

Useful Information

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

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IN EMERGENCY RING 999

MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Moretonhampstead Community Hospital, Ford Street, Moretonhampstead, open 7 days a week, 10 am – 6pm.

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Electricity 0800 365 900

Gas 0800 111 999

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Highways Agency 0845 955 6575

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csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

SCHOOL, PLAYGROUP & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Cheriton Bishop Primary School 24817

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Leyman

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Cheriton Bishop Playgroup

Play Leader: Christine Grist 281205

Young Farmers: Rachel Retter 07792 518439

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Cubs: Karen Morris 07969 093975

Scouts: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

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SPALDING HALL

Bookings: Les Gare 24639

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Derek Madge

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[Updated February 2013]

The News Letter, April 2013

Well what can I say? ... The Editor was of course responsible in the first place, but the proof-readers didn't spot it either! Neither did the printers OR the collators ... However, no sooner was the first March News-letter let loose on our bright-eyed parish readership, than I promptly received phone-calls from two helpful gentlemen, both kindly pointing out that March had somehow been leap-frogged this year and that what should have been the *March* magazine had "April" clearly proclaimed on its cover. Congratulations to Messrs Ritchie & Shepherd for spotting the first "April Fool" of the year. Oh dear, apologies all round!

Please be assured however, dear readers, that this is indeed the *real* April 2013 edition of the news-letter. If anyone happens to have a news-letter with "March 2013" on the cover they may well be in possession of a rare collector's item, likely to be worth huge amounts of money in the future.

So what's coming up this month?...

Much more exciting than the lottery!

Not only do you have the opportunity to steer the future of the parish, air your thoughts and feelings and say exactly what you would like to see happen, but you can also win one of a very pleasant selection of prizes by doing so.

See page 5 for why you might be watching your letterbox eagerly during the 3rd week of April. Statistics show that very few people fill out and return questionnaires of this sort and so the odds of winning a prize are *very high indeed!* But of course, everyone who enters is a winner in the end because the thoughts of local people really do have influence further up the line.

Take the Bus

This news-letter again keeps you up-to-date of the forthcoming changes to the bus time-table for the Western Greyhound buses. It's so much easier waiting for a bus when you know what time it is likely to arrive and yet previously it appears this bus company has expected us to deduct changes by telepathy. Many thanks to Brian B-E for taking the time and trouble to procure for us the imminent timetable (see pages 19 and 20).

And apparently this information in the news-letter has made a useful addition to the newly restored bus shelter at Crockernwell too (see page 6).

Strange Attire in the Parish Church

Whatever will the Churchwardens suggest we wear next in the Parish Church? All is revealed on page 9 with details of the important and varied happenings

coming up at St Mary's in the next month. Discover how you can have your say in how the church looks after its pennies, and most importantly, ascertain whether you are still eligible to take part in the Easter Egg hunt this year.

Double the pleasure

After a good many years of staging a very successful one day show in the Village Hall, the Cheriton Branch of the West Country Embroiderers are going for twice the impact this year, renaming their embroidery event and extending it over the whole of the weekend. All the details are on page 7 to pass on to your "crafty" friends, and expect the village to have a fair number of visitors from further a-field during those two days.

Converting a useful by-product into funds

If you can find a way of selling a waste-product you are no doubt onto a financial winner. On page 15 the YFC show how astute they are in doing just that, raising an extraordinary amount for charity. No doubt there are a lot of happy organic gardeners in the district as a result too!

Didn't they do well?

It's not only the YFC who are flexing their entrepreneurial muscles. This month we see a round-up of good results from two other events. On page 13 see what happened when over sixty singers got together in the Parish Church on a cold Saturday in early March, and see also the results of the Book Sale – this year "under new management".

However, success is not only measured in funds! A browse through this news-letter shows us what a thriving community Cheriton Bishop is – with each age group involved in something from the playgroup onwards and so many efforts to help ourselves, with two mentions of "spring cleans" (pages 4 & 9) and regular "cuppa and a chat" afternoons that have no other purpose than to be friendly (see page 18). Aren't we lucky!

With best wishes for May..err... I mean APRIL from Jenny and the team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE! Friday 19th April at 6PM.
Copy should be left in the newsletter box at South Orchard, Woodbrooke Rd, or sent by email (word .doc please) to: jennygrist@talktalk.net
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Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969	<i>every second Monday evening in the month</i>
Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	<i>every second Saturday in the month</i>
Playgroup Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays. All during term time only</i>
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Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
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Cubs Contact: Keith Chard 01392 811287	<i>every Thursday evening during term time</i>
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***Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.
Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what
goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?***

The Mobile Library

Crockernwell: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 15.05	Departs:	15.25
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Cheriton Bishop: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.35	Departs:	16.05
Hescane Park	16.10		16.40

[amended March 2013]

Don't forget at the end of March...

Saturday 30th

Easter Flower Arranging in the Parish Church, from 10.30 am onwards

Diary Dates for April

Monday 1 st	YFC Easter Egg Hunt	Fingle Bridge	10.30 am
Thursday 4 th	Easter Course	(Pathfinder Church)	7.30 pm
Monday 8 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 9 th	Annual Parish & Church Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Wednesday 10 th	Easter Course	(Longdown Hall)	7.30 pm
Sat/Sun 13 th /14 th	Textile Fiesta & Annual Exhibition	Village Hall	10.30 – 4 pm
Tuesday 16 th	Easter Course	(TSM Meth Hall)	7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 th	Acorn Lunch Club	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Friday 19 th	Church 'Special Meeting'	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 20 th	Spring-clean of the Church	Parish Church	9.30 am onwards
Monday 22 nd	A Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Wednesday 24 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 25 th	Easter Course	(Pathfinder Church)	7.30 pm
Sunday 28 th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch	7.30 pm onwards
Monday 29 th	Annual Parish Meeting		

Diary Dates for May

Wednesday 1 st	Easter Course	(Pathfinder Church)	7.30 pm
Tuesday 7 th	Easter Course	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 8 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 18 th May	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon

Forthcoming Events for 2013

Sunday 9 th June	The Fingle Dash	Fingle Bridge (reg. 9.30 am)
Saturday 22 nd June	Mid Summer Show	Village Hall
Monday 1 st July	Okehampton Community Choir	Parish Church
Friday 5 th July	YFC Charity Barn Dance	
Saturday 10 th August	Village Show	Village Hall
7-8 th , 13-15 th , 20-22 nd Sept	Open Studio weekends	Caribarn Studio
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn Studio
Saturday 12 th October	SCF Craft Fair	Village Hall
Saturday 19 th October	Choral Music Day	Parish Church

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

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: www.cheritonbishop.org.uk

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

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a meeting of the Council that took place on 11th March in the Spalding Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present at the meeting were Councillors: Tim Vooght (Chairman), Gill Westcott, Phil Dicker, Peter Endacott and Leigh Rix. Also District councillors Derek Coren and Peter Heal, and County Councillor Nick Way, and the clerk, Derek Madge. Apologies were received from Paul Mitchell and Jenny Grist.

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Dicker, personal interest agenda item 10, Crossways farm, and District Councillor Coren, personal interest agenda item 10, land at Medland Lane.

Councillor's reports: The Yeoford road sign has been repaired and also is on the list of items for replacement. The chairman was pleased to report the peacocks had been re-homed. Councillor Endacott reminded councillors about the spring clean on Saturday and asked them to encourage more volunteers to take part. A blocked drain at Crocky dip has been reported to highways. Councillor Coren reported traffic cones on the road from Argermay to Dabby Lane had mysteriously disappeared. He circulated details of the council tax charges for the coming year both County and District charges had been frozen. Councillor Heal reported the proposed CIL rate of £90 had not been approved by the Inspector, who had suggested it should be £40. Some District Councillors are challenging the increased parking charges proposed for some car parks in Crediton. Councillor Way reported D.C.C. has cut budgets to freeze tax but he is concerned that the highways budgets had been cut too much. He had toured the area with the highways engineer and looked at various items that had been raised by Councillors and the public. He was pleased to help the PTFA with £ 3,000 from his locality budget.

Clerk's report: There was a reply from Western Greyhound ref 510 and 599 services with details of the current timetables.

There has been an enquiry from Trand Limited with regard to affordable housing at Moor View. They would like to meet the Parish Council to discuss a planning application for the site. Agreed to invite them to the April meeting.

The Clerk mentioned that the notice board was becoming unstable and the chairman agreed he would take it down.

Planning applications:

13/00209/FULL Crossways Farm, Cheriton Bishop: erection of double garage workshop and office building.

- Council requests that a condition is attached to tie the building to the main residence, allowing it to only be used as a garage/workshop. If the Officer is minded to approve the application the Parish Council requests it goes to committee.

13/00296/FULL Land at (Oaklands Farm) Medland Lane, Cheriton Bishop: erection of agricultural building.

- Council objects to the application because the need for an agricultural building has not been proven and it is overdevelopment in the countryside.

Planning decisions by the District Planning Authority

12/01633/FULL Horselake Farm, Cheriton Bishop: Erection of a recreational building for holiday makers, formation of patio area, construction of access ramp. Approved.

12/01404/FULL Horselake Farm, Adjacent to Horselake Bungalow, Cheriton Bishop: Erection of two holiday units with associated parking area. Approved.

12/01647/FULL Partridge Farm, Cheriton Bishop: variation of condition 6 to allow additional use within class B1 confectionary manufacturing business. Approved.

12/01738/FULL Oak Cross House, Cheriton Bishop: conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation. Approved.

0029/13 Lower Eggbeer Farm, Cheriton Bishop: erection of agricultural building. Approved.

The next meeting will be Monday 8th April at 7.30 pm in the Spalding Hall.

District Councillor's comments

Throughout the ward pot-holes have been high on the list of requests. Many have been repaired but there is still a long way to go. Devon County Council is responsible for over 8000 miles of road and this is no small task as they cover the longest network of any county in England. Over the last two years throughout England and Wales Highway Authorities have repaired 4 million pot-holes that is 1 every 16 seconds!

Last year motorists claimed more than £22 million in compensation for damage to their vehicles caused by pot-holes etc. If you know of a pot-hole you feel is dangerous then please report it to Devon Highways by going online to csc.roads@devon.gov.uk or telephone 0845 155 1004. If you phone then please remember to ask for a log number.

We are grateful to Devon Highways for repainting the SLOW sign on Yeoford Road and replacing the 'Give Way' sign at Four Crossways on the Yeoford Road.

This winter there has been some very disturbing incidents involving carbon monoxide poisoning. There have been 5 incidents at least that I am aware of which have resulted in the deaths of 4 people. Carbon monoxide is an odourless gas which comes from burning oil, coal, wood or gas. Anyone using only electric heating will not have a problem. Most people have a smoke alarm fitted in their dwelling but that will not detect carbon monoxide. In order to detect carbon monoxide you need a carbon monoxide alarm and these can be purchased costing in the region of £16 to £28. A word of warning - If you already have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms fitted do ensure that the batteries in them are still working! All Mid Devon District Council houses are fitted with alarms.

Derek Coren - Councillor MDDC Yeo Ward

Your chances of winning a prize are better than winning the Lottery

The prizes are a Dinner for Two with a bottle of wine at The Old Thatch Inn, A full English Breakfast for two at the Woodleigh Coachhouse Café, and a £10 voucher to spend at Checkers Shop.

To enter you will need to return your Parish Plan Questionnaire in the envelope provided with the attached draw ticket; you retain the other half of the draw ticket. All will be revealed when the Questionnaire is delivered to your door during the week of Monday 15th April. Your household has four weeks to return the questionnaire to any one of the addresses below. Or if you would like it collected, please contact the telephone number below.

Parish Plans have the support of the government with each parish compiling their own questionnaire and format.

This questionnaire is your chance and that of your household, to put forward your ideas about how Cheriton Bishop Parish should develop in the future. You may answer all or only some of the questions, but the most important thing is to return the questionnaire. Could Cheriton Bishop Parishioners be the ones amongst all the parishes to return the highest percentage of questionnaires? Our neighbours in Crockernwell will also receive a copy as many use the facilities and services available in Cheriton Bishop Parish.

The questionnaire is anonymous; your name and address do not appear anywhere. So it is critical that you keep the other half of your draw ticket. The winning numbers will be displayed on the community noticeboard at the War Memorial, in Checkers, and in the Newsletter. Producing the winning ticket will be the only way to claim the prize!

The current steering committee reporting back to our Parish Council;

Gill Westcott, Dave Stickland, David Tripp, Brian Bryon-Edmond, John Scanes, Persis Bower

Please return the questionnaire in the envelope provided to either
Checkers, Woodleigh Coachhouse, or the Newsletter box at South Orchard.
Or ring Persis Bower 0164724303 if you wish it collected.

Crockernwell News from Drewsteignton Parish Council

Thanks to Tim Cox Services the Crockernwell bus shelter has now been repaired and reinforced, the cost to the Parish is £100 which is the excess on our insurance who met the rest of the cost. The reduction in Western Greyhound bus services to and from Exeter have been discussed at the Eastern Links meeting of Parish Councils, Mel Stride MP has been consulted and the latest news is some alterations will be made on 15th April 2013, which will hopefully bring some improvements. In the meantime the latest timetable can be downloaded from their website or can be viewed in the Crockernwell bus shelter at Stanbury's Orchard (thanks to the Cheriton Bishop magazine!).

The Clerk is keeping an up to date list of highways problems mainly of course potholes, which are passed to Devon CC for attention. We are at their mercy as to when the jobs are completed because of the funding situation. That being accepted we are looking at some works done for example where drains have been flushed out, debris has been pushed back to allow access to the drain and just left which means the next rain we get the drain will block again. It is this Council's view that if a job is to be done it should be done properly or don't waste our money in doing half a job.

We are still trying to get an answer relating to who is fly tipping along Harepath Straight and West Devon Borough Council have already cleared some of this rubbish.

The Council voted to support a planning application for a horse schooling area at North Down Crockernwell.

Mr Donald Falgate

I first became acquainted with Don about 25 years ago on a walk around the village. Thereafter I would often stop and talk to him if I saw him working in his garden at 'Waddington' in Church Lane. In very recent years, his health and weather permitting, he would occasionally visit me on a Sunday afternoon. We would talk about life in general, and the problems and troubles that are common to us all. I feel that two items of conversation are worth a mention.

Firstly, when the National Lottery started, I asked Don if he had bought a ticket and been lucky. He told me that he did not gamble, and so I assumed that he had some moral objection to this practice. However, he explained that during his RAF service in World War II he had seen many aircraft explode and disintegrate around him. "I came through the war without a scratch" he said, "and that's when I had ALL my luck. Since then I have had no wish to push it in any way shape or form".

Secondly, he told me that he read a part of the Bible every day, which he found comforting and sustaining.

I came to have tremendous respect and admiration for Don. He was awarded the DFC and this, for me, encapsulated his whole personality. He was always cool, calm, collected, and confident with a quiet assertiveness, inspirational, knowledgeable, courteous, modest and kind.

A real old fashioned English gentleman who, without doubt, was a natural leader.

I will miss him a great deal. I wish I was half the man!

Alan Chilcott
'Fairview' CB

Textile Fiesta & Annual Exhibition

The Cheriton Bishop Group of West Country Embroiderers will be holding their Annual Exhibition of Embroidery and Textiles at Cheriton Bishop village Hall in April.

This year the group is making a few changes, one of which being that the event is extended to take place over two days to provide more people with an opportunity to enjoy the event on either:

Saturday, April 13 or Sunday, April 14
from 10:30a.m.until 4.00p.m. on either of those days.

The second change is the title of the exhibition, which now projects the wider range of content that visitors will find in the exhibits produced by members, many of whom will be giving demonstrations over the weekend and providing members of the public with the opportunity to try various techniques for themselves.

The exhibition will once again include a wide variety of stallholders selling items of equipment associated with embroidery and textiles and, as usual there will be the ever popular wide range of light refreshments available throughout the two days.

The group members are well-known for their high standard of work and many have formed new and welcome friendship through meeting monthly. All those with an interest in embroidery or textiles are made welcome to those meetings and the exhibition provides visitors with the opportunity of discussing them with members; and perhaps being tempted to consider joining the group.

For further information on the group or the exhibition, please call Nicky Westlake on 01837 82517.

STOP PRESS : PLANT SALE CHANGE!!!

Apologies to all those who had some beautiful spring flowers to exhibit at the Spring Show but it was decided that there were not enough to make a magnificent display. Hopefully the Mid Summer Show to be held on Saturday 22nd June will happen. The schedule is available on the Village Web site. For those not connected, please ring Persis Bower 0164724303 for a paper copy.

The weather has not been kind to the gardener so it has been decided that

The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 18th May 10am to 12 noon

A week later than previously advertised

Full details will be posted on the Village web Site as soon as they are finalised and in the next newsletter

Persis Bower

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING

St. Mary's Church

Saturday 30th March 10.30am onwards

If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter, please do come along with your flowers (Easter colours please) and foliages. Containers and oasis will be provided.

But if you prefer doing your arrangement at home and bringing it along during the morning, you might like to have a cup of coffee at the same time. The prepared trays will be ready for collection from the church during the week prior to Easter.

Juliet Dymoke-Marr
(Tel: 24415)

St Mary's Cheriton Bishop

The Annual Parish Meeting and St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the **Spalding Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th April** and is open to all parishioners.

The Annual Parish Meeting is for the election of the churchwardens; those entitled to vote includes anyone who is on the church electoral roll or resident in the parish and whose name is on the register of local government electors.

After the churchwardens have been chosen, although everyone is welcome to attend, only those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote on the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Light refreshments are usually served and the whole meeting normally ends before 9.30 pm.

Alan Greenslade
Churchwarden

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

After the time of writing, but before the time you read this, the Music evening with Mariners Away and the Gittisham Hall Jazz Band will have taken place, many thanks to Jean Martin and all who helped out in any way on the evening.

If you are quick you can still get along to the 9.30 Easter Day service at St Mary's (apostrophe not dropped in this Mid Devon Village) to take part in an exciting, unpredictable and joyful celebration service which will include an Easter Egg hunt for the under 50s afterwards.

You may have seen some posters around the villages advertising an **@4 service** to be held in the **Village Hall at 4pm on Saturday 6th of April**. This is an informal service open to everyone, in a warm and comfortable place, easily accessible, and with ample off road parking.

The **Annual Church Meeting** (please see box on previous page) will be held in the Spalding Hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 9th April**.

On the **19th at 7.30pm**, also in the Spalding Hall, there is a **special meeting** to discuss the financial pressures on St Mary's and possible solutions, please take the time to come along and join in the discussion on this major issue affecting your parish church, the congregation and the Church as a whole.

We are holding a **Spring Clean at St Mary's on 20th April 9.30** onwards. With parts of the building dating back over some 900 years and with various nooks and crannies, even our dedicated band of regular cleaners are unable to reach all parts of the Nave, Chancel and Lady Chapel. General cleaning materials will be provided, but please bring your own Marigolds and Mob-caps and any specialist cleaning equipment that you feel may be of use. Tea, coffee, biscuits and possibly cake will be provided.

Another date for your diary is July 1st when we are due a visit from Okehampton Community Choir, further details to be published in later Newsletters.

Alan Greenslade 24002 and Janet Jeffery 24414.

From death to new life

A six week course looking at the resurrection and the resurrected Christ. Jesus is never critical of the doubts but uses them to provide proof for the resurrection. Doubt in this case is not rooted in disbelief in the events themselves but in an understanding of what might be happening and its significance. Being able to freely admit that we do not know the answer is perhaps the first step to finding an understanding.

Theme	Date	Venue
Empty Tomb	Thursday 4 th April at 7.30 pm.	Pathfinder Church
Raising Doubts-Mary	Wednesday 10 th April at 7.30 pm.	Longdown Hall
Raising Doubts-Emmaus	Tuesday 16 th April at 7.30 pm.	TSM Methodist Hall
The Grand Reunion	Thursday 25th April at 7.30 pm.	Pathfinder Church
Being left out – Thomas	Wednesday 1 st May at 7.30 pm.	Whitestone Billard Room
Restoring Peter, Ascension	Tuesday 7 th May at 7.30 pm.	Cheriton Spalding Hall

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

APRIL 2013

SATURDAY 6th

**4pm Cheriton Bishop
Village Hall**

@4

Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 7th

9am Whitestone
9.30 Holcombe Burnell
11am Tedburn St Mary
3pm Pathfinder

Easter 2

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Family Service
Holy Communion

Canon John Tutton
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
Revd Martin Wood
Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 14th

9.30 Holcombe Burnell
9.30 Whitestone
11am Cheriton Bishop
3pm Pathfinder
4pm TSM Methodist

Easter 3

Holy Communion
Parish Communion
Family Service
Prayer and Fellowship
Cafe Church

Revd Martin Wood
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
Revd Martin Wood
Revd Martin Wood

SATURDAY 20th

6pm Whitestone

Saturday Surprise

Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 21st

8am Tedburn St Mary
9.30 Cheriton Bishop
3pm Pathfinder
6pm Holcombe Burnell

Easter 4

Holy Communion
Parish Communion
Evensong
Evensong

Canon John Tutton
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
Lay Led
Revd Martin Wood

WEDNESDAY 24th

8pm Cheriton Bishop

Taize Prayers

SUNDAY 28th

8am Cheriton Bishop
9.30 Tedburn St Mary
11am Holcombe Burnell
3pm Pathfinder
6pm Whitestone

Easter 5

Holy Communion
Parish Communion
Family Service
United service
Evensong

Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
Revd Martin Wood
Revd Martin Wood

Lay Led

EACH THURSDAY

10.30 Pathfinder

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood/
Canon Geoffrey Moore

From the Rector

Raising doubts

Easter has only just come and gone. The Cross and Resurrection have been negotiated on Good Friday and Easter day. In the church's year we are between Resurrection and Ascension (May). In these clear-cut events lies the notion of something certain and real. However there are still some big gaps and unanswered questions that make us wonder what was really going on. We are in good company because some of the disciples still doubted at Jesus' Ascension.

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted." Matthew 28 verses 16, 17

Doubt in this case is rooted in a lack of understanding, what might be happening, and what is its significance? I truly believe that the reactions to the resurrection by Jesus' disciples echo this uncertainty and doubt. If I look at the resurrection accounts there are no explanations of what happened to Jesus between Friday night and dawn on Easter Sunday. The absence of a physical body is given as evidence of resurrection but the resurrected body is able to appear and disappear in locked rooms. It is clear that the resurrected body appears to demonstrate a freedom from physical constraints. The apparent inability of Mary and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to identify Jesus and then their immediate recognition of him raises questions about how different Jesus appeared to be. I wonder if they were prevented from recognising him to ensure that they heard the message before being able to see the risen Christ.

What is clear in the post resurrection appearances of Christ is that he is able to bring people from doubt back to belief. In resurrecting the faith of the disciples, Jesus goes to great lengths to tackle their doubts, to provide explanations and give tangible proof of his resurrection. It is clear that this made the disciples see more clearly.

In the Easter course starting at Pathfinder Church on Thursday 4th April we shall look at the resurrection accounts and try to get as much insight as we can. We also ask some questions to which there will be no clear answers and we shall have to see what emerges. It is a six week course which moves around both the days of the week and the villages (see advert for details). Do come and join in and learn more about Easter. There will be material available for you to follow the course if you cannot make all six dates.

I can only marvel at the transformation of the disciples between Easter and Pentecost. At Easter they were in fear of their lives and by Pentecost they were preaching to a crowd of strangers about the resurrected Christ. The transformation is rooted in the rescue of faith in the face of growing doubts. I am sure that the questioning and the doubting are part of growing our faith as long as we allow God the freedom to work within us.

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(Tuesday to Sunday)*

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for April 2013

Sunday 7th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Mr David Hawkes

Zimbabwe)

Sunday 14th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Mr Derek Jones

(A missionary from

Sunday 21st April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Rev David Cole

Sunday 28th April

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service

Stowford Meadow Singers

*Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30
8th Home fellowship, 15th David Hayman, 22nd Gerald Downs, 29th Mission B*

If there are any families in the village who need more information regarding the meetings or transport, please contact one of the above telephone numbers.

Holy Trinity Yeoford

The theme for this month's Messy Church was Jonah and the Big Fish. Many fish-themed crafts were enjoyed and during the worship time a big fish was used for the children to sit inside to imagine what it was like for Jonah. As usual a delicious tea was enjoyed by all.

We had a very good Mothering Sunday service led by Revd. David Robottom. Posies of spring flowers were given to the ladies and a simnel cake was enjoyed over coffee.

April services:

13th April Holy Communion at 9-30

28th April Holy Communion at 9-30

Messy Church May 4th at 15-30

Choral music at Saint Mary's Cheriton Bishop

On Saturday 2nd March, 61 singers assembled in St Mary's at 10:00am to work at the music of Haydn's Nelson Mass and by 4:30pm an audience of 25 or so had joined them to hear what had been achieved. Between them, they filled the Church. We are so lucky in Cheriton that the Church that was built all those years ago has fabulous acoustics and offers so much encouragement and support to singers because the first notes sung in the concert bowled over the audience and I should imagine every one of them felt an internal WOW!

The day was really enjoyed by all who came - from as far a-field as Honiton, Launceston and Plymouth - because they felt so welcome. I must thank the Ladies AND Gentlemen who administered the teapot, the biscuits, the pasties and cakes as that aspect was so efficiently run. The conductor, Christopher Fletcher, judged how to get the best out of the singers and offered many stories and asides about Haydn and how he came to write this piece of music.

This was the fourth workshop we've run and possibly the most successful. The event is open to all whatever their musical ability and those who aren't used to singing in a big choir will find it thrilling to do so. As I commented before, we are attracting from far and wide and had people who sing with Exeter Philharmonic Choir, Plymouth Philharmonic Choir, Okehampton Choral Society, Chagford Singers, Tedburn Community Choir and Cheriton Bishop Church Choir among others.

Because more came than I expected, the event raised £350 more than it cost to put on and this has been given to the Church.

I did wonder if now is the time to quit - while we're winning - but the response from those involved has been so enthusiastic that I've already set up the next one and have replies for more than 30 singers who will come to it. So.....

Your invitation:-

Date:	Saturday 19 th October 2013 (The Church will be warmer.)
Venue	St Mary's Cheriton Bishop
Conductor	Christopher Fletcher (Director of Music @ Plymouth RC Cathedral and conductor of Plymouth Philharmonic and three other major Choirs in Devon.)
The Work	Mozart's Requiem
The Cost	None, but a donation of about £12.50 for each singer is invited.
Booking	Please contact Bill to express an intention to join us (mention your

voice part) and make a firm booking from 1st September on the form available from me (billjeffery@talktalk.net) ☎01647 24414 or 6, Stonelands, Crockernwell EX6 6NB. You are advised to book promptly as it may prove necessary to limit the total number singing for logistical considerations.

Bill Jeffery

BOOK SALE

THANK YOU for the many donations of books for this year's Book Sale.
THANK YOU to the lovely helpers/volunteers/village friends who made it successful. Around £400 was raised for the Acorn Community Support Group.

The unsold books were collected by Force who will also benefit.
Happy reading!
Jane Chilvers

Busy time for Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

Well the drama is over but what a fun time we have had. At the County round of the competition on Sunday 24th February we gave a performance to be proud of and came a respectable 4th. Tavistock YFC from the South Dartmoor group won the round and deservedly so, with a great drama performance.

The local performance of our drama 'Death aboard the Duchess' on Monday 18th February was well attended. We have lots of people to thank for helping and putting time to the drama, but the biggest thanks must go to our producer Richard Tucker who was there to keep us in line and give worthwhile directions. Special thanks must also go to Ruth Gray who judged at the group round of the competition and then came to one of our rehearsals to give some feedback and pointers.

Moving on from the Drama, I'm sure many of you will have seen (smelt) us travelling around the villages with bags of dung for our charity dung sale. On day 1 we visited Tedburn, Cheriton and Drewsteignton, and on day 2 Dunsford, Christow and Doddiscombsleigh. We were lucky enough to have dry weather on both days although it was a little chilly! Thanks to Dot Woolland of Tedburn for providing us with hot drinks and nibble's to keep us going and Sue Retter and Trudy Pearce for bacon sandwiches and cakes for day 1. Day 2 refreshments were kindly provided by Vicki Gilbert and Janet Brook, so thanks to them. All the members that helped out got fully involved and all enjoyed themselves, no-one knew how much fun a day of selling poo could be!!

We would like to thank all of you that bought dung from us or gave a donation. In total we raised roughly £1070 for our charities, a figure we are over the moon with.

On Saturday 2nd March we had our Wine & Wisdom at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall. This was a great success with a total of 25 teams entering. A fun and enjoyable night was had by all and thanks must go to our quiz master Nick Gilbert.

A date for your diaries is Friday 5th July. We are planning to hold a Charity Barn Dance in aid of our two charities. The wheels are still in motion for organising this event so more details will follow but confirmed is the recently formed live band 'Got it Covered' featuring local girl and YFC member Laura Grist - I'm sure we're in for a treat.

**** Coming up on Easter Monday the club has an Easter Egg Hunt
at Fingle Bridge from 10.30am****

Two Advance notices from Caribarn Studio:

Devon Open Studios - 7-22 September 2013 . A group of four artists will be exhibiting their work at Caribarn Studio at the weekends 7-

8th, 13-15th, 20-22nd, 11a.m.-6p.m. Refreshments available each day in aid of St. Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - This will take place in Caribarn Studio on Friday September 27th. 10.30-12.30. There will be an exhibition of work from the whole Art Group and various stalls etc.

CHERITON BISHOP HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

WEATHER BEATEN

The 'Hort Soc' Spring Show in March, with its numerous classes for narcissi, daffodils and spring shrubs, followed the unfortunate path trodden by the Mid Summer Show 2012 and was cancelled due to difficult weather conditions resulting in very few potential entries.

Show committee members had already been hard at work producing a schedule and planning the big day and it was with hearts as heavy as wet clay soil that they admitted defeat and called it off.

Hopes are being pinned on the summer shows this year – schedules are available to download from the village web site.

22 June 2013 - Mid Summer Show
10 August 2013 - Village Show

Fingers crossed and get growing and show the weather we won't be beaten!

TWIT ONE, TWIT TWO

Members and everyone else that can help are being asked to count and record sightings of Barn Owls. Please give details of sightings by phoning The Barn Owl Trust on 01364 653026 or email the trust on info@barnowltrust.org.uk. A form with the relevant questions is available on the Barn Owl Trust web site.

INTERESTING ADVICE FROM LOCAL EXPERT ALAN FRENCH

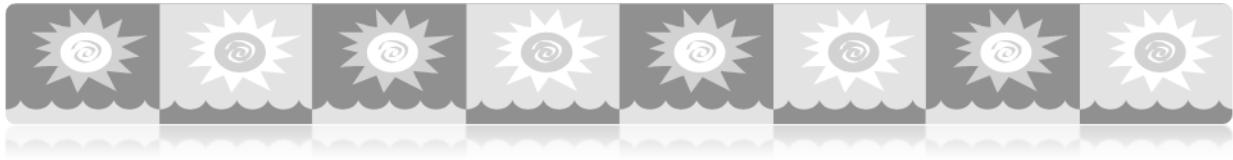
March's monthly meeting at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop, was greatly enjoyed by members. A very informative talk, given by Alan French, covered Spring planting of shrubs and perennials. Years of experience running his own nursery as well as his stall every Saturday in Okehampton meant Alan was a real help to all who attended.

Alan talked about the growing trend of miniature and more compact varieties of narcissi. He also spoke about ground-cover plants and how many do well in the shade, adding texture and interest to more difficult areas of the garden. There was also a sale of plants at the end of the meeting with prices ranging from £1 - £29.00.

Do remember visitors are most welcome to attend any of the talks. So do bring along interested friends or family. We meet monthly with a summer break before resuming again in November.

PLANT SALE - 11 MAY

The annual plant sale takes place at the village hall on Saturday 11 May. Please do come along and buy some locally raised plants to add colour to your plot.



APRIL IN THE GARDEN

Weather permitting, lawns benefit from feeding at this time of year.

Begin weeding - nip them in the bud!

Plant gladioli in big pots, these underrated beauties make a big splash, now is the time to start them off.

Prune deciduous spring flowering shrubs when finished blooming.



pop in for a chat and a drink



**The number of people coming in is gradually increasing each month. Do
join us this month at
The Spalding Hall
between 2pm and 4pm
on Monday 22nd April**

Good choice drinks, including decaff and hot chocolate, herbal teas and juices, plus biscuits.

There will be **no charge**. It will be a pleasure to see who pops in.

Open to absolutely everyone!

Taking the dog for a walk?	call in on your way home
Need a lift from your home?	ring Paul 24405 or Jean 24586 beforehand and we'll arrange to come and fetch you
New to the village?	come and say hello
Out for a stroll?	call in on your way past
Picking the kids up from school?	come in for a few minutes while you wait
Just fancy a chat?	come on down Church Lane (the Spalding Hall is next door to the school)!

This Month's Open Mic Night...

**7.30pm, Sunday 28th April
at The Old Thatch Inn**

Bus Timetable Changes:

Last month's Western Greyhound timetable, included in the Newsletter, referred to changes that were made in December 2012 but hadn't been advised to travellers.

The Parish Council complained to Western Greyhound and as a result we have been included on their Mailing List. So now, low and behold, we can publish the new timetable that starts on 15th April, 2013.

Brian Bryon-Edmond

(Please see timetables opposite and overleaf)

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – The lunch club will be meeting at Woodleigh Coach House, Cheriton Bishop at 12.30pm on 17th April. Roast beef, dessert, tea or coffee all for just £6.50. If you would like to join us please ring Jean Martin 01647 24586 a week in advance to book your place, also let her know if you will require transport.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Our popular fortnightly minibus trip to Sainsbury's Alphington supermarket provides an opportunity for you to be collected and returned to your door with your shopping carried for you. We run a minibus service on alternate Wednesdays from Drewsteignton, Crockernwell, Cheriton Bishop, and Tedburn. This month it will be 10th, 24th April and 8th May. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is £3 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - We run two morning cafés on the second and last Thursday of each month 10.30 to 12.30. This month it will be Thursday 11th, 25th and 9th May. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Strawberry Hill – On alternate Tuesdays, 10 – 12, drop-in coffee morning at Strawberry Hill, near Dunsford. It's in the old café and has a lovely atmosphere, attractive surroundings, and is run by a small team of friendly volunteers. It's a great place to bring a friend – and there's ample parking. This month it will be Tuesday 9th, 23rd April and 7th May. Volunteer drivers can collect you if transport is a problem. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

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

NEW ACORN WEBSITE - We're pleased to announce that we now have our new website up and running. You can find us on www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Letter to the Editor

I am a little annoyed at the tone of the two letters published in the April newsletter about the capture of the peacocks and have to point out that not everyone is happy about their departure. I know of many people who took a lot of enjoyment from their presence but it seems those that didn't like them got their way and now they're gone without any thought as to how those of us who liked them are feeling about it. I for one am sorry to see them go, they regularly visited my garden and sunbathed (when possible) sitting on my lawn or up on the fence.

It's such a shame that such thought, preparation and effort can't be put into keeping the village clean and tidy. Rather than worrying about your own little bit of garden, which after all isn't an insurmountable problem in terms of protecting it, how about people getting out there and dealing with those creating an environmental nuisance, such as noise, making sure others don't drop litter and in particular accosting those people who insist on walking their dogs through the village off lead, and don't pick up after them. I have to say that the issue of dog fouling and the fact that it continues to increase is of far more importance to me, and to the village, than a couple of birds.

A saying for this month:

Don't be afraid to take a BIG step if one is
indicated.

You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

David Lloyd George

If you have a saying you would like to share, please send it in and help fill an odd gap in the News-letter!

News from Elsewhere

Moretonhampstead Hospital, Temporary Closure Update

Approaching 300 people packed St.Andrews Church on 31st January to question the temporary closure of the hospital. The closure was triggered by the need to improve the skills and experience of our nursing staff as perceived by the CQC (Care Quality Commission) inspection carried out in October. Asked directly by Phil Fowler, Chair of the Hospital League of Friends, Carolyn Mills, Head of Nursing at NDHCT, assured the meeting that they had every intention of reopening the 5 in-patient beds on 1st May, 2013. Following that, the CQC will revisit to ensure their recommendations have been carried out. Meanwhile, other services, clinics and physiotherapy will continue. The ongoing protest petition has raised over 3000 signatures and more were collected at the meeting.

Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group is replacing the Primary Care Trust. It will be responsible for commissioning local health services from 1st April, 2013. From then the new CCG will be formed where G.P.'s will purchase services for the local community. For these to work to the benefit of the

community it is vital that all of us get involved by expressing our needs, perceptions, suggestions and opinions. Your contributions are vital to the successful running of the new scheme and this is your chance to influence the type and quality of services you receive in the future. Please get involved and drop your comments in the suggestions boxes at the surgery at Cheriton Bishop. All contributions will be considered and good suggestions will be put before the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Hospital Latest Update_ - Since the hospital in-patient beds closed, staff have been reassigned to Okehampton Hospital to refresh their skills in readiness for the reopening. The League of Friends is monitoring this progress and making regular enquiries as to the cleanliness and maintenance of the hospital, also the progress of plans for reopening. We will require a Senior Nurse to be in charge of the nursing team and are encouraging the North Devon Health Care Trust to actively seek to have the Senior Nurse in post ready for the in-patients beds reopening.

Betty Short e-m mollypolly@bettyshort.plus.com

- Trustee Moreton Cottage Hospital LOHF - Teign Valley Representative