks.



Three palmate newts drift with their legs splayed and back feet showing like dark paddles. Three more

newts stand rigidly on their toes. Some cruise smoothly over the bottom. Others meet in open water and head into the weeds. One pair sweep tails across a hollow in the leaf mound and burrow vigorously under a mat of dead leaves and weedy filaments. A stocky nymph scuttles past.

When a small newt leaves its shelter and forages over the pond floor, tiny shrimp-like creatures spring out of the silt and arc away from its nose. A second newt emerges from green weed and follows, weaving across the pond bed. Later, a large dragonfly nymph appears like a mini torpedo and powers straight over a bed of green weed. It is bigger than the newt – a fearsome predator.

Paul Shevlin

















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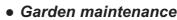
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VILLAGE IN BLOOM

Work continues to improve the Church Hill bank beside the main Car Park. Village in Bloom volunteers, Jean and Linda, spent several hours clearing weeds and planting out new cuttings and shrubs during Easter week.

Many of the plants have been rescued and are getting a second chance on this bank. Variegated Laurel cuttings (and others used for foliage in Glenys Beard's flower arrangements) were found to have struck roots in their "oasis" blocks. They have been recycled and survived the move so far.

Loads of spare topsoil, removed during construction of the new car park, also were recovered and brought down the hill to build up the old bank. The re-cycled soil has been carefully spread out to level the ground and give sufficient depth for new plants to grow. Established wildflowers continue to thrive here and the first bluebells have just appeared.



BUSY LIFE - THE TYRES

You may remember that it an earlier edition I was stating that I had good intentions to remove all those old tyres which over time had accumulated in the lower pond on the Busy.

Well, we have done it. A small team of willing volunteers armed with wheelbarrows spent a few hours collecting them altogether in a couple of big piles before transporting them to a point they could be collected. It was amazing to actually count the number of tyres which were scattered around the area in amongst the bracken and the now drying up pond.

I also had commented that I couldn't believe that any life existed in this scar on the landscape, but when we started pulling out the tyres we discovered heaps of newts all clustered together possibly hanging on desperately for rain to save them from drying up. Also there were clusters of tadpoles slowly drying out completely as their little pockets of water dehydrated away. We managed to transfer the newts to buckets so we could give them new homes. It just goes to show that if you look closely enough there will be something that has managed to survive even in the worst conditions.

Approximately forty tyres in all were removed. Some destined for planters in the village community project. We struggled up the path past an area that we have started to clear you may have noticed by the first lay-by as you turn into Wheal Busy.



There was an horrendous mountain of fly tipping which appeared one day. And when we took it on ourselves to move it for the council to collect, we started to look at this area in a different light. Maybe, if it was cleared right back and tidied up, eventually it could be a pleasant place to sit prior to or after a walk around the Busy. It is quite surprising the number of people who park up at this spot to walk the area. Maybe as well as a bench, a sign erected to inform people of the rich history which surrounds them just in that small area alone. So many people I meet are not aware.

Also, just possibly if it is opened up and tidier, just maybe flytippers will think twice about offloading their rubbish.

And finally this brings me to my last thoughts. There have been a few devastating gorse fires in Cornwall lately. We have discussed what steps could be taken for this to never happen at the Busy. We feel there are plenty of natural fire breaks which would hopefully keep a fire contained, but one thing we can all do to reduce the risk is take any rubbish home in

particular any old glass bottles. In my view it's like the old saying 'you never appreciate something until its gone'. I think we all take the Busy for granted, but it's ours and we should all look after it.

COMPETITION - UPDATE

Winning entries to our writing competition will be published in the **JULY edition** of "What's On".

That means the deadline will be "High Noon" on Friday, 18th June 2021.

Remember, the <u>maximum</u> word limit is 150 words, but it's up to you. We have had a rhyming couplet already – a haiku will do. It could be a short story, a memory or a hopeful wish for the future.

The Competition is open for everyone who wishes to enter. Choose either of two subjects/title headings: **(A).** "The Best Day". OR **(B).** "My Favourite".

All you have to do is write up a short piece (*up to 150 words*) and send it to "What's On" :- editor@whatsonin-chacewater.co.uk.

Anyone can have a go and you can send as many entries as you like.

The competition will be judged in 3 age groups: 1). Under 13; 2). 13 – 18 years; 3). Adult.

We will publish all the winners and runners-up entries in future editions of "What's On in Chacewater".

DON'T DELAY - WRITE IN TODAY

SPRING

Spring is the time of yellow flowers. They follow the white of snowdrops and the pink of winter heliotrope. Winter heliotrope is not a beautiful plant and you have to scrutinise the green leaves that grow on verges or wasteland to see the flowers. However, to me they are the first signs of spring so they are very welcome.

Looking upwards, alder catkins are



Brimstone

long, large and easy to identify. The trees have silvery bark and like to grow by water, though there are good specimens in some Morrison's car parks. Venice is built on alder piles because the wood is so water resistant. Willow catkins, pussy willows, start small and silvery and then become pale yellow and fluffy. It is good to look up at a blue sky through the catkins spaced out on the willow branches.

Daffodils mean spring to many people. My favourite are the wild ones, pale and more delicate than the brash commercial varieties. Wales grows the best ones, wild and tame. "Cenhinen Pedr" means "Peter's leek" in Welsh and like the leek, they are a national emblem.

Primroses are best when seen in

solitary clumps on hedge banks, their pale creamy flowers making a surprising comment. Sometimes they



Celandine

make great rows along the grass verges and sometimes you can come across a sunny bank where primroses are scattered among celandines, the celandines smaller, shiny and a deeper, brighter yellow. They are a good source of nectar for the queen bumblebees coming out of hibernation. The leaves are high in Vitamin C and have been used medicinally.

Looking up from the ground, gorse bushes make the most satisfying spectacular chrome yellow masses. They are found along the roads but they are at their best on moorland. They are big and beautiful; their colour is intense and backed by a coconut scent. Moor ponies nibble them and stand close into them for a windbreak.

Just as yellow but underfoot, dandelions have their main flowering season in grazed pasture in the height of spring. They are my favourites, giving me the certainty that spring has arrived along with new grass growth and contented cattle.

Marion McCullagh, Bolventor

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRESS

Easter holidays brought a short pause to the earthworks before Mr Andrew Douce could crack on and make excellent progress in shaping the garden and car park site. The dry weather has been ideal to complete the garden groundwork. Two level terraces have been formed and topsoil restored.

Volunteers Angie, Malcolm, Linda, Isabelle and Alex put in many hours clearing a giant mound of scrub & brambles. Everything is ready to move onto the next phase of Garden creation.

A large shed (7m x 4m) has been purchased and is ready to be assembled on a level platform at the West End, when that is finished with hard core and a layer of top dressing. A site visit on 29th March enabled 15 participants to walk on the ground, see the landscape and talk about ideas to develop the Community Garden.

Careful control of the budget and generous donations from local business will allow purchase of a fully accessible composting toilet with a waterless urinal.

Registered Community gardeners are keen to start planting. Sam and Alice are working on some guidelines for future management and development of the Garden. Also, there are plans to set up a Facebook group for FB users. Interested parties will be consulted in due course.

As Covid restrictions ease, the first Community Gardens meet-up will be held onsite on **Sunday 23**rd **May, at 11.30am.** (Everyone is welcome to come along).

This will be an opportunity for everyone to get a feel for the site, to explore its potential and to help map out our next steps for establishing the new public park & "Garden on the Hill" (can anyone make this phrase in Cornish?)



The growing terraces lie East-West and average 9m wide x 60m long. There is plenty of space for accessible footpaths, irrigation, composting and enough cultivated beds to grow all the crops we want. Planting could begin early this month. But what to grow? So many things to consider and decisions need to be made.

If you would like to register your interest in the Community Garden, please contact the Chacewater Projects

[info@chacewaterprojects.co.uk] or the Chacewater Parish Council Clerk.

The Chacewater Projects

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Reader

Since last writing in What's On we have had the country mourning and paying wonderful tribute to the husband/consort to our dear Queen -HRH the Duke of Edinburgh; the children enjoying their Easter holiday; frosty mornings; some Government opening the next stage of roadway out of Lockdown (hairdressers, retail outlets opening etc.) as well as local electioneering beginning in earnest.

However, my work for the Parish of Chacewater continues in various ways. Led by your Parish Council I am pleased that the work for a marvelous path up across the Millennium Green from the Village Hall to a gateway opposite the main school entrance has been completed. As I write this article, I am pleased that Cornwall Council have now given planning permission for the two small sycamore trees to be removed and the narrow gateway to be widened all in the interests of the safety of our children. Our special thanks to Janice Taylor for her help in enabling this work to be done during the Easter holidays when there are no school children needing to use this area.

Also am pleased that next to Chacewater Primary School the Parish Council have leased more land from Tregothnan Estate as will allow about 30 cars to drop and collect from school as well as an overflow car park for parents and some pf the land will be

developed into a community garden which will be lovely community project.

Other work that I have been involved with is following up with Cornwall Councils Enforcement Officer issues that are causing concern in the area: reporting and dealing with potholes and rattling manhole covers which are so disturbing to residents in the village especially at night as vehicles drive through the village; reporting that the Belisha Beacon in Fore Street needs re-painting as the white lines are getting dangerously worn, as well as discussing planning applications with and Cornwall residents Council Planning Officers.

As we have move out of Lockdown, and many of us have had at least one if not both vaccinations, we still all need to be incredibly careful and remember that **Hands**, **Face**, and **Space** still matter. I hope that you will all stay safe and keep well.

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

Home 01872 273329, Mobile 07962 217 665 or by email: fjdyer@cornwall.gov.uk Yours with kind regards

John Dyer

St Paul's Church, Chacewater

SUNDAY SERVICES at 9.45 a.m.

May 2nd Service of the Word May 9th Rev. Margaret Saville May 16th Service of the Word May 23rd Rev. Richard Wallis

APCM at 11.00

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As lockdown continues we gather as a church for worship in our homes, united by the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our buildings maybe closed but the church is very much alive. If you feel you would like to talk or pray with us please pick up the phone and contact us. May the Peace of God be with you.

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Organisations, Clubs and Associations in our area.

Chacewater Rights of Way (Crow)

Walking Group meets 1st Sunday of each month in the Car Park in the village at 09.30.

Tel. 01872 561 364 or email gillian knill@hotmail.com

1st Chacewater Guiding

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Scouts Thursday 6.15-7.15pm Tomperrow Tel Akela 01872 560 531

Chacewater Players

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Chacewater Tea Dance

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Becky Tippett 01872560429 or Helen
New 01872 562 920 or 0751 024

Cornwall Orchid Society

Temporarily suspended 07561 161 461 or 07929 248 156

Chacewater Evergreen Club

Temporarily suspended Tel 01872 560 772

Sisters in Stitches Craft Group

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

Temporarily suspended WI hall Jill Hocking 07790 439 075

Chacewater Horticultural Show

Karen Bath 01872 560 079 or email Chacewatershow@mail.com

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Cornwall Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Temporarily suspended Audrey Durrant 01209 820 307 or audreydurrant@btinternet.com

Chacewater Football Club

Russell Grice 07455 616 113 or email russ.grice@gmail.com

Chacewater Bowling Club

Temporarily closed Jenny Prime 01872 560 369 **Happy Feet** (Line & Country Dancing) Thursday 6 – 9.30pm Chacewater Village Hall

David Turner 01209 899 123 or happyfeetdancing@hotmail.co.uk

Keep Fit Cornwall

Tuesday evening Chacewater Village Hall 07854 925 843 or

susie@keepfitcornwall.co.uk

Chacewater Village in Bloom

Using plant care & maintenance to help the village. New volunteers always welcome.

Linda Shevlin - 01872 561626 or

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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 more details.

Yoga

Village Hall Thursday evening Anya Prochon 07912 561 413 or anna12@02.pl

Chacewater Projects

Co-ordinating and organizing activities in the community. Volunteers welcome

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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.

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