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West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 24264

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Bookings: Les Gare 24639
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[Updated October 2014]

The News Letter, December 2014

I suspect the, up until now, unseasonably warm weather has meant that the Christmas Season has come upon us before we expect it this year - the Christmas entries for this edition have been a bit thinner on the ground than usual so we hope that everything has been included that you want to be here! None-the-less there is plenty happening both in the parish and close by to remind us that this is the season of good will, warmth and friendly cheer...

Christmas festivities

The celebrations of Christmas centre around our churches: the Parish Church and West Down Chapel. On the shortest day of the year you can choose your time and venue for a lovely atmospheric carol service to set you up for the approaching twelve days of festivity, followed by extra services (involving sweets, candles and oranges!) on Christmas morning. But the first real tingle of Christmas feelings comes for many of us on the second Sunday of December when the Pre-school children bring a tear and a smile to every grown up who watches their nativity play! (See pages 7,8, & 11). Why not go along and see the local under-fives transformed into angels, anxious parents, kings, shepherds and inn-keepers... and possibly a few animals too!

Last Minute Dates

Now, before you read any further, please take a look at the Diary Dates on page 4 for some important ones concerning special Christmas events that you will have missed if you haven't picked up your newsletter almost as soon as it arrives hot from its collating and stapling. This is particularly important if you are a fan of Bingo, Coffee or Crafts...

Local History

On the 13th December the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council will be exactly 120 years old. History was made last month when for the first time the Parish Council weren't quorate (i.e. didn't have enough councillors present) and the business of the meeting was postponed until December. How astonishing then, that through two World Wars, various extremes of wind, flood and snow, including the winters of 1947 and 1963, the Parish Council always managed to meet... until a rather inauspicious evening in November 2014 when, presumably, everyone was doing Other Things?!

However, the real Local History contribution to this newsletter is a three-sides-plus Special Christmas

Bonus Article on pages 17 to 20, full of fascinating detail on just how our parish and its people has changed since 1846. If anyone has any additional thoughts, stories or local knowledge as a result of reading this please send them in for publication in future editions.

Start the New Year with a new interest ...

If you find yourself wanting to find out more about the past after reading Tim's article you will see a local history group on page 20 invites you to join them - and take a historical journey way back to the bronze age and beyond.

You could also consider keeping fit with the local walking group, combining healthy activity with a nice chat with your neighbours while strolling through the Devon countryside. (See page 15)

Starting in January is the new programme for the Embroidery Group, there is also the regular Art class at Caribarn (see page 3) or you could go further afield to sing with the Chagford Singers (details on page 21).

... Or simply get involved and lend a hand!

A well-established village organisation invites you to make a New Year resolution and join them on page 14, and Acorn Community Support (page 13), who does so much for so many, is always very pleased to have new volunteers. If being out in nature and battling with undergrowth is your idea of fun the Woodland Trust is also looking for new recruits to join them in the Fingle Woods (page 21), or you could simply offer your services to one of the many village organisations who appears on these pages. It sounds as though 2015 could be a busy year!

Wishing all our readers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas & New Year from Jenny and the News-letter team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE! Friday 23rd January at 6PM.
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Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969	<i>every second Monday evening in the month</i>
Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	<i>every second Saturday in the month</i>
Preschool Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.20 Contact: “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Mon/Tues. All during term time only</i>
Scouts Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	<i>every Monday evening during term time</i>
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West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
Horticultural Society Contact: Marilyn Brook 24419	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
Short Mat Bowling Contact No's: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582	<i>every Wednesday, Sept – May (Membership full at present)</i>
Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272	<i>every Thursday 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)</i>
Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group Contact: Find us on Facebook	<i>In the school hall every Friday 9-10.30am Term time only</i>
Young Farmers Contact: Emily Sizmur 07792 518439	<i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i>
Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30</i>
Spiritual Discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 24639	<i>Monthly</i>
Walking Group Contact: Jane Hancock 24092	<i>usually 3rd Sunday in month 1.45 pm (see posters and CB Website for details)</i>

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

The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays (Dec 23 '14, 2015 Jan 20 , Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22.)

Crockernwell:

Stanbury's Orchard Arrives 14.35 Departs: 14.55

Cheriton Bishop:

Glebelands Arrives: 15.05 Departs: 15.35

Hescane Park 15.40 16.10

[amended December 2014]

Late November Dates!

Thursday 27 th	YFC Christmas Bingo	T St M Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 - 12
Saturday 29 th	Christmas Farmer's Market & Craft Fair	King's Arms TSM	12 – 4 pm

Diary Dates for December

Tuesday 2 nd	WCE Embroiderer's Group	Village Hall	2 pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 4 th	Acorn Christmas Lunch	The Coach House	12.30 pm
Monday 8 th	Hort Soc: "Seasonal Decorations"	Village Hall	8 pm
Monday 8 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 14 th	Pre School Christmas Nativity	Parish Church	11 am
Sunday 14 th	Walking Group	The Mulberry	1.15 pm
Monday 15 th	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Wednesday 17 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 21 st	Christmas Carol Service	West Down Chapel	3 pm
Sunday 21 st	Christmas Carol Service	Parish Church	6 pm
Sunday 21 st	Quiz Night	The Old Thatch	8 pm
Christmas Day	Christingle Communion	Parish Church	10 am
	West Down Chapel Family Service	West Down Chapel	10.15 am

Diary Dates for January

Tuesday 6 th	WCE Embroiderer's Group	Village Hall	2 pm
Thursday 8 th	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 10 th	Seed Collection	1 Woodpecker Way	10.30 - 12
Saturday 10 th	Cheese & Wine Party	1 Crockernwell Ct	7.30 pm
Wednesday 14 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 18 th	Walking Group	The Mulberry	1.15 pm
Monday 19 th	Hort Soc "Quiz Night"	Spalding Hall	8 pm
Sunday 26 th	Open Mic Night	The Old Thatch	8.30 pm

Forthcoming Events

2015		
Saturday 28 th March	Spring Show	Village Hall
Saturday 16 th May	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall
Friday 26 th June	YFC 70 th Anniversary Celebrations	
Saturday 27 th June	Mid Summer Show	Village Hall
Saturday 15 th August	Village Show	Village Hall
Saturday 14 th November	Annual Supper	Village Hall

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

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

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

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

There is no report from the Parish Council this month as the meeting was not quorate. Business has been deferred to December's meeting on Monday 8th December, 7.30 pm in The Spalding Hall.

District Councillor's Comments

Remembrance:

What a remarkable crowd of people of all ages attended the Act of Remembrance at the Stone Cross in Cheriton Bishop on Remembrance Sunday. We thank Canon John Tutton for leading the Act of Remembrance, the Scouts/Cubs for laying their crosses, and others who read.

I feel however, that I should mention that a number of people have expressed their frustration over the noise made during the two minutes silence by vehicles passing. In particular one van driver waiting at the T junction had his mobile turned up so the conversation could be heard by everyone during the two minutes silence. Perhaps next year we should be looking to restrict traffic movement apart of course for emergencies?

Because of the Centenary of the start of WWI there has been much published in the media this year to bring it to our attention. Remembrance Sunday was followed by the 'eleventh of the eleventh' when the final ceramic poppy was placed in the moat at the Tower of London. 888,246 poppies in all – each representing a life sacrificed in the First World War. One person is quoted as saying "One small poppy but great emotion".

Finance:

Recently I have been attending the Budget Briefing meetings at MDDC. The Head of Finance gave some sobering information and a brief outline is below:

"Since 2010/2011 MDDC has seen its Formula Grant (that's the money received from Central Government) reduced by circa £2.6m or 42% from £6.2m to the provisional figure of £3.6m announced for 2015/2016. Going forward the current Government maintains its pledge to continue the austerity programme, with most public sector commentators estimating further cuts of at least 10% per annum for the next three to four years. Once this is factored into the Council Medium Term Financial Plan we have a predicted deficit of £2.1m by 2018/2019. This highlights the need to take steps to plan for further reduction to our ongoing expenditure levels."

The above statement applies to Mid Devon District Council. Other District Councils are under the same pressure.

Good things about Cheriton Bishop!

On a brighter note I think it is good to recognise the individuals and organisations that make Cheriton Bishop such a pleasant place to live. In this respect I would like to mention Woodleigh Coach House B & B and restaurant for the way they keep the grass and shrubs on the roundabout and island looking so attractive and tidy throughout the year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Derek Coren (Councillor, Yeo Ward, MDDC)

Newsletter Advertisers Please Note!

All advertisers in the newsletter will have received their renewal invoices and payments are now coming in. Can we please remind advertisers to send in your remittance by the deadline of Monday 15th December in order to secure your advert (we have a waiting list for advertising spaces!).

Derek Madge, Parish Council Clerk

**ORDER YOUR REPEAT MEDICATION IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
LAST DAY FOR ORDERING - FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014**

**Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley
Patient Participation Group.**

Please have your repeat prescription request in before
Friday 12th December.

Also please note that the surgery is only closed for 3 days

**Thursday 25th December, Friday 26th December
And
Thursday 1st January**

Therefore there is no need to order any more than you would normally need to cover this period. Let's help the surgery to help us, as it always does.

The PPG committee would like to wish you all a Happy, Healthy Christmas and 2015.

Thank you to the Spalding Hall Committee

We would just like to say a big "thank you" to Persis and the Spalding Hall committee for installing the new projector. We had a fabulous family event and found it very easy to plug in the laptop and watch our film on the big screen. The addition of the new blinds added to the excellent facilities.

A great addition to a lovely hall.

The Vooght Family.

Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn

Thanks to everyone who has come along and played or just listened at the Open Mic evenings at the Old Thatch Inn in 2014. This has proved to be a great forum for local musicians to meet one another, play music together, or just have a good natter over a pint. We will be taking a winter break in November and December, but will be back with a bang in 2015 on the last Sunday evening of January.

Sunday 26th Jan - Open Mic Night at the Old thatch Inn, 8.30pm start.

Old Thatch Quiz Night

The Fun Quiz returns for an extra special Christmas edition on **Sunday December 21st** at the Old Thatch starting at 8pm! Entries are £1 per player and as usual whilst the top teams win the cash, other teams will benefit from a range of fun "Christmas" prizes! There's a second chance to win with the Snowball jackpot guaranteed to be won as an extra special Christmas treat for one lucky player! To keep up to date with all of the latest news from the Fun Quiz, visit <http://www.facebook.com/theFunQuiz> and like the page!

Following a relaxing break over Christmas and New Year, the Fun Quiz will return on **Sunday January 18th at 8pm.**

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Spalding Hall
Christmas Coffee Morning
with
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
Raffle
and a jolly time
fundraising for the new blinds

Join us at the Spalding Hall on Saturday 29th November between 10.30 and 12.30



Remembrance Sunday

The collection at the War Memorial and Service raised £293.60
for Royal British Legion.

From the Churchwardens

Some braved the sunshine, which appeared almost on cue, for the churchyard working party on the 9th November. The weather had been miserable to say the least until 10am which put a lot of people off. We were however able to de-weed some of the cobbles, do some pruning in the shrubbery in the top corner and cut back part of the beech hedge. We plan to cut back more before Spring. The lunch was also very good, and many thanks to everyone who took part in the day. Also thank you to all those who, unannounced, do work on the gardens.

The interior of the church is kept clean by a team of volunteers who take turns to dust, polish and vacuum, with each pair taking on around two, two week sessions per year (please note the cleaning need not occupy the whole of the two weeks!). We are always looking for additional members to help in looking after this glorious old building. If you would like to join in please contact Janet (24414) for more information. Many thanks to Pat Lockyer who has cleaned regularly over many years but has now decided to hang up the duster, thank you Pat, you'll be missed.

The Christmas season has the usual range of services and events with Playgroup Nativity, Carol Service and a Christmas Day Christingle communion service, full details elsewhere.

We are grateful to Jennie Cornwall-Walker who is hosting a Cheese and wine party in aid of church funds at 1 Crockernwell Court on Saturday 10th January, again more details elsewhere.

The churchwardens wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Janet Jeffery 24414
Alan Greenslade 24002

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

DECEMBER 2014

Thursday 4th

10.30 Pathfinder	Communion with Prayer for Healing	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 7th

9am Whitestone	<i>Advent 2</i> Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 11th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 14th

9am Tedburn St Mary	<i>Advent 3</i> Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am Cheriton Bishop	Playgroup Nativity	
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm Oldridge	Carols	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Holcombe Burnell	Christingle	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 18th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 21st

11am Whitestone	<i>Advent 4</i> Crib and Carols	Revd Martin Wood
4pm Tedburn St Mary	Carols	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Cheriton Bishop	Carols	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Wednesday 24th

4pm Tedburn St Mary	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Crib Service	Revd Martin Wood
11pm Tedburn St Mary	Midnight	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11.15 Whitestone	Midnight	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 25th

10am Holcombe Burnell	<i>Christmas</i> Family Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
10am Cheriton Bishop	Christingle Communion	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 28th

10.30 Pathfinder	<i>Christmas 1</i> Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
4pm Holcombe Burnell	Carols	Revd Martin Wood

You will be very welcome at all our Christmas Services whether or not you regularly come to our services – come and enjoy the Christmas spirit!

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

JANUARY 2015

Sunday 4th

9am	Whitestone	<i>Christmas 2</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Tedburn Methodist	Covenant Service	
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Tuesday 6th

7.30	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Epiphany</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 11th

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Baptism of Christ</i> Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
9.30	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 18th

9am	Tedburn St Mary	<i>Epiphany 2</i> Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led

Sunday 25th

8am	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i> Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Whitestone	Christian Unity	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn Methodist	Christian Unity	
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	

Each Thursday

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood or Canon Geoffrey Moore
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A warm welcome to all who attend our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

<p>Please note that the services for Holy Trinity Yeoford for December and January are on page 24 this month.</p>
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From the Rector

What famously happened on Christmas Day?

Firstly, let us set aside family history like the candles on the dinner table setting Grandma's hair on fire! Let us look to national history.

I drew a blank except for the truce of World War One on Christmas day 1914.

A quick internet search reveals that on Christmas day 1066 William was crowned King of England after the Norman conquest of Britain. So let us return to 25th Dec 1914. This is how the Imperial War Museum describes the events.

"Late on Christmas Eve 1914, men of the British Expeditionary Force heard the Germans singing carols and patriotic songs and saw lanterns and small fir trees along their trenches. Messages began to be shouted between the trenches. The following day, British and German soldiers met in No Man's Land and exchanged gifts, took photographs and some played football. They also buried casualties and repaired trenches and dugouts. Some officers viewed the truce as a chance to improve living conditions in the trenches, while others worried that such unwarlike behaviour would undermine fighting spirit. The high commands on both sides took measures to ensure such fraternisation would not happen again, and the 1914 Christmas Truce remained a unique event on the Western Front."

This 100th anniversary is being remembered under the banner "Football remembers". A competition was held to design a memorial to the football played during the Truce. The permanent memorial will be built at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Newcastle schoolboy Spencer Turner has been chosen by FA President HRH The Duke of Cambridge and Theo Walcott as the winner of a competition. The talented ten-year-old from Farne primary school was singled out by the high-profile judges as the stand-out entry of a competition open to every school in the country. WW1 Christmas truce memorial at national memorial arboretum will be formally unveiled this month.

By now the World War One was almost six months old and the sheer devastation of the war was becoming apparent. It is remarkable that between enemies on both sides a little common humanity should prevail on Christmas Day and the informal truce came into place. It is equally telling that steps were taken to ensure that this did not happen again because it might undermine the hostilities between the warring sides.

It is interesting to reflect on the first Christmas, the birth of Jesus. The Roman occupying state ordered the local people back to their home towns for a census to ensure that the right taxes would be paid to the Roman Empire. There would have been chaos as everyone travelled home and there was literally not enough room for everyone to stay. There was no room at the inn and a stable and a manger would have to suffice. The most humble of beginnings was missed by all except the company of heaven, the shepherds and the wise people from the East, yet even today we are still talking about it and remembering.

**Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119
(Tuesday to Sunday)**

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for December 2014

Sunday 7th Dec
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
The Gideons

Sunday 14th Dec
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 21st Dec
11 am MorningWorship
3 pm **CAROL SERVICE**
Carols by candlelight
+ refreshments

CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Service
10.15 - 11.00 am

Sunday 28th Dec
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Continuing Christmas

*Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm
1st Bob Werrett, 8th Home Prayer Fellowship, 15th Prayer Meeting*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE in EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE
Monday December 22nd at 7.30 pm
Exeter Male Voice Praise and others will be taking part

Services for January 2015

Sunday 4th Jan
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
Dr Ken Kite

Sunday 11th Jan
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 18th Jan
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
Maurice Hockridge

Sunday 25th Jan
11 am Morning Worship
3 pm Family Service with
Mr Denis Hayes with
The Beacon Singers

Bible Study and Prayer Meetings at West Down Chapel on each Monday evening at 7.30pm in Jan except Home Prayer Fellowship on 5th.

Church Cheese and Wine Evening

Saturday 10th January 7.30pm - 10pm £5.00 entry

At 1 Crockernwell Court, Crockernwell,
by the kind invitation of Jennie Cornwall-Walker.

In aid of Church Funds

Locally bred, oven-ready geese for sale.

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Any quantity available for delivery within Cheriton Bishop / Dunsford areas.

Please call 07980 975002



CHRISTMAS DECORATING at St. Mary's Church

Saturday 20th December from 10.30am

Please will you come along to help decorate the church for Christmas. Bring your own flowers and foliages, berries, pot plants, cones, baubles etc. – whatever you would like to use. But seasonal colours please - red and green with silver and gold for some added sparkle!

Prepared trays will be in the church (by the Font) from the 13th December if you prefer to do an arrangement at home.

Coffee and mince pies as well.

**Juliet Dymoke-Marr
(Tel: 24415)**



ACORN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

4th December 12.30 pm

Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey and Gammon Ham
Pigs in Blankets, Roast potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnip, Carrots
Buttered Sprouts, Garden Peas, Stuffing, Gravy.

Vegetarian alternative: Nut Roast

Christmas Pudding served with Cream
Christmas Pudding Ice cream
Profiteroles & chocolate sauce

A glass of Red or White wine, lager, beer or fruit juice.
Tea or Coffee
£15.00 per person.

PLEASE BOOK BY 26TH NOVEMBER.

Jean 01647 24586

If you fear you may be too late try me and I will enquire if there is room.

January Acorn Lunch

Thursday 8th January 12.30 pm

Chicken casserole with fresh vegetables
Dessert tea or coffee
£7.00 per person

Telephone Jean on 01647 24586 before 4th January to book your place.

Tell her if you need transport when you book.

Please note, should the weather become bad we may need to cancel.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Are now having 1 lunch a month, which will be the first Thursday of each month. If you would to come along please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 3rd, 16th December then 14th January 2015. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 11th December, the last one before Christmas, the next will be 8th January 2015. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 2nd December and the 16th December - when we will be visited by the children from Christow School singing Christmas carols. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

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

Acorn Trustees, staff and volunteers would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY!

A year ago, this month, in response to an overwhelming demand from the people of Cheriton Bishop fed up with vehicles speeding in the Village, we approached the Police to set up a Community Speed Watch. Trained villagers would “help the Police” by manning speed cameras at strategic points with the aim of educating speeding drivers, not penalising them.

Initially, we were informed that “Highways” had to do checks on the relevant roads (main road and Church Lane) to justify our request. Later, we were told that it was the job of the Police to implement the checks. After a long wait, the Police advised that their “gun” was in for service, but they would do it in due course. We waited without result for a few weeks, so contacted the Police again who advised that their “gun” was now out of action for the foreseeable future!

Now, in fairness, Highways did do a check but this was at 11.00 a.m. on the main road. Hardly a time when children and parents would be on their way to school or work – probably the quietest time.

Then low and behold! We were informed that the 20 m.p.h speed limit in Church Lane was “non compliant”, so the speed limit was unenforceable!

Who do you think set up the 20 m.p.h speed limit? Highways of course – the same Agency that agreed to the building of a house on half the Old Thatch Car Park against almost everyone’s advice. Now look at the problems of navigating by car or walking at the road junction – the same Agency that allowed parking on both sides of the road from the Yeoford Road junction passed the Shop, by removing the white line – the same Agency that agreed to a miniscule foot path down the Yeoford Road from the shop – try wheeling a push chair along it! And the same Agency who have refused to make the junction of Yeoford Road and the main road safer for pedestrians, in spite of repeated requests. Fit for purpose?

The good news is that, as a result of complaining to the Police & Crime Commissioner’s Office for this endless delay, on our anniversary, we are told that “the required data has been collected and is now being analysed”! Don’t hold your breath! Just watch this space next month.

reportMyloss this is a new facility from the Police to be used by the public to advise them when we lose something. It could be a stolen item from your home or just an i-pad left on a bus, for example, or even a dog! The information is collected and used nationally by the Police to identify and “marry-up” items they recover – so if you register your loss, you have a better chance of recovering it. Members of Neighbourhood Watch will be aware of how to mark items so a thief is unaware of its identity! The details/photographs you give are completely confidential.

For more information, log on to reportMyloss. If you do not have a computer, and you want to use the service (which is free!), ask a neighbour to download the relevant form for you.

The Neighbourhood Watch Team wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a safe 2015. **New Year’s Resolution** – if you aren’t a member, join us and make the Village a safer place to live in – we strive to get there in the end!

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

To The Flagmaster and his Mistress of the Bunting

- Grateful thanks for going out in all weathers to keep the village in touch with the many and varied ‘goings on’ that we partake in at Cheriton Bishop. I can’t tell you how many times seeing a flag fluttering on the mast has reminded me to go along to some event that I would have otherwise forgotten.

For those of you that haven’t a clue what this cryptic message is all about – Brian Bryon Edmonds and Pat are the volunteers who, respectively, hold these illustrious titles! - *Jan Mitchell*



pop in for a chat and a drink



on Monday 15th December 2014

at The Spalding Hall

any time between 2pm and 4pm

for our festive cuppa

Do come and join us for a while on the day, or if you'd like more information just phone the number below

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

Choice of hot and cold drinks, plus mince pies !! Need a lift from your home? Ring Paul on 24405 beforehand and we'll arrange to drive you whenever you are ready to come



Walking Group News December '14

This month the deadline for the newsletter allows me to cover three walks. We have done October and November's walks. Read more about them below, and we have a change in the date for our December gathering.

In October, seventeen of us did a lovely local walk which ended with tea at the Spalding Hall. We walked down the Woodbrooke road and took a circular route, which looped up to Crockernwell, crossed the old A30, went up to Thorne Manor Cross and then back via Four Crossways to the Spalding Hall. I will put some photos of this, showing the brilliant sunshine we had that day (just so you can all remember what sunshine looked like!) onto the Walking Group section of the village website.

Last weekend a group of 15 of us met at the Mulberry to do a walk in Chagford. It was going to be entirely circular, but the steep hill to Natterdon was very wet and muddy after all the recent rain so we started at the top. The walk took us around the outskirts of Chagford, finally joining the two moors way beside the Teign before turning back into the village. We crossed a couple of bridges and several steep and boggy areas without mishap! One kind soul parked in the village and ferried drivers to collect their cars after tea in The Old forge tearoom. As you'll see from the photos on the website, it was rather a grey day, but luckily there was no rain.

The next walk will be on the 14th December (a week earlier than usual). The route is yet to be determined but will be local (the excitement of the unknown!) and will end at 4.00 with Christmassy refreshments in the Spalding Hall.

As usual we look forward to welcoming you to join us. Look out for posters in the village and information on the website.

Jane Hancock

Please note: Our starting time, 1.15 pm at the Mulberry car park, is earlier for the winter months. The first walk of 2015 will be at Postbridge on Sunday 18th Jan. More information will follow.

Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society

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

At our AGM we sincerely recorded many thanks to our retiring President, John Tutton. Also retiring from their posts after three years of hard work and splendid organising were Sally Burton (Chairman) and Persis Bower (Secretary). Their seats have been ably filled by Maureen Barber as our new President, David Wolley as Chairman, and Marilyn Brook as Secretary.

This Month's meeting: Our last meeting before Christmas will be on **Monday 8th December**, 8 pm in THE VILLAGE HALL, for what has become an annual event of an evening of making "Seasonal Decorations". There will be practical demonstrations and a chance to have a go yourself with plenty of greenery provided. Any additional demonstrators will be very welcome too.

Coming soon: Monday 19th January, "Quiz Night", 8 pm in the Spalding Hall. **Seed Order Collection** from 1 Woodpecker Way between 10.30 – 12 noon on Saturday 10th January.

A Plea for Pots: The Hort Soc are looking for a quantity of larger plastic pots of not less than 7 inches deep and wide, or 18 cms deep and wide for a vegetable class at the Village Show.

Happy Gardening!



Cheriton & Tedburn YFC update

It has been carnival season again and our float has been out three times, attending Okehampton for its maiden run, followed by South Zeal carnival and then Hatherleigh on the 8th November. We are indebted to the Bowden family at Bowbeer for allowing us the space in their barn to decorate our tableaux using their trailer. Many members joined in on each occasion and enjoyed the party spirit; despite having to resort to improvisation for music at Hatherleigh!

Our annual fundraiser was a Promise Auction at Fingle Bridge, on the damp misty Halloween night. This didn't deter a good turn out of generous bidders, resulting in a grand total of £2,200 being raised. We were lucky enough to enlist Russell Steer from Kivells & Husseys at Exeter Market, who was a superb auctioneer and kept the bidding brisk.

The following week the county final of After Dinner Speaking competition was held at the Devon YFC Centre in Exeter and Cheriton & Tedburn were represented by Vicki Gilbert, Becky Grist and Dan Grist; Becky was selected as Best Female Speaker and Dan and Becky were also chosen to go on and represent Devon at the regional final at South West Area, next March.

November 5th saw fireworks; again a big thank you to the Bowden family of Bowbeer for hosting the event. It was great to see a lot of local people turn out to support us, so a big thank you to all who came.

An afternoon of First Aid was held for our club, at Dunsford by Claire Larkins from Christow. 10 members furthered their skills and gained certificates.

As I write we are nervously anticipating tonight's performance at the Waie Inn, of the County final commercial dance competition, where 12 Cheriton and Tedburn members will be competing against two other clubs from the county. We are being choreographed by Gemma Richardson a year 12 student at Queen Elizabeth College, Crediton, who is a new member of our club and keeps us on our toes!

If you want to find out any more information about what our club is up to or you're aged between 10 and 26 and want to become a member, then don't hesitate to contact me on 07792518439. Remember you don't need to be a farmer to join!

Emily Sizmur, Secretary

Social Change in Cheriton Bishop: 1846 to the Present

The Baptism registers at Cheriton Bishop begin on All Saints Day (November 1st) 1846 when the Rector, William Mallock, records the baptism of his daughter, Margaret Mary, in a fine copperplate hand (which, it has to say, deteriorates over time). Since that day there have been exactly 1400 baptisms in Cheriton Bishop Church and the entries give us an interesting, though far from complete, picture of life in the village. I have clustered them in decades – which means, of course, that there is still two years to go for the last decade.

Up to November 1856 there were 200 baptisms – the highest number for the whole period. The burial register does not start until 1886, so we can't check the number of infant deaths, but even allowing for quite a high death rate, and for the fact that there were children on all the farms, Cheriton Village, Cheriton Cross and Crockernwell must have been teeming with children – 105 boys and 95 girls. There was no school or playgroup for them!

111 families brought their children for baptism, and 13 single mothers. 63 families were Labourers, 21 Farmers, 15 Artisans. There are 72 different surnames. This is accounted for by a dense network of Beers, Bolts and Saffins – all of whom appear on the war memorial. The term 'Husbandman' appears five times and then dies out. There were Shoemakers (both in Crockernwell and Cheriton), a Tailor (a Mr. Osborne, who makes regular appearances in the Register), a Mr. Bolt who describes himself as 'Baker and Farmer'), a Blacksmith (five times; the Davy family were blacksmiths for four generations), Carpenters, one Yeoman (belonging to the Kemble family), one Deputy Sexton (the Head Sexton had perhaps done his begetting), one 'Esquire', one Sadler (the Endacott family, who double up as innkeepers), one Clerk, one Ostler (in Crockernwell), one Farrier, one Mason, several Innkeepers, and a surprising number of illegitimate children (thirteen in all; the women are entered as 'spinsters'; this included, in 1853, two children to two of the Ching sisters in Crockernwell). Two women servants are entered, without the father being named. I assume this acknowledges the vulnerability of women in this position to the approach of the Master or the Master's son.

200 children and 111 families give us slightly over 400 people. The 1841 census lists 144 households, but does not give us numbers. We would expect a good few more people, but unless there was a big exodus before 1881 this seems unlikely. The picture we get, as we would expect, is of an intensely rural community, mainly wage Labourers, with a few Artisans. The gentry scarcely make an appearance (the Rector has three children in this period). There seems to have been some prepossessing but very irresponsible young male (or males), especially in Crockernwell, who left children to be supported either by the extended family or by the Parish rates. Apart from the names I have mentioned Guscotts, Partridges, and Haydons all make regular appearances.

From mid November 1856 to 1866 there are 188 baptisms (only 95 of which were boys). 85 of these are the children of Labourers. This represents 92 families and 73 names. 48% of those bringing children to baptism are Labourers; 22% are Farmers; 17% are Artisans. A few new occupations appear: the first Policeman appears in 1858; we have a Grocer; someone who describes himself as a 'Gentleman' (and lives in The Cottage); a Housekeeper; a Nursemaid (at Venbridge); a Schoolmaster (in 1863); a Road Constructor; in 1865 the first Railway Guard (the line had been opened from Crediton to Barnstaple in 1854, and he probably hoofed it down to Yeoford each day). Amongst the Artisans we find an apprentice Tailor, working in Exeter (who died before his child was baptised); a Brick and Tile Maker; two Thatchers; a Chimney Sweep; a Cattle Dealer; a Wheelwright; a Pipemaker; a Porter; a Gamekeeper and a Baker who doubles up as a Shoemaker (you can imagine the jokes). The number of illegitimate children falls to four. One of these girls dies in childbirth. The Innkeeper's wife is called 'Thirza' (as you will

remember, she was one of the daughters of Zelophehad: Num 26.33) and this was briefly popular as a name, alongside Kesiah (one of the daughters of Job). In 1864 the Rector had to turn out to do a baptism on Christmas Day for the said Thirza. Drakes, who are farm Labourers, are prominent.

In the next decade, to 1876, there are 178 baptisms, 94 of the children of Labourers. 93 families, sharing 80 surnames, bring their children to baptism. 49 are Labouring families (53%), 10 are Farmers (just under 10%) and 20 are Artisans (20%). (86 of the total are boys: maybe there's something in the water). Four servant girls 'get into trouble' (this is when, 'She was poor, but she was honest' was written), and there are four other illegitimate births in the Village. Besides the Rector there is another clergyman living in the parish who also produces offspring (described in the 1881 census as a 'missionary or itinerant preacher'; Cheriton Bishop had presumably been singled out as an area of peculiar darkness). There are four Christmas Day baptisms in this decade. Trades include a Carrier, a Gamekeeper and a Porter besides those already found in the Village.

The next decade sees 132 baptisms. Rather than a falling off of population I suspect this has more to do with competition from non C of E churches (though it could represent the unpopularity of the missionary). 65 families bring children for baptism, sharing 50 names. These include 43 Labourers, 10 Farmers and 11 Artisans. In addition to previous trades we now have an Agent (for what or whom we are not told), a Porter, and a Bailiff. The Chings now appear in their familiar guise as Harness and Saddle Makers in Crockernwell. The 'Gentleman' at Venbridge is doing his bit to keep the population rising. We find five more servant girls, and one other girl in the village put in the family way without the man sticking around. Again the Rector has a number of Christmas Day baptisms, and one on Boxing Day. If you were born in 1880 you were 34 in 1914: in other words, we are now entering the generation who became cannon fodder in WWI. The 1881 Census gives us 334 people in the Village, 81 of whom are Labourers and 18 Farmers. The women appear more clearly than in the Registers: 21 of them are in service.

Now the number of baptisms starts to tumble: there are only 84 in the next decade (to 1896). Scanes' (who are Labourers) make their appearance on the Village stage on Nov 25th 1881; Herbert Scanes is presented in church on October 15th 1893 (he is child number 3): New trades include a 'Gentleman's servant' (i.e. Jeeves), a Butcher (yes, for the first time), a Cellarman (for the New Inn?), a Sawyer, and a Miller. Another four servant girls are found with child.

In the decade to 1906 the number of baptisms halves again, to 46. One possible explanation for this is that the Rector, I.B.Houseman, has been in the post for twenty five years, and may be getting past it, or perhaps he had lost interest (but he continues to 1910). 22 are the children of Labourers; 8 of Farmers, but only one of an Artisan. The 1901 census gives us 455 people in the Village, so Village numbers are constant. There are no new trades in the Village, though we once again, after many years, find someone who describes himself as a Yeoman. (Perhaps he was fond of Gilbert and Sullivan). The Thatcher has 3 children, the Innkeeper two, and those who consider themselves Gentlemen 4. The term Pensioner appears for the first time (as the father of a child, note). One servant girl is got with child.

There are 46 baptisms in the period from 1907-1916. Only fifteen of these are the children of Labourers; ten are of Artisans, one of an Officer, three of a Haulier, 11 of Farmers', one of a Sailor (an Endicott), what looks like a 'Pofael driver'(can anyone help me with this?) and for the first time, a Gardener. The Dickers make their appearance as Farmers in 1911. .

To 1926 we have 55 baptisms and trades expand to include a Coach Builder, a Motor Engineer, a retired Soldier, a Major, a Postmaster (in 1922), an Estate Foreman, a Chauffeur, an AA Scout, and someone who describes himself as a 'Landowner'. The resident at Venbridge still

calls himself a 'Gentleman'. Only 11 people describe themselves as Labourers in this period. What we have seen, over these two decades is, as we would expect, the start of considerable diversification.

The 1931 census gives us 432 people in the Village, up 5 from 1921. We find a Captain (Indian Army), a Captain (Regular Army), a Post Office Employee, a Bank Official, a Bus Driver, a Smallholder (for the first time), a Traveller, two Sailors, a retired Judge (still capable of fathering children), and an Estate Agent. Charlie Stooke is brought to church on September 23rd 1934. 13 people (including Charlie's dad) describe themselves as Farmers; 13 as Labourers, and for the first time the term 'Farm Labourer' appears.

In July 1932 the Rev'd H Darrell Smith takes over as Rector. He has the most beautiful hand in the book, and he seems to have been diligent, for under him we find a good number of adult baptisms, including those of Labourers. There are 79 baptisms between 1937 and 1946. The village includes Mechanics, a Chief cook (RN), a Glass Machine Operator, a Trapper (we are not told of what), a Charcoal Burner, someone who describes himself as 'Farmer and Artist', someone who works in coal mining, a Clerk and a Squadron Leader. Only four people now describe themselves as 'Labourers', though there are a good number of 'Farm Labourers' or 'Agricultural workers'. The Rector, in his beautiful hand, writes 'might be illegitimate' alongside one baptism. One can just imagine the conversation that led to that entry.

Alongside a Commercial Traveller 1947 (the year of the great snow – I bet he had a good time) still finds a Wheelwright in the village begetting children. We have a Mining Engineer. In 1949, for the first time, a Social Worker; in 1951 a Garage Proprietor; believe it or not a Capstan Turner (forerunner of Mariners Away, obviously), a Telephone Engineer, a Lengthsman, a Chartered Accountant, a Licensed Victualler and two Miners (working, presumably, in Cheriton's well known mines). 77 children are baptised in this decade. Glebelands appears for the first time in 1951. In this year there were 560 people in the Village.

The 'Never had it so good' decade still sees 68 baptisms from a population of 521, and these include the children of Quarrymen, Organ Builders, Electrical Engineers, Company Directors (for the first time), Haulage Contractors, Hotel Proprietors, a Bulldozer Driver (!) a Salesman and a Council Employee. 3 people still describe themselves as Labourers in this period, and 36 Farmers have their children baptised. Farming is still, overall, the biggest trade in the village.

The entries in the Register are now chaotic for a period, and very poorly kept. It seems that in 1967 there are only two baptisms; in 1968 someone describes himself, for the first time, as a 'Herdsman'; a Marine Consultant is added to the Village's trades, which still include a Thatcher and a Sawyer. The only illegitimate birth is that of a Student. There are 41 baptisms.

In the Punk Rock decade the Village now includes a TV Director, an Antiques Dealer, an Abattoir Manager, a Sculptor, a Purchasing Officer, a Maritime Engineer, an Audio Visual Engineer and a Chef. 11 Farmers (including Chris and Marilyn) and 7 Farm Workers bring their children to baptism. There are 47 baptisms.

Up to 1996 the village expands to include a University Teacher, an Architect, an Entertainment Producer, various kinds of Sales Executive and Engineers and a Physician. In 1995 the description 'Labourer' is used for the last time. There are 46 baptisms.

Into the 2000s we now find IT managers, 'Self Employed' (for the first time, as a description), a Project Manager, a Shopkeeper, a Theatre Director, and a Physiotherapist. There were 38 baptisms in that period – obviously marking, to some extent, the decline in Church Attendance. Only two of these were children of Farmers, though three people described themselves as Agricultural Contractors. There have been 19 since 2007, two of which were of the children of

Farmers. Rather upper middle class jobs like Surgeons, Chartered Surveyors and Ecologists tend to dominate. The latest census data, from 2011, gives us 652 people in the Village,

As we would expect, trends in Cheriton Bishop mirror those in English society as a whole. I suspect that the baptism records from 1846 to 1866, and perhaps even 1876, cover the whole village and give us a pretty good picture of the number of families, the number of children, and the intensity of the class divide. After 1880 that is no longer the case but we still get a snapshot of a changing landscape: of the slow end of class deference, of the spread of the middle classes into the countryside, of areas like Cheriton Bishop ceasing to be 'deep rural' and becoming dormitories for Exeter as the car makes commuting possible. What will be interesting to see is what happens as climate change, in the remainder of this century, makes the commuting life impossible. I suspect that we might see some of the old trades resurrected. Not a return to 'Labourers' but to various kinds of agricultural worker.

Tim Gorringe

ACE Archaeology Club

Investigating and protecting Devon's Archaeological Heritage

We have had another good year although it didn't get off to a great start as we had to cancel a few days due the rather wet weather, remember that?

In March we sensibly did something indoors, we had a session on flint knapping, making tools from flints as people would have done in the Stone Age. We did this under the expert instruction of flint knapper, Anthony Whitlock. Luckily there were very few injuries, sharp stuff flint!

While April was still a little damp and chilly some of us ventured out to Fingle Mill on the Castle Drogo estate to have a look at the remains of the mill and try to work out what sort of mill it was and what buildings might have been standing before it was destroyed by fire in the 1890s. One of our members is doing some research on the mill for the National Trust and the visit was useful.

On the same day we also visited Cranbrook and Wooston Castles, Iron Age hill forts overlooking the Teign Valley.

In July we took part in the Council for British Archaeology festival this is an annual event that runs for a fortnight in July. We do our bit under the auspices of the Festival of Archaeology and Old Technology at Pattiland Farm near Winkleigh.

August saw us walking on Kit Hill in Cornwall. For those who don't know it Kit Hill has a wealth of archaeology dating from the Bronze Age to recent times. It also has fabulous views.

The highlight of our year was The Dig. This was our second year excavating at Moistown near Winkleigh. It is the site of a possible medieval house. This year we continued to uncover a lovely cobbled floor and retrieved lots of pottery. The pottery has still to be dated but seems to cover a period from early medieval to Victorian.

These activities are just a sample of what we do. Next year we hope to do some more pottery making; using willow to make shields: some work on a database of roundhouses on Dartmoor and we will again be taking part in the CBA Festival and digging for the third year at Moistown.

Have a look at www.acearch.org.uk or our FaceBook page for more details on what we do and how to contact us if you are interested in joining us.

Erica Williamson

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School

Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond

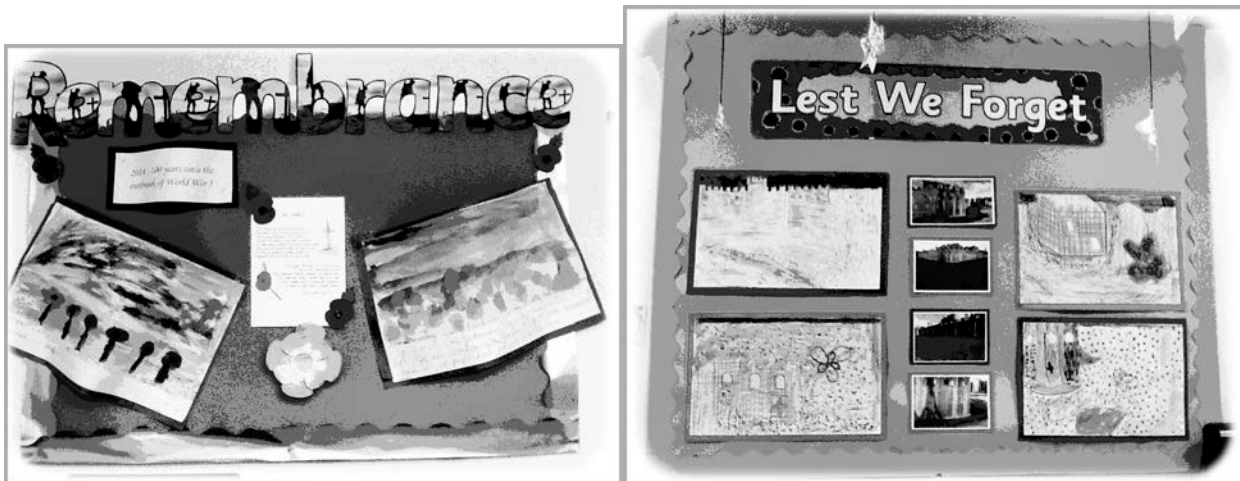
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I started off last month's Snippets with the observation that time had flown by. This was emphasised even more to me when I received the new 2015 insert for my diary. I set about copying in all the important annual dates from one diary to the other and, of course, reading of events that had happened during the current year. It really was a case of "*Blow me down, did we do that in June? It feels as though it was only last month!*" and as I carried on through I felt that the year had really passed at the gallop. I hope I'm not the only person finding the occurrence of this phenomenon!!

Perhaps the most important thing in November was the Act of Remembrance when we recalled all those who had given their lives for us in wars and battles of the past. Especially poignant has been the observation of the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. The extraordinary and emotion-stirring of the planting of the poppies in the moat of the Tower of London really brought home to us the debt of gratitude we owe to those who fell. In Cheriton Bishop it was particularly good to see the participation of a good number of Scouts and Cubs gathering at the War Memorial to join the adults in paying their respects to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday.

On Armistice Day the school observed the minutes silence and they all took part in an art and craft session when they made poppies and created paintings and collages appropriate to the occasion. I have shown two of these below



I hope you can see what they represent – on the left under the title of Remembrance are paintings of poppies and a letter home from a soldier. The collage on the right shows the children's impression of the field of poppies at the Tower of London together with actual photographs of the Tower – all under the title 'Lest We Forget'. In these increasingly turbulent days it is important that we all remember the sacrifices war inflicts on us.

Later in that same week the children took part in a Super Hero themed day on behalf of Children in Need. I'm told they thoroughly enjoyed themselves dressing up appropriately. I have lifted off a photograph of several of these Super Heroes from the latest school news-sheet. I am afraid I can't give any help in identifying these heroes but perhaps you might be able to make a guess.

I hope the photographs can be reproduced in an identifiable form. It is quite some time since I last included photographs in Snippets.



On, then, to other activities, the Operation Shoe-Box Appeal was successful and the boxes have duly been sent off to the charity. They provide some Christmas cheer for children around the world who live in difficult circumstances. A big thank-you is due to both Mrs Carter and Mrs Stickland for all the hard work they did in organising the appeal. Mind you, we must also give thanks to those parents and friends who contributed to the contents of the boxes.

The calendar for the rest of this term is below with a bit of information about the Spring Term. I must emphasise that dates next term can change.

24th Nov – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at the School

28th Nov – Non-Uniform day

4th Dec – PTFA afterschool Craft Club

5th Dec - Christmas Fayre (in School)

10th Dec – Christmas Dinner

11th Dec – Christmas School Jumper Day – in aid of *Save The Children*

12th Dec – Christmas Services – 1400 and 1800 – St Mary’s Church

18th Dec – PTFA Christmas Party Lunch and Class Christmas Parties

19th Dec – End of Autumn Term.

19th Dec – Christmas Carol Singing around the Village

6th Jan 2015 – Start of Spring Term

31st Jan 2015 – Class 1 Baking Day

27th Feb – Non-Uniform Day

27th Mar – Class 3 Baking Day

All the seasonal events are included above – they really seem to celebrate in style!

Now, for all you singing buffs, the West Devon Folk Choir, together with the other WREN Trust choirs, will be performing at 1830 in St Stephen’s Church on the 19th December. The following evening, the 20th December for those with very little brain, Mariners Away are due to sing in the King’s Arms, Tedburn St Mary. If you keep your eyes and ears open you might find that both the Dunsford and Tedburn Choirs will be giving concerts during this period.

On the railway, the Polar Express (PE) is beginning to take over at Okehampton station. Please note that, if you are intending to take your children/grandchildren on the Polar Express, there are two trains operating per day from Oke. Recent advertisements in both the Western Morning news and the Exeter Express and Echo indicate that there will be four trains running per day – THIS IS INCORRECT. The Okehampton Polar Express web site gives all the correct details.

For all those who partake of breakfast and Sunday lunches up at the Buffet at the station should be aware that the buffet will be closing for the duration of the PE and will reopen on 2nd January. Poor Mary will be fully engaged in producing 1000 (yes, one thousand) cookies per day for the trains together with many gallons of hot chocolate.

For those interested in the railway, a Class 50 locomotive arrived in Okehampton yesterday to provide spare power for the PE. The actual train engines, believed to be a Class 47 and a Class 33, are due to arrive shortly.

On to village matters and the 20mph limit in Church Lane has come into prominence again. There are still a number of people who live here who ignore this speed limit as well as any number of white vans and other delivery vans who flout the law. Come on people, at least make sure we don’t put lives in danger ourselves.

Here’s wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Productive New Year.

PGR

News from Elsewhere

Chagford Singers present a concert in St Michael's Church, Chagford at 7.30 on 7th December.

Charpentier's Messe de Minuit and a selection of carols, which will include some audience participation. Tickets are £12 each and include a glass of wine and a mince pie. Tickets are available by post from Sue Glassfield (01647 433770) or from Sally's newsagent, Chagford.

New members are always welcome (no audition). We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - 9.30 in Endicott House, Chagford. Term starts on 7th Jan (new year resolution?); turn up or contact Susan Powell (01647 433700).

Angie Marien

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Fingle Woods – if you go down to the woods..... you'll find a lot activity taking place and a chance for you to have your say.

There is a lot happening at Fingle Woods and we have only just got started. Our regular volunteer work parties have been out in force and much of the work has been around clearing regenerating (self-seeding) conifers. Doing this gives native trees and wildflowers a chance to become re-established here. This is one of the long-term aims of the restoration work taking place. Volunteering activity is not complete without a well-earned tea break which tastes extra special having been heated on a wood burning stove out in the woods. If you want to give volunteering for us a try then please contact David Rickwood at davidrickwood@woodlandtrust.org.uk and he can tell you where and when the next activity is.

This is just the beginning of the restoration process and the Woodland Trust and National Trust are starting to look at the long term management of the site and what we need to do to manage this wood for wildlife and for people. We would really appreciate it if you would fill in our online survey at woodlandtrust.org.uk/fwsurvey and let us know your thoughts.

Keep up-to-date with news from Fingle Woods by going to Finglewoods.wordpress.com

Longdown's Pantomime for 2015 is 'A Tale of Robinson Crusoe'

At Longdown Village Hall

Performances will be on 23rd and 24th January 2015

Evening performances at 7.30pm. Saturday matinee at 2.00pm

Tickets £5

Box office: 01392 811315

News from the Castle

There have been some fantastic community projects this year. The biggest must be our partnership with Get Changed Theatre Company who created artwork, did pop-up performances and finished with a grand finale series of evening shows in September. What a fantastic group of people to work with. Also, in October, we held a WW1 for schools week with over 600 children attending.

Our building project has marched along and, by the time this edition comes out, we should be close to completing the south end of the castle and we will be taking down the protection work from the Drawing Room and Dining Room. We are all looking forward to seeing the rooms back to their normal size BUT they won't be returning to their normal display just yet. The whole collection currently stored in the North wing will be relocated in to those completed rooms ready for us to start the next phase of work and preparing our new displays for next year. We will be open for guided tours at weekends in December so please do pop up for a sneaky peak at how things are going.

We are looking forward to our seasonal visit from Father Christmas on the weekends of 13, 14, 20 & 21 December, 11am-4pm. We think we have been very good boys and girls this year so let's hope he brings plenty of pressies! We will also have local Christmas tree supplier C F Steer here those weekends so you will be able to pick up a lovely Christmas tree whilst meeting Santa and enjoying tasty Christmas treats in the cafe.

Hope to see you all very soon but, if not, have a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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Holy Trinity Yeoford

We have just had one of the most thought provoking 'time of remembrance' this year. Our prayers must be for world peace. Cannon Michael Hall took a thoughtful service for us at Yeoford.

All our best wishes go to Revd. Catherine Carlyon in her new post in London, we will miss you.

Café Company will have a craft morning on 1st December when we will make Christmas wreaths, all materials will be provided.

As reported last month, 30 years ago this December, Holy Trinity Yeoford, was reopened again after being closed for several years. We plan to have a celebration on December 7th at 4pm. We will have a candle lit procession from the school to the church followed by a short service and refreshments. We hope as many people from the village past and present will take part and join us for this occasion.

Our Christmas services are printed below. We are again having the Carol Service as a community event in the Village Hall followed by spiced apple juice and mince pies. The crib will be journeying around the village during Advent being hosted by different families reminding us of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. The Crib will end its journey at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Our early "Midnight Mass" will be at 9-00pm on Christmas Eve.

Services for December

Sunday 7th 4pm Celebration of 30years of Holy Trinity being reopened

Sunday 14th 9-30 Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Community Carol Service

3pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Eve

Crib Service 4pm

Holy Communion 9pm

Services for January

Sunday 11th communion by extension 9-30

Sunday 25th Holy Communion 9-30

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