

# Useful Information

## DOCTORS

**Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 24025**

**Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 24586, Caryn Tripp 24582**

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

**Out of Hours: Ring 111**

**IN EMERGENCY RING 999**

## MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am – 10 pm

## POLICE

For all *non emergency* contact please ring **101**

Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	
Neighbourhood Watch:	Jean Martin	24586
	Brian Bryon-Edmond	24696

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

<b>Electricity</b>	0800 365 900
<b>Gas</b>	0800 111 999
<b>Water</b>	0844 3462020
<b>Highways Agency</b>	0845 955 6575
<b>Streetlights, potholes etc:</b>	0845 155 1004
	csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

## SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

<b>Cheriton Bishop Primary School</b>	24817	Federation Head: Mrs Sue Leyman	
Head Teacher: Mrs Laura Berry		Fed. Chair of Governors: Terry Tume	61338
Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken		PTFA Chairman: Sarah Walker	24009
<b>Cheriton Bishop Preschool</b>			
Play Leader: Christine Grist	281205	<b>Cubs:</b> Karen Morris	01647 252375
<b>Young Farmers:</b> Emily Sizmur	07792 518439	<b>Scouts:</b> Ollie Milverton	07706 695928
<b>Walking Group:</b> Jane Hancock	24092		

## LOCAL CHURCHES

<b>Anglican Team Ministry:</b> Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop	24119
Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002, Janet Jeffery 24414	
<b>Crockernwell Methodist Minister:</b> Rev. David Easton, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG.	01392 255791
Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	
<b>West Down Chapel:</b> Derek Coren 24264	

## HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

### VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings:** Tim Gorringe 24789

### SPALDING HALL

**Bookings:** Les Gare 24639  
**Key:** Jan Mitchell, Underhill, Church Lane.

**ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR:** Sylvia Tripp 24267

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES

### Parish Councillors

Chairman	Gill Westcott	24789
Vice Chairman	Tim Vooght	24593
Councillors	Phil Dicker	24450
	Paul Mitchell	24405
	Peter Endacott	24580
	Leigh Rix	07767 795116
	Kim McDonald	07966 478054
	Sasha Metters	24146

### Mid Devon District Councillors

Derek Coren	24264
Peter Heal	01363 884277

### County Councillors

Nick Way (CheritonBishop)	01363 777903
James McInnes (Crockernwell)	01837 861364

### Members of Parliament

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)  
Write to: House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

### Parish Clerk

Derek Madge  
01392 833969  
Mob: 07780 826516  
49 Crockwells Rd, Exminster

### Crockernwell

Crockernwell Ward Parish Councillors: Bill Savage, email: [bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

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**West Devon Borough Councillor:** Paul Ridgers 01822 813600, email: [cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk)

## LOCAL SERVICES (Paid adverts)

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[Updated April 2015]

## The News Letter, April 2015

How nice it is on this fine March morning to be including items that mention "Summer"! Since the sun reappeared after Friday's eclipse and we have now passed the Spring Equinox it feels as though the spring is finally here ... and there may even be plenty of flowers out in time for the Spring Show next Saturday!

With plenty of things to see and do coming up in the next two months, it's time to re-emerge from the winter and get involved. You'll be glad you did.

### Last chance to see?

One of our stop-press items this month, for early birds who catch the newsletter before the end of March, is a possible final performance of the local Young Farmer's Pantomime. So far the club have beaten off all competition with their lively performances at the Group, County, and South West rounds of this national competition, but they now face some strong fellow contenders at the south of England round. If they managed to win this round they would be in the national final in a few week's time. Otherwise their last performance for this year will be a charity performance at Tedburn. If you haven't seen them yet turn to page 7 for all the information you need.

### In Stitches

I'm not sure how long this event has been going on, but it has become a regular at the Village Hall for at least the whole of this century! This is the annual exhibition by the local embroidery group who will be taking over the hall for two days in April. If you have ever fancied doing something creative with a needle or simply appreciate the skills and patience of others, here's your opportunity to go along and, either have a go yourself, or just enjoy looking. Details on pages 6 and 12.

### A cautionary Tale

What a pity we can't always trust the stranger who comes to our door (though it's also reassuring that we sometimes can). Find out how you can make sure you don't have to rely on trust or instinct when you are presented with a sudden, spur of the moment, encounter on your doorstep and read the Neighbourhood Watch article on page 11. Forewarned is fore-armed!

### Fun and Games

When was the last time you spent an evening playing board games? Last Christmas with the

family? Or maybe it was the last time there was a power-cut, or maybe not even since you were a child? One of our local organisations is restoring the Great British Tradition of *games*, providing venue and refreshments and a rather unusual edible item. Find out what it's all about on page 6.

If you can't wait for the above event, don't forget to take advantage of the last possible chance to have an enjoyable night out at a local hostelry and seek out the random bits of trivia that are lurking in the grey folds of your brain (you know you have the answer there somewhere). For details see the top of page 7.

### A nice way to finish

Last month it was a cup of tea out of the boot of a car and I'm sure that was refreshing and delightful, but this month the local walking group have a rather more ambitious proposal for sating the appetites of those hungry ramblers. Please see page 13 to find out more about this added incentive to spending a morning traipsing around the local woods.

### Look after yourself

If the hardy folk of Cheriton Bishop set an excellent example with their stoic striding through the best and worst of all weathers, those more tender types at Tedburn believe in looking after oneself in a rather more gentle way. See page 15 for the details and why not make the effort to cross the parish border for a little well-deserved pampering?

*With best wishes for April and a Happy Easter from Jenny and the News-letter team.*

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6PM.**

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# Regular Meeting dates

## Parish Council

Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

*every second Monday evening in the month*

## Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

*every second Saturday in the month*

## Preschool

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.20 Contact:  
"Lunch Club" until 12.50 pm on Mon/Tues.  
All during term time only*

## Scouts

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

*every Monday evening during term time*

## Cubs

Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

*every Thursday during term time*

## Pilates

Contact Adele 07976 427941

*every Friday morning, 8.55 am and 10.00 am,  
during term time*

## West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

*every Monday evening from Oct – May*

## Horticultural Society

Contact: Marilyn Brook 24419

*usually the third Monday evening in the month  
during the Autumn and Winter*

## West Country Embroiderers

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

*every first Tuesday afternoon in the month*

## Short Mat Bowling

Contact No's: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

*every Wednesday, Sept – May  
(Membership full at present)*

## Baby Clinic

The Surgery 24272

*every Thursday 2 – 3 pm  
(Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)*

## Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*In the school hall every Friday 9-10.30am  
Term time only*

## Young Farmers

Contact: Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

*every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings*

## Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

*usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30*

## Spiritual Discussion Group

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

*Monthly*

## Walking Group

Contact: Jane Hancock 24092

*usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month  
(see posters and CB Website for details)*

***Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.  
Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?***

**The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays (Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22)**

### Crockernwell:

Stanbury's Orchard Arrives 14.35 Departs: 14.55

### Cheriton Bishop:

Glebelands Arrives: 15.05 Departs: 15.35  
Hescane Park 15.40 16.10

[amended April 2015]

## **STOP PRESS ITEMS!**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March Spring Show**

**Village Hall**

**2.30 pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March British Summertime begins!**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March YFC Pantomime**

**T St M V Hall**

**7.00 pm**

## **Diary Dates for April**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	"An Hour at the Cross"	Parish Church	2.00 pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Flower Arranging	Parish Church	from 10.30 am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day Service	Parish Church	11.00 am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Celebration	West Down Chapel	3.00 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Embroidery Group	Village Hall	1.30 pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Embroidery Group Day School	Village Hall	10 – 4 pm
Weekend 18/19 <sup>th</sup>	Textile Fiesta	Village Hall	10.30 – 4 pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group	The Mulberry	11.00 am
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Quiz	Old Thatch Inn	8.00 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Flower Festival Meeting	Parish Church	11.00 am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch Inn	8.00 pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	MDDC Deadline re Local Plan		

## **Diary Dates for May**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	General, District & Parish Elections	Village Hall	7am – 10 pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall	10.00 am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fun and Games/Cheese and Wine	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm

## **Forthcoming Events**

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	YFC 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Summer Show	Village Hall
Weekend 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July	St Mary's Flower Festival	Parish Church
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Village Show	Village Hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Hort. Soc. Annual Supper	Village Hall

*If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2015, why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?*

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)

Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: [anthonydbott@aol.com](mailto:anthonydbott@aol.com)

# **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Report**

Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Public Open Session

- Representative from Tellams Yard explained planning application for construction of new off-road pull-in to relieve traffic problems. County Council to adopt this once completed.

## Discussed by the Parish Council:

- Planning application for affordable housing on Yeoford road has been submitted.
- Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30 pm.
- Sign for Cheriton Bishop Surgery. Parish council confirmed they will do this just need the permission.
- If anyone wants to become a Parish Councillor maybe an opportunity in April/May.
- The Local Plan is out for consultation. Parish Council can submit comments. Parish Council confirm they broadly support inclusion of land on Church Lane; however want to make the comment that the plot is very large for 30 houses. This is not a planning application but a proposal for inclusion in the village boundary that can be built on, so can comment in the future if a planning application is submitted.
- Bus shelter Mulberry side – apply to TAP fund and ask Dartmoor National Park if they will consider contribution. Have got £1,100 from Invest in Devon.
- Discussed possibility of making a community right to bid on the Old Thatch.

## District and County Councillors Report

- Mid Devon District Council has frozen council tax so there will be no increase.
- Mid Devon District Council have created 6 new homes in Willand and more planned in Tiverton.
- Superfast Broadband – Although there is a scheme in place District councillor confirmed broadband in rural areas will not reach 10% of people. There have been complaints within the Parish that broadband is slow at present in Cheriton Bishop.
- Pot holes that are being reported are being rectified. A and B roads are given preferential treatment. The more people that report a pot hole the more likely it will be done.
- Bus cuts – Almost a third of buses routes to be cut. Crediton town bus is to be cut. This will not cause many problems in Cheriton Bishop but possibly cuts in the future.
- Safeguarding children issues being considered across the country.

## Planning:

- Application Tellams – off-road pull-in, relocation of existing roadside bank, re-positioning of gateway and formation of hard surface.
- Decision – Methodist Church change to residential.
- Decision – Stairhill Farm, Moorlake ground mounted photovoltaic solar panel array.

## **District Councillor's Comments re Local Plan**

Several people have spoken to me about the Local Plan and I just want to clarify some points. This is particularly relevant for people living in the Church Lane and Hescane Park areas.

Around two years ago Mid Devon District Council asked local landowners and farmers to put forward land that might be suitable for development in Cheriton Bishop for the period 2013 to 2033. All District and Town Councils had to do this. Some 20 to 25 acres were put forward. That has been reduced to just 2 acres off Church Lane. At present this is only proposed land for development.

Now it is in its consultation period and that has been extended until April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to make formal representations on the Local Plan, please write or email Mid Devon District Council before April 27<sup>th</sup>. The final decision on the content of the plan, and whether it can be adopted by the Council, rests with the Inspector and any representations received during the consultation will be sent to the Independent Inspector for their consideration.

They will hold an Examination into the submitted Plan. If you wish to speak at the Examination you can request this through your representation. For more information on the representations procedure please go online at [www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview)

Mid Devon District Council email address: [localplanreview@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:localplanreview@middevon.gov.uk)

Postal address: Local Plan Review, Forward Planning, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP

*Derek Coren Cllr Yeo Ward MDDC*

# **EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING**

## **St. Mary's Church**

**Saturday 4th April 10.30 am onwards**

If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter, please do come along with your flowers and foliage and we will provide the containers and oasis.

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 (by the Font) during the week before Easter.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Juliet Dymoke-Marr*  
(Tel: 24415)

### **TEXTILE FIESTA**

Cheriton Bishop branch of the West Country Embroiderers is holding its annual **Textile Fiesta and Exhibition** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of April** in **Cheriton Bishop Village Hall , EX6 6JA** from **10.30 – 4.00** on both days.

Entry and parking are free and as well as the exhibition there will be trade stands including Textiles, Embroideries, Threads, Hand Made Books, Gifts and others. Refreshments will be available and there will be a Tombola and members work for sale.

**Fun and Games with  
Cheese and Wine  
At the Spalding Hall  
On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
At 7.30pm**

**To include the auction of a homemade pork pie!!!!**

Do you remember playing bagatelle, nine men's morris, snakes and ladders, and going to beetle drives? All these and more will be available to have a go at while sipping a glass of wine and nibbling on some cheese.

We hope it will bring back some memories for those among us of 'a certain age' and be jolly good fun for anyone and everyone who wants to come and join in with raising some funds for the Spalding Hall.

Please keep the date free and we will ask for 'firm bookings' nearer the time so we don't get overcrowded !

*Paul Mitchell 24405 and Jean Martin 24586*

### **Last Fun Quiz before the Summer**

It's the season finale of The Fun Quiz on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8pm at the Old Thatch. With the summer season arriving, it's time for our quiz master to take a well earned break, but before he does there's the small matter of a monster Snowball jackpot of £300 that must be won, as well as – of course – a fabulous feast of general knowledge, trivia and general randomness! To keep up to date with all of the latest news from the Fun Quiz, visit <http://www.facebook.com/theFunQuiz> and like the page, or follow on twitter: @thefunquiz !

**Sunday 26th April -  
Open Mic Night at the Old Thatch Inn, 8.00pm start.**

**Cheriton and Tedburn YFC Present their  
Pantomime**

**‘Rehooded’**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Tedburn St Mary Village Hall**

Doors open at 7 pm

Curtains up at 7.30 pm (1 hour performance)

*Adults £4 Children £2*

*Light refreshments available*

### **From the churchwardens**

There is still an opportunity to catch the last session of the Lent Course on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm, Pathfinder Church.

There are services through Holy week at St Mary's, Cheriton Bishop, and other churches in the Benefice, including An hour at the cross at 2pm on Good Friday, and the joyful Easter Sunday service at 11am in the brightly decorated church, with the singing supported by the choir and with an Easter egg hunt afterwards.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 in the Spalding Hall. This is your chance to have your say on how the church is run and to vote in new churchwardens if you wish. Any member of the parish can attend, and we make the meeting as short as possible.

We are still looking to set up a 'Friends of the Churchyard' group to help tend and care for the churchyard to encourage wildlife and wildflowers whilst keeping it in order. If you would like to join in please contact one of the churchwardens or speak to Martin.

The Flower Festival is taking place 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July and the next planning meeting will be at the church on 11am, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, if you are unable to make the meeting but want to be part of the festival please contact Janet.

Janet Jeffery 24414

Alan Greenslade 24002

**SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP**  
AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY  
**APRIL 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> April**

7.30 Pathfinder

*Holy Wednesday*

Lent Course

Revd Martin Wood

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

10.30 Pathfinder

7.30 Tedburn St Mary

*Maunday Thursday*

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**2pm Cheriton Bishop**

2pm Holcombe Burnell

*Good Friday*

**An hour at the cross**

An hour at the cross

**Revd Prof Tim Gorringe**

Revd Martin Wood

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 Whitestone

9.30 Holcombe Burnell

11am Tedburn St Mary

**11am Cheriton Bishop**

3pm Pathfinder

3pm Oldridge

*Easter Sunday*

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

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**Holy Communion**

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Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

**Canon John Tutton**

Revd Martin Wood

Canon John Tutton

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 Holcombe Burnell

9.30 Whitestone

**11am Cheriton Bishop**

3pm Pathfinder

6pm Tedburn St Mary

*Easter 2*

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

**Family Service**

Prayer and Fellowship

Evening Prayer

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

**Revd Martin Wood**

Revd Martin Wood

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

9am Tedburn St Mary

**9.30 Cheriton Bishop**

11am Whitestone

3pm Pathfinder

6pm Holcombe Burnell

*Easter 3*

Holy Communion

**Parish Communion**

Family Service

Evensong

Evensong

Canon John Tutton

**Revd Prof Tim Gorringe**

Revd Martin Wood

Lay Led

Revd Martin Wood

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8pm Cheriton Bishop**

**Taize Prayers**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8am Cheriton Bishop**

9.30 Tedburn St Mary

11am Holcombe Burnell

3pm Pathfinder

3pm Whitestone

*Easter 4*

**Holy Communion**

Parish Communion

Family Service

United service

Evensong

**Revd Martin Wood**

Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Revd Martin Wood

Lay Led

**EACH THURSDAY**

10.30 Pathfinder

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood/

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*

### Hope restored

As we move into April the longer days than nights return. Lent draws to a close on Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The word *lent* is from the Old English word *lencten*. *Lencten* means "spring."

Literally, it means the lengthening of days as the sun's light lingers in the sky. The sense of more light in the evening was dramatically increased by the arrival of British Summer Time on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. For Holy Saturday, the sunrise and sunset times are 6.45am and 7.51pm giving a total of 13 hours and 6 minutes of daylight. Coincidentally Holy Saturday also presents us with the full moon before Easter (the date of Easter is set as the Sunday after the spring full moon). So that means Holy Saturday should be a bright moonlit night if the clouds allow us to see the full moon. So why is the light so important? If we cast our minds back three months, it was dark when we got up and dark when we got home from work. The darkness had the upper hand and everything around us was dormant waiting for light and warmth. Now we can see everything around us returning to new life, fresh greens and plants growing again quickly. The light brings renewal and the promise of warmer weather.

For Christians there is an extra dimension to that renewed hope. As we recall Jesus' death on Good Friday and him lying dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday, the shadow of death had been cast over Jesus and there was a sense of desolation. There is also a clear sense of darkness and injustice overcoming goodness and a sense of hopelessness. If that were the end of it then the story of Jesus would have died a long time ago. Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April recalls how the women find the tomb empty, Jesus appears to Mary and the disciples. **He is not dead but alive.** The shadow of death and the sense of evil overcoming good is replaced with the promise of new life and hope. Jesus becomes the first person to show a life after death and he promises an eternal destiny beyond the grave that many people call heaven. It also gives hope to people as loved ones die and when, as on Easter Saturday, all appears to be hopeless.

Easter is not just about 'pie in the sky when you die' an idea that is of no real help to you now and might never come true. Easter is also about a renewed and restored relationship with God where our short comings and failures are wiped clean. We are able to bring about changes in our everyday relationships through love and forgiveness which mirror the way God treats us. It brings about the possibility of a little heaven here and now. Jesus taught us to pray '*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven...*' It is a wonderful thing to see how God can change our situation and relationships if we allow him to guide us.

# WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

*Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264*

## Services for April 2015

### **EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April**

11.am Morning Worship

3.p.m Easter Celebration with  
**Norman and Ashley Taylor**

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

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr John Allen**

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

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**CONNECT - Clarissa Raymond**

*(working within Q. E. Community College)*

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

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Rev David Cole**

<p>Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm 13<sup>th</sup> Home Prayer fellowship 20<sup>th</sup> Danny Chipps, 27<sup>th</sup> Mission Focus.</p>
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## CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL

### “Now here’s a little |(true) story ... to tell it is a must”!

It’s about a resident of Cheriton Bishop who could have been “busted” ... now read on!

A stranger knocked on the door recently on a Saturday lunchtime. The lady said she was from the Ordnance Survey and told our resident that they were updating their information on properties built in the last few years. She wanted to check the outside dimensions of the house, so needed access to the rear garden. Our resident quickly complied and unlocked the back gate.

The lady was then joined by what our resident described as a man of “Eastern European” origins, although he did not utter a single word!

The resident “let them get on with it”, but noticed that they were indeed “measuring up”. The two supposedly from Ordnance Survey left without even a “Good Bye”.

Soon afterwards our resident started to be a bit suspicious, so she called the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

Firstly, though, what did our resident do wrong ?

1. Let someone onto the property without getting her identity.
2. Didn’t check her credentials (her identity badge would have given a contact phone number).
3. Let them into the back garden through a locked gate.
4. Didn’t get the name of the male “colleague”.
5. Didn’t get the car registration/ make. (fair do’s, did get the colour – red)
6. Let them “case the joint”, to use criminal parlance, unhindered.

The NHW Team immediately tried to contact Ordnance Survey in Southampton but being a weekend, no one was there. We left messages trying to establish if these people were genuine.

So our resident, to say the least a little worried, pulled up the drawbridge, locked all the windows, left lights on everywhere and had a couple of restless nights.

On Monday, we had a call back from Ordnance Survey with the good news that their teams had been operating in our area and do include Eastern Europeans in these teams!

The moral to this story – and this resident was happy for the experience to be published for the benefit of all – by all means let down the drawbridge but to avoid the worry resulting from this sort of incident, and the possible repercussions, **don’t drop your guard!**

### COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

We have now contacted the Road Casualty Reduction & Traffic Management Officer (some title!) at Police HQ, Middlemoor to pursue our case. Watch this space!

### JOINING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you would like to join our team (almost half the households in the Village do belong) then call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the undersigned. It costs a “voluntary £1.00 per annum” – to cover admin. because we are independent and self supporting – and you have the assurance of “safety in numbers”. No meetings, no arresting, just watching, listening, reporting and looking out for your neighbours.

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

ACORN LUNCH  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12.30 P.M. at

THE COACH HOUSE

Chicken Casserole, Dessert and tea or coffee  
Come and join us for a very chatty lunch.  
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
with Jean 01647 24586.  
Tell her if you need transport.

#### ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club** – Are now having 1 lunch a month, which is the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> April followed by 7<sup>th</sup> May. 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

**Acorn Services** - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24 hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the Acorn office 01647 252701.

**Please check out our website** [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

### **West Country Embroiderers in April**

**Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> Village Hall 1.30 for 2pm start**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 4 pm Day School at the Village Hall**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Textile Fiesta**

April is a busy month for WCEs. Our monthly meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> April will focus on preparing for the Textile Fiesta. This is an opportunity to mount exhibits and finish off projects. The Fiesta is a wonderful showcase of talent with demonstrations throughout the weekend and an opportunity to top up your sewing supplies from the trade stalls. If you are interested in machine embroidery, Alison Holt will be leading our first Day School of the year. Titled "Woodland techniques", Alison will share her expertise with you to capture a woodland picture in threads. New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Please contact *Nicky Westcott 01835 82517 or [westcottnick@gmail.com](mailto:westcottnick@gmail.com)* for the list of things you will need for this month's class.



## Walking Group News March '15

The March walk took us to the reservoirs at Hennock. As the crow flies, the reservoirs are relatively close but there was much debate as to the best route to them. We got there, in convoy, but they were always 'around the next bend' so rather like Brigadoon!!! As ever, getting back was much more direct and quicker! Lots of people were off celebrating Mother's Day but there were still 12 of us with dogs, who set off to try the newly opened routes around Tottiford and Trenchford. Masses of engineering work has been undertaken there over the past year, many of the paths have been cleared right back and the undergrowth removed. The rhododendrons, a problem in so many places around here, have been largely removed too. It was rather a grey day, see the photos on the village website page, but not as cold as predicted. As yet there was little sign of the Spring – next month..... definitely?

So, our next walk on **19<sup>th</sup> April** will be a little different. It will be in the morning for a change. We will walk at Fingle and end up at The Angler's for a carvery lunch. The cost is £12.95 for two courses. This walk is being organised by Suzanne and Peter Kiff. They will need numbers in order to book for the restaurant. If you wish to have lunch **please can you tell Sue on [kifco@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kifco@tiscali.co.uk) or call on 24485, by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** Don't be put off from joining the walk if you don't want lunch, we'd love to see you.

The walk will be about one and half hours. We will aim to be back to eat at Fingle at one o'clock. We will meet at The Mulberry at 11.00 and be at Fingle, on the far side of the bridge by 11.15 if you would prefer to meet us there.

The walk we are intending to do is along the far side of the river towards the salmon leap and then taking path up to the right to Cranbrook Iron Age fort.

Please note - alternative flat walks available!

See you in April.

Jane

### **Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society**

*(Your local gardener's club - not as posh as we sound...)*

Our Monthly evening meetings are now over until the Autumn as busy gardeners will want to be outside during the light evenings.

**If you catch this newsletter in time please don't forget The Spring Show on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.** The show opens at 2.30 pm and we will be very pleased to see you. Come and enjoy the lovely spring flowers, drink tea and eat homemade cake!

**Looking ahead:** Please don't forget the Plant Sale coming up on May 16<sup>th</sup> and bear it in mind if you have surplus plants from dividing or propagating over the next couple of months.

*Happy Gardening!*

**Cheriton Bishop Spring Village Clean Up  
on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Meet at the stone cross  
at 9.30 a.m.**

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

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

**Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and Tim Vooght 24593**



**Pop in for a chat and a drink**



**on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
at The Spalding Hall**

**any time between 2pm and 4pm**

***Do come and join us for a while. We just get together with whoever  
arrives on the day to chat and laugh and generally catch up on news.***

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

***Choice of hot and cold drinks***

**Need a lift** from your home?

Ring Paul on 24405 beforehand and we'll arrange to drive you  
whenever you are ready.

**Paid Advert:**

For Sale: TECNIX Mechanic's Car Creeper (2 piece for easy assembly; robust moulded construction; 6 heavy duty castors for excellent mobility; Light weight and portable; integral head rest) with its original box. £8.00.

*To view, phone Patience on 01647 24350*

## News from Elsewhere

Date for your diary!

**A Pamper Evening** is to be held in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall (in aid of the Village Hall) on:

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**doors open at 7p.m.**

We will be featuring an Exeter fashion store - **Taking Shape** - who are supporting us, by performing a catwalk during the evening and they are going to offer fashion tips such as “How to layer dress” and other useful information!

If you are tempted on the evening, then there will be clothes on sale - Sizes 14–26 - or they can be ordered online.

Because we have realised, that there are many local people, who can offer other complementary skills/interests/beauty products/therapies/special treats, we are also inviting them to complement the evening, by presenting their services. Maybe you can have a taster session on something that you have wondered about but felt unsure, or treat yourself to something you have always wanted.

We are hoping to give out some free samples and there will be a draw connected to “Pampering” and other lovely treats.

So ..... why don't you and possibly some friends or relatives, get together and come along, to what we hope will be a very enjoyable evening and there is even a free glass of wine (or soft drink) on offer for you! Also - if you so wish, feel able to bring along your own drink/glasses.

**Entrance is £5 on the night or £4 if you apply earlier to:** Jenny Bridewell on 01647 61363

We really look forward to seeing you there and hope you will have a great night.

*P.S If you think you would like to contribute, by presenting a relevant interest and need to book a table, do please get in touch to discuss.*

## Holy Trinity Yeoford

We are now preparing for the Easter Experience in the Church for the School. The whole of the Easter Story from Palm Sunday through to the Resurrection will be shown and explained in a series of displays.

On Good Friday there will be a service for everyone in the Village Hall at 10 a.m.

We hope Easter will be a thoughtful and joyful time in Yeoford.

### **April Services**

Sunday 5th Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9-30

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9-30

*Carol Price*  
*01647 24468*

## **CONCERTS IN THE CHURCH**

**Holcombe Burnell Church**

**Alaw Trio**

**Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £8.00 from**

**Jane 01392 811246**

**A famous and talented Welsh Folk Group**

**([www.alaw-band.com](http://www.alaw-band.com))**

**Supported by Villages in Action**

*All Profits to Church Funds.*

### ***News from the Castle***

We are now officially open for the new season!

The past couple of months have been hectic but we managed to get everything in place, all the new installations are installed and we are ready to welcome all our lovely visitors. Phew!

So far, feedback has been amazing and people seem to like the more interactive approach we have this time. The artists we have worked with to re-present the castle have been brilliant to work with and we are already welcoming groups and schools to see what we have done with the place. We are open 7 days a week now so please pop in to see us.

Building work is going well too, despite being a bit behind schedule due to winter storms and temperatures being too low to mortar blocks in place. We hope to catch up over the spring and summer though so keep everything crossed for us. All of the windows in the south end of the building are back in place and are looking great.

We have also had some lovely community events recently including our second inter schools cross country run. Over 200 children ran the 1.5 mile route and great fun was had by all. I'm sure the cheering could be heard in Okehampton! Also, a date for your diary is our second Spring Fling community open evening on Friday 15 May, 6pm – 9pm. This event last year was loads of fun and it would be great if we could make this one even better. What made last year so special was the variety of local bands and groups we had performing so please get in touch if you would like to take this opportunity to showcase what you can do.

In summary then, all is going well at the moment. Let's hope it continues. Best wishes and see you soon,

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo

01647 434130, [paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)



## Energy Saving, Beautiful Houses and The Great Carbon Footprint

(Paid Advert)

A Devon company founded by two climate change experts, which aims to tackle the problem of high carbon emissions from 'energy leaky' period and listed properties, is celebrating its fifth successful year in business. Eco-entrepreneur and low carbon living expert Mukti Mitchell will start the party with a series of talks, the first of which is to be held at Endecott House, Chagford on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

CosyHome, which is based in Bideford, North Devon, was started to provide a way of helping to reduce heat loss and therefore CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in older protected properties but with little or no disruption and while retaining their original charm and character. As a result it developed a clever and virtually invisible energy saving *window insulation system for original windows*, approved by English Heritage as well as specialist sloping ceiling insulation and natural eco friendly loft insulation. The business recently won the Chartered Institute of Building Sustainability Award and its products can reduce heat loss by as much as 70%.

"I am passionate about the environment and have spent my life promoting a low carbon lifestyle", said Mukti Mitchell, founder of CosyHome and author of *The Guide to Low Carbon Lifestyle*. "As energy bills continue to rise for period properties the unique range of energy saving products I have developed including original window insulation and our sheep's wool loft insulation can save you money as well as helping the planet".

Already installed in hundreds of period and listed properties across the county, CosyHome uses skilled Devon craftsmen for all its products. Its special window insulation system called CosyGlazing, is made from plexiglass, a modern lightweight equivalent to glass often used in aeroplanes, fixes into place using magnetic strips which allows the windows to open and close smoothly even with the glazing system. The company often also restores and draught proofs original windows before CosyGlazing is fitted so that they leave them in perfect working order.

In its first 5 years the company has insulated more than 180 traditional homes, many of them listed, and saved more than 3000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

The 5 year celebrations will begin this month with a series of talks by Mukti Mitchell, co-founder and eco-entrepreneur who is also an expert and author on low carbon living. The first of these talks, entitled **Energy Saving, Beautiful Old Houses and Low Carbon Living** will take place at Endecott House in Chagford on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 7pm til 8.30pm and is free to attend on registration by email: [info@cosyhomecompany.co.uk](mailto:info@cosyhomecompany.co.uk)

## Stone Lane Gardens: Mythic Garden Sculpture Exhibition and Paintings by Dominic Hills

Two exhibitions will be open at Stone Lane Gardens from Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This year, the theme for the annual Mythic Garden Sculpture Exhibition, which will run until October 11<sup>th</sup>, will be 'Folklore': plenty of opportunity for children and more mature art lovers to discover a magical 'other world' amongst the beautiful birches and alders at Stone Lane Gardens.

Alongside this, an exhibition of large scale, playfully colourful oil paintings by Dominic Hills will be on show at the Barn, Stone Farm until June 14<sup>th</sup>. Dominic has been painting at Stone Farm for the last 10 years. He exhibits with the Edgar Modern Gallery. His use of patterns and natural forms complements the beauty of the birch and alder trees at Stone Lane Gardens.

See our website [www.stonelanegardens.com](http://www.stonelanegardens.com)

Contact June Ashburner or Paul Bartlett 01647 231311 [paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com](mailto:paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com)

## FROM ST BONIFACE VETERINARY PRACTICE (Paid advert)

### Leptospirosis in Dogs

We recently had a confirmed diagnosis of a case of leptospirosis. Fortunately, with intensive medical therapy, this dog survived, but this is not always the case. This seems to be an opportune time to bring together some of the latest advances and discussions regarding this disease. It is a complicated issue so please speak to one of the vets if you have any questions.

We can vaccinate for some strains (or serovars) of leptospirosis. A new vaccine has become available recently 'Lepto 4'. In addition to the first two serovars, it also offers protection against *L. interrogans* Australis and *L. kirschneri* Grippotyphosa. It would seem logical to immediately recommend using this updated vaccine in all of our dogs but it isn't without its difficulties. We are waiting for two studies (due at the end of February 2015) before recommending this approach for all our patients. If, after sufficient evidence based trials, it is indicated that Lepto 4 offers superior protection for your puppy or dog, we will gladly adjust our protocol and advice accordingly. We do stock some Lepto 4 so if you would like us to vaccinate your dog with the new vaccine, or you feel that your dog is especially at risk of contracting leptospirosis, please do discuss it with us and we will happily vaccinate your dog. Please call us on 01363 772860 or email [info@stbonifacevets.co.uk](mailto:info@stbonifacevets.co.uk).

## STOP PRESS: LETTER ABOUT HOUSING PROPOSALS

Dear Editor,

May I point out, to avoid confusion, that there are two different planning issues relating to new housing in the village.

1. **Land in Church Lane** (part of the Scanes' farm) has been proposed for inclusion in the village boundary in the Local Plan Review Consultation. This means that it would be possible for planning applications to be made for housing on that land; MDDC envisages up to 30 houses. The closing date for comments is or was 30<sup>th</sup> March.

But if this land is in fact included in the village boundary, then if a planning application is made by a developer or individual, it will be possible to comment on it, write letters etc, when it comes forward.

2. **The Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust (CLT) application for 8 affordable homes on the Yeoford Road** for local people to rent. The plans have been worked out in consultation with people in the village as a result of needs expressed in two Housing Need Surveys and in the Parish Plan. Because of the level of house prices, young people and families are often unable to live here. Some more affordable homes will help to keep a more balanced age structure in the village and to save the school, though it has been felt there is also a need for smaller homes to buy. A consultation on the CLT proposal in the Spalding Hall in September resulted in many positive comments. These units would be managed by Teign Housing, but because it is a CLT scheme there has been more local input into the letting plan. There is a strong test of local connection in the plan. The homes are intended for people with family or work in Cheriton or other strong local links, who cannot otherwise afford to live in the village, and only once this need is met would others be able to apply from the surrounding parishes. Only after this, if any units are still unfilled, would applicants from elsewhere in Devon be considered. One of the homes would be suitable for someone with limited mobility.

If people are concerned about the impact of more housing in the village, I hope this will clarify the two very different proposals.

Yours sincerely

Gill Westcott  
Chair, CB Parish Council



Since I last wrote, there seem to have been a few more events organised than appeared on the calendar and I've got a few photographs which I hope will successfully weather the actions of the printer. The big action day was Red Nose Day. On the left, are the winners of the cake baking competition on that day. The children were encouraged to help their parents bake a Silly Face cake and bring it into school. If you have difficulty making out the subjects, there are two sets of cup cakes and one large cake. Well done the winners. By the looks of the cakes you deserve to win.



Cake Winners on Red Nose Day

The picture on the right gives a

good indication of the red noses and silly faces conjured up by the children. I don't yet know how much the school raised for Comic Relief but, judging by the effort put in, it ought to be quite a tidy sum. Well done to all concerned.



Red Nose Day



Feel Good Day!

Red Nose Day

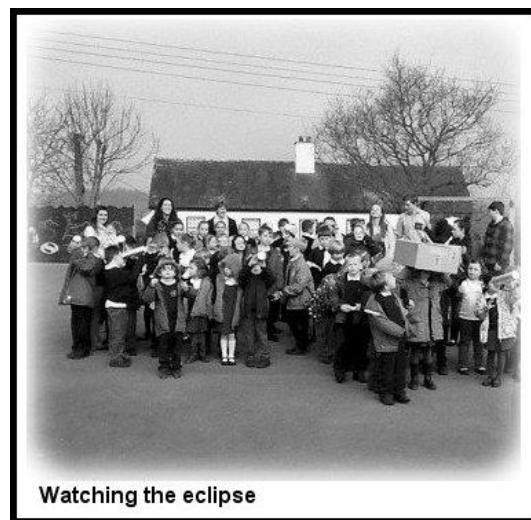
was on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. This was followed by the school's Feel Good Day. This involved four activities, amongst which was cooking! The next photograph below gives some indication of the cooking activity with a table smothered with flour around which there are at least six children in their aprons – and it looks as if they needed them. I hope the rolling pins are there for rolling out pastry and not as weapons!!!

19<sup>th</sup> March saw a Silent Auction for four daffodil plants on behalf of the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity. Again, I have no information about the monies collected but it is an extremely worthwhile cause.

The Feel Good Day was, of course, followed in quick succession by the eclipse. The children gathered on the playground under tight supervision to watch this tremendous natural phenomenon. Unfortunately there was a bit of cloud around and the spectacle was not as dramatic as it can be. Nevertheless, as the darkness arrived so the temperature fell and it became quite chilly.

All the birds thought it was time for bed and ceased their singing only to find it was time for the dawn chorus to be repeated shortly thereafter. A shot of the children watching the eclipse is on the right below.

One of the benefits of the Playgroup using the school hall for their activities is that they can join in with the school very easily and this they do. They recently joined up with the school for a special story time where playgroup members joined schoolchildren in a Buddy Reading System. What a good way of preparing the Playgroup members for school.



It looks as though Easter is following the style of the Christmas celebrations with Easter themed dinner and the Easter Basket competition. This, of course, will be followed by the celebration of Easter in St Mary's Church. The calendar for the rest of term is below. No summer term activities have been promulgated as yet.

**24th March - Open-afternoon 3:30pm- 4:45pm**  
**26th March - World of Song Performance – Great Hall, Exeter**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Themed School Dinner**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Basket Competition**  
**27th March - Easter Celebration and End of Spring Term**  
**13th April - Summer Term begins**

For information, the Woodleigh Federation of schools website is now up and running at:  
[www.woodleigh-fed.co.uk](http://www.woodleigh-fed.co.uk)

It contains useful information for the three schools.

Now, own up, who stole the daffodils that grow down Dabby Lane? Each year this solitary clump of daffodils beats the odds and manages to produce some lovely flowers for all to enjoy. The flowers arrived this year and were on display for only a limited time before somebody picked them. Shame on you!

A few issues ago, I mentioned the village's Grade I historic building. Listing means that any repairs or alterations are done under the strictest of conditions using only specified materials. A recent survey has shown that our Grade I listed building, the church, is in urgent need of roof repairs whose estimated cost is in the region of £50,000, yes, £50K. An application has been made for a grant from one source but a lot of fundraising will be needed to cover the repairs. Watch out for new activities!

I have banged on about the next subject on several occasions – parking outside the school gate. At times it is patently obvious that any kind of emergency vehicle would have difficulty negotiating the lane past the school entrance. Modern cars are considerably wider than older models and take up much more space. Please, please, please will those picking up children from school or working in the school, use the school car park. One day a fire engine will be trying to get through and there will be an accident. Don't blame me if your vehicle gets damaged!

As I said last month, the Dartmoor Railway will be running services at Easter. Timetables are now available and I will try and remember to put a stock in the Old Thatch and the shop. This timetable incorporates the First Great Western services to and from Exeter on summer Sundays.

25<sup>th</sup> April will see a rail tour visit Okehampton which will be the first one for a number of years.

That's all for this month.

PGR