

# The Parish Newsletter, February 2017

A "Happy New Year" to all our readers as we fire up the parish newsletter printing press again. It's a seasonally cold and crisp day as I write this so it's rather pleasant to contemplate the local events planned further ahead in February and March, and even April. This is another very full issue as we have two months of news to catch up on, plus details of many current and later-in-the-year events.

## Don't miss the opportunity!

Gardeners please take note – possibly the most important date in your calendar this year will be the date of the YFC Dung Sale! If your roses and brassicas are crying out for some decent farmyard manure, this is the proper stuff, well-rotted and steaming and full of natural goodness. For details of how you can get your supply please see page 22.

Having obtained your own supply of FYM from the YFC you may be keen for some hints and tips to use it. Read Persis's update of the Hort Soc news on page 17 for details of the last two talks of the winter.

## Road closures

The pending closure of an important section of the Yeoford Road has been causing some concern. See what the Parish Council and our District Councillor have been doing about this on pages 4 to 7, with much more news and information on other important matters affecting our community.

## Folk Music for evening cheer

Cold winter evenings call for a bit of company and music. A lively music evening with refreshments is planned, featuring a visiting Folk trio, in late February, so be sure to put this date in your diary if it appeals. Full details are on page 8.

If you like the idea of the wine but prefer to watch the telly, why not stay in and make your own beverages? A free offer of wine making equipment appears on the same page!

## A Third Anniversary

The trusty Internet informs me that the appropriate gift for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary is leather. What could be more appropriate than this for one of our local groups, which is celebrating its third anniversary this year? The Walking Group has been trudging along the local moors and meadows since the beginning of 2014 and warmly invites you to their forthcoming celebrations (page 15). So why not stroll over to the hall and join them? Better still, take along your own ideas of new places to walk. If you are a member and have been walking with the group since it started you might like to reward yourself with a new pair of *leather* walking boots!

## Help needed!

It sounds as though, despite the disappointment of losing the Moretonhampstead hospital there are plans to make good use of the old hospital premises for some community health initiatives, but as always there is a need for local people to get involved. If you would like to represent Cheriton please see page 22 for details.

This month we also include two salaried opportunities to work locally, one on page 15 and the other just overleaf on page 16.

*With best wishes for February from Jenny and the Newsletter team.*

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# Regular Meeting dates

<b>Parish Council</b> Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969	<i>every second Monday evening in the month</i>
<b>Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell</b> Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	<i>every second Saturday in the month</i>
<b>Preschool</b> 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>
<b>Beavers (6-8yrs)</b> Contact: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575	<i>every Thursday during term time</i>
<b>Cubs (8-10yrs)</b> Contact: James Morris 01647 252375	<i>every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)</i>
<b>Scouts (10-14yrs)</b> Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	<i>every Monday evening during term time</i>
<b>Explorers (14-18yrs)</b> Contact: Phil Morris. 01647 252375	<i>every Thursday during term time (after Cubs)</i>
<b>Pilates</b> Contact Adele 07976 427941	<i>every Friday morning, 8.55 am and 10.00 am, during term time</i>
<b>West Down Bible Study &amp; Prayer</b> Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
<b>Horticultural Society</b> Contact: Jenny Grist 281110	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
<b>West Country Embroiderers</b> Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
<b>Short Mat Bowling</b> Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582	<i>every Wednesday evening, Sept – May</i>
<b>Baby Clinic</b> The Surgery 24272	<i>every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in CB Surgery)</i>
<b>Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group</b> Contact: Find us on Facebook	<i>In the School Hall every Friday 9-10.30 am Term time only</i>
<b>Young Farmers</b> Contact: Katie Grist 07792 518439	<i>every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Tuesday evenings</i>
<b>Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton</b> Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30</i>
<b>Spiritual Discussion Group</b> Contact: Penny Gare 24639	<i>Monthly</i>
<b>Walking Group</b> Contact: Jane Hancock 24092	<i>usually 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?***

## **Diary Dates for February**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Embroidery Group	Village Hall	1.30 - 4 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group Get Together	Spalding Hall	7 – 9 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	YFC meeting	Venue and time TBA	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	YFC Entertainments Competition	Crediton Lower Sch	7.30 pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group	<i>(To be arranged, please see the posters)</i>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	YFC meeting	Venue and time TBA	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Folk Concert	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	YFC Dung Sale	YFC Centre	12 – 2pm
		<i>(And at other times at Tedburn Hall and Drewsteignton Square – see page 22)</i>	

## **Diary Dates for March**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm

### **The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays**

**2017: February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **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

## **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Weekend 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Embroidery Fair	Village Hall	10 – 4 pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Local Produce Market Returns	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Village Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Hort Soc Annual Dinner	Village Hall	

***If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2017, 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)

## **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Report**

Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

(Compiled by Tim Vooght)

### **Public Open session**

Members of the public spoke about the use of the Village Green, as the Parish Council had asked about future usage at the previous meeting. A member of the public suggested using it as a dog walking area as there are no safe areas in the village to walk dogs. The village Plan was quoted where 65% of respondents had wanted a dog walking area. It was also suggested that the dog walkers could manage and oversee its usage. Other members of the public said it should continue to be used as a play area for young people and had been well used until the grass cutting had ceased. They suggested that the area needed further play equipment and some goal posts. The need for maintenance of the fence area was also discussed.

### **Future use of the village green.**

It was decided to bring this item forward in the agenda, as it had been raised by members of the public. Mid Devon District Council has provided quotes for grass cutting of the village green. After discussion and taking into account what the members of the public had suggested and the content of an email received by the Clerk against using the area for dog walking, it was decided to proceed with 10 grass cuts per year at £40.50 per cut and continue to use the area as a public open space with no access to dogs. It came to light that another area of the village could be used for dog walking. Councillors suggested that perhaps a dog walking group could get together with the custodian of that land and come to some agreement.

The land agent for the village green had supplied a copy of the licence with regard to the rent increase for the village green in which it was requested that the amount be back dated to March 2016. There was no indication in the licence that back dating of the rent was justified so, it was agreed that this would be challenged. It was also noted that whilst checking the licence, that it does not permit dogs to use the area.

The District Councillors would ask whether Section 106 money could be used for some enhancement of the village green.

### **Councillors made reports on:**

No progress had been made on the Checkers Store planning application for the lean-to at the rear of the building.

A Councillor had attended a Highways Presentation Day at Kennford and reported that there was an enhanced Website for reporting highway and associated matters:

[new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem](http://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem)

This includes interactive maps where you can pinpoint an area and is more user friendly. There were presentations on Snow and Road Wardens and some Parishes already have this in place. It was also noted that if Parishes wished to purchase more grit bins, then Devon County Council would take responsibility for filling them.

The Chairman attended a meeting at Tiverton where the Leader of Devon County Council, Councillor John Hart, spoke about further cost cutting to the budget, which was likely to be up to 40%. Grass cutting and devolution was also discussed.

### **District Councillors reports**

Councillors reported that Mid Devon District Council were looking to house five refugee families. That budgets will be cut again in 2017/18 and that the Leader of Mid Devon District Council, Clive Eginton would be willing to attend the January meeting to outline the proposal for devolution in Devon. The Councillors also reported that the Young Farmers had held an open day and have now moved into the old Mulberry building.

The Local Plan had been approved and the Planning Enforcement Officer was looking at the situation at Southcombe Hill Farm.

### **Planning Applications:**

Certificate of Lawfulness at Polford Cottage for existing use of an annex as a separate dwelling in breach of condition 4 of the planning permission 02/02248/FULL.

Greenacres – erection of an extension to an Agriculture building.

The Council had no comment to make to either of these applications.

### **Planning Decisions**

Glebe View – single storey extension. Permission granted.

Brackenwood – felling of x5 Ash trees within a conservation area. No objection.

Southcombe – Prior notification for the erection of a general purpose Agriculture building. Development Acceptance.

### **Consideration of the Quotes for the New Bus Shelters**

Two quotes have been received from local builders and a further one is still outstanding. One of the quotes received, only contained a total quote and it was requested that the costs for each shelter be provided. Councillors also suggested that the Developers at Moor Park may wish to help and that local businesses may wish to make donations towards the costs.

## **Parish Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

(Compiled by Chris Carter)

### **Public Open Session**

In excess of 20 members of the public were in attendance to voice concerns about the intended road closure of the C507 for a month from 27<sup>th</sup> February. It was felt that there were significant issues arising from this closure;

1. The intended diversion was highly inadequate to support the required volume of traffic including larger vehicles including the school bus
2. A month is felt to be far too long to close a road of such local significance
3. Temporary traffic lights is considered a much better alternative

Overall it was felt that the intended closure paid little or no consideration to the needs of our local and neighbouring communities.

The above issue was later discussed by the Parish Council where it was agreed to write to Devon County Council and the contractors to voice the concerns of the community.

### **Visit from Clive Eginton (Leader of Mid Devon District Council)**

Clive talked about the devolution of power from Westminster to local communities following the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016. The purpose of devolution is to remove decisions from Westminster where it is felt they would be better made locally. At present there is a bid being made to create a decision making authority named 'Heart of South West' which includes the following organisations types all of which will have equal voting rights;

- 17 Local Authorities and District Councils
- 3 Clinical Commissioning Groups
- 1 Local Enterprise Partnership
- 2 National Parks

The proposals will see the Heart of the South West leading on the following agendas;

- A greater say in highways
- 100% super-fast broadband
- Employment support
- Land and housing
- Health and wellbeing
- Productivity planning

### **Local Plan**

Clive talked about the amendments to the local plan, which is currently out to consultation ending on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The most significant changes in Cheriton Bishop relate to Land off Church Lane where the proposed allocation is to reduce in size from 1.9 to 1.4 hectares, which accommodates 20 houses rather than the 30 originally proposed. 30% of the 20 will need to be affordable housing.

### **Village Green**

The village green will be on the agenda for the March Parish Council meeting. Any further views from the public will be welcome at this meeting. The village tidy to be held in April will focus efforts on tidying the village green.

### **Moretonhampstead Hospital**

The scope of the hospital is changing however the charity 'Friends of the Hospital' has funds that have been donated by local people. This money needs to be spent to meet the needs of locals but within the constraints of the changed scope of the hospital. The charity is seeking trustees to ensure that these funds are spent wisely. Anyone interested in this work should contact a member of the Parish Council.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. All local societies are welcome to come along and discuss achievements from the past 12 months.

### **Bus Shelters**

The Parish Council is attempting to fund 2 new bus shelters that will be built to stand the test of time. Unfortunately it does not have the required funds to build on both sides of the main road. We are therefore seeking support from any local businesses that would like to sponsor/contribute to the building work. Interested parties should contact the Parish Council Clerk ([cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com))

### **Planning Applications**

16/01929/CAT 2 Croft Cottages Cheriton Bishop  
Notification of intention to pollard one ash tree within conservation area

16/01963/FULL Checkers Store Cheriton Bishop  
Retention and repositioning of three condenser units and erection of acoustic enclosure

16/01874/FULL Medland Manor Cheriton Bishop

Conversion of Stable building to dwelling

16/01941/HOUSE Wisteria House Cheriton Bishop  
Conversion of garage to annexe

### **Planning Decisions**

16/01692/HOUSE 10 Hescane Park Cheriton Bishop  
Erection of a 0.9m high trellis on existing 2m high wooden rear boundary fence. Approved

16/01653/PNCOU Land and Buildings at NGR 275669 95145 (Wolfgar Farm) Cheriton Bishop  
Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to dwelling under class Q. Change of Use Acceptance

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

No doubt most people are aware that there were plans to close the Yeoford to Cheriton Bishop road between Lewdon Cross and Four Cross Ways from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> so that work could be carried out on the road safety barriers both sides of the bridge over the A30 dual carriageway. The suggested diversion was to follow either Church Lane past the Church and School or from Four Cross Ways to Froggy Mill and back up past Medland Manor to Lewdon Cross.

Many interested people attended the last Parish Council meeting where the matter was discussed. As a result of the pressure exerted by Cheriton Bishop Parish Council, myself and your many emails to the contractor Jacobs, they have now reduced the time for the closure to two weeks. Also at weekends the road will be controlled by traffic lights and a special arrangement will be made for the school buses. The alternative route has now been changed taking you back to Whiddon Down via Hittisleigh to Yeoford. This will be necessary for lorries and large vehicles whereas cars may be able to make use of more local shorter routes.

I have requested a site meeting to discuss the work to be undertaken and the above arrangements but at the time of writing this has not been granted.

While on the subject of roads there will be patching work carried out between Blackdown Cross and Twisted Oak Cross from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February so that length of road will be closed. This work is subject to weather and circumstances prevailing at the time.

*With kind regards,  
Derek Coren Cllr MDDC.*

### **Local Produce Market**

The Produce Market is taking a break during the winter months but will start again on Saturday 15th April. If any of our customers require anything please contact the appropriate stall-holder. We look forward to seeing you again in the Spring!

**Village Hall**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30 pm

**Davis, Lindley Mullen**  
Folk Concert

'DLM' are a folk acoustic trio (that means you won't be deafened by loudspeakers!) who play guitar, violin, cello, and ukulele amongst other instruments. They write their own songs of love, loss and squirrels!

Check them out on YouTube. They are described as 'amazingly talented' and 'one of the very best live acts you will see and hear if you like songs that hit the nail on the head'.

This is a Villages in Action event. Do turn up and support it! The hall will be in café style, and there will be refreshments available.

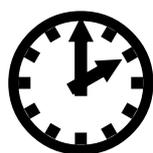
Admission £8. Children half price.

To book in advance ring 24789

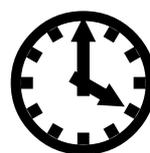
**Free to anyone wishing to make homemade wine**

4 glass Demi johns, fermentation bucket, instruction book, corks, funnel etc.

Ring 24253, Maureen Barber



Pop in for a chat and a drink



**on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

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 the cost of hiring the hall

Need a lift from your home?

Ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405

## **A Thank you from Joan**

My very grateful thanks to Jean Martin, Jan and Paul, for my early, beautiful 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake, not forgetting the myriad of Birthday cards.

On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, after Sue and Allan had taken me for a lovely car ride around the country lanes hereabout then, strangely, taking me to the Village Hall – that was when the penny dropped!!

I realised something was about to be discerned! Those balloons left me in no misunderstanding!

My two wonderful nieces, Alison and Joanna greeted me at the entrance where I was about to be greeted by a roomful of family and friends.

Several small children from Cheriton Bishop School were on the stage. Thanks to the many Mums for bringing them, so close to the Festive Season. The Birthday Tea was absolutely delicious and my thanks go to all who were involved.

As well, there was a Service at West Down Chapel, where there were so many Birthday Greetings and cards.

Thank you so very much, one and all.  
*Joan M Ley*

## **Churchwardens News**

The Christmas services were happy and well attended. Many thanks to all who took the services, rang bells, sang, handed out books or helped with refreshments after the Carol Service. Thanks too to the flower arrangers and also Keith and Sarah Rowell for the gift of the Christmas tree. Now the church year quietens a little, but, as January is a five-Sunday month, there is a joint service at Cheriton Bishop at 10am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> for all the churches which share Martin as their minister.

On the weekend of Feb.10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> there are special activities within the Kenn deanery led by Sarah, Bishop of Crediton. The weekend starts on Friday afternoon at Dunsford church at 2.30pm for parents and toddlers, then an evening at Powderham Castle. Saturday starts with Morning Prayers at Teignmouth plus breakfast for the congregation, then an afternoon at Cofton Country Park for PCC members. The weekend ends on Sunday with a service at the Kenn centre at 11am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch (the Kenn centre is opposite the orange elephant on the A38). Please contact either Alan or me (Janet) if you are interested in any of these activities.

You may have noticed we are in the process of making the entrance to the churchyard easier to access. The step up from the road has been evened out and repaired, and there will soon be a handrail easily reachable from the road to get onto the path. We hope this makes life easier for those who are not so steady on their feet and have been deterred from coming to church.

Alan Greenslade 24002     Janet Jeffery 24414

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

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

*4<sup>th</sup> before Lent*

9am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Lay Led</b>

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

*3<sup>d</sup> before Lent*

9am	Holcombe Burnell	BCP Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Kenn Centre, Kennford	Deanery Service	

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

*2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent*

9am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
<b>9.30</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Canon John Tutton</b>
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Lay led
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Sunday before Lent*

<b>8am</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Prof Tim Gorringe</b>
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
6pm	Whitestone	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

**EACH THURSDAY**

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

### **Why is February so much shorter than the other months?**

It seems odd that the other months have either thirty or thirty one days when poor old February is two or three days shorter. It would be fairer for all the months to have thirty or thirty-one days. That would mean seven months of thirty days and five months of thirty-one days. Just to rebalance things, let's suppose that the current seven months with thirty-one days forfeit one day. They become thirty-day months and the remaining months are promoted to become thirty-one day months. That sounds a much fairer and even distribution. But what would happen to your birthday if it was 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, before the re-adjustment? You then start to see some of the problems of adjusting the calendar. When the calendar was changed in 1582 ten days were skipped and so October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> 1582 never existed. If your birthday was between those dates, did you bother with a birthday celebration?

The real problem is that people were good at following the moon, a twenty nine day month. What really drives our climate is the sun, but it is much harder to follow an annual cycle, it is just too long. Therefore, there have been many attempts to adapt the lunar cycle to match a solar cycle. Originally calendars stopped counting in winter and restarted in spring. So the last two months to be added to the calendar were the winter months January and February. All months would have probably started out with twenty-nine days and made longer to adapt to the solar calendar. You might argue that February has kept to its original length and the other months have been adapted.

Like February we often feel short-changed, everyone seems to have more than we have and it feels unfair. It is easy to feel that if we had a little more we would be much happier. The problem is often, the more we have the more we expect, and the more disappointed we become with what little we have. It quickly becomes a downward spiral into discontentment. Maybe we are looking at the situation from the wrong perspective. If we think of February, it is unique and different. It is not like all the others, it stands out as being special. We need to understand that we are all special and that we do not have to strive to be something that we are not; that is a much better understanding of ourselves.

What is clear is that God values us for what we are and for what we can achieve. He does not look at us and wish we were more than we could be. It is however equally true that we can make the most of what we are and how we can help others. If we do not do this we actually short change ourselves and never reach our full potential. Surely we all need to be encouraged to do our best, which is exactly what God does.

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# WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24264/24660

## Services for February 2017

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Alan Woodcock**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Rev David Cole**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Mrs June Redfern**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

11.am Morning Worship  
3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Denis Hayes**

### Diary date

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Visit from **The London City Mission**

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Home Prayer Fellowship, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> David Hayman · 27<sup>th</sup> Mission Focus



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### **FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS**

We meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 2- 4 pm. at the Chapel.  
Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing or just come along for a chat and a cup of tea, Next meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us.

# CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL

## Watching & Caring Not Snooping!!

### “ STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE’S MOUTH”.

Just out of the “stable” in the Devon & Cornwall Police area is a new system of communication between the public and the police (and other emergency services). The scheme is an on-line secure messaging System, available to authorised administrators – such as Neighbourhood Watch Members – to quickly inform on crimes committed and possible patterns of crime. It covers everything from burglaries, fraud, anti-social behaviour to crime prevention and suspicious activity.

It supersedes the “Community Messaging Service” which simply failed to inform! Good examples of this failure have been the lack of any information or request for information from the Police, relating to six break-ins in Cheriton Bishop in the last few months!

The new system is not fully up and running but here is a flavour of its reports.

“A Message sent on behalf of “Action Fraud 05/01/17” – Action Fraud has received reports of victims receiving convincing e-mails from Amazon. The spoof e-mails from [service@amazon.co.uk](mailto:service@amazon.co.uk) claim recipients have made an order on-line – an expensive chandelier- Bose Stereos, iphones and luxury watches. The e-mails state that if the recipients haven’t authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic looking site which then asks victims to confirm their name, address and Bank Card Information.

**Amazon state “they will never ask for personal information by e-mail.**

Another message from the Neighbourhood Watch network 17/01/17. A Scam going around by ‘phone from BT and Openreach, usually ringing about your internet and eventually attempting to get personal details.

We have had two reports of a similar scam in our community where victims were told their BT rental payments were not paid. What followed was the usual attempt to elicit bank details, which neither gave, but one was actually threatened with violence if the information was not forthcoming. **This was reported to the Police.**

A third fraud – convincing letters being sent on a replica template of Lloyds Bank telling recipients their accounts have been subject of “unusual transactions”. It asks them to call a number and an automated welcome message is played asking the caller to enter their card number, account number, sort code etc..

**These letters are a sophisticated phishing attempt and serves as a warning to consumers to question even written correspondence from their Banks!**

Apologies for repetition to our NHW members who have already received this information instantly. You can too, by joining Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Neighbourhood Watch.

In any event, if you are aware that you are being “scammed”, don’t give any information away but do contact **ACTION FRAUD ON 0300 123 2040**

We have felt for a long time that communications between the Police and Neighbourhood Watch (and that’s YOU) have deteriorated. **Neighbourhood Alert**, being rolled out across the country, will hopefully keep us up-to-speed on crime, the causes of crime and the solution when it occurs.

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

# ACORN - What's on in February 2017

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club** – Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. If you would like to come along and meet new people please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for more details.

**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. We will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £4 return.

**Teign Valley Memory Café** - This month it will be 9<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Meetings are held 10.30 – 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

**Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall** – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. Please drop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. This month it will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Please ring the number below if you would like a lift.

**What else do we do?** – We have a fantastic group of volunteers who help to provide transport to medical social and wellbeing appointments, we can deliver prescriptions, we also loan wheelchairs and equipment to assist you in the home.

**Who should you contact** - Should you need transport to an appointment or a prescription delivered please phone the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Acorn Office Telephone number 01647 252701 for further information.

Visit our website at [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and to wish you a very Happy New Year.

ACORN LUNCH  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 12.30p.m.

THE COACH HOUSE  
Turkey and Ham Pie, vegetables & Dessert,  
Tea or Coffee  
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 30<sup>th</sup> January  
With Jean 01647 24586  
Tell her if you need a lift

If the weather should be adverse we may have to cancel.

## **Acorn Community Support - Job Vacancy**

Acorn Community Support are looking to recruit an Office Manager to work 17.5 hours per week (flexible hours) based at Christow Surgery. The pay scale is in the range of £8,645 to £10,237 per annum (£9.50 - 11.25 per hour).

The role requires excellent organisation and communication skills to facilitate the coordination of Acorn's Services. The role is broad, varied and interesting and requires a dynamic, confident individual who is self-motivated and prepared to work on his/her own initiative. Training will be provided and the successful applicant will work alongside the Community Care Manager (who works out in the community) and report to the Board of Trustees.

Computer Literacy is required and skills are required in Excel, Word and Email and training will be provided on updating the website and managing the volunteer programme, Optimise.

The Closing Date for applications is the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

For further details and to request an application form please contact the Acorn Chair of Trustees, Jo Clunie on [joclunie@btinternet.com](mailto:joclunie@btinternet.com) or telephone 01392 491047.

## **Cheriton Bishop Walking Group**

We are having a celebration/get together at the Spalding Hall, Church Lane, CB on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00- 9.00 pm.

We have been running our group for three years now and Pete and I thought we should mark it in some way. So we will have some nibbles and refreshments and a natter about the future of the group that evening.

Lots of people have mentioned they'd like to explore day/morning walks. Others want more or less taxing routes and there have been suggestions for different types of outings.

So.....please come along (bring any interested friends too, the more the merrier) and share your thoughts. Perhaps you don't walk now but would like to, or you are an expert on the moor and could share your knowledge. Bring ideas for routes, maps if you have them to share, so others can see what you have in mind.

One aim of the evening is to in future have our walks planned three months in advance.

Our next walk will be 19<sup>th</sup> February

*Jane Hancock*

## SAS Job Vacancy

## **Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society**

As a gardener I am not sure when the beginning of the gardening year starts. Is it when I sow my first seeds of the year in anticipation of good crops and beautiful flowers, or when I start the pruning of the trees to ensure plentiful fruit?

The Annual Quiz started off the calendar year for Cheriton Bishop and Drewsteignton gardeners with the usual groans and moans and plentiful cake. Many thanks for those who had the arduous task of formulating the questions! And a new team of question-setters is in place for 2018.

Next up is **a talk by the Head Gardener at Drogo about the new plans under her leadership. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm Spalding Hall**, please be there for a prompt start.

By **20<sup>th</sup> March** the talk from 'Incredible Vegetables' will have everyone wanting to dash home to plant seeds and plugs! **Again 7.30pm Spalding Hall**. Please bring some money as there may be things to buy. With luck everyone will have collected their DT Brown seeds on time; thanks to Janet Jeffery for co-ordinating the order and for Jean Martin for allowing the collection of seeds from her home.

**The Show Schedule for the Spring Show will be available on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and hopefully on the Cheriton Bishop Website Link. Spring Show 1<sup>st</sup> April, Village Hall. Entry forms in by 31<sup>st</sup> March. How are your dwarf species tulips doing in their pots?**

The Village Show schedule is being reviewed with some inclusions (for roses and sweet peas) in the Flower section to take into account that there will be no Midsummer Show. So by sowing your sweet pea seed in April or thereabouts, there should be a good display of blooms. Many of us have had problems over wintering sweet-pea plants, which give blooms in June/July.

As soon as the changes are finalised, the schedule will be on the website so that the 'keen' can organise themselves. With luck the show benches should be interesting and colourful, the schedule giving everyone the opportunity to put in at least one entry. Gardens and gardening is changing, cooking and everyone's food is changing, and after some thought, it is hoped that the schedule will reflect these changes.

Persis Bower 01647 24303

## **West Country Embroiderers in February**

**Tuesday February 7th 13.30- 16.00 Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

This month we welcome Deborah Oogh to our meeting to guide us through the endless possibilities of Chinese knotting. Knots are an art form and can be incorporated into mixed media textile projects alongside jewellery and decorative objects. Many of us remember the craze for macramé hanging baskets but Chinese knotting is deeply rooted in history and rich in symbolic meaning.

New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Please contact *Nicky Westcott* 01835 82385 or [westcottnick@gmail.com](mailto:westcottnick@gmail.com) for the list of things you will need for this month's class.

**Crafts 4 Crafters Show - West Point, Exeter 16th-18th February 10-5pm**

members of our group will be involved with demonstrations and stewarding at this event. If you are interested in Textiles, pop along for new ideas and materials.

Peter Bromell Advert

## **Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School**



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

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Well, there it was, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January and did anything untoward happen? I've never been superstitious but the events that happened on that day might go some way to convince me that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> can be unlucky. First off was the early morning major leak on the water main in the lane. To give them their due, South West Water were tackling the job fairly quickly. Unfortunately, as they were repairing the mains pipework, they severed the BT cable which runs adjacent to the water main. That was the second incident. The water was fairly quickly restored but dear old BT didn't attend to the problem until Saturday morning and that was only after they had been told that they didn't need to dig up the road as SWW had left the hole unfilled. The third happening was the dropping of my ancient Nokia mobile telephone onto the kitchen floor! I had dropped it many times in the past but, on this occasion, it decided that it was one too many instances of ill treatment and lost its will to live. I had to drive in to Okehampton that afternoon and get a replacement – not a 'smart phone' I hasten to add. So, there we are, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. That is the only occasion I have had 3 unfortunate things happen. In early 1964, whilst serving in an old Ton Class minesweeper, we did run into a storm in the North Sea on a Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and ended up running for shelter into Newcastle. That's the only time in one of HM ships that I have actually been seasick. Then whilst serving in one of Her Majesty's aircraft carriers on a summer Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in 1969, we suffered a rather nasty fire in one of the boiler rooms. Luckily no one was injured but it required a fair amount of work to get the boiler room back into use again.

Sorry about that, I seem to have rambled on a bit there. I'd better get on to school matters now! The first thing that comes to mind is how much money the school and PTFA have raised both for charity and the school. It is a quite prodigious amount. There were several fund raising efforts last term: - the Christmas Craft Fair and the PTFA tea and cake stall raised £212.10 and £88.00 respectively; the Children in Need day raised £76.48; the Christingle service raised £50.55 for the Children's Society; Christmas jumper Day raised £40.50 for the Save the Children charity; the PTFA carol singers raised nearly £100.00. Overall, that is quite an extraordinary record of fund raising in the lead up to Christmas. Very well done to all those involved. I might add that the PTFA, who do a fantastic job supporting the school, raised a grand total of £578.00 during the Autumn Term. I think that deserves a great round of applause, don't you?

We're well into the Spring Term now and last term seems a long way away now. There is one activity that I would like to mention. I've mentioned the Bikeability courses several times over the years. Our pupils are taught safe riding and the correct techniques to use. This is a regular course for the school and it comes under the tutelage of Mrs Sam Cann. Thanks so much Sam, there must be hundreds of boys and girls who have been given a good start in their bicycle riding careers. The school and parents owe you quite a debt of gratitude for your forbearance.

I want to mention a couple of items involving the staff. Mrs Gillon, the Class 4 teacher, will be leaving at the February half term and Mrs Miners will take over. No, Mrs Gillon is not deserting the school, she is 'going off to face the challenges of parenthood', as she puts it. I'm sure we all wish her well. I have often made the point that Cheriton Bishop is a really good school for training and trainees are able to acquaint themselves with all facets of school life without the upsets of unruly and disrespectful surroundings, so it's a delight to be able to tell you that Miss Sophie Harry has joined the school for a 10 week training period. Welcome to you Sophie, I'm sure you'll gain from your time here.

Cheriton Bishop school, indeed, all the schools in the Woodleigh Federation, will be introducing Parent Forums on a regular basis in future, the aim being to further the flow of information between school and parents and vice versa. The main aims will be:-

- Discuss whole school issue (not individual).
- Give parents an opportunity to express their views and ideas.
- Give parents an opportunity to make suggestions for school improvement.
- Allow the school to discuss development and new initiatives we are working on.

Sounds like an excellent idea to me. The first one will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Talking about dates, I'd better get on to the diary now:-

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parent Forum – 1700-1800**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Class 4 to Yeoford – Author Visit**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Class 2 to Plymouth Aquarium**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – British Heart Foundation Day – wear red**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day**  
**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM**  
**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 to Heatree**  
**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 to Heatree**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March – Crediton Learning Community – Music Concert**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Community Breakfast – Village Hall – PTFA sponsored**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Art Week**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Easter Assembly 0930**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Mar – End of Term**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Apr – Summer term begins**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Forum – 1700-1800**

You can see that there is a lot going on this term. In addition to the timetable above, the following clubs will be in operation:

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>WHO FOR?</b>	<b>TIME?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
<b>KIND CLUB</b> Mrs Berry	Y2-Y6 Girls	12.45- 1.15	Wednesday
<b>BOOK CLUB</b> Miss Denford	KS2	12.45- 1.15	Friday
<b>HOCKEY</b> Mr Kinch	KS2	3.30- 4.30	Monday
<b>NEEDLE CRAFT</b> Mrs Bowden	Y2 & KS2 Maximum 10 children	3.30- 4.30	Tuesday
<b>SCIENCE CLUB</b> Miss Harry	KS2	3.30- 4.30	Monday
<b>CHOIR</b> Mrs Waterman	All	12.45- 1.15	Tuesday
<b>SATS BOOSTER</b> Mrs Gillion	Y6	3.30- 4.30	Tuesday
<b>FOOTBALL</b> West Exe Football	Paid R-Y6	3.30- 4.45	Thursday At Tedburn

I have copied the table above directly from the School Newsletter. Please note from the diary, the PTFA will be running a Community Breakfast in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> March, times yet to be promulgated. I might just get along to that – saves cooking my own!! I'm afraid I haven't left enough room for railway news *et al*, so I'll just have to finish here.

PGR

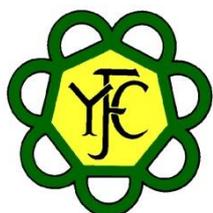
Play group

## **Moorhealth**

It seems that state funding is insufficient to provide the range of services that were hoped for to create a health hub at Moretonhampstead Hospital. So Friends of the Hospital are seeking to use the building and the facilities for the community and to support community health initiatives.

A new working group has been set up to promote this change and a representative from Cheriton Bishop would be welcomed. Representatives from the surgery are already involved.

If you would like to help link Cheriton Bishop into the Moorhealth initiative please contact me, Gill Westcott 01647 24789



## ***Cheriton and Tedburn YFC***

The last 2 months have been busy ones for the club, with members taking part in county events including ice skating and the annual 'Creally challenge'. We have also held a number of club events including a wreath making skill for life and a Christmas meal at the Old Thatch. Our carol singing evening was also a great success; we sung at Treelands care home and around Crockernwell in aid of our club charity, the Chestnut Appeal for prostate Cancer.

So far January has been a very busy month for 21 of our members, who have been working hard rehearsing for the YFC entertainments competition, involving a number of different routines and sketches. We are holding a public performance of our show alongside Newton St Cyres and Bow YFC who are putting on a joint production, on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. This will be at QE Lower School; doors open 7pm for curtains up 7.30pm. It is bound to be a very entertaining evening and we'd really appreciate some local support to make all our hard work worthwhile.

Coming up we also have our annual charity dung sale in aid of the Chestnut Appeal for Prostate Cancer on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We will be at Tedburn Village Hall Car Park from 10am-12pm, the YFC Centre in Cheriton Bishop from 12.30pm-2.30pm and finally Drewsteignton Square from 3pm-5pm. Bags cost £3 each; for more information or to make a booking in advance please contact myself on the number below.

Don't forget if you are aged between 10-26 you could be getting involved in all of these activities; just contact myself on 07792 518439 for more information.

Upcoming meetings are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February- venues and times vary therefore contact me for further details or find us on Facebook.

*Katie Grist (Club Secretary).*

**News from Elsewhere**

**Holcombe Burnell Church, Longdown  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March , 7.30 p.m**

**Cosgraves and Banks  
An exciting folk/acoustic Duo**

Tickets 7.50 from  
Jane: 01392 811246 and Sue : 01392 811816  
(A Villages in Action event)

**National Garden Scheme (caring charities)  
Crocus and Cream Teas event in March in East  
Worlington.**

The garden is open on  
Sunday 5th and 12th March from 1.30-5.00.

*We are one of the first NGS gardens to be open so please  
dress up warmly!*

**East Worlinton House. East Worlington,  
Lapford, EX17 4TS**

Fantastic Teas in Grade 2 Parish Hall next door.

Plants for sale.

Dogs welcome on leads.

All details on the NGS website.

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**