The News Letter, April 2014

Outside at this very moment is a hailstorm, earlier today we had snow, but otherwise the new season is now upon us and we look forward to more of those splendid days that we have had a foretaste of in the last couple of weeks. We have passed the Vernal Equinox and daffs and crocus are wantonly strutting their stuff, apparently unconcerned that they should be hanging on another week to peak at the Spring Show this coming weekend (early recipients of this edition will still have a chance to visit this – page 13. Or if you didn't have any flowers of your own to show, nip round to the Mother's Day service the next day and you'll be given some for free! – page 9).

So what's new this month?

An Easter Egg-hunt

'Tis the season of flowers, chocolate and Easter Hymns with services at the Parish Church and West Down. Don't forget the special services in the week preceding Easter Day too (pages 9, 10 & 12), and if you have ever puzzled why Easter Day is sometimes at the end of March and sometimes halfway through April, Martin has all the answers on Page 11. And for those whose taste on Easter Sunday centres chiefly on their tummy and chocolate consumption, there's a promised egg hunt in the Churchyard (which should be easy to find after the "Strimming Day" last month).

Live Music at Cheriton

The Open Mic nights continue this month, but also we have the pro's in town with a special night of music in the Village Hall (see page 14), the proceeds going to a popular local charity. Talking of which...

Activities outside the Parish

There are some active-participation-required things going on, just over our parish borders and well-worthy of support. On page 19 there's a host of outdoor activities planned with a chance to be one of the first to get to know the woods newly opened to the public at Fingle. Or if your enjoyment runs more to a touch of pyrotechnics you could indulge your Guy Fawkes Night dreams by getting involved in a local fire-show this year (page 22). Alternatively, perhaps more for the hippy types among us, how about being "chilled out" with a picnic and perhaps even contributing your own touch of Glastonbury entertainment at a local beauty spot? (page 22).

Do you have enough Energy?

In these days of tight personal budgets and diminishing global fuel supplies it is in everyone's interest to see how we can save our household energy. You can even save the fuel it might otherwise take to find out about this subject because an Energy Saving Workshop is coming into the midst

of Cheriton Bishop. Turn to page 14a) and see just how 'energetic' you could be.

Games time!

Well they say that home-grown entertainment is the best and this month there are two old favourites in the Village. They are both on the same night so you might be spoilt for choice, with games of all sorts in one venue and bingo in the other. See pages 6 and 14b), make your choice and have lots of fun.

In Stitches

The setting up of an embroidery exhibition in the Village Hall in April has become an annual tradition, beginning as a one-day event and now spanning a whole weekend. These two days draw visitors from all over the county and the hall is filled with textiles, threads and needlecrafts of all sorts as well as demonstrations by the local embroidery group members. Long-suffering gentlemen companions may find it rather more interesting than they at first suspected and in any case generally manage to console any lingering wish to be at the golf course instead by partaking of the home-cooked lunches. For all the details see page 21a).

Is that all?

Not by any means! There's so much this month that I feel I have only brushed the surface of all that's going on. There's the Village Spring Clean, an update on the Hort Soc and YFC activities, plus all the news on the Parish Council front in a special reader-friendly report, as well as the regular Acorn, and Neighbourhood Watch articles. There's a particular plea to dog-owners on page 6 that everyone should take note of, and you might even find yourself a new job on page 7.

With best wishes for April from Jenny and the Newsletter team

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT

ISSUE!: Friday 25th April at 6PM.

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Parish Council every second Monday evening in the month

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Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell every second Saturday in the month

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

Playgroup Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 Contact: Christine Grist 281205 "Lunch Club" until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays.

All during term time only

Scouts every Monday evening during term time

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

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Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

Pilates every Friday morning, 9.25 am and 10.30 am,

Contact Adele 07976 427941 during term time

West Down Bible Study & Prayer every Monday evening from Oct – May

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

Horticultural Society usually the third Monday evening in the month

Contact: Persis Bower 24303 during the Autumn and Winter

West Country Embroiderers every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

Short Mat Bowling every Wednesday, Sept – May

Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

Baby Clinic every Thursday 2 – 3 pm

The Surgery 24272 (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)

Young Farmers every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

Contact: Dan Grist 07792 518439

Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton usually every last Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840

Cuppa and a chat afternoon usually every third Monday afternoon 2-4 pm in

Contact: Jean Martin 24586 or Paul Mitchell 24405 the Spalding Hall

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

New arrangements for the Mobile Library visits to Crockernwell and Cheriton Bishop as from 1st April 2014.

Monthly on: April 15th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 5th, September 2nd, September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, December 23rd.

New timings: Crockernwell

Stanbury's Orchard arrives 14.35 departs 14.55

Cheriton Bishop

Glebelands arrives 15.05 departs 15.35 Hescane Park arrives 15.40 departs 16.10

[Updated April 2014]

Diary Dates for Late March (if you're quick!)

Saturday 29 th	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Sunday 30 th	Mothering Sunday Service	Parish Church	9.30 am
Sunday 30 th	Open Mic evening	Old Thatch Inn	7.30 pm

Diary Dates for April

Wednesday 2 nd	Lent Course	T St M Methodist Hall	7.30 pm
Thursday 3 rd	Acorn Lunch	Coach House	12.30 pm
Thursday 3 rd	"The Old Dance School"	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 9 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		•
Wednesday 9 th	Lent Course	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sat & Sun 12 th /13 th	Embroidery Event	Village Hall	10.30 – 4pm
Monday 14 th	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Sunday 20 th	Easter Day Service & Egg Hunt	Parish Church	
Sunday 20 th	Quiz Night	Old Thatch	8 pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		•
Friday 25 th	Games Evening	Spalding Hall	7.00 pm
Friday 25 th	Bingo	Village Hall	7.45 pm
Saturday 26 th	Home Energy Saving Presentation	Spalding Hall	10 – 1 pm
Sunday 27 th	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch	7.30 pm
Tuesday 29 th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm

Diary Dates for May

Saturday 3 rd	Village Spring Clean		9.30 'til lunchtime
Wednesday 7 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 17 th	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall	10 am until sold out!

Tuesday 20th C Bishop Community Land Trust AGM 7.30 pm

Forthcoming Events for 2014

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Saturday 28 th June	Midsummer Show	Village Hall	
Sunday 6 th July	Open Tower Afternoon	Parish Church	
Saturday 16 th August	Village Show	Village Hall	
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn	10.30 - 12.30
Saturday 4 th October	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	
Saturday 25 th October	Save The Children Craft Fair	Village Hall	10 – 3.30 pm
Saturday 15 th November	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	·

And for 2015....

Friday 26th June YFC 70th Anniversary Celebrations

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

Report from Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Our March Parish Council meeting was packed to the capacity of the Spalding Hall and beyond, owing to concerns about land allocations for housing in Mid Devon's Local Plan Review, and about the application for change of use of the Mulberry Pub. Apologies were received from Tim Vooght, Phil Dicker and Sasha Metters

In the Public Open Session strong objections were voiced to the possibility of 185 new houses (or perhaps even 480 if the available land was filled at 40 dwellings to the acre). It was agreed that this would be quite out of keeping with the rural nature of the village and would swamp existing roads and services. District Councillor Peter Heal, who is on the Planning Committee, explained that the Plan Review is a compulsory exercise every 5 years, and landowners have to be invited to put forward any land they would like to have developed. He said that there was no likelihood that this large amount of land would be accepted for development by planners. The land allocation is for the next 20 years, and if any concrete application were to come forward there would be consultation on it. Nevertheless councillors agreed not to be complacent and in their response to the Review argue strongly against anything more than a small development in the order of 5% of the existing number of houses in the Parish. Several people pointed out that a small new development would help to keep the school open and that there was a great need for small and affordable homes.

A petition was received with 158 signatures against the application by the Young Farmers Clubs of Devon for change of use to the Mulberry Pub. They wish to use it as offices, with a meeting room for Devon-wide and local events. Petitioners stressed the lack of a pub which provided plenty of bar space and room for skittles, pool and darts and for meetings; and that once change of use was granted the requirement to run the Mulberry as a pub could not be restored. However there was some doubt among councillors and the public about the viability of a second pub in the village, in view of the struggles of the Yeoford and Drewsteignton establishments and other pubs. Although there had been one offer to purchase the Mulberry as a pub this had been withdrawn, and since it had been on the market for at least 18 months and its availability had been widely known, it could not be guaranteed that an alternative buyer could be found, in which case the building would deteriorate and end up as housing. The council voted narrowly to support the application, but acknowledge the petition in its response to Mid Devon.

On both these issues individuals are urged to make their individual views known to the District Council. Comments on land allocations and the Local Plan Review can be made online or by post to the Planning Department. On the Mulberry, letters or emails must be sent to Liz Pickering, Principal Forward Planning Officer, Mid Devon District Council.

Peter Endacott announced that the Village Spring Clean would take place on Saturday 3rd May 9.30 till lunchtime. The first Walking Club event on 23rd February, he said, had been a great success, with different length options and a meet for tea. This would now be a monthly fixture.

Concerns were raised over the Telhams application for a giant sludge pit regarding increasing lorry traffic, but information on the application was inadequate on this point. The Southcombe Farm appeal hearing has been postponed.

The newsletter editor has requested a regular report from the Parish Council but a regular reporter has yet to be found. The search continues!

Gill Westcott

Editor: We hope readers will appreciate this much more accessible type of report from the Parish Council. Many thanks to the Parish Council for answering our plea!

Advance Notice

Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust

The Land Trust is seeking to build a small development of affordable houses for local people within the control of the village. Come and hear more about Land Trusts and our local scheme at

the AGM on Tuesday 20th May 7.30 pm

More details in next month's newsletter

District Councillors comments

Local Plan review

It was good to see so many residents attending the March Parish Council meeting for the discussion on the Local Plan Review. I think it may be useful just to clarify what has gone on so far and what is to come. Mid Devon along with all local planning authorities has to have a plan that identifies land within the district that is considered suitable for development to cover the housing needs going forward, this is a statutory duty. This plan is reviewed on a regular basis to keep it up to date with changing trends and we are currently at that stage. In 2013 the authority advertised for land owners to put forward land for consideration. When all this information was received a document was produced called the Local Plan Review, which listed the suggested sites within the towns and parishes of the district. In some parishes no land was actually put forward.

This document was then sent out to town and parish councils along with all the other statutory consultees such as Highways, Environment Agency, Water Authority, NHS and some others who will all feed back their thoughts on the suggested sites. This is also open to any resident to put forward support or opposition to the sites suggested. This first consultation period ends on the 24th March.

The council will then examine all the responses and then issue a further document for more consultation in the autumn of 2014. As we have about 4 times more land suggested than the amount needed for the district at this stage a number of the sites will have been removed and the amended document will go out again for the next stage of consultation.

After that a draft policy will be produced, which will be examined by an independent Planning inspector who will confirm the policy and amend it as he sees fit and we will then have a confirmed policy going forward.

So you can see that we are only at the start of the process and there is a long way to go, and then in 5 years we do it all again! If you feel you need any further information or clarification please contact either myself or your other district councilor, Derek Coren, and we will be pleased to help in any way. Our contact details are:

Peter Heal Tel: 01363 884277 Email: pheal@middevon.gov.uk
Derek Coren Tel: 01647 24264 Email: dcoren@middevon.gov.uk

Peter Heal District Councillor Yeo Ward

C.B. Walking Group - Number 2

30 of us met at the Mulberry car park on Sunday 23rd March. We were fortunate with the weather again and, wrapped up against the wind, we set off for the Prewley Moor Arms near Sourton for a bracing walk. Some of us headed over the moor for Sourton Tor, some to Meldon reservoir and the viaduct taking the Granite Way. We met back at the pub for a hot drink, or a beer, and a natter before heading home again. It was a great afternoon.

Dates for your diaries: The next walk will be from **Sticklepath**, organised by Sue Kiff, on **Sunday April 27th. May's** walk, planned by Elaine and Gordon Clark, will be on **Sunday 18th May** and will be to **Kennick, Tottiford** and **Trenchford reservoirs. Come and Join us!**

Jane Hancock Tel: 24092

Justin Smallwood of Upstream Healthy Living Centre is able and keen to organize walks in our area for people who require something less strenuous. Please contact him on:

Tel: 01363 778366 Mob: 07967 310760 Email: justin@upstream-uk.com

A Heartfelt Plea to All Dog Owners!!!! <u>Concerning Sheep Worrying</u>:

This had only happened to other farmers until, on 16th February 2014, it happened to us when lambs were killed and others injured in our field. Then on Tuesday 4th March 2014 it happened again!

The sights we had to deal with were horrific, with many lambs and a ewe killed or injured to such extent that they died over the following days. A photograph had been taken of the dog in the field and the owner identified the dog which was then destroyed the same evening.

This has been emotionally and physically draining, both for my family and the dog owner's family.

The police have informed us that to display on our gates a photograph of the savaged lambs might cause offence and we could be prosecuted. But anyone may come and view the photographs for themselves!

Please ensure you know that your dog is secure at all times.

Pauline and Michael Scanes.

When did you last play
Snakes and Ladders. Ludo. Tiddlywinks. Bagatelle. Shove Ha'penny
Cards. To name just a few.
WHO NEEDS ELECTRONICS TO HAVE FUN!

Come and join us at.....

Spalding Hall

on

Friday 25th April, 7.00pm start for our Games Evening

Fun for all ages with games, light refreshments and a raffle Adults £4. Children under12 £1 To include Nibbles.

Drinks available.

Proceeds in aid of a Projector for use with laptop presentations and film

a week earlier this month!



pop in for a chat and a drink on Monday 14th April 2014 at The Spalding Hall any time between 2pm and 4pm

Open to absolutely everyone!

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

Good choice of drinks, plus biscuits.

Need a lift from your home? Please ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405 beforehand and we'll arrange to come and fetch you whenever you are ready to come and go.

We now have an entry on the Regular Meetings page of the newsletter as we have committed to the third Monday in each month for the foreseeable future. That is, except for this month [April] when we will meet on the 14th.

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BOOK SALE

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and bought books at this year's Book Sale.

THANK YOU to all the helpers.

£310 was raised for our Acorn Community Support Group.

About half of all the books were unsold and later collected by Force, our local cancer charity support group. We hope that they will be able to raise a similar amount. So if £600-700 has been given to 2 local charities by the good people of Cheriton Bishop, it shows that they care!

Happy reading!

Jane Chilvers

ACORN LUNCH THURSDAY 3rd April 12.30 P.M. at THE COACH HOUSE

Fish and Chips, vegetables, Dessert and tea or coffee As chosen by one of our diners. Come this time and see if it will be your turn to choose for next month. £6.50

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 31st March. With Jean 01647 24586. Tell her if you need transport.

Village Quiz Night

The Fun Quiz takes place at the Old Thatch on Sunday April 20th (Easter Sunday) starting at 8pm. It's the final quiz of the season, before our regular host JT takes a well earned break over the summer! As it's the season finale, there's an extra special event as the Fun Quiz does Board Games and Game Shows! As usual entries are £1 per player with the top teams winning the cash. Other teams also get a chance to benefit from a range of fun prizes! If that wasn't enough, one lucky player will also become substantially richer, as the Snowball jackpot - which will likely top £250 - will be won! Remember it could be a great night, if you play your cards right!

You can keep up to date with the Fun Quiz by Liking its Facebook page: (http://www.facebook.com/TheFunQuiz)

Mid Devon District Council Refuse Collection Changes:

All Recycling and Refuse rounds are changing with effect from Monday 31st March 2014. Your new collection calendar will arrive in the post shortly before this date. However, please note that we are now being asked to put out the **Black Recycling Boxes with the Refuse (dustbin/black sacks)** and NOT with the brown wheelie bins. Also, the day of the week is changing from Thursday to **Tuesday!**

Garden & Kitchen Waste (brown wheelie bin)
Refuse (dustbin)

Black Recycling Box

Service

Date new collection begins

Tuesday, April 1
Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, April 8

For any further information try the website: www.middevon.gov.uk

Churchwardens News

By the time this is printed the Strimming Morning will be over, so thank you to all who turned up to spend a while getting the churchyard into shape before the growing season really gets going. If you read your newsletter early, there is still time to come to the Mothering Sunday service at 9.30am on 30th March. As usual we shall be giving out small posies of flowers and having coffee afterwards.

The Lent Course continues, travelling to a different village each Wednesday, full details elsewhere in the newsletter.

We look forward to celebrating Easter on Sunday 20th April. The service will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard for the children while the adults have tea and coffee in church.

April also sees the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, on 29th at 7.30pm in the Spalding Hall. This is your opportunity to ask questions about the running of the church, see the balance sheets so you know where your money goes and possibly to elect some new churchwardens. Anybody who would like to stand please contact one of us and we will give you an application form. We try to keep the A.P.C.M. short so that we can get to the social chat and refreshments at the end.

One advance date – the Open Tower afternoon will be on Sunday 6th July, and will follow the usual pattern – a chance to climb the tower, have tea and cake in the church and then listen to the choir, followed by the bell-ringers, showing you what they have learnt since last year.

Janet Jeffery 24414 Alan Greenslade 24002

Lent Course 2014 Exploring the creed



The Lent course will be led by Tim Gorringe, who will be looking at what we can learn from our creed that we say each Sunday in our services. The course will run for five evenings on a Wednesday at 7.30pm (two left to go in April). It will rotate around the villages.

Date and Time	Venue
Wednesday 2 nd April 7.30pm	Tedburn Methodist Church
	Hall
Wednesday 9 th April 7.30pm	Spalding Hall Cheriton
	Bishop

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

MUNITY

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APRIL 2014		
9am Whitestone 9.30 Holcombe Burnell 11am Tedburn St Mary 3pm Pathfinder 6pm Cheriton Bishop	Lent 5 Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Canon John Tutton Revd Prof Tim Gorringe Lay Led Canon Geoffrey Moore Lay Led
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9.30 Holcombe Burnell 9.30 Whitestone 11am Tedburn St Mary	Palm Sunday Holy Communion Parish Communion United Service	Revd Martin Wood Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am Cheriton Bishop 3pm Pathfinder	Family Service Prayer and Fellowship	Revd Martin Wood
14 th APRIL 8pm Holcombe Burnell	Holy Monday Compline	Revd Martin Wood
15 th APRIL 8pm Cheriton Bishop	Holy Tuesday Compline	Revd Martin Wood
16 th APRIL 8pm Whitestone	Holy Wednesday Compline	Revd Martin Wood
17 th APRIL 10.30 Pathfinder 7.30 Tedburn St Mary	Maunday Thursday Holy Communion Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood
18 th APRIL	Good Friday	

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2pm Holcombe Burnell 1 hour at the cross Revd Prof Tim Gorringe Revd Martin Wood 2pm Cheriton Bishop 1 hour at the cross

SUNDAY 20th		Easter Sunday	
9.30	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Oldridge	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton

SUNDAY 27 th		Easter 2	
8am	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United service	
6pm	Whitestone	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
EACH	THURSDAY	-	

10.30 Pathfinder Revd Martin Wood/ Holy Communion Canon Geoffrey Moore

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

From the Rector

When is Easter?

I was asked the other day "how is the date of Easter decided?" My initial response was with great difficulty, there is a repeating pattern that repeats every 5.7 million years! Then the simple answer is that it is linked to the full moon, which would have been around at the time of Jesus' death.

Then the more complicated answer, Easter is set on the Sunday following the full moon after the spring equinox. That seems quite simple but when we try to put it into practice it is not quite so simple. The spring equinox can occur on 20^{th} and 21^{st} March. The full moon was set on 14^{th} day of the lunar month. The church wanted to predict Easter so set the spring equinox on 21^{st} March (sadly they picked in AD325 the least frequent day of the two!) and then worked out the date of Easter. So Easter is set on a predicted full moon not an observed full moon.

You might ask why are we so worried about the full moon? Jesus celebrated the Passover meal the night before he died. The Passover meal was celebrated by Jews on the first full moon of Spring. Hence the lunar connection to Easter. So what is the Passover? It remembers when Moses led God's people out of slavery in Egypt across the parted waters of the Red Sea. That night was also a full moon, which would have made an escape in the middle of the night much easier. The word Passover comes from when the angel of death 'passed over' the Jewish households but visited the Egyptian households killing every first born child and animal. This last disaster persuaded the Pharaoh to let God's people go. The Passover remembers God setting his people free from slavery in Egypt.

Easter remembers Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. It marks a new chapter in human history where there is new evidence for life after death. A new and restored relationship with God is celebrated. Is it just coincidence that Jesus dies after the Passover feast? Is it coincidence that God's first born son should die to set us free from death? Unsurprisingly I am more of a believer in God incidence than coincidence. God acts to bring about a remarkable change rather than it being random chance.

So back to Easter Day, Sunday 20th April 2014. The paschal full moon by the calculated method is Monday 14thApril. The observed full moon will be 15th April at 8.45am. Hence at the beginning of Holy Week on Monday night / Tuesday morning, look out for the full moon if the sky is clear. The full moon reminded the Jewish people of their flight from slavery in Egypt. Jesus freely gives up his life at the full moon so that we might all share in his eternal life. Easter Day was the day after the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday). That is why Christians keep Sunday special because it reminds us of Easter Day.

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for April 2014

Sunday 6th April Sunday 13th April

11.amMorning Worship11.amMorning Worship3.pmFamily Service with3.pmFamily Service with

Mr David Hutchings Rev David Cole

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April Sunday 27th April

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
3.pm Family Service with

Mr Norman Taylor CONNECT (youth work

within local schools and colleges)

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm 7th Home Prayer Fellowship,14th Prayer and Bible study, 28th Mission Focus

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 Church Yeoford Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

We are looking forward to spring and our Easter services. We are fortunate as we have a Palm Sunday and an Easter Sunday service this year.

At the café on 7th April we will have Easter Eggs for adults and children to decorate, do come and join in the fun.

Messy Church will be in the New Village Hall on 5th April at 3-30pm where we will explore the Easter events. All families warmly welcome.

On 5th April we also have a wedding in the church we wish Nick and Jenny a long and happy life together.

Services for April:

13th April Palm Sunday Holy Communion 9-30

20th April Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9-30

Carol Price

PLAY CHURCH

Easter fun for children (up to age 11) and their parents/carers, free of charge.

Crafts, Games, Stories and Songs, a drink and biscuit (for the adults too!)



Thursday 17th April
3pm- 4:30pm
in Tedburn St Mary Methodist Church (next to the school)
School Lane, EX6 6AA.

Also on 15th May and 19th June.

Spring Show

at

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall Saturday 29th March 2.30 pm

Schedules available on-line, from Persis Bower, or Checkers Free Admission. Tea and Cakes

PAID AD

"A JOB FOR BOB" (Rob Bennett) - Having lived in the Parish for nearly 30 years and gaining some great friends, skills and equipment along the way I thought I would have a change of direction.

GENERAL HOME AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE - Grass Mowing and Strimming, Shed and Fence Mending and Painting, Patio Pressure Washing, Small Indoor Repairs, Cleaning, Car Washing, T Cut and Polish or Full Valet.

Public Liability Insurance and References available.

I would like to hear from you: Tel: 01647 24479 Mobile: 07590190363 E mail:

rob.bennett8@btinternet.com

Can you help?

Last year I spent a very interesting and enlightening time in Kenya. Whilst I was there I met a family, whose whole purpose in life is to find as much work as is possible, to finance and therefore enable their twin boys Victor and Vincent age 10, to have a decent education.

I am helping in some small way with that, and am returning to Kenya this year taking with me items that I and their parents think may be of help. Vincent seems to be on the academic spectrum and Victor more on the practical side of life. He loves to sing; therefore I am taking him a battery operated Keyboard, along with a recorder with tuition book, already donated by a friend of mine and a villager.

THIS IS WHERE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.

Does anyone have a tuition book or books for the keyboard that they no longer need and would be happy to give Victor?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. *Jean Martin 0164724586*.

Villages in Action

On Thursday 3rd April The Old Dance School will be performing in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This is a seven member group whose songs and cinematic sound has received plaudits throughout the country, from press and audiences alike, including Songlines Top Of The World 2010, and The Scotsman's Album of the Year.

From international jazz festivals to European opera tours, folk festivals, film score commissions to classical recitals, green festivals to tattoo conventions, members of The Old Dance School have performed, recorded and toured with artists such as Martha Wainwright, Cerys Matthews, Graham Coxon, Zoe Rahman, Michael McGoldrick, Neil Yates, Jim Perrin, The Destroyers, Kevin Dempsey, and Chris While. Those of you with the internet can see and hear them on YouTube.

The Hall will be arranged café style, four or six to a table. You are welcome to bring a bottle of wine (we will provide glasses) but refreshments will also be provided. Tickets are £9 (£6 for children). There are 80 tickets, and two tables have already been booked by fans of the group from previous tours. Do book early! Ring 24789 to make a booking.

Any profits will go to the Woodland Trust to help buy the woods at Fingle Bridge.

Tim Gorringe

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING

St. Mary's Church Saturday 19th April 10.00 am 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)

Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn, Sunday 27th April, starts 7.30pm

Horticultural Society News

An award winner breeder and grower of 'Pinks' was invited to give the last talk of the 2013/14 season organized by Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society. Not only did she donate two wonderful plants for future draw prizes, but she gave an interesting account of 'the life cycle of the pink', from how to propagate at home to the high tech life of the commercial cutting, micro propagation, tissue testing, plant hygiene, marketing, and showing. And these little cuttings would be flying all over the world, to be sold in New Zealand, Canada and USA. And in Europe too, including many older varieties bearing Devon names given to the plants by a Devon breeder half a century ago! So next time you go to the garden centre, give a thought to the life circle of the plant; it may have started its life here or abroad, been tested for disease here or abroad, and be an import or an export.

Depending on when you pick up the newsletter, the Spring Show may have been or you might be in time to dash up to the Village Hall on Saturday 29th March from 2.30pm to see what spring provides, whether in abundance or not will depend on the weather. If you are out and about, take a detour around Glebelands and view the expanse of early daffs. They were purchased by the sale of tete a tete daffs to be exhibited at the Show. For the last two years spring came too late for the show; this year some things are early, some late, so it will be interesting to see what will appear on the Show benches.

Next stop on the gardening calendar will be The Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May. It will start at 10am and finish as soon as it is sold out! Most probably before 11.30am! On sale will be plugs of 'The Cream Sausage', a bush tomato (no pinching out of side shoots), cream in colour and small plum in shape. Shock horror, not a red tomato; it may interest you to know that like carrots of old, tomatoes came in a range of colours. Hopefully the Cream Sausage will not be as vast as last year's offering, 'The Auld Sod,' which lived up to its name in the end, but it did provide some amusement along the way.

So if you are sowing seeds or dividing and propagating cuttings, and have some to spare to donate to the sale, they would be most welcome. If you need more pots, please ask Persis and she may be able to help. Conversely if you have a shed full of unused pots and you want a good home for them, leave them by Persis's front door at South Orchard to be passed on.

The Society is now seeking inspiration for the talks for the 2014/15 season. Any suggestions? The aim is to be as diverse as possible connecting the environment with our gardens, seeking new ideas and ways of doing gardening in its widest interpretation. Any suggestions to Persis Bower 24303, or Sally Burton 24724.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – is now having one lunch each month, which will be the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to come along please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 9th, 23rd April and 7th 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 now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 10th, 24th April and 8th 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 Teign Valley Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 8th, 22nd April and 6th May. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

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

Please check out our website: www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

The Village Show, August 2014

Can we rise to the Challenge?

Two of our most prolific exhibitors are unable to enter the show this year due to a very happy family celebration in far away Denmark! Now as you plan your flower and vegetable garden, think positive, and commit yourself to entering the show.

Yes, we can fill those gaps on the show benches and surprise ourselves with our successes.

Young Farmers in the local community

Cheriton and Tedburn Young Farmers were merged in 1969 from the 2 former Clubs of Tedburn [which started in 1937] and Cheriton Bishop [which started in 1944]. They are a strong and vibrant Club that support not only the members aged 10 to 26 years but also the wider local community. In the last 5 years the members of this club have raised an amazing £24,898 which has been donated to many local charities.

They are part of the Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs which has 38 clubs spread across the County. Each club puts on a range of activities for its members and for others in the local community. Again last year as a County we raised and donated to charities over £100,000. The programme of activities, training and other opportunities are coordinated by a team of staff and volunteers from the YFC centre currently in Exeter. We are hoping to move to Cheriton Bishop so we are in the heart of the rural community and in a location that is accessible to our members and others. We hope to bring employment for local people and to be part of the community as well as bring business to the shop and local pub. We will not be holding discos or dances or selling alcohol at the centre but using it as an office base and meeting space for our members. We are looking forward to being part of your local community and hope both villages will only benefit from our presence.

Nick Creasy - Devon County organiser

Amazing success for Cheriton & Tedburn YFC!

So much has happened that it's hard to know where to start! Firstly, our entertainment performance was placed first at the county round, with Laura Grist winning best female performer. There is always a very high standard at the county round so this was a huge achievement. We then went on to represent Devon at 'The Hall for Cornwall' (in front of 1000 people!), competing against all the other counties in the South West. We always knew this would be a tough round, with the favourites, Cornwall, putting on a whole county performance with a cast of 84! However, again it was Cheriton & Tedburn (with our cast of just 17) who came out on top and won the competition; with both Laura and Dan Grist being nominated for best performers. We now look forward to the national semi-finals in Weston Super Mare. I would also like to thank everyone who supported our charity performance at Tedburn village hall – we raised £400 for the Farming Community Network.

Other achievements include Holly Gilbert winning the county junior member of the year competition and then coming 3rd at South West Area. We also had 5 of our members compete in the Devon Netball team—Laura Putt, Laura Grist, Becky Grist, Rachel Retter and Katie Grist all did amazingly, beating all the other counties without conceding a single shot! Finally, Becky Grist competed in the Devon senior debating team which also won – with Becky winning best chairman.

I am sure you will all agree that it has been a brilliant few weeks for our club.

And did you know that?

Some helpful information...

When you register a death, it is now possible to take advantage of a new service. The registrar is able to inform central and local government departments and agencies of the death, including the Inland Revenue and Department for Work & Pensions. Cancellation of driving licence, passport, bus pass, etc is done; changes in council tax can also be initiated. This all saves so much time and stress.

Most of the banks and building societies have bereavement departments who can, at a stroke of the computer key-board, put a stop on accounts including internet banking. And also supply the necessary paperwork for the Inland Revenue.

But unfortunately modern technology in the home is there to trip up the unwary. There seems no one way to cancel the mobile phone, the smartphone, satellite dish ownership or the computer networks or to change the account holder or the authorised user. Some providers require death certificates, some not. Some will accept scanned details, some require the use of snail mail and a hard copy. To make things easier every account holder should arrange for an authorised user to be named on their server's account and this will allow information to be accessed in the event of the death of the account holder, thereby overcoming data protection legislation. Customer services of internet providers are not the most reliable in passing on the correct information when asked about closing an account or changing the name of the account holder. It does not matter who actually paid the bills, that person is irrelevant. The legislation is only concerned with the name of the account holder, regardless of whether they paid the bills or not.

And the latest pitfall for the unwary winding up an estate? Renewable energy! Not only are there several forms of renewable energy, but the land on which they are based may be owned, rented or leased. The income generated may go to the owner of the land and the appliance, or to a third party. The combinations seem endless. For a simple renewable energy source owned by the deceased, the executor or beneficiary will need to provide not only a death certificate but a will or grant of probate and proof of ownership. If the renewable energy is on rented or leased land or a third party is involved, the legal position is more complex.

So all the time saved with 'The One Stop' with the registrar is now spent on resolving the complexities of the modern technology so essential to an email life style.

So spare a thought for your executor and ensure that somewhere safe is all the information about your modern technology, which will be needed to unravel your internet and phone accounts and your renewable energy commitments, and update it regularly. It might seem easier to cancel it all and start again, but that has its own problems!

Doubtless there are other 'obstacles' out there waiting to confound the executor!

Just maybe, when they come to act as your executor, there will be a 'One stop' which will access to all the internet providers, mobile phone companies and renewable energy accounts.

Persis Bower

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Neighbourhood Watch

PEELERS?

Jean Martin and the writer attended a "high profile" Police-led Meeting in Tiverton recently; also present was the Police & Crime Commissioner's Chief Executive. In essence, the theme of the Meeting was the "changing face of the Police in the future", and "the increasingly important role of volunteers", to compensate for the loss of "bobbies" on the beat due to budget cuts.

The Police want to return to their founding roots and one of the top police guys present quoted the Principles of Law Enforcement 1829 number 7, established by Sir Robert Peel, founder of the Metropolitan Police and we quote it here because we think it is apposite today:

"The Police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the Police are the public and the public are the Police. The Police are the only members of the public who are paid and give full-time attention to duties WHICH ARE INCUMBENT ON EVERY CITIZEN IN THE INTEREST OF COMMUNITY WELFARE".

This then, is the new direction of Policing Policy – the public are the Police – and they see Neighbourhood Watch as increasingly important to them in helping to maintain law and order.

When Tony Hogg, the new Police & Crime Commissioner, came to the Village Hall in May last year, we pressed him then and on a Q&A session on Radio Devon, to harness the massive NHW force in Devon & Cornwall with a more active role in helping the Police. We felt at that time that we were part of the "cuts" – no communications, no recognition. He listened to us, and many others, and hence this change of direction in policing.

We are not expected to be "Peelers" or "Bobbies" but to take more responsibility for our "community welfare"!

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

One opportunity we hope to have in the near future will help to slow down traffic through our Village. This was described in last month's Parish Newsletter but if you missed it, contact the undersigned for details. We are still looking for more volunteers to man the operation – you do not have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch to sign up. Just contact the undersigned!

Brian W Bryon-Edmond Deputy Co-ordinator NHW. 01647 24696 or e-mail brian@cheritonbishop.eclipse.co.uk

Future volunteer opportunities at Fingle in 2014





For more info talk to David Rickwood of the Woodland Trust on 07827 820637 or by email to davidrickwood@woodlandtrust.org.uk

05/04/14 - Saturday - Halls Cleave Wood - Pheasant Pen/Rubbish Removal - Clearing young conifer

16/04/14 - Weds - Riverside Track - Cutting and burning small re-generating conifer/Rhododendron

14/05/14 - Weds - Cod Wood - Pheasant Pen/Rubbish Removal

07/06/14 - Saturday - Butterfly Survey - Starting at Fingle

18/06/14 - Weds - Track Surveys and Mapping

05/07/14 - Saturday - River Teign - Dipping / Species / Balsam Pulling

20/08/14 - Weds - Repairs to riverside path and creation of dog dipping areas

10/09/14 - Weds - Repairs to riverside path and creation of dog dipping areas

04/10/14 - Saturday - Native Woodland/Secondary - removal of regenerating conifer

15/10/14 - Weds - Riverside Track/Halls Cleave - Cut and burn Rhody/Laurel

01/11/14 - Sat - Nest Box Making Dormice/Pied Flycatchers

12/11/14 - Wed - Track /Culvert Maintenance/ Conifer removal

10/12/14 - Weds - Nest Box Making Dormice/Pied Flycatchers

Please note some of the activities may change.

If you are part of a group or cannot make the dates selected or wish to undertake a specific type of task please call and speak to David Rickwood.

Devon Carers pledges to improve Health and Wellbeing for carers

Staff from Devon Carers will be working hard over the next three months to highlight the issues that face carers and the support available for them.

A local awareness-raising campaign will focus on identifying carers who might benefit from a Carers Health and Wellbeing Check.

Matthew Byrne, Manager of Devon Carers said:

"We are delighted that Devon Carers has been selected to lead the Carers Week Quest in Devon. The campaign aims to be the greatest ever drive to reach out to the UK's carers – to identify carers in their local communities who are missing out on vital support and services.

"Between now and Carers Week (Monday 9 to Sunday 15 June 2014) we will be raising awareness of carers and their needs, and working in collaboration with local organisations to enable carers to access Carers Health and Wellbeing checks."

The very nature of caring – of being there for a loved one facing ill health or disability – means too often people don't at first, or sometimes ever, identify themselves as carers and, therefore, miss out on support.

Without the right help and support caring can have a devastating impact – carers can quickly become cut off with their physical and emotional health, work and finances all hit hard.

The Carers Health and Wellbeing Check is an opportunity for a carer to discuss the impact of caring and how to access the right help and support.

Carers can access a check by contacting Devon Carers on 08456 434 435 or online at http://www.devoncarers.org.uk/book-an-appointment/.

News from Elsewhere

Castle Drogo - Inside Out

What a couple of months filled with highs and lows! The biggest high was the Time Team special about Edwin Lutyens. I hope you all saw it. Drogo had a starring role and the castle looked magnificent. The low has to be the weather. The winter storms really gave us a battering. No doubt many of you saw the ever increasing holes in our scaffolding. They seemed to get bigger every time the wind blew. Despite all this, the structure of the scaffolding coped really well.

I have been keeping busy over the winter. Projects are well underway with Get Changed Theatre and Exeter College. More info to come but look out for lovely artwork created by these guys displayed on site as well as special 'glimpse theatre' days and evening performances in September.

Save the date!

On Friday 16 May (6pm – 9pm) we have a brand new event called Drogo Spring Fling. This event is being led by our brilliant Youth Panel as part of Museums at Night. This <u>free</u> event for all local people is a chilled out and relaxed evening where you are invited to bring up a picnic, wander around the gardens and castle, enjoy some live music and play our wide range of traditional games. We are doing this on a shoestring so if you are in a band and would like to come up and perform for free, please get in touch with me. We will also be having a pudding club where anyone can enter a cake/pudding/dessert of their choice to be judged before being sold off to help raise money towards the building project. The winning entry will be given a free family cream tea in our lovely café.

There is no need to book tickets but it would be extremely helpful to us if you would drop me an email to let me know if you are planning to come along. That way we can be fully prepared. Please spread the word.

Best wishes,

Paula Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo 01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Your Fireshow needs you!

Sticklepath Fireshow, Okehampton & District's Bonfire Night event, is a unique stage show and fireworks spectacular (www.sticklepathfireshow.org) which has been running for over 20 yrs. 2013 was sadly cancelled and sorely missed and many in the local community have expressed their wish to help reinvigorate the event this year. If you'd like to see this year's show go ahead, rather than up in flames, please come and show your support at the **Sticklepath Fireshow 2014 AGM.**

The meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2014, at the Phoenix Room, The Kings Arms, South Zeal EX20 2JP.

There'll be information on how you can take part including vital committee positions, which need to be filled, as well as the many different volunteer roles available. There are loads of ways you can show your support. Poster distribution, health and safety, transporting the much-needed wood donations to the Finch Foundry site, hands on set painting or building, as well as of course the two weeks of children's workshops in October.

We can't do this without you. If you are unable to make the AGM get in touch with Hilary or Daisy from the Committee as soon as you can on the email/numbers below. We look forward to working with you!

sticklepathfireshow@yahoo.co.uk www.sticklepathfireshow.org.uk

01837 840136 (Hilary, Artistic Director) 01392 661380 (Daisy, Volunteer Coordinator)

The Rotary Club of Crediton

The Rotary Club of Crediton is hosting a Vintage Acoustic Jazz & Swing evening with **Tom "Spats" Langham** and his group, Hot Fingers (www.hotfingers.co.uk). Tom is an internationally acclaimed musician and likes to share his knowledge of music with the audience. The evening will take place on Saturday April 26th 2014 at Sandford Village Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. A licensed bar will be available throughout the evening and all proceeds will be shared between two charities.

TICKETS are £10 each and available from either: The Crediton Coffee Company, The Square, Crediton or Evans Newsagents, High St., Crediton or Bernie Little – Tel: 01363 772468 Email: bernie.little@btinternet.com

All enquiries to the above.

Birch Visions: Stone Lane Gardens May 4th - June 15th 2014

An exhibition of paintings and drawings by June Ashburner and Duncan Rice at Stone Lane Gardens. This exhibition brings together two artists connected with the unique birch and alder collection at Stone Lane Gardens near Drewsteignton and celebrates this beautiful wilderness tree. The exhibition is showing at the newly renovated Barn exhibition space at Stone Farm. It will share its opening date with the 2014 'Mythic Garden Sculpture Exhibition' 'Works for a Woodland' and will be open daily from 2.00pm to 6.00pm from Sunday May 4th until Sunday June 15th.

Contact: June Ashburner 01647 231 311 june@mythicgarden.eclipse.co.uk

Duncan Rice 01837 840531 duncanrice.landscapedesigns@virgin.net

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www.stonelanegardens.com charity number 1141252

MOLE AVON LAUNCH CHARITY FASHION SHOWS

The Mole Avon Charity Fashion Show is Back for 2014 – Even Bigger And Better!

Following on from the great success in 2011, Mole Avon Town & Country Stores is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a series of charity fashion shows in May. The fundraising events, which will take place at the branch in Exeter Road, Okehampton, will happen on 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , and 3^{rd} May, (7.30 for 8pm start), to raise money for Hospiscare, are a continuation of the Mole Avon Ruby Appeal that was launched by the company in 2013. It is hoped that the events will help the company reach its target of £40,000 for the charity.

Mole Avon's last fashion show, held in 2011 over two nights, raised a massive £7,000 split between charities CLIC Sargent and the BBC Radio Devon Air Ambulance Appeal, and the hope is that this event will be as successful again. The shows will feature the customers, friends and family of Mole Avon Town & Country Stores parading its new season's clothing, all of which will be available to buy at our local branches.

There will be a raffle draw on the last night which will include prizes such as a 32" Toshiba Smart LED TV; the cost is only £1.00 per ticket.

Entry tickets for each night are only £10 and include a free glass of sparkling wine and nibbles plus a discount voucher to spend in store. There will be interval entertainment each evening, a licensed bar and waiter service. Tickets are limited so hurry and buy your ticket today! Both entry tickets and draw tickets are available from all Mole Avon branches including Town & Countrywear, High Street, Crediton, Mole Avon Forecourt, Gillians Hair Stylist, 32 Crediton Road, Okehampton and at the Hospiscare Shop, The Arcade, Okehampton.

Maria Cooper, Okehampton Store Manager and her team look forward to hosting three fun filled and successful fundraising evenings and look forward to seeing you there. For more information about the shows, or to buy a ticket call Mole Avon Okehampton on 01837 53886 or Gillians on 01837 52360.