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# EDITORIAL

The progressive easing of pandemic restrictions means it is possible to start thinking about life after Covid. Both social opportunities and local businesses are beginning re-open. There are more chances to meet other people; to exchange news and views.

Many events and activities missed in the past year are back in our expanded diary. All are taking care to ensure these may be enjoyed in safety.

We hope "What's On" will help to let our readers know what is happening in the area. It is good to welcome back several enterprises offering personal services and hospitality. The start of a new take-away venture is encouraging as well.

The new editorial team was compelled to use remote technology to produce our first five issues of "What's On". It almost feels strange to meet in person. We would like to thank many readers and advertisers for your continued support. The Chacewater Projects has adopted production of "What's On" as a collective community activity. Please remember that we will welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand or join the editorial team in the future.

Enjoy the summer months.

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## IN BRIEF

What an interesting month we have had, with lots of change taking place. As we step closer to something like normal life, we are seeing the democratic process return in the form of Council elections early in May, which were postponed from the previous year.

To coincide with the **Cornwall Council election**, our local councillor now represents a new area which combines Threemilestone and Chacewater following national boundary changes. In a well fought for election campaign, the winner was the independent candidate **Dulcie Tudor**. So, it is farewell to **John Dyer** who has been our Councillor for far more years than even he would care to remember. We must pause to thank him for his public service over such a long time. Here's hoping he can put his feet up and enjoy a bit of peace and quiet.

There are more changes to the **Parish Council**, we are saying farewell to three very long serving councillors namely Brenda Bailey, Martin Stevens and Paul Dyer, all of whom have been Chair at some point in their long and distinguished terms. Angie Beckham has also left the council. Again, we should thank them for their fantastic service. Whilst we wave goodbye to some, we welcome two new councillors, Sam Grady and Keith Surgenor. The Council has two vacancies and will be co-opting two new councillors at the meeting at the end of June. Anyone who would like to be considered should contact the Parish Clerk.

Back in Chacewater, the **car park** above the school marches on, perhaps at a slower pace than we would all like, but it's getting there. The enlarged entrance to the top of the **Millennium Green** is coming on and close to completion.

The gardeners are beginning to form plans for the future up there in the **Community Garden**, let's hope the weather allows them to progress and bloom. If you are interested why not pop up and see what's going on or contact **info@chacewaterprojects.co.uk** all interested residents are welcome.



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## BUSY LIFE Part 4

Last month I was walking what I consider to be the North eastern reaches of the Busy. This month I will set off from the same spot at the bench to what I regard the North western boundary, with no wish to upset the conformists among the readers.

This is a walk that I and my four-legged companion take if we are pushed for time or can't really be bothered to go too far.

When we first arrived here the big barn across from the bench was empty all year around, but now there are young cows housed in there during the winter. To help with the drainage there is a big pond across the lane, at first glance it looks a good setting for frogs and birds but on closer inspection there is no life in there bar the flies in the summer. The farmer periodically pumps it empty in the summer months to spread on the fields, it is part of living in the countryside and you can't just have green field and cows chewing the cud like on country file without the reality of the effluent spreading and occasional smells.

Next to the pond is a small copse of sycamore trees, a little wild area, hopefully never to be disturbed, probably not wise to try either, as slap in the middle of it is a mine shaft covered with the obligatory metal cap covered with ivy.

Across the lane is Leigham Farm, the massive Monkey Puzzle tree in the garden must be one of the finest

examples of its kind in Cornwall. Whoever planted it may not have given much consideration to the size it would eventually grow being so close to the farmhouse. Although it does not appear to move much in the storms, the roots by now must be running under the foundations.

Next you arrive at the Jewel in the Crown of Wheal Busy in my view, although I realise the engine house, the Forge or even the Stamps are up there, but for me this is the main attraction. Wheal Busy Chapel is one of very few of its type left. When we first arrived here the congregation would be here on a Sunday and you could hear the singing. They kept it alive it had a purpose, but now it just stands there forgotten. It is slowly decaying the window frames are starting to rot in the corners, the rendering is coming



away letting the weather grind it down. The roof leaks, we know this, as it was a primary reason why it was no longer used, I have no idea how the inside is looking. I will not cast blame, there are a lot of buildings in Cornwall which require attention who is to say where the priority should be. The chapel is a heritage site so hopefully we will not eventually lose it to the elements.



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Maybe the proactive parish team will take some primary work on themselves in the near future just to slow the demise.

Then on to the old school house, not much to say about this, there must be some wonderful history, but for today it is all boarded up and sad looking, not listed, not loved. Just standing there, a poor unloved relic of a past time.

Onwards along the muddy track, almost impassible on foot in the middle of winter due to the deep puddles caused by tractors and the occasional inexcusable off-roader. The tractors have a job to do, it is not their fault that the bridleways were built for a quieter time. You cannot expect them to have small less obtrusive vehicles in this day and age.

At certain times of year if you try to go quietly around the corner which is hard to do with a daft dog, then you may catch a glimpse of deer amongst the pine trees. They are so hard to spot, but I have watched them in there before they get wise to me and then they shoot off into the rhododendrons.

Down past the farm on the right, the farmer is a friend, he has a lot of knowledge of the history of the area. He sometimes stops for a chat with his cap and ever lit smoke. He tells me he doesn't notice the constant roar of traffic or trains going past, he would probably miss it if it wasn't there.

Up past the Boscawen Farm, with its new Yurt and array of animals, always a hive of activity, a brilliant place maybe not given the appreciation it

deserves. The Alpacas always interested in what you are up to looking at them.

Then over the top of the hill and down towards Duckworths, another busy centre, with the sound of cars revving and others sitting there in stages of disassembly. Onward, past what we consider the South Fork of Wheal Busy complete with remote operated ranch gates and back finally to the bench

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## **ROSELAND HOUSE - CHARITY OPENING**

Hi,

This year will be Liz and I's 30th year of opening the garden here at Roseland for charity. Our two weekend dates are as follows:

19th and 20th June for St Julia's Hospice. Garden open between 1 and 5pm

3rd and 4th July for the National Garden Scheme, again 1-5 pm. The NGS supports a range of charities the bulk of them to do with Cancer and Nursing care

We are not sure at this time whether we will be allowed to offer teas but if we are allowed we will.

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With fingers fully crossed the Chacewater Community Energy Group are, regulations allowing, holding their **Electric Vehicle and Green Energy Day** on the **24<sup>th</sup> July**. In order to try and meet the need for social distancing and because there is a lot of interest from exhibitors, it will be held on the Millennium Green and Recreation Ground.

Following the same successful format of previous years, there should be plenty to look at and lots of interesting exhibits, but this time all outside. As

well as lots of electric cars, vans and bikes, there will be many exhibitors demonstrating, solar panels, battery storage, ground and air source heating systems and interesting stands from local green energy projects such as The United Downs Deep Geothermal Project.

The Energy Group believes the advantage of bringing all these exhibitors together is the ability, for anyone who is interested in becoming greener, to engage with local specialist companies and suppliers, without the pressure of a sales environment. The chance to quiz and gain information is very important if people are to make a change to a more sustainable future.

Make a note for your diary and think of all those questions that have been nagging at you about changing to a greener way of living.

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## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

It is good to know that we can look forward to getting back to some sort of normality again after such a long time in lockdown and we hope you will join us for our first Coffee Morning and Big Sale on Saturday 5th June from 10.30 till 12.00.

There will be all the usual stalls for you to browse around and lovely refreshments served in our common room with socially distanced tables.

Hopefully there will be additional car parking just above the school which is available for church use.

For the last few weeks there has been scaffolding up inside the church for



the purpose of restricting the access of bats to the interior. Also a bat box has been fixed to the

outside. The photo shows the extent of the work needed for this.

We are holding a Climate Change Service on Sunday June 20th just after the G7 meeting in Carbis Bay when this extremely important issue affecting all our lives will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

*Best wishes, M. Lister*



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# CHACEWATER PROJECTS

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, the Chacewater Projects Annual General Meeting was conducted online via "Zoom" on Monday 20th April 2021.

The meeting noted that many significant projects kept going despite most of our traditional income sources being cut back or cancelled. We lost most of our usual annual income when the village Bonfire & Fireworks event was cancelled. The Children's Xmas Party was cancelled as well. However, a special effort was made with **Xmas street decorations**.

Many volunteers battled stormy weather to put up dozens of real trees and wire-framed "re-usable" trees with lights in the main street. The Kings Head gave us invaluable help to light up the large tree.

We continued to support the planting and maintenance of floral displays at the village entrances and on lampposts along the main street. Covid-19 restrictions prevented the active participation of many volunteers. But the Chacewater **Village in Bloom (ViB)** Project concentrated work on improving the Church Hill bank by the main Car Park.

Working together with the Chacewater

Parish Council (and assisted by grant funding from the government's "Pocket Parks" scheme) we have been able, at last, to start landscaping for the Community Garden. This project is now moving forward with volunteer support to develop sustainable planting schemes and create a great new recreation space for all.

We agreed also to take on production of **"What's On in Chacewater"** magazine as a continuing project to record and provide information for the community.

Executive Officers were re-elected to serve for 12 months:- Peter Chesworth - (Chair); Linda Shevlin - (Vice Chair); Paul Shevlin - (Secretary); Terie Chesworth - (Treasurer); Isabelle Housni - (Assistant Treasurer). Ten more Executive Committee Members also were elected:- Jean Koerner, Angie Beckham, Barrie Tippett, Rob Knill, John Carley, Malcolm Beckham, Brenda Bailey, Bettina Wenzel, Sam Grady, Darren Chaplin. [All future meetings will be advertised for everyone interested to attend & participate]

*Secretary, the Chacewater Projects.*

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- Melt butter and then mix in the crushed biscuits
  - Spread firmly into bottom of cake tin
- Mix together Cheese, Icing sugar, Zest and juice of Limes until smooth.
  - Plonk on top of biscuits, spread evenly.
- Chill in Fridge for about 2 hours, before decorating with chocolate / slices of lime

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CRoW walking group had one specific objective in mind this month, which was to take what has become something of an annual pilgrimage to Unity Woods, where the most wonderful ground cover of bluebells can be seen around this time of year. A longer walk, if compared to most we take on, we were not disappointed though and a black and white photograph will never do the place justice, especially at this time of year!



*Our magical Unity Woods and its beautiful display of Bluebells*

So, what route did we take and what did we see along the way? Well, we headed straight up Church Hill (via the Millennium Green and noting the progress being made at the new Community Car Park and Garden above the School as we passed), passing St Paul's Church and Chacewater House before heading off right along Byways 301/50/1 and 2 before connecting with Bridleways 49/2 and 1, which bring the walker,

rider or cyclist out directly opposite Thornleigh Cottage. We then took a left along Cox Hill (actually High Street) to Truro Tractors, where we picked up Bridleway 13/2 which takes you past Cox Hill Farm (soon to be sympathetically replaced), down and over the road next to and between Wheal Bush and Wheal Unity, before descending further to meet the Devoran to Portreath Mineral Tramway (Byway 76/1). Litter picking as we trekked, we soon marvelled at the almost Tolkeinesque scene that meets you at the entrance to Unity Woods and laughed at the activities we might have been up to in years past, given such a natural environment.

Along we walked, it was a clearly a busy day for cyclists too, as we met many before we eventually headed off right into another area of Unity Woods at Scorrier and the quite awe-inspiring display of Bluebells, where we paused for the statutory Team photograph below.

Now at the western boundary of the Parish, we started back through the woods on Footpaths 14/2 and 15/2, which pass behind The Forge and Tregarth to the left. Eventually, we came out over a walled stile, turned left along through a metalled gate and left again over another stile near the magnificent Killifreth Mine Engine House. Great to see the good works recently undertaken by the

Tregothnan Estates team to repair the steps and handrail, we soon headed off along Bridleway 16/1, which brings you out more or less opposite Fays Hats, over the road and down towards Wheal Busy. Sadly, we had to deal with copious amounts of dog poo litter along this part of our route – actually, we collected a total of 32 bags of dog poo in fact, which reflects poorly on some of those who visit this otherwise lovely historic place!

We eventually moved along down and past the Old Blacksmiths Shop towards Hillside Farm and then down

Wheal Busy Lane back into the village along The Terrace, saying goodbye to some weary folk along the way. As we were venturing to the far reaches of the Parish on this occasion, this particular walk took a good deal longer than usual; returning to the car park well over 2 hours after we left it, however, as already stated, everyone agreed it was worth seeing those Bluebells in particular.

**The next CRoW walk leaves The Square Car Park at 0930 on Sunday 6th June 2021 and is for everyone.**



*The CRoW walking group take a well-earned rest at the entrance to Unity Woods, near Falmouth Road*

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## **SISTERS IN STITCHES**

Our craft afternoon will start on Monday June 28th. All welcome after a year of not meeting. Please telephone Hilary on 01872 560517 to secure your place and any questions you may have.

# SHAMEFUL!

Forgive me for dampening the general feeling of euphoria following emergence from the latest Covid Lockdown but I felt almost duty bound to, once again, highlight one of the main social concerns that the majority must surely feel ashamed of across this wonderful county of ours. It concerns a subject about which the following 3 photographs - taken in Lockdown - provide us with an increasingly disturbing message of ignorance and despair as to the attitude of the minority in relation to the way we care for our spaces, be they rural or urban. Yes, I am referring to fly-tipping and littering in general.



The second picture shows a fridge dumped at the access to a lovely tree tunnelled Bridleway which is cycled, walked or ridden by many people as part of their daily leisure life activity. Presumably landed in its current location - on the route to one of our Household Waste Recycling Centres - because it was an "odd" or "even" day which meant it could not be accepted. NO EXCUSE!



The first illustration is, I am afraid, an all too familiar image of tyres dropped either on the roadside or private land (presumably in the dark of night when no one can see such cowardly acts?) by someone who probably runs a perfectly legitimate business. The word "legitimate" is probably taking things a bit too far if I am honest, because whoever does this is a national DISGRACE and it gives others in the same industry a really bad name?



The third photograph, whilst perhaps not so overt is, in its way, just as disturbing as the first two. It basically shows about 50 metres of what should be a pleasant rural road festooned with small bits of discarded litter on either side of the carriageway. Whilst one might not be able to make out the full scale of this particular problem, this 50 metre stretch of what should be a glorious countryside road walking

experience resulted in 4 black bags of rubbish collected by kindly volunteers; of which there are thankfully many doing the same in their village, parish or town. Primarily waste discarded by passing drivers, isn't this just SHAMEFUL?

On many occasions our particular Team of litter pickers - and I have to remind myself that I am a willing member - have tried to focus on the reasons for such actions or seek to find excuses for what we see - almost every day now! We have cited a lack of waste bins at strategic points along known walking areas, individual loneliness or lack of education, awareness and understanding as to the negative impact of such actions. Previously we have admittedly also identified the tourist as a main contributor to this social disease, about which we are all probably tired of listening about on the TV or through other means. However, I take you back to the opening paragraph to this piece, these photographs were taken when in Lockdown. So "I put it out there" to use a modern vernacular, why are we seeking to destroy what we should all hold such pride in and in this regard, I am talking about all spaces, be they Green Rural or Urban. Not necessarily as staunch an environmentalist as some, I can nevertheless see that we only get one chance to influence things in this life and this is ours. So, let's all seek to do better - in any way we can - to rid ourselves of such awful social behaviours.

*Robin Knill  
Chacewater*

## **A CELEBRATION OF LEN MOYLE'S LIFE AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2021**

Dear Friends,

As we were unable to have a normal funeral service for Len owing to Covid, we are holding an open gathering for family and friends and anyone who would wish to come.

We will be supplying some hot pasties, also a catering van will be on site. Anyone wishing to bring a picnic may do so. Please bring folding chairs as no seating is provided. Toilets on site. There will be a gazebo for shelter if it is needed.

Tony Barfield is loaning his big display board, so if anyone has any photographs or wants to write a message or memories of Len, they can be attached to the board for others to look at.

We hope for this to be a happy occasion, as I am sure Len would wish it to be.

Tony Barfield is willing to do a morning run ending at the field would all members wishing to come please contact Tony, if going on run or straight to the field.

Telephone No 01326 564330

The venue is at St Agnes, the seaward side of The Beacon, just above the Coastwatch lookout. There will be a sign where you turn off for the field. Satnav for those who want TR5 OST. The venue will be open from 12 noon to 8 pm.

*Hope to see you soon,  
Jean and family*

# WHAT HAVE 'THEY' BE

## Vandalism

Unfortunately, May was a busy month in terms of reporting the ongoing issues with our resident vandals. The usual disrespect for our open spaces (Recreation Ground & Millennium Green) is evident in terms of litter, broken glass etc having to be cleared away almost daily. We also reported several other incidents including (but not limited to) criminal damage of the Lych Gate at St Pauls Church, breaking and entering of the storage shed at the Village Hall and criminal damage and theft of the waste bins at the Recreation Ground. Very disappointing indeed, and as always, this meant many volunteer hours taken up cleaning up the mess and increased expense for repairs and replacements. All incidents were reported to the police.

If you report a crime taking place call 999

If you wish to report a crime after the fact please call 101 or visit Devon & Cornwall Police website to report inline.

## Enhanced LMP - Public Rights of Way

Thanks to extensive work by Cllr Rob Knill who undertook a comprehensive survey to record the condition of all our 17.5miles of Public Rights of Way. The council have been able to apply for and win a substantial enhanced grant for much needed maintenance of all our much loved rights of way. So,

before anyone could change their minds, work started, it is however planned to spread the work out over the coming year.



The photos above show the work undertaken by volunteers in early May, which saw them introduce 6 tonnes of palings to fill the deeply crevassed potholes at the entranceway to Bridleway 16/1, which leads towards

# EN UP TO?

the Killifreth Mine Engine House and Unity Woods. They ended up with some leftover and so also dropped some over the road on another Bridleway that passes near Fays Hats. Then a further 5 tonnes of palings were used along Byway 55/1 and 2 near Salem.

## Parish Council Meetings

In April 2020, due to Covid-19 the government passed legislation to allow parish and town councils to hold their meetings virtually. It took a little getting used to, setting up of technology etc but it actually worked really well for our councillors and we even saw a good increase of attendance from members of the public at our meetings. Unfortunately that legislation expired on 7th May and the government made the decision not to extend it, so we now must meet in person again. So, back to the Village hall we go however, this time we will be in the main hall so that we can socially distance. Members of the public are very welcome as always to join us at any of our meetings however, we ask that you please wear a face covering when entering and exiting the building, sanitise your hands upon entry and exit and of course, if you have experienced any covid symptoms in the last 14 days or have tested positive, that you stay at home and join us again next month.

# FORE STREET CLOSED

Around tea-time on election day, 6th May, water started to gush through the tarmac opposite the Kings Head Hotel on Fore Street.

Emergency teams from South West Water arrived quickly and found that the main water pipe had burst across the junction with the Square. Traffic halted and the road was closed for 24 hours as the crews worked to stop the flood and repair the leak.

The driver of the last "Tinner" skilfully reversed his big red bus off High Street and down Sergeants Hill, completed a 3-point turn and returned to Scorrier.

The water main repair was finished and the road re-opened just after the evening rush on Friday. On Monday, Cormac's Highway crews came to restore the damaged eastbound road surface.



*1st vehicle over repair*

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# VILLAGE PONDWATCH

The water remains cool and clear. If you simply stand and look, newts constantly appear. They drift motionless or creep through the bottom debris and burst out in a sudden rush. Some are a sandy yellow-green colour. Others have dark backs with mahogany hues and silver-gilt undersides. They swim in line across open water or drift ghostly upwards from the deep. One pair, hanging beside a lily stalk, is confronted by a third newt. Nose-to-nose, the challenger arches his tail and his crest ripples. Newts chase through the water and glitter golden at the surface when they turn and dive.

Small newts frolic near the fringes of a mass of water lily. Swimming together into open water, they tumble over, flank to flank. Tails lash and the animals retreat to the cover of lily stems and roots. Water boatmen watch the scene and Whirligig beetles spin random circles on the surface stretches of open water.



Tadpoles can be seen swimming all around the pond and gathering near the shoreline. Many swim free and graze among weed banks. Their swirling tails make the surface shimmer. In the middle of the pond, two small islands of fine white and green weed rise up. Each island is ringed by a wide black band of tadpoles feeding on the weed.

There's a commotion on the surface as a water beetle wrestles with a tadpole.



The struggle is prolonged as the tadpole has strength and stamina; but the beetle is designed to win this tussle with sharp jaws and grasping legs that won't let go until the tadpole is subdued.

A white, orange-tipped butterfly flutters through the air and a large hornet stops to stand on a floating leaf and drink water.

Overnight and daylong rains reclaim half the shoreline exposed by the long dry spell. As the sun begins to shine, shoals of tadpoles meet in dark hordes to feed. An oily black tide flows steadily up the shelving shore where they graze on a patch of brick-red algae attached to the bare black butyl liner. On the far side, the water simmers as another tadpole armada chews a crescent bight into the weed bank.

Out in the open water a winged ant crashes into clouds reflected on the surface. It drifts slowly towards a floating stalk while a pondskater stands by. Eventually, the ant climbs onto the slender unstable raft. It is half-submerged. At last the pondskater moves in swiftly and ends the drama with a sharp strike.

The water level rises as wet weather continues. Densely-packed herds of tadpoles graze over a field of starwort. Smaller clusters feed on knots of plant roots and rotting vegetation. A strip of fresh green leaf, adrift in open water, turns slowly as a dozen fat tadpoles gnaw opposite sides – like harbour tugs nudging an ocean liner.

*Paul Shevlin*





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# BACK TO BUSINESS

**DiamonD Hair Salon** re-opened on 12th April and began to offer Covid-secure styling services to grateful customers. These arrangements will carry on all this year for the benefit of customers and staff. Sadly, nail and beauty treatments will not be back but there is extra space for hairdressing.

**Illusions** in Blackwater has also resumed safe hair styling and nail treatments.

**The Kings Head Hotel** was permitted only to serve people outside while the weather was quite cold and damp. However, since 17th May the premises are open from midday. It is table service only for all food and drinks. There is a new menu. Every customer will need to register their contact details and a face-covering is required except when seated at a table. If all goes well these restrictions will be lifted from 21st June. Martin & Jenni Clemson look forward to welcoming one & all to our refurbished local.

**The Red Lion** in Blackwater has restored service for food and drink indoors with proper procedures.

**Chacewater Village Hall** is also back in business – with the same Covid-secure provisions as the Kings Head: Face-coverings, social-distancing and enhanced contact recording until government regulations change.

# NEW BUSINESS



“The Fuel Truck” on Chacewater Hill opened for business, under new management, on 5th May.

The roadside take-away outlet has had a complete make-over. Now, it offers a good range of freshly-prepared food including bacon and sausage baps, cheese burgers and sandwiches.

Gluten-free and Vegan options are available for customers who require them. “The Fuel Truck” also serves drinks, tea and fine filter coffee.

New manager, Cheryl Roberts, says that word is getting round about “The Fuel Truck” and she aims to make a success of this new venture. Pre-orders can be made on **07708698399**, or just pull in if you’re on the road and need to re-fuel and refresh.



Opening hours at present are Monday to Friday, 9.00am. – 2.30pm. while her six-year-old son goes to Chacewater School. Cheryl also attended Chacewater School and her grandfather worked at Wheal Busy.

# BEAUTIFYING CHACEWATER

## (A CHACEWATER PROJECT)

Over the last couple of days volunteers offered their time and space to plant up the lamppost planters with summer plants. Many of these have been over-wintered in their greenhouses by villagers, thank you! We hope to be putting up the summer planters in a few weeks.

The "Welcome" planters at each end of the village have weathered the winter well and only needed minimal adding of summer plants. We have added some petunias and some donated trailing rosemary. As always, we rely on the time and effort of volunteers in the village and we always welcome help - so please get in touch if you think you would like to get involved.

A good way to get involved is to help with watering. We water the summer planters weekly during the summer, usually takes about 1½ hours. It would be great to get a rota started - minimal training required and it's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise!

If you can't offer time but have some suggestions on planting ideas, again please let us know! It's your village, your ideas count!

Happy planting



As we head into summer, the Church Hill/Car Park bank is blooming with bluebells, wild garlic and rosy garlic too. During the past few months, able volunteers have been keeping it neat and landscaping the bank to give it a better shape. While we have worked on the bank, people have stopped and offered plants and commented on how nice it is looking. Thank-you to all who stop by and for those who have offered donations of plants.

The toilet block planters should soon start to bloom with some additional geraniums and calibrachoa.

We look forward to meeting up with all those involved in Village in Bloom, it seems such a long time since we met up in the Kings Head - believe it was February 2020!

As the Community Garden opens up, I think that would be an ideal hub to discuss Plans for ViB, so look out for updates in coming issues of "What's On". At the centre of ViB is community input, we welcome your ideas, and comments. We look forward to meeting up again!! Remember all welcome and don't forget to register with the Community Garden - no joining fee.

*Linda Shevlin*  
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# NEWS FROM SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to have had a really good run at school over the last two months. The children have been fantastic since the return and although we are still operating in "bubble life", things have started to get back to some normality.

School clubs have restarted ranging from cricket to yoga! We have had experts come into teach tennis and rugby as well as an excellent transition for PE with Richard Lander School.

The curriculum has been in full flow and we have been supporting children with developing their resilience following the lockdown period.

The second half of the Summer term looks to bring more excitement with Sports Day, adventure days, a school play and the new car park!

*Chris Gould  
Headteacher*

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> THREEMILESTONE CUBS

Just recently I have had time to think, some folk will probably say they are always doing the same thing, repetition, repetition.

Cubs start at the age of 8 years and stay until 10½ years, they progress further each year doing and learning new skills. We try and get every cub through their Chief Scout Award whatever their ability, there are 6 challenge badges to work for which is hard to get through in 2½ years, there are also 33 activity badges and 13 staged activity badges they can work

for. Recently Darwin, William L and Jacob L have gained their Chief Scout Silver Award, well done to you all.

It is great we are back to face-to-face meetings; the cubs are happy and doing well. Our first evening the cubs cleared the site at Tomperrow Campsite of all the sticks that had come down in the storms, they were then able to pick enough sticks to make a raft each, these were great fun, much chatter and excitement when racing the rafts in the river. The following week they all made a kite, these were great fun and worked well, then we had a week of go-carts and making god eyes another very rewarding evening.

We have all worked towards our scientist badge, making mega bubbles the cubs loved doing these each trying to out do each other as who could have the largest or smallest, we also made boats which again were great fun sailing in the river, with lots of fun and laughter.

May the 6th Max L did his game for the pack, noughts, and crosses with a difference, well done, this was followed by lighting fires and cooking pancakes, very little left so went down well, this was followed by planting pumpkin seeds, I wonder how many will survive till the end of the year.

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped us over the last few weeks, it is greatly appreciated.

The cubs have started working towards the athletics badge which is quite challenging.

*Judy Annear  
(Akela)*

# CORNWALL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Cornwall Council Elections were held on 6th May 2021, with new electoral boundaries drawn to cut the number of Councillors down to 87. About 5,000 registered voters in the new

**Threemilestone & Chacewater** district were able to elect one Councillor. It what proved to be a “three horse race”, Independent Councillor Dulcie Tudor won 38% of the vote to represent this seat.

For the record, here are the full results of the vote.

## Cornwall Council Elections, Thursday, 6th May, 2021 RESULT

### Threemilestone & Chacewater Election

Candidate	Party	Votes	% share	
Dulcie Tudor	Independent	650	38%	Elected
John Dyer	Conservative	529	31%	Not elected
Karen La Borde	Green Party	492	29%	Not elected
Edward Penrose	Liberal Democrat	48	3%	Not elected
	Total Votes	1719		

## FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



Hello,

Firstly, I want to thank those of you who voted to have me as your Cornwall Councillor. Many of you won't know me but I'm hoping that will change over the next 4 years.

So, a little about me. I'm a single parent of two teenage girls. I am an Independent Councillor in the truest

sense of the word, i.e. I put politics aside to work with the Leadership of the Council for the best result for people in my area. Threemilestone & Chacewater comes first.

I want to know about you. My role involves working with Kenwyn Parish Council and Chacewater Parish Council as well as forging links other organisations in the community. I pretty much know who's who in Threemilestone but not so much in Chacewater and the surrounding area so please don't hesitate to get in touch and let me know about your business, organisation or voluntary group.

The Electoral Division you live in has changed. It's much larger than before; a whopping seven times larger than my previous Councillor Division. I've got my work cut out as have all the new 87 Cornwall Councillors.

I'm really looking forward to working with you.

My email address is  
cllr.dulcie.tudor@cornwall.gov.uk

My phone number is 01872 321010.

And following me on my councillor face book page (Dulcie Tudor Councillor) is a great way to see what I'm up to and get in touch via DM.

Dulcie

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## FROM FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Reader

It has been an immense privilege and honour to have represented Chacewater and its surrounding area for many years. I thank you all for the opportunities that we have been able to develop together, the problems that we have been able to resolve and the friends we have made.

In this issue of "What's On" I give a report that was presented to the Annual Meeting of Chacewater Parish. *[this is an edited version as space is limited, Eds.]*

### **Annual Report to Chacewater Parish Council April 2021 Cornwall County Council Report**

*"In this annual report to Chacewater Parish Council I will report on the work done as the County Councillor for the Parishes of Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu Ward of Kea.*

*Chacewater is the largest geographical area in this Division and I have been*

*involved with the Village Hall, the Bowling Club, and the rejuvenation of the Brookside Apartments. I am asking Cornwall Housing if they could include a lift system in each Block which would make them much more accessible. Planning enforcement is another concern in several areas of Chacewater Parish which also takes up a lot of my time as a Cornwall Councillor.*

*The Langarth situation continues to proceed slowly. I worry that important enhancements are tied to the Langarth development; particularly:*

- the desperately needed new School Hall at Threemilestone Primary School*
- the new Church Hall for All Saints Church at Highertown (the diocese it is in is part of Kenwyn Parish)*
- new entrance and toilet block for the Threemilestone Community Centre (Village Hall)*
- stability of the New Mills Flood Prevention Dam and the Sewage Treatment to ensure the River Fal is not polluted (as it was last winter) to destroy the Mussel beds near the King Harry Ferry.*
- The much-heralded Stadium for Cornwall - the business plan for the Stadium has still not gained acceptance from Central Government*

*In my opinion, these worthwhile developments should be properly financed by Cornwall Council because they are too important to be put on a list of enhancements dependent on Langarth.*

*All the regular issues such as potholes, white and yellow street paint lining;*

*rattling manhole covers that annoy residents especially at night continue to be. It has been another busy year and it continues to be an honour to serve as a County Councillor for this Parish."*

May I wish my successor Dulcie Tudor, as your County Councillor, as much enjoyment as I have had representing you, I trust that I will remain in touch with many of you in the future.

Yours with kind regards



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## **CHACEWATER FOOTBALL CLUB**

Following on from our report in the March edition of What's On concerning the sudden passing of club stalwart Donald Smith, and the recent lifting of most of the Covid-19 restrictions. In conjunction with the family we are now in a position to scatter Don's ashes at the Recreation Ground as per his wishes.

This will be carried out on Sunday 4th July at 11am and anyone who knew Don and would like to pay their last respects are invited to attend.

With grateful thanks to the Parish Council for kindly approving Don's final wishes.

*Nigel Jewell*

## **THE BIG LUNCH**

This year, 2021, marks the 10th anniversary of The Big Lunch. It began as a day for neighbours and communities to get together over lunch. It is now celebrated at housing organisations, charitable organisations, councils, schools, and practically anywhere people gather.

Are you planning to come along to the Millennium Green on Sunday 6th June? It will be a great opportunity to see people again and we know that meeting outside is still safer than indoors. Bring a picnic for your group or just a flask of coffee or a cup of tea will do if you have other plans for lunch.

A suggested time of 11.30am – 2.30pm would be flexible for most people but nothing is fixed so you can make your own arrangements and nothing is lost if you can't make it or the weather is bad.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **ON THE MILLENNIUM GREEN**

Spring is the time of yellow flowers. It is good to note that the new pathway has much increased the number of people walking through the Green. It is clearly safer than using the road and lets folk enjoy the space, natural variety and fresh air. Extra foot traffic and very dry, cool weather has kept the grass short - so less mowing is needed.

The decision to allow dogs on leads onto the Green has been widely welcomed by responsible owners. No significant problems have been noticed during the trial period to date.

Work is underway to improve access at the top of the Green. The gap in the hedge has been widened and the stonework restored. New safety barriers will be installed with a new concrete apron and a gully for water run-off. Spare stone and infill material has been used to buttress the slope below the Green's granite name-slab.

Many of the plants displaced to make the new footpath have been re-located successfully - including ash and oak tree saplings, ferns and wildflowers. There were some sad failures as a small yew tree and donated box bushes did not survive their move.

The new Pétanque ground is proving a welcome new amenity. The game is easy to play for all ages (bring your own boules) and the sandy surface is enjoyed anyway.

Regular garden maintenance continues aiming to keep widely varied natural habitats that offer refuge and interest both to people and wildlife – a delicate balance. Large bramble thickets remain untouched but deadwood and spreading brambles are being cleared from hedgerows and pathways. Damaged and drooping branches have been pruned to remove a hazard to passers-by. ***Please get in touch if you would like to lend a hand.***

Some tree damage is probably the accidental result of ill-judged climbing attempts but some is deliberate. It is disheartening to find a buddleia tree

by the pond completely destroyed. On the other hand, many youngsters are excited to examine wildlife in the pond itself.

*Greenkeeper*

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## **WOW! LOOK! THE 7<sup>TH</sup> IN A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS FROM PASTOR ADRIAN.**



Hello, it is really good to speak with you again. I can't believe how time has gone by; it is 9 weeks since Easter and we are in the third phase in the Government's Road Map and the relaxing of Covid restrictions. It seems so long since we have been able to meet and socialise freely and I am very much looking forward to opening church for face to face worship and fellowship. In particular, I miss singing together with the sound of music and voices praising God in great joy. God willing, joyous singing will return to the village very soon.

Over the past months we have looking at the Parables of Jesus and how they apply themselves to our lives in Chacewater 2021. We have seen Sowers, workers, lost sheep, builders and even mustard seeds! This month it is time for us look at the amazing parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10.

During this past year the awareness and care of our neighbours has become acutely important to us all and here Jesus has been asked, "Who is my neighbour?" His answer is incredible, even for today and we can only but imagine how his ancient audience reacted to his reply. An assaulted and half-dead person is lying in the road; who is going to take pity on them or who is going to ignore them and go on their way? Would you stop, show mercy and help an injured person in Chacewater High Street? Well, Jesus says the priest didn't stop, neither did the church leader but an enemy of the man stopped, bandaged his wounds, took care of him and even paid for his continuing care. This is amazing as the hatred between the Samaritans and the Jews had gone on for hundreds of years.

"Which of these three people do think was the neighbour to person who fell into darkness and danger?" Jesus asked. The one who had mercy on the person of course! But this is all upside down, it was the very last person you would think who actually helped: the Samaritan he cared and he showed mercy. The people we would have expected to help did not. This is typical of the teaching of Jesus; showing us a new way to look at things, a different way to live out our lives. He causes us to reorder our priorities and preconceptions of who our neighbour is and how we should offer mercy and care to all people, whether they are friends or foes. That

is a tough ask to care for those who are different to you, hostile to you, or even the downright unfriendly. But this is the Love and Grace of God that we are discussing and we have a call and challenge from Jesus to extend that Love and Grace to the whole world. What a difference this would make, if only we could tune in to the wavelength of Jesus and his teaching; a neighbour is anyone in need.



As we come toward the warmer summer season please watch out for details of our summer programme of services and events in the village and surrounding areas. As we slowly emerge from lockdown and closer to a normal way of life, may the Love and Grace of the Lord continue to move out across our community. Please feel free to pick up the phone, email us and talk to us - you will find our numbers and addresses in the back of this magazine. Until we speak again, every blessing, Pastor Ade.

## The **Methodist** Church

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

# St Paul's Church, Chacewater

## SUNDAY SERVICES

May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Five Saints United Service	10.30
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Service of the Word	9.45
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Margaret Saville	9.45
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop of St. Germans	9.45
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Richard Wallis	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.**

**Please remember to wear masks and keep to social distancing.**

**For further information please call**

**Terry Lister (01872 560421)**

**or Tony Reynolds (01872 560740)**

All the above is subject to Government advice

## CHACEWATER METHODIST CHURCH

**WELCOMES ONE AND ALL TO COME AND JOIN US**

*As lockdown continues we gather as a church for worship in our homes, united by the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Our buildings maybe closed but the church is very much alive. If you feel you would like to talk or pray with us please pick up the phone and contact us. May the Peace of God be with you.*

Alison Murfin 01872 715395 Oliveen Bearham 01872 560887 Peter Dyer  
01872 276115

Pastor Adrian Mitchell Tel: 01872 273756 Mob: 0777 311 9939 Email:  
pastoradrian@truromethodist.org.uk

**Further information from Pastor Adrian Mitchell**

**Tel: 01872 273756 Mob: 0777 311 9939 Email: adrianm2291@googlemail.com**



## 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	<b>0344 346 2020</b>
SWW Overflowing manholes etc	<b>0344 346 2020</b>
Flooding roads / houses	<b>0300 1234 222</b> <b>(anytime)</b>
Highways Emergencies Fallen Trees	<b>0300 1234 222</b> <b>(anytime)</b>

#### **Western Power**

Emergency information Power cuts etc	<b>0800 678 3105</b>
General contact enquiries	<b>0800 096 3080</b>
Electricity emergency Power lines down etc	<b>0800 40 40 90</b>

#### **Gas**

Emergency / leaks / smell etc	<b>0800 111 999</b>
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<b>Council Housing</b> emergency repairs	<b>0300 1234 161</b> <b>(anytime)</b>
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Anti-social behaviour	<b>0300 1234 161</b> <b>(anytime)</b>
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<b>Police</b>	<b>999 or 112 for emergencies</b> or if non urgent <b>101</b>
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<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>999 or 112 for emergencies</b> or if non urgent <b>111</b> for the NHS medical helpline
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<b>Fire</b>	<b>999 or 112 for emergencies</b>
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**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**

Temporarily meeting at St Pauls Church Fridays (Term Time)

Rainbows (Girls aged 5-7)

Brownies (Girls aged 7-10) meet 4.45-7.15 pm

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

Tel. Stephanie 07703 674 464 or visit [www.guiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter](http://www.guiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter)

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

welcoming boys and girls from Chacewater

Beavers Mondays 6-7pm

Methodist Church Hall

Cubs Thursday 6-7pm

Temporarily at Tomperrow

Scouts Thursday 6.15-7.15pm

Tomperrow

Tel. Akela 01872 560 531

### **Chacewater Players**

Temporarily suspended

Tel 01872 560 343

### **Chacewater Tea Dance**

Temporarily suspended

Tel. Ian Sharman 01872 274 113 or email [ian.sharman@gmail.com](mailto:ian.sharman@gmail.com)

### **Chacewater Methodist Parent and Toddler Group**

Temporarily suspended

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

### **Cornwall Orchid Society**

Temporarily suspended

07561 161 461 or 07929 248 156

### **Chacewater Evergreen Club**

Temporarily suspended

Tel 01872 560 772

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

Hilary Dewey 01872 560 517

### **Chacewater's Book Club**

Temporarily suspended

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

Linda 01872 561 626

### **Monday Morning Meet**

Temporarily suspended

WI hall

Jill Hocking 07790 439 075

### **Chacewater Horticultural Show**

Karen Bath 01872 560 079 or email

[Chacewatershow@mail.com](mailto:Chacewatershow@mail.com)

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

Temporarily suspended

Val Barnes 01872 242 213 or [valerie07@gmail.com](mailto:valerie07@gmail.com)

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

Temporarily suspended

Audrey Durrant 01209 820 307 or

[audreydurrant@btinternet.com](mailto:audreydurrant@btinternet.com)

### **Chacewater Football Club**

Russell Grice 07455 616 113 or email

[russ.grice@gmail.com](mailto:russ.grice@gmail.com)

### **Chacewater Bowling Club**

Jenny Prime 01872 560 369

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

Thursday 6 - 9.30pm Chacewater Village Hall

David Turner 01209 899 123 or

[happyfeetdancing@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:happyfeetdancing@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Keep Fit Cornwall**

Tuesday evening Chacewater Village Hall  
07854 925 843 or  
susie@keepfitcornwall.co.uk

### **Chacewater Village in Bloom**

Using plant care & maintenance to help the village. New volunteers always welcome.  
Linda Shevlin - 01872 561626 or  
linshev@btinternet.com

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

Temporarily suspended  
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

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

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## **To Contact your Parish Councillors**

John Carley	01209 821555	John.Carley@chacewater.org	
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Stuart Foster	07762 345813	Stuart.Foster@chacewater.org	
Samantha Grady	07817 448 887	samantha.grady@chacewater.org	
Sarah Gribble	01872 561722	Sarah.Gribble@chacewater.org	
Rob Knill	01872 561364	Rob.Knill@chacewater.org	Vice-Chairman
Steve Leech	01872 560288	Steve.Leech@chacewater.org	
Martin Stephens	07831 150333	Martin.Stephens@chacewater.org	
Keith Surgenor	07906 475 430	keith.surgenor@chacewater.org	

Currently two vacancies

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:  
Tel: 01872 561 387 Mob: 07425 056 577 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: [cldr.dulcie.tudor@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.dulcie.tudor@cornwall.gov.uk)



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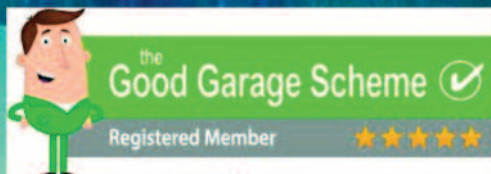
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