

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

April 2022



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Young Farmers: Georgina Bowden - 07713 164553

Walking Group: Dennis Milton - 01647 272844 and Jon Whitehead - 01647 281454

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Welcome to the Newsletter

Easter Edition

Hello all. I hope you're enjoying the sunshine we've been having. Getting some gardening done and hanging the washing outside is an absolute joy for me, especially as I have been banned from using the tumble dryer!

I'm really enjoying the flowers that have been popping up in recent weeks. I am hoping to get to the Spring Show on Saturday 2nd April to see what our villagers have been growing and cultivating. The Energy Saving talk on the 6th April is also in the Village Hall, so I'll be back there again to get some desperately needed information on how to save energy (and money). I am already resigned to the fact that I won't be allowed to use the tumble dryer ever again.

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to our new Parish Councillor, Peter O'Neill, and to say a big thank you to all the Councillors and other volunteers in the village that help our lives run smoothly. We can all do our part on Saturday 9th April by getting our gloves and boots on, grabbing a bin liner and some gardening tools, and going down to the Stone Cross for the Village Spring Clean. I've missed the last couple of these, so I will definitely be there this time. Even if you can't make it to the official 'tidy up', we can all do our bit by making sure there's no rubbish or weeds near and around our own homes. It all helps to make our village look and feel like it is loved and cared for.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely Easter. Not everyone gets Good Friday and Easter Monday off work, so make sure you treat yourselves to a Creme Egg or two if you've got to work through the holiday. Parenting definitely does count as 'work' in this instance, even if your children are adults!

Lucy x



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Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group - Fridays, 9am - 11am, School Hall. Find us on FaceBook

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club

The first Tuesday of each month at The Red Lion. Contact: Jean Martin 01647 24586

Cubs (8 - 10 yrs) - Thursdays (term time only). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

Cuppa and a Chat at Spalding Hall - Every third Monday in the month, 2pm - 4pm

Contact: Paul Mitchell 01647 24405 or Jean Martin 01647 24586

Quiz at The Old Thatch Inn - Every third Sunday in the month at 7.30pm.

Contact: 01647 24204

Gardening Club - Every third Monday evening in the month (Autumn & Winter)

Contact: Janet Jeffery - 01647 24414

Live & Kicking in the Village

Every first Tuesday evening in the month at The Old Thatch Inn. Contact: 01647 24204

Parish Council

Every second Monday evening in the month. Contact: Rachel Hodder - 01363 85523

Pilates - Thursday morning, 8.55am (term time). Contact: Adele - 07976 427941

Pre-School - Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3.15pm, Contact: Christine Grist - 01647 281205

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Contact: David Tripp - 01647 24582

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Monthly Walking Group - For daytime walks see the CB Walking Group FaceBook page

Contact: Dennis Milton - 01647 272844 or Jon Whitehead - 01647 281454

West Country Embroiderers - Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Contact: Elaine Clark - elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk Website: wcecheritonbishop

West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Every Monday evening from October to May. Contact: Derek Coren - 01647 24264

Young Farmers

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening in the month. Contact: Georgina Bowden - 07713 164553

Keep Me Updated

Please email cheritonnews@gmail.com if you need to add a fixture, or update / delete details and information on an existing fixture in this section. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

April 2022

2nd	Spring Show	CB Village Hall	2.30pm
4th	Acorn Minibus trip to Sainsbury's		(see page 9)
5th	West Country Embroiderers	CB Village Hall	10am - 4pm
5th	Acorn Lunch	Red Lion, TSM	12.30pm
5th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch	7pm
6th	Energy Saving Talk	CB Village Hall	7pm
9th	Village 'Spring Tidy Up'	Stone Cross	from 9.30am
10th	Palm Sunday		
11th	CB Parish Council Meeting	CB Village Hall	7pm
14th	Easter Bingo! Young Farmers	CB Village Hall	from 7pm
15th	Good Friday		
18th	Cuppa & a Chat	Spalding Hall	2-4pm
20th	Men's Shed (see page 6)		9.30am - 1.30pm
20th	Newsletter deadline for articles and information		
26th	Village Hall Committee AGM	CB Village Hall	7.30pm

Mobile Library

Tuesday 5th April 2022

Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Drewsteignton	Square	12:10	12:30
Clifford Bridge	Clifford Bridge	13:30	13:50
Crockernwell	Stanbury's Orchard	14:10	14:40
Cheriton Bishop	Glebelands	14:50	15:45

Future visits, 2022: 3rd & 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 23rd August, 20th September, 15th November, 13th December

Disclaimer: Due to operational circumstances, the mobile library may need to be off the road and unable to visit on some dates. Details will be publicised closer to the time.

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What's On?

Gardening Club

Spring Show

**Saturday 2nd April, from 2.30pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**



If you are new to the village why not come along to see the Spring Show? There will be refreshments served in the Village Hall so even if you are not a competitor come and see what other people have produced and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

The Village Hall is open from 2.30 – 4pm, and we hope people will want to come and have a cup of tea and piece of cake while enjoying the scent and sight of some beautiful daffodils and other spring flowers.

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

West Country Embroiderer, Textiles & Mixed Media

'Magic Roundabout'

Tuesday April 5th, 10am - 4pm, CB Village Hall

With Janet, Jenny, Elaine, Elizabeth & Mary

Colour palettes, backgrounds, dyes, acrylics, crayons, stencils, wax block printing, and the list goes on. Today we harness our members' experience to share their skills and tips when applying colour and design to fabric. It may be a 'Blue Peter' experience but time to throw caution to the wind and play with colour and fabric.

We will also have a table devoted to the 'Linus' charity where members will assemble quilts for the neo-natal units. The old expression, many hands make light work should enable us to bring a little joy to a new parent when they receive a small quilt.

Become a Member of the Club

Annual membership is just £25 and new members are always welcome; you do not have to be an accomplished crafter, just bring enthusiasm and have a go. Contact me on the email address below if you have any questions.

Elaine Clarke, elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk, 01647 24218

Acorn Lunch

**Tuesday 5th April,
12.30pm, The Red Lion,
Tedburn St Mary**

Menu

1. Lasagne & Garlic Bread
2. Fish Chips & Peas
3. Vegetable Tikka & Naan Bread
4. Trifle
5. Apple Crumble & Custard
6. Ice Cream

£9 per person,
£10 with tea or coffee

Please call Jean on **01647 24586** to book your place (including transport, if required) and to give her the numbers of your menu choices *before 2nd April*.

Open Mic Night

Live Music
in the village



**Tuesday 5th April,
The Old Thatch Inn**

Open Mic night runs on the first Tuesday of each month. If you want to find out what it's all about, join us at the next Open Mic – see you there.

Steve Colderick

What's On?

Energy Saving Talk

With Tara Bowers

**Wednesday 6th April, 7pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Come to this village talk to hear an energy expert, Tara Bowers of ECOE, explain heat pumps and other ways to save on home energy use and heating bills. There will be refreshments.

Village Tidy Up

**Saturday 9th April, from 9.30am,
The Stone Cross**

The Cheriton Bishop Village Spring Tidy Up is due to take place this month. Please bring tools and let us have any suggestions for areas of particular attention.

Please take all safety measures to protect yourself and other people who have come along for the tidy up.

For more information, please contact:

Tim Vooght on **01647 24593** or
Peter Endacott on **01647 24580**

Refreshments from 'Milk on the Moove'



**Thursday 14th April, 7pm for eyes
down at 7.30pm, CB Village Hall**

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC presents
'Easter Bingo' - £1 per book

In aid of **Exeter Leukaemia Fund**
Registered Charity: 1154727

cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com

Cuppa and a Chat

Mon 18th April, 2pm - 4pm, Spalding Hall

Everyone welcome; coffee, tea, soft drinks, biscuits and sometimes cake. No charge but small donations are always welcome to help with the costs.

If you'd like to, please bring something of interest that we could talk about!

Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405



Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

This year has started off with three great walks, well attended and in good weather!

It is very pleasing to see new faces and some old faces joining us again.

As the clocks are about to change, our ever popular evening walks will start again in April, so check your emails or the FaceBook

pages for details. If you do not receive the messages that you expect, please check your spam folder! As always anyone is welcome, as are suggestions for new walks.

See you soon.

Jon & Dennis



What's On?

Men's Shed (more info on pg 11)

Wednesday 20th April, 9:30am to 1:30pm

Coffee and tea will be available – bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay for chat at the end. Transport is available if required (email below). There is a £15 joining fee, and a session fee of £4 for each session. You are welcome to attend two 'taster sessions' at £4 each, before committing to joining. If you want to come along just for coffee or tea, and see what's going on, that's also fine – no charge!

To **register an interest** or to arrange transport, please email tvmensshed@gmail.com

Village Hall Committee AGM

Tuesday 26th April, 7.30pm, CB Village Hall

Under the constitution anybody who is over 18yrs old and either lives in the vicinity or uses the hall is eligible to attend the AGM and vote on any resolutions. The AGM is preceded by a meeting of the Trustees at 7pm.

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

Gardening Club: Future Events

On **Saturday 21st May** we shall be holding a Cream Tea afternoon and mini-show in the Spalding Hall. We shall also be selling the plugs to be grown-on for the special class in the Village Show. We have chosen fuchsias for the challenge and ordered 20 plugs to be sold on at near cost to the first eager competitors.

The Village Show is booked for **Saturday 13th August** also in the Village Hall. This show is open so everybody who either lives within a four-mile radius of the church or is a member of the Gardening Club is welcome to enter. As well as flowers, vegetables and fruit, there are also classes for cooking, floral art, handicrafts,

Sculpture Exhibition

Stone Lane Gardens

Stone Lane Gardens are opening their doors once again to up and coming artists as part of their annual Ashburner prize. Sir Tim Smit, a founder of the internationally recognised innovative Eden Project, will open the exhibition to the public in July.

RHS partner garden Stone Lane shares The Eden Project's ethos of preservation and cultivation. As well as being a beautiful sanctuary, the gardens are of particular scientific value with over 69 different types of birch trees.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of an annual exhibition at Stone Lane Gardens. The Ashburner Prize builds on the legacy of founders, June and Kenneth Ashburner. All works within the exhibition will be open to sale and the winner of the Ashburner Prize will be awarded £1000 prize money.

Anna Imrie

photography and painting, and a large selection of classes for children. We are liaising with the school to have a special potato growing class and will be supplying potatoes and instructions after Easter.

After the Spring show we shall be updating the schedule and putting it on the Village website and FaceBook page so that everybody can start their handicrafts, paintings etc ready to enter.

We are planning a return to our annual dinner on the **second Saturday of November**, full details to come later so keep the date free!

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

Letters to the Editor

Parish Council: Planning Applications

How does the Parish Council decide whether to support or object to a planning application?

When the Parish Council is asked by MDDC to comment on planning applications, it can only comment on material considerations. There is little point in commenting on things other than material considerations, as these will not be taken into account by MDDC in their decision-making process (the same applies for comments about planning applications made by the general public).

Material Considerations

- Local, Strategic and National planning policy
- Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Relevant case law
- Previous planning decisions & appeals on the site
- Traffic generation from the proposal and the access to the site
- Noise and disturbance as a result of the development (when completed more than during construction)
- Landscaping required/proposed as part of the development
- Impact on biodiversity including habitat and protected species
- Loss of trees on site or impact on trees with Tree Preservation Orders
- Flood risk
- Hazardous materials/ground contamination
- Impact of development on setting of a listed building
- Impact on conservation areas
- Impact of visual amenity of an area/street scene
- Archaeological impacts
- Overlooking and loss of privacy
- Loss of light (significant) or overshadowing resulting from proposed development
- Parking
- Design and appearance of proposed development
- Layout and density of building/development proposed

Examples of things that are not material considerations

- Loss of value of neighbouring properties
- Loss of view
- Competition
- Disputes between neighbours (land ownership, access rights etc.)
- Personal morals or views on an application
- Applicant's motives
- Issues covered by other legislation
- Fence/boundary lines
- Restrictive covenants

Not all planning applications can consider ALL material considerations. For example, an outline application won't consider reserved matters like the appearance of a building as there will be no designs for that at this stage.

Parish Councils can request that their MDDC ward member call in contentious planning applications to the Planning Committee for determination.

The planning authority applies the Planning Balance. (The process of 'weighing up' the relevant factors is often described as the 'planning balance'.) The planning authority must exercise its judgement and consider many (sometimes) conflicting issues to decide whether planning permission should be granted. They must consider the question *is the public benefit outweighed by any harm caused by the development?*

The final decision lies with the planning authority who may or may not heed the Parish Council's comments (the same goes for public and consultee comments).

Emma Benjamin

Cheriton Bishop Parish Councillor
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Neighbourhood Watch

The New Normal

Well it looks like we are now learning our new normal. It may be sensible to continue to wear masks where there are large numbers of people gathered and in enclosed areas. Safety measures include hand washing, sanitising and maintaining distancing.

The new normal is all part of getting on with our lives but being careful at the same time. Follow Government guidance at all times.

Donate Ukraine

Scammers are about! Remember If you want to help the people of Ukraine, then donate wisely and do the research so that you give without being scammed.

Fraudsters are working hard at this very difficult time on how to take advantage of the situation and encourage people to part with their money and personal details when we all want to help the Ukrainian people. Be wary of cold callers, texts and links that pop up or appear when downloading attachments. If you receive a phone call put the receiver down and if it's a text message forward it on to 7726. Also be wary of fundraising pages on platforms. If you have been scammed or think you have contact your bank immediately.

Highway Code

The Highway Code has been updated and now includes three new rules about the priority or hierarchy of road users. Guidance is for all but especially to walkers, cyclists, horse riders and driving horse drawn vehicles. It covers the safe way to open vehicle doors from the inside by using the hand furthest from the handle of the door - this encourages you to look over your shoulder to check if there is a cyclist, vehicle or pedestrian close by. Charging electric cars is also covered in the update.

Heating Oil

Heating oil is used by a great many who live in the countryside. Due to the very high price of this at the moment, there is a great rise in the stealing of the oil from tanks on properties. Often the valve is left open so any oil left in the tank discharges onto the ground causing an environment issue

for the owner. Tanks are not very attractive and therefore they are often screened or hidden away somewhere which provide thieves with a perfect place to operate at.

Tanks can be locked, alarms fitted, warnings on mobile phones installed as well as movement sensors or flood lighting. It is always worth checking your tank storage monitor regularly, just in case there has been a visit during the night.

Livestock Worrying

This problem increases at this time of the year as the weather improves and more people go walking in the countryside. Dogs must be on leads where livestock is present. Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and can be devastating on livestock, farmers and in certain circumstances, for the dog and its owner.

Do enjoy the countryside and when walking on designated access land, dogs must be on a lead between 1st March and 31st July and at all times when livestock is around.

Burglary

Neighbourhood Watch has been trying to help us all feel safer at home by running a 'prevention' campaign. There are five major ways we can all help to reduce burglary to our property and these are: Windows - keep these locked. Interior - put inside lights on timers or use smart bulbs. Doors - double or deadlock. Exterior - put outside lights on a sensor. Neighbours - keep an eye out.

Constables

Devon & Cornwall Police are recruiting Special Constables. These are volunteer appointments, and will mean that we may see an increase in visiting police to our neck of the woods. It could be said that we have so few visits as this is a rather safe area to live, but, things do happen here from time to time and therefore:

Always be observant & vigilant and keep your eyes open when out and about.

Keep well and safe everyone.

Contacts

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

Police: **101** or **999** for an emergency

Update from Acorn



“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” William Shakespeare

Spring is definitely here in Sunny Devon.

So sad to think that we have so much conflict in the world. Our hearts and hopes for resolution are with those at war.

On the home front there have been plenty of activities to keep our lovely clients busy. Due to the Easter Weekend, there are some activities that will be cancelled on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Normal service will be resumed on Tuesday 19th April. We would like to wish everyone in the community a lovely time over this holiday.

The next meeting of the Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club, at The Red Lion in Tedburn St Mary is 5th April 2022. Always room and a big warm welcome for a few more so if you are interested then please do contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book (a couple of days in advance please.)

Shopping at Sainsbury's

Monday 4th April, Cheriton Bishop
Friday 1st & 29th April, Teign Valley

We run a minibus from Cheriton Bishop once a fortnight on a Monday and there is plenty of room for more eager Acorn shoppers. This month it is only Monday 4th April 2022 (No shopping on Easter Monday).

Minibus Outings

Date (to be confirmed), Cheriton Bishop

This outing will be to Exeter Cathedral for a ground floor guided tour.

Monday 4th April, Teign Valley

Venue to be announced

Tuesday Events

Lunch Clubs: 5th April & 19th April

Our very popular Lunch Clubs are at different venues each time.

Coffee Mornings: 12th & 26th April, Teign Valley Community Hall

Activities such as Bingo, Quizzes and much more with plenty of chatter to go with your coffee and cake!

Please contact the office if you would like to book onto any of these activities.

Memory Lane Café

Thursday 14th & Thursday 28th April

Our Memory Lane Café runs on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month. Please contact the office if you know of someone who would benefit. We have a great time.

Acorn Jubilee Trifle

Copies of the Acorn Entry for the *Platinum Pudding Competition* have been placed in the shops at Cheriton Bishop, Dunsford and Christow. If you want a copy of this pudding concocted by one of our wonderful volunteers and tested by as many people as could get their hands on it, then please go into the shops and ask for a copy at the checkout. It's delicious!

Safety Measures

We are still requesting EVERYONE, whilst inside (buildings or transport vehicles), wears a face mask and observes safe hand sanitising practices. We would also ask that everyone takes a lateral flow test on the morning of any Acorn activity. Acorn can supply these tests if you are unable to source them. We want you all to have fun and keep safe!

If you would like to book a seat on the minibus for any of our trips or coffee mornings, then please contact Mandy or Fran at the Office on **01647 252701**

Acorn continues with all its usual services so please do call us and if you just want a chat then you know where we are.

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

Earth Corner

Can Heat Pumps Beat Fuel Prices?

This sounds like magic to me – or is it a con? Heat pumps are supposed to move heat from the surrounding air or ground into your home. (What heat? At this time of year?) The Energy Saving Trust says ‘the quantity of heat delivered into your home is much greater than the quantity of electricity used to power the system’.

That’s two unlikely statements. I did some investigation. But it turns out our cat knew all about it. She often used to sleep on top of the fridge, because it was warm. In the end we covered it with a blanket, reminding us that anything else put there would collect a sprinkling of cat hair.

Apparently heat pumps are like a fridge in reverse. The warm place is in our homes, the place that gets marginally cooler is the great outdoors. Even in winter! Residual heat can be collected by turning a liquid into a gas, the gas is pressurised so it gets hotter, moved inside and then released, giving up its energy into air or water. The heat is low grade, so you need insulation to let it build up. (Insulation is the most cost-effective way to cut bills.)

Have I got that garbled? You may find a better explanation on the Energy Saving Trust website.

There are Two Points to Consider:

First, it uses electricity, like a fridge, but doesn’t burn anything, so no CO₂ created to add to heating the planet, except what makes the electricity in the first place. (NB you can go on a renewable electricity tariff without forking out much extra if at all).

Second, it’s efficient and so compared to having an oil or LPG boiler, it cuts ongoing bills. The heat comes from outside, the electricity is only for moving it, so you get around 3 units of heat for 1 unit of electricity.

The Catch?

It costs. An air-to-water heat pump typically costs between £9,000 and £11,000, according to the Energy Saving Trust, plus some thousands to alter your radiators or put heating under the floor if you do it that way. Or you can use existing radiators with a hotter, less efficient heat pump system.

Obviously quotes will vary hugely depending on house size and many other things. Some financial help is available. From April 2022, UK households will be able to apply for a £5,000 grant to swap their oil or gas boiler for a low-carbon air-source heat pump (or £6,000 for a ground source heat pump).

Friends in Crockernwell recently installed an air source heat pump which serves two families (replacing solid fuel). Monthly bills haven’t fallen (if they haven’t risen, that’s a miracle!), but the house is warm and cosy and it saves a lot of work. The cost, at £21,000, was higher since their system involved new radiators and incorporates solar hot water heating, but was partly balanced by government financial incentives, the now defunct RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive). Previously, in a new house, they had installed a ground source system using a 100 ft hole outside (though if you have land or a big garden, a horizontal pipe system is easier), and this worked well as they could incorporate under floor heating.

Go to the Village Meeting

For more information you can consult the consumer website which.co.uk, and/or turn up at the Village Hall on 6th April 7pm to hear an energy expert Tara Bowers of ECOE explain heat pumps and many other ways to save on home energy use and heating bills. There will be refreshments.

Gill Westcott

In the Garden

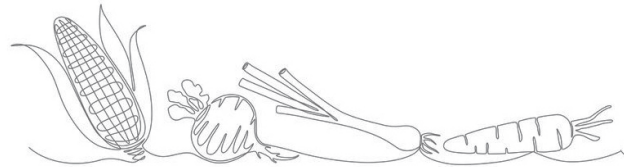
We're Going Green!

Green leaves will be appearing everywhere, changing the landscape from bare browns to lush green in a matter of weeks. Tulips bloom in April, filling gardens with bright and elegant flowers. Enjoy them whilst they are at their best and if you need to move them as they finish flowering, lift them leaves and all. Remove seed heads but let the leaves dry out on the bulb and then store in a cool, dry place.

Hostas will be emerging and now is the ideal time to divide them. Dig up the whole plant and then chop it into segments, which can be replanted or potted up.

Early flowering shrubs like Forsythia and Chaenomeles can be pruned now to encourage compact flowering next year. Silver leaved shrubs can be cut back now too to keep them fresh and compact. Wait until the soil feels warm, but there are lots of seeds which can be sown outside in April.

Prepare a smooth, weed free seed bed and keep the seedlings watered until they get established.



In the vegetable garden, lettuce, peas, broad beans, leeks and beetroot can all be sown. Maincrop potatoes can go in trenches now, sprouts facing up, and well covered with good soil. Towards the end of the month, sweetcorn and courgettes seeds can be started in pots. These are better left later so that they don't get weedy and drawn before it is warm enough to plant them out.

Enjoy the energy of the garden in April!

Sally Rix

Men's Shed: Starting This Month

Thanks to the generosity of Embercombe in making a workshop space available, funding (see details below) and the generous time and skills of a number of volunteers in helping to set things up. Details on page 6.

What would I be coming along to?

'Sheds' are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills - and for a bit of banter over a cup of coffee or tea. The initial focus will be on woodwork, but this could broaden depending on the available skills. This might include:

- improving our workshop
- small-scale set projects with the potential income generation to cover running costs
- undertake individual projects

Later in the year we hope to introduce a regular programme of visiting speakers who can share skills and interests. For further details or to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email tvmensshed@gmail.com

If you have some unwanted tools (in good condition!), or good quality, wood that we could use - then please also contact us and we'll arrange for someone to call and see if we could take them off your hands!

The Teign Valley Men's Shed has received funding from the Lottery Fund, the Devon Communities Fund and the Mid-Devon Healthcare Trust.

Steve Cook

Church Administrator

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

Health & Lifestyle

Gratitude and Peace

I'd like to share some information on a practice that specifically involves sitting quietly in contemplation and practicing deep breathing, peacefulness and gratitude. It feels pertinent now more than ever to feel grateful for what we have.

Gratitude to me is about feeling thanks through our whole body as if we had just received the greatest unexpected gift. The subject of gratefulness doesn't have to be lofty or complicated, for example the other day I had a deep well of gratitude for the warm water in my shower!

I truly believe that no matter how dire the situation, we can all find at least one thing per day that we can be truly, unconditionally grateful for, despite maybe experiencing many other difficulties at the same time.

The importance of doing this cannot be over exaggerated during fearful and stressful times. With quiet practice of peace and gratitude, you can rewire your brain and nervous system. When you take the time to feel peaceful and grateful, you move your

thoughts and emotions, from stress (fight, flight) to growth (rest, digest). This is a huge chemical change in your body which if practiced over time can result in better sleep, better concentration, increased mood and many others, but to be honest as far as I'm concerned, it just feels 'right'!

I would also like to mention the importance of repetition, as biological law suggests, 'nerves that fire together, wire together'.

This is a fancy way of saying the more you do something, the easier and more automatic it becomes; remember learning to drive your car or ride your bike? Tough and strange at first, but after some practice it can become 99% automatic.

Imagine what a difference that might make in your life now and in the future if a grateful mindset became your automatic default mindset.

With love and appreciation!

Joe Arnold, Dartmoor Chiropractic
dartmoorchiropractic@gmail.com

Situations Vacant

Qualified Dispenser

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice are looking to recruit a Qualified Dispenser. Must have at least 1 years dispensing experience and minimum Level 2 Dispensing Certificate qualification.

Please send CV and application letter to: Julia Mercer, Practice Manager, Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice, Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, Exeter EX6 6JA. Tel: **01646 24272** Email: juliamercer@nhs.net

Closing Date: Friday 22 April 2022



Message from St. Mary's

Hope Restored

April is a time when we probably see the most amount of change, the days get longer, it is now British Summer Time and there is much more light in the evenings to go out and do activities after school or work.

There are signs of warmth from the sun that promise hotter days. Assuming it is actually warmer, then the trees and plants really start to grow and put out new growth and life. Hopefully, winter is becoming a distant memory and we look forward to Spring and Summer. Although we can still suffer really cold periods in April!

Not only are we looking forward to better weather, but we are also looking forward to better times. The hope is that in Spring and Summer the Covid 19 threat will be substantially reduced and life might return to something near the pre-pandemic levels.

Hope is really important, it can lift our spirits in difficult times. It can encourage us to keep trying and keep going when we might normally give up. Hope looks for real and positive change. The counterbalance to this is hopelessness when life looks like it might never get better and there is no end in sight.

The cost of living crisis and rising energy prices are casting a real shadow over any hope that we might have.

There is a parallel conflict in the Easter story. The followers of Jesus were hoping and looking forward to a brighter better future.

It all unravels when Jesus visits Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus is betrayed by his friend Judas. Unjustly, he is condemned to death on Good Friday. As we recall Jesus' death on Good Friday and him lying dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday, the shadow of death had been cast over Jesus and there was a sense of desolation. There is also a clear sense of darkness and injustice overcoming goodness and a sense of hopelessness. Easter Sunday,

17th April, recalls how the women find the tomb empty and Jesus appears to Mary and the disciples. He is not dead but alive.

The shadow of death and the sense of evil overcoming good is replaced with the promise of new life and hope.

Jesus becomes the first person to show life after death and he promises an eternal destiny beyond the grave that many people call heaven. It also gives hope to people as loved ones die, whereas on Easter Saturday all appears to be hopeless.

Easter is also about a renewed and restored relationship with God where our shortcomings and failures are wiped clean.

It brings about the possibility of a little heaven here and now. Jesus taught us to pray 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven....' It is a wonderful thing to see how God can change our situation and relationships if we allow Him to guide us.

We can bring about changes in our everyday relationships through love and forgiveness which mirror the way God treats us.

Rev. Martin Wood

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop
01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)
revwood163@gmail.com

Services at St Mary's

St Mary's, Cheriton Bishop & North Kenn Mission Community Churches

Sunday 3rd April: Lent 5

9.30am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 10th April: Palm Sunday

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn Methodists	Informal Worship	S Jones
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	

Monday 11th April: Holy Monday

8pm	Holcombe Burnell	Compline	Revd Martin Wood
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Tuesday 12th April: Holy Tuesday

7pm	Zoom	Lent Course	Revd Martin Wood
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Wednesday 13th April: Holy Wednesday

8pm	Whitestone	Compline	Revd Martin Wood
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Thursday 14th April: Maunday Thursday

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
7.30pm	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

Friday 15th April: Good Friday

2pm	Whitestone	An hour at the cross	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
2pm	Cheriton Bishop	An hour at the cross	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 17th April: Easter

9.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
3pm	Oldridge	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 24th April: Easter 2

10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Team Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
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Thursday 28th April

10.30am	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Welcome to St Mary's

We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services.

Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during *highlighted* service times.



Happy Easter!

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The Open Plate Collections at St Mary's enabled us to send £600 to the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of the Ukraine, thank you for your generous donations.

Easter Services & Egg Hunt

The Easter Services are set out in the Newsletter and the Easter Day Service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to help with decorating the church for Easter please contact Juliet on **01647 24415**.

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Sat 7th May, Spalding Hall & Churchyard



We rely on donated plants so we would be most grateful if you would please take extra cuttings, sow a few extra seeds and make some extra pot-ups to share on the day.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

We were thrilled to welcome Evelyn into our Church Family at her Christening in March. Revd. Lewis Eden conducted the service.

We looked at the parable of the Mustard Seed and enjoyed many seed and bird related crafts with Lewis explaining the parable and the children acting out being tiny seeds growing into big trees.

Café Company: Mondays, 10am till 11am

Community Lunch: Monday 4th, 12.30pm

Family Service: 10th April, with the

children acting Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem, because the Holy Communion Service will be on Easter Sunday.

May I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Services for April

Family Service on Palm Sunday:

Sunday 10th April, at 11.30am

Holy communion on Easter Sunday:

Sunday 17th April, at 9.30am

West Down Evangelical Chapel

Yeoford Road,
Cheriton Bishop,
EX6 6HG

01647 24264 or **01647 24660**

Face Masks are optional, but consideration when in close contact with other people is requested.

Should you require any further information please contact one of the telephone numbers listed.

Communion Services

Sunday 3rd, 11am: with Mr Reg Cade

Sunday 10th, 11am: with Mr John Allan

Easter Sunday 17th, 11am: Sermon from the internet

3.00pm: Family Service with Mr Denis Hayes

Sunday 24th, 11am: with Mr Samuel Oliver

Friends & Neighbours Meeting

Thursday 21st, 2-4pm: Bring your knitting, sewing etc, join in a table game or enjoy a chat and a cup of tea. All are welcome.

CB Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2022

Present: Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin (Chair), Cllr Edwards, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Letch (DCC)

In attendance: the Clerk and 4 members of the public

- 1. To co-opt a new Councillor:** It was resolved to co-opt Peter O'Neill (proposed Cllr Benjamin, seconded Cllr Edwards).
- 2. To elect a Vice Chair or Vice Chairs:** It was resolved to elect Cllr Ball as Vice Chair (proposed Cllr Edwards, seconded Cllr Benjamin)
- 3. To receive and accept apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Penny (MDDC)
- 4. To receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda:** Cllr Salmon declared a personal interest in Item 9 and did not take part in the discussion of that item.
- 5. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda:** Three members of the public informed councillors of their concern about the dreadful state of repair of Holwell Lane which is so damaged that it is a dangerous hazard to cars, pedestrians, cyclists and horses. The defects are not just potholes, they are 'trenches' along the side of the road. It was confirmed that the damage has been reported on the DCC website but that nothing has been done. The road has been in a very bad state for many years. Cllrs recommended that residents contact DCC direct about the issue. Cllr Letch will follow up and escalate. Cllrs and the Clerk will also contact DCC.
One member of the public (the applicant) provided information about Item 9.
- 6. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14th February 2022 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:** It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.
- 7. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors – for information only:** The Mid-Devon Covid infection rate has increased by 20% in the last 10 days. Cllr Coren has recently attended the DNPA Forum which covered the Glover Report on National Parks. The MDDC Environment Public Discussion Group has plans to reduce the Mid-Devon carbon footprint and trees are being planted on surplus Mid-Devon land which is not reserved for development. Cllr Coren explained his concerns about Planning Application 21/02539 upon which the PC commented at its February meeting.
- 8. To receive a report from Cllr Letch (DCC) – for information only:** Cllr Letch reported that he has led an assembly at Copplestone School on 'accepting differences' and 'feet first'. He hopes to lead a similar assembly at Cheriton Bishop School and is in touch with the Head. Cllr Letch ran through DCC's budgets for 2022/23. Full details are on DCC's website. Of particular note is that £22.9 million will be taken from the emergency reserve to support services. There is no real increase in the Highways budget but £1 million has been set aside for road drainage and the repair of potholes. The Locality Fund budget has been decreased to £8,000 per councillor.
- 9. MDDC planning application – to comment on the following application:**
Reference: 22/00378/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a workshop/store for agricultural tools/machinery
Location: Land at NGR 275626 95077 Wolfgar Farm
Applicant: Mr J Harper
The meeting was suspended to hear from the applicant and then resumed. It was resolved to support this application but suggest that consent be granted with a condition that measures to improve biodiversity and local wildlife habitat (eg bird boxes, bat boxes and planting) be undertaken to mitigate the effect of land being used for construction.
- 10. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decision – to note the following approvals with conditions as filed:**
Reference: 21/02038/FULL
Proposal: Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling
Location: Red Ridges Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr D Trescher
- 11. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note that an appeal has been made against refusal of permission for the following application and to consider whether to comment further:**
Reference: 21/00082/PIT
Proposal: Outline for the erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved
Location: Land at NGR 277071 93208 (Adj Glenthorne Cheriton Bishop)
Applicant: Mr M Ayre
It was resolved not to make further comment as the Council's previous objection will be considered by the Planning Inspector.

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12. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note that MDDC has advised that planning approval is not required for the following developments:

Reference: 22/00058/PNAG

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 271960 92934 (Treable Farm) Hittisleigh

Applicant: Mr S Bowden

Reference: 22/00059/PNAG

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 271938 92988 (Treable Farm) Hittisleigh

Applicant: Mr S Bowden

- 13. Grass Cutting 2022 – to consider information and quotations received and agree associated actions:** It was resolved to accept the quotation for cutting the Village Green and verges received from Graham Dicker, which offers the best overall value. There will be 12 cuts a year and the mowings on the football pitch at the Village Green will be collected. Clerk to action.
- 14. Defibrillators – to consider acquiring an additional defibrillator for the Parish and agree associated actions:** After discussion of three quotations, it was agreed that a Zoll AED 3 defibrillator (which is the same as the existing defibrillator in the Parish) is the best option. The cost will be around £2170 including accessories, cabinet, training and installation. It was resolved to purchase the defibrillator when grant funding has been finalised. (An application to the National Lottery has been submitted).
- 15. Platinum Jubilee – to receive an update on plans for the parish and agree associated actions:** Cllr Benjamin explained that a timetable for a variety of events is coming together, with something planned for all 4 days. The PC has funding available to contribute to costs. The PC will not be planting any trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative but it was noted that free trees are available from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Benjamin will inform the School and the Church of this opportunity.
- 16. MDDC 20 mph Community Self-Assessment Form – to consider completion and submission of the form for Cheriton Bishop and agree associated actions:** It was resolved that Cllr O'Neill will complete and submit the form on behalf of the Council. It will be requested that the existing 20 mph area be extended to where Church Lane meets the C50, the Yeoford road from the C50 to the existing 30 mph limit and to Fairview on Holwell Lane.
- 17. Review of Council Documents:** The Statement of Internal Control, Privacy Policy, Model Publication Scheme and Freedom of Information Statement were reviewed and approved. Cllr O'Neill suggested that the PC could publish a simple strategy document. All agreed this was a good idea. To go on a future agenda.
- 18. Planning Information on Social Media – to consider what planning information the PC should put on social media:** After discussion it was resolved that it would be helpful to put information on the PC FaceBook Noticeboard about what Councillors can and cannot take into account when consulted on planning applications. Cllr Benjamin to action.
- 19. Plan Mid Devon 2023-43 – to discuss MDDC's consultation on Plan Mid Devon 2023-43 and consider how to comment:** It was resolved that Cllrs Benjamin, Salmon and O'Neill will form a working party to respond on behalf of the PC.
- 20. Compact Homes – to discuss the concept of Compact Homes in relation to the Parish and agree associated actions:** Cllrs agreed that Compact Homes in some form might be suitable for the parish and should be included in the comments made under Item 19 above.
- 21. Use of Green Lanes by recreational vehicles on Dartmoor – to consider a response to the Glover Landscapes Review:** It was resolved that the PC is against the use of green lanes by recreational vehicles on Dartmoor as they damage wildlife and habitat, result in costly repair works for the DNPA and are a nuisance to non-motorised users. Clerk to respond on behalf of the PC.
- 22. Climate Change - to receive an update:** Cllr Wood reported that the bulbs planted in the Autumn are now coming into flower and attracting insects.
- 23. Social Media – to receive an update:** Cllr Tomlinson reported that the PC FaceBook page has now been up and running for a year. She has surveyed users about what they want from the page and has also surveyed residents of Moor Park to find out more about their perceptions, bearing in mind that they live in the Teignbridge District Council area but Cheriton Bishop Parish Council facilities. Cllr Tomlinson will provide more information at future meetings. Cllr Benjamin encouraged councillors to post updates on the FaceBook Noticeboard.
- 24. Roads & Footpaths – to receive an update:** Nothing to report
- 25. Newsletter – to receive an update:** Nothing to report
- 26. Repairs & Maintenance – to receive an update:** Cllr Benjamin reported that the public noticeboard was damaged in recent storms. She is obtaining a quotation for repair.

CB Parish Council

27. Accounts & Budget – the following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary	February Salary	£305.08
HMRC	Salary	£17.00
Clarity (Inv. 291713)	Newsletter	£61.10
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall (Inv. 22/02/05)	Hall hire	£25.50
A Wood (refund for trees)	Biodiversity	£86.19
Visionict (email accounts) (Inv. 14380)	Websites & Email	£172.80
A Hodder (refund for salt/grit store)	New Assets	£367.95
Spalding Hall (Inv. 97607) (already paid)	Hall hire	£24.00
Spalding Hall (Inv. 97607) (already paid)	Newsletter	£96.00

28. To receive a report from the Chair (for information only): Cllr Benjamin has submitted a new application to the National Lottery for a grant towards additional equipment at Glebelands Play Area.

29. To receive reports from Councillors – for information only: Cllr Edwards reported that the Police Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator has resigned and that it has proved impossible to get the Cheriton Bishop Community Speedwatch up and running due to problems with bureaucracy, the time demanded from volunteers and training. Tedburn St Mary PC is in the same predicament. The PC will now concentrate on the joint purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. Cllr Letch confirmed that he has already asked for a SCARF assessment for this. Cllr Wood reported that the application for the use of S106/CIL monies for a new picnic bench at Glebelands Play Area has been submitted to MDDC. Cllr Westcott reported that the Energy Efficiency Session run by Exeter Community Energy will be held at the Village Hall at 7 pm on 6th April. The Community Land Trust will be holding its AGM in May and is looking for new members. Funding is now in place for a pilot Wildlife Warden Scheme for Mid Devon.

This was Cllr Wood's final PC meeting. All Councillors thanked her for her hard work and commitment to the Parish and the Parish Council over the last few years, noting the various projects she had pushed through. Councillors wished her well for the future.

30. Correspondence/Clerk's Report (for information only): Bunnyhomes were not after all able to attend the March PC meeting but are expected at the April meeting. In view of this the Annual Parish Meeting will be put back to May.

31. Dates of Next Meetings (all commencing at 7pm at the Spalding Hall unless otherwise mentioned): 11th April (at the Village Hall), 9th May (6.30pm Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall immediately followed by Council Meeting), 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

Cheriton Bishop Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May, 6.30pm, CB Village Hall

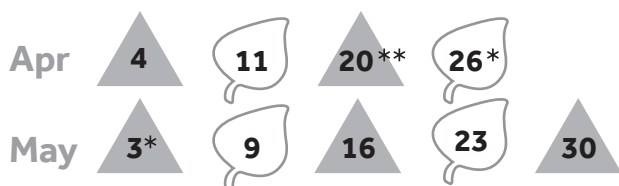
Is there an issue or activity in the parish that you would like to talk about or hear about? If so, please join this year's Annual Parish Meeting. Local groups are invited to join and speak for a

few minutes to update the community and talk about their plans. Join us if you can.

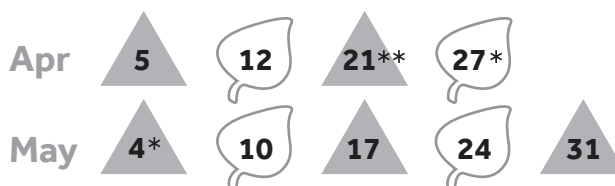
If you would like more information, please email Rachel Hodder, parish clerk at clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk or **01363 85523**

Waste Collection Calendar

Mondays



Tuesdays



▲ Food waste, recycling boxes (black & green) & black sacks. Every other week.

◻ Food waste and opt-in garden waste sacks / 'pay as you go' sacks. Every other week.

Bank Holidays: * Collection is 1 day late, ** Collection is 2 days late

Devon County Council

Councillor's Greeting

In these stormy times of dramatic weather, national and international politics on the boil, I thought it would be good to concentrate on things closer to home.

Two weeks ago I visited Coplestone primary school where I took the assembly for the whole school with parents and indeed grandparents. My theme was 'Accepting Difference', where I asked the children to think about how different we are and yet we have so much in common. I asked them to think about friendships and helping others. After the assembly the school was divided into two cohorts. To these children I gave my 'Feet First' talk where I showed the children how I cope with life. I show them how I write, peel a potato and slice it to make crisps, how I dress, eat and drive and answer any questions. I tried to show them that despite my lack of arms I do have hands even if they are at the end of my legs. Yes these are my 'hand-feet'. While I was at the school I touched briefly with the staff on special educational needs provision. I hope to go around all the schools in my division over the next month.

Still on the theme of education, at the recent Devon County Council meeting I had called for a report on elective home education (homeschooling as we know it). I am a little concerned at the lack of a rounded education. The report centres on children's physical and mental well-being and what help they can get from Devon County Council. I was also interested in examinations because, whether we like

it or not, they are often the gateway to a meaningful career. I would be very interested if any parents could give me feedback on what help they get from County and what they think they need. You can do this by e-mailing me at frank.letch@devon.gov.uk. All treated in confidence.

At the council meeting I was also able to present the petition I had received at a recent Crediton Hamlets meeting. It calls for County to seek funding for the commissioning and publishing of a feasibility study for the reinstatement of the second platform and improved access at Yeoford station. This would mean that local people in and around would be able to travel up to Okehampton and later beyond and would also guarantee a much more frequent service to Exeter.

I seem to spend a lot of my time e-mailing the highways officers because of the poor state of our roads. My latest request is for a SCARF enquiry to check speeds in Bow, Cheriton Bishop and Coplestone. With accurate data we should be able to install speed monitoring devices.

With the arrival of spring being almost imminent I hope to begin my monthly surgeries once again but I must warn you all that it will very much depend on the weather.

Keep safe!

Cllr Frank Letch MBE, Devon County Councillor
01363 775739, frank.letch@devon.gov.uk

Cheriton Bishop Village Website

For more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area, please visit our website: **www.cheritonbishop.org.uk**

If you have anything you would like to add to our website, (information, village life images etc.), please contact the newsletter or visit **[cheritonbishop.org.uk/contact/](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk/contact/)**

Please check out this link to a postcard collection of the village: **[cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/)**

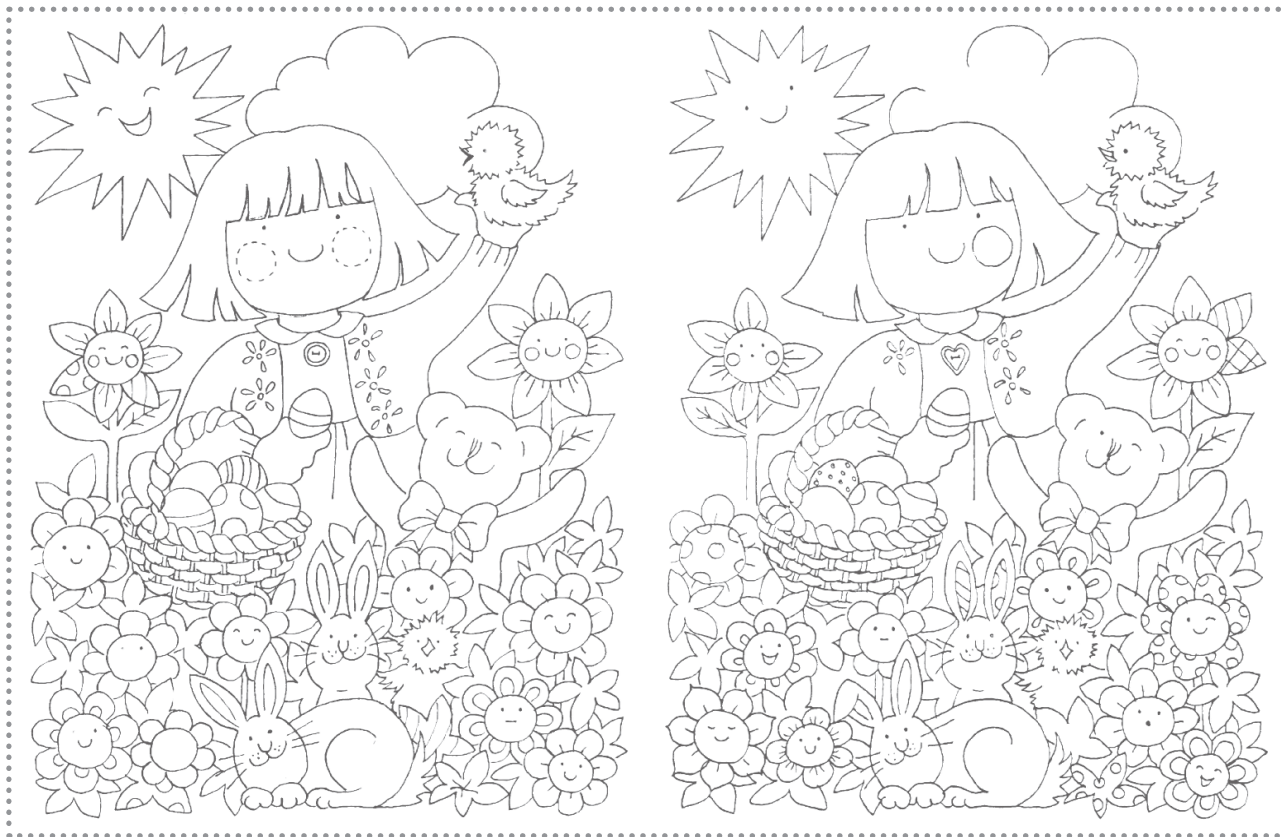
Cheriton Bishop Village FaceBook

The FaceBook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area.

It has been created to remind people of events that are taking place, clubs etc, somewhere to post photographs of the village, gardening, nature, if you need help that someone in the village maybe able to assist with, plants to swap or sell, pretty much anything really.

If you would like to be part of this, please send a request to: **www.FaceBook.com/groups/433590694063276**

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