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- Wednesday 1st PTA Easter Egg Hunt Chacewater School Grounds
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- Friday 3rd Good Friday
Fox and Hounds Opening Day Scorrier from 12.00pm
See p.7
- Saturday 4th Take a Break Twelveheads Sunday School
11.00am - 1.00pm
- Sunday 5th CRoW Walk Chacewater Car Park 9.30am All welcome
- Thursday 9th Cash Bingo Chacewater Village Hall Doors open
6.00pm eyes down 7.30pm
- Thursday 16th Mobile Library Twelveheads Chapel 11.40 - 12.00pm
Chacewater Car Park 12.50 - 1.15pm
- Saturday 18th Tregothnan Estate Open Day Open from 10.00am
- Sunday 19th Tregothnan Estate Open Day Open from 10.00am
- Tuesday 21st Pop In WI Hall 10.15 - 11.45 am All welcome
- Thursday 23rd Projects AGM WI Hall 7.30pm All welcome
- Saturday 25th Cornwall Orchids Society Annual Show Chacewater
Village Hall 11.00am - 4.00pm
Spring Covid Vaccination Clinic Chacewater Surgery
- Sunday 26th Little Eden - Baby and Toddler Church Twelveheads
Methodist Church 2.00pm
- Wednesday 29th Chacewater Parish Council Annual meeting
Chacewater Village Hall 6.30 pm Followed by Parish
Council Meeting 7.00pm All welcome

For your Diary May 2026

- Saturday 16th Nature Recovery, Local Food, Green Energy, and
Electric Bike Day Chacewater Village Hall
Chacewater Community Garden Coffee Morning
Community Garden 10.30am - 12.00pm

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This month's cover
A beautiful Orchid
If you like it why not pop
along to the Annual

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Well 2026 seems to have got its skates on, can you believe that it's April and Easter already. We finally seem to have thrown off the continuous cloak of rain that dogged the first fifty days of this year. So as the days get longer and the evenings becomes lighter and more usable, we can look forward to enjoying the spring and look forward to summer with a bit more confidence.

In this issue, we have plenty of good news. **The Fox and Hounds** is reopening on Good Friday. Amy has taken it on and seems determined to make a go of it. Great to see, there's nothing sadder than an empty and closed pub. Good luck to her. **Page.7**

It seems to be the time for new beginnings. **Chacewater Garden Centre** has refurbished and enlarged their popular **Cloverleaf Café**, which, judging by the number of people who use it, will be most welcome. **Page.19**

You will see that our cover features an orchid. If you like the look of that and wish to see more, why not pop along to **Chacewater Village Hall** on Saturday the 25th for the **Cornwall Orchids Society Annual Show** and see a great selection of these plants. You can also buy orchids and other plants. Just beware **Chacewater Surgery** is doing its **Spring Covid Vaccination Clinic** on the same day, so a busy day in the village. **Page.16**

Some more good news, you may recall there was a bit of doubt that **Take a Break**, the popular Saturday refreshment stop for walkers, cyclists and locals at **Twelveheads Sunday School**, would continue, but it is secure after all. Good news for all those who support this voluntarily run pop up "café", with all proceeds going to charities. Great stuff! **Page.15**

Which only leaves us to enjoy this issue of **What's On in Chacewater** and thank all our advertisers for their support and wish every one of you a very **Happy Easter** .



Easter blessings from all At **Chacewater and Twelveheads Chapel**

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The Fox and Hounds Re-opening

I'm Amy and I have recently taken over the "Fox and Hounds" pub in Scorrier, so here is a little information about the opening day:

We plan to open on Good Friday, April 3rd at 12pm. There will be a live band in the afternoon and a DJ in the evening. All beer, cider and ales will be £4

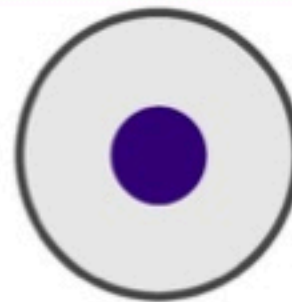


a pint on this day. There will also be a Hog roast and BBQ in the garden area and basket food served from our kitchen. We will be having a bouncy castle and giant garden games for the children.

Please do come along and join us for this special day.

Many thanks Amy

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2. In which English county is the most Easterly point of the UK?
3. Minsk is the capital city of which former soviet country?
4. The Pentagon is located in which US city?
5. What is the capital of Peru?
6. Which major river flows through Vienna?
7. Upon which river does Paris stand?
8. Which Royal castle is on the River Dee?
9. In which London Borough is the Millennium Dome sited?
10. Name the only capital city in the world beginning with the letter 'Z'?

Answers on P.25

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This is a very relaxed gathering for anybody, come and go as you please, all you need is yourself and your mug!

This is one of the few things in life which is free and also easy!

We look forward to seeing you

Cheers, Jill



Spikey spiked !

We had no room in this issue to print a short story we received about “Spikey the Hedgehog”. Look out for this in the future.

We are always most grateful for all your contributions but sometimes there’s just not enough space to fit in everything that’s sent in a month.

MONTHLY LITTER PICK

Out in all weathers, all told 9 folk from Chacewater and Todpool turned out for a really good litter pick on Thursday 26th February. With one Kerley Vale resident taking charge of things all around Kerley Hill and up ‘Tin Can’ Alley (otherwise known as Boscawen Lane) area also, the rest mustered at the layby opposite the bus stop near Truro Tractors at 0830.

The Todpool Team had already done a good half an hour of picking in and around the immediate vicinity by the time the Chacewater gang arrived. So, we branched out further, completed Cox Hill, back down into Todpool and all the way along to Wheal Busy, where some ventured up to the Kitbartley Farm junction.



Another wonderful all round effort, we eventually delivered 14 black bags of rubbish to the United Downs Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and reported a few bits of fly-tipping along the way. Thank you once again to all who helped, just fabulous!

THE CHACEWATER PROJECTS

The Chacewater Projects organises support and raises money to fund projects that benefit people of all ages in our local community. Last year, helped by the Kings Head and local householders, we arranged festive lights and Christmas trees in the main street. The Projects donated cash for the Football Club and the new Recreation centre. We funded decorative planting in the village and aided volunteers to reclaim a stretch of riverbank by the main car park.

Projects also offers an “umbrella” organisation which can support new ideas, start-up initiatives and community activities and help them to get up and running. We aim to work alongside local educational associations and parents groups, religious congregations, sporting clubs and recreational alliances that depend on a host of voluntary members to make things happen.

The Projects channels volunteers to assist in running Chacewater’s Bonfire and Fireworks show.

The Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) of the Projects will take place on **Thursday 23rd APRIL 2026, 7.30 pm.**

In principle, **EVERYONE** who lives in the Chacewater area is a member of the Projects organisation. **EVERYONE** can attend and each has a vote and the right to speak. So, come along if you want to hear what has been done last year and/or would like to suggest a new project (or help with an existing one?)

Do try to come to the Projects meeting if you want to do something to help keep Chacewater as a good place to live. It won’t take up much of your time but it could be the start of something great. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

(Secretary, The Chacewater Projects)

The Chacewater Projects

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on

Thursday 23rd APRIL 2026 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 16th April 2026.

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 Village Hall Management Committee

Last month the trustees held our AGM and re-elected officials for the year ahead. We reflected on the work that has been done over the last couple of years to ensure that the hall is well maintained and meets the needs of the community. We are fortunate to have the Millennium Green adjacent to the building and this is appreciated by many of our users, particularly in the summer months.

The Annual Report highlighted the upgraded fuse board, meeting current electrical requirements and the addition of an automatic door opener. We have recently had CCTV fitted around the building and in the foyer (courtesy of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner), this will soon be in operation and will add to other surveillance around the village to guard against anti-social behaviour and enhance personal safety. Together with a larger scale re-paint of the main hall, these improvements should ensure the building will be good for another 25 years.

Thanks were given to all volunteers involved in managing the hall and to our two members of staff who keep the building looking fantastic and ensure the day-to-day lets run smoothly. If anyone would like to join the team please get in touch.

Due to increased running costs we have had to raise hire charges from 1st April, discounts for local residents and regular users are still available. New charges are shown below.

Chacewater Village Hall Management Committee

ROOM	Standard Hire charge	Regular Non-Parish	Chacewater Residents/ Organisations
MAIN HALL	£57	£46	£31
Fri. Evening	£69	£55	£35
Sat. Evening	£125	No Regular bookings	£49
Sun. Evening	£68	£56	£39
KILLIFRETH	£33	£25	£19
Sat. Evening	£55	£33	£19
WHEAL JANE	£26	£20	£11

Village Pondwatch

MARCH 2026

Numbers of toads arrived in the last week of February and were very active, swimming around and poking their heads out of the water. With many animals scrambling across weeds and drifting at the surface, there were toad encounters in all quarters of the pond.



Most of the toads moved on by early March, when there were a few days of sunshine. A lone toad stands in a rare sunlit patch on the bottom. He advances very slowly while a smooth newt rapidly waves past behind him. Two palmate newts nose beneath layers of leaves and go in and out of small dark caverns underwater. Now and then a larger newt journeys to the surface and shows a mottled grey underside as it flips over. Male newts briefly flash orange bellies as they swim back down to the pond floor.

A single whirligig beetle swims in small circles and the sun glints on its shiny back. Small birds are pulling apart the old bulrush heads and fly away with fluffy tufts of nesting material. On the bank, yellow celandine flowers attract insects and two large marsh marigold plants open big yellow flowers under the brambles.

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February - 14th

March - 14th

April - 11th

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July - 11th

August - 8th

September - 12th

October - 10th

November - 14th

December - 12th

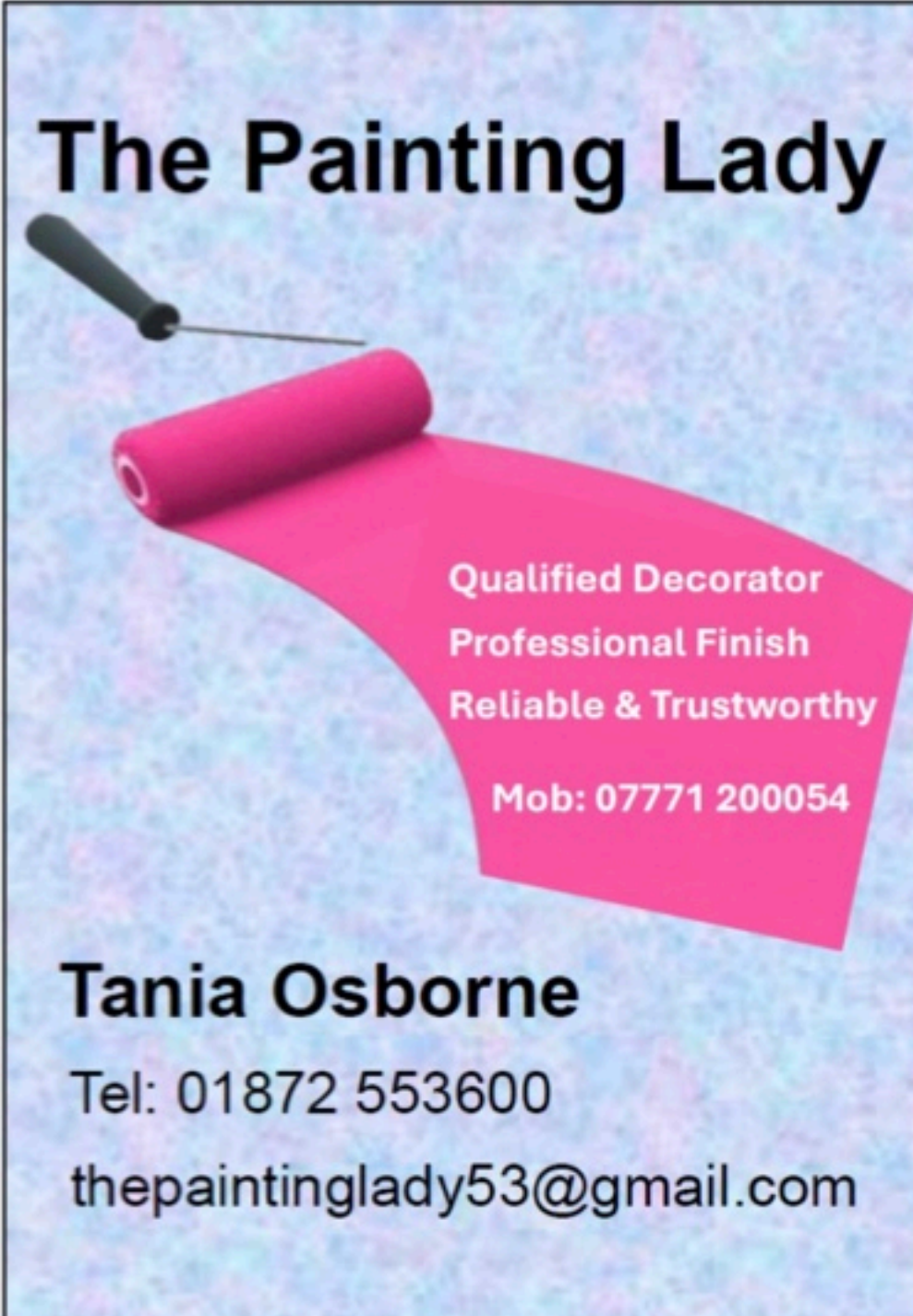
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) CCTV IS COMING!

It is with some regret that we find a slight surge in relatively minor levels of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in parts of our public spaces. Litter is commonplace up on the Recreation Ground in particular and there is a constant need to keep an eye open for broken glass in that area we thank everyone involved in picking up what they see **SAFELY**.

We are also seeing a spate of deliberate damage to the main car park Toilet, with stones, cans, etc. deposited in the toilet pan itself and the door locking mechanism damaged beyond repair. A new inside bolt has been fitted, but, if the current trend continues, we might have to limit opening times for the toilet, which will impact severely on many users who may be caught short! Remember what life was like when we didn't have a toilet open for the public (for 18 months) as Cornwall Council wanted to tear it down – we do not want a repeat of that time?

We have now installed CCTV cameras at key locations around the car park, some are right above the toilet block. It goes live soon, so don't get caught!

You could say that leaving vehicles in the Main Square Car Park for unacceptable lengths of time is a form of ASB (*esp. if they are not taxed or MOT'd*), because those involved in this practice clearly do not consider the impact it has on others in our community. Our Car Park is **FREE** to all, but there are rules in place for using this valuable community space. These are clearly displayed above the Toilet Block Store door at the car park entrance side. Over time, we have investigated all ways (*invariably very expensive!*) of managing this issue and the Parish Council has received advice, from many well-intended parties, on how to sort things! However, we still have about 7 long-standing vehicles parked that we would like removed please, as they can mean that folk are sometimes unable to make their *often urgent* medical appointments. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



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Take a Break Starts Again!



Take-A-Break have had their meeting and it has been decided to start again, on April 4th, same time 11 am - 1 pm in Twelveheads Sunday School Room behind the Church.

From there we are planning to have monthly meetings on the first

Saturday of the month with refreshments, snacks and light lunches, with donations each time for local and some other charities.

The dates are therefore:

April 4th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

September 5th

November 7th

We look forward to seeing everyone who wishes to step by

*Liz Hayward, Jane Bostock and
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SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

Please be aware that the Spring Covid Vaccination Clinic takes place from 8.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday 25th April. The same day as the Southwest Orchid Society gathering in the Village Hall (*couldn't be avoided*). We have asked the organisers of the Orchid event to park up at the overspill Community Car Park above the school, after they drop off their kit and equipment. This will help manage the "In/Out" parking system that we will again set up in support

of the Surgery Team in the Main Square Car Park. A relatively small number of parking bays will be set aside for this purpose, extending from the Electrical Sub Station sweeping round to the front of the Medical Centre. May we request that every effort be made to keep the well signed parking bays clear for the duration of the Clinic, as we are looking at getting in excess of 1000 folk vaccinated on the day.

Spring Covid Vaccinations

Chacewater & Devoran Surgeries

We are currently organising our clinics and staffing for our Spring Covid Vaccination clinic. This will be at Chacewater Surgery on Saturday 25th April and all eligible patients will be contacted to arrange their appointments. The easiest way for us to communicate with patients is via text messaging or email. Please contact the surgery if we do not have your up-to-date contact details.

We are unable to offer Covid vaccination appointments at Devoran surgery due to the storage requirements of the vaccine.

The eligibility groups are:

- adults aged 75 years and over
 - residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who have a weakened immune system.

If you are not in any of these groups, we are unable to vaccinate you in this programme.

We will be contacting eligible patients but if you have not heard anything by the 13th April, please contact us to arrange an appointment.

Housebound Patients

If you are housebound and not able to make it into the surgery, please let us know so that we can organise for you to have your vaccinations at home. For covid vaccinations - if you can get to the surgery by car our clinicians can come to your car to administer your vaccine, please let us know if this would be suitable for you.

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Chacewater Garden Centre Refurbished Café



The refurbished café at Chacewater Garden Centre is open and welcoming customers. The Cloverleaf Café serves breakfasts; lunches; cream teas and coffee/tea and cake. It has recently been extended and the number of seats has roughly been doubled with seats for up to 120 guests. The café is all on one level with wide doorways making it very accessible.

There is a designated area where dogs are welcome (The Dog House), with seating for up to 20 guests, no dogs are allowed in the rest of the café.

You can see the Opening hours and Menus on their web-site.

A Launch Evening was held on Thursday, March 19th where we were able to see the finished café. It is very impressive, there is a new counter, new décor and new tables and chairs. We sampled some items from their menu – yummy!



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In all, 15 folk and 2 dogs met at the Main Square Car Park for the early morning March CRow walk. The rain had fallen again in the days beforehand but the wet stuff did stay away for the walk itself on this occasion, which was pleasing. We were determined to rediscover some of our more commonly used Public Rights of Way (PRoW) following the January storms and so struck a goodish balance between hard and soft surfaces, which did test the footwear to some extent!

Having drawn breath, we headed up Wheal Busy Lane (Byway 301/63/3 to 1), which eventually brought us out onto the Wheal Busy parking area. Now on the Coast to Coast (C2C) Mineral Tramway "Loop", we walked past the Old Smithy (on the right) between two boulders on Bridleway 1/5, before going across the road onto Bridleways 1/15 and 1/9. These took us up near the former Fays Hats/ Touring Park bungalow, at which point we took care crossing the main commuter road between Redruth and



The Route. We initially headed out of the Car Park, across Fore Street and onto Station Road, where we soon hung a left up to The Terrace. Pausing for moment at the foot of Wheal Busy Lane, we noted the good works of some residents who have clearly been hard at work managing the water and silt, etc. that invariably comes down the Lane over winter. Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in these voluntary works!

Truro in order to enter the relative tranquillity of Killifreth and Unity Woods, on Bridleways 16/1 and 2. We took a timely photo stop on top of one of the many protected mine shafts. Others were taken in front of particularly eerie looking trees and what was that giant long thing we saw behind us, the snake of Unity Woods?

At this point a few illegal off-road motor bikers were seen approaching from behind which was a bit of a concern. Clearly intent on having "a

OF WAY (CRoW) WALK

bit of fun” at the expense of damaging this part of the trail, as soon as they saw 15 walkers in their way, they set about skirting the area. They will no doubt return at some time in future but all the same it did feel like a small win for common sense and the environment and we continued our trek undisturbed!

Eventually, we emerged onto the main course of the C2C Mineral Tramway again, but not for long, as we turned off left up to Wheal Bush on Bridleway 13/2 and beyond to Truro Tractors. Now at Cox Hill, we headed eastward on the metalled road for about 150 metres before turning right onto Bridleways 49/1 and 2, which had clearly been

affected by the storms. After some pretty “squidgy” walking and with the old quarry down to our left, we eventually joined Byways 50/2 and 1, which brought us out on Church Hill just above the wall to Chacewater House. So, a quick jaunt down the Hill and into the Car Park once more – always via the Millennium Green – we were back by 1107. So, just over the hour and a half we usually allocate for a CRoW walk, the banter was as good as ever!

The next CRoW walk will depart the Main Square Car Park at 0930 Sunday the 5th April 2026.....the weather will be superb and the ground much firmer underfoot.



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
Many thanks to all those who joined in for the short notice hour of volunteering at the Twelveheads Play Park on Friday 13th March. 10 pairs of hands made very light work of clearing all the unwanted foliage from behind the perimeter fence before it could take hold. This is really vital work, avoids damage and constant repair work that would usually be needed mid-Summer – not this time though!

Now we will need to get back to the Twelveheads Picnic bench area, so we can address the Copper Beech hedge before it goes wild.




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SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

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Easter Day Praise Worship 2:30pm

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Baldhu Chapel Messy and Forest Church

The sun shone on our March Messy and Forest Church!! The theme was

our own fiery furnace, a fire pit to toast marshmallows!

March into March - stand up and be counted. With text from Daniel 3 v13-25 and the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, as they stood for what mattered.



At our welcoming crafts, all were invited to use tissue paper on an acetate sheet to create the scene of the three

plus one in the fiery furnace, OR they could try flame threading and then foamy flames. On to seeing a video of the story, and then an 'It's getting hotter' obstacle race. We then walked over to 'The Outdoor Place' to build

After that we all walked back in the sun, for a shared meal of pizza, followed by jellies of different colours to make their own fires with gingerbread men.

Next month, Messy and Forest Church will move to the morning of Easter Saturday, 4th April at 10:30am for lots of Easter

fun and games and a shared meal. There will be a Sunrise Communion and breakfast on Easter Day, 5th April at 7am. Our Easter Day praise worship will be at 2:30pm. All warmly welcome.



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St Paul's Church News

On Sunday 14th March we celebrated Mothering Sunday at St. Paul's Church at a service with a difference. Included in the service were poems about mothers, a reading about Pharoah's daughter rescuing Moses from a basket amongst the bulrushes and a very noisy joint completion of an acrostic for the term MOTHERING SUNDAY!

All the mums were given a posy of flowers then, during coffee in the common room after the service, we had the chance to attempt a Quiz about Mothering Sunday. Congratulations to the winners.



Sadly, there was no service at St. Paul's church the following week - Palm Sunday - because it was the 5th Sunday in the month when the churches of the 5 saints take turns to have a combined communion service. It wasn't our turn this month.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Sundays at 11.00.am. St. Paul's welcomes well-behaved dogs and their humans.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

April 5th	Easter Sunday Eucharist led by Rev Roger Bush	11.00am
April 12th	Rev. Canon Jem Thorold	11.00am
April 19th	Service of the Word	11.00am
April 26th	Rev. Canon Jem Thorold	11.00am

A Service of the Word is a less formal non-Eucharist service conducted by a member of the Church

A warm welcome awaits everyone attending St. Paul's

For further information please call Churchwardens

Tony Reynolds 01872 560740 or Maggie Lister 01872 560421

Chacewater and Twelveheads Chapel

WELCOMES ONE AND ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

- Sunday 5th April :** At Twelveheads with Linda Richards for Easter Sunday
- Sunday 12th April :** At Chacewater with Local worship team
- Sunday 19th April :** At Twelveheads for Holy Communion with Rev. Aubin de Gruchy
- Sunday 26th April :** At Chacewater with Local worship team

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

Peter Dyer 01872 276115

Further information from Rev Aubin de Gruchy

Tel: 01872 271261

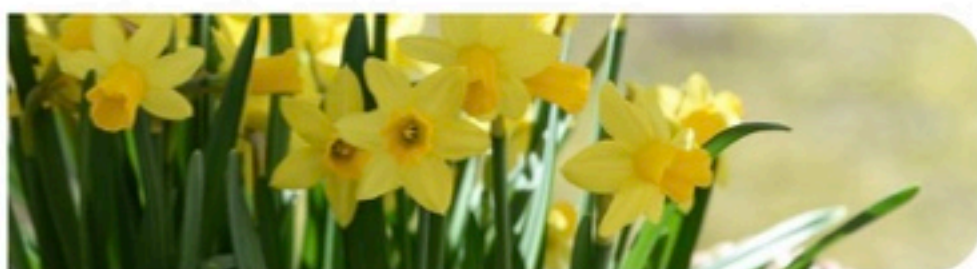
THE GARDEN PATCH

What's On This April



April is one of the most rewarding months in the garden as spring colour really begins to shine.

Many spring bulbs are now in full display, including Daffodil, Tulips and Hyacinthus, bringing bright colour and fragrance to borders and containers. While they are flowering, it's time to simply enjoy them, but once the blooms fade it is important to leave the foliage in place. The leaves feed the bulb for next year's display, so allow them to die back naturally before cutting them away.



April is also the perfect time to start sowing vegetables outdoors as the soil warms up. Hardy crops such as carrots, beetroot, peas and lettuce can be sown directly into prepared beds. Rake the soil to a fine texture, draw shallow drills about 1-2 cm deep, sow seeds thinly along the row, then lightly cover with soil and water gently. Keeping rows clearly labelled and spaced will make maintenance much easier later in the season.

Finally, take time to protect young plants from late frosts which can still occur in April. Keep fleece or cloches handy for tender plants and newly planted vegetables. A little care during these unpredictable early spring weeks will help ensure a strong, healthy garden ready for the warmer months ahead.

This month is also ideal for planting summer flowering bulbs and tubers such as Dahlia, Gladiolus and Liliium. Plant them in well prepared soil with good drainage and plenty of compost mixed in. Dahlias should be planted about 10-15cm deep with the growing tip just below the soil surface, while gladioli corms can be planted around 10cm deep in small groups for a strong display later in the summer.

Start your lawn care now!

Lawns will also begin growing quickly now. Start mowing regularly but keep the blades set slightly higher for the first few cuts. If winter has left bare patches, rake the area lightly, scatter grass seed, press it into the soil and keep it watered. Feeding the lawn during April can also help encourage thicker, greener growth into late spring.



CLOVERLEAF CAFÉ NOW OPEN

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We are excited to announce the opening of our brand new Cloverleaf Café here at Chacewater Garden Centre. Designed to give visitors even more space to relax and enjoy a break, the new cafe brings a fresh and welcoming atmosphere right in the heart of the garden centre.

By popular demand our dog friendly area is now bigger and better than ever, meaning your four legged friends are now even more welcome to join you while you enjoy a coffee or a bite to eat. It is the perfect stop during a garden centre visit or after a countryside walk.

Inside, the new cafe offers a much larger dining space with comfortable seating and plenty of room to unwind. Whether you are catching up with friends, meeting family or simply taking a moment to relax during your visit, Cloverleaf Cafe has been designed with comfort in mind.

The expanded space also means we can now accommodate larger parties and group bookings. From private functions to family gatherings and celebrations, our new dining area can be reserved for special occasions, making Cloverleaf Café a wonderful place to come together over great food and good company.

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Your Parish Council budget

The Parish Precept is the part of Council Tax set locally to fund services and facilities. It is collected by Cornwall Council and supports things such as maintenance of local assets, community facilities, and day-to-day running of the Parish Council.

In recent years, the Parish Council has kept increases to the precept low.

However, the past twelve months have seen increased financial pressures and new demands on the Parish Council. This year, the precept will increase to

reflect rising core costs, increasing responsibilities, and a clearer understanding of what is needed to support the community effectively.

Parish Councils are increasingly being encouraged to take on a greater role in delivering services, and Chacewater already undertakes numerous local projects and services. Despite this, the precept has been lower than that of many similarly sized parishes elsewhere in Cornwall, and this year's budget begins to bring it more into line with other parishes.

The largest increases in the budget relate to staffing and core operational costs. The Parish Clerk's hours will increase due to a significant rise in workload during 2025, particularly in responding to and engaging with members of the public. This will help ensure the Parish Council has the capacity to manage its responsibilities and deliver services effectively.

There have also been increases in governance and compliance costs, including auditing and professional fees. Membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) has been reinstated to support the Parish Council.

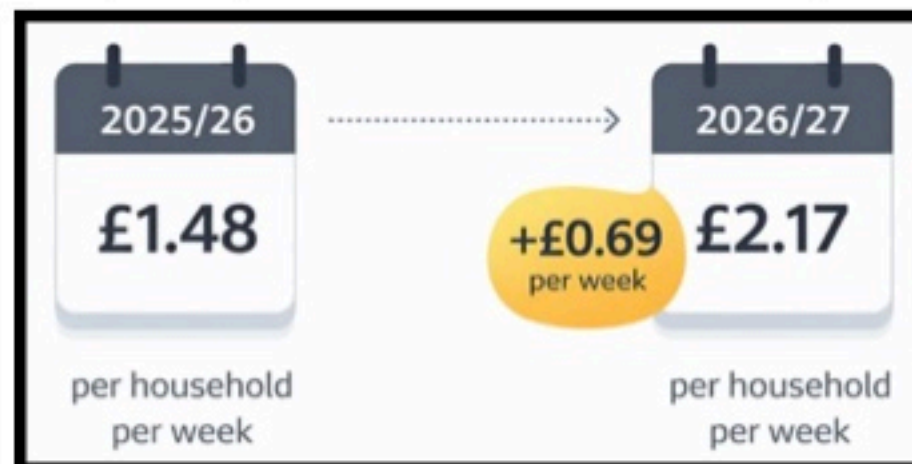
The budget also includes provision for additional professional fees and

potential loan repayments linked to ongoing project work, including the Recreation Centre project and the wider programme of improvements to

Chacewater Recreation Ground. These form part of longer-term investment in community facilities, but are not the sole drivers of the increase.

In addition, clearer budgeting has been introduced by itemising ongoing utility and service costs for the WI Hall and public toilet at The Square Car Park, which have increased and can no longer be covered within other budgets. At the same time, steps have been taken to reduce or offset expenditure. The most significant reduction is due to additional funding secured from Cornwall Council for Public Rights of Way, which has enabled the Parish Council's maintenance budget to be reduced to zero for the coming financial year.

The Parish Council is now focusing on building greater financial resilience, particularly as external grant funding becomes more limited.



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PRoW) UPDATE

The new Local Maintenance Plan (LMP) year is upon us so do keep an eye open for our contract team - Tyler Woodward and his colleague Sean - who will soon be out and about doing that early strim and trim of some of our main Bridleways and Footpaths.

A gentle reminder that we are still feeling the aftershock of those January storms and accompanying surface water run off issues, the combination of which may well have loosened some large tree



roots. So please venture carefully and don't forget that if you do see something untoward to any of our PRoW infrastructure, then use the Cornwall Council online 'Report It' system to do just that if you can. Every little helps and the link is: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/public-rights-of-way/>

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Community Garden

It has been lovely to see a return of the sun over the past couple of weeks. We have been spurred on to tackle several jobs around the plot that really needed drier conditions to work in. It was also a pleasure to meet a visiting group of students from Chacewater school as they collected information for plant identification back in the classroom.

We have moved three fruit trees from containers into the ground; one to fill a gap up in the orchard area and two east of the fruit growing beds. The containers are being planted up with therapeutic herbs and plants to use for natural dyes, we hope to explore both these crafts as the year progresses and will let you know how we do!

Even more exciting was the planning and planting of the new winter bed. With flowering shrubs for colour and scent, this should give an area of interest for the darkest days of the year. Snowdrops have been scattered between the shrubs – planting now ‘in the green’ is the best way to establish them – and we hope to add more bulbs and winter cyclamen later on.

Early seed sowing has resulted in trays of sweet peas, marigolds, lobelia, yarrow and leeks lined up in the greenhouse for bedding or sale at our coffee morning and plant sale on **May 16th (save the date!)**. Tomato

plants are being cared for elsewhere in greenhouses and on windowsills at home. We have also started a number of dahlias and lilies in trays and pots, these were donated a few weeks ago and will make a welcome addition to our flowering beds on the top terrace – can't wait

It was important to complete winter pruning of the fruit trees and soft fruit bushes before the start of nesting season. The rose bed has

had a tidy up to keep the plants healthy and well-shaped, once the forget-me-nots have finished flowering the roses will have a generous feed and mulch. Other jobs to be done include strimming edges and pathways, planning and sowing summer vegetables, setting out strawberry plants and continued weeding and mulching.



Finally, we give a big thank you to Luci's Lattes. Luci has offered us a small stand in her shop for the sale of houseplants and garden related bits and pieces – all cash donations help to fund the garden for the benefit of the community. Please come and enjoy the garden at any time or visit during one of our sessions – Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10am – 1ish. We would love to see you.

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threemilestonecubs@gmail.com

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Chacewater Players Secretary:

Tel: 07554 016506

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Angela and Ian tel: 01872 274113 or email: ian.sharam.esq@gmail.com

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