

# Useful Information

## DOCTORS

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 24025

Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 24586, Caryn Tripp 24582

Surgery (No Appointment Necessary) 8 – 9.30 am Monday to Friday.

Out of Hours: Ring 111

IN EMERGENCY RING 999

## MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am – 10 pm

## POLICE

For all *non emergency* contact please ring 101

Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	
Neighbourhood Watch:	Jean Martin	24586
	Brian Bryon-Edmond	24696

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Electricity	0800 365 900
Gas	0800 111 999
Water	0344 346 2020
Highways Agency	0300 123 5000
Streetlights, potholes etc:	0345 155 1004
	csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

## SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

**Cheriton Bishop Primary School** 24817 (termtime only)

Head Teacher: Miss Joanna Nation

Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken

**Cheriton Bishop Preschool**

Play Leader: Christine Grist 281205

**Young Farmers:** Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

**Walking Group:** Jane Hancock 24092

Federation Head: Mrs Sue Leyman

Fed. Chair of Governors: Terry Tume (fax) 61338

PTFA Chairman: Sarah Walker 24009

**Cubs:** Karen Morris 01647 252375

**Scouts:** Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

## LOCAL CHURCHES

**Anglican Team Ministry:** Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop 24119

Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002, Janet Jeffery 24414

**Crockernwell Methodist Minister:** Rev. David Easton, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG. 01392 255791

Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

**West Down Chapel:** Derek Coren 24264

## HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

### VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings:** Tim Gorringe 24789

### SPALDING HALL

**Bookings:** Les Gare 24639

**Key:** Jan Mitchell, Underhill, Church Lane.

**ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR:** Sylvia Tripp 24267

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES

### Parish Councillors

Chairman	Gill Westcott	24789
Vice Chairman	Tim Vooght	24593
Councillors	Kim Bastyan	07966 478054
	Chris Carter	24774
	Phil Dicker	24450
	Peter Endacott	24580
	Sasha Metters	24146
	Paul Mitchell	24405

### Parish Clerk

Derek Madge  
01392 833969  
Mob: 07780 826516  
derekmadge@btinternet.com  
49 Crockwells Rd, Exminster

### Crockernwell

Crockernwell Ward Parish Councillors: Bill Savage, email: [bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

Clerk to Drewsteignton PC: Bella Snook, 01647 231046 [clerk@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

**West Devon Borough Councillor:** Paul Ridgers 01822 813600, email: [cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk)

### Mid Devon District Councillors

Derek Coren	24264
Peter Heal	01363 884277

### County Councillors

Nick Way (CheritonBishop)	01363 777903
James McInnes (Crockernwell)	01837 861364

### Member of Parliament

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)  
Write to: House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

## LOCAL SERVICES (Paid adverts)

**CHIROPODY HOME SERVICES** Mrs Julie Chatfield NMChs SRCH 24382

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS** C. Burrows & Son Tel: 01363 83258 Mob: 07803 142357

[Updated February 2016]

## **The News Letter, December 2015 & January 2016**

If I had been writing this a week ago it would have felt unseasonably early to be talking about Christmas and the winter months ahead. However, in the last twenty-four hours there has been a complete change of temperature! I have just come in from sweeping up leaves in a cold northerly wind and it suddenly seems totally appropriate to be looking ahead to the season of wood fires and crisp mornings...

### **Tuck up your garden for winter**

Last month we had a good tidy-up of the churchyard and left it in readiness for winter and the spring to follow (see page 10). Now there's a bit of last minute attention to our own gardens and it can be very satisfying to spread shovels full of wholesome farmyard manure around those plants who really appreciate it. This year you can do so in a doubly good cause because the Young Farmers have got a scheme that will also help the church roof. Turn to page 8 to see what's on offer!

### **Stock up your larder**

The best things in life are very often those found close to your own doorstep. All year Rachel and her team have been rewarding visitors to the village hall, on one Thursday morning each month, with a tempting array of locally produced food. In December there is a special Christmas Market, two days earlier than usual, on the Tuesday before Christmas – perfect timing for getting your supplies of fresh produce ready for the festivities. There will be hot mince-pies and “Folkus” will be providing some background atmosphere with traditional and Folk carols. Please see page 9 for details of the Christmas Market and what Rachel has planned for the months ahead including a change of day to Saturdays!

### **Decorate for Christmas**

Do you hanker after a house filled with garlands? Do you yearn for new ideas when it comes to turning greenery into something decorative? Be wistful no longer! Simply turn to page 18 for news of how you can transform your home into something similar to the pages of Country Living while venturing no further than the Village Hall on a Monday evening. There might even be something mulled for you to sip and something spicy for you to nibble while creating your masterpiece in holly and ivy.

Another opportunity for those who enjoy doing decorative things with flowers and foliage arises on page 9 with details of how you can join in a communal decorating of the parish church. This time the lure is coffee and mince pies!

### **Keep busy through the darker days**

Now that you have your stash of books (see book sale report on page 7) you are halfway there to having your fireside evenings sorted. However, if your fingers get a bit twitchy and you want to be doing something more active, please take a look at page 18 for a run down of a number of classes at next year's Village Show that you can do well in advance. This year the theme of the show is “Whatever the Weather” so there are quite a few references to “weather” in the classes! (By complete coincidence the Royal Albert Museum in Exeter have come up with exactly the same title for their new exhibition. They must have had the Hort Soc Committee room bugged...)

### **Stride out for a breath of fresh air**

If you are one of those “I'm not going to let the weather stop me” types there are two opportunities ahead for you to take to the woods, hills, and even, possibly, the beach. See page 19 to hear where the Walking Group have recently been and where they are going next. They are an intrepid lot, but you can be sure that at the end of every not-so-very-gruelling walk there will be a teapot and a piece of cake very close to their destination.

### **What a lovely parish we live in!**

Every month I see article after article come in for the newsletter always interspersed with such phrases as “you'll be very welcome”, “new members are welcome”, “come and join us...” etc. And there are also the organisations that are quite simply all about caring: Acorn and Neighbourhood Watch, as well as the wonderfully friendly “pop in for a chat and a drink” afternoons. How reassuring that at Cheriton Bishop the season of goodwill lasts all year round!

*With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
from Jenny and the Newsletter team.*

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 6PM.**  
**Copy should be left in the newsletter box at South Orchard, Woodbrooke Rd, or sent by email (word .doc please) to:**  
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# Regular Meeting dates

## Parish Council

Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

*every second Monday evening in the month*

## Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

*every second Saturday in the month*

## Preschool

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.15  
“Lunch Club” until 12.45 pm on Mon/Tues.  
All during term time only*

## Scouts

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

*every Monday evening during term time*

## Cubs

Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

*every Thursday during term time*

## Pilates

Contact Adele 07976 427941

*every Friday morning, 8.55 am and 10.00 am,  
during term time*

## West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

*every Monday evening from Oct – May*

## Horticultural Society

Contact: Jenny Grist 281110

*usually the third Monday evening in the month  
during the Autumn and Winter*

## West Country Embroiderers

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

*every first Tuesday afternoon in the month*

## Short Mat Bowling

Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

*every Wednesday, Sept – May  
(Membership full at present)*

## Baby Clinic

The Surgery 24272

*every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 – 3 pm  
(Clinics held in CB Surgery)*

## Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*In the School Hall every Friday 9-10.30 am  
Term time only*

## Young Farmers

Contact: Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

*every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings*

## Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

*usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30*

## Spiritual Discussion Group

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

*Monthly*

## Walking Group

Contact: Jane Hancock 24092

*usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month 1.30 pm  
(see posters and CB Website for details)*

***Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.***

***Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?***

### The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays (in week 3 of each month in 2016)

#### Crockernwell:

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 14.35	Departs:	14.55
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#### Cheriton Bishop:

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.05	Departs:	15.35
Hescane Park	15.40		16.10

## ***Diary Dates for December***

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	West Country Embroiderers	Village Hall	1 – 4 pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acorn Christmas Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 – 12 noon
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc Christmas Decorations	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pre School Nativity	Parish Church	11 am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group December Walk	YFC Office	10.30 am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Play		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Fayre		
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Decorating at the Church	Parish Church	From 10 am
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight	West Down chapel	3pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight	Parish Church	6 pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Produce Market	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Christmas Day	Christingle Service	Parish Church	10 am
	Family Service	West Down Chapel	10.30- 11.15
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		

## ***Diary Dates for January 2016***

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hort Soc Seed Collection	1 Woodpecker Way	10.30-12 noon
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh C H	12.30 pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	West Country Embroiderers	Village Hall	1.30 – 4 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Local Produce Market	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group January Walk	YFC Office	1.30 pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc Quiz Night	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Churches Together CHAT Service	West Down Chapel	3 pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday Afternoon Open Mic	Old Thatch	4 pm

### **Forthcoming Events**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Balagan Café Band	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Cheese & Wine Party	Hillside	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA 80's disco	Village Hall	
Sat/Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Embroidery Fair	Village Hall	10 – 4 pm

*If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2016, why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?*

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)

Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: [anthonydbott@aol.com](mailto:anthonydbott@aol.com)

## **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council**

### **Report on Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Our District Councillor Derek Coren reported that in the light of cuts during the last few years of 40% in Mid Devon District Council's grant from central government, the Scrutiny Committee is seeking feedback from Parish Councillors and residents about whether and how they have been affected by changes in Council services.

They are asking

- How do you feel about the current level of services provided by Mid Devon District Council?
- If you have noticed a reduction in the services provided in recent years; and, if so, please provide details and the impact this has had. Please give an example.
- What services you consider to be poor.
- What services provided are good.

Please let Derek or one of your Parish Councillors know if you can help with these questions.

A new Devon Communities Resilience Forum has been set up to help Parishes with their emergency plans for things like bad weather, transport emergencies, power cuts, fire etc. It was felt that Cheriton Bishop's Emergency Plans need renewing, even if only at the level of a register of who has what equipment that could be used in relevant circumstances. It would be a great help to have one or more volunteers from the community to help get this done. Please let one of the Parish Councillors know if you might be interested (eg. Ring the Chair, Gill Westcott at 01647 24789).

Peter Heal reported that Mid Devon is having a new Chief Exec: Stephen Walford from Buckinghamshire; and that Mid Devon is looking again at whether they should retain band E on Devon Home Choice and the housing waiting list.

Tim Vooght and Peter Endacott wished to thank people for their help during the Village Clean Up Day.

### **District Councillor's Comments**

It is that time of year again when we look back to see what we have achieved over the past 12 months and look forward to see what may be ahead in the next.

In May, the people of Cheriton Bishop were one of only a few Parishes that had to vote at three levels: for an MP in the General election and both District and Parish Councillors.

Since May the workload for both Peter Heal and myself has increased and we are both expected to take on more responsibility and sit on extra committees. Some of these committees are outside Mid Devon District Council, e.g. I sit on the Dartmoor National Park Committee at Parke, Bovey Tracey.

One of the major changes instigated by MDDC this autumn has been with the recycling scheme. Like many other councils, Mid Devon has not been able to raise its recycling rate above 50%. For some time I have not favoured refuse going to landfill and apart from anything else, it costs MDDC £120 for every tonne which is dealt with in this way. The charges (£35pa - small, £47pa - large) for Brown bins for taking garden waste has not been well-received by all, but 'thank-you' to those that have purchased a permit. So far 5,000 permits have been sold in MDDC area. If you are still considering it, why not share a bin and the charge with your neighbour(s).

Another change at Council HQ, Phoenix House in Tiverton, is that our Chief Executive, Kevin Finan is retiring in January. He has served the Council for many years and the new Chief Executive will take up the post in mid February.

Again it was good to join the enthusiastic group of people for the litter pick. In fact it is much more than a litter pick and includes cutting grass, trimming back hedges, digging and pulling weeds around the war memorial and other places. Also thank you to the kind person who supplies us with tea, coffee and biscuits!

The community spirit is very evident in Cheriton Bishop and is also seen in the many groups and activities available throughout the year. I would like to mention again the Woodleigh Coach House staff for the way they maintain the grass and shrubs on the roundabout and island. It always looks tidy and gives a beautiful approach to the village.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

*Derek Coren (Councillor, Yeo Ward MDDC).*



## News Round up

### Book Sale is back!

Love for the printed paper page is alive and well! News that there was to be a book sale spread like a ripple and 'friends' from far and wide made the event such a success. Friday night in the Village Hall was an area of calm with a gentle murmuring of pleasure.

As many full boxes of books were returned to my garage as were transported to the hall. And yet some £265 plus village hall rent was donated. The monies will go to the Church Roof Appeal. The remaining books will be collected in their large tranny van by FORCE to be sold in their revamped Heavitree shop. Many thanks to all those involved.

*Persis Bower*

### Remembrance Day Collection

The collection from Remembrance Sunday was £244.25 (£293.60 in 2014), which this year will be given to Help for Heroes.

*Martin Wood*

### Village Hall News

After many years Joyce Ganderton has had to come off the Village Hall Committee. Thanks to her for all her hard work. We would like new members, especially from any regular users of the Hall. *Please contact Tim Gorringe (24789) or Pat English.*

**Advance Notice:** Our next Villages in Action Event is 11th February in the Village Hall, when the Balagan Café Band will be playing Gypsy Jazz, Medieval music, Balkan folk music or the band's own atmospheric originals at 7.30 pm. Check them out on YouTube.

*Tim Gorringe*

### Stamps for Charity

Goodwill children's homes is a charity based in Bristol that supports destitute and orphan children in Southern India. As part of their fundraising, I collect used postage stamps. They must have at least a 1cm border and can be any denomination or from any country. If you would like to recycle your stamps and help to support this small charity, please pop them in an old envelope through my letter box anytime before next March!

*Elaine Clark - Sunnyvale , Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop. Tel : 01647 24218*  
*Sunnyvale is the house with black and white railings at the bottom of the hill below the school.*

Come and join ....

**The Spalding Hall Committee**  
on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 – 12 noon**  
**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
*Seasonal fayre to enjoy and buy*  
**Mince pies, mulled wine, raffle and more**

**Cheriton/ Tedburn YFC**

It has been a great start to the Young Farmers' year for Cheriton and Tedburn YFC with lots of new members joining this club for what promises to be a fun and successful year!

Members have been practicing hard for the County round of the ballroom dancing competition as part of the Haldon group dancers.

**Coming up we have a dung sale to raise money for the Cheriton Bishop village church! We are selling dung at £3 per bag and will be delivering on Saturday the 28th November. To order you can fill out our sheets posted in all the local village message boards or alternatively you can leave a message with David on 07792 518439.**

December looks set to be a busy month with the annual Christmas ball, the cheque presentations and talks from last year's charities, and a talk from our chosen charity for the coming year – Dravet's Syndrome UK – and much, much more!

*David Rowell*

**Sunday Afternoon Open Mic at the Old Thatch Inn**

Open Mic evenings have been running on the last Sunday of the month at the Old Thatch for a few years now. For those of you unfamiliar with these sessions, they provide an opportunity for anyone who wishes to play or sing a few songs to come along and do so.

A small PA system is set up in the lower room at the pub (though playing purely acoustic is possible too), and musicians and performers get a slot to sing, play or recite. You can of course just come along to enjoy the music. These evenings provide an opportunity for established and aspiring musicians to practice playing in an intimate, friendly environment, pick up tips and swap information, and see who else is playing music in the area. Jamming sessions sometimes develop at the end, depending on who is there at the time.

In recent months numbers attending have been on the low side – for many, Sunday evening isn't favourite for a night out with thoughts of work on Monday – so we are changing the time of these sessions to Sunday afternoons with music starting around 4.00pm.

Anyone wanting to keep up to date with the Open Mic events can "like" the Facebook page "Open Mic at the Old Thatch Inn, Cheriton Bishop" for news and updates.

The next session will be Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of January, hope to see some live music lovers there. If you have any ideas, views or comments on Open Mic at the Old Thatch, I am keen to hear from you.

*Steve Colderick* ([colderick@btinternet.com](mailto:colderick@btinternet.com) or 24818)



**Local Produce Market**  
**in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

*This month it's a*  
**Special Christmas Market**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Each market day there is a theme to the refreshments and we ask for a donation, which will be given to a different charity each month. For December it's a hot mince pie.

Available each month:

*Meats - Game - Cheeses - Bread - Ready Meals - Vegetables*  
*English & French Cuisine - Soft Fruits - Flowers - Crafts*  
*Tea, Coffee and Bacon Baps will be served*

*Future Dates for 2016, PLEASE NOTE: The Market is moving to SATURDAYS*  
*16<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March*

**Come and support YOUR local Market!**

*Anyone interested in a place or for more information telephone:*  
***Rachel on 01647 24566***

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**  
**at St Mary's Church**  
**Saturday 19th December from 10.00am**

Please come along to help decorate the church for Christmas. Bring your own flowers and foliage, berries, pot plants, cones, baubles etc. - whatever you would like to use. But seasonal colours please - red and green with silver and gold for some added sparkle!

Prepared trays will be in the church (by the Font) from the 12<sup>th</sup> December, if you prefer to do your arrangement at home.

There will be coffee and mince pies!

Juliet Dymoke-Marr  
(Tel: 24415)

## **ACORN CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12.30 p.m.**

**THE COACH HOUSE**

Turkey & Gammon  
Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips  
Brussel Sprouts, Root Mash  
Pigs in Blankets  
or Vegetarian Nut Roast

Christmas Pudding  
Christmas Pudding Ice cream  
Trifle

Glass of Wine  
Tea or Coffee  
£15.00 per person

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**with Jean 01647 24586**

### **Churchwarden's News**

First I would like to thank all those who helped with the churchyard clear up. There was a goodly number of people who came, the weather held up and a lot was accomplished.

I would also like to thank all those who ring bells, sing, arrange flowers, read, provide coffee, or clean and polish to help the church. If there is anybody who would like to be involved in any of these activities, please contact either Alan or me. There are vacancies particularly in the cleaning rota. We work in pairs, look after the church for two weeks at a time, and usually only twice a year if we have sufficient volunteers.

We have met the criteria for getting 'Permission to Start' on the roof repairs and are now gathering tenders. The fund-raising is continuing, as we have to pay VAT on the work, and while this can be reclaimed later, we still have to pay upfront. Many thanks to Persis and her team who donated the profits of the Book Sale to the Church Roof Repair Fund.

One date for your diary - the Cheese and Wine Party will be hosted by Sally and Neil Sellick on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Full details in the next newsletter.

We are planning an 'Open Gardens' day next year. If you are willing to let people look around your garden please contact one of us, so that we can fix a date convenient to all.

*Janet Jeffery 24414*

*Alan Greenslade 24002*

**SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP**  
AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

**DECEMBER 2015**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9am Whitestone	<i>Advent 2</i> Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
<b>6pm Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am Tedburn St Mary	<i>Advent 3</i> Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
<b>11am Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Pre School Nativity</b>	
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm Oldridge	Carols	Revd Martin Wood

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

11am Whitestone	<i>Advent 4</i> Christingle and Carols	Revd Martin Wood
4pm Tedburn St Mary	Carols	Revd Martin Wood
<b>6pm Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Carols</b>	<b>Revd Prof Tim Gorringe</b>

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Tedburn St Mary	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Crib Service	Revd Martin Wood
11pm Tedburn St Mary	Midnight	Revd Martin Wood
11.15 Whitestone	Midnight	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10am Holcombe Burnell	<i>Christmas</i> Family Communion	Revd Martin Wood
<b>10am Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Christingle Communion</b>	<b>Revd Prof Tim Gorringe</b>

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Pathfinder	<i>Christmas 1</i> Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Carols	
4pm Holcombe Burnell	Carols	Revd Martin Wood

*Please come and join us for our Christmas Services,  
you'll be very welcome!*

**SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP**  
AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

**JANUARY 2016**

<b><u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>		
9am Whitestone	<i>Christmas 2</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
<b>6pm Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Lay Led</b>
 <b><u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
7.30 Holcombe Burnell	<i>Epiphany</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
 <b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	<i>Baptism of Christ</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	
<b>11am Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm 9 Millers Way TSM	Tea and Fellowship	Revd Martin Wood
 <b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
9am Tedburn St Mary	<i>Epiphany 2</i> Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
<b>9.30 Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	Revd Martin Wood
11am Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led
 <b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
<b>8am Cheriton Bishop</b>	<i>Epiphany 3</i> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Prof Tim Gorringer</b>
9.30 Whitestone	Christian Unity	Revd Martin Wood
11am Tedburn Methodist	Christian Unity	
11am Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	United Service	
<b>3pm West Down Chpl</b>	<b>Churches Together</b>	<b>CHAT Service</b>
 <b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>		
10.30 Tedburn St Mary	<i>Candlemas</i> Team Communion	Canon John Tutton Revd Prof Tim Gorringer to preach
 <b><u>Each Thursday</u></b>		
10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood or Canon Geoffrey Moore

*A warm welcome to all who attend our services.  
Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of  
the toilets during service times.*

## ***From the Rector***

### **Who was Joseph?**

At the heart of the Christmas story, there are Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It always strikes me that the focus is often on Jesus or Mary.

The Christmas cards have a lot of pictures of Jesus and Mary together. Quite often Joseph is left out of the picture. Have a quick think and try to name a carol with Joseph in it? Compare that process with Mary! There may be two things going on here. Culturally men were not part of the childbirth process, it was women's work, men being part of the birthing process has only happened in our living memory. Secondly scandal, people would have easily worked out the baby came before the marriage. We still love a good scandal, it still sells our newspapers and magazines. We might enjoy reading about other people's misfortunes but none of us would want that attention for ourselves.

So what do we know about Joseph? In Matthew's gospel we are told that Joseph is a descendant of the great King David, do you remember the long list of names that forms Jesus' genealogy? Joseph was engaged to Mary, but found out that she was pregnant and was going to break off the engagement quietly so as not cause a scandal. He was told by an angel not to break off the engagement and to call the child Jesus. Joseph did as the angel bid him and married Mary. Later an angel appears to Joseph to warn them to flee to Egypt because King Herod wants to kill the baby. Lastly an angel tells Joseph to return from Egypt after King Herod dies and he gets warned in another dream to go to Nazareth. In Matthew's gospel Joseph is directed by dreams and angels four times. Many more than anyone else in the gospels, it shows how important Joseph was to God's plan and how obedient he was to God's bidding.

In Luke's gospel Joseph is engaged to a pregnant Mary (no mention of marriage yet!) and returns home to Bethlehem to be registered. There is no room for them in town. I had always thought it was because there were just too many people to accommodate, but maybe it was because of the scandal of a baby before marriage. Joseph was unwelcome with his own family and that is why he was looking for somewhere to stay, because his family could not be part of Joseph and Mary. What would their neighbours and friends think of them allowing the scandal to continue in their own home?

How many of us would have the courage not to walk from something that is going to cause gossip and scandal of which we are totally innocent? Joseph, in marrying Mary, shoulders the scandal and gossip that surrounds Mary. He gives her stability and a future that she may never have had on her own. Joseph shows qualities of integrity and decency that are all too often missing or absent.

In Jewish society it is the father who connects the son to the fore fathers. Joseph connects Jesus back to King David. Jesus the son of God reconnects us back to God. Christmas is just the start to that process.

*Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)*

# WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

## Services for December 2015

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.p,m Family Service with  
**Mr Ron Todd**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Danny Chipps**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm **CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT**  
with Rev David Cole

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Service 10.30am - 11.15am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
11am Family Service with Communion  
No Afternoon Service

*Home Prayer fellowship on 7<sup>th</sup>. Prayer Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> The Farmers Carol Service at the Exeter Livestock Centre. All welcome*

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL**

## Services for January 2015

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.p,m Family Service  
**NEW YEAR PRAISE**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Denis Hayes**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Rev David Cole**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm **COMBINED CHURCHES**  
with Mac Bridger from **CHAT**  
(Churches Housing Action Team)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
11am Morning Worship  
3.00pm Family Service with  
**Mr Phil Symonds**

Prayer meetings on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

## **Holy Trinity Yeoford**

A very moving and thoughtful service for Remembrance Sunday was compiled and taken by Revd Peter Rapsey; we thank him very much.

Names to host the crib that travels around Yeoford during Advent will be taken at Messy Church on 21<sup>st</sup> November. The crib will then visit many homes and be brought to the crib service on Christmas Eve. The children will put the figures into the crib during a short service with the telling of the Christmas story and Carols.

The Community Carol Service will be held in the Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3-00pm. The whole community is welcome and the service will be followed by refreshments.

The early Midnight Mass is at 9-00pm on Christmas Eve.

**Café Company** 9-30 till 11-30 on Mondays. Good coffee and homemade cakes served. A craft morning will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> when we will be making Christmas table decorations. All materials provided.

### **December Services**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9-30

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Community Carol Service in the Village Hall at 3.00pm. All very welcome.

**Christmas Eve;** Crib Service 4-00 pm

Holy Communion for Christmas at 9-00pm

### **January Services**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9-30 Holy Communion in the Village Hall**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9-30

Carol Price

01647 24468

## **National Homeless Sunday**

The Combined Churches of Cheriton Bishop  
are holding a Service at  
West Down Chapel on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm

Mac Bridger from CHAT  
(Churches housing Action Team) will be giving a talk on the  
work undertaken by this organisation

*Collection for CHAT*  
*Tea and Biscuits at close*  
*Please come and support this worthwhile organisation*

The Cuppa is taking a break for December so we will not be meeting in the week before Christmas  
But do .....



## **Pop in for a chat and a drink**



**provided it is not too icy or snowy!**

**on Monday 18th January 2016**

at The Spalding Hall  
any time between 2pm and 4pm

***Everyone is very welcome!***  
***Choice of hot and cold drinks***

There is no charge but we do put out a pot for any donations towards costs

**Need a lift** from your home?  
Not sure about weather conditions?  
Ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405 beforehand.

### **ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club** – Are now having 1 lunch a month which is the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be 3<sup>rd</sup> December, which will be a lovely Christmas Lunch, followed 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016. If you would like to come along and meet new people, please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> December then 13<sup>th</sup> January. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is £4 return.

**Teign Valley Memory Café** - This month it will be 10<sup>th</sup> December our Christmas Party, then we will be back 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held 10.30 – 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

**Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall** – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. On the 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Christmas Lunch, which has to be booked in advance, so please ring Jackie to book your place. This will be followed by our usual coffee morning on 29<sup>th</sup> December and 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

**Acorn Services** - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24 hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or Jackie in the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Acorn Community Support would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and to thank everyone for their support throughout 2015.



**CHERITON BISHOP  
& CROCKERNWELL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**Watching & Caring not snooping**

**So we know what we are talking about.....**

**A couple of definitions:**

**A SCAM is an illegal plan for making money, especially one that involves tricking people.**

**CYBER CRIME is criminal activity carried out by means of the computer or internet.**

Thus, Cyber crime is an on-line scam, and why should we be warned of this? Well figures recently released by the Office of National Statistics reveal there were 5.1 million cyber crimes and frauds in the last year! They affected 3.8 million victims of whom 2.6 million suffered financial loss! Getting it into perspective, overall Police recorded 4.4 million “non cyber” crimes last year. **It could be you next for a cyber/scam attack!**

So, we make no apology to remind everyone:

1. Criminals want to break into your internet bank account to steal your money by getting you to reveal your personal details. To do this, you may receive fake e-mails purporting to come from your Bank, HM Customs & Excise (tax), Credit Card Companies, etc.etc. They may say your account has been blocked “because of unusual activity”; or you have a Tax Rebate but always they will ask for personal details at some point. The fact is that these e-mails can look so genuine! **NONE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS WILL EVER ASK YOU TO REVEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION. So don't.**
2. The writer had a delightful letter from a Miss Ababoya Cavaly, a medical student in Abidjan, asking me to help her move \$10m left to her by her late father, out of Africa, by sending her my Bank details- she would then transfer the lot to me and I could keep 10% of it.! This is just one example of how not “ to get rich quick”.
3. “But I haven't got a computer, so I'm OK”. These scams are being replicated down your 'phone line so don't be duped. The caller will even be generous to you and ask you to press 9 if you want to be “de-listed” .Trouble is, you'll then be paying for an exorbitantly priced call. And if your Bank asks you to call them back to prove they're genuine, beware the original caller has probably kept the line open so you're not calling the Bank at all you're calling him!
4. We repeat those famous words ; **If the offer is too good to believe, ignore it!**

**From the Neighbourhood Watch Team we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy 2016.**

Just remember though, thieves are out to have a prosperous Christmas at your expense so don't leave presents and other valuables in conspicuous places – back seat of the car – in your home windows. Think before you advertise your goodies for stealing!

*Brian W Bryon-Edmond Deputy Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Watch . 01647 24696*

## CHERITON BISHOP HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

December meeting :

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**In the Village Hall at 7.30 pm (please note the venue – we need the extra space!)**

We will have demonstrators on hand to show us some Christmas crafts and a wealth of greenery and berries from our gardens and farms. There will be seasonal refreshments to add to the cheer of the evening. Come and join us and go home with something ready to adorn your home for Christmas!

**Our January get together is our Annual Quiz on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January in the Spalding Hall at 7.30 pm.**

This is always a fun evening and you don't have to be a gardening expert to enjoy the experience! Come along and you will be placed in a team drawn at random (so no need to come in a ready-made team).

**Seed Collection:** All the orders are now in with DT Brown and we eagerly await their delivery in the new year. The Seed collection will be at Jean's, 1 Woodpecker Way, on **Saturday 2nd January from 10.30 – 12 noon**. Please bring the green copy of your order with you!

**Are you wondering how you are going to fill all those dark winter evenings?** Hot off the virtual press we can reveal some of the classes for next year's Village Show, which you might like to start working on now:-

- If you are making preserves keep back a tidy jar of any kind of the following: Jelly, jam, or chutney ( And if you make some marmalade in January there will be a class for this at the Spring Show.)
- If you are into Photography we have three classes: "Wet!", "Red Sky at Night", and "A collection of 3 photographs depicting Seasonal Weather".
- In the Art classes we continue the Weather theme with "A Perfect Day (any medium)", "Water (any medium)", and our popular cartoon class this year is "The Forecasters got it wrong.....!".

For other classes in the handicraft section there is a repeat of several of last year's classes with a few slight changes:

- A cushion for a country cottage: patchwork, embroidery, crochet etc.
- A traditional rural craft: basketry, corn dolly, wood carving etc.
- Something made using wool: knitting, crochet, felt, embroidery etc.
- "Sunny Days" an original poem by you.
- "Weather Warning" – a limerick based on the weather.
- Something made using recycled materials.

The full schedules for all three shows next year (Spring, Midsummer, and Village Show) will be on the Village Website in due course.

**No Plant sale!** Every year we have traditionally had a Spring Plant Sale on the first or second Saturday in May. However this year the Hort Soc have decided to have a Plant Table at both the Spring Show (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) and the Midsummer Show (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June) instead. If members have plenty of young plants ready at the beginning of May the Hort Soc might have a plant stall at the Local Produce Market. See further reports in the newsletter nearer the time.

*Jenny Grist – Secretary*

### **Advance Notice – School Disco!**

Cheriton Bishop Primary School PTFA is doing a fundraiser on the 12th March 2016 in the evening at the village hall. We are having an 80's Disco! Open to all. All the details will be in the February Newsletter.

*Sarah Walker*



## Walking Group News

November/December '15 and January '16

This month's walk on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was at Haldon. Fifteen of us and 7 dogs this month. We were really lucky with the weather, Saturday had been grey, wet and miserable but we kept dry on the Sunday and enjoyed a tramp around the Forest. The forest was buzzing and for those of you who haven't been up there for a while the car parking area has been expanded again recently, and the walk we took led us under the 'Go Ape' treetop walk and zip wires. We also passed two groups of people earnestly concentrating on using Segways, two-wheeled upright scooters, under the strict direction of their leader. The route Clive had planned was fairly flat and not too muddy considering it had been raining so much. We started and finished in the big car park and ended up with a drink (plus buns for some!) before setting off for home. By starting at 1.30 we were easily able to get a decent walk in, plus refreshments before the light went. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

**Now, a change of date and time for December's walk.**

**It will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and start at 10.30a.m., at the YFC as usual.**

**We plan to go to The Bearslake Inn, beyond Sourton and walk from there on to The Granite Way.**

Pete Endacott has contacted the pub and says 'we can park the cars at the pub and walk from the car park. On our return we can either have a coffee or eat, depending on what individuals would like to do. If people wish to stay on for lunch they can book in the restaurant to be sure of getting a table or just take pot luck.'

Jan Mitchell has kindly agreed to lead the walk planned for **January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016**. Probably either to Teignmouth for a flat walk along the sea wall or a more local one along footpaths close to Cheriton, depending on tides and weather conditions! Watch out for posters and info on the website nearer the time.

*For more information please contact Jane on 24092.*

## West Country Embroiderers in December

**Tuesday December 1st - 1 - 4 pm Village Hall**

Throughout the past year, our membership has grown and we have embraced new techniques, listened to fascinating speakers and broadened our horizons. Most of all, we have forged friendships and enjoyed many cups of tea and cake! Our December meeting will be a feast of food and chatter, not a needle or thread in sight, although I expect Secret Santa may have a few stitch craft surprises for lucky members. We have an exciting new program for 2016, please contact Nicky if you are interested in joining us.

New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Our January get together is **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30 - 4 pm**. If you would like to join us, please contact *Nicky Westcott* 01835 82517 or [westcottnicky@gmail.com](mailto:westcottnicky@gmail.com) for more details.

*Elaine Clark*

## **TEDBURN ST. MARY W.I.**

### **JAM, JERUSALEM AND CHOCOLATE!**

What more could we want? This month we met to enjoy the usual chat and meeting formalities with the added bonus of a talk about chocolate – along with some sampling. We learnt about the cacao plant and its habitat. Cacao trees grow in a surprisingly small geographical zone and nearly 70% of the world crop today is grown in West Africa. Yield is affected by weather conditions and this has an impact on the price of the raw material – the much prized cocoa bean.

The best chocolates, and the most expensive, have a higher ratio of cocoa to sugar and fat. Most of what we eat in the UK has around 20% cocoa solids but the more exclusive brands have 35% and upwards.

We tasted them all - from pure nuggets of the bean itself through to milk and dark chocolates. Some of us were surprised to hear that white 'chocolate' contains no cocoa at all, hence the lack of colour.

After all that we still found room for tea and biscuits... well it just has to be done. Doesn't it?

### **2016 – A PACKED AGENDA**

We have been looking into the subjects we will be covering in 2016 at the WI meetings. The speakers are now booked and we have a broad range of topics. These will include fashion, physical fitness, the value of jewellery and gold as well as humorous talks about 'growing old disgracefully' and the perils of public speaking.

Each year, in addition to the monthly meetings and talks we will have many outings, some of which are open to non-members as well as an open meeting where families and friends are asked to join us. These are currently being finalised and details will be published in the next issue.

### **COMPETITION RESULTS**

October's meeting competitions results were "Flower of the Month' Di Allcott and the hand made chocolates were a tie between Pat Tranter and Sandra Chomiak.

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Four members from Tedburn joined over 600 delegates from all over the County for the Special Council Meeting held in the splendour of Plymouth's Guildhall in October. The new Chairman, Julie Ayre, spoke about the WI Centenary this year and the activities set up and enjoyed by so many. Dame Esther Rantzen gave a moving speech about her new charity, Silver Line, which helps older people combat isolation and loneliness. There was a rather abrupt end to the morning's proceedings because everyone had to evacuate the building when the fire alarm sounded. But order was soon restored in time for lunch. Following this the main speaker, Julie Summers, spoke about her book, *The Jambusters*. The inspiration for her work came from the WI archives that told the story of the organisation's huge wartime achievements. The book was then turned into the ITV blockbuster series "*Home Fires*". It was an inspirational day enjoyed by all that attended.

*Please call the following people if you would like to know more about the W.I.  
Molly Hutchings (President) on 01647 24866 or Sue Macpherson (Secretary) on 01647 24088*

## **NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

The Devon Grandparents Support Group have just launched a new website:  
[www.devongrandparentssupportgroup.co.uk](http://www.devongrandparentssupportgroup.co.uk)

There is also a Facebook page that is linked to the website and will enable Grandparents and Grandchildren who have been denied contact to access support with helpful links to further advice and help.

The lead up to the Christmas season is one of excitement, anticipation and joy for millions of parents and grandchildren.

If you are a Grandparent who is not allowed to have contact with your Grandchildren, the picture is somewhat different. The memories of happier times are tinged with sadness and regret. Many Grandparents will be sending cards and presents, not knowing if they will be received by the Grandchildren. Not knowing what the Grandchildren will be told if they do receive them. Some Grandparents will be accused of harassment and stand the risk of legal action against them, even arrest, just for sending cards and presents. This of course assumes that the Grandparents know where their children and Grandchildren are living. Many do not.

*If you know someone in this position, please let them know about our Support Group. They will often feel lonely, isolated and extremely low at this time of the year, and it is important that they know they are not on their own. Just sharing the pain with someone who has experienced a similar situation as your own, can be hugely beneficial.*

Gloria & Bernie Little  
Trustees of the Devon Grandparents Support Group

## **News from Elsewhere**

**Dunsford Singers present :  
SING NOEL  
WITH CAROLS AND READINGS**

Teign Valley Community Hall  
Saturday 12th December  
at 7pm

Guest Appearance - Mervyn Hayes  
Accompanist - Mary Ellis

Tickets £6.00 (£3.00 for under 16s), including  
seasonal refreshments.

For tickets, please call: 01647 252519

*All proceeds to: FORCE cancer charity*

**Longdown's Pantomime for 2016 is 'Aladdin'**

*and is being held on 30th and 31st January 2016*

Evening Performances will be at 7.30pm,

Saturday Matinee at 2.00pm

Tickets £5

Box office: 01392 811315



# Community Christmas Carol Singing

**Everyone Welcome!**

**FRIDAY 18th December 2015**

**Meet at the Memorial Cross 18:30**

**Song sheet provided but, please bring a torch  
and any suitable musical instruments!**

Raising money for the School PTFA

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## **Letter to the Editor:**

We attended the Hort Soc Annual Supper on Saturday 14th November.  
It was SUCH a wonderful event as always – a luscious choice of first courses, with 28 puddings??!!!!!! where else in the world would you get that for £8??!! A big thank you to everyone involved for all the cooking and hard work that went on behind the scenes to make it happen.

Jan and Paul Mitchell

**CHERITON & TEIGN VALLEY PRACTICE  
SURGERY TIMETABLE**

**MAIN SURGERY - CHERITON BISHOP**

OPEN SURGERY: 8am to 9.30am Monday to Friday. Two doctors will be available for the open surgery each morning. No appointment necessary.

**Appointment Surgeries: mornings**

Dr Herdman	Monday/Tuesday	9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Herdman	Thursday	8.10am to 11.00am
Dr Vaile	Monday/Thursday Wednesday	8.30am to 11.00am 9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Beth Timmins	Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	9.30am to 10.30am
Practice Nurse	Mon/Wed	9.00am to 12.30pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	9.00am to 12noon
Health Care Assistant	Mon/Tues/Wed Thurs/Friday	8.30am to 12.30pm 8.30am to 10.30pm

**Appointment Surgeries: afternoon**

Dr Clunie/Dr Hayter	Monday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Dr Beth Timmins	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Dr Hayter	Tuesday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	3.00pm to 5.00pm
Dr Clunie	Friday	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Monday	2.00pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	2.00pm to 6.50pm
Practice Nurse	Thursday	2.00pm to 5.30pm

**Evening Surgery: Cheriton Bishop only**

We recognise the need for those who work to be able to access a convenient surgery appointment time, so there will be an evening clinic on Tuesdays run by Dr Clunie and Dr Hayter by appointment.

**Branch Surgery - Christow - by appointment only**

Dr Clunie	Monday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Beth Timmins	Monday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hayter	Tuesday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Clunie	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Herdman	Thursday	3.30pm to 5.40pm
Dr Timmins	Thursday	3.15pm to 5.00pm
Dr Hayter	Friday	3.00pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am
Practice Nurse	Thursday	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	2.00pm to 5.00pm
Health Care Assistant	Monday/Tuesday	9.00am to 11.30am

**TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ANY SURGERY OR SPEAK TO A DOCTOR:**

Please ring 01647 24272 or 24025 Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm (except Bank or statutory holidays),

**OUT OF HOURS** When the surgery is closed and you need to speak to a doctor please ring 111. **IN AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE 999**

# **Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School**

## **Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond**



No 175 December 2015/January 2016

As a good number of you will know, your correspondent found himself unable to write Snippets for the November newsletter due to a 3 week sojourn in the RD&E in Exeter. This has been followed by 4 to 6 weeks convalescence at home. Now, this is where the script changes from third person to first! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent get well cards to me. The numbers have almost been overwhelming. This has been followed by the assistance I have received from friends helping me to cope during my convalescence - the number of ready meals from various supermarkets would have to be seen to be believed! The Horticultural Society even managed to do a take-away service for me when I felt unable to attend their dinner. So, to sum up, thank you to the wonderful citizens of Cheriton Bishop for all the help and kindness you have shown me. I assure you that it has been very much appreciated.

In the press and other media, both national and local, it has become very fashionable to knock the National Health Service (NHS) at every opportunity. I can honestly say, after a fairly torrid period of ailments etc., my treatment and care from the NHS has been nothing short of excellent. That goes from our local surgery and dispensary right through to the departments of the hospital who have looked after me and the District Nurses who subsequently took me under their collective wings for a period. I even had occasion to call 111 on a Sunday and that worked extremely well. Yes, there is room to criticise the NHS administration and bureaucracy at times, but let's give praise where it's due and stop harping on about the negative things.

Talking about praise, wasn't it great to read in last month's newsletter that our surgery had been awarded OUTSTANDING status after an inspection. From my experience as a seasoned 'Sick Bay Ranger', it is a very well deserved accolade. Well done and thank you all. The full report is available on the internet for those who might be interested.

As most of you will have guessed by now, I'm back and keen to get going again. I must start with the school. I haven't had much opportunity to liaise with them so things are pretty sketchy. However, the School Calendar looks like this at the moment. Unfortunately, I don't have any information about school activities in January:

**30th November-4th December - Bikeability Training - Year 5**

**9th December - School Christmas Lunch**

**11th December - Class Christmas Parties - PTFA**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play - 1430 and 1800**

**16th December - Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty**

**17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre**

**18th December - PTFA Carol Singing around the Village**

**18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Autumn Term**

**4th January 2016 - Start of Spring Term**

The first thing that should be mentioned is the success of the 'Shoe Box' venture which sent off over sixty five boxes this year. This appeal was managed by Adele Stickland so a big thank you to Adele and to all who contributed so generously.

As you can see and might expect to see, Christmas activities feature strongly in the December calendar. Note the pantomime date and be ready to find a coach/coaches to take the children to and from the panto. They are being picked up at 1230. Don't moan if the lane is blocked for a short time by the coach - you have been warned!!! The Christmas play and service will be performed twice as has become the norm, with services at 1430 and 1800.



A final note from the school, after 22 years Bridget Ashplant is retiring from the post of School Nurse in Crediton. I'm sure you would all join me in wishing Bridget a very happy retirement.

On, then, to matters on the Iron Road. I don't know whether any of you are aware that October of this year marked the 150th year since the railway reached Bow and North Tawton. North Tawton was given the name of Okehampton Road. A couple of years were still to pass before it reached the town of Okehampton. To mark this 150th anniversary the Dartmoor Railway Supporters (DRSA) ran a series of special trains down to the DR boundary and back, stopping at Bow for refreshments. Dick and Mel Henrywood, the current owners of Bow station, were on hand dressed in Victorian garb to serve the refreshments. Yours truly was taken from his sick bed by friends to experience one of these trains. In fact, a good time was had by all and the day was deemed to be a success. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who made sure everything went off smoothly.

There has been a fairly major development up at the station over recent weeks. The DRSA has taken on the rooms on platform 2, renting them from Devon County Council. The aim is to have a small shop and information area raising funds for the DRSA. With the small museum already administered by the Association, all the rooms on the platform are now under the same 'ownership'.

By the time you read this the first Polar Expresses will be running. For the railway buffs, the locomotives for Polar Express arrived at Oke recently and comprise a Class 45, a Class 31 and a Class 47. There are two train engines and a spare in case of breakdowns. Trains are at 1700 and 1900 (2 train days) and 1600, 1800 and 2000 (3 train days). It will probably still be daylight for some or all of the 1600 train.

I have had to curtail my singing activities over the last few weeks but I will be joining Mariners Away at the New Inn at Coleford on 22nd November. To all those singers and choristers who are part of the singing fraternity, I hope everything goes well over the Christmas period.

I can't sign off without mentioning recent events. Let us all remember that Christmas is a period of peace and happiness and let us all join with our Muslim and Jewish brethren and people of all faiths in praying for universal peace. Above all, don't forget, Christmas began with the birth of the baby boy in a stable.

PGR