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CALENDAR DATES MARCH 2023

- Thursday 2nd** **Charity Bingo Night** Chacewater Bowling Club Eyes down **7.30pm**
World Book Day
- Sunday 5th** **CRoW walk. All welcome** meet in the Village Car Park **9.30am**
- Thursday 16th** **Chacewater Village Hall AGM** Chacewater Village Hall **7.30pm**
- Friday 17th** **Chacewater Parish Council (Planning) Meeting.**
Chacewater Village Hall, Killifrith Room. All welcome **7.00pm**
(Only if required)
Red Nose Day
- Saturday 18th** **Coffee Morning** Chacewater Bowling Club. We would love
you to join us for a Coffee. **10am-12noon**
Spring Coffee Morning St Pauls Church, Soup and crumble
lunches, sale of books, cakes, clothing and bric-a-brac
10.30am-2.00pm
- Sunday 19th** **Mothering Sunday**
- Tuesday 21st** **Pop In** WI Hall **10.15-11.45am**
Mobile Library Twelveheads Chapel **11.40am-12.00pm**
Chacewater Car Park **12.50-13.15pm**
- Sunday 26th** **Start of British Summer time**
- Friday 31st** **Chacewater Parish Council Meeting.**
Chacewater Village Hall, Killifrith Room. All welcome **7.00pm**
End of school term
- For your Diary**
April
- Wednesday 5th** **Easter Egg Hunt** Chacewater Millennium Green **2.30-4.30pm**
- Saturday 8th** **Take-a-Break.** Twelveheads Sunday School, Twelveheads Chapel,
All welcome **11.00am-2.00pm**

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Local Hero, John Passmore Edwards born two hundred years ago this month.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

After some very welcome sunshine and warmer temperatures through February I would suggest we may be seeing winter in the rear-view mirror and spring ahead, heralded by the appearance of bulbs.

Just in time then for the delivery of the much needed new mower and accessories for the **Millennium Green** maintenance; Paul Shevlin has struggled for ages with an ageing old petrol mower. The Trustees of the Millennium Green have decided to dip into their reserves and have purchased an electric mower, a strimmer, hedge cutters, and a pole saw. All of these use common batteries, this echoes the aspirations of the Trustees to reduce our carbon footprint.

As you can see from our cover we are celebrating the life of local boy **John Passmore Edwards**, we recommend you read the short article about his amazing life and his generosity. It is difficult to find a town and or local village that didn't benefit from buildings funded by his wealth. We have jazzed up his image because we felt that a stuffy Victorian portrait may not inspire anyone to read about his life, which was so varied. An inspirational story of achievement.

Looking forward to the summer, following last year's very successful party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, plans are afoot to have a **Mid-Summer Party in the Park**. So, put Saturday the 24th June in your diary, there will be more

information in the coming months as Chacewater Projects pulls the arrangements together. Remember anyone who wants to help is more than welcome, see the back of the magazine for contact details.

Volunteers are again helping to make our community a better, happier, cleaner and more pleasant place to live. As you read through the magazine, as usual there are stories of their good works, the range is quite staggering. If you get the urge to join in there should be something to suit - new faces are always welcome.

TUESDAY POP IN



"A cup of coffee is happiest when it is shared"...

We invite you to join us for a cuppa and a chat on **Tuesday 21st March**, in the Nissan Hut in the free car park. Come along anytime between 10.15 - 11.45 and please bring along your favourite mug with you!

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(SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2023)

Wow! What a wonderful walking morning we had on the first Sunday of February, as 26 healthy folk of all ages were joined by our furry friends Louis and Skipper for some simply stunning views, some of which were completely new to many who had lived here for years - part of the aim of these walks is to spread our wings and discover more.

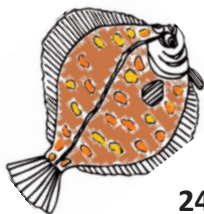
The Route. Sticking with a specific plan to walk sections of our public footpaths, bridleways and byways in some sort of chronological order throughout 2023, we again headed off up Church Hill but only as far as the turn left at St Michaels, where we picked up Footpath 12/1 which soon merges with 37/1 and comes out on the Creegbrowse Ridge Road beside the top Wheal Henry Farm.

Joined at this point by our colleague

Robin Hunter, we moved along towards Twelveheads for about 100 metres before cutting right towards the Poldice Valley at an angle which takes you down along Bridleways 44/1 to 4, passing through a small farmstead as we went. With good views to the right, we paused halfway down for the Team photo which, as hopefully you can see, shows the Poldice Mine area (our last walk) back in the distance to the right, along with a very sunny view of the Poldice Valley trail immediately behind us.

Continuing along this lovely tree-tunnelled stretch, we eventually met with Bridleway 43/1, which took us back up towards and past Haystacks Farm, but not before an introductory brief as given to what many report to be the oldest mine engine house on the whole West Devon and Cornish





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INSIDE OUT CHIMNEYS

World Heritage Site (WHS), that being Wheal Henry. We could of course have linked with the Poldice instead here but chose this route because of its historic importance and the quite staggering view you have if you pause and look behind you as you ascend the incline.

A few minutes later we emerged out onto the Creegbrowse Ridge Road once more, above where it descends towards Twelveheads. So, we headed along that way before turning left along the country lane towards Rising Sun Farm, a route that – particularly at this time of the year – offers some lovely views across the Twelveheads valley road, which we soon joined. With a couple more pauses taken and having extended pleasantries with a host of cyclists, we chose to ignore the motorised vehicles in the background as we gradually made our way back to the Main Square Car Park by about 1115.

This was quite a fresh but increasingly warm trek, the enjoyment of which could be seen across the faces of all involved. Importantly, it also allowed some of our walkers to take notes so they can enjoy it at a later date.

The next CROw walk will depart the Square Car Park, at 0930 on Sunday the 5TH March – always a warm welcome and a good chat!

CORNISH LITHIUM PRESENTATIONS

(TWELVEHEADS AND BLACKWATER)

Engineers from Cornish Lithium gave

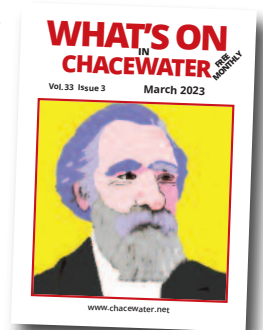
two presentations at the Twelveheads Sunday School building on Tuesday 24th and Saturday 28th January, where they provided the public with an update on how things had gone with the test-rig drilling near Crosslanes Farm. In short, things have progressed very well, the team were able to drill much deeper than originally thought possible and their findings have now been sent away for further scientific analysis. Next, they head to other test sites across Cornwall, notably in a field at Blackwater.



At that Blackwater site now and a Public Presentation Q&A session will take place at the Passmore Edwards Village Hall on the Thursday 23rd February from 5.00 to 7.00pm – all are most welcome to listen in obviously.

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NEW MOWER FOR THE GREEN

For some time it has been a struggle for the Millennium Green's ride-on mower to do a proper job cutting the grass. Also, maintenance and fuel costs keep going up. So, the Millennium Green Trustees agreed to look for something better that would be capable of mowing the Recreation Ground as well.

It looked like a petrol or diesel fuelled machine would be needed to tackle the job. However, after a visit to Nigel Rafferty Groundcare in Redruth and an impressive demonstration of the EGO range of battery-powered equipment, the Trustees decided to invest in a new EGO Z6 zero-turn mower. With its direct-drive, twin-blade cutting deck, the Z6 has the power to deal with all the grass on the Millennium Green. The unique battery and charging system will let us run the mower for as long as we need.

Local craftsman Andy Samways of Laser Master did a great job fabricating and welding a wider entrance door for the Millennium Green shed to enable secure storage for the new mower.

Nigel Rafferty's crew delivered the new gear on Wednesday 15th February and handed it over to a group of Trustees and volunteers. Regional reps from EGO gave extra instruction and advice on equipment care and operation. When everything was safely stowed the whole party enjoyed a celebration cream tea with coffee.



Volunteer Paul Shevlin is delighted with the new kit. He says: *"It means we can get out and cut grass when needed. We're confident we have a machine that is up to the job. Also, the same batteries will power a hedge cutter, strimmers and a pole saw to help manage the trees and hedgerows around the Green."*



We will get a lot more done for every hour spent working with the new tools and it should be more fun. As the days get longer we expect to arrange some demo sessions and hope some younger villagers may try out and train to use the new tools.

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CONVERSATIONS FROM THE SHED

Well what a showCinderella did go to the ball and married Prince Charming. Cinderella's evil step-mother became nice. The ugly sisters are um...arhhh.....urgh, still ugly, and of course everyone lived happily ever after.

So, with just one Monday night off, rehearsals have already started for this year's summer show.

The children will be performing their own One Act Pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood. You think you know the story, come along and find out the real version. The adults will be performing a short play - written by Rachel Feeney-Williams, who you might remember from last year as she wrote the comedy play "A Scandal with Scones", when Chacewater Players performed the world premiere!

The summer show will be performed on Friday 16th June 7:30pm and Saturday 17th June 7:30pm. Once again, we will also be putting on a performance of Little Red Riding Hood at 4:30pm, which will be perfect for children, where we will break up the performance (just over an hour) with an interval for the all important Callestick Ice-cream.

More details about the performances will follow in Chacewater What's On.

Although seed sowing for the year ahead has begun, if you like to grow your own, pickings become rather slim at this time of year. Why not find out what tasty delights the natural environment can provide? One of the best foraging plants starts showing its tempting leaves in February, and that plant is wild garlic or ramsons (*Allium ursinum*).



Wild garlic can be found growing in damp conditions in woodland or shady hedgerows and where you find one plant you'll find a carpet of them, which will soon decorate the woodland floor with their beautiful

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starry white flowers (which are great in a salad!). If you're new to foraging it's best to take along someone with experience to ensure you don't pick the wrong thing, but wild garlic is easy to identify from its garlicky smell, long pointed-oval and smooth leaves. Please remember it is illegal to dig up wild plants, but you can pick leaves or flowers with the landowners' permission. Young leaves provide the best flavour and texture and try to pick them over a wide area rather than removing all the leaves from one patch. The leaves, flowers and seed heads can be eaten raw or cooked. You can simply wash, chop and add them to pasta dishes, soups, salads, sandwiches, omelettes, risotto or sauces.

However, once you've found a bountiful spot you may well want to make a wild garlic pesto so that you can enjoy these leaves over a longer period. Do pick your leaves just before making pesto or keep them wrapped in damp kitchen roll in the fridge until you are ready to use them. You can either use a food processor, pestle and mortar, or just chop together the ingredients to make pesto. You'll need 80ml of good quality olive oil, salt and pepper, 50g (about a handful) of washed wild garlic leaves, 30g of parmesan cheese, 30g of toasted pine nuts. To toast your pine nuts just gently dry fry them until they pick up a little colour. Once you've got your mix together put it into a jar and use a spoon to push down firmly to ensure there are no air bubbles and then cover with a layer of olive oil. This

pesto will keep in the fridge for up to 3 weeks. If you want to store your pesto for longer, leave out the cheese, and freeze. You can use your pesto with pasta, or as a pizza base (instead of tomato sauce) or spread it onto bread and toast it.

We have planted wild garlic at the community garden in the coppice, although it has yet to become established. So, in the meanwhile you'll have to find a foraging spot elsewhere or bribe an experienced forager to share their secret picking spot! Happy foraging!



*Mary Challis
apple
tree*

A few weeks ago, on a frosty morning, we were delighted to welcome a group of Year 6 pupils from the school who came to help plant some fruit trees in the wildflower orchard. They worked well as a team and added manure and mycorrhizal fungi to ensure the roots get off to a good start. The young trees are already showing new buds and will hopefully be in flower in a month or two (fruit will take another year at least). It was a great start to this new area, thank you.

The Community Gardeners

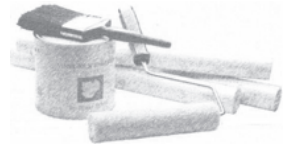
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Please use this link <https://www.highgrovewellbeing.co.uk> to find out more about the centre; read my full profile; book a free 30 min telephone consultation; and if we agree to go ahead you can book 50 minute Counselling sessions @ £40 per session. 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

I'm a registered member of BACP (British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy) and can be found in their therapists section as well as on the Psychology today website. I'm fully insured and maintain best practice through Continuing Professional Development/further training and with regular supervision.

Andrea

CHACEWATER BOWLING CLUB



CORNWALL
BLOOD BIKES
RIDING FOR LIFE

In February the Bowling Club held a very successful Race Night which was well attended and raised funds for the wonderful Cornwall Blood Bikes charity. After placing bets, the crowd whooped and cheered their support as each video race was run. The winnings were distributed and there were prizes for the horse owners and jockeys – all very affordable and a great deal of fun!



Those attending were invited to dress for the occasion leading to a parade worthy of a day at Ascot and a few brave riders. There was a break from racing when everyone enjoyed a pasty supper and the best dressed participants were chosen.

Thank you to the local sponsors, Blood Bike volunteers and organisers at the Bowling Club. Of course the big winners were Cornwall Blood Bikes (Captain's charity for this year) with a grand total of £1,167 raised for them.

Watch out for further fund-raising events in the future.

DATE for your diary

Saturday 18th March - COFFEE MORNING - Chacewater Bowling Club 10 a.m. - 12 noon. We would love you to join us for a Coffee.

LITTER PICKING

Last month's main litter pick took place on Thursday 9th February. It saw 8 willing volunteers cover Station Road from the Fore St. junction all the way up to a point beyond the 7 arched railway viaduct. We filled two hefty black bags worth of collectables. Although that doesn't seem much, the difference has been immense and a number of local residents have since commented on what a positive contribution this activity is making to the presentation of our Parish, which is great. So, another huge thanks to one and all involved!

Our next "pick" will see the Group gather at the car park leading to the Killifreth Mine Engine House, at 0900 on Thursday 2nd March. The plan being to attack the well-known littering area just across the road from Fay's Hats at Kitbartley along the byway towards Hallenbeagle. Lifts can be arranged from the Main Square Car Park at 0850 for anyone who is willing and able to help that day, just contact Rob or Gill Knill on 01872 561364 or rob.knill@chacewater.org.

Many thanks in advance!

NEXT MONTHLY LITTER PICK – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023 (0900-1000)

Chacewater Village Hall

AGM

Thursday 16th March 2023

7.30pm

In the Village Hall



All welcome! Please join us if you would like to know more, or are interested in becoming part of the team that looks after our village hall for everyone to use and enjoy.

The Chacewater Projects

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on

Tuesday 18th APRIL 2023 at 7.30 pm.

at the W.I Hall, Chacewater

Business will include:

1). Executive Report. 2). Financial Report and Accounts. 3). Election of Officers – Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. & Executive Committee members.

Election of Officers & Executive: Members and organisations are invited to make nominations in writing for individuals to be elected to hold Officers positions or join the Executive Committee. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary by the 15th April 2023.

Attendance: All residents are invited and welcome to attend this General Meeting, to receive reports and vote in elections. If you want to get documents in advance – Agenda, Minutes, Reports, etc. Please contact the Secretary:- info@chacewaterprojects.co.uk

Signed: Paul Shevlin (Secretary, The Chacewater Projects). Tel: 01872 561626

Chacewater & District Horticultural & Fanciers Society

We are pleased to be able to announce that we are planning to hold a village show again this year.

With Avian Flu continuing to restrict our Pigeon & Poultry Sections we plan to proceed with Horticulture, Domestic, Needlecraft, Handicraft & Photography Classes.

The Village Hall has been booked for

Saturday 29th July 2023

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JOHN PASSMORE EDWARDS

This month we celebrate the 200th birthday of John Passmore Edwards (JPE) – a local lad who devoted his life to building a better world - born in Blackwater on 24th March 1823.

He was a remarkable man of great compassion and strong principle who worked tirelessly for social and political reforms to improve the lives of ordinary people in Victorian Britain. Finding the establishment unresponsive to such demands, Passmore Edwards used his personal fortune to endow a large number of public facilities for education and welfare.*

**[We gratefully acknowledge the work of Mr. Dean Evans, whose scholarship and research provided much of the information here. <https://thepassmoreedwardslegacy.org.uk/>]*

HIS LIFE

John Passmore Edwards grew up with three brothers in Blackwater village. His father, William, was a carpenter, brewer and market gardener. His uncle John was a greengrocer in St Day. Until he was 13 years old, JPE attended the local Dame School where he was a good student. On leaving, he taught reading and writing for villagers unable to pay school fees. His evening and Sunday school classes were held in Wheal Busy Chapel.

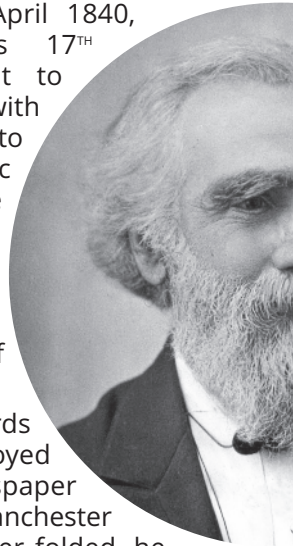
In his teens JPE was employed with a solicitors Clerk in Truro, commuting every week by foot. He earned some extra income by giving public lectures and writing articles as a freelance journalist.

On Monday 13th April 1840, shortly after his 17th birthday, JPE went to Bodmin Gaol with thousands of others to witness the public hanging of the Lightfoot brothers, convicted of murder during a highway robbery. He was a life-long opponent of capital punishment.

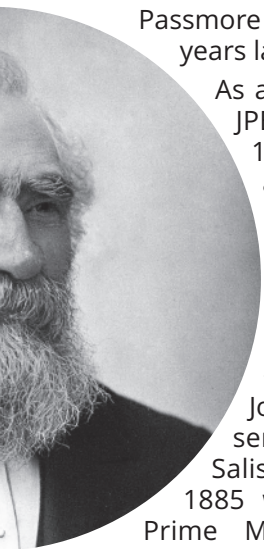
Passmore Edwards was briefly employed as a newspaper correspondent in Manchester but, when that paper folded, he moved to London and earned a living as a freelance journalist. At the age of 27 he acquired a magazine titled *The Public Good* which he published on a shoestring and sold thousands of copies every month. However, the venture was not profitable and JPE became bankrupt after a few years.

Regaining his health, JPE continued his journalism and public lectures. In 1862 he was able to buy the weekly *Building News and Engineering Journal* which he made profitable. Within four years he repaid all debts to his former creditors.

In 1867 his daughter, Ada, was born to 26-year-old Eleanor Elizabeth Humphreys. JPE then bought the *Mechanic's Magazine*, turned that to profit and married Eleanor on 6th February 1870. Their son, Harry



EDWARDS 1823 -1911



Passmore Edwards was born two years later.

As a successful publisher, JPE bought the “*Echo*” in 1876 and established it as London’s first daily halfpenny paper. It was sold on the streets and made a vast fortune for its owner over the next 20 years.

John Passmore Edwards served as Liberal MP for Salisbury from 1880 to 1885 when Gladstone was Prime Minister. He found parliament failed to meet the needs of the poor and was disillusioned by the government’s wars in Egypt, South Africa and elsewhere.

Between 1890 and 1904 JPE redistributed most of his wealth by funding dozens of public buildings and institutions dedicated to improving life for poorer people. He turned down a knighthood offered by Queen Victoria and again refused the honour from King Edward VII.

John Passmore Edwards died at home in Hampstead on 22nd April 1911, aged 88 years. His estate, valued at £47,685, was shared between his widow and their two children.

HIS IDEAS

Throughout his life, JPE valued education and championed the cause of equality and peace in human

society. He espoused progressive, humanitarian ideals and laboured to see them put into effect for the benefit of all.

When a youth in Blackwater, he agitated against the Corn Laws that enriched large land-owners while raising the prices of food staples for the poor. He was threatened with prison for delivering pamphlets in Penzance.

As noted before, JPE opposed the death penalty and, in London, was an active member of the *Society for the Abolition of Capital punishment*. He also called for the abolition of flogging in the armed services and supported the Chartist demand for universal adult suffrage. He was an activist of the *Political Reform Association* and member of the *Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade*.

JPE was a lifelong advocate for the peace movement. In the turbulent years of the Paris Commune and the publication of the *Communist Manifesto*, Passmore Edwards went, as a delegate of the London *Peace Society*, to the International Peace Congress held in Brussels (1848), Paris (1849) and Frankfurt (1850). He opposed the war against Russia in the Crimea and the many other military expeditions of the expanding British Empire.

Against war abroad, JPE promoted Education, Social Justice and welfare in a society where poor housing, poverty, ignorance and disease were widespread. He stood by these values

in hard times and as a wealthy man he took practical steps to make things better.

HIS DEEDS

Between 1890 and 1904, JPE used his publishing profits to fund more than 70 public buildings; including libraries, art galleries and museums, schools, hospitals, convalescent homes and institutes, to benefit the people where he lived.

First, he responded to an appeal from the Vicar of Mithian to support the Blackwater Institute which opened in August 1890 with some 500 books. The Chacewater Institute on Fore Street was his second building,



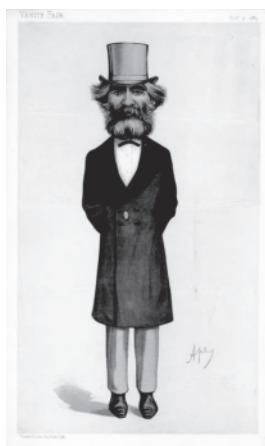
completed in 1893 – now converted to private dwellings. It originally had a large reading room, a billiard room and a committee room, like the St Agnes Miners and Mechanics Institute completed in the same year. Other Institutes remain in fine buildings in Hayle, Mithian and Truro.

He provided free libraries across Cornwall; in St Ives, Camborne, Redruth, Falmouth, Truro, Liskeard, Bodmin, and Launceston. He also paid for a free library in his mother's

home town, Newton Abbot, in Devon. In London, he endowed another 16 libraries, including Whitechapel (1892), Hammersmith (1896), Dulwich (1897) and Camberwell in 1903. Each library in London was gifted a thousand books to start up and the Camberwell library included a public wash-house because most dwellings in the area lacked private facilities.

JPE also endowed new schools in St Day, Helston and Launceston as well as the London School of Economics. Other beneficiaries included art galleries at Falmouth, Newlyn and Whitechapel. Hospitals in Liskeard, Truro, and London also received funds. A gift of £4,000 from JPE enabled the newly-formed Epilepsy Society to purchase buildings that are still in use.

It is small wonder that on his death in 1911 John Passmore Edwards was remembered for his generosity as a benefactor and for the positive impact he had made. His obituary in *The Times* noted: '*He did more good in his life than almost any other of his contemporaries.*'



Passmore Edwards caricatured in Vanity Fair, 1885



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KILLIFRETH	£30	£18
Sat. Evening	£50	£18
WHEAL JANE	£24	£11

CHACEWATER PARISH COUNCIL Precept 2023-24



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

Last year (2022-23) there was no increase on the precept, and given the current cost of living crisis that we are faced with, the Parish Council agreed that there would be no increase this year either.

Parish Councils 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 and general events (such as Fireworks evening)

CURRENT RESERVES BALANCES

General Reserve	£6000
Car Park Resurfacing	£13,110
New Pavilion	£16,589
Recreation Ground & Play Areas	£4000

Election Funds	£2590
Community Garden	£300
Office Equipment & Training	£1189.28
Events	£98.03

GRANTS AWARDED in 2022-23

What's on Magazine **£900**

Towards printing costs

St Pauls Church **£450**

Used for Grass Cutting

Chacewater Parish Council has raised a precept of **£38,859.31** for 2023-24

This is an annual charge of approx. £70 for a Band D property which equates to **£1.34** per week (Many of our residents living in bands A-C will pay less). A breakdown of how this will be spent is below.

YOUR MONEY – How is it spent?

Administration	£10,914.16
Village Maintenance	£6302
Pavilion Project (reserve)	£5000
Car Parks	£4300
Public Buildings	£1600
Street Lighting	£1000
PRoW – Footpaths	£1500
Waste Collection	£2000
Outside Spaces & Play Areas	£2300
Services / Grants	£1350
Insurance & Subscriptions	£1223.15
Audit & Accounting	£850
Events	£520
Total	£38,859.31

Please see the following page for a full breakdown

**Your house contributes £1.34 per week towards your community.
Here is how the weekly amount will be spent**

45p

ADMINISTRATION

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

8p

**PLAY AREAS & OUTSIDE
SPACES**

REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE,
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

7p

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

PAVILION, WI HALL,
PUBLIC TOILETS

14p

CAR PARKS

LEASE PAYMENTS, REPAIRS
AND MAINTENANCE

5p

PROW

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
MAINTENANCE &
IMPROVEMENTS

30p

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

WASTE REMOVAL, STREET
FURNITURE, STREET
LIGHTING, BUS SHELTERS

6p

GRANTS & SERVICES

ST PAULS CHURCH,
WHAT'S ON MAGAZINE

19p

**RESERVES FOR UPCOMING
PROJECTS**

NEW SPORTS PAVILION,
EVENTS, OFFICE
EQUIPMENT, TRAINING

ROAD SAFETY

Community Speedwatch (CSW) was temporarily suspended midway through February as Devon & Cornwall Police needed to address a national issue to do with insurance for all groups involved in neighbourhood watch type activities. All sorted now though and so by the time this article goes to print your CSW Team will be fully up and running once more!

Draft plans being put in place to improve Road Safety on Kerley Hill.

In response to numerous concerns about inconsiderate parking as well as the speed of traffic at the Trelawney Road/Kerley Vale junction (where the majority of children cross as they walk to school), the Parish Council has utilised monies from the Community Network Area (CNA) Highways Scheme to commission a Feasibility Study to look at ways potentially to improve matters. Cormac Solutions Ltd have now concluded the study and forwarded two design options for consideration by the Parish Council. If approved, the next phase will be to make a further bid via the 2024 Highways Scheme funding round, in support of which the Parish will be expected to find a relatively small percentage. Also a public consultation will be held to ensure all residents are given the opportunity to see the proposals and get an idea for delivery works and timelines.

PROGRESS AT THE OBSERVATORY (OFC)



It's "all go" up at the Observatory right now! After months of engineering effort, research and advice to get the No 1 'Lambert' Dome ready to receive our first sizeable telescope, it has now been installed and we are very close to achieving full operational capability, (as can be seen here in the photo of our Chairperson, Dr Murty Malla, lining a few things up). The culmination of 3 year's work and more than a few doughnuts, this was a definite "tear-in-the-eye" moment for those involved in this key project. So, with just a little more work required here from Dr Murty and Nick, (the "Scorcerer's Apprentice" and technical wizard) and it will be fully functional.

We have also secured some funding to purchase a disabled toilet suite for the

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Golden Charter
Funeral Plans

larger of the two Loo's, both of which are now being properly kitted out. Steve Leech is putting the finishing touches to the exterior of this building and Peter Chesworth was last seen with boots off, on hand and knees, levelling the floor. Fingers crossed, both Loo's will be fully functional by the end of March...as we had always hoped.



People are always interested in seeing for themselves exactly what has been

achieved up at the Observatory for Cornwall (OfC) and to gauge the potential it has to engage people of all ages and abilities from across the county. To that end, Friday 10th February saw a warm OfC welcome given to the St Agnes 'Stompers' walking group, who described it as one of those "rare hidden gems that we need to cherish". More will follow, we know, but we have to get our promotions plan right first.

The OfC Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on site in the Workshop/Education Facility at 3.00pm on Tuesday 28th February. Anyone wishing to get involved in this most fulfilling of regeneration projects is more than welcome to listen in and join the conversation. Just contact the Sec to OfC, Rob Knill on 07816 773218 or gillian_knill@hotmail.com

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

As the year marches on, let's have a quiz about March

1. Which saint's day is on 1st March
2. The lives of the March sisters feature in which famous novel
3. March is named after Mars. Mars is the Roman god of what.
4. Complete the saying "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a....."
5. St Piran's day is what date in March
6. What are the two zodiac signs in March.
7. Michelangelo was born 6th March 1475, in which country.
8. Which famous Parisian landmark was inaugurated on 31st March 1889.
9. Which drink was sold in glass bottles for the first time 12th March 1894.
10. In March 1986 a fire ripped through which London Palace.

Answers on page 32



OUT & ABOUT

IMPROVING OUR GREEN PUBLIC WALKING SPACES

Leisure Space Improvements up at Wheal Busy. Some terrific work has been completed recently to improve the area known locally as Salem Orchard, where many a walker and their four-legged friends stop for a rest and chat. A neat, stepped, access has been created to enable more to visit this lovely space and a picnic bench also has been installed. Many thanks to all involved in improving this special and well-respected green place.



Many also will be familiar with the space behind the lay-by near the old Arsenic Calciner and its associated chimney stack which, historically, has been the site of much fly-tipping. The Parish Council have had discussions with Tregothnan Estates to see if they would agree to levelling this triangular space in readiness for top-soiling,

grass seeding and installing an accessible picnic bench, so people can enjoy the surrounding countryside from another good vantage point. We have a volunteer working party ready to go and a couple of Wheal Busy folk have agreed to maintain the area. Fingers crossed therefore that Tregothnan Estates will support the plan?

Illegal Use of Public Rights of Way (PRoW)/Trails by motorised vehicles.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in motorised vehicles – both 2 and 4 wheeled – across our PRoW and Trails, which has caused levels of damage that now will take several years to recover from with significant volunteer effort. Chacewater is not the only parish suffering from such inconsiderate activity, which can also scare the pants off walkers, horse riders, livestock, pets and cyclists alike, all of whom can quite legitimately use our Bridleways. So, a decision has been taken to resurrect the Illegal Use of PRoW/Trails forum (last sat some 3 years ago) to see what can be done to address this very real and potentially dangerous activity. The first meeting of this forum takes place at the Gwennap Parish Rooms at 2.00pm Thursday 23rd February and will involve a strong D&C Police attendance.

Refurbishment of Byway 301/55/2, near Salem Chapel.

As previously advised, the Parish Council has managed to secure additional funding through the Enhanced





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Local Maintenance Plan (ELMP), to upgrade a few key parts of our PRow infrastructure. These essential works have begun now in earnest, with a combination of stabilisation and surface water management works currently being undertaken along the Byway (55/2) leading down from Killifreth Stamps to Salem Chapel. These works are progressing well and should conclude by the end of February, provided the weather remains kind!

TAKE -A-BREAK

Take-A-Break is all ready to start this year from April until November, on the first Saturday of the month except April when we hope to hold it on Easter Saturday 8th April.

It is still to be held at the Church in Twelveheads, in the Sunday School behind TR4 8SH. Officially open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. but we are always open earlier if you wish, for refreshment.

As usual we will have tea, coffee and chocolate for free, with cakes, scones and food for a light lunch for which we ask for a donation. The first week our donations will be sent towards those who are long term suffering in Turkey and Syria.

Please bring your knitting or portable hobby and feel free to sit and chat as long as we are open. There is a car park and space to sit/play outside.

We look forward to seeing you on the following dates:

Saturday April 8th
Saturday May 13th

Saturday June 3rd
Saturday July 1st
Saturday August 6th
Saturday September 2nd
Saturday October 7th
Saturday November 4th

Thank you so much for your help

Jane Bostock

BUSY LIFE 7

Just recently a music festival planned at Perranporth has been refused partly on the grounds of excessive noise. If you had been alive around the early 1900's, a bit of music would have been the least of your worries in attempting to get a good night's shuteye.

For a while now I have been thinking about writing a piece on the stamps at Wheal Busy. I am pretty sure at this point a lot of new folk to the area are wandering what I am referring to.

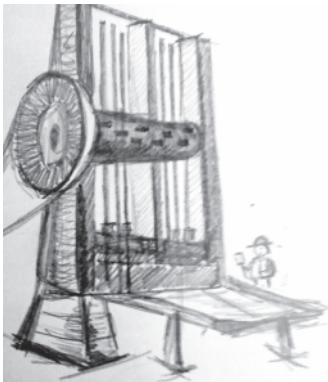
I am very aware also there are village elders who know exactly to what I refer, and I have no doubt will question my scant knowledge on them. One thing for sure though, since I have lived here, I have met many people walking the area who have absolutely no idea of what the stamps are.

If you were to park your car in the right hand lay-by as you first enter Wheal Busy, where the opening in the hedge leads you past the still-intact chimney stack and you were to turn left: there in front of you is a large concrete structure with a few old wooden posts bolted down with giant nuts and threaded bar.

These are all remains of what was, in

its day, the cutting edge of technology allowing the precious metal ore to be processed.

Californian Stamps were the correct title for this huge structure. As far as I have researched, the design came from America where they were in use for gold mining. From reading literature on the net and visiting Tolgus tin mine I have got a good feel of the enormity of the structure. Crudely explained, the stamps consisted of a row of vertical posts which would be lifted up and down by a cam shaft driven by a steam engine. On the end of the shafts were huge hammer heads which pulverised the ore as it was fed into the base.



The Californian Stamps

As far as I can determine, originally in the late 1800's there was a single stamping machine 36" in diameter. Then in 1900 a Belgian company working the mine planned on building a twenty four headed machine, but this never happened due to insufficient water available on site to supply the steam engine needed to drive it. Then in 1911 a set of stamps consisting of ten heads was installed

and I presume the remains of this is what we can see today.

There were many of these machines in Cornwall at the time, as I mentioned there is still a similar unit at Tolgus free to view. These machines would have run 24hrs a day as you couldn't just turn off a switch at five o'clock and go home. They would have continually pulverised the ore day after day. I can't imagine the noise. I have viewed a couple of YouTube videos of similar working models and the bashing is ear-splitting. The poor men who worked the stamps must have been utterly deaf.

There is a lot of technical detail to be found online, but as far as I can tell by 1920 it was no longer viable to extract the ore. I expect the stamps were sold off and ultimately sold as scrap, as many industrial titans of the time.

All that remains now of this once-mighty machine is a few old wooden pillars which have declined even since I have been here and the rot is advancing at pace.

Hopefully somewhere in the future there will be a picnic area at the nearby stack, and personally I would like to see World Heritage live up to their name and take more responsibility for the site with at least a minimum of the installation of informative plaques on the various points of interest - such as the one at the engine house informing walkers of the huge industry which once was part of daily life at Wheal Busy which at its height was employing hundreds of men and women and, if my facts are correct, once formed part of richest square mile in the world.

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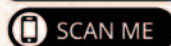
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VILLAGE PONDWATCH

FEBRUARY 2023

The pond water is clean and clear but nothing yet has been seen moving below – despite unidentified ripples which often disturb the surface.



A pair of mallard ducks has visited occasionally. Undisturbed, they rest contentedly and paddle round looking for food among the weeds. When people approach, the birds rise rapidly into the low cloud and fly away down the valley, calling loudly.



Many smaller birds may be seen around the pond every day. Blackbirds run through the undergrowth and make low flights into the hedges nearby. Several long-tailed tits assemble in the bushes beside the pond and then move on. Sparrows also rattle through the branches and drop down to the mattress of floating weed, where they drink and bathe in the water.

In the hedgerow, the heads of bulrushes have been plucked open by birds. Tufts of fluffy white fibres burst from the smooth brown cylinder at the top of each tall stalk. The air is quite warm although the hedges have a

wintery grey-brown tone. Some dark green leaves cling onto the brambles, others have a deep mahogany or polished rosewood colour.

On Monday 13th February the water level has dropped by several inches (15-20cm.). Possibly this is the result of natural evaporation as it has been dry and sunny for some time. However, two large concrete blocks have been heaved into the pond and lie on the bottom about 2 metres from the edge. Sadly, it is likely that a sharp corner has punctured the liner, letting water leak away. It won't be easy to recover the concrete blocks and repair damage caused by this stupid, pointless, act.

Meanwhile, bathing under the willow bush, four blue tits are joined by a goldfinch also splashing colourfully in the weed bed. A moorhen is sighted on the water before it runs to hide in the reeds. A grey squirrel runs up a large tree trunk behind.

Paul Shevlin

Qui z Answers

1. St David
2. Little Women
3. War
4. Lamb
5. March 5th
6. Pisces and Aries
7. Italy
8. Eiffel Tower
9. Coca Cola
10. Hampton Court Palace.

St Paul's Church, Chacewater

Mar. 5th	Service of the Word	9.45
Mar. 12th	Rev. Jem Thorold	9.45
Mar. 19th	Service of the Word Mothering Sunday	9.45
Mar. 26th	Rev. Jem Thorold	9.45
Apr. 2nd	Service of the Word Palm Sunday	9.45

A Service of the Word is a less formal non-Eucharist service taken by members of St. Paul's Church.

A warm welcome awaits everyone at St Paul's.

For further information please call

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Chacewater and Twelveheads Chapel

WELCOMES ONE AND ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

Sunday 5th March:- no service locally but circuit service to meet President of Conference at Truro Methodist 11.00

Sunday 12th March:- Mick Roberts at Chacewater

Sunday 19th March:- Mothering Sunday and HC at Twelveheads with Miranda Knight

Sunday 26th March:- Local worship team at Chacewater

Meetings held in Killifreth Room, Chacewater Village Hall or Twelveheads Chapel unless stated otherwise at 10.30am

**Alison Murfin 01872 560224 Oliveen Bearham 01872 560887
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On Behalf of Chacewater Parish Council

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Organisations, Clubs and Associations in our area

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

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

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Please contact

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for more information

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Cubs Thursday 6 – 7.30pm

E: threemilestonecubs@gmail.com

Scouts Thursday 6.15 – 7.45pm

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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

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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

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Chacewater Football Club

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Keep Fit Cornwall

Tuesday evening Chacewater Village Hall 07854 925 843 or

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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,

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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

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Truro/Falmouth Chess coaching and Chess Club.

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

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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)

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Chacewater Parish Council Clerk

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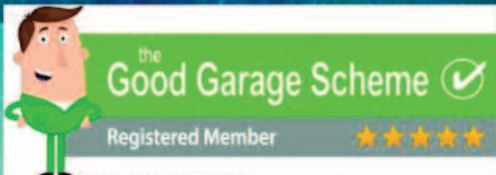


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