

Useful Information

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Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

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Churches

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West Down Chapel:	Derek Coren - 01647 24264

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Village Hall:	Tim Gorringe - 01647 24789
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Local Authorities

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Welcome to the Newsletter

February 2021 Edition

Dear readers,

I hope you enjoy the interesting dates on the cover of this issue. I thought it would be nice to know that there are events that we can get involved with while staying safely indoors.

Personally, I will definitely be partaking in Pancake Day, and will probably have to practice making pancakes all throughout February - just to get the technique right.

Remember, the first pancake out of the pan is usually a dud, but don't lose confidence. If you can't flip it in the air, just use a fish slice to help it over, no-one will know! Alternatively, have a second pan on the heat and transfer your pancake upside-down into the new pan. This way, you can have two on the go at any one time - always useful in my house as I never seem to be able to keep up with demand - even if I'm on my own!

It's got to be sugar and lemon for me - none of the chocolate spread and bananas or savoury options on my plate thank you.

Rev. Martin Wood talks about Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday - and Mardi Gras, in his *Message from St Mary's* article on page 11.

I must remember to write these intros after lunch, and not before! All I can think about is pancakes and their various toppings!

Keep yourselves occupied and have a go at working on your submission for the Village Show - see page 3 for details.

Take care.

Lucy x

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Editor's Request

Write an interesting article and email to *cheritonnews@gmail.com* and I will do my best to add it to the Newsletter. Feel free to send in articles with your thoughts, ideas and observations.

Dates for your Diary

Due to the uncertain course of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, many events and regular meetings have been and may be cancelled or postponed this month and until further notice.

March 2021

15th	GC - Penny's Primulas Talk	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
27th	Gardening Club Spring Show	Village Hall	

Mobile Library - Tues 23 Feb

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

To make sure that customers and staff are safe, we are offering a Choose & Collect contactless service.

Future library visits, 2021: March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd and 30th.

For information, visit **facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries**, **twitter.com/devonmobilelibs**, **devonlibraries.org.uk** or contact *info*(*alibrariesunlimited.org.uk* or **0345 155 1001**

Village Store Opening Times

Shop Trading Hours:

Monday to Saturday Sunday 7am to 9pm 8am to 8pm

Post Office Trading Hours:

Monday to Friday *Closed 1pm to 2pm on Weds* Saturday Sunday 9am to 5pm

9am to 2pm *Closed*

March Deadline

All copy for the March 2021 edition needs to be received by:

Saturday 20th February

Please email your copy to *cheritonnews@gmail.com* or call if you can only supply a paper copy.

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Looking to buy or have something to sell?

If you would like to advertise your items in our Classifieds section, please email: cheritonnews@gmail.com

Take advantage of our FREE lineage ads, they are normally £1 per line.

What's On?

Gardening Club Events

I expect you will not be surprised to learn that the February meeting has been cancelled.

March Meeting

Monday 15th March, 7.30pm, Spalding Hall,

Penny from Penny's Primulas is coming to speak to us about Primula Sieboldii. This will be the third time we have arranged for her to come, the previous occasions had to be cancelled because of various lockdowns.

The Spring Show

Saturday 27th March, Village Hall

We have some understanding judges who wait to be told if the event is going ahead. There was a very early spring in 2020, and most daffodils were over by the time of the show, so we have moved the 2021 event forward a week.

The seed order for this year was a bumper one so hopefully we will have a lot of entries in the vegetable and flower classes should the Village Show go ahead on August 14th as planned. For those who do not garden there are classes for handicrafts as well, and the show is open to everybody living in Cheriton Bishop village and its environs. Why not pass the dark evenings when you are stuck indoors preparing an entry?



Village Show: Preparations

Saturday 14th August, 2021

Get your entries started! This year's classes are:

Photography

- F 1 Photograph: 'Close Up' a photo of a flower, bird, insect etc with a close up view. *Unframed, no bigger than A5.*
- F 2 Photograph: 'A Landscape Scene' Unframed and no bigger than A5.
- F 3 Four Photographs: 'The Seasons' Unframed but to be mounted on one piece of card, no bigger than A3.

Art

- F 4 A landscape picture, any medium (not photography). *No bigger than A3.*
- F 5 A drawing, in charcoal, pencil, or ink. *No bigger than A4.*
- F 6 A topical cartoon in any medium photography.

Handicrafts

- F 7 Something made for the home from fabric.
- F 8 Jewellery, any material.
- F 9 Something made using wool, this could be knitting, crochet, felt, embroidery.
- F 10 A modern nursery rhyme.
- F 12 Something made using any recycled materials since last year's show. *Please state the original use of items used.*
- F 13 Any hand- made object not covered in the above classes.

We look forward to a bumper entry in these classes too!

Janet Jeffery

Letters to the Editor

Were you Given a Grafted Apple Tree? Wilf's Parent Trees

Wilf Rice, who lived on Church Lane, was well known for his skill in grafting any plant from tomatoes to fruit trees. He was generous in gifting his 'surplus' successful grafts to friends and acquaintances who had space to grow another tree.

I was lucky enough to be given several named standard tree whips some 20 years ago. As the trees have started to bear fruit, their apples have not matched the descriptions given in books and catalogues. So over the past few years I have sent 8 leaves from each apple tree to be DNA tested. For one tree, there was no known match, and it has now been registered as Richard's Cheriton Red on the Register of Local Cultivars.

But Wilf must have acquired the scions (graft wood) from someone, and the hunt is now on to find those 'parent trees'. If you know of anyone who also received the gift of grafted whips from Wilf or who allowed him to take scions from their trees, it would add to the knowledge of these old varieties.

Trees at South Orchard

The old standard apple trees at South Orchard were planted about 1913.

Unfortunately the storm of Michael Fish fame uprooted and destroyed about 14 trees. The names of the varieties of these trees had been lost over the last hundred years but has now been identified by DNA testing. These varieties were relatively 'new' introductions around 1900!

Persis Bower

New to Gardening?

Would you like some 1, 2 or 3 litre, round black flower pots? Or a few smaller ones? These have been given to the Gardening Club over the years to be used for plants for the Plant Sale, and I would be more than happy for them to have new homes.

Please contact Persis on 01647 24303 South Orchard on the Woodbrooke Road

News from The Scouts

First can I say thank you to everyone who bought Christmas Trees from us back in December, we were very pleased so many people felt able to venture out and support us. The event was equally as successful as it has been in previous years and we plan to make it an even more festive fun event this year.

The other news from us for the New Year is that we have a new Group Scout Leader. However, he is far from being a new face; Ollie Milverton has spent the last 10 years leading our Scout section but even that wasn't the beginning, Ollie has been involved with the group since he joined as a Cub at the age of 8! Welcome to your new role Ollie.

Andrew Smith

Chairman, 1st Tedburn and Cheriton Scout Group

CB Village FaceBook

The 'Cheriton Bishop Village' Facebook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area.

If you would like to be part of this, please send a request to our FaceBook page.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You!

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and care in this wonderful village! Thank you... to everyone who has helped us and been so kind with messages and cards since Paul had a stroke at the beginning of December.

He has made an amazingly quick recovery and now, having had an eye test, has been pronounced fit to drive again so you may see him around the village in his beloved old green Volvo once more. Grateful thanks again.

Many Thanks

The Jeffery family would like to thank everybody who sent cards or messages of sympathy after the recent death of Janet's brother, John Hutt of Pipistrelles.

John was very fond of birds and kept love birds and cockatiels when he first moved to Devon. The family have now inherited nine bird cages of various sizes, the largest ones up to 36" x 30" x 20" plus two aviaries in the garden. Please contact me if you could put any of these to good use,

Janet Jeffery 0164724414

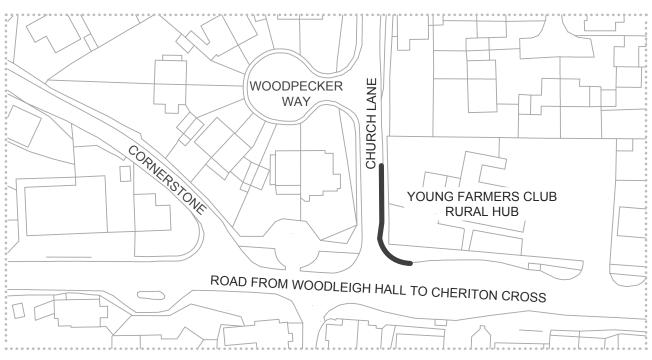
Jan & Paul Mitchell

Proposed Parking Restriction on Church Lane

Devon County Council is proposing to restrict waiting and parking on the area of Church Lane marked with the **BOLD** line on the map below. If implemented no waiting or parking will be allowed at any time.

Information can be viewed at *http://devon. cc/tro*. If you don't have access to the internet you can phone **0345 155 1004** for more details. Objections and comments must be made to DCC (not the Parish Council) in writing to: Reference LAB/B17814/Website Reference 5808 County Solicitor, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD or via *devon.cc/alwrp*.

Comments must be made by 9th February and if you make a comment your contact details and points contributed may be made publicly available.



Earth Corner

What is a Carbon Footprint, and why would I want one?

Instinctively frugal, my grandparents, having lived through the war, composted all their peelings and food waste, used baskets and string bags for shopping and grew their own vegetables. They never flew and usually took the bus. But, had they measured it, their carbon footprint would have been large. The old storage heaters, though charged at night, used vast amounts of electricity made mainly from coal, and their home, uninsulated with single glazed windows, was kept rather warm.

Today, electricity generation is moving over to renewables, and we can buy 100% renewable energy with no price premium if we choose. Most windows are or can be double gazed, some triple, and lofts and cavity walls can be readily filled with fluffy or bubbly stuff to cut our energy bills.

Compared to these changes, how much difference does our daily life make? To get a sense of proportion about all those environmental things I think I should be doing or people are telling me I should do, it's good to have a rough idea of our carbon footprint and what are the big ticket items that make it up.

A carbon footprint measures the greenhouse gasses we create. It doesn't include our impact directly on bees, birds, the oceans or other ecologies.

Minimising plastic waste is vital for marine life but has little effect on the carbon footprint. You can do it on paper (I have some forms), but it's much easier to use an online calculator. The World Wildlife Fund has one on their website **footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/** that takes 5 minutes.

I found I normally put 10 tonnes of CO_2 into the air annually, close to UK average, though at least in lockdown this fell to 8 tonnes. (I was a bit shocked that the building maintenance, appliances and stuff we've bought for the house in a year is equivalent to 2 medium haul flights - often the biggest items.)

The Devon Climate Emergency website has a clear list of how particular actions reduce your footprint **www.devonclimateemergency. org.uk/individual-top-tips/**. Another site full of ideas is **www.ourplaceourplanet.org**. For a more exact footprint, if you like numbers and have your energy bills handy, use this calculator **www.carbonfootprint.com/ calculator.aspx**, which will be more sensitive to changes you make.

What this misses out, though, is that we watch each other. Our actions get noticed, and influence others. Whenever we carry on travelling and consuming as usual we make it harder for others to change. When we act to reduce our planet impact, we make it easier for others to do the same.

Some aspects of our footprints change only with big decisions; buying a car, replacing a boiler, moving house. Some can be altered only by government. We can't change everything at once – step by step is good, and over time our footprints become lighter. So many brave and good things my ancestors did have brought benefits to me, that lightening our footsteps seems obvious when I think of our descendants. Guilt may move us fleetingly, but those things done from love last the longest.

Gill Westcott

Earth Corner

Re-Use & Recycle! A little offer to all in the parish who do things with things...

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I have barns full of useful stuff of all kinds, old and new, used and unused. So this could be very useful to our community as a source of 'things to do things with': to save money, time and effort in trying to find just what you need to do a job.

If it's just a few (or a lot of) nails, screws or an odd bolt, a hinge, a piece of antique hardwood to do a repair, a particular tool that you only need for an hour or so or to expand your own tool store, or a piece of rope to do a particular job, do just ask! Anything at all, just ask. Most things can be free, some I would ask a small donation for, some you could borrow; the main thing is to ask me if I can help you out. I absolutely hate useful stuff sitting in the barn and then being told that someone has driven into Exeter to buy a 10 pack of 4" nails for £4.30, used petrol, wasted time, and polluted the atmosphere just to mend a fence when they could have saved all that if they had just given me a ring: and had a jolly nice little chat!

Paul Mitchell 01647 24405 / 07974835113

In The Garden

February is a good time to start pruning, ready for Spring's emerging growth. Any spindly bits of bamboo can be cut off at ground level. If you have bamboo with attractive stems, such as Phyllostachys, it is worth trimming away lower foliage to make a feature of beautiful golden or black canes.

Wisteria side shoots can be cut back to 2 or 3 buds. If the plant needs reshaping, now is a good time to cut into the older wood too.

Late flowering shrubs such as Buddleia and Perovskia (Russian sage) flower on new wood in the summer, so if they are pruned now, this year's shoots have time to mature. Hardy Fuchsias, Santolina and Ceratostigma also benefit from this treatment.

Ornamental grasses (such as Stipa gigantea) need careful pruning/tidying in early Spring. Leave them until you see new growth and then, using your fingers, pull out the old dead foliage. Only cut where you are not damaging the new stems. Prune late flowering clematis such as Clematis viticella down to about 30 cms (12 inches) from the ground, just above a healthy bud.

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Dahlia tubers can be started into growth from the end of February. Place the tubers in a shallow tray in loose compost and put them in a light position. These will produce shoots which can be used as cuttings. Often the flowers from these cuttings are superior to those from the tubers.

You can also chit early potatoes in egg boxes on a light windowsill. These will be ready to plant out in March.

Enjoy the promise of Spring just around the corner and the anticipation of the garden coming back to life!

Sally Rix

Health & Lifestyle

Take a cup of kindness

The title for this article makes up part of a verse from Robert Burns' poem Auld Lang Syne; and whilst singing these words on New Year's Eve, I realised that probably what we all need right now is to 'take a cup of kindness'.

When we think of ourselves as being kind, it's usually when we've acted with genuine compassion and thoughtfulness towards someone or something else.

How often are we truly kind to ourselves? Kind in the same way that we would be towards someone we love? I think it's safe to say that the majority of us spend more time, care and energy looking after our house, car and garden than we do ourselves! We could all benefit from more self-care. A good place to start is to think about what you would do for a friend in a moment of need, so that they felt loved, peaceful, joyful and content. Then think of ways that you could begin to weave that same level of care into your life for yourself. When do you feel loved, peaceful, joyful and content?

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection." Buddha. So take a cup of kindness for yourself; you are certainly worthy of it.

With love and appreciation!

Joe Arnold (Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro Dartmoor Chiropractic) and *Jess Gordon*

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Acorn Community Support

Business as Usual At Acorn

Acorn Community Support continues to be available to anyone who needs a helping hand. If you personally need, or you know of a friend or neighbour who needs some help, please do not hesitate to contact us. Over the last 10 months we have been able to flex and adapt and help everyone who has come to us, regardless of what help has been required. Some examples of the support provided are:

- Provision of shopping buddies & phone buddies
- Access to Acorn's Cashpoint machine
- Transport to medical appointments
- Transport to Vaccination Clinic appointments
- A regular befriending service
- A listening ear
- Prescription deliveries
- Financial support

If you need transport to get to the vaccination clinics, please do not hesitate to ring. We have plenty of lovely drivers who are happy to help and will transport you to your appointment in a covid secure way.

Financial Hardship

We have been alerted to a hardship fund that is accessible through St Basil's Church Neighbourhood fund. The community fundraised pot of money is there to enable emergency grants (up to £300) to help to buy groceries, pay bills, fix a car, replace household appliances etc. Applications will be confidential. For more information, visit **www.stbasils.church/ neighbourfund** or email *felicity*@stbasils.church.

In the meantime, please keep yourselves safe and healthy. We very much look forward to getting some of our usual services up and running asap.

Continued Support

Acorn continues to be able to offer support to anyone in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact us at *office@acorncommunitysupport. co.uk* or call **01647 252701**.

Best wishes. **The A(corn) Team**

Cheriton Bishop School

Spring Term Highlights So Far...

The Spring Term has had a very unusual, rather bumpy and fast moving take off. Thank you to all of you for the tremendous effort, understanding and perseverance as the school has got online learning and provision for critical workers and vulnerable children up and running.

The teachers and teaching assistants have provided live and recorded lessons and activities online. The staff have been able to respond to the children's work and have made contact with numerous families to help and support. Their efforts have been outstanding. From maths, to writing, to art work, cooking, dance and outdoor learning, there is so much great learning going on.

Baby Martin

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Noah Martin. Noah joined the world on 29th December at 7lbs 11oz. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Martin!

Welcome Mrs Ley

Mrs Ley has had an interesting start to her teaching post! She is working hard to get to know the children and families remotely. Thank you for supporting her to do this.

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.cheriton-bishop-primary.devon.sch.uk**

Session times

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Drop off: 9am to 9.15am Pick up: 3pm to 3.15pm Mondays include our weekly yoga sessions and on Tuesdays we visit the local Scout field



We currently have spaces available for all sessions

Please call or email to book your child's place now!

01647 24314 or 07977 777318

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

At the end of last year our services were running to the usual pattern, but now because of the latest lockdown we have, with the Bishop's permission, paused the services at St Mary's and across the Team until at least the first of March.

During the lockdown, Rev'd Martin Wood prepares worship material each week which is circulated and posted on the Cheriton Bishop website, cheritonbishop.org.uk. The website also contains links to Sunday services and sermons posted on You Tube, and also contains links to the Church of England website and general prayers.

The church will be generally closed but is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm. If you visit please use the hand sanitiser and to leave

the inside door as you find it but to close the outside mesh gate.

Martin is planning to hold a Lent Course using Zoom with a choice of Wednesday and Thursday each week starting on Wednesday 17th, full details of the content and how to join in are advertised below.

Looking forward we are planning a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the Spalding Hall and Churchyard on Saturday 8th May, more details will be published in due course. We look for donated plants so please consider planting a few extra seeds and taking some cuttings to share on the day.

Obviously plans may need to change but hopefully we will be able to go ahead.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Lent Course 2021: The Lord's Prayer

The Lent course will follow the pilgrim course looking at the Lord's Prayer, running for six evenings on a Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm via Zoom. Please send an email to revwood163@gmail.com stating which day you would like, and I will send out links weekly.

Dates

Theme

Wed 17th / Thu 18th Feb	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Wed 24th / Thu 25th Feb	Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Wed 3rd / Thu 4th Mar	Give us today our daily bread
Wed 10th / Thu 11th Mar	Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Wed 17th / Thu 18th Mar	Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
Wed 24th / Thu 25th Mar	For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

As our church is closed because of the pandemic we are having a weekly service on zoom. If you would like to join us please contact me and I will send you a link.

We are very privileged to have Revd. Jenny Francis with us every week and we appreciate her words of wisdom.

Before we closed the church, we had a Christingle Service where children made their own Christingles and we used percussion instruments instead of singing. Many thanks to Antonia Tregenza for speaking, we all enjoyed the service.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Church Messages

What is Fat Tuesday?

The month of February sees the return of Ash Wednesday on 17th February, the beginning of Lent in the church's year. We will come back to Lent later. I wanted to focus first on Shrove Tuesday, 16th February, better known as pancake day to many people.

There is great excitement over cooking pancakes and trying to flip them in the frying pan. There are so many different toppings for the pancakes that have become people's favourites. This humble dish has become quite exotic!

It has its origins in using up the rich food like butter, eggs and sugar before the start of Lent. A reminder from the past, over four hundred years ago, not to waste food but use it carefully. I discovered a new twist on Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, which means Fat Tuesday in French. I have always associated Mardi Gras with carnivals and festivals. I picture people on the street dancing in amazing costumes in a carnival procession. I have discovered that the carnival season starts after Epiphany, the beginning of January and the season ends on Mardi Gras. It is the culmination of the carnival season, the last day before the beginning of Lent. It has become a time for people to have fun and enjoy themselves. It takes celebrating the end of the Christmas season to a new level! I had not made the connection to Shrove Tuesday and getting ready for Lent.

Lent is almost the complete opposite of what we have talked about for Pancake Day and Mardi Gras. It is a more serious and sombre time. Historically people fasted, usually having a simple diet like bread and water. This is the reason why people needed to eat up food on the day before Lent. The idea of fasting is further developed by people giving something up for Lent like chocolate, alcohol and takeaway food, which we call self-denial. There is a sense that if we are able to exercise self-control, these things are not addictions that control us. We are reminded of Jesus fasting for forty days in the desert. There are other things to try to do this Lent.

We are encouraged to prepare for Easter by saying sorry and putting things right; by prayer for what is difficult, helping those in need around us and by reading our bibles. I would encourage us all to try and get realigned with God and use this time of getting ready to adjust our lives into God's way. Focusing on reading our bibles, the Lent course might help you do this. I have decided to do this via Zoom to ensure we can meet whatever the restrictions may be. I was going to restart and finish the course from last Year, looking at the Pilgrim Course, The Lord's Prayer.

Get ready for Lent, work out what you might give up or take up for Lent. Hopefully what you decide to do should also help others, as well as ourselves, as we ensure that we are prepared for Easter 2021, Sunday 4th April.

Rev. Martin Wood

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West Down Evangelical Chapel

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HG

Contact: 01647 24264 or 01647 24660

February 2021

Due to the continued Coronavirus situation, all services are currently cancelled. Please contact one of the telephone numbers if you require further information.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch hopes, like everyone else, that 2021 is far better than the year we have left and the vaccine will be the saviour from the virus. It certainly will be a great feeling of relief when we once more can return to some form of normal in our lives.

As usual there are those with lifestyles and habits that have not changed with the New Year and are every bit as willing to take what is not theirs. A few of the crimes going around at the moment are mentioned below:

Phone Calls

In our area residences have received phone calls saying either their Internet was about to go down or their Amazon account had been hacked and were advised to press 1 on the phone. This they did not do and put the phone down which was the correct thing to do. Do beware of this type of phone call.

Loan Fee Fraud

This occurs when people pay an upfront or advance fee for a loan which they never receive. It's become a common and serious scam now with persons losing on average £220. To protect yourself, beware when asked to pay an upfront fee, to pay quickly, to pay by an unusual method such as vouchers or by transfer as these are very likely to be a scam.

NHS Scam

It is understood that people are receiving email/text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The contact asks that a link should be clicked on, which takes them to an online form where they are asked for personal and certain financial details. Unfortunately the form looks very much like a real NHS website form to be completed. It is a scam.

Do remember the vaccine is only available from the NHS and is free of any charge. If you receive an email, text or phone call purporting to come from the NHS asking for personal and financial details, it is a scam.

Delivery Company

Apparently there are fake emails and texts coming from delivery company DPD and others stating that they were 'unable to deliver a parcel today'. Instructions are given on how another delivery can take place. At the same time, links lead to fake websites designed to take personal and financial information from you. Before doing anything, check the delivery companies official website and whether the parcel delivery is genuine.

Rural Crime

Rural crime is on the rise as reported previously by NW. This has continued with farm machinery stolen, heating oil taken, a number of attempted break-ins together with vandalism. Security on buildings, vehicles and machinery is of the utmost importance and to be remembered at all times.

Livestock deaths and injuries on open land caused by a collision with a vehicle that was going too fast or not leaving enough space when going around the animal. More patience and less speed, keeping within speed limits and even stopping until the animal moves on or it is safe to drive on is a sensible reaction. In other words, drive within the limits of the area you are passing through. Remember, a collision must be reported to the police.

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

Keep well and safe.

NW contacts: Jean Martin - **01647 24586** Police - **101** or **999** for an emergency

What's happening on the Village Green?

This pandemic has brought home to us the importance of public open spaces and the significance of community and friendship.

With this in mind, the Eco branch of the parish council have committed to investing some of our funds into the Village Green to promote community health and well being.

This Summer will see the arrival of new seating areas for you to enjoy and connect with our natural environment. We will also be carrying out some additional planting to promote biodiversity and encourage wildlife.

We are planning to section off a 2 metre border around the perimeter of the park which will

be left unmown. The purpose is to create an attractive, natural parkland. We have acquired several kilos of wildflower seed, some of which we will be sowing in the perimeter boundary.

We will hopefully soon be released from this lockdown and look forward to getting on with creating a Village Green worthy of the name.

We would very much welcome some help in creating the seedbed, if you can spare a few hours please get in touch with us via the parish council email address *clerk*(a) *cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk*

Also please let us know of any ideas you may have which will encourage usage of this area.

Meet Your Parish Councillors

Toby Ball

Toby moved to the village with his partner last year and is looking forward to playing an active role within the council and the community.

Whilst Toby is a newcomer to Cheriton Bishop, he has lived in the Teign Valley area for many years whilst working in Exeter.

Toby is a Consultant Civil Engineer by profession and his principal expertise is in drainage and highway infrastructure design. He also has experience with the technicalities of the planning approvals process particularly with a focus on flood risk and highways matters; attributes that may be beneficial to the council when making informed decisions on applications within the parish.

In his spare time, Toby and his partner also run a popular social media page, 'Tor of the Moor', in which they recommend hikes, rides and pubs throughout the Dartmoor area. He also assists in the rehabilitation of sick and injured hedgehogs as part of Cheriton Bishops 'Hog Hospital' based out of his house and garden.

Toby would like to use his experience of social media management to engage with the younger members of the parish who may be unaware of what the council can do for them and do not follow the more traditional means of communication from the council. Whilst also looking to give a focus on what the Parish Council can do enhance our local natural spaces for wildlife to flourish.

Andrea Wood

Andrea has spent most of her adult life living and working abroad experiencing different cultures, languages and lifestyles. She has lived in Cheriton Bishop for eight years and now that her children have finished their education and embarked on their own careers, she is able to offer some of her spare time to benefit the parish.

"I see the Parish Council as the beating heart of the community, leading the way in improving the village environment for all the residents. I would like to build on the improvements already made and help deliver improved community areas where we can associate freely and enjoy nature as a community. The improvements I would particularly like to see in the village are improved and additional seating areas, and enhanced floral planting to make Cheriton a more visually attractive place to live as well an enriched environment for nature. I would also like to see the parish council reach out to all the different groups, associations and businesses in the village to really understand and deliver what the residents want. I hope as a council we can listen to your concerns and try to bring even more colour and nature to our parish."

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on the 14th December 2020 using virtual Zoom technology as permitted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)

Present:	Cllr Milton (Chairman), Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC), Cllr Penny (MDDC) and Cllr Way (DCC)
In Attendance:	The clerk and 2 members of the public

- 1. To receive and accept apologies: No apologies had been received.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest to receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on the Agenda: There were no declarations of interest.
- 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: One member of the public (a representative of Devon Communities Together (DCT)) gave a presentation on parish Local Emergency Plans, which help parishes react positively to local incidents until emergency services arrive. Over 100 Devon parishes have now written emergency plans and registered them on the county database. This helps incident commanders during county wide emergencies. DCT can help with the drafting of plans.
- 4. Emergency Plan to consider the drafting of an Emergency Plan for Cheriton Bishop: Cllr Benjamin reported that the parish does not have an up to date Emergency Plan and that the Coronavirus pandemic had highlighted the need for one. Councillors all agreed the parish should have a plan which could involve other community groups and individual volunteers. It was resolved that Cllrs Benjamin and Salmon would liaise with DCT to draft a plan and report back at the next meeting.
- 5. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 9th November 2020 to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record: It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.
- 6. Vice Chair to appoint a Vice Chair for the Parish Council. It was resolved to appoint Cllr Benjamin and Cllr Wood as joint vice-chairs.
- 7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decision it was noted that MDDC has granted permission for the following developments with conditions as filed:

the following developments with conditions as filed:Reference:20/011454/HOUSEProposal:Erection of two storey extensionLocation:Amber Lewdown Farm, Cheriton BishopApplicant:D DodgeonReference:20/01738/CATProposal:Intention to fell 1 ash tree in a conservation areaLocation:2 Croft Cottages, Cheriton BishopApplicant:J JilliansReference:20/00475/FULL

Proposal: Retention of 2 ponds Location: Land at Thorne Cross Farm, Cheriton Bishop Applicant: R Toms

8. Climate Change – to receive an update on Climate Change initiatives: Cllr Wood reported that she had received a letter from the school in praise of the initiative. So far 60 badges had been awarded to children who had each made 15 journeys by bike or on foot.

- 9. Traffic Speed and Noise in Cheriton Bishop and on local roads to update Councillors and consider next steps including traffic calming and moving the speed limit signs: Councillors discussed at length the ongoing issues including the installation of a crossing over the old A30 (see item 10). The meeting was suspended whilst Cllr Way explained that DCC has very strict criteria for the installation of new pedestrian crossings. There are various types and they are expensive to install. The Council would have to put up the best possible case and show a significant increase in footfall and traffic. Cllr Way suggested that the Council write to him regarding moving the 30 mph speed limit signs further out of the village so that he can propose it to Highways at DCC. Cllr Way advised that it would be best to submit a detailed application for the various speed and traffic calming measures discussed. The meeting was resumed. Councillors resolved to prepare an all-encompassing aspirational scheme for traffic calming including moving the speed limit signs, pedestrian crossings, build outs, biodiversity measures and electric charging points. Cllrs Ball and Wood will work on the scheme and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Benjamin reported that she had been contacted by a parishioner requesting a pavement along the road from Glebelands to the Doctors' Surgery. Councillors agreed that stretch of road is hazardous for pedestrians. Councillors recalled that this had been considered previously but that it had not been possible to implement as the lane is too narrow for a pavement. That remains the case unless the lane can be widened.
- **10. Safe crossing on old A30 to discuss the installation of a safe crossing on the old A30:** This item was incorporated in the consideration of item 9 above.
- 11. Parking on Church Lane to discuss parking issues on Church Lane: Cllr Wood reported that she had been contacted by parishioners concerned that inconsiderate parking on Church Lane makes it almost impossible to pass, particularly around the play group and the school, where cars are being illegally parked on yellow hatching. The meeting was suspended while Cllr Way suggested asking the PCSO to attend the school periodically to enforce no parking on the hatched areas. The meeting was resumed. Cllrs resolved to ask the playgroup organizer to put bollards out outside the play group to prevent cars being parked there and to ask the School to remind parents of the parking restrictions. Cllrs Wood and Ball will survey parking and traffic issues on Church Lane with the intention of the PC then contacting Highways at DCC to ask for action to be taken.
- 12. Picnic Benches for the Village Green to consider the quotes received for 2 new picnic benches for the village green. To agree actions and associated expenditure: Consent for the groundworks has been received from the landowner. It was resolved to purchase 2 new picnic benches like those in the Scout field for £600 in total including delivery. Cllr Wood will obtain additional quotes for the groundworks. Councillors discussed that the existing benches could be renovated for future use on the Village Green or in the playground.
- 13. Parish Council Facebook Page to consider whether to set up a Parish Council Facebook page Councillor Benjamin suggested that a Facebook page would be a sensible next step for the Council. It would be a more interactive way of keeping in touch with parishioners with no cost. After lengthy discussion of the pros and cons it was resolved to set up a Facebook page for a trial period. Cllrs Ball, Benjamin and the Clerk to action.
- 14. NALC Climate Emergency Survey to consider how to respond to the survey: It was resolved that Cllr Westcott will respond on behalf of the Council.
- **15. Grant to Citizens Advice to consider the request for a grant received from Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon:** After discussion and bearing in mind the Covid pandemic has caused hardship for individuals and families making it more likely that they will need advice from Citizens Advice it was resolved to make a one-off donation of £50. Clerk to implement and also to draft a policy for the consideration of grant requests with a set limit to donations. Clerk to report at the next meeting.

16. Accounts 2020/21. The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Zoom (refund to Clerk – October)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk (November)	Salary	£284.48
DALC (Councillors)	Training	£36.00

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DALC (Clerk)	Training	£18.00
Clarity	Newsletter	£113.72
Spalding Hall	Newsletter	£120.00

- **17. Budget 2020/22 to consider the draft budget for the coming year:** It was resolved to approve the budget submitted by the Clerk.
- **18. To receive a report from the Chairman (for information only):** The Chair reminded that the Bird Flu restrictions apply from today. The Government White Paper on planning ("Planning for the Future") had attracted much adverse comment from consultees and is likely to be revised. The Woodland Trust has free tree packs available to community organisations.
- **19. To receive a report from Councillors (for information only):** Cllr Benjamin reported that the after the accident on black ice DCC have put up temporary barriers to replace the post and rail fence on the west side of Southcombe Hill bridge. She had also put up warnings on the village Facebook site. Cllr Wood reported that nearly all the Christmas cards had been delivered to parish volunteers.
- **20. To receive a report from Councillor Way (DCC): (for information only):** In January a Devon County Council Traffic Regulation Amendment Order regarding parking restrictions on the east side of Church Lane will be advertised in the Mid Devon Gazette and the Crediton Courier. There will be a period of 3 weeks for comments or objections to the proposal. As the utility provider did not carry out the works DCC has repaired the noisy drain cover on the old A30.
- 21. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors (for information only): Nothing to report.
- **22. Correspondence: to receive a report from the Clerk of correspondence received:** DAA hope to have costs for the proposed night landing site ready for the January meeting. Waiting to hear from MDDC about the lease for the playground.

- 23. Date of Next Meeting: 11th January
- Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on the 11th January 2021 using virtual Zoom technology as permitted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)

Present:	Cllr Milton (Chairman), Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Way (DCC)
In Attendance:	The clerk and 2 members of the public

- 1. To receive and accept apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stuart Penny (MDDC).
- 2. To receive declarations of interest to receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on the Agenda: Cllr Benjamin declared a personal interest in item 5.
- 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: One member of the public (the applicant) explained the background to and reasons for Planning Application 20/02047/FULL (item 5 on the agenda). She also answered questions from Councillors.

- 4. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14th December 2020 to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record: It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.
- 5. Mid Devon District Council Planning Application MDDC had asked for comments on the following planning application:

Reference: 20/02047/FULL

Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellings following the demolition of existing agricultural buildings

Location: Land & Buildings at Coxland Farm Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Ms Physick

After discussion by Councillors the meeting was suspended to allow the applicant to respond to further points. The meeting was then resumed. Councillors considered the pros and cons of the application compared to the existing Class Q permission (19/00253/PNCOU) including visibility from the road, drainage, protection of trees and the style of the build. After discussion it was resolved to oppose the application (3 votes to oppose, 2 to support and 1 abstention).

6. Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decision – it was noted that MDDC had granted permission for the following developments with conditions as filed:

Reference: 20/01795/FULL

- Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic driveway
- Location: Land at Amber Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: D Dodgeon

Reference: 20/01791/FULL Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling Location: Western Brake Cheriton Bishop Applicant: Mr & Mrs Carpenter

7. Climate Change – to receive an update on climate change initiatives: Cllr Wood reported on plans to make the Village Green more biodiverse, which will be a community project. A local ecologist has agreed to carry out a benchmark survey to record plants and flowers already growing. A 2 meter border of grasses will be allowed to grow around the perimeter and volunteers will be asked to help mark out and sow wild flower seeds. Children will be encouraged to record flowers and insects they spot and residents will be encouraged to put photos on Facebook.

8. Grant Requests – to consider and agree a policy for the consideration of grant requests: The Clerk had provided example policies. Clerk to draft a short policy for consideration at the next meeting. To encourage local groups to apply the policy should not insist that applicants have charitable status. To allow for budgeting, applicants to be encouraged to apply during February in each financial year.

- 9. Mid Devon Mobility to consider a request for a grant from Mid Devon Mobility: It was noted that Mid Devon Mobility currently has 4 members in the parish. After discussion of the support offered by Mid Devon Mobility and other organisations it was resolved to inform Mid Devon Mobility that the Council is in the process of developing a Grant Giving Policy and suggest that they reapply when the policy is in place and there are more members in the parish. Clerk to action and also to request posters to go up on noticeboards to assist Mid Devon in finding more members.
- **10. DCC Proposed Traffic Regulation Amendment Order to discuss how to respond to the advertised no waiting restriction:** The effect of DCC's proposed a no waiting restriction on the left side of Church Lane as it approaches the old A30 was discussed. Cars parked there can be a visibility hazard but on the other hand if parking is restricted cars will be parked elsewhere, which may also cause another problem. It was resolved to respond by requesting that the proposed waiting restriction area be reduced in length to improve visibility but also allow some parking to continue. Clerk to action. Cllr Ball to provide marked plan to the clerk. Clerk also to publicise the proposals on the village Facebook site so that parishioners who have not seen the advertisement in newspapers can respond direct to DCC. The deadline for comment is 9th February.

- **11. Devon Air Ambulance to update councillors on the proposed night landing site:** DAA had not provided an update. To go on the Agenda in February.
- 12. Noticeboard to discuss a new Parish Council noticeboard at the village shop: Cllr Benjamin explained that she felt that the council's communications with parishioners would be improved if there was a noticeboard in an area which has more footfall than the existing noticeboard. She had spoken to the owner of the village shop who had agreed that a parish council noticeboard could be put up there. Cllr Ball has also asked the Surgery if a noticeboard could be put up there and he waits to hear back from the Practice Manager. All Councillors agreed that these were good initiatives. Councillors will check whether the existing noticeboard can be moved to be near the bus stop outside the Young Farmers building where again there will be improved footfall. All noticeboards to clearly state that they belong to the Parish Council. To go back on the agenda in February.
- 13. Allotments to update councillors on the possibility of village allotments: The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the landowner who is keen to go ahead with the project for the benefit the community. He hopes to provide land for up to 10 allotments. Councillors discussed how the allotments could be run. The Clerk is to contact residents who have indicated their interest and put them in touch with the landowner so that initial discussions can take place.

14. Accounts 2020/21. The following payments were approved:

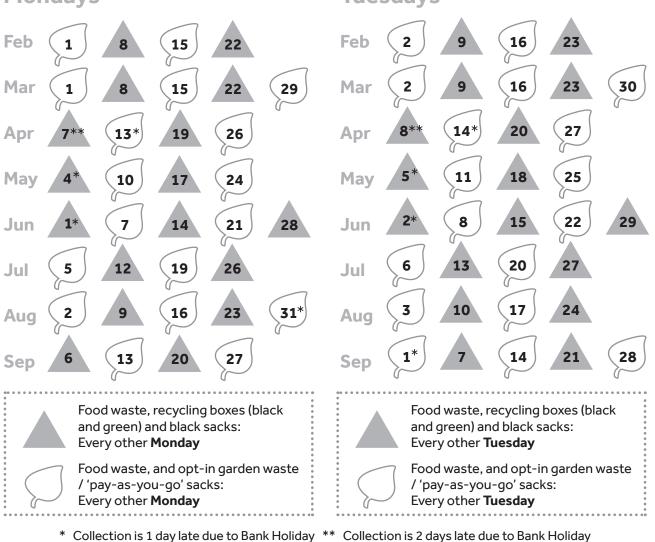
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Cartridge People	Admin	£21.40							
DALC (Councillors)	Training	£54.00							
Clerk	Salary	£257.48							
HMRC	Salary	£27.00							
Cllr Wood (refund for cards & postage)	£17.88								

- **15. Precept 2020/22 to agree the precept request for the coming year:** It was resolved to maintain the precept at its current level.
- 16. To receive a report from the Chairman (for information only): The Chair reported his concerns that although MDDC has carried out some pruning the trees in Glebelands play area have grown unbalanced so that they are tipping towards the play area. Clerk to report this to MDDC so that it can be rectified before the lease is signed. The Chair will contact Peter Endacott and Tim Vooght regarding dates for the Spring Village Tidy. The Community Speedwatch is on hold due to Coronavirus restrictions. Councillors were asked to look at the forthcoming Planning Application 21/00005/FULL (Tillerton Steep) which will be on the agenda for February.
- 17. To receive a report from Councillors (for information only): Cllr Ball asked councillors to read the Parish Highway Assessment he had circulated and comment back to him. When agreed the Assessment will be shared with the wider parish. The Parish Council Facebook account has been set up. The page now needs to be created and content added. Cllr Westcott reported that the Interim Devon Carbon Plan is under consultation until February and encouraged councillors to have a look at it. To go on the Agenda in February.
- **18. To receive a report from Councillor Way (DCC): (for information only)** DCC's proposed waiting restrictions on Church Lane (see item 10 above) have been under consideration for some years. DCC will make a decision in March. He has asked Highways to clear a blocked drain near Four Ways Cross.
- **19. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors (for information only):** Cllr Coren reported that most of the flooding in the parish is due to blocked drains and culverts. With Cllr Way he is putting pressure on DCC to clear drains. Cllr Coren thanked councillors for their climate change initiatives.
- 20. Correspondence: to receive a report from the Clerk of correspondence received: Nothing to report.
- 23. Dates of Next Meetings: 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May

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- 10 Causing someone to accept as true, what is false
- 12 Spirit board
- 13 Stuart
- 14 Long pile carpet
- 17 Get your attention
- 20 For water or ashes
- 21 Miss Crawford sings about Streetlife
- 22 Small and dainty
- 24 A pleasing view
- 26 Zn
- 27 Birthright, tradition, culture

Down

- 1 Take it to the moon
- 2 Reassemble
- 3 Delicate flowers
- 4 Sportswear brand
- 5 Mr Morecambe

- 6 The three wise men
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