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# CALENDAR DATES DECEMBER 2022

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** **Mobile Library** Twelveheads Chapel **11.40am-12.00pm**  
Chacewater Car Park **12.50-13.15pm**
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Wreath Making Evening** – All welcome £27 pp, hosted by  
Chacewater PTA. **7pm**, Chacewater Village Hall
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Christmas Lights and Trees go up.** Help very welcome meet in the  
Kings Head car park **9.30am**  
**Christmas Bazaar.** St Paul’s Church **10.30am-2.00pm**  
**Chacewater children’s Party** in Chacewater Village Hall. **2.00-4.30pm**  
(see notice)  
**Whist Drive.** If you like whist, why not come along and join us.  
Chacewater Bowling Club. **7pm.**
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** **CRoW walk. All welcome** meet in the Village Car Park **9.30am**  
**Christmas Fayre** Bon Appetit Twelveheads in aid of  
Children Hospice SW **10.00am-3.00pm**
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Winter Market** by Heart of the West - Sovereign Wellness Group  
Chacewater Village Hall **11.00am-5.00pm**  
**Carols round the Christmas Tree.** Bon Appetit Twelveheads in aid of  
Children’s Hospice SW. **2.30pm-4.00pm**
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Pop In** WI Hall **10.15-11.45am**
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Fete.** Chacewater Village Hall all welcome **10am-Noon**  
**Chacewater Parish Council Meeting.** Chacewater Village Hall,  
Killifrith Room. All welcome **7.00pm**
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Nine lessons and Carols Service.** St Paul’s Church **6.00pm**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Concert with the In Tune Choir.**  
Chacewater Bowling Club. **7.30pm**
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Celebrating the Winter Solstice** Community Garden **10.30am-Noon**
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** **“Ponkey” in Car Park 3.30pm** process up hill for  
**Crib Service 4.00pm St Paul’s Church**  
**Carol singing around the Christmas Tree.**  
King’s Head Car Park round the Christmas Tree **6.30pm**

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This month’s Cover artwork was created by Alana Bickerton of Year 6.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

Back in June we began to see the community coming together again after two years of cancelled events and indeed isolation. Now at the end of the year we can observe a full return to something like normal. Our very successful **Bonfire Night** with a spectacular fireworks display, drew a large and happy crowd to enjoy the event. A week later, many villagers came together to commemorate those lost in past wars, marked by hundreds of Remembrance poppies appearing around the village.

As we slide towards the last month of 2022 it is absolutely back to the usual hectic round of pre-Christmas events sponsored by many local groups and organisations. There are children's

parties planned, with bazaars, fayres, whist drives, wreath making and a Winter Solstice celebration. There will be carol services and community singing of carols round the big tree at the King's Head on Christmas Eve.

The village will be decorated with trees and lights, funded by the proceeds of the bonfire and firework display. I reckon we may all need a good rest and some quiet time with the family come the holiday.

This is a season to be merry and a season of goodwill to all. As winter advances it may also bring hard times for many. We will need to keep up that spirit of community solidarity and continue to look out for one another.

***Onen hag oll!***

**Best wishes and Season's Greetings to Everyone!!!**

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## WILL CINDERELLA MAKE IT TO THE BALL?

Chacewater Players is working hard for its latest Pantomime Production of Cinderella, which is being performed at Chacewater Village Hall on the following dates.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7:30pm**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

**at 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**at 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

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**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

Anticipating the dampest of weather conditions for our monthly hike around the Parish on the first Sunday of November 2022, we were not disappointed because a slight amount of precipitation fell for most of this particular walk. True to form though, upon arrival at our normal rendezvous (The Square Car Park), the author of this article was immediately struck by the resilience of so many of our resident community because he was met by 23 eager walkers - clad in an array of foul weather clothing - and 2 of our four-legged friends, which was honestly great to see!



Opting for firm under foot for most of

this walk, this route initially took us “splish splashing” down along the Twelveheads Road to the point where we headed up right on Byway 36/2 and 1, which takes you past both Chy Mengleth and Fox Hole Farm. The path was a bit slippery in places. We needed to pause a couple of times and had one slight mishap but managed to get to the top in pretty good order. At this point we came out of the gloom onto the Creegbrowse Ridge Road from where one can see across and well beyond the Poldice Valley, which is a truly lovely sight. **The photo left looks back down Byway 36/2.**

Moving on, we headed right for about 50 metres before pausing to discuss our aims to reintroduce two of the older and less-used Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in this area over the coming year. We soon turned left



down Bridleway 48/1, which was damp but navigable and eventually brought us out just above Todpool, **where our second photo was taken.**



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Now at the foot of Church Hill, we headed back up, passing Mitchell's Cement works - and its lovely new wall - to the right before meeting with the Creegbrowse Crossing. Needing to inspect Bridleways 37/1 and 12/1 for possible future maintenance works, we headed right at this point to discover them just beyond and left of Wheal Henry, so a bit of a loop had been taken. A bit watery under foot, this was nevertheless quite easy to navigate and we eventually emerged out onto Church Hill at St Michaels at 1045.

Being aware that the RNLI were participating in the Sunday Service at St Paul's around this time - and that a few hot beverages might be in the offing - many of us decided to call it stumps here, especially as it really started to hammer down with rain at this point as well. In short, despite being a bit late, quite damp and in some cases having some shoddy footwear, we were welcomed with open arms and contributed a bit to both the Church and RNLI. A good end to another great walk!

**The next CRoW walk will depart the Square Car Park, at 0930 on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - all most welcome!**

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## **CHACEWATER BOWLING CLUB**

With regards to the virus, 2022 has been a challenging time for all of us. After many months, we are now able to invite you to join us at the Bowling Club if you are free.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** WHIST DRIVE 7pm. If you like WHIST why not come along and join with us.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** IN TUNE CHOIR 7.30pm. We are delighted that the Choir will be here to sing for us again. It will be a great time to start our Christmas Celebrations - entrance is free - there will be a collection in aid of a worthy cause PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS. Please come along.

All of us at the Bowling Club wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Barrie Tippett - President  
Chacewater Bowling Club*

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## **CONVERSATION, COMMUNITY AND COFFEE AT THE DECEMBER POP IN...**

**Procaffeinating: The tendency not to start anything until you've had your cup of coffee!**

Come join us for a cup on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (brought forward to the **second Tuesday** of this month). Meeting in the Nissan Hut in the free car park from 10.15 - 11.45.

There might also be a mince pie! Please bring along your favourite mug. Anyone can join us, there is no cost and it is a chance to catch up. Thank you to my lovely helpers, Jenny, Dave and Kath and all who support this in many ways and wishing you all peace at Christmas.

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# WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN UP TO

- A massive amount of leaf sweeping has been undertaken across the Parish, most notably up and down Church Hill and the Square Car Park, so that drains along these areas are not blocked.

- Volunteers have helped with some of remedial works to the Streetscape, which included the installation, population and slight movement (where necessary) of our roadside Planters!

- Cormac have been right through the village to clear the majority of our roadside drains, repaired part of the damaged walled garden area at the West End and either relocated or introduced more 20 and 30mph repeater signs up along Kerley Hill and at the West End of the village. Redundant roadside signposts have been removed to reduce clutter on main street footpaths. They have also done a good job clearing out all the foliage that had built up around the Leat Grille at Station Road.

- Representatives of the Parish Council met with members of Tregothnan Estates on 1st November to discuss various items of mutual interest, including the siting of new picnic benches at the Killifreth Mine Engine House and near the Wheal Busy Arsenic Calciner, where we hope to level and keep clear a nice area of land.

- On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Chacewater Parish Council hosted an in-depth Review of the Truro & Roseland Community Network

Panel/Area, which will shortly transition to one of 12 Community Area Partnerships or CAPs as they will be referred to in future. This change to the way business is done may trigger some much-needed funding for improvements around the Parish but only time will tell if this actually happens, (esp. given the current state of the economy, both nationally and locally).

- Volunteers attended a county-wide review of Cornwall's Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) on 26th October, because this impacts upon the World Heritage Site (WHS) status of where we live and will help with the review of the Neighbourhood Plan late next year.

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## NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

A bit of rain dodging has definitely been required at the garden over the last month or so, but it's still been surprisingly warm. This has resulted in a very welcome extended harvest and we found ourselves picking crops such as beans, peas and beetroot in November!

We've also been busy preparing for next year and have been planting spring flowering bulbs like daffodils,



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alliums and anemones in the banks. We've created an extra bubble wrap greenhouse and both are now full of trays of hardy annuals which should give us a head start on creating a cut flower garden next spring.



The first tree for the new orchard area has arrived! It's a rather special one – a Mary Challis apple. There are only about 30 of these trees in existence! The original tree stands in the Mary Challis Garden in Sawston, Cambridgeshire. It is perhaps 50-60 years old, but there are no records of when it was planted or which variety it is. DNA fingerprinting determined it to be an entirely unknown cross between Dr. Harvey and Cox's Orange Pippin (or one of its clones or crosses). The Mary Challis apple has now been accepted

as a variety in the National Register of Local Cultivars (RLC), and volunteers at the Mary Challis garden have been busy grafting to ensure this unique variety is not lost.



Dr. Harvey is one of the earliest culinary varieties, dating back to 1629, first recorded in Essex and named after Dr. Gabriel Harvey, a former Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Cox's Orange Pippin is the classic English apple, regarded as the finest of dessert apples with its complex aromatic flavour and attractive orange-red colour. It is thought to have appeared as a chance seedling in the 19th century. Crossing these two varieties to create the Mary Challis apple has created an excellent culinary apple, with heavy crops of medium to large fruit in September that keep until January. The apples are firm when young, good for cooking, soften with age and a good eater with a subtle orangey taste. Some consider it to be the best apple for making mincemeat for mince pies at Christmas!

### **AN INVITATION**

On that note, we'd like to invite you to join us for our Winter Solstice celebration on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. This will just be a bunch of gardeners (us) looking forward to the days

# Malcolm Carveth

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getting longer following the shortest day of the year – always a good thing in the gardening calendar.

Traditionally, people have got together to welcome the return of the sun and leave out food for wildlife, hanging on trees or in a woodland clearing. It is also a time for lighting lanterns and burning logs to make a warming fire.

We thought the children would enjoy some craft activities (free!) based around these ideas and have planned a few simple things to make including:

- Birdfeeders
- Tree hangers
- Table decorations with greenery
- Paper wreaths

Please come and join us, there will be hot chocolate and goodies on sale (£1 for drink and cake). We hope to have festive bites such as gingerbread men, lebkuchen, mince pies and more!

The activities will be held outside so wrap up warm and keep a watch on the weather – we will post on Facebook if the forecast is bad and give an update nearer the time.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

*The Gardening Team*

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## **NEW DAWN AT THE KINGS HEAD**

As Christmas and the New Year approach, the Kings Head Hotel is again under new management for the

fifth year running. The hotel continues to provide guest accommodation in modern ensuite rooms.



Now, with new manager Dawn in charge, the Kings Head public bar and lounge will be **open every day from 12 noon until closing time** (11pm. Mon – Sat. Sundays 9pm.), providing a place to meet friends in the heart of Chacewater village.

Cooked food is also available at a reasonable price. A two-course roast dinner costs £10. **Older citizens can get a meal for £6 every Monday and Wednesday.** Throughout December a 3-course Xmas dinner may be booked [see the Kings Head Chacewater on Facebook or call: **01872 560941**]

Dawn says the Kings Head will open as usual on Xmas Day (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec) and Boxing Day (Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec). Dawn grew up in Chacewater and remembers singing carols round the big tree when she was a child. She looks forward to this festive spirit returning in the village. On Xmas Eve, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, everyone will be welcome to join in carolling and there will be mince pies and mulled wine.

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Alternatively since January 2022 I've been delighted to work face to face with clients again on Tuesday's. I have a room based at Highgrove House Wellbeing Centre in Threemilestone Truro.

Please use this link <https://www.highgrovewellbeing.co.uk> to find out more about the centre; read my full profile; book a free 30 min telephone consultation; and if we agree to go ahead you can book 50 minute Counselling sessions @ £40 per session. At the moment I work there Tuesdays, take the calls in the morning and offer sessions in the afternoon/early evening. There is some availability but I'm looking to extend this as there is increasing demand

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*Andrea*

# CHACEWATER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chacewater children's party will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2-4.30pm in Chacewater Village hall.

We have entertainment from H.J Party Prime and a visit from Santa who will be in his grotto again, with a gift for every paying child.

Admission will be £3 per child (cash only).

All children who attend Chacewater primary school, Stepping Stones pre-school, or simply live in the parish of Chacewater are invited.

Children must be 11 years of age or younger.

All children 5 years old, or younger, must be accompanied with an adult.

If your child has any dietary needs please let me know before the day at vtippett@btinternet.com, so we can provide a Santa gift and food for them.

*Val Tippett*

# CHRISTMAS NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

We're looking forward to getting back to normal this year after all the disruption of the last two years.

We are holding a **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10.30am till 2pm. This will include Christmas stalls, coffee and cakes and a soup and crumble lunch. Please pop in at any time to pick up some bargains and presents and have a chat over coffee or lunch.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual **Nine Lessons and Carols** beginning at 6pm with seasonal refreshments to follow.

On Christmas Eve the 'ponkey' will arrive in the car park at 3.30pm and lead the procession up the hill for the **Crib Service** at 4pm. Children will be able to dress as nativity characters and ride the pony around the church and eventually form a tableau of the Nativity scene. All are very welcome to join in or enjoy watching.

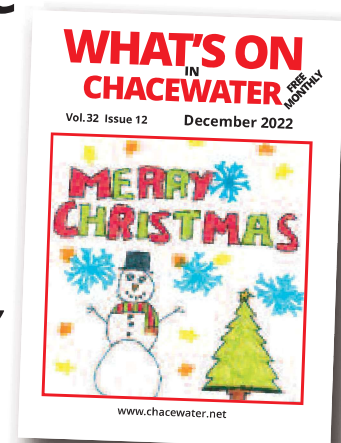
Then, at 9pm. we will hold our **Christmas Eucharist** with all the familiar carols.

A very Happy Christmas to you from all at St. Paul's.

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## Copy date reminder

*Copy date for the January edition of "What's On" is **Midday Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December***



# PERIOD OF REMEMBRANCE



Chacewater commemorated the period of remembrance in fine style again this year as local businesses and individual householders joined our volunteer force to “dress” the village with a variety of appropriate displays, ranging from:

- Plastic poppies either side of the roadway leading up Church Hill, which the children particularly enjoyed looking at and asking questions about as they made their way to and from school each day.
- The always beautiful carpet-like rail hanging at the Bowling Club – thanks Jenny and your band of helpers from the Bowling Club.
- Drapes, displays, collection containers or subtle hints at ‘Our Plaice’, the Village Shop, Bakery, the window of former Rambling Miner, D & S Jose, Diamond Hair and Beauty Salon, the school railings and of course the Fore Street lamp post planters; adorned as they were with hessian cloth poppies produced by Noel and Karen Crocker and Angie Beckham.



*Preparing the Church Tower!*



*The Lychgate*

As always, a good deal of volunteer effort was reserved for dressing areas inside and around the Church of St Paul’s which, amongst other things, saw:

- The superbly impressive and informative historic display that Paul Shevlin always does in reverence to those from Chacewater who made the ‘ultimate sacrifice’.
- Placing plastic poppies to identify Commonwealth War Graves and

family gravestones which commemorate fallen sons in the old cemetery.

- A safer method of hauling/attaching the large (and quite weighty) fishing net of woven poppies to the side of the church tower was fully realised – a great idea from Peter Chesworth, aided by Steve Leech and Malcolm Beckham.

- Enhancements made (thanks to Gill Knill and the ladies of the Bowling Club again) to the Lychgate net hanging, which is now matted with more beautifully woven poppies.



The Service of Remembrance itself was given by Father Steve Fletcher to a congregation of around 60. Father Steve offered some poignant references to his family background,

as indeed did Bill Green, whose own Father and two uncles volunteered for service in the Second World War, from which thankfully they returned safely. It was also pleasing to see the uniforms of all three of our Armed Services represented this year in the form of Colonel Paul Deakin, Squadron Leader Collette Knill and Commander Rob Knill RN (Rtd). Tony, Margaret, Terry and Maggie – who also read a most moving poem: *'In Flanders Field'* - did much to prepare things ahead of and on the day and St Paul's choir was in full voice throughout. Finally, a huge thanks go to our resident bugler, Katy Wilson who once again did Chacewater proud



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## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW) – DATA CAPTURING



A number of enquiries have been received from concerned residents asking whether the combination of the new Streetscape and our Community Speedwatch (CSW) is making a difference to the speed of vehicles driving through Chacewater village

these days? Well, perhaps the following factual comparisons may help; taken before and after the Streetscape was introduced, from our High Street/Buckingham Nip CSW location. (one of three locations used for this purpose in Chacewater):

- Over 12 sessions of CSW monitoring vehicles heading East (i.e. into the village from Scorrier) **before the Streetscape design was introduced**, we saw **9.3%** of vehicles speeding in excess of 35mph in a 30mph zone, but **following Streetscape** this dropped (over 12 sessions) to **4.5%**.

- Over 12 sessions of CSW monitoring vehicles heading West (i.e. away from village towards Scorrier) **before Streetscape** we witnessed **4.6%** of vehicles speeding in excess of 35mph in a 30mph zone, but **after Streetscape** this dropped (over 12 sessions) to just **1.3%**.

In terms of notifications issued:

- Between 1 July and 1 August 2022 (using data from all 3 of our CSW sites), 70 vehicle owners were handed First letters advising of their speeding offence and a Second letter went to 3 others. **Note. A recordable CSW offence can be taken at any CSW site across Devon & Cornwall.**

- Between 1 Aug and 1 Sep 2022 a further 54 owners were handed First letters and another 3 issued with a Second. Between 1 Sep and 1 Oct 2022, 40 vehicle owners were issued with First letters and one was issued with a Second. Finally, between the 1st and 23rd October 2022 (so just the first 3 weeks of this month), 21 First letters were issued, one more second letter sent and 7 others are being investigated. **A total of 185 First Letters have therefore been issued in just 2 and a half months!**

Throughout this time, we have also reported over 20 vehicles on the road without either Road Tax or in-date MOT (or both?); which is quite alarming and certainly pricked the ears of the D&C Police's 'No Excuses' Team. We have also reported several instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) from passing vehicles, all of whom will now receive cautionary letters from D&C Police!

The CSW Team – who are a bunch of volunteers prepared to step up and try to do something positive on behalf of the community to make this place just that bit safer - have been approached by numerous drivers (some grumpy!) asking us: “what are we doing? why are we doing it?” and suggesting that we “ought to be concentrating on other aspects of Road Safety”, such as putting in more double yellow lines, telling people to use our Free car parks or getting more people (not them, you note?) on to the frequent bus services that run through our village? This, together with some quite awful commentary on the likes of Facebook, seems to be part of this volunteer group’s life these days, so it’s a good job we can put such things into clear perspective for all isn’t it?

Reducing traffic speed and improving driver courtesy makes our streets safer for all.

**‘Proof is proof’ as they say, the message is that CSW will continue in Chacewater until it is no longer needed!**



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# *Christmas Fete*

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**CHACEWATER VILLAGE HALL**

**Christmas Crafts**

**Raffle**

**Children's Activities**

**Santa Visit**

**Tombola**

**Refreshments**



# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Hundreds of villagers and visitors enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display on the evening of Saturday 5th November. After a two-year absence, all seemed very pleased to join in this community event. The event was coordinated by the Chacewater Projects with the full support of the Parish Council. It was made possible entirely thanks to the concerted efforts of dozens of village volunteers.

The good-natured crowd gathered on the Millennium Green saw a great show underwritten and insured by Chacewater Parish Council. Hundreds of burgers, chips and hot dogs were cooked and served. Sweets, sodas and hot drinks were available.

The bonfire smouldered sullenly as it struggled with some soaking wet timber – eventually it was well ablaze by 8.30pm – unfortunately, two hours behind schedule.

Veteran members of Chacewater Bowling Club marshalled road traffic and the crowds at the entrance gate. By the time the gates opened, a queue went all the way down to the Kings Head. Thanks to Barrie Tippett, David & Jenny Prime, Bill Green and David & Maria Smith who collected entrance money and made sure everyone got into the Green safely.

Happily, everyone was able to find their way in the dark and enjoyed the evening show without accident or injury. Nobody had to visit the First Aid post staffed by members of the St John's Ambulance.

## **Building the Bonfire**

Kevin Dabb and his colleagues at Westfield Transport yard lined up stacks of old pallets and broken timber for fuel. Peter Chesworth and Paul Shevlin borrowed a trailer from Richie Northey and practised collecting a load to bring to the Millennium Green. The next morning, Nick White brought his trailer also and with the help of Malcom Beckham and Rob Knill we transported another six trailer loads from Westfield to the centre of the Green.

While rain fell steadily on Saturday morning, Alan Crocker, Simon Blake, Barrie Tippett and Steve Leech joined Malcolm, Rob, Peter and Paul to build a 15 foot high bonfire. The crew completed this task within an hour. [It was a shame the rain delayed ignition but, thanks to the builders' careful work, the bonfire burned well and reduced to a small pyramid of ash by Sunday morning.]

## **Preparing the Show**

Safety fencing was put up around the pond and across the Green. We decided to finish preparations when the rain stopped at 3pm.

We were fortunate to have a 12 hour break from days of heavy rainfall. It was long enough for our chief pyro-technician Paul Bearham and his assistant Shaun Buckingham to set-up and keep dry an impressive range of fireworks.

In the afternoon, volunteers including Angie Beckham, Sian Bennetts, Linda Shevlin, Terie Chesworth and most of the bonfire builders set about completing

# RKS SPECTACULAR

preparations in the Green and the Village Hall. Gazebo shelters and fences were erected; tables, chairs and protective carpets were laid out; floodlights and cooking equipment were connected and tested.

The catering team came together and started cooking at 5.30pm. John Carley joined Peter Chesworth, Malcolm Beckham and Steve Leech in charge of the barbeque and chip fryers. Linda Shevlin managed preparation of frankfurters and onions alongside Angie Beckham and a "sales & service team" who were mostly new to the job. Many thanks to Isabelle Housni, Sue and Paul Turner who worked tirelessly with the rest of the crew to get food to hungry queues.

Thanks also to Jessica and Noah for running the stall offering a wide selection of sugary treats to happy youngsters. Inside the Hall a seasoned team from the Methodist Chapel delivered a constant supply of hot drinks for crowds coming in from the mist. Once again, many thanks to Oliveen Bearham, Millicent Davis, Becky and Roz Tippet and Liz Hayward for their valuable efforts.

A good time was enjoyed by all and the event raised money which will help to fund future activities for the benefit of our community. We congratulate all attendees whose patience, good humour and appreciation for an excellent show helped make for a great atmosphere. Thank you all for your care and respect for neighbours as well as for volunteer helpers and for our community facilities.

We really appreciate everyone's contribution to make this event successful and enjoyable. Afterwards, a small and weary team remained to clear up the site. We were pleased to find very little rubbish on the ground, thanks to all who took care to put their litter in the bins. The clear-up was completed by 9.30pm.

## **Volunteer Review**

Reviewing this event, the Chacewater Projects Executive Committee was delighted with its overall success which provided a memorable occasion for the community and will help finance future events. This is only possible thanks to the time and effort of our many volunteer helpers and local organisations as noted above. We have also noted a number of improvements to help make next year's event even better.

It is very true that "many hands make light work" and every bit of help is always welcome. As the years begin to tell on some of our long-serving volunteers, we will hope to get some new offers to lend a hand. If anyone can spare an hour or so to help out please let us know. We have signed up some helpers already for next year; meanwhile we can use assistance in the coming weeks.

If you could help, give us a call – or just turn up: putting up and taking down xmas trees & street decorations; leat clearance; managing the Millennium Green....

*Secretary, Chacewater Projects*

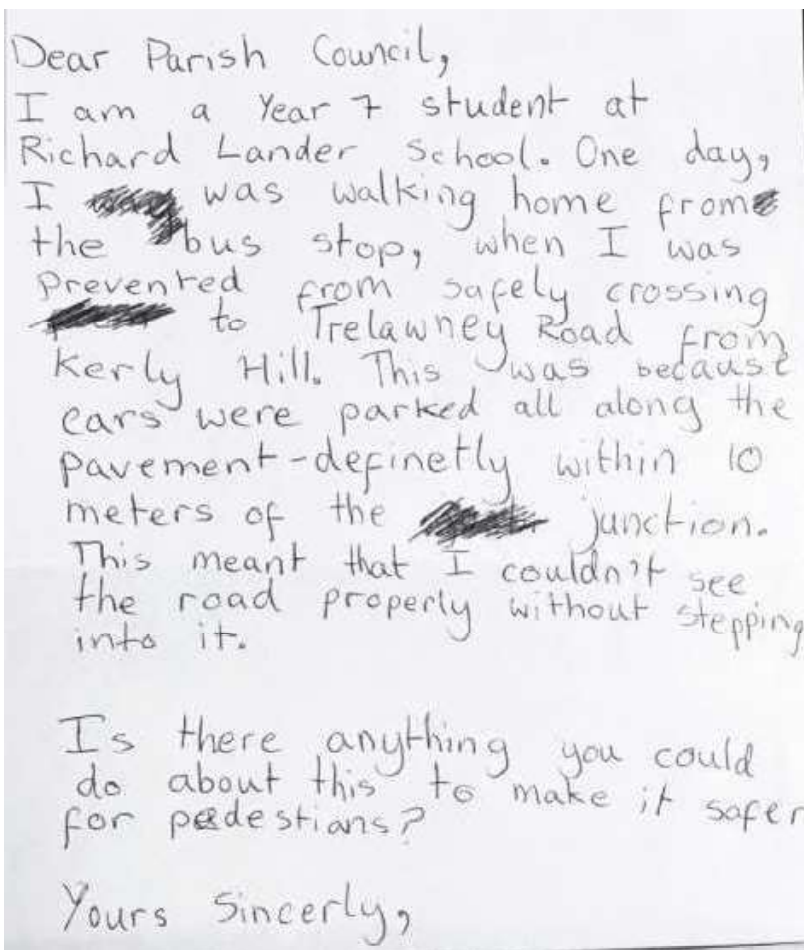
# INCONSIDERATE PARKING!!

The Parish Council has growing concerns about the serious parking issues currently being experienced in and around Chacewater village. They have received many emails and other written correspondence from residents who share those same concerns.

One of the many letters received is from an 11-year-old high school student who has agreed that her letter can be published (*see below*)

night after night there are cars parked at road junctions, which causes a very real and serious Road Safety problem because drivers of vehicles exiting those junctions simply cannot see round .... and yet both car parks in the village are half empty!

We have heard the words such as 'inconsiderate parking' used so many times over the past couple of months. While this is correct, also it is often **illegal** parking and more importantly **dangerous!**\* We have children writing to us advising that they cannot cross a road safely due to cars "parking inconsiderately" and blocking their view.



## So, what are we doing about it?

Well, as the Parish Council has no direct powers to enforce parking tickets for inconsiderately parked vehicles, we can advise that we have engaged with the Parking Enforcement team at Cornwall Council, our Ward Member Cllr Dulcie Tudor as well as Devon & Cornwall Police to find out what we can do about this issue.

We have requested an increase in parking officers patrolling the village and so therefore, expect to see them around. They will not hesitate on issuing parking fines.

We have two car parks in Chacewater now, **TWO!** Yet day after day and

We ask PLEASE, that greater use is

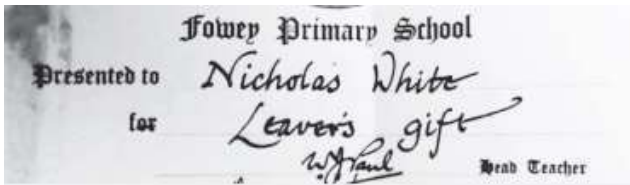
made of the FREE car parks available to park cars that cannot routinely be parked outside your residence - as opposed to parking on junctions and yellow lines.

**Does someone really need to get hurt (potentially fatal!) before the situation improves and do you want such an incident to be on your conscience?**

**\* Rule 243 of the Highway Code** states you must not **park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet)** of a road junction, except in an authorised parking space"

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## OBSERVATORY DECEMBER UPDATE



In the year of 1974, I was in my final year of Fowey Junior School. As was the tradition, every leaver was allowed to pick a book which would be presented to them as a leaver's gift. For some absolutely unknown reason, my choice was "The Observer's Book of Astronomy" by Patrick Moore. For the life of me I cannot think why this was the book I requested.

I am now in my sixtieth year and, for all the years which have passed since I walked up to the school stage and was presented with the book by the Headmaster, I have never even looked at its content. Over the years it has been stored in several lofts and in

more recent times it sat on a bookshelf between a Fred Dibnah biography and a "Grumpy old gits guide to life" hardback.

In the last few months at the Observatory, the team has continued on as keen as ever through weather which has not been so kind to us as the previous year. Every Tuesday we have met up and continued with our various projects. It has been groundwork projects the order of the day, involving the construction of the toilet block, an ongoing workscope moving forward in leaps and bounds. Boundary fencing is being erected to ensure a more secure location.

But just in the last few weeks something has changed, there has been the start of technical talk. The Lambert Dome as it has been named, although not fully finished, is operational. The roof is fully rotational throughout 360 degrees. The base for mounting the telescope has been installed.

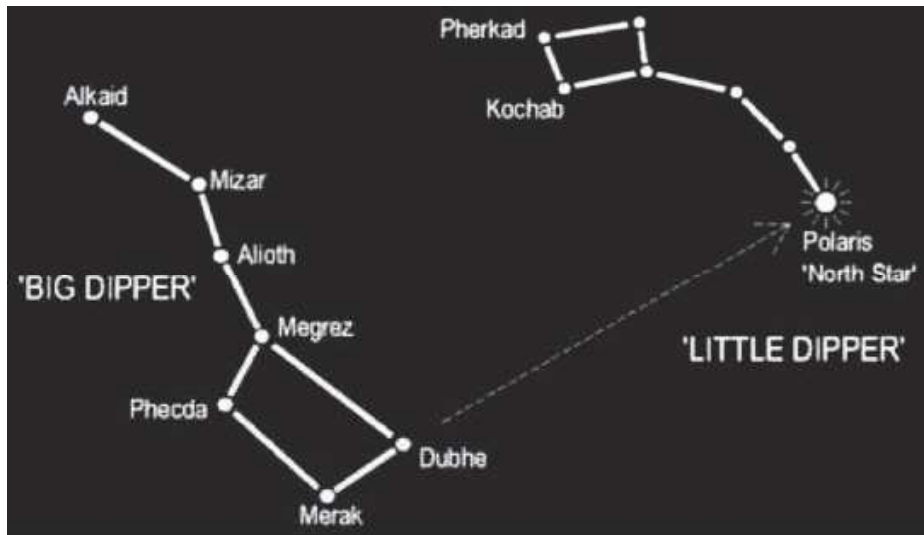
We are now waiting for a clear night so that "Polaris" can be located in the night sky. I have to put my hands up and admit I didn't know that this is the correct name for the North Star and also that it was always in the same location in relation to us on earth. There has been talk of true north and magnetic north. Spirit levels and compasses have been used in order to ensure the telescope base has been placed in the exact spot which is required.

I feel I should have known already how to locate Polaris in relation to the Great Bear or the Big Dipper as the

Americans prefer to call it. Maybe it was knowledge that I have forgotten over time, but I am fully aware of it now.

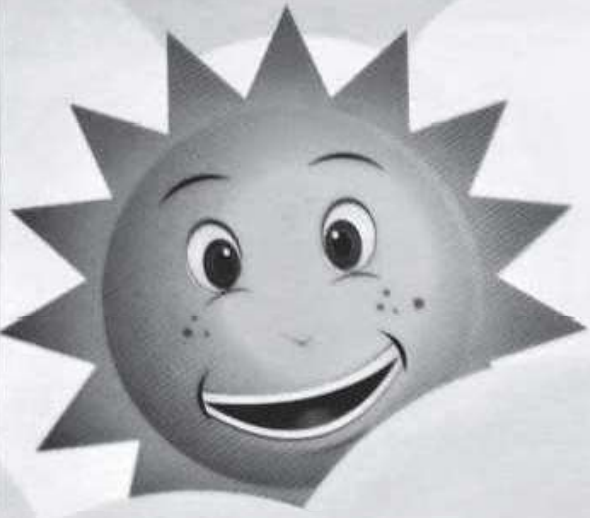
Once we have located this star, then I am being informed this will become the Datum. The final installation of the telescope in the dome can go ahead

and hopefully we will be all ready to start viewing the night sky and identifying the bright lights up there. And who knows, after all these years, maybe Patrick Moore's little handbook will prove to be an invaluable reference, and turn out it wasn't such a bad choice after all.



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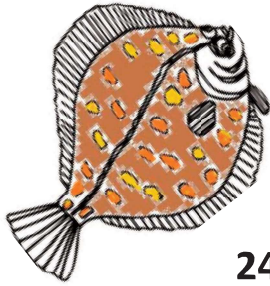
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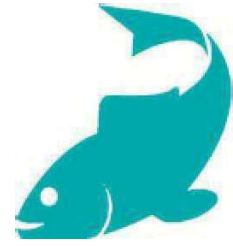


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# VILLAGE PONDWATCH NOVEMBER 2022

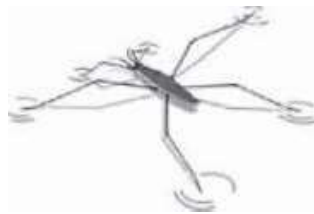
The trees behind the pond are mostly bare of leaves and, high in the upper branches, a large nest is exposed. It could be a squirrel's drey. Tall reeds have turned lemon yellow, as have many leaves on the willow bushes. Some sprigs of blackberry blossom appear sheltered near the pond, alongside pink sprinkles of open flowers on red campion plants.

Sudden showers of rain cover the pond with a veil of countless interlocking circles. Heavier rainfall makes each ring erupt and a small column of water splashes upwards from every circle's centre. Glistening, inch-wide bubbles of trapped air are driven across the surface.

The water level has risen after many days of rain and most of the old floating leaves have sunk into the sludge on the bottom. On the surface a wide expanse of clear water lies still – reflecting a dozen bulrushes silhouetted against a dove-grey cloudy sky.



A small brown bird flutters among the stems of dried-out reeds. Another trio of small birds with black caps (coal tits, perhaps) skip in the willow bush and shelter behind its dark green leaves. Amidst the scrub, a spray of bramble leaves has turned a deep carmine red.



There is little movement seen in the pond, although curious water beetles regularly prick the surface, leaving a short-lived ring of ripples. A few pond-skaters may run across the water and into the weeds or stand still with four feet slightly denting the surface film.

*Paul Shevlin*

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## NEWS FROM THE OBSERVATORY FOR CORNWALL (O4C)

The aim remains to get both the Toilet Block (TB) and No 1 'Lambert' Dome up and running before Christmas, so we can formally invite guests to the site in the New Year of 2023.

To that end, Steve Leech is leading the charge in terms of getting those bespoke wooden doors fitted to both accesses to the TB and will soon be collating all the pipework and fittings to enable the various plumbing appliances to be successfully installed.

Nick White has also done some magnificent work to prepare the mount in No 1 'Lambert' Dome to such a standard that it can accept one of the large telescopes that Murty Malla and friends are trying to make fully functional. "A bit of a trip into the unknown Captain" as Spock of Star Trek fame used to say, we are all

learning a great deal as we go, and on so many fronts, but definite progress is being made all over the place now. A next phase will include the potential sell off of some of the heavy weight galvanised pieces, which are no longer required but take up valuable space. Experts have visited the site to offer advice, such as Terry Tempest (seen in the photo above), who popped in to explain how the telescope he donated some 20 years ago works. We have also re-soldered the main container doors in order to make them more secure and have introduced more effective lay-apart areas behind the wooden Workshop/Education Facility. Finally, we even celebrated “young” Nick White’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on site; such is his commitment to get this project

advanced, he didn’t even tell anyone or take the day off. We had a really good singalong though, and a lovely caterpillar cake to complement our usual diet of doughnuts and coffee – more to come!



**Chacewater Community Garden**

We will be celebrating the Winter Solstice  
on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10.30 – 12.00**

Free children’s activities – children should be accompanied, hot  
chocolate and spiced apple juice, Festive bakes  
and nibbles      Drink and cake £1

A pre-Christmas get together to enjoy some fresh air and look forward to longer days. Our usual plant stall will be available but this is mainly social – wrap up warm! Bring your reusable cup 😊

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## **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

**1. Name the pantomime these characters are from:**

- a. Wishee Washee
- b. Alderman Fitzwarren
- c. Buttons
- d. Captain Hook

**2. Which Christmas songs are these lyrics from:**

- a. "Where the treetops glisten, and children listen to sleigh bells in the snow"
- b. "Let the Christmas spirit ring, later we'll have some pumpkin pie, and we'll do some carolling.."
- c. "There'll be parties for hosting,

marshmallows for toasting, and carolling out in the snow.."

**3. Now for Christmas carols:**

- a. "Round yon virgin mother and child.."
- b. "God and sinners reconciled.."
- c. "Come and behold him. born the king of angels.."

**4. Finally, for old time sake, name Santa's reindeers!**

*Answers on page 36*



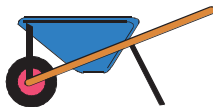
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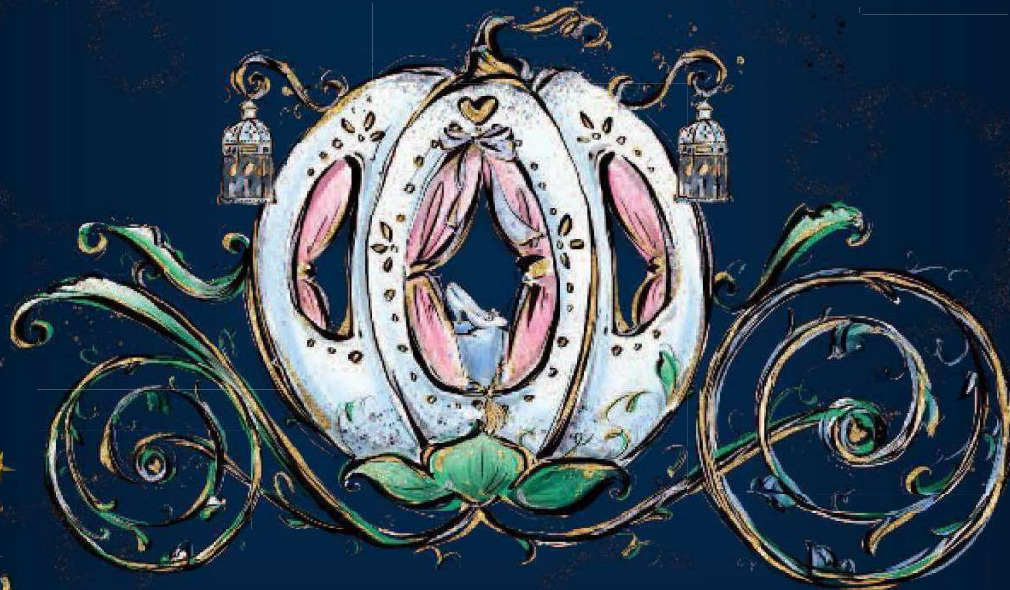
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# ST PAUL'S NEWS!!



On Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, we were delighted to welcome David from RNLI to our Service of the Word (Non communion). He gave a talk about the work they do as well as some of the history of Lifesaving.

What amazing people! Thank you for all you do. Hymns included ***"Morning has broken"***, ***"Eternal father strong to save"*** and ***"I the Lord of sea and sky"***.

Bill and Julie read "Storm in the water" from the gospels of Mark and Luke about Jesus calming the stormy seas.

Linda led the service and read a poem about Grace Darling who in 1838 became a national heroine after risking her life to save the stranded survivors of the wrecked steamship *Forfarshire*.

David chatted with us during refreshments, and we were joined by some members of the Chacewater

walking group, lovely to see you all!!! Thank you to all who came along.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November we held our Remembrance service. Inside there was a display with the biographies of Chacewater's fallen soldiers. Thank-you to Paul Shevlin for compiling them. Rev Steve Fletcher led the well-attended Service. Wreaths were laid outside at the war memorial and a bugler signalled the beginning and end of the 2-minute silence. We were proud to have representation from all 3 of the armed services. The village of Chacewater looked beautiful with the poppies around the village, outside the church and inside, the pews were also decorated with poppies. Thank you to all involved.

We will remember them.



*St Paul's Church  
Linda Shevlin*

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **a.** Aladdin, **b.** Dick Whittington, **c.** Cinderella, **d.** Peter Pan
2. **a.** White Christmas, **b.** Rocking around the Christmas tree, **c.** It's the most wonderful time of the year.
3. **a.** Silent Night, **b.** Hark the

Herald Angels Sing, **c.** O Come All Ye Faithful.

4. Comet and Cupid, Dancer and Prancer, Dasher and Vixen, Donner and Blitzen, AND Rudolf of course.

# St Paul's Church, Chacewater

Sun. Dec 4th	Service of the Word	9.45
Sun. 11th	Rev. Jem Thorold	9.45
Sun. 18th	Service of the Word 9 Lessons and Carols	9.45 6p.m.
Sat. 24th	Crib Service (meet the "ponkey" in the car park at 3.30) Christmas Eucharist	4p.m. 9p.m.
Sun. 25th	Christmas Day Communion	10.00

**Christmas Greetings from everyone at St. Paul's**

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Sunday 11th December:- Ruth Braddock at Chacewater

Sunday 18th December :- carol service at

Chacewater in the morning at 10.30 AND candlelight carols at Twelveheads 5pm

Saturday 24th December:- carols around the tree by the Kings Head 6.30pm

No service on Christmas Day

**Many thanks and a Merry Christmas from the Chapel**

Meeting in Kilifreth Room, Chacewater Village Hall

unless otherwise stated at 10.30

Alison Murfin 01872 560224 Oliveen Bearham 01872 560887

Peter Dyer 01872 276115

Further information from Rev Simon Clarke

tel: 01872 858976 Mob. 07531150891

email [simon.clarke@methodist.org.uk](mailto:simon.clarke@methodist.org.uk)



## On Behalf of Chacewater Parish Council

“What’s On in Chacewater” is publishing emergency numbers to help readers who may need them.

### **EMERGENCY / Out of hours TELEPHONE contact nos**

#### **South West Water (SWW)**

Large water leaks **0344 346 2020**

SWW Overflowing manholes etc **0344 346 2020**

Flooding roads / houses **0300 1234 222**  
**(anytime)**

Highways Emergencies Fallen Trees **0300 1234 222**  
**(anytime)**

#### **Western Power**

Emergency information Power cuts etc **0800 678 3105**

General contact enquiries **0800 096 3080**

Electricity emergency Power lines down etc **0800 40 40 90**

#### **Gas**

Emergency / leaks / smell etc **0800 111 999**

**Council Housing** emergency repairs **0300 1234 161**  
**(anytime)**

Anti-social behaviour **0300 1234 161**  
**(anytime)**

**Police** **999 or 112 for emergencies**  
or if non urgent **101**

**Ambulance** **999 or 112 for emergencies**  
or if non urgent **111** for the NHS medical helpline

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

**Cornwall Fire and Rescue** also have non-urgent numbers: general enquiries 0300 1234 232 and 24 hour fire safety advice 0800 3581 999

## **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**

Meeting at Chacewater School on Friday evenings (term time only)

Rainbows 5.30-6.30 (ages 4-7)

Brownies 6.30-8.00 (ages 7-10)

Guides 6.00-8.00 (ages 10-14)

Please contact

1stchacewaterbrownies@gmail.com

for more information

### **1st Threemilestone Scout Group**

welcoming boys and girls from Chacewater

Beavers Mondays 6 – 7.15pm

email: tmsbeavers@gmail.com

Cubs Thursday 6 – 7.30pm

E: threemilestonecubs@gmail.com

Scouts Thursday 6.15 – 7.45pm

E: 1stthreemilestonescouts@gmail.com

### **Chacewater Players**

Secretary: tel: 01872 562920 or: 07964 751024

### **Chacewater Tea Dance**

Wednesday afternoons, 2.00pm until 4.15 pm. (Complying with COVID restrictions of course). Contact Ian Sharam Tel. 01872 274 113 or Email ian.sharam.esq@gmail.com.

### **Cornwall Orchid Society**

1st Sunday every month, 2pm at Chacewater Village Hall. All Welcome.

### **Chacewater Bowling Club**

Jenny Prime 01872 560 369

### **Chacewater Community Garden**

Open anytime to All. Join-in sessions – Weds & Sunday mornings 10am – 1pm.

Facebook : Chacewater Community Garden. or Contact : Chacewater Projects

### **Tuesday Pop in**

3rd Tuesday in the month. 10.15 to 11.45 am. WI Hall.

Contact Jill Hocking 07790 439 075

### **Chacewater Horticultural Show**

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

### **Knit-wits Crafts Group**

Temporarily suspended

Val Barnes 01872 242 213 or valerie07@gmail.com

### **Cornwall Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

4th Saturday of each month at the W.I. Hall all day

Audrey Durrant 01209 820 307 or audreydurrant@btinternet.com

### **Chacewater Football Club**

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

### **Keep Fit Cornwall**

Tuesday evening Chacewater Village Hall 07854 925 843 or

susie@keepfitcornwall.co.uk

### **Happy Feet** (Line & Country Dancing)

Thursday 7 – 9.30pm Chacewater Village Hall

Beginners session 7-pm to 8-pm.

Improver intermediate session 8-pm to 9-30-pm,

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

### **Chacewater Village in Bloom**

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

Linda Shevlin - 01872 561626 or linshev@btinternet.com

### **Sisters in Stitches Craft Group**

Hilary Dewey 01872 560 517

### **Little Eden Baby & Toddler Church**

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@O2.pl

### **Chacewater Projects**

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

01209 822 054 or 01872 561626 or info@chacewaterprojects.co.uk

### **Truro/Falmouth Chess coaching and Chess Club.**

Carnon Downs Village Hall, Wednesday evening. Contact Robin Kneebone 07531543651 for details.

*If your organization is not included above please contact the Editor*

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## **To Contact your Parish Councillors**

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Chacewater Parish Council is now returning to meeting at the Village Hall again, with current social distancing measures. Dates of meetings will be listed in "What's On" and on the Parish Council website ([www.chacewater.net](http://www.chacewater.net))

Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Chacewater Parish Council Clerk**

Christina Martin: Working hours **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 09:30am -2:30pm**

Tel: 01872 561 387 or e-mail: [parish.clerk@chacewater.org](mailto:parish.clerk@chacewater.org)

Chacewater Parish Council,

c/o Chacewater Village Hall, Church Hill, Chacewater, Cornwall, TR4 8PZ.

### **Cornwall Council**

Cllr. Dulcie Tudor

Tel: 01872 321010 email: [cllr.dulcie.tudor@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.dulcie.tudor@cornwall.gov.uk)



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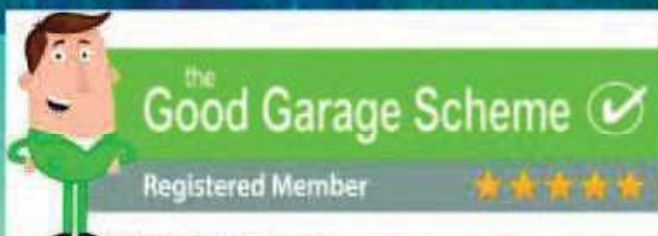
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