

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**

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Gas	0800 111 999
Water	0344 346 2020
Highways Agency	0300 123 5000
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SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cheriton Bishop Primary School 24817 (termtime only)

Head Teacher: Miss Joanna Nation

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Cheriton Bishop Preschool

Play Leader: Christine Grist 281205

Young Farmers: David Rowell 07792 518439

Walking Group: Jane Hancock 24092

Federation Head: Mrs Sue Leyman

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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

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Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 24264

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VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Tim Gorringe 24789

SPALDING HALL

Bookings: Jean Martin 24586

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Crockernwell

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County Councillors

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[Updated March 2016]

The Parish Newsletter, March 2016

It's all a bit disconcerting when Easter falls, as it does this year, in March rather than April. It's going to take a bit of getting used to the idea of the Spring Show being *after* the Easter holiday rather than before and who knows, will there actually be any daffodils left to flower by the time we get there? Consequently a lot of the things that are mentioned in this newsletter are going to be happening in April rather than the coming month – but as the Scouts always tell us, it's always good to be prepared in advance, so we make no apology for including them in this edition. However, one event that is definitely happening this month is the long-awaited return of an evening of Jazz and Sea shanties...

“Blow the blues away”

You are sure to lose the blues if you come along to the lively evening's entertainment planned at the Village Hall. I believe it's a couple of years since this potent mix of two widely differing local groups got together at the same venue. Not only will you be cheered and entertained, you will be provided with a rather lovely supper too. All the details are on page 10.

New governors needed

We are so lucky to still have a primary school at Cheriton Bishop, especially when you think of all the local villages that have lost theirs over the years. If you are passionate about keeping this little local school alive and flourishing for many more generations why not consider becoming a governor? You don't have to be a parent or otherwise directly involved in the school to be able to play an important part. As a Turkish proverb says “It takes a village to raise a child”! Please see page 6 and see if this is something you would be interested in doing.

What do you think about food production?

This is a question you are likely to be asked if you go along to the Spalding Hall one Saturday morning in March. If you think food production should look after the growers and farmers as well as the consumers then this is an opportunity to have your say. It's only on for an hour and a half so it won't take all morning and you will be suitably revived with appropriate refreshments. See page 10 for details.

Note those dates

There are a number of up and coming events in future months that are making an appearance in this newsletter. The first of these is the annual two-day event of the local embroiderer's exhibition and fair in the middle of April (see page 17). This weekend also sees the return of that popular activity, the Annual Village Spring Clean (page 7)! Some years ago, when the two events occupied the same Saturday previously, visitors from further afield who visited the embroidery were most impressed to see the village full of residents toiling away with brushes, shovels and dustbin bags so industriously on a weekend morning!

For much later in the year there is news already of a Fun Day, which promises to be a “HUGE” event in the village and we are likely to hear much more about this in the coming months. However, if you want to get your diary sorted for September now, please turn to page 21.

Please note early deadline for next month!

Due to the fact that I am going to be on a course for the weekend of 19th/20th March, and the following weekend is the Easter weekend, I apologise that I will need copy for the next newsletter extra early on **Wednesday 16th March** so that I have time to put the magazine together. I hope this won't inconvenience anyone too much.

With best wishes for March and a Happy Easter from Jenny and the Newsletter team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE! WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH at 6PM.

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Regular Meeting dates

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Preschool Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>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</i>
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Cubs Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375	<i>every Thursday during term time</i>
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West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
Horticultural Society Contact: Jenny Grist 281110	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
Short Mat Bowling Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582	<i>every Wednesday, Sept – May (Membership full at present)</i>
Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272	<i>every 4th Wednesday of the month 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in CB Surgery)</i>
Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group Contact: Find us on Facebook	<i>In the School Hall every Friday 9-10.30 am Term time only</i>
Young Farmers Contact: David Rowell 07792 518439	<i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i>
Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30</i>
Spiritual Discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 24639	<i>Monthly</i>
Walking Group Contact: Jane Hancock 24092	<i>usually 3rd Sunday in month 1.30 pm (see posters and CB Website for details)</i>

***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
Cheriton Bishop:			
Glebelands	Arrives: 15.05	Departs:	15.35
Hescane Park	15.40		16.10

[amended March 2016]

Diary Dates for March

Tuesday 1 st	West Country Embroiderers	Village Hall	1.30 – 4pm
Thursday 3 rd	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 5 th	Bishops Jazz Band & Mariners Away	Village Hall	7 – 10 pm
Wednesday 9 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 14 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 12 th	A Food Policy for Britain Workshop	Spalding Hall	10-11.30
Saturday 12 th	PTFA 80's disco	Village Hall	
Saturday 19 th	Local Produce Market	Village Hall	10 – 12
Monday 21 st	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 21 st	Horticultural Society Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 27 th	Easter Sunday Service & Egg Hunt	Parish Church	9.30
Sunday 27 th	Open Mic Afternoon	Old Thatch Inn	4 pm

Diary Dates for April

Saturday 2 nd	Hort. Soc. Spring Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Wednesday 6 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 7 th	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 16 th	Village Spring Clean	Stone Cross	9.30 am
Sat/Sun 16 th & 17 th	Spring Embroidery Fair	Village Hall	10 – 4 pm
Monday 25 th	Annual Parish Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 27 th	Villages in Action event	Details next month!	

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1 st May	Songs of Praise	Village Hall	3 pm
Saturday 25 th June	Hort. Soc. Mid Summer Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Saturday 13 th August	Hort. Soc. Village Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Saturday 24 th September	Giant Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Surgery & Field	10-4 pm
Saturday 12 th November	Hort. Soc. Annual Dinner	Village Hall	

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
Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: anthonydbott@aol.com

Parish Council Meeting – 8th February 2016

Public Open Session - Report by Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT)

Until now DAAT has only been able to fly in daylight hours but is looking to introduce night-time flying through the mobilisation of a community helipads project.

The project involves communities offering land that can be assessed for its suitability of becoming a helipad for use by DAAT when attending emergencies in the vicinity. During extended daylight hours in the summer of 2015 DAAT attended 53 patients who, if their accident or illness had happened during the winter, the air ambulance wouldn't have been able to get to.

Night time helipads will be furnished with the necessary infrastructure including electricity, LED lighting, a column on which to place the lights and the technology to enable remote switching of the lights from DAAT's central control centre. The cost of adapting potential sites is dependent on the ease of installation of these components. For example, a site with an existing electricity supply and a suitable platform on which to place lights would provide a relatively cheap option.

At this stage the Parish Council asks for feedback on two points:

1. Individual views regarding the potential of having one or more community helipads in Cheriton Bishop.
2. For parishioners and landowners to suggest/offer potential sites. Sites should be at least 25m x 50m and can be privately or publicly owned. Any suggested sites would be thoroughly surveyed by DAAT to assess suitability.

Any responses should be directed to Derek Madge (Parish Council Clerk) at the following e-mail address: cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com

Public Open Session - Report by a member of the public regarding the Moor Park development

There are a number of unsatisfactory factors regarding the manner in which the development is being undertaken. It appears there is no drainage on the site resulting in excess water overflowing onto both the main road and the Dunsford road. There is also an unsatisfactory amount of noise coming from the site and an apparent lack of health & safety. Members of the public are advised to contact the Environmental Health department at Teignbridge District Council if issues persist.

Discussed by the Parish Council

- Potholes below Four Crossways – Hittisleigh Parish Council have been in contact, members of the public are encouraged to keep reporting the potholes on the MDDC website
- The Parish Council's new website is being developed and is close to completion
- Funding is available for the creation of a Parish Emergency plan (please contact the clerk if you are interested in getting involved or have assets/services to be included in the plan cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com)
- Two dates for your diary:
 - 16th April for the spring village clean up
 - 25th April is the proposed date for the Annual Village Meeting

District and County Councillor's reports

- The new Chief Executive for Devon District Council starts on Monday and has a specific interest in town regeneration
- Mid Devon District Council is closing its Crediton office on 31st March
- A review is being carried out to maintain the Devon Home Choice waiting list to ensure it includes only people with genuine need.

We are looking for School Governors. If you think you might be interested, take a look below!

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Woodleigh Federation

Being a Governor is a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to your community and to the lives of local young people. The Woodleigh Federation includes Cheriton Bishop, Tedburn St Mary and Yeoford Primary Schools.

What are Governors?

Governing Bodies are strategic leaders in schools. Governors meet twice a half term and include parents, teachers and staff, a local council representative and people from the wider community.

Have you got?

- An interest in our children's future
- Time, energy and enthusiasm
- A desire to make a difference
- Readiness to accept responsibility
- An ability to work in a team
- Are you happy to ask questions, listen and learn?

Then you could have what it takes to join one of the largest volunteer groups in the country, working with others to get the best for our children.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor please contact our Clerk, Michelle Lambourne at m.lambourne@yeoford.devon.sch.uk
or via Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY

Advance Notice:

The Cheriton Bishop Annual Parish Meeting

will take place
at 7.30 pm on Monday 25th April 2016
at The Spalding Hall Church Lane

Your opportunity to hear what's been going on in your Parish

The meeting is open to the public and press

Please come along and tell the community what your organisation has been doing over the past year



Cheriton Bishop **Spring Village Clean Up**

On Saturday 16th April 2016
Meet at the stone cross
at 9.30am

Your help and support is needed 'please' !
Most of the work is done in the morning
and elevenses are provided.

Please come along!!!!
Bring your own hand tools

Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and Tim Vooght 24593

Please let us know if there is a particular area in the Village
you think requires specific attention

Poster designed by Cameron Vooght

Local Produce Market
in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall
10am - 12pm
Saturday 19th MARCH

This is YOUR local Market!
Meats, Game, Cheeses, Bread, Ready Meals, Vegetables, Flowers, English & French
Cuisine, Soft Fruits, Crafts, Garden ware: Bird boxes & Wooden items
Veggie boxes etc.

This month's charity refreshments: Simnel Cake!

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

Come and entertain us...

Sunday 27th March Open Mic Afternoon The Old Thatch Inn at 4.00pm



Pop in for a chat and a drink
on Monday 21st March 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 hire of the hall

Need a lift from your home? Ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405 beforehand

Please Note: Change of contact number for Spalding Hall Bookings

From now on the number to contact for booking the Spalding Hall will be

Jean Martin on 01647 24586

Very grateful thanks go to our retiring bookings secretary, Les Gare.

Thank you, Les.

ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 3rd March 12.30 p.m.

THE COACH HOUSE

Cottage Pie, Vegetables, Dessert,
Tea or Coffee
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 28th February
With Jean 01647 24586
Tell her if you need a lift

FROM THE FLAGMASTER – AN EXPLANATION!

We know that seeing the Devon Flag flying on the flagstaff sends many Villagers to look up “what’s on” in the Parish Newsletter, and it is this feedback that makes the job worthwhile! However, there are occasions when it is not practical to raise any flags, however much we want to and that’s usually down to the weather. When it gets really cold overnight (sub zero) the halyard inside the pole gets frozen like a rod and just won’t go through the top pulley wheel. The key portal also gets frozen and cannot be unlocked, but usually this can be fixed with a warm hand applied!

Sometimes a “risk assessment” is necessary. The main road, as many will know, can be like a wind tunnel and on rare occasions we have to judge “will the flag survive?” (they cost £90.00 each). An example: on the 6th February the Union Flag was raised for the Queen’s Accession Anniversary and suffered damage. Our Village seamstress, Jean Martin, has agreed to repair it otherwise on its next outing it would be torn to tatters!

So, if your event is not ushered in with a proud Devon Flag aloft... don’t call us. Sorry!

BUNTING GALORE

Just a reminder that the “Mistress of the Bunting” – the writer’s Missus – has 36 yards of bunting that can be borrowed, **free of charge**, (courtesy of the Parish Council) for Village events in the Spalding and Village Halls. Just call the number below to book.

Brian & Pat Bryon-Edmond 01647 24696

A SUMMER COACH TRIP TO BRIGHTON

Monday 13th June 2016
5 days and 4 nights

ONLY £249.99

*To book, please contact Mr Bromell on 01647 61655
Few seats left!*



Come and blow the March Blues away with

BISHOPS JAZZ BAND and MARINERS AWAY

At the Village Hall
5th March 7 p.m. - 10p.m.

To include Buffet Supper

Wine, Beer and Soft drinks available.
£10.00 per person.

To book your place please telephone Jean on 01647 24586
Before 28th February. (Limited places)

In aid of repairs to St. Mary's Church Roof

THIS IS WHERE THE DEVON COUNTRYSIDE MEETS THE SEA

Villages in Action

Many thanks to all the people who came to the Villages in Action Concert on February 11th in the Village Hall. These events don't work if people don't support them, and we had great support from the Village. Special thanks to everybody who helped clear up afterwards, and to Sandra for selling tickets in the shop. After paying VIA and the hall hire we were able to send £100 to Médecins sans Frontières for their work with wounded and sick people everywhere.

For those of you who like Russian folk and sacred music, keep your eye out for an announcement in next month's magazine and **keep April 27th evening free!**

Tim Gorringe

A FOOD POLICY FOR BRITAIN?

How is our food best provided? By the big supermarkets and the giant food companies like Unilever or Nestle? Or should there be some democratic input? The Worldwide Food Sovereignty movement believes that food should focus on people, rather than profit; value food providers; localise food systems; make decisions locally; build skills and knowledge; and work with nature. In the UK The Landworkers' Alliance, a network of farmers and growers, is holding a nationwide consultation in villages, towns and cities on these principles. The results will all be collated and then presented to the Government.

In Cheriton Bishop you can have your say on Saturday March 12th from 10-11.30 in the Spalding Hall. This is not a drop in but a short workshop. So if you would like to come, please turn up for 10am when (fair-trade!) coffee and (homemade!) biscuits will be served.

Tim Gorringe

Rock to the 80's

(Bumbags and shellsuits optional!)

A Retro Village Hall Disco

Saturday 12th March

8 pm – Midnight

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

£5 in advance or £7 on the door

A 'pop-up' night club for one night only!

For tickets please contact: cheritonbishoppta@gmail.com

Churchwarden's News

We have heard from the Devon Historic Churches Trust that they are giving us a grant of £2,500 towards the roof repairs. This charity organises the 'Ride and Stride' day in September when money is raised by sponsorship for the number of churches visited.

At long last the roof repairs are imminent. We are expecting Kilbride Roofing to start work on March 15th, with the scaffolding being put up during the previous week. Unfortunately there is a large granite upright preventing access into the churchyard, so lorries have to stop in the road. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience caused by this – we have asked where possible that they try to avoid times when parents are delivering and collecting children but, realistically, some problems will occur. We hope everybody will be tolerant – the whole project should be completed within 8 weeks, (two of which are school holidays) and then it should be fine for the next 100 years at least.

Sadly we have postponed our 'Open Gardens' until next year – the very wet and mild winter has made it difficult for gardeners to start preparing, so we will try to organise a date later in the season next year.

Many thanks to Neil and Sally Sellick for hosting and organising the Cheese and Wine evening. It was a very pleasant time, with a stupendous array of food and plenty of conversation!

In the run-up to Easter the Lent course is being held at 7.30pm every Weds evening at Pathfinder Church, studying the Beatitudes, all welcome.

The Occasional Choir will be rehearsing from 4th March, 7pm in church, contact Bill Jeffery (01647 24414) for details.

At Easter the morning service will be followed by refreshments for the adults, and refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard for younger people.

We hope to see many of you at the Jazz Band and Mariners Away Buffet Supper on March 5th, see details elsewhere.

Wishing you a Joyous Easter, Alan Greenslade 24002 and Janet Jeffery 24414

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

MARCH 2016

Sunday 6th

9.30	Whitestone	<i>Mothering Sunday</i> Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
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
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 13th

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Lent 5</i> Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	9 Millers Way TSM	Tea and Fellowship	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 20th

9.30	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn St Mary	United Service	Ann Varcar
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

Monday 21st

8pm	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Holy Monday</i> Compline	Revd Martin Wood
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Tuesday 22nd

8pm	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Holy Tuesday</i> Compline	Revd Martin Wood
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Wednesday 23rd

7.30	Pathfinder	<i>Holy Wednesday</i> Lent Course	
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Thursday 24th

10.30	Pathfinder	<i>Maunday Thursday</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
7.30	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

Friday 25th

2pm	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Good Friday</i> An hour at the cross	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
2pm	Cheriton Bishop	An hour at the cross	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 27th

9.30	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Easter</i> Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
3pm	Oldridge	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

EACH THURSDAY

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion. Revd Martin Wood/ Canon John Tutton Canon Geoffrey Moore	
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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

Mercy is at the heart of Easter

I was listening to a Pause for Thought on the radio by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor.

I was so impressed with it, I thought I would pass on some of his wisdom and how it resonated with me. Cardinal Cormac started by quoting his favourite passage from William Shakespeare, from the Merchant of Venice,

'The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.'

Shakespeare reminds us that there is blessing in forgiving. That when we offer forgiveness to those around us, then we are blessed by God. The same is true when we take the forgiveness that has been offered to us, then we are blessed by God too. The process of offering and receiving forgiveness always starts to heal broken relationships, allows restoration and also brings God's blessing. Returning to the quote, it remind us that the quality of mercy drops like gentle rain from heaven to us below here on earth. It is an interesting picture that Shakespeare draws about falling rain. There is nothing we can do to stop rain, it just falls, we have no control over it, and we just get wet when it rains. The only thing we can do is avoid the rain by staying in or using an umbrella. So if mercy drops like rain from heaven, we have a choice to receive it or try to avoid it by taking shelter. If we avoid mercy we also miss out on God's blessing. We appear to be living in a time where people are saying that God is missing or nonexistent.

We are coming to the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter in this month of March. It is a time when God's love is made visible in the life of Jesus. Jesus' life was an example to those around him, that God loves and accepts each and every one of us. God was not missing and was certainly not nonexistent at that time, although many thought he was! The heart of Easter is not to be found in Easter Eggs or the Easter Bunny, they are meant to point to new life and new beginnings. The heart of Easter is forgiveness and mercy, it came to us at the terrible price of Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday. God restores Jesus' life on Easter Sunday. *'The quality of mercy is not strained'* but as abundant as rain falling gently. We are left a simple choice, do we get wet or take shelter from God's mercy. The surprising gift of mercy and forgiveness is it blesses both those who offer it and those who receive it. Surprisingly, mercy and forgiveness are also at the heart of happiness and joy. Without mercy we are doomed to failure and despair, through forgiveness we are transformed and restored to wholeness and joy. Easter becomes happy through transformation by God's love and mercy. Are you willing to get wet or just keep taking shelter?

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 March 2016

Sunday 6th March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm **LONDON CITY MISSION**
a talk on their work in our capital city
with **Alice Cooper**

Sunday 13th March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr John Hawkins

Sunday 20th March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

EASTER SUNDAY 27th March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm **EASTER CELEBRATION**
with **Norman and Ashley Taylor**

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm
7th - Slavic Gospel Association at Allerbridge Chapel
14th, 21st - Danny Chipps

Holy Trinity Yeoford

The repairs and decorating have now been completed in the Church; the new carpet will soon be laid. The Church looks so good now, do come in and have a look either at a Sunday service, during the week or at the café a warm welcome awaits at any time.

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in the village hall with pancake races and pancakes served after. Many children and parents enjoyed a fun and very noisy afternoon.

We look forward to seeing many of you over Easter.

Café Company is at 9-30 every Monday.

Messy Church 12th March at 3-30 in the Village Hall

March Services

Sunday 13th Holy Communion 9-30

Sunday 27th Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9-30

Carol Price
01647 24468

Lent Course 2016 The Beatitudes

The Lent course continues to follow the pilgrim course looking at the Beatitudes. It explores the Christian vision for the world, including openness to God, thirsting for what is right, peace making and living as citizens of God's Kingdom. The course is running for six evenings on a Wednesday at 7.30pm at Pathfinder Church.

Date and Time	Theme
Wednesday 2 nd March at 7.30pm	Thirsting for what is right
Wednesday 9 th March 7.30pm	Living Transparently
Wednesday 16 th March 7.30pm	Peace making
Wednesday 23 rd March 7.30pm	Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom
Wednesday 30 th March 7.30pm	Foundations

1st May 2016

Songs of Praise

Christians Together Service
in Village Hall at 3.00pm
with a speaker representing Barnabas Aid

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – This is the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be 3rd March and 7th April. 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 9th, 23rd March and 6th April. 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 now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café – This month it will be 10th, 31st March 14th April. 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 8th, 22nd March and 5th April. 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 24hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or Jackie in the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Coffee Morning in aid of Cheriton & Teign Valley Memory Cafe, **Saturday 12th March** at Dunsford Village Hall, 10.30–12noon. Cakes, plants, craft, bran tub, childrens' activities, live music. Entrance £1.50 to include coffee/tea and cake. Please ring Margaret should you need more information 01647 252622.

CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL

DON'T READ THIS IF YOU ARE SMUG ENOUGH TO THINK YOU COULDN'T BE TAKEN IN BY A SCAM!

An intelligent mature lady, who used to live in the Village and now lives a few miles away, sent us the following:

“An Indian lady, who knew my name, called saying she was from Openreach checking computer download speeds in preparation for my new fibre optic Broadband Package. She passed me to a so-called engineer who said he needed to connect to my computer to resolve the problems. I told him to ring next day. I immediately rang BT and talked to a person in an Indian Call Centre who told me it was quite likely the engineer would need that information. So I felt assured all was well when, next day, the engineer rang again and told me to download a “join me” website so he could connect to my computers and solve issues of security and internet speeds. He was connected for one hour, forty-five minutes and clearly looked at and copied all he needed from my files. He told me it was essential to do a lot of work to sort out problems and a payment of £254.90 must be paid up front. This would be repaid to me by £25.00 monthly credits on my BT account. Stupidly, I paid by Credit Card. Fortunately this payment was denied by my credit card company as the payment was to Western Union who they don't support. I worry about the information they have. I know that two of my family and a neighbour, who are in my contacts list, have already been called by these horrible people within 24 hours of stealing my details. I feel so annoyed especially as I checked with BT to see if the call was from them; they actually had that call logged”.

The very day after we received this, the writer received a call from an Indian call centre following the same line of enquiry. The caller was lead on to check this was indeed a similar scam, then they were told: “I don't have a computer!”

“Forewarned is Forearmed” – a slogan of Neighbourhood Watch. The punch line – members received this information some three weeks ago by e-mail, so wouldn't fall into the trap. By joining NHW, you too could be forewarned. Call Jean Martin (24586) or the writer – ‘phone number at the foot of the page.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about helping to prevent and solve crime – it's about the community's safety and wellbeing as well.

At the February Parish Council Meeting, Toby Russell of Devon Air Ambulance gave an interesting informative talk on their service being extended to night-time flying. Currently the Air Ambulance can only operate in daytime – and this Village has had two call-outs to the writer's knowledge. We are reminded that the Air Ambulance does not just take patients to RD&E, but to a specialist hospital if required. So it is vital to a community like ours. Alas, there were only two members of the public at the Meeting! Funds will need to be raised to prepare landing spots – watch this space and the Parish Council Meeting minutes.

Brian W Bryon-Edmond, Deputy Area Co-ordinator NHW. 01647 24696

West Country Embroiderers in March

Tuesday March 1st 13.30- 16.00

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

Ribbon Embroidery is the 'Hands On' theme for this month's meeting. We are delighted to welcome Lyn Bennet to WCE this month. Gone are the days when ribbon was mainly associated with tying up parcels or girls' hair; Textile art is growing in popularity and this session will give members and guests a chance to learn a new skill or enhance our current knowledge. Last month several members stewarded at Craft 4 Crafters and I was amazed how busy Westpoint was. People had travelled from as far afield as south Cornwall, Dorset and even further. We are very fortunate to have all these events on our doorstep. New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Please contact Nicky Westcott 01835 82517 or westcottnicky@gmail.com for the list of things you will need for this month's class.

And... looking a little further ahead to April:

Spring Embroidery Fair

To be held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Admission Free

Cheriton Bishop branch of the WCE warmly invites you to our Spring Embroidery Fair in April 2016. Now into our eighteenth year of this annual event, we hope to again provide a lively exhibition. On show will be a varied mix of embroidery and textile art, with examples of members' work resulting from workshops and day schools, as well as individual members' displays and stands, with some items for sale. There will be on-going demonstrations throughout the weekend and a number of trade stalls with fabrics, threads and books, making this Fair a real celebration of all aspects of contemporary and traditional embroidery.

A draw for, otherwise reluctant, spouses are our delicious homemade lunches; and children (and everyone else too!) are very welcome to 'have a go' on our demonstration table. So there is plenty to keep everyone happy and interested while you enjoy the embroidery!

Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society

Next Meeting: **Monday 21st March at 7.30 pm, in the Spalding Hall**

The subject of our next meeting is "My favourite and least favourite gadget". Please bring along the tools or gardening accessories that you wouldn't be without, as well as anything that you are reluctant to give Potting Shed room to! New members are, as always, very welcome.

Spring Show: Saturday 2nd April, 2.30 in the Village Hall (Entries in by 7 pm on Thursday 31st March, staging and judging of entries on the Saturday morning). The schedule for this show will be available very soon (if not already!) and posted on the village website. Please have a look and see if you can enter something. Hopefully the early spring flowers won't have all been and gone by 2nd April, but we might have a few other attractions organized to fill out this event if the daffodils have disappeared....

Jenny Grist, Secretary.

Results of Church Slate Draw

The results of the latest Draw are:

1 st Prize	Paul Mitchell
2 nd Prize	Betty Shepherd
3 rd Prize	Graham Lock

Letters to the Editor:

Thank you

Mrs Gladys Banbury and family wish to thank everyone who sent cards and letters of condolence and helped us in any way during and after Gilbert's illness.

Thank you also to all who attended the funeral and gave donations for Cheriton Bishop Surgery and Dementia UK Ltd.

The Banbury Family

Two lovely events

I have attended two wonderful social events in the last month – The Villages in Action performance by the Balagan Cafe Band and the Cheese and Wine Party at the Sellicks, both of which were really great fun. Brilliant musicianship at the first; gorgeous food at the second; and very good company at both!

Thank you all round.

Jan Mitchell

Cheese and Wine Evening

May we thank everyone who joined us for the cheese and wine evening, raising funds for St. Mary's Medieval Church, Roof Appeal.

We enjoyed your company and seeing you catch up with old friends and neighbours and getting to know some new ones. Thank you also to all who made and brought food (Janet's olive bread, did not last for long) and to those who sent donations and supplied items for the raffle.

We think the amount raised is nearing £300 but await confirmation in "Churchwarden's news".

Kind regards,

Neil and Sally Sellick

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School

Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond



No 177 March 2016

Well, that was a busy time for the old vocals – singing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with church on Sunday morning. Phew, more on this later.

For those of you who had not noticed, mainly those without children, the last week has been half term with the children going back to school on Tuesday 23rd February. These days half term seems to be extended on a regular basis by adding on a 'Non Pupil' day – presumably to give the staff a chance to compare notes before the little souls come back to school. I don't recall ever getting an extension to half term. In my day.....! It does mean, however, that the parentage have got little Algernon and Alicia for an extra day which might just be enough to drive them in to ringing up the 'Samaritans'. Still, I digress, and since the last Snippets the school has been getting on with the task in hand.

I glean my information from the weekly newsletter published by the school for the associated parentage. The last letter for February was too late for inclusion in this issue which means we have to start from the last week in January. I mentioned the Healthy Start Breakfast which was very well received by the children. I'm not surprised, actually, because the food was prepared by Mrs Elaine Clarke, my neighbour. She has a good reputation as a cook/chef! The school will be aiming to repeat the event again in the future.

As we moved into February, the children were introduced to 'making music' by Mr Miners. The children were very interested and actually got quite excited about it. Let's hope they retain that interest in the future – perhaps with a wide spread of music and not just pop! Mariners Away made a visit to a large primary school a few years ago at the behest of the school. We were there to show the children, especially the boys, that grown men do sing. Apparently, the boys all thought that it was a sissy thing to do. I think we convinced them otherwise. Of course, we made sure that the shanties we sang were fairly sanitised and fit for children to hear.

It was early in February that the school asked parents to assess the work of the school and to suggest any improvements where they felt it was necessary. This is a good exercise both for the school and the parents; the school gets feedback on its performance and the parents feel a sense of inclusion. I hope the results were useful.

An important part of any school is the Board of Governors. They do have an important role in keeping an overview of the school and its performance. The Chair/Chairman/Chairwoman of the Board is most important. Kerry Jose has just retired from that position. Thank you, Kerry, for all your hard work whilst holding this position. From my time as a governor of the school, I know it can be a daunting task at times. How our Chair of Governors got me to start writing Snippets I'll never know. Kerry is being relieved by Alexis Saffin. Good luck to you Alexis, I hope it goes well for you.

You know it's half term coming up when the West Exe Football Club starts being mentioned! These soccer sessions will be starting on 25th February at West Exe for the first two weeks and thereafter, at Tedburn pitch if it is in reasonable condition.

Worthy of a mention is a reminder about the Crediton Learning Community (CLC) concert at the Northcott Theatre. I understand that tickets for the event are selling fast. They are on sale at the theatre so, if you want to go, get along there and purchase your ticket before they have all gone. Chinese New Year is upon us and the children have been learning all about it and the celebrations associated with it. Do you know which year it is? It's the Year of the Monkey so it has got to be a good year because I was born in the Year of the Monkey – and I won't say how long ago that was.

Now, a plea to all those who may be visiting the school. Please can you make sure that the gates are shut behind you when you enter and leave the school site.

So, the calendar looks like this:

29th Feb – Crediton Bookshop Book Fayre 1530
3rd Mar – World Book Day
7th Mar – CLC Concert – Great Hall, Exeter
10th Mar – Author visit – Classes 1 & 2
12th Mar – PTFA 80's Disco – CB Village Hall 2000-2400
14th-18th Mar – Years 5 & 6 – Residential Course
24th Mar – End of Spring Term
11th Apr – Start of Summer Term
2nd May – Bank Holiday
27th May – Non Pupil Day
30th May-3rd Jun – Summer Half Term
6th Jun – Non Pupil Day
20th July – End of Summer Term

Hmmmm.....I see the summer half term has two extra days.

What has been happening in other parts of the world, or should I say, village? An excellent evening's entertainment was had by all at the village hall under the auspices of Villages in Action. The Balagan Café Band really did produce the 'goods' and I think everybody who attended had a thoroughly good evening. The Villages in Action organisation does enable villages to experience artistes who would normally be far too expensive to engage.

Most of the choirs and singing groups have now had their half term and are returning to their rehearsals. Mariners have been in action performing at Totnes as part of the Devonshire Association's 'Living Tradition' concert. There was a wealth of local Devon talent there and I hope we added to the enjoyment of the evening. Don't forget that the Mariners are coming to Cherry B on 5th March. Together with the Bishops Jazz Band we hope to provide an entertaining evening for one and all. The proceeds of the concert and buffet supper (yes, there will be food) will go towards the cost of repairing the church roof.

Up at Okehampton station, the committee of the Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association had a very productive meeting with the Dartmoor Railway CIC management team. Whilst details for the forthcoming year cannot be released yet, it does look as though there will be plenty going on through the year. As soon as the programme is confirmed, I'll make sure that it is in the next edition of Snippets.

Wasn't it great to see that golden orb in the sky recently. It really doesn't rain all the time after all! Interestingly, I left the village at 2015 on Thursday evening and the temperature was 0° C with ice on the windscreen; the following evening at about the same time, the temperature was up at 9°C. We do seem to be subject to quite odd variations in the weather.

PGR

NEWSFLASH
SAVE THE DATE

Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley GP Practice are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by holding a Giant Coffee Morning and Fun Day on:

Saturday, 24th September 2016
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

....at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall, Surgery, Car Park and adjoining fields. Come and join in what is going to be a HUGE event where you will find:

Coffee and Cake, BBQ,
Raffle, Cake Stall, Games, Childrens' Art Competition, Music

ALL FUNDS RAISED ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO MACMILLAN

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**ANY OFFERS OF RAFFLE PRIZES OR ANY OTHER HELP PLEASE EITHER SPEAK TO
SARAH STRONG AT CHERITON BISHOP SURGERY OR EMAIL TINA MCLEOD ON
tinamcleod@nhs.net**

News from Elsewhere

Concerts in the Church

AMALTHEA DUO

At Holcombe Burnell Church

on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 7.30 pm

A Harp and a Flute playing a mixture
of Baroque and Classical music.

Tickets: £8 (Children Free)

from Jane: 01392 811246 or Sue: 01392 811816

from 1st February

Profits in aid of Church funds
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ACE Archaeology Club

For more information on ACE and /or its activities contact: ace@acearch.org.uk

We had to cancel our December and January ACE Days as they were both walks and the weather was rubbish. We are now hoping for a drier 'rest of 2016'.

We have a lot planned so thought we would share a few dates with you. If you are interested in coming along then please let our secretary know. We do charge £5 for ACE days for non- members and if you wanted to dig with us would have to become a member for insurance purposes but as the subscription is only £10 we think it is a bit of a bargain. If you cannot dig then at least put the Open Days into your diary and come and see what we are doing and come along to the Festival of Archaeology and Old Technology in July, Step Back in Time. Details of all of these are below.

Some ACE Days that you might be interested in – booking required.

March 5th – Dartmoor Stone Rows – walk on Dartmoor looking at some of the stone rows and speculating about their purpose.

April 2nd – Making wicker shields

June 4th – to be confirmed but might be a day in Cornwall.

Other dates

April 30th to 8th May – Digging at Moistown

July 23rd and 24th – Step Back in Time, a festival of Archaeology, history and old technology at Pattiland Farm near Winkleigh. Come and try digging for yourselves or watch others doing it. Lots of other things on as well, check out the website.

<http://www.step-back-in-time.co.uk/>

August 20th – 4th September – Our main dig at Moistown.

August 27th – Open Day at Moistown. Anyone welcome and there will be tea and cake. Moistown is the possible site of a mediaeval farm house.

Longdown Garden Club are having a meeting entitled:

RENOVATING A TIRED GARDEN

on 16th March at 7.30.

It will be held in the village hall and all are welcome.

Tea and biscuits are served after the talk.

Sheila Friend 01392 811821