

Useful Information

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Out of Hours: Ring Devon Doctors on Call on 0845 6710 270. Medical Advice: NHS Direct on 0845 4647
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MINOR INJURIES UNIT: Moretonhampstead Community Hospital, Ford Street, Moretonhampstead, open 7 days a week, 10 am – 6pm.
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811287	
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Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002
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Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

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Bookings: Tim Gorringe 24789

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Bookings: Les Gare 24639
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ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR: Sylvia Tripp 24267

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Vice Chairman	Gill Westcott	24789
Councillors	Ian Cowley	24362
	Phil Dicker	24450
	Sid Eley	24444
	Peter Endacott	24580
	Jenny Grist	281110
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Nick Way (CheritonBishop)	01363 777903
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Derek Madge
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Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

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Crockernwell

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The News Letter, August 2012

There is a quieter and more reflective air in this month's newsletter as we absorb some sad news and also draw breath after the busy two months that have just passed. But we also look ahead to continuing old local traditions as well as reporting on new ideas and developments.

Goodbye to an old friend

For almost forty years Sid Eley served on the parish council at Cheriton Bishop and for most of that time he was an essential part of local life with his garage, first at Crockernwell (in the days of the Judge Jefferies Hotel, Stanbury's Hardware Store and with the A30 charging past), and later at Cheriton Bishop on the site of the present SAS buildings. His sad and sudden passing feels truly like the passing of an era.

Sid was one of those people who was 100% reliable, if he said he would do something or be somewhere you could absolutely guarantee that he would be as good as his word. On page 5 some of his many friends pay tribute with gratitude and fond recollections of a dear friend and one that we will all miss.

Village Website

A consciousness of times past, together with all the latest technology can be seen in the plans for the parish website. Building on the work of John Eddy, our new website manager, Tony has many plans for the site and looks for your help and ideas. The website provides an opportunity for all organisations to spread their message far and wide, as well as providing an on-going archive of local life. See page 9 to see how you can get involved.

Village Show

What were you doing forty years ago? If you were already a keen gardener, cook or crafts-person chances are you were preparing your entries for the new era of the Summer Show that had just been reinstated by the brand new Horticultural Society. Happily this village institution has continued to maintain its tradition every year since and each time provides an opportunity for new cooks and gardeners to take part, with another generation of children entering the junior classes. For all the details of how to take part yourself, plus news of how one of the original prize-winners is going to present

the prizes this year, please see page 11.

Dizzy Heights

Now why would anyone want to jump out of a plane 10,000 ft above the nice safe, solid ground? Two local ladies reckon they have a really good reason to do so and give you an opportunity to support them on page 12.

Changes at the surgery

Have you noticed that things are looking a bit brighter at the surgery these days? Outside the entrance is a comfortable bench and a couple of tubs of flowers. But have you also seen what is now inside? Read page 9 to find out what you can expect to see next time you visit.

Also at the surgery is another leap forward into technology. An important notice on page 14 tells us what is happening and how we can help make sure its installation goes smoothly.

Planning ahead

Due to other commitments your editor is not going to be able to do her usual editing thing at the usual time in September (for the October issue). This will mean that much of the sorting out of newsletter material will need to be done in the early part of the month. This is just a little advance notice so that if you are planning an event that you want advertised in the October magazine it would be a good idea to be ready to send us the details a bit earlier. All the necessary arrangements will be announced in next month's edition.

With best wishes for August from Jenny and the team.

<p>DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 24th August at 6PM. Copy should be left in the newsletter box at South Orchard, Woodbrooke Rd, or sent by email (word .doc please) to: jennygrist@talktalk.net Enquiries: Editorial – Jenny 281110 Advertising – Patience 24350</p>
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This month's front cover: designed by Richard Bower

Diary Dates for August

Wednesday 1 st	Shopping Trip to Sainsbury's		
Wednesday 1 st	Open Mic Night	The Mulberry	8.30 pm
Saturday 18 th	Village Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm

Diary Dates for September

Friday 7 th	An Evening of Entertainment	Spalding Hall	
Saturday 8 th	Coach Outing to Weymouth		
Monday 10 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 29 th	Autumn Clean Up Day		

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 6 th October	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7 pm
Saturday 20 th October	Annual Singing Day	Parish Church	9.30am – 4 pm <i>Concert at 4.30 pm</i>
Saturday 10 th November	Hort Soc Annual Dinner	Village Hall	

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 events outside the parish please see News from Elsewhere on page 19.

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 of a meeting of the Council which took place on Monday, 9th July, in the Spalding Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Gill Westcott, Vice Chairman. Councillors Jenny Grist, Phil Dicker, Paul Mitchell, Ian Cowley. District Councillor, Derek Coren. The clerk, Derek Madge, and three members of the public.

Public Open Session

Mr Brian Bryon-Edmond presented a petition signed by 26 people addressed to the Chairman and members of Cheriton Bishop Parish Council, the petition expressed concern about the lack of organised activity in the village to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. He had met residents in the village shop who had expressed their disappointment at the lack of jubilee celebrations and the discussion led to the petition. He stated many felt the cultural weekend side-lined the jubilee weekend. He stated it was not a criticism of the Council but a request for future action. He continued by suggesting the Annual Parish Meeting should be renamed the "Parish Forum" to encourage people to attend. It was pointed out by Councillors that the Clerk had put an explanation of the meeting, and an invitation to take part, in the newsletter.

Councillors expressed their concerns about the petition and felt it was misguided. They asked why people did not come forward to organise events and that it was not the Parish Council's role to organise community events. Mrs M Deredas said they did support local village events and charities but she felt that residents felt intimidated to come to and speak at Council meetings. She suggested the idea of perhaps two people to work alongside the Parish Council to organise community events. It was felt that communications needed to be improved.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Tim Vooght, Peter Endacott; District Cllr Peter Heal; County Cllr Nick Way.

Councillors were greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death of Councillor Sid Eley earlier that day. He had been a member of this council since 1973. It was agreed to send the condolences of all members of the council to the family.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Housing needs survey: Councillor Westcott reported the housing needs survey had now been distributed.

Village Green: Councillor Cowley reported that the new signs had been painted.

Parish roads: Councillor Cowley was looking into the purchase of some small grit bins and a salt spreader. There were blocked drains on the A30 over-bridge and he would speak to Councillor Way about this.

Village Web-site: Councillor Mitchell reported that he and Councillor Grist had met with Tony Bott, and the web site will now be passed over to him from John Eddy. The council is greatly indebted to John for his work with the late Peter Werran in setting up the website and in its on-going maintenance. This has been sterling work and has been much appreciated by the whole community.

Litter bins: There was a written report from the Chairman, Tim Vooght, reporting that he had dealt with a problem of full litter bins.

Southcombe Hill: Tim also reported that he had received a message on his answer-phone from an unidentified caller regarding someone living on the premises at Southcombe Hill. Although unable to respond to the caller it should be noted that the matter is being dealt with by M.D.D.C. and the Enforcement Officer.

District and County Councillors' reports

Councillor Coren reported on proposed changes at Crediton Leisure Centre. There was a licensing application for Hittisleigh Barton. There was to be a site meeting by the Planning Inspector at Argermay which he been invited to attend and he also invited a Parish Councillor to attend. Derek Coren had spoken to Highways about road markings on the C50.

Planning applications

Councillor Dicker left the meeting for this item having declared an interest due to family connections.

12/00840/FULL 12 Hescane Park: erection of first floor extension. No objections.

0275/12 The Forge, Cheriton Bishop: Demolish existing shed, erect single storey extension, roof lights, balcony dormer and solar panels (amended plan). No objections.

0366/12 Middle Eggbeer, Cheriton Bishop: Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed use in respect of the replacement of existing caravan with new mobile home and addition of second mobile home. No objections

Sign to the Surgery: An enquiry from the patient participation group regarding a sign to the surgery was received. It was agreed to ask Councillor Way about progress on this and keep in touch with the PPG about this.

Future Village Celebrations: Due to the time this item was deferred until the next meeting. It was noted that Councillor Mitchell was investigating a flagpole and bunting.

Please note that there is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting will be Monday 10th September, 7.30 pm in the Spalding Hall.

Sid Eley

1933 - 2012

Brought up on a farm in Hampshire, Sid (with his parents and three younger sisters), came to Ford Farm, Yeoford in 1950. Sid worked on the farm and part-time at Moore's Garage in Crediton. Sid combined a love of the countryside and all things mechanical throughout his life.

In 1964 he took over Crockernwell Motors and later the remaining garage in Cheriton. All of us have tales of being rescued by Sid from remote parts of the surrounding parishes, sometimes at the end of a tow rope. In between driving the local school bus to Chagford, and the weekly one to Newton Abbot, he and Kath farmed Bowden Farm, where they set up home after their marriage in 1971.

For 39 years, Sid was a conscientious and hard working parish councillor, concerned about local matters. He served on the Village Hall Committee as well as being a Trustee.

As father of Valerie and Adrian, and uncle to others, he took a keen interest in the younger generation, supporting their activities. At Cheriton Garage, several young 'gentlemen' had their first experience of the world of work with Saturday and holiday jobs, acquiring mechanical knowledge along the way and earning enough for that first 'prized' banger.

Retirement for Sid was away trips with Kath, being grandfather to Daniel and Jessica, and working in his woodlands, delighting in his nesting barn owls. Life had come full circle.

Compiled by friends of Sid

Some happy memories ... (*Time and logistics meant that while there are sure to be many more of these recollections, these are the ones we were able to gather in time for this newsletter.*)

I lived outside Drewsteignton between 1959 and 1980 with a couple of gaps for education and marriage. This life would not have been possible without the internal combustion engine and despite my father's tinkering would not have been possible without Sid Eley. From my perspective Sid's mastery of mechanised movement began with his driving the school bus but I am sure he was already extending the life of my father's pre-war Studebaker. Many unreliable vehicles followed; Sid always succeeded in reviving them. When our twin daughters were born we celebrated with a huge outdoor party that was graced by Sid's elegant Rolls Royce. Perhaps he had a good trade in weddings, but my own belief is that the Roller represented the ultimate internal combustion engine.

Rosy Hilton (nee Johnson) and husband Adam

I cannot remember how or why Sid persuaded me to stand for election as a parish councillor. The count was to be at Shelley so Sid, as the proud new owner of a Rolls Royce, drove me and Patience to Crediton. Amid much hilarity, I was duly elected onto Cheriton Bishop Parish Council as the first woman for 40 years. Rising to the occasion, Sid produced champagne and glasses from the back of the rolls before he drove us home. But Sid (and Kath) were best known for their wine making skills. One of the most notable vintages was served at the very first PTFA social/fundraising occasion, a very merry barbecue, which resulted in a melted square of the playground. Those were the days.

Persis Bower

My abiding memory of Sid is from when he was running the garage in Cheriton. My car was not the latest model and I sometimes found it would not start in the morning. A desperate phone call to Sid asking for assistance would be answered in his usual way "I'll be there" Bang – phone call ended!!! Then within no time at all he would "be there" with his jump leads and a spare battery to save the day. A man of few words but great kindness.

Jan Mitchell

Sid's kindness to me – One day in the 80's we returned from a short break away from the farm to find that someone had helped themselves to our tractor diesel, which was in a tank by the sheds. I was chatting to Sid a few days later and just mentioned it in passing and, to my surprise and gratitude, he turned up at the farm the next day with a lockable tap and fitted it – all free of charge!

Anne Loosemore

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP
AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN TEAM MINISTRY

AUGUST 2012

SUNDAY 5th

		<i>Trinity 9</i>	
8am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Godsall
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service/Baptism	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

SUNDAY 12th

		<i>Trinity 10</i>	
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Oldridge	Evening Prayer	Archdeacon
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

SUNDAY 19th

		<i>Trinity 11</i>	
8am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led

WEDNESDAY 22nd

8pm	Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayers	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
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SUNDAY 26th

		<i>Trinity 12</i>	
8am	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Adrian Hough
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
6pm	Whitestone	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

EACH THURSDAY

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

To all those happily trying out recipes in the Cheriton Cook Book: "The Secret is Out" – one little secret that you need to know is that in Brenda's "Hot Salmon" recipe the "100 mls of vegetable oil" should read as vegetable *stock*, and the "1 tablespoon" of oil should in fact be just one *teaspoon*! Please amend your book accordingly or pick up an 'erratum bookmark' from the back of the Church!

A date for your diaries:

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 6th at 7pm. There are only 80 places so be sure to book early!

Contacts: Tim Gorringe, 24789 and Jenny Grist 281110

FROM THE RECTOR

The Second Instalment

As the Olympic games gets almost to the half way mark the countdown clock to the Paralympic stands at just 29 days. The name 'Paralympic' comes from the Greek word 'para' which means 'beside' or 'alongside'. The name means a competition held in parallel with the Olympic Games. In 1944, a doctor, Sir Ludwig Guttmann, was working with war veterans with spinal injuries when he started to think about using sport to help them. He was convinced that making them more active would help re-motivate them after serious injury. So, at the same time as the London Olympic Games in 1948, he organised the first wheelchair Games at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire. Four years later international competitors started to come to the event and interest grew. By 1984, more than 1,000 athletes from 41 countries were competing in 14 sports. Over time, the Games gained the official title of the Paralympic Games and were staged to coincide with the Olympic Games in Rome and Tokyo. Now, the Paralympic Games always happens in the same year as the Olympic Games, but it is only since 1988 that they have also used the same venues, such as stadia and other facilities. The Paralympic Vision is;

'To enable Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to inspire and excite the world.'

There has been a real sense of excitement as the Paralympics will start later this month. There are some well known names that people are looking forward to seeing like Ellie Simmonds in the swimming, Oscar Pistorius and Jonnie Peacock in the sprints and David Weir in the athletics. The Paralympic events have been oversubscribed in some events for the first time. It demonstrates real public support and interest in the games. I suspect that as a nation we love to see people overcoming amazing obstacles and succeed. It is amazing to reflect on the wisdom of Sir Ludwig Guttmann who identified that sport offered the opportunity to grow in confidence and self-belief. The athletes provide great role models for other people to try and give it a go whatever your circumstances might be.

It comes as no surprise that the bible tells stories about the people who society has wrongly dismissed as not important, coming good. In fact in Jesus' life he goes out looking for those marginalised by society and offers practical help. The sad truth is that prejudice is often responsible for people being marginalised. It is the majority who have to change how they think about other people. The Paralympics rightly challenges us to view people for the talent and potential they clearly already have; but also to look for it in others and to encourage them to develop the unique gifts whatever their life situation might be.

Rev. Martin Wood is on sabbatical and is unavailable. Please contact the church wardens for church matters.

Church Wardens: Janet Jeffery 24414, Alan Greenslade 24002

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for August 2012

Sunday 5th August

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Mr Alfred Tarring

Sunday 12th August

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Mr Peter Old

Sunday 19th August

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Bishop Colin Bazley

Sunday 26th August

11.am Morning Worship
(No Afternoon Service)

During the Sunday afternoon services the younger members of the Church can participate in the young persons Sunday Group

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.

Community Coach Outing to WEYMOUTH

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

COST £9.00 PER SEAT

TO BOOK PHONE EVELYN COREN on 01647 24264

Pick up at COPPLESTONE

8:30am

CREDITON (The Green)

8:45am

YEOFORD (Village Hall)

9:00am

CHERITON BISHOP (Village Hall)

9:20am

TEDBURN (Frys Garage)

9:30am

Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

As there are no services during August, Isabel Weatherley has offered to have the Home Communion at her house, 20 The Oaks, Yeoford, on Wednesday 22nd August at 1030. All are welcome.

Even though the weather has been so unpredictable, we hope everyone who is having or is going on holiday has a wonderful, relaxing time.

THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

My name is Tony Bott. I moved to Cheriton Bishop just over four years ago when I retired. I have recently taken over the running of the village website and would welcome all the help you can give me with contributions to the content or ideas. We hope to go live early in August.

The site has all the previous content but in a slightly different format. We have a diary page where local events can be displayed. All you need to do is e-mail me the dates.

There is a Gallery page. At the moment it has the Jubilee pictures, so if you have any more of these to add then please send them by e-mail to me. I would also like any other interesting Cheriton Bishop pictures particularly old pictures (I would only need to scan them to put on the website).

A new section is Video Interviews with local residents and Sound Recordings of interviews and events. This section will be expanded as and when we can interview people. Again any suggestions about who we should talk to please let me know by e-mail. There are currently two people interviewed on the site so when it goes live, log in and have a look.

There will be a direct link between the newsletter and the web site. The hope is that all contributors will be featured on the website and advertisers will have a 320px by 125px box on the site. Advertisers who would wish to promote something should contact me by e-mail.

I hope to record the bell ringing as the next addition to the site.

Tony Bott Email: anthonydbott@aol.com

NEW INITIATIVE – ART @ THE SURGERY

For those who have been fortunate enough not to visit either Christow or Cheriton Bishop Surgery in the last month, you may be in good health but you have missed some amazing art!

Art @ The Surgery is a new initiative aimed to brighten up our waiting rooms and also to raise money for the Medical Equipment Fund. For a 2 month period an artist will exhibit an array of work which is all for sale. Our first exhibiting artist is our local, and very talented, Francis La Trobe. Francis paints from what is around her, beautiful countryside, towns and villages and her paintings very clearly convey her delight at living in wonderful Devon and particularly the stunning Teign Valley.

Francis' work will be exhibited until the end of August when another local artist, James Tatum will be hanging some of his abstract work for a two month period. 15% of all sales will go to the Medical Equipment Fund which helps the Doctors purchase much needed equipment for the benefit of all patients. If you would like to purchase any of the art pieces then please either speak to a receptionist or contact Jo Clunie on 01647 252217 who will manage the purchase for you.

Julia Mercer, Practice Manager

From the Church Wardens

What more could you want? The rain stopped for a whole afternoon (almost), rich chocolate cake, plenty of people to talk to, a sing-song and of course a celebratory peal on the bells. Thanks to everyone who helped out or visited St Mary's for the Open Tower, Tea and Choir Concert in making it such an enjoyable afternoon.

You may have noticed an extra line of **bold lettering** added into the Church Service list, between the Third and Fourth Sundays. Taize Prayers, this is a calming candle lit hour with a mixture of silence and prayer with the use of chants, not always in English, sung to simple tunes which you learn through repetition and if you don't quite hit the tune it still works. Like they say in the Holiday Guides, 'well worth a visit'.

Alan Greenslade

From the Choirmaster:

CB Music Day

Just a timely reminder that St Mary's Cheriton Bishop will be holding its Singing Day on Saturday 20th October from 10 – 5:30. Full details and a form to tell me you'll be coming will be available on and after

1st September from me electronically (email to billjeffery@talktalk.net), by phone (01647 24414) or by post (6, Stonelands, Crockernwell EX6 6NB).

As previously announced, we shall be preparing Haydn's 'Nelson Mass', which is a fairly well known work, but also not too difficult so we can learn it well enough in one day to give an acceptable performance. Refreshments during the day and a chance to buy a legendary CB lunch!

We will welcome an audience at 4:30pm (for about 45mins) to hear what we've prepared at no charge (though we'll not turn away any donations!).

Please spread the word widely to prospective singers and audience, ensuring they have marked their diaries showing Sat 20th October as a RED LETTER day!!

CB Occasional Choir

Choir members didn't hold their outing on 14th July as originally planned. Too many found the date clashed so, as the 'raison d'être' of the trip is the companionship of the whole group, the trip was POSTPONED not cancelled! We intend to look for suitable trips and times once the summer months are behind us all.

The next event to prepare for is Harvest so please can choristers keep 7:00 till 8:00 free on 14th & 21st September and 5th October

Bill Jeffery

*Don't Forget! Open Mic at the Mulberry
Wednesday 1st August
Starting at 8.30 pm*

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton - We regularly run a minibus service on alternate Wednesdays for Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and Tedburn. This month it will be 1st, 15th and 29th August, and 12th September, to Sainsbury's Supermarket, Alphington. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is £3 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café now twice monthly - We are now running afternoon cafés on the second Thursday of each month, this month it will be 9th August 2.00pm – 4.00pm. This is in addition to our usual morning café on the last Thursday of each month 10.30 to 12.30, which will be Thursday 30th August. If you would like more details please call Margaret on 01647 252622. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill on the B3212 adjacent to Dunsford village – look out for the sign.

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – There will not be a lunch club in August.

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

40 Years and still going strong!

At a Parish meeting 40 years ago, The Horticultural Society was created to take over the organisation of The Summer Show, now known as The Village Show. Inherited were two silver cups, one for flowers and one given to the previous organisation in 1948 by Lt Gen Baker for

vegetables. (*Does anyone have more information?*)

No-one could have predicted then, that 2012 would be such a difficult gardening year or that preparation time would clash with some 2500 viewing hours of the Olympics! So check out Section E of the Show Schedule. Surely inspiration will strike as you sit focused on the small screen. And Gentlemen – there is a class especially for you, any creation from tying a fly for fishing to welding, even sewing and knitting!

For Floral Art, you may use bought flowers and foliage. For Class A18 you may buy plants to put in a container for display. The children's classes are of special interest to visitors so please encourage entries – an ideal occupation for a wet day. Older children may enter adult classes if they wish.

Schedules are available from Checkers, The Church, or from Persis Bower, South Orchard, 24303, email persis@rmbower.plus.com for an attachment. Anyone living within 5 miles of Cheriton Bishop may enter.

Please read the schedule carefully. Take note of the numbers required, any hints given, and any dimensions that must be noted. If you think you will have difficulty transporting/lifting your entries of a bucket of compost, your container of plants, or any other problems, please contact Persis and help will be given.

Entries by 7.30pm Thursday 16th August to Fallow End (by kind permission of Pat English).

Apart from the statutory organisations like the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council, and national organisations like the Scouts, The Horticultural Society is the oldest voluntary organisation in the Parish so please come and celebrate with a cream tea!

One of the first winners of the Cookery cups was Pam Stooke, formerly of Coxland, who has kindly agreed to present the cups (approx 3.30pm).

**Cheriton Bishop Village Show 2012
Saturday 18th August 2.30pm
in The Village Hall
*Admission Free***

An event not to be missed!

Cheriton/Tedburn Young Farmers Club



Cheriton & Tedburn YFC owe a huge thank you to all who have supported them over the past couple of months leading up to their bi-annual Grand Summer Ball. This event once again proved a great hit with 450 guests attending to help celebrate the clubs achievements over the last couple of years. With one of the wettest summers ever recorded, preparation was very challenging. However a great atmosphere was had on the evening in a wonderful marquee supplied by GD Hire.

‘The whole night was just fantastic and we owe a massive thanks to all who contributed to the night. Special mentions must go to our main sponsor Mr Peter Davidson and the Teign Valley Shoot, without his generosity we could not have afforded to put on such an event and to the kind permission of Mr & Mrs G Retter and family for hosting the event, in such a wet year it wouldn’t usually be possible for it to go ahead but they bent over backwards to ensure their field was available and accessible for all, we owe them dearly’. Chairman Chris Berry gave extra special praise to their daughter and club secretary, Rachel Retter: ‘She has just been incredible, dedicated to making sure the night was such a success.’

The night also saw the club raise nearly £1350, thanks to James Morrish of Kivells & Husseys who auctioned off some great lots donated by local businesses.

There are too many people to thank individually but without all their support it wouldn’t have been such a fantastic night and we look forward to seeing you all again next time.

With the Ball now behind us we concentrate on our entries for the Haldon Group Rally at Okehampton show, showing off our skills in many classes including cookery, crafts and photography. We are also planning to do a 24 hour Trampoline-athon to take place at this year’s Tedburn Fair on September the 7th/8th. For more information on the club call Rachel on 07792518439.

❖ Our club secretary Rachel Retter and club leader’s wife Jackie Bowden will be taking to the skies in early September to do a sponsored sky dive from 10,000 ft in aid of our chosen charity – CLIC Sargent.

If you would like to sponsor these ladies then please call Rachel on 07875834370 or Jackie on 01647 281239 to be included on their sponsor form.

Crockernwell News

The continuing problem with speeding vehicles through Whiddon Down and Crockernwell was addressed after a reply from the police stating they were no longer able to prioritise the enforcement of the speed limits. The Council have decided to explore the possibility of setting up a Community Speed Watch group in the two villages. This is similar to Neighbourhood Watch where the community take

responsibility for the problem and would entail a team of volunteers being trained by the police and then monitoring the speed of vehicles at problem times and forwarding the details to the police for follow up action. We have since heard that at least **six** volunteers would be required with at least one person being responsible for the administration of the team. If you feel strongly enough about the problem of speeding vehicles going through your village and would be prepared to help, please contact the Clerk or your ward councillor (Bill Savage & Joy Walker for Crockernwell). We have also requested a site meeting with the police and Devon County Highways to see if some further Traffic Calming measures can be undertaken.

The Council were grateful to Dr Nigel Padfield for updating us on the Fingle Shoot – the terms of the lease will be much tighter, adhering to the British Association of Shooting and Conservation guidelines and a reduction in the area covered by the shoot.

Funds are now available to proceed with parking restrictions outside Drewsteignton Post Office so the Clerk is contacting highways to progress this, it is worth remembering of course, how long it has taken to arrange the closure of Turnpike Road at Whiddon Down which has now been finalised and only awaits contractors to be appointed and complete the job.

Following the parish Council's request to Health & Safety to check the poor road surface at the entrance to the Whiddon Down service area we have heard that Esso have approved finance and the job should be completed within a month, we will wait and see!

Following a site visit at West Ford Farm Drewsteignton the Council revisited their decision and on the recommendation of the councillor who attended have changed their decision to object to a neutral view. We have also asked the Caravan & Camping Club and DNPA for advice on the granting of a camping licence at this location so we can be better informed on the subject.

More good news at Whiddon Down, we have heard that a planning application has been put in for the building of a new link road from Exeter Road to the North Tawton Road. We hope to see the details shortly and will report further.

From the Drewsteignton Parish Council notes by Bill Savage.

1st Drewsteignton/Chagford Cubs and Scouts

Old cubs, parents and supporters sprang a surprise on Paula and Sarah and joined the current pack in offering them many thanks for many happy years and many happy youngsters as the end of the session turned into a mini-party! A fitting tribute to all the many fun times that Paula and Sarah have given the children!

We look forward to new times with our new pack leaders: Rona and Isobel, and thank them for stepping into the breach.

Our older youngsters are still in need of a leader and we would be delighted to be able to revive our Scouts pack. If you are able to help, then please contact Paula Allen on 01647 281144.

Full training and support would be given.

Patient Participation Group

**IF YOU USE THE CHERITON BISHOP & TEIGN VALLEY PRACTICE,
YOU NEED TO READ THIS!**

On 1st August the practice will be upgrading its clinical computer software.

This is to accommodate the increasing amount of medical information and data they need to deal with on a day to day basis. This will have a knock on effect of improving our access to the data that will improve services for you. The staff at the surgeries have been in preparation to ensure a smooth change over.

However, with all new systems it may take a few weeks to iron out all the teething problems, so your patience will be much appreciated.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

If you need to order prescriptions between Monday July 30th to Friday 3rd August, please could you order your medication earlier in the month to avoid this period. There will be a time when computers are inevitably off line.

On Wednesday 1st August it would be worth avoiding routine GP follow-up appointments and booking for a later date, as above the computers will be offline for a short period, which means management of ongoing problems is more difficult. The surgery will however, be fully operational and able to deal with any medical need.

Your patience and consideration would be very much appreciated.

Jean Martin (Chairperson) 01647 24586.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Villagers,

It was very interesting to read the views of so many in last month's magazine. We should try to do more of it, as once requested, if I remember

rightly, by the editorial team.

But I have to say I cannot understand why anyone would make the time and effort to do so and then not have their name published,

particularly when their letters were complimentary.

As was the subject written about, this has also caused much chit chat in the villages, and most seem to think as I do. The editorial team should insist, letters published should be accompanied by the writer's name.

Jean Martin

names withheld. All the letters concerned were complimentary about the Jubilee weekend so, unless they were written by the organising committee, I can see no reason why the writers should want to be incognito. Perhaps if they do not have the courage of their convictions the newsletter should take a stand and refuse to publish anonymous letters in future,

Janet Jeffery

Dear Editor,

Now that the newsletter has a very forthright letter page, can I say what a pity it was that last month three contributors asked to have their

Editor's response: It is good to have letters from local people and a healthy exchange of opinions via the letters page is always welcome. Naturally it satisfies our curiosity to know who has written them and also gives weight to a point the writer might be making. However, it seems important to champion all points of view and listen to those who, for whatever reason, wish to keep their identity unknown to the general readership – this is in line with many 'High Street' publications.

As editor I take the view that as long as the writer is known to me I am happy to put in their correspondence even if they indicate that they would like their "name withheld". It is important that the editor knows who the writer is so as to avoid any manipulation of the "letters page" content (as suggested in one of the letters above).

I would like to assure all readers that neither of the letters with "names withheld" last month were written by someone who took part in the organizing of the events and that their names were known to me with the request that they remain anonymous. The quote taken from Theodore Roosevelt's famous speech was delivered anonymously and so I have no means of knowing who presented it – however, since it was not voicing a personal opinion as such it was included.

Jenny Grist, Editor.

News from Elsewhere

Chagford Annual Art Exhibition 2012

The annual four day exhibition of art staged in Jubilee Hall, Chagford, by members of the Chagford Art Group takes place from Wednesday, 8th August, until Saturday 11th, open

daily from 10.00a.m. until 5.00p.m., with artists there throughout to greet visitors, discuss the work of exhibiting artists and their own approach to art.

The exhibition includes a wide variety of work: landscapes; seascapes; realism; aeronautical; abstract; allegory; still life; figure; floral; and naïve art, here depicted in Art of Happiness works, which popularly depicts folklore, humorous scenes of bygone days and a distinctly different way of looking at the world. All work exhibited is for sale by artists that use many media – watercolour; gouache; oils; pastels; and pen and ink - and who, in group meetings each Thursday, continue the self-help principles established by the group founders that assist each other and also encourage others to develop their art or take their first steps in its wonderful world. During the year group members occasionally invite professional artists to demonstrate techniques and art forms at their meeting, and in the summer go painting in outdoor locations. When the group was formed, its members swiftly gained a reputation for excellence. That is continued today by members who welcome others to join them. For further details please call Maureen Dady, Chairman on 01626 821237 or Ursula Radford on 01837 840547.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

I am trying to raise funds for the charity by taking part in the 'Biggest Coffee Morning in the World'. It will take place on Friday 28th September at Longdown Village Hall from 10.a.m. to midday. We will have home made cakes, tea and coffee being served plus we have a raffle with plenty of fantastic prizes. The event will be fun and for a very worthwhile cause.

Sheila Friend 01392 811821

Holcombe Burnell Church Arts & Crafts Show

28th-30th September

Friday 28th September 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 29th 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday 30th 10 am – 4 pm

Free entrance and Refreshments available.

Help needed: Cakes to Jane Blight (01392) 811246,
and volunteers to act as stewards: Alex Ferguson (01392) 811330.