

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

December 2021 & January 2022



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Welcome to the Newsletter

December 2021 & January 2022

I know this may upset a lot of people, but I just want to say... I've done most of my Christmas shopping already! Sorry, not sorry. It has to be done I'm afraid.

As some of you may already know, I am a big child, through and through. I still get excited about rainbows and the tooth fairy. I never want to lose the sense of magic that I see all around me and Christmas is a truly magical time. I love the excitement of it. I love the tradition. Giving gifts to loved ones and taking the time to think about what will really make them smile when they open their presents? Love it!

I love to sing, and who doesn't adore a Christmas Carol? I get told off at home for singing carols all year round. I really don't see why a good tune can't be appreciated throughout the year! Only my nephew, Tommy agrees with me on that one. Please let me know if you are a 'shower caroller' too!

The change in the seasons is always magical to me. Take a walk around the village when the light is fading and there's a chill nipping your nose and ears. Breath comes out in foggy plumes, then home to a nice warm fire, some mulled wine and a mince pie. Wonderful! I'm going to spend this weekend testing said mince pies, before getting the decorations out of the loft. Don't know about a Christmas Tree this year (gasp), as we have a crazy kitten who I know will climb it and make toys of the baubles and bells. Nope, I really can't go without the tree... perhaps some tinsel wrapped scaffolding around it...

I hope you all have a lovely, magical Christmas and a happy & healthy new year!

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the February 2022 edition.

Take care all.

Lucy x

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Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) - Every Thursday (term time only). Contact: Rachel Barclay - 01647 24575

Cheriton Bishop Baby & Toddler Group

Fridays, 9am - 11am, School Hall. Find us on Facebook

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club

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

Cubs (8 - 10 yrs) - Thursdays (term time only). Contact: James Morris - 01647 252375

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

Contact: Paul Mitchell 01647 24405 or Jean Martin 01647 24586

Curry and a Quiz at The Old Thatch Inn - Every last Sunday in the month, Curry from 6pm - 7pm. Quiz at 7.30pm. Contact: 01647 24204

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

Contact: Janet Jeffery - 01647 24414

Live & Kicking in the Village

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

Parish Council

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

Pilates - Thursday mornings, 8.55am and 10am (term time). Contact: Adele - 07976 427941

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Scouts (10 - 14 yrs) - Monday evenings (term time). Contact: Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

Short Mat Bowling - Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm, September to May,

Contact: David Tripp - 01647 24582

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

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

West Country Embroiderers - Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

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

Young Farmers

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

Keep Me Updated

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

Dates for your Diary

December 2021

4th	Christmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30-12pm
5th	Scouts Christmas Tree Sale	Crofters Mead	10am-4pm
5th	Cheriton Bishop Walking Group	Fingle Bridge	10am
5th	Santa's on the Run - Freestyle	RHS Rosemoor	Pg 5
7th	Acorn Christmas Lunch	The Red Lion	12.30pm
7th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch	Pg 5
10th	Christmas Fayre	CB Village Hall	5-7pm
11th	Celebration! Chagford Singers	St. Michael's Church	7.30pm
12th	Scouts Christmas Tree Sale	Crofters Mead	10am-4pm
13th	Acorn Minibus trip to Sainsbury's		Pg 8
13th	Gardening Club: Wreath Making	CB Village Hall	7.30pm
14th	West Country Embroiderers	CB Village Hall	12-4pm
16th	Future Farming Workshop	Amory Building	7-9.30pm
20th	Cuppa & a Chat	Spalding Hall	2-4pm

January 2022

4th	Acorn Lunch	The Red Lion	12.30pm
4th	West Country Embroiderers	CB Village Hall	12-4pm
	Pantomime: Ali Baba & His 4½ Thieves	Dunsford Village Hall	Pg 7
17th	Gardening Club: Annual Quiz	CB Village Hall	7.30pm
20th	Newsletter deadline for the February 2022 issue		

Mobile Library

Tuesday 11th January 2022

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

Future visits, 2022: 8th Feb, 8th Mar, 5th Apr, 3rd & 31st May, 28th Jun, 26th Jul, 23rd Aug, 20th Sep, 15th Nov, 13th Dec

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What's On?

Ground Up Cookery School

December Classes:

Christmas Shopping Open Day

Friday 3rd December - Try, taste & buy!

January 2022 Classes:

Fish & Shellfish Cookery

Saturday 22nd January - £155, full day

For details, visit: www.groundupcookeryschool.co.uk
Ground Up Cookery School, Higher Fingle Farm,
Crockernwell, EX6 6NP **01647 782022** (9:30am - 5pm)
info@groundupcookery.co.uk

Christmas Coffee Morning

Sat 4th December, 10.30am - 12pm, The Spalding Hall

Come and join us for seasonal fayre to enjoy and buy.
Mince pies, mulled wine, raffle and more!

Raffle Prize Request!

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize for the Spalding Hall Christmas Coffee Morning event, please leave it with me at The Old School House (right next to the Hall), or I can collect from you (please call).

Funds raised from the event will go towards the running costs of the Hall. Thanks!

Steve Colderick, 01647 24818



Scouts Christmas Tree Sale

Sunday 5th & Sunday 12th December, 10am till 4pm, Crofters Mead

Netting will be available (of trees, not scouts!) and we will be operating hand washing and social distancing. We look forward to welcoming you.

Andrew,
Chair & Group Scout Leader



Festive Spirit at Castle Drogo

Come and enjoy some festive spirit at Castle Drogo this December. With the castle decorated in traditional decorations, experience a Christmas like the Drewe family in 1926.

The castle will be open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from the 3rd to 19th December as well as Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December.

Can you help Percy the Park Keeper?

From Sat 4th Dec until Mon 3rd Jan (closed 24th-26th December)

Based on the beloved books from writer and illustrator Nick Butterworth comes a festive outdoor trail. There's lots of work to be done in the garden at wintertime, and Percy's needs some help. So why not step into his wellies and become his helper for the day? Armed with clues and help from his woodland friends, there's tons of fun to be had as you get closer to nature on this outdoor trail. Trail price £2.

Christmas Shopping

The shop, cafe and visitor centre will be open until Wednesday 31st December (with the exception of the 24th, 25th and 26th). Providing an excellent location away from the crowds to get some Christmas shopping done. There are plenty of unique gifts to help inspire you, and then you can refuel with a cup of something warm in our cafe.

In the Cafe

Heading off for a winter stroll? We've got warming hot chocolates, festive lattes and of course a cup of tea to keep those mittens toasty. Why not try one of our wintery one pots or treat yourself to a festive snack? We'll also have plenty of Christmas treats, so there's something for everyone.

What's On?

Santas on the Run

Sunday 5th December, RHS Garden Rosemoor, near Great Torrington

Children's Hospice South West's Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle is a fun 2k course is suitable for all ages and abilities and there will be plenty of festive treats and surprises to enjoy along the way.

Tickets: £10 per adult, £5 per child (under twos, free) www.chsw.org.uk/santas

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

The last walk of the year is at Fingle Bridge on Sunday 5th December meeting at 10am sharp

As we approach the year end, it would be good to reflect on the past year. It has been pleasing to welcome new people joining our walks as well as old faces returning. One aspect of the group is the way people can drop in and out as they like such is the informal nature of the group. As well as re-visiting favourite walks, we have ventured further into the moor and discovered new areas. Over the winter period the walks will be according to the weather, often at short notice!

Evening walks will recommence next April 2022. Watch the Facebook page or join the mailing list if interested. We look forward to even more new faces next year.

Jon & Dennis

Acorn Christmas Lunch



Tuesday 7th December, 12.30pm, The Red Lion, Tedburn St Mary

Menu

Glass of wine or Fruit Juice

1. Turkey with all the trimmings
2. Festive Nut Roast
3. Ice Cream
4. Christmas Pudding & Custard
5. Chocolate Yule Log & Cream



Tea or Coffee

£13.00 per person

Call Jean on **01647 24586** to book your place (inc. transport, if required) and to give her the numbers of your menu choices *before 4th December*.

Acorn Lunch 2022

Tues 4th January, 12.30pm, The Red Lion, Tedburn SM

Menu

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| 1. Fish Chips & Peas | 4. Ice Cream |
| 2. Liver Bacon & Mash | 5. Syrup Sponge & Custard |
| 3. Vegetable Soup & Roll | 6. Strawberry Delight |

£9.00 per person. £10 to include tea or coffee.

Please call Jean on **01647 24586** to book your place (including transport, if required) and to give her the numbers of your menu choices *before 1st January*.

Open Mic Night - Live Music in the Village

Tuesday 7th December, The Old Thatch Inn

Open Mic night at The Old Thatch, runs on the first Tuesday of each month. If you want to find out what it's all about, join us at the next Open Mic – see you there. There won't be an Open Mic Night in January, so the next event will be **Tuesday 1st February 2022.**

Steve Colderick



What's On?

Christmas Fayre!

A free event for the whole community to enjoy!

Cheriton Bishop School PTFA

**Friday 10th December,
5pm - 7pm,
Cheriton Bishop
Village Hall**

- Bar & Food
- Grand Raffle
- Stall Holders
- Silent Auction
- Meet Santa
- Music
- Games
- And more...



For more information, contact
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The Chagford Singers

Celebration!

A concert of seasonal music, including choruses from Handel's Messiah

Conductor: Dan Maw, Organ: Laurence John



Tickets £12 (Under 16s £5) from Sally's Newsagent or phone 01647 433770
Including Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Saturday 11th December, 7:30pm, St Michael's Church, Chagford

Gardening Club News

The November meeting nearly didn't happen when the speaker cancelled at short notice. Fortunately Mr. Peter Savage from Bowden's Nursery in Sticklepath stepped into the breach and gave a very informative and illustrated talk on hostas. Besides hearing about new varieties, many bred in the last few years, we also learnt that all hostas are edible – which is more than can be said about fungi, the original topic of the evening!

Christmas Wreath Making

Monday 13th December, 7.30pm, Village Hall

An opportunity to make a Christmas Wreath. The basic materials will be provided and seasonal refreshments served. Non-members are very

welcome and older children can come with a parent. There is no charge.

Seed Orders: In January the seeds ordered through the Club can be collected from the Spalding Hall between 10.30 - 12 noon on Saturday 8th January.

The Annual Quiz

Monday 17th January 2022, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Drewsteignton Gardening Club are invited to this event and we can choose for ourselves which team we would like to be in. There are prizes to be won, (including booby ones!)

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

What's On?

West Country Embroiderers,

Textiles & Mixed Media



**Tuesday 14th December, 12 noon - 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

It was heartwarming to welcome back so many members at our November meeting and we look forward to our Christmas social in December.

**Tuesday 4th January, 12 noon 4pm,
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

The January meeting will provide a plethora of themes, 'the bear necessities', how a hobby developed into a successful craft business, a presentation by Elizabeth Gunn on antique textiles and samplers and a practical session on shibori. This Japanese word originates from the verb 'shiboru' which means to press or squeeze. Fabric is stitched, clamped, twisted or folded to create designs which are often dyed in indigo vats.

Annual membership, Just £25

New members are always welcome; you do not have to be an accomplished crafter, just bring enthusiasm and have a go. You can contact me on the email address below if you have any questions.

Elaine Clarke, elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk

Cuppa and a Chat

Mon 20th December, 2-4pm, Spalding Hall

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

We really look forward to seeing you all.

Paul Mitchell, 01647 24405



Ali Baba & His 4½ Half Thieves

Dunsford Village Hall

Dunsford Amateur Dramatic Society are happy to announce their Christmas production of, 'Ali Baba and His Four and a Half Thieves.' A completely new Pantomime written especially for DADS.

Let us take you on a magical journey where Ali and the thieves share their adventures in the exotic kingdom of Xanadu. With the help of a disgruntled Genie, a magic carpet, a Ferocious Sheik (The 'King' of the Desert), and an unhappy wife of the evil Vizier Vaseem (the villain of the plot). Can Ali and the beautiful Lady Meena overcome all the obstacles in the way of true love?

*To find out, come and see
our story unfold!*

Dates:

**8th, 9th, 15th January, Matinées at 2.30pm
11th to 15th January, Evenings at 7.45pm**

Tickets:

Matinées £7, Evenings £8

Tickets are available from 1st December from www.dadsbookings.com or Bev English, DADS Box Office, 01392 425281

*We look forward to seeing you
and entertaining you once again!*

News Update from Acorn

Acorn Community Support



“In the depth of Winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer”

Albert Camus

Considering the year got off to a bit of an 'iffy' start with 3 months of Lockdown to endure, it seems to have picked itself up and ended on a much better note! The Autumn weather, apart from the odd glitch, has been sublime and at the time of writing it does not seem to be anywhere near winter. However, cold crisp days are very uplifting so let's hope for a few of them in the season to come.

The Cheriton Lunch Club, always looked after so well at The Red Lion in Tedburn St Mary, has been well attended with numbers growing. Room for a few more so if you are interested then please do contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book. Next one is **7th December 2021**. Our January outing will be to the Dunsford Pantomime.

Dunsford Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 1st & 15th December, Dunsford Village Hall Dressing Room

Everyone is welcome. No booking necessary, just turn up and enjoy.

Social Trips

The Cheriton Bishop area outing to Totnes was a huge success, and now, as we go through the cold winter months, the focus is more 'undercover'. The December trip will be to a garden centre to inhale all the sights/sounds and smells of Christmas. Date and venue to be confirmed so do call the office for more information.

From Cheriton Bishop

Sainsbury's: **Monday 13th December**

From the Teign Valley

Sainsbury's: **Friday 10th December**

Garden Centre: **Monday 13th December**

Fortnightly Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays 7th and 21st December, Teign Valley Community Hall

Fortnightly Coffee Mornings are now interspersed with the Lunch Club so that's Tuesdays taken care of in the Teign Valley!

Lunch Club: Tuesday 14th December

Lunches have been enjoyed at various establishments in the Teign Valley and all have been fabulous.

Please contact the office if you would like to book on to either or both of these activities.

We ask that EVERYONE on our bus trips however short the trip, wears a face mask and observes safe hand sanitising practices. We want you all to have fun and keep safe!

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

Acorn continues with all its usual services so please do call us and if you just want a chat then you know where we are. *Please Note:* The office will be closed from 1pm on **Wednesday 22nd December** until **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Finally, but most importantly, we would like to thank all our clients for being so lovely. And from all of us a massive thank you to our wonderful, patient and accommodating volunteers without whom, no Acorn!

Enjoy a happy, healthy and fun festive season everyone and here's to a peaceful and healthy New Year!

Best wishes.

The A(corn) Team

Letters to the Editor

Dennis Milton - Farewell & Thank You!

From the Parish Council

This month our Chairman, Dennis Milton will be hanging up his chain and taking a well earned rest from the duties of the parish council.

Dennis moved to the village around 8 years ago and immediately threw himself into village life. As a retired architect, he was instrumental in the design phase of the new bus shelters and is also an energetic



contributor to many other village activities from volunteer driver for Acorn to assisting with the walking group.

Luckily Dennis is not leaving the village but easing up a little so we can still enjoy his kind and gentle company.

From all of us Dennis - thanks for everything you have done for Cheriton Bishop!

Andrea Wood & The Parish Council

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Help NEDCare Continue To Provide Care

NEDCare is a registered charity, providing over 1000 hours of regulated care every month. NEDCare provides a vital, not-for-profit, service in the local community. However, with the rising costs of supporting a Care Team, as well as assisting with the cost of care, NEDCare's additional funds are running low.

In order to maintain the service it currently provides, NEDCare's viability is enhanced by fundraising and donations. Despite pressure on local authorities to pay what it actually costs to deliver care, the funding gap* in social care means that NEDCare still needs to 'top-up' where the fees do not adequately cover their costs. However it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund this shortfall, and as with many other charities, NEDCare's existence is threatened due to underfunding. Registered Manager Simon Tickner notes that, *'fundraising and donations make all the difference to us remaining secure and being able to continue to serve the community'*.

There are several ways you can support the work that NEDCare does. You can simply donate on their website (www.nedcare.org) via Paypal. NEDCare can claim Gift Aid on donations from UK taxpayers. You can also leave a gift in your Will.

Alternatively, if you'd like to be in with a chance of winning £25,000, you can play NEDCare's Fundraising Lottery for just £1 per week.

For more information about all the ways you can support NEDCare, visit their website: www.nedcare.org/donate/

***www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/charts-and-infographics/REAL-social-care-funding-gap**



Letters to the Editor

ACE Archaeology Club

We did dig this year! Although with temperatures now heading down towards the minus mark, our two weeks in the sun seems like a long time ago.

Despite being a smaller than usual group we managed to get a surprising amount done. The director was pleased, and that isn't easy! Nor did we lose any days to the rain. The Health and Safety person did have to exert her authority on one occasion because it was so hot. Had to call a water and shade break on the last day when we were trying to get everything put away and covered up.

Packing up is hard to do.

Tents need taking down and the trench needs to be covered to discourage weeds and try to prevent damage from deer and other animals over the winter. Now we have finds to sort and all the drawings and photos to sort and the director must write the Interim.

We had fewer finds than usual this year but did find interesting walls. We also had a mystery object which was removed with a lot of soil around it to keep it from breaking up. Later excavation of the soil and metal suggests some sort of mudguard or similar, perhaps from an old tractor. Some digs get chariot burials, we get old tractors.

Future Plans

We managed an AGM at the beginning of November. Last year we didn't even try but this year a few of us met in person, socially distanced, and we Zoomed the meeting to others. It went very well. We now have a new Secretary which is great as the last one had done the job for 15 years and needed time to research pottery instead.

We planned our work for the year and set dig dates. All this information will be on our website as soon as we can get it there.

New Archaeology Adviser

We have the Dartmoor National Park archaeologist Andy Crabb as our Archaeology Adviser now, and we hope to be doing some interesting work on Dartmoor under his guidance and working with other groups on the moor. We are excited with this new direction.

If you are interested in joining us, check out the website for contact details.

Erica Williamson

Publicity and Social Media Editor
ACE Archaeology Club
acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com

News from the Moor

Last month, we hosted the inter-school cross country run at Castle Drogo with 135 children taking part. It was a joyful day with everyone being thoughtful of each other but still having fun. I was very grateful to Mother Nature for sending a lovely calm, dry day!

As we reach the end of the main season, many of our buildings are closing for the winter deep clean but the outdoor spaces remain open for that much needed breath of fresh air. At Lydford Gorge, the waterfall entrance will remain open for the short walk while the Ranger team do some essential maintenance on the longer route. In the lead up to Christmas the tearoom will also be open at weekends if you need to warm up.

At Castle Drogo, the castle and garden will be open up to Christmas and we have a new display in the Gun Room which has been developed in partnership with the River Teign Restoration Project. It is all about the plight of the salmon which

make the journey from the sea up to the high moor to spawn every year. The Gun Room will be open every day, 11am – 3pm, as part of the garden visit so worth popping in to take a look next time you come up. Most importantly, the café and shop will also be open if you need some respite from the Christmas shopping crowds. The castle will re-open for weekends in December but please check the website for opening dates and times as the weather can be so unpredictable at that time of year.

At Finch Foundry the forge is now closed with plans to complete some work on the machinery over the winter. The car park will remain open though, with some excellent walks along the river to enjoy and a recently opened heritage centre in St Mary's church in the village – well worth a visit.

Take care everyone, and I hope to see you soon,

Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Letters to the Editor

News from the Scouts

Remembrance

In November we were once again able to come together with the Cheriton Bishop community in the act of remembrance at the war memorial. The young people were all very well turned out in their uniforms and for the first time we displayed our Beaver, Cub and Scout flags, which were lowered for the 2 minutes silence. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Well Done!

We would like to say well done to the following young people who have recently been presented with their Chief Scout's Awards. These typically take 18 months to 4 years to earn so are a fantastic achievement. Huge congratulations to: Gracie who has achieved her Bronze Award,

William and Bridget who have gained their Silver Awards, and Ned, Tommy, James and Alice who have achieved their Gold Awards.

Reopening of the 4th Section

The new year will bring two causes for celebration. The first is the reopening of the 4th section, Explorers, after a break of over two and a half years. Explorers is the next section on from Scouts covering 14-18 year olds and will allow them to continue their scouting journey here in the village. The second cause for celebration? You'll have to wait until the next issue to find out!

On behalf of the group I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Andrew, Chairman

New Guttering for the Village Hall

We have recently had new, larger, guttering fixed down the side of the hall next to the car park.

With an extra downpipe taking rain water away near the kitchen as well as at the far end, those

who get to the surgery by walking between the cars and the hall should find their route ice free during cold weather and therefore safer.

Janet Jeffery

Helping the Financially Vulnerable this Winter

Support Fund Launched To Help Mid Devon's Most Financially Vulnerable

The Government has distributed funding to County Councils across England to help those most in need. Households on low-incomes can get help with food and energy costs this winter from the new **'Household Support Fund'**.

Mid Devon District Council has received a share of this funding to set up a local Household Support Fund to help residents struggling with the cost of household essentials this winter. We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for residents on low incomes. The Fund is available to provide rapid short-term financial support to meet immediate needs: food, energy and water costs and other essentials. To access support, you must be a Mid Devon resident over the age of 16 years old and

be without sufficient resources to meet your immediate short-term needs. Full guidelines and application forms can be found on our website, www.middevon.gov.uk/support-fund-launched-to-help-mid-devons-most-financially-vulnerable-this-winter/

**The scheme runs until
Thursday 31st March 2022.**

Devon County Council will also be running a range of other schemes to support families on low-income this winter, such as a holiday food voucher scheme to cover the Christmas holidays and a holiday activity and food programme. More information about these and others schemes, can be found on Devon County Council's website.

Neighbourhood Watch

With 2021 rapidly coming to an end and Christmas just around the corner there is a great deal on our minds. The pandemic is still very much with us although you would not think so when walking through Exeter seeing how close people are to each other and the lack of wearing of face masks. It just seems that people think it is all over and it will not affect them, or they just do not care. I suspect that a number have had their jabs and think they are immune. In Europe Covid-19 is on the increase in some countries and this country according to the media is watching events very closely. We should all try to be sensible and consider our own health and safety, our family and friends as much as possible.

With so much stuff and goods being ordered online it is very important to make sure your passwords and payments are well protected. Purchasing from well known outlets you know will help, but be careful as there are a lot of sites that look real but must be avoided as these take your money and never send the goods.

During this year Neighbourhood Watch has been going on about some of the crimes that have been taking place in our lovely part of Devon. Without dwelling on this subject for too long this month, we thought that two or three very recent items are worth a mention:

Courier Fraud

According to the Police there has been an increase in 'Courier' Fraud in the last few weeks. This has included burglary, the taking of credit and D D cards and withdrawing money. Impersonating as a police officer is being used to convince the handing over of money and other financial details.

Fraud now accounts for as much as one in three of every crime that is reported we are told. The police say that you are more likely to be a victim of fraud than any other type of crime. What a thought and

what an achievement to have obtained! Please be very vigilant and do report all suspicious activity or behaviour. Never hand over cash and you know that your bank will never contact you by the phone.

Passwords

A statistic that you just can't believe and we hope by all we have said in these pages of the Newsletter before, that you are not one of those individuals. Apparently more than 23 million people worldwide use the password 123456 for all their accounts and log in.

If you do use this password then change it immediately. We know it's easy to remember but do get a new one that is just yours.

Safety

According to the police, Devon and Cornwall continues to be one of the safest places in the country. Total recorded crime between July 2020 and June 2021 decreased by 0.6% from the previous year. The largest reduction was 'all burglary' but other areas of crime increased slightly. We are all encouraged to report a crime, any suspicious behaviour or vehicles around. It is up to us all to do our part and be on our guard when out and about. Report or email on **101**.

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

Contacts:

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

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

*Neighbourhood watch team
wish you season's greetings.
Keep well & safe!*

Cheriton Bishop Website

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



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

Please check out this link to a postcard collection of the village: **<http://cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/>**

Cheriton Bishop School

Christmas!

Pre-School and Class 1 are teaming up to present a joint Nativity performance. We will record this event and make it available to families so that it can be enjoyed by all. We also intend to invite immediate families into school so that the children get the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

Classes 2, 3 and 4 are busy rehearsing festive songs, which we will release in the lead up to Christmas.

PTFA Christmas Events

The PTFA have been very busy this year and have organised wreath making, a Christmas Fayre and a party for the children.

Pupil Numbers are Up!

The number of pupils on roll is looking really strong as we are back to 80 and with a pupil access number of only 70, we are well above the numbers we are designed to take. Good reviews travel far and wide and our much celebrated Pre-School has 24 on roll and this will increase as the year rolls on. Our Pre-School was recently decorated so, the children have an even nicer space!

School Site Measures

We have decided to lock the entrance gate to school when the cleaners leave the school site at the end of



the day, we will unlock the gate at 8:40am the next day. We have found dog faeces in the playground on numerous occasions recently and obviously we do not want the children to have to navigate this.

If the gate is locked in the morning please bear with us as we will open the gate as close to 8:40am as possible. We are aware of traffic safety issues around the school at key times, and we have been very kindly offered the use of car parks at **The Young Farmers HQ** and **The Old Thatch Inn** (0.4 miles walk) to all of the school community during these times.



School Diary Dates

Mon 13th Dec	Pre-School / Class 1 Performance
Tue 14th Dec	Whole School Pantomime Visit Pre-School Bouncy Castle
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thu 16th Dec	Class Parties
Fri 17th Dec	Last Day of Term - 2pm Finish
Tue 4th Jan	Non Pupil Day
Wed 5th Jan	First Day of the Spring Term
Tue 25th Jan	Re-scheduled Flu Immunisation

Pre-School Spaces Available!

Taking children from ages 2 - 5 years

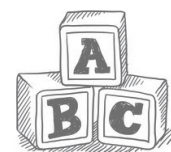
We provide pre-school education with fun and exciting activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All in a spacious setting with a wide variety of equipment and secure outside play area.

Up to 15 hours free for over 3 year olds, using Early Years Funding, 25 hours of the extended entitlement for those who qualify, or just £4.25 per hour. We accept funding for 2 year olds. For free places for 2 year olds, please call for details.

Please call Play Leader Christine Grist on **01647 24314** or **07977 777318** or email: christine.grist@thelink.academy and visit our pages on the school's website for more information: www.cheritonbishop.thelink.academy

Sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. **Drop off:** 9am to 9.15am, **Pick up:** 3pm to 3.15pm

We have spaces available for all sessions. Please call or email to book your child's place.



Health & Lifestyle

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice

Surgery timetable: Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JA

Appointment Surgeries: morning

Dr Hayter	Tuesday	9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hayter	Friday (alternate)	9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hamilton	Mon, Weds, Thurs	8.30am to 11.35am
Dr Vaile	Monday & Thursday	8.30am to 11am
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	10am to 10.50am
Dr Abeywardena	Thursday & Friday	9.30am to 11am
Dr Stonehewer	Tuesday & Friday	8.30am to 10.30am
Practice Nurse	Monday	9am to 12.50pm
Practice Nurse	Wednesday	9am to 12.10pm
Practice Nurse	Thursday	9am to 12.20pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	9am to 12 noon
Health Care Assistant	Mon, Tues & Weds	8.30am to 12.30pm
Health Care Assistant	Thursday & Friday	8.30am to 11.30am

Appointment Surgeries: afternoon

Dr Clunie	Monday	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Hayter	Monday & Thursday	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	2.30pm to 4.45pm
Dr Clunie/ Dr Hayter	Tuesday (alternate)	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Abeywardena	Friday	3pm to 4.20pm
Dr Stonehewer	Monday	3pm to 5pm
Dr Stonehewer	Tuesday	2.30pm to 4pm
Practice Nurse	Monday	2pm to 4.50pm

Christow Branch Surgery – by appointment only

Dr Hayter	Monday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Stonehewer	Monday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.35am
Dr Clunie	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Abeywardena	Thursday	2.50pm to 4.50pm
Dr Clunie/ Dr Hayter	Friday (alternate)	3pm to 4.30pm
Dr Stonehewer	Friday	3pm to 5pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am
Practice Nurse	Wednesday	2pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	2pm to 5pm
Health Care Assistant	Monday & Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am

Open Surgery

**8am to 9.30am
Monday to Friday**

Two doctors will be available for the open surgery each morning. No appointment necessary.

Appointments

To make an Appointment for any surgery or speak to a Doctor, please call **01647 24272**

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm (except Bank or statutory holidays)

Out of Hours:

**When the surgery is closed and you need to speak to a doctor, please call: 111
In an Emergency, please call: 999**

Evening Surgery

Cheriton Bishop only

We recognise the need for those who work to be able to access a convenient surgery appointment time, so there will be an evening clinic on Tuesdays run by Dr Clunie and Dr Hayter by appointment.

Health & Lifestyle

Solstice

Winter solstice, on 21st December, marks the end of the solar year, and the beginning of the next. The solstice has been celebrated by various cultures around the world, for millennia, as a time to reflect on the past whilst embracing changes to come.

It is a time to look at what has helped us to thrive this year with a sense of gratitude, and what has detracted from our growth and vitality with a sense of letting go.

As the Sun rises again to mark the lightening of days and hearts, let's use the experiences of the past year to contemplate how we can be the best version of ourselves. Let's find ways to maximise what makes us feel vibrant and alive whilst letting go of those things which are potentially a drain on our potential.

Whatever this means to you, we wish you seasons greetings, a happy solstice, and a glorious new year!

With love and appreciation,

Joe Arnold & Jess Gordon, Dartmoor Chiropractic

Village Facebook

**The Cheriton Bishop
Facebook page for residents
and the surrounding area**

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

If you would like to be part of this, please send a request to:

**[www.Facebook.com
groups/433590694063276](https://www.facebook.com/groups/433590694063276)**



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Tel: 01837 338672

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9am - 4:30pm. Closed on Saturday and Sunday

Earth Corner

Young Ones & COP 26

A 7-year-old on the train to where we were staying near Glasgow showed me her placard after the Fridays for Future young peoples' march during COP 26. I was a bit shocked by her slogan. ..

You don't care, but I do!

What does it say when young people believe their leaders are indifferent to their future?

It's not just her. A whole river of around 10,000 young people, colourful, noisy, with home-made placards were shouting for urgent action now, against 'greenwash' and 'Blah, blah, blah'. There were families with push chairs, school and college students, contingents from Belgium, Germany, France and Brazil - and these were just the ones you could hear.

The text which came out of the conference didn't agree to phase out coal or end the subsidies for fossil fuels on which the G20 have spent \$3.3 trillion since 2015. Some countries agreed to cut coal power and others to cut methane emissions, and some to end deforestation by 2030.

If countries action all their promises (and UK doesn't have enough policies to achieve its promises yet) then temperature increase might be limited to around 1.8°, if self-reinforcing feedbacks or 'tipping points' haven't got too far, and if technologies,

untested at scale, are financed and actually work to capture and bury carbon underground.

Meanwhile millions in Kenya and Uganda are facing starvation due to failure of once-reliable rains. The young people know this. A charity funded school had its roof blown off in a severe storm, with the solar panels. Forests planted as offsets burnt in wildfires. Poor countries have not received the promised funding to cope and adapt, and that which has been given is often loans, adding to the indebtedness of countries which often spend more on debt payments than health care. For the Maldives and many small islands, overstepping 1.5 is a death sentence.

A speaker from Columbia outside the COP said '*We find this process very insulting. [Wealthy countries] are saying, we will go on killing you.*'

Do you think the youth strikers were right to be disillusioned with their leaders? And what does this all mean for Cheriton Bishop? Are there things we can do here, relating to how we travel, what we eat, how we heat our houses and stuff we buy, to show we care about our children and young people?

If you've thoughts about this, why not write to the letters page and share your ideas?

Gill Westcott

This article has not been submitted to the Parish Council for approval and represents the author's views.

Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ)

Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service have advised us that an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared across Great Britain. This means that all bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard are required by law to take biosecurity precautions:

Schedule 1: Minimum Biosecurity Measures

- Separate domestic ducks & geese from other poultry.
- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources.
- Feed and water their birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds.
- Minimise movement into / out of bird enclosures.
- Cleanse and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy.
- Reduce contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas and fencing off wet or boggy areas.
- Keep free ranging birds within fenced areas, and ponds, watercourses and standing water must be fenced off.

Schedule 2: Enhanced Biosecurity Measures for Premises with Over 500 Birds

Keepers with more than 500 birds will need to restrict access for non-essential people on their sites, workers will need to change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and site vehicles will need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly to limit risks.

Details can be found on the government website:

assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1030990/aipz-declaration.pdf. Biosecurity guidance and self-assessment checklists have been updated and information can be found at **www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity**

Remember that if you have poultry it is your responsibility to keep updated on any outbreaks and an easy way to do this is to sign up for text notifications - register with the APHA alerts service.

Nicola Pearce

nicola.pearce@devon.gov.uk

In the Garden

More Plants Please!

Perhaps December and January are good months to think about what we gardeners can do to make the world a greener place.

Of course there is one simple answer; we need to plant more plants! If you ever needed a better excuse to think of more ways to squeeze irresistible plants into your garden, now you have it.

There is no better way of locking away all that carbon than creating a rich green canopy. As plants photosynthesise they absorb carbon dioxide which they convert into glucose in order to grow. Hard surfaces and bare soil are wasted planting opportunities. Layering is good as it optimises whatever growing space you have. We should all be thinking about what tree we can add to the Queen's Green Canopy for the Jubilee next year. Now is the best time to plant it.

Deciduous trees often make good supports

for climbers such as honeysuckle or clematis and here in Devon, ivy always thrives. Shrubs under trees, perennials and ground cover plants all make a thriving tapestry of hard-working plants.

Perhaps try using fewer annuals and plant more perennials. Make sure you put the right plant in the right place so that it uses fewer precious resources and allows us gardeners to reduce our carbon footprint.

Sally Rix

Perennial Plants

These plants are ones that flower reliably every year. Usually get bigger each time. The stems die back over winter, but the roots don't. Meaning the plant can regenerate the following year. Image shown is 'Lily of the Valley'.



Future Farming Resilience

Free Support to Help Navigate the Agricultural Transition

Business Information Point are providing free, tailored one to one advice, webinars, and business skills development workshops to help navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition.

The move away from Direct Payments will be a big change for some farmers, so they will happen over a 7-year transition period to give time to plan and adjust. The Future Farming Resilience Fund has been funded by Defra to allow us to support farmers and land managers with this transition.

The support is free and available until February 2022 to any farmer or land manager currently in receipt of BPS payments.

We will be running several free, workshops to discuss the changes. In addition, we have a local

network of experienced advisors who can work with you to assess your current position, how the changes are going to affect you and your farm and discuss the options available to you.

Local Workshop

**Thursday 16th December, 7pm - 9.30pm,
Devon Young Farmers Club, Devon Rural Hub,
Amory Building, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6JH**

The workshop will perform a thorough, independent review of all your activities and help to develop an agreed action plan for the future. The workshops include a free buffet and refreshments.

For details and to register on the workshops, please visit our website: businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/ or call **01837 659 059**.

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

Services are following the usual weekly pattern and St Mary's is open daily. If you attend a service please use a face covering whilst in the building and be prepared to leave contact details, to use hand sanitiser and to follow social distancing guidance.

The money collected for the Royal British Legion at the Act of Remembrance at Cheriton Cross and the Service in the Village Hall totalled £219.52.

Many thanks, including the caterers, to those who came to the churchyard working day and lunch, and to those who couldn't attend on the day but carried out work in the week before. We gave the hedges a

good tidy up and strimmed the edges of the paths, we also enjoyed a hearty lunch to keep us going in the afternoon.

Looking forward to Christmas, the Carol Service will be Sunday 19th at 6pm and there will be a Christingle Communion service at 10am on Christmas Day.

If you would like to help with the church Christmas decorations, please contact Juliet on **01647 24415**.

I wish you all peace and health at Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Prep. Peter Rapsey led the Service of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday. We had a special service incorporating Holy Communion. Thanks to Peter and also to John Stevens who played the organ.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Messy Church

Saturday 4th December, School / Church Fair

Messy Church will run the craft table at the School / Church Fair and the theme will be The Wise Men's gifts. The Crib will be there for the children to see and because we cannot pass it around the village as usual, the children will be encouraged to bring gifts of Christmas goodies for the Food Bank.

The Community Christmas Lunch

Monday 6th December, 12.30 for 1pm

Everyone welcome, but please book in advance. The crib will light up outside the Church.

Café Company

Monday 13th December, 10 till 11am

Services for December

Holy Communion, 12th December, 9.30am

Candlelit Carol Service, 19th December, 5pm

Crib Service, 24th December, 4pm

Christmas Holy Communion, 24th December, 9pm

Services for January

Holy communion, 9th January, 9.30am

Messy Church, 15th January 3.30 - 5pm, Village Hall

Christingle, 23rd January 9.30am

West Down Evangelical Chapel

**Yeoford Road,
Cheriton Bishop,
EX6 6HG**

**01647 24264 or
01647 24660**

*We wish everyone
a peaceful
Christmas and
a healthy and
happy New Year*

Services with Communion

December 2021

Sunday 5th December, 11am:

Speaker Mr John Allan

Sunday 12th December, 11am:

Speaker Rev Maurice Harrison

Sunday 19th December, 11am:

Internet Sermon

3pm: Carols by Candlelight
with Rev David Cole

Christmas Day, 25th December,

10.30 - 11.15am: Family Service

January 2022

Sunday 2nd January, 11am:

Sermon from Internet

Sunday 9th January, 11am:

Speaker Mr John Hawkins

Sunday 16th January, 11am:

Speaker Mr Reg Cade

Sunday 23rd January, 11am

Sermon from Internet

Sunday 30th January, 11am:

Speaker Rev David Cole

Message from St. Mary's

Christmas Hopes

I wonder what type of Christmas you are looking forward to this year? I guess the answer to the question might be a traditional Christmas or a normal Christmas! This may be the hope that you have in light of the experience of last Christmas.

I suspect that I do not need to remind you of the five-day window for Christmas that shrunk to just one day, and the notion of socially distant families with all the windows opened to increase the ventilation, making Christmas distant and cold.

Perhaps the Christmas mixing resulted in a positive test for Coronavirus. I guess we all want these events banished from our memories. I think that Christmas this year will still need to be measured and cautious.

The hardest part is, how do you plan for what you do not know you will be able to do? There is also great uncertainty of what might be in short supply in the face of challenging supply chain difficulties.

The interesting thought is that one year is never the same as another. Therefore, one Christmas can not be the same as another.

There are often different people sitting around the Christmas meal table depending on which families can come for Christmas. I think people always try new ideas and recipes out at Christmas to make it more special. So Christmas is not a constant but a slowly evolving and developing event. The interesting part is after such a big change last year what will you be determined to regain and what will you be happy to let go? Christmas going forward will likely be influenced by what we experienced last year.

What Is Important About Christmas?

I hope that I will not offend by saying that neither food, drink or presents are really important. Instead, I believe that it is people and our relationship with them that makes Christmas a special time.

Last Christmas was marked by an absence of important people. This Christmas I hope for the presence of the people I care most about.

If things are as difficult as the gloomy people are predicting, what does it matter what we eat, drink or give. It is about being together and sharing time and memories that will make my Christmas special.

It is always worth reflecting on the origin of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

It was very much a chaotic affair. Mary and Joseph could not find anywhere to stay. It was through the kindness of strangers that they ended up in the stable. I guess that Jesus' arrival was a surprise to his parents who had hoped to be home in time for the birth.

Jesus' arrival stirred people to give generously to people they did not know.

I would want to remind people that Christmas should not be introspective only.

What can we all collectively do to help neighbours in need or strangers struggling?

Rev. Martin Wood

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

Services at St Mary's

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

December 2021

Sunday 5th	Advent 2		
9.30am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
Thursday 9th			
10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
Sunday 12th	Advent 3		
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	BCP Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service. Baptism	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Oldridge	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	
Sunday 19th	Advent 4		
11am	Whitestone	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Carol Service	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Carol Service	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
Thursday 23rd			
10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
Friday 24th	Christmas Eve		
4pm	Tedburn St Mary	Crib Service	Revd Martin Wood
11pm	Tedburn St Mary	Midnight Service	Revd Martin Wood
11.15pm	Whitestone	Midnight Service	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
Saturday 25th	Christmas		
10am	Cheriton Bishop	Christingle Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
10am	Holcombe Burnell	Christmas Communion	Revd Martin Wood
Sunday 26th	Christmas 1		
10am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	

Welcome to St Mary's

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

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



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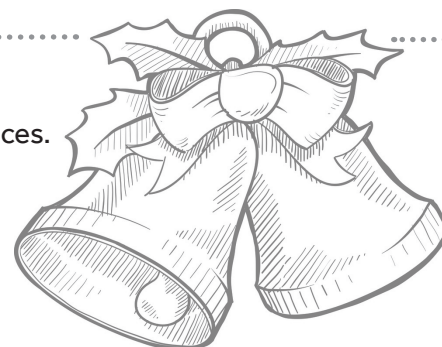
January 2022

Sunday 2nd	Christmas 2		
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30am	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
Thursday 6th	Epiphany		
10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
Sunday 9th	Baptism of Christ		
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	BCP Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
Sunday 16th	Epiphany 2		
9am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
Wednesday 20th			
10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
Sunday 23rd	Epiphany 3		
9.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
3pm	Whitestone	Evening Prayer	Lay Led
Sunday 30th	Candlemas		
10.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Team Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

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*We wish you a happy & healthy
New Year in 2022!*



Devon County Council

Councillor's News

Almost 6 months as a county councillor and I have attended a number of virtual briefings which have given me an overview of the services offered by the county council and what role councillors can play in their implementation.

The two latest briefings I have had have been on budget and the environment. It will be no surprise to any of us to know that officers are engaged in the very difficult task of maintaining services, with all the inevitable increases in salaries, utilities and materials, and maintaining a budget within the permitted guidelines Council Tax rules allow.

The reason revenue component comes from council tax and so we shall all look with interest in the spring to what we shall have to pay.

The second briefing was on the environment! This was just three days before the COP26 conference in Glasgow began. What we know is that the largest contributors to the corporate emissions are the school buses which represent 42%. For those of us who see the buses trundling through our towns and villages it is no surprise. The buses are old, and here in Crediton they often have to negotiate very narrow roads which means that they idle for some time emitting their smelly polluting fumes. I wonder how they pass the emissions test which they surely need to do to be roadworthy.

I'm pleased however to report that the officers are in talks with the bus companies to improve the service and to look at electric buses in towns.

The County Council intends to install 240 electric vehicle charging points throughout the county by December 2022. There is also an on the street charging grant which could potentially be used by other groups throughout the county. I was also surprised to learn that wind turbines are more than twice as efficient as solar panels at generating electricity!

While on buses I have to report that Queen Elizabeth School in Crediton is often reporting to me that buses are late getting pupils to school. I have raised this with the relevant officer who is in talks with the companies.

In the winter months I hope to carry on with my surgeries but I have to admit that December, January and February are always very cold and damp so I may not turn up. Do not worry because I much prefer people to e-mail me rather than telephone. My reason for this is that if you email me to frank.letch@devon.gov.uk, I have a record of what you are concerned about and can then forward it to the relevant officer.

As winter approaches I would like to think that those people who live near grit bins would kindly check to see how full they are. If they are not as full as you think they should be please contact your local parish or town council who can then make requests to county highways.

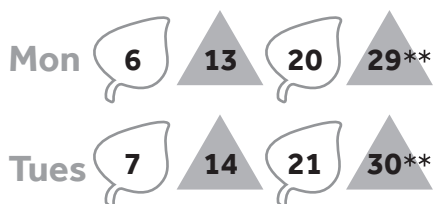
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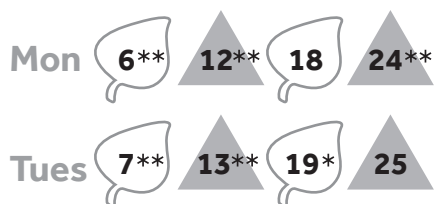
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Waste Collection

December 2021



January 2022



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

- Food waste, recycling boxes (black & green) & black sacks. Every other week.
- Food waste and opt-in garden waste sacks / 'pay as you go' sacks. Every other week.

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Spalding Hall on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Milton (Chair), Cllr Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Letch (DCC) and Cllr Coren (MDDC)

In attendance: The Clerk and 2 members of the public

- 1. To receive and accept apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Penny (MDDC).
- 2. To receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda:**
Cllr Milton declared a personal interest in Item 8 on the Agenda
- 3. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda:** Robin Scott, the Academy Head of Cheriton Bishop Primary School, introduced himself and explained that the school council would like to strengthen ties with the community. He suggested types of community projects in which the children could become involved and explained the school would welcome suggestions from the PC. Councillors thanked Mr Scott for his interest and for coming to the meeting. Cllr Letch explained that he has through the Locality Fund funded books for other schools and that he is planning to visit the school in the New Year as part of this Feet First programme, which aims to help children accept difference and cope with disability.
- 4. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 11th October 2021 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:** It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.
- 5. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only:** Cllr Coren reported that on 15th December MDDC will be voting on allowing the Community Governance Review to go to public discussion. The Review will consider parish and ward boundaries. Three homes in Crediton have been put forward for the housing of refugees from Afghanistan. If approved for use, they will be funded by central government. Cllr Coren represented MDDC at the Remembrance Service at the Cheriton Bishop War Memorial on Sunday and was disappointed that some drivers and passers by did not respect the two minute silence.
- 6. To receive a report from Cllr Letch (DCC) – for information only:** DCC is working to reduce its carbon footprint and is planning to install 220 electric car charging points in the county. A grant for installation of charging points by others is available and those interested should contact Cllr Letch by email. School buses account for 42% of DCC's carbon footprint and DCC are working on reducing this. [Cllr Westcott joined the meeting].
Roadworks and driver shortages are causing problems with the school bus service to QE in Crediton. Residents should contact Cllr Letch if they want to report delays. Cllr Letch will not be holding any surgeries at Cheriton Bishop until March 2022 but until then if residents want to contact him, he requested that they do so, preferably by email on frank.leitch@devon.gov.uk.
- 7. Development of Land off Church Lane Cheriton Bishop – to discuss the proposed development by Bunnyhomes and agree any associated actions:** The meeting was suspended to hear from one member of the public who lives close to the proposed development and is having difficulty getting Bunnyhomes to respond to contact. The member of the public also explained concerns about potential flooding from the development and the lack of biodiversity in the plans. The meeting was re-started. The Clerk explained that Bunnyhomes have asked to present to the PC again at the next meeting, which will be in the village hall to allow room for members of the public to attend. Cllr Coren confirmed that MDDC has not yet received the planning application. Councillors noted that, as the site has been identified in MDDC's Local Plan, it will not be possible to stop development from going ahead but that residents and the PC have potential input on development by way of objections and asking for conditions. [Councillor Milton left the meeting]
- 8. MDDC planning application – to comment on the following application:**

Reference:	21/02138/HOUSE
Proposal:	Conversion of garage into living accommodation, alterations to windows, door and porch
Location:	Homefield Church Lane Cheriton Bishop
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs C Lee

It was resolved to support the application although Councillors expressed concern that the application has the potential of adverse impact on road parking as the garage is to be turned into living accommodation. It was noted that the property does have a long drive.

[Cllr Milton re-joined the meeting]
- 9. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note the following approvals with conditions as filed:**

Reference:	20/01149/FULL & 20/01150/LBC
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey extension (revised scheme)
Location:	Bramley Cottage Horselake Farm Cheriton Bishop
Applicant:	Ms A Barradine

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Reference: 21/01772/FULL
Proposal: Erection of dwelling following demolition of barn
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 274837 94263 (Adjacent to Oakfields) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Pearce

10. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note that MDDC has refused permission for the following developments for reasons as filed:

Reference: 21/01712/PNCOU
Proposal: Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building (Barn 2) to a dwelling under Class Q
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 276428 93972 (Crossways Farm) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Chatfield

Reference: 21/01711/PNCOU
Proposal: Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building (Barn 1) to a dwelling under Class Q
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 276471 93971 (Crossways Farm) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Chatfield

- 11. Consideration of Planning Applications – to discuss whether it is appropriate to have a written policy and agree appropriate actions:** After consideration Councillors resolved that a written policy is not needed. Councillors consider all planning applications by reference the Mid Devon Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework whilst at all times working within the PC's Code of Conduct. This is sufficient.
- 12. Budget 2022/23 – to consider the draft budget:** The clerk and councillors discussed the draft budget, which will be amended and considered again at the December meeting.
- 13. Joint Purchase of Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) – to receive an update:** The clerk updated councillors on a quotation received and outlined the practicalities of sharing the device with other parishes. DCC approval of locations will be needed. Cllr Letch confirmed that he will assist in the moving of the device between parishes but that volunteers from each parish will be needed to load and unload the device. Cllr Letch explained that he supports the sharing of the device with two other parishes. The cost of the shared device is around £1200 per parish but the cost depends on the specification of the device chosen. The Clerk will liaise with the other parishes (Bow and Copplestone) and obtain more information and advice from DCC.
- 14. Contributions to Village Newsletter by Parish Councillors – to discuss:** Cllr Milton reminded councillors that when writing for the Village Newsletter they should always state whether they are writing in a personal capacity or representing the views of the Parish Council.
- 15. Climate Change – to receive an update on Climate Change initiatives:** Cllrs Wood and Salmon will plant the recently purchased bulbs shortly.
- 16. Social Media – to receive an update on PC social media activity:** Nothing to report this month.
- 17. Roads & Footpaths – to receive an update on roads and footpaths in the Parish:** Cllr Wood reported that the supplier of the number signs for the footpath posts has re-quoted and it is expected that they will now cost around £260. Cllr Wood will provide more information at the next meeting.
- 18. Newsletter – to receive an update on Newsletter activities:** Cllr Edwards reported on a meeting recently held by the Newsletter team. The current printer contract runs to April 2023. The current advertising income projection for this year is just over £3000. The cost of an advertisement for 2022 – 2023 will not be increased as the newsletter is run on a not for profit basis. If production costs rise by an unmanageable amount during the year (eg. due to increased electricity costs/ hall hire charges) the team would consider a mid-year increase in the advertising cost. A new box to hold printed copies is needed for the village shop. Councillors will look for a cost effective way of providing this.
- 19. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets:** Councillors discussed the condition of the benches at the War Memorial, the surface around the War Memorial and the oak bollards at the gateway to the village. Cllr Wood will obtain a quotation for the repair/refurbishment of the benches and the bollards and also for the replacement of the surface with brick paviours. The ditch and undergrowth at the Village Green should be cleared in the Spring.
- 20. Financial Regulations – to approve the updated PC Financial Regulations:** It was resolved to adopt the updated regulations.
- 21. Accounts & Budget – the following receipts were approved:**

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk Salary	(October)	£322.08
Poppy Shop (refund to Clerk for wreath)	S137	£21.98
DALC (Invoice 3324)	Training	£20.00
Spalding Hall (Invoice 97602)	Admin	£36.00
Clarity (Invoice 288847)	Newsletter	£64.28
Spalding Hall (Invoice 97602)	Newsletter	£96.00
L Wilson (October)	R & M	£100.00

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- 22. To receive a report from the Chair (for information only):** Cllr Milton reported that he had attend the Remembrance Service and laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish. MDDC have not approved the proposed new site for a dog mess bin near Four Cross Ways. They did suggest an alternative position but it is off the usual walking route and the cost for removal was too high to be cost effective. The resident who currently stores the PC's 'men at work' road signs has asked that they be stored elsewhere. Cllr Salmon agreed to store them until a location in the village can be found. A volunteer to assist with Snow Warden duties has come forward. Cllr Milton will liaise with him and Phil Dicker who is willing to continue with snow warden duties with assistance. Councillors thanked both for supporting the community.
- 23. To receive reports from Councillors (for information only):** None.
- 24. Correspondence/Clerk's Report (for information only):** A letter has been received from NEDcare, a community-run charity that provides regulated care at home helping with all of the things that a person needs day to day to live well and safely at home in later life. Councillors asked the Clerk to put NEDcare in touch with Acorn Community Support and publicise NEDcare on social media and the noticeboards.
- 25. Dates of Next Meetings:** 13th December (at the Village Hall), 10th January 2022, 14th February, 14th March, 11th April
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Situations Vacant

Receptionist at Christow Surgery

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice are looking to recruit a Receptionist for our surgery at Christow. 25.5 hours per week:

Monday: 8am-12.30pm

Tuesday: 8am-2pm

Wednesday: 1pm-6pm

Thursday: 1pm-6pm

Friday: 1pm-6pm

Please send application letter and CV to:

Julia Mercer, Practice Manager,
Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice,
Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JA

Tel: **01647 2427** Email: juliamercer@nhs.net

Invitation to Tender



Our four wooden village signposts are tired and wonky and in need of a facelift. They require repairing, preservative painting and resetting in concrete to restore them to their former glory. We would like to invite any competent tradesman to quote for this work.

The work will be for the next financial year but the quotations are needed now for inclusion in the budget.

If you would like to submit a quote for this work, please email clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk with your contact details, and a member of the PC team will be in touch.

Andrea Wood, Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

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