

The News Letter, February 2014

Is it really only just coming up to the start of February? After such a mild (if wet) December and January it feels as if Spring is just around the corner, especially on a day like this when there is sunlight and a March-like breeze outside. So maybe it is. Or maybe not! There's plenty of time still for ice, snow and blizzards in February. Fortunately there's plenty to look forward to locally, both inside and out-of-doors so, whatever the weather, we hope you enjoy the month ahead...

Put on those Walking Boots

It's always good to hear of a new group starting up and this issue includes an update on the promised walking group, which now appears to be up and running. This means that you no longer have the excuse that you have nowhere to walk or no-one to walk with. All you need to do is turn to page 12 and then turn up in the right place at the right time and a delightful stroll at a well known beauty spot awaits you.

Books

Still going strong in its second year under new management is that eagerly-awaited annual event, the Cheriton Book Sale. Now is the time to go through your bookshelves and extract all those tomes that have been gathering dust over the last few months and box them up ready for the enjoyment of others. And of course, the added pleasure of doing this is that you will then have some sizeable gaps to fill with lots of new books at ridiculously reasonable prices when it comes to the Sale. Happiness all round. See page 6 for where and when to take your books.

May your plants go forth and multiply

I have a feeling that I won't be able to call myself a *proper* gardener until all my plants come from seeds I have saved, cuttings I have remembered to take at the right time, and perennials I have found time to divide the season before. I will, of course, also need to have an orchard of choice apples that I have grafted on to old crab trees and be organised enough to bring trays of healthy looking new plants to the plant sale in May – just like some of those well-seasoned Hort Soc members do. If this is also your aspiration turn to page 11 and make a note of the date of the "plant propagation" meeting that is coming up – and also of the plant sale, where you will find a ready home for all your plant offspring if you are particularly successful.

Stay snug by conserving energy

"Saving energy" may mean for you that you *don't* join the walking group, or garden, or do anything else that

might encourage your body's cooling to swing into action. Or it might mean saving yourself some pennies (and the planet) by reducing your fuel bills. If the latter is the case look at the boxed article on page 5, and if this is a subject close to your heart you might even find yourself a job in helping others to be more energy efficient.

Afternoon Cuppas go from strength to strength

Successful national events go "Global". Successful events in Cheriton make it to the heady heights of the "Regular Meetings Page"! This month the Spalding Hall Cuppa afternoons have been promoted for inclusion on Page 2! This popular get-together is attracting more followers every month so make sure that you don't miss your cuppa next time round and see details of the next planned date on page 10 as well.

Are you an "Inactive" or a "Proactive"?

No this doesn't refer to one of those American Self Help books that offer you a psychological profile depending on what colour socks you wear ... it instead refers to a question posed by the Neighbourhood Watch Team (definitely some "proactives" among them) who on page 13 invite your thoughts in the next newsletter. It will be interesting to see if any of the "inactives" are active enough to react...

Support our new Advertisers

February sees the start of the new Newsletter year and with it comes an influx of new advertisers who have been waiting in the wings for advertising space. These are the local businesses who, between them, provide us all with our free copy of the newsletter – see who they are and look after them if you can!

With best wishes for February from Jenny and the News-letter team.

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 21st February 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>
Playgroup Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays. All during term time only</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: Persis Bower 24303	<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 Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582	<i>every Wednesday, Sept – May</i>
Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272	<i>every Thursday 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)</i>
Young Farmers Contact: Dan Grist 07792 518439	<i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i>
Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30</i>
Cuppa and a chat afternoon Contact: Jean Martin 24586 or Paul Mitchell 24405	<i>every third Monday afternoon in the month 2-4 pm in the Spalding Hall</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

Crockernwell: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 15.05	Departs:	15.25
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Cheriton Bishop: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.35	Departs:	16.05
Hescane Park	16.10		16.40

Diary Dates for February

Tuesday 4 th	West Country Embroiderer's	Village Hall	1.30 pm
Thursday 6 th	Acorn Lunch	The Coach House	12.30 pm
Monday 10 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 15 th	Valentine's Ball	Fingle Glen Golf Hotel	
Sunday 16 th	Walk at Fingle Bridge	Meet at Mulberry CP	2.15 pm
Sunday 16 th	Quiz night	Old Thatch Inn	8 pm
Monday 17 th	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 17 th	Hort Soc "Propagation"	Spalding Hall	8 pm
Sunday 23 rd	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch Inn	7.30 pm
Wednesday 26 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		

Diary Dates for March

Friday 7 th	Book Fair	Village Hall	6 – 8 pm
Monday 10 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 8 th	Book Fair	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Friday 21 st	Choir Practice Starts	Parish Church	7 – 8 pm
Saturday 22 nd	"Strimming Morning"	Churchyard	10 am
Saturday 29 th	Spring Show	Village Hall	

Forthcoming Events for 2014

Thursday 3 rd April	"The Old Dance School"	Village Hall	
Sat & Sun 12 th /13 th April	Embroidery Event	Village Hall	
Tuesday 29 th April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 17 th May	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall	
Saturday 28 th June	Midsummer Show	Village Hall	
Saturday 16 th August	Village Show	Village Hall	
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn	10.30 – 12.30
Saturday 4 th October	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	
Saturday 15 th November	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	

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

For 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

Please note that due to lack of space in the newsletter we have omitted the names of those present, the details of the accounts for payment and any items deferred to a future meeting, for details of these please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Draft Minutes of meetings of the Council which took place on Monday 9th December 2013
And Monday 13th January 2014 in the Spalding Hall Church Lane at 7.30 pm

193/13 Matters Arising

Chairman confirmed the tree has not been planted yet the site for it was agreed. It was confirmed that there are no emissions at Tellams they are not burning there anymore it is now a storage site

194/13 Chairman & Councillor's reports

Councillor Mitchell now had the plaque for the flagpole courtesy of Councillor Heal. Councillor Mitchell reported on a meeting with Councillor Way and Highways Officers. The white lines outside the shop will not be replaced there was discussion about the siting of the bus shelter outside the Mulberry, the sign for the surgery will be provided. Other highway issues were discussed

Councillor Endacott was concerned about the parking on the road opposite the shop, Chairman confirmed it had been reported to the police who were unable to take any action as it was not illegal, a lorry parking at the top of Church Lane was also mentioned as a problem. Chairman reported that blocked drains have been cleared

195/13 District and County Councillors reports

Steps at Hescane Park. Councillor Coren has established that the steps have not been adopted it appears the steps are still in the ownership of the original developer of Hescane Park which has now ceased trading but he has spoken to the person involved and they are not interested in ownership of the steps.

It has been suggested that he confirms this in writing also agreed to find out if the path from the steps to the main road is owned by the Old Thatch. Councillor Coren reported that Tellams is monitored by M.D.D.C. and he had seen the records which show the site has not been operational for two years it is now just a transfer station

Councillor Heal reported that M.D.D.C. were very busy with large developments at Tiverton and junction 27 of the M5. locally enforcement action is going to be taken at Southcombe Hill Farm and the Argermay site is being monitored but it looks derelict

196/13 Clerks report and questions for the Clerk

The land below Hescane Park would be added to the allocation the reply from M.D.D.C. Clerk reminded Councillors that the budget and precept for 2014/15 would need to be agreed at the January meeting. Suggested that funds would need to be allocated for the bus shelters

197/13 Planning applications

13/01499/FULL Thorne Moor Cheriton Bishop erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing. No objection to development on the site but concerns about the scale of the development

DCC/3594/2013 D.C.C. retention of 3 existing modular classrooms at Cheriton Bishop Primary School for a further ten years. No comment

13/01633/FULL Caribarn Pitton Barton Cheriton Bishop erection of porch to serve detached workshop/studio. No objections

198/13 Planning decisions

13/01316/FULL Little Thorne Cheriton Bishop erection of single storey office Approved

13/01305/FULL Horselake Farm Cheriton Bishop erection of industrial/agricultural building following demolition of existing Approved

199/13 Correspondence

Request for funding from Crediton & District Community Transport
M.D.D.C. notification of adoption of the Local Plan part 3 development management policies

203/13 Community right to bid

It was agreed to apply for the shop and the old school building

January Meeting

2/14 Public Open Session

Mr B Bryon-Edmond confirmed the footpath from Hescane Park belonged to the developers not the Old Thatch. He had attended the T.D.C. planning meeting about Moor Park and spoke against the dangers of the proposed development to pedestrians his suggestion of a pathway was rejected as it was in the curtilage of a listed building. Mr B Bryon-Edmond also spoke on behalf of the Parish Plan working group over 50% of responders were concerned about road safety and speeding. He is investigating the setting up of a community speed watch scheme

6/14 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 9th December 2013 had been circulated and it was resolved they be taken as read and signed as a correct record

7/14 Matters Arising

There are still blocked drains at various sites that need clearing or jetting through. Agreed Chairman and Clerk to draw up a list to send to D.C.C.

8/14 Chairman & Councillor's reports

Councillor Mitchell reported problems with the newsletter printer the engineer had suggested putting a small heater in the cupboard agreed to purchase one

Councillor Westcott was concerned about the reduction in affordable housing at Moor Park. Noted the application had been approved but no notification received from T.D.C.

Councillor Endacott reported there was quite a lot of interest in setting up a walking group and there was an initial meeting next week

9/14 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Heal said its budget time at M.D.D.C. there are cut backs for 2014/15 but the next year 2015/16 is of more concern as cuts will be much more drastic when government grants are cut. He circulated a policy map showing options for sites that might be developed which have been put forward by land owners but emphasised these are not firm development sites yet. Councillor Heal clarified that a submitted plan has to be decided as submitted it cannot be altered or adjusted at a planning committee meeting

Councillor Coren has spoken to Mr Groves the owner of the steps at Hescane he restated he has no interest in the steps or footpath he would be prepared to sign a letter saying so. Agreed to do a land registry search to confirm ownership and if necessary to write to Mr Grove. He had some information on road traffic regulations regarding parking on the C50 Chairman confirmed the PCSO had visited the residents concerned. Councillor Coren circulated details of the S106 money held by M.D.D.C. he asked Councillors to check if any developments had been missed

10/14 Clerks report and questions for the Clerk

Lengthsman visit due on 21st Jan has been postponed due to bad weather repair work

Agreed to arrange date of Annual Parish meeting when the Parish Plan report is completed

Clerk reminded Councillors that a large amount of information and consultations was now circulated by e mail and asked Councillors to either respond direct or if its needed to raise the matter at a meeting

11/14 Planning applications

13/01646/FULL Waddington Church Lane Cheriton Bishop Erection of extension to garage with change of roof pitch. Supported

14/00026/FULL Thorne Moor Cheriton Bishop erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing. Revised scheme. By a majority vote agreed to make no objection to development on the site but raise concerns about the scale of the development

12/14 Planning decisions

13/01336/CLU Southcombe Hill Farm. Refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness

13/01499/FULL Thorne Moor Cheriton Bishop. Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings: Withdrawn

13/14 Correspondence

Invitation to stakeholder workshops from Western Power Distribution

Request for funding from Victim Support

Request for funding from Teenage Cancer Trust

Request for funding from CAB

D.C.C. consultation on review of accommodation strategy

M.D.D.C. second consultation on Tiverton Eastern Urban extension

Invitation from Moretenhampstead P.C. to a meeting about the possible use of the hospital as a Health Care hub. Agreed Councillor Mitchell and Jan Mitchell would attend.

Letter from Councillor Westcott on behalf of the CLT. The latest housing needs survey shows a need of 15 units not all of which will be met by the Moor Park development. The CLT is proposing a small development of 4 to 6 housing units plus two market homes they have secured agreement in principle on a site and asked the Council if they would approve in principle such a development. They had a grant of £ 3,000 towards the legal fees and need to find another £ 1,410 would the Council consider meeting all or part of the £ 1,410

Agreed to support in principle the provision of affordable housing by the Community Land Trust and to consider a contribution towards the legal fees at the February meeting

Best Kept Village application details. Agreed to enter again

Royal Garden party nomination. Agreed to nominate the Chairman

Copy of letter to M.D.D.C. from Mr Philips

Christmas card from Mel Stride M.P.

Dartmoor Matters newsletter

14/14 To consider setting a Budget and Precept for 2014-15

Following discussion on the proposed draft budget it was Resolved 6 votes for 1 against and 1 abstention to approve the budget and increase the Precept by 2%

15/14 Parish Plan update

The Steering Group were proposing to write up the draft plan

16/14 Bus shelter repair/replacement

Councillor Metters was investigating replacement shelters and suitable contractors. A budget of £1000 had been agreed at 14/14 although it was hoped that S106 could be used

18/14 Energy Saving Project

Councillor Westcott explained the idea of the project there are already a number in place in Devon. It was a project being run by the Moretonhampstead Development Association aimed at saving energy on properties that don't qualify for normal energy saving projects. There were no cost implications for the Parish Council

19/14 Accounts for payment

20/14 Public open Session

M.O.P. was glad to hear about the walking group, he agreed with the concerns about blocked drains he also asked about fracking recently mentioned by the government as a possible source of income for councils it was thought that the local geology was not suitable

Energy Savers Project

Moretonhampstead and Cheriton Bishop will be included with others in and around Dartmoor in a Devon Energy Savers project, run through the Energy Saving Trust this spring. The project aims to help households improve their energy efficiency, even those in traditional or old buildings, which don't have cavity walls or are awkward to insulate. A self-assessment form will be available indicating which measures would be useful in each house, and a workshop on opportunities for energy saving will be run in each community, with signposting to sources of financial support. Look out for ours in Cheriton Bishop, probably in March.

Local Opportunity: Energy Savers Co-ordinator

Are you committed to sustainable living and energy efficiency?
Are you well organized and can you communicate easily?

We are looking for someone to co-ordinate the Moretonhampstead and Cheriton Bishop part of the Devon "Energy savers" project, to help householders take advantage of Green Deal and other measures. This could be one person in each community (up to 20 days each), or one to cover both (up to 40 days), working on a self-employed basis.

Full brief, rates of pay etc from Moretonhampstead Development Trust.
Contact Katheryn Hope at Green Hill on 01647 440775
admin@moretonhampstead.com Closing Date: 14 February 2014

Calling all Choristers

The St Mary's Occasional Choir will be starting its practices for Easter Day on FRIDAY 21st MARCH at 7:00 till 8:00pm in the Church. Anybody wishing to give it a go is welcome to come along. The only requirement is the willingness to come to the social events when they occur! It also helps if you enjoy singing but even that is not demanded!!!

On the 21st March we shall spend some time on the hymns to be sung at the 9:30am service on Sunday 23rd as a way of warming up. Thereafter the practices on 28th March, 4th April, 11th April and Good Friday (18th April) will be aimed at knowing the music well enough to lead the singing on Easter Day and to sing an anthem as well.

If you don't feel inclined to sing music in a religious service, can I point out that the Chagford Singers are arranging a Music Workshop all day on 1st March at Chagford Primary School when they will prepared a performance of 'Requiem' by Karl Jenkins. See elsewhere for details.

Bill Jeffery

February Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night is at The Old Thatch Inn on Sunday 23rd Feb at 7.30 pm.

**Cheriton Bishop's
BOOK SALE 2014**

March 7th 6.00 to 8.00 p m

March 8th 10.00 to 12.00 p m

Just a timely reminder that books for this year's Book Sale may be left with Elissa Wilkinson at 8 Woodpecker Way any evening after 6.30 p m or at weekends, from Feb 1st onwards. Please could books be bagged/boxed in separate piles of fiction and non-fiction?

Thank you.

Any volunteers who would like to help on either occasion should contact Jane on 24843.

Thank you again.

Churchwardens News

Firstly a big 'thank you' to everybody who helped with or came to the Cheese and Wine Party. It was a very enjoyable evening, with plenty of talking and laughing and raised over £220. An especial 'thank you' goes to Jennie Cornewall-Walker, who kindly gave us the use of her home for the evening.

More thank you's to the ladies who arranged the flowers for Christmas, to Keith and Sarah Rowell who gave the Christmas tree, and to those who gave up part of their Christmas Eve to make Christingles for the Christmas Day service.

This is a quieter time of the year, but there are two dates for your diary. Because the churchyard got out of control last year we are having a Strimming Morning on 22nd March, starting at 10am. We plan to trim the difficult areas of the churchyard in the hope that this will enable us to stay on top of the grass this year. Anybody with a strimmer (plus extension lead if needed) and two hours to spare is invited to join us.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 29th April, 7.30pm in the Spalding Hall. This is your chance to have your say on how the church is run and to vote in new churchwardens should you wish. Any member of the parish can attend, and we make the meeting as short as possible to get to the coffee and cake part.

Janet Jeffery 24414 Alan Greenslade 24002

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY 2nd

9am Whitestone
 9.30 Holcombe Burnell
 11am Tedburn St Mary
 3pm Pathfinder
6pm Cheriton Bishop

Candlemass

Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Family Service
 Holy Communion
Evening Prayer

Canon John Tutton
 Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
 Revd Martin Wood
 Canon Geoffrey Moore
Lay Led

SUNDAY 9th

9.30 Holcombe Burnell
 9.30 Whitestone
11am Cheriton Bishop
 3pm Pathfinder
 3pm Tedburn St Mary

4th before Lent

Holy Communion
 Parish Communion
Family Service
 Prayer and Fellowship
 Evening Prayer

Revd Martin Wood
 Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 16th

8am Tedburn St Mary
9.30 Cheriton Bishop
 11am Whitestone
 3pm Pathfinder
 6pm Holcombe Burnell

3rd before Lent

Holy Communion
Parish Communion
 Family Service
 Evensong
 Evensong

Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
Canon John Tutton
 Lay Led
 Lay Led
 Lay Led

WEDNESDAY 19th

8pm Cheriton Bishop

Taize Prayers

SUNDAY 23rd

8am Cheriton Bishop
 9.30 Tedburn St Mary
 11am Holcombe Burnell
 3pm Pathfinder
 6pm Whitestone

2nd before Lent

Holy Communion
 Parish Communion
 Family Service
 United service
 Evensong

Revd Martin Wood
 Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
 Revd Martin Wood

 Revd Martin Wood

EACH THURSDAY

10.30 Pathfinder

Holy Communion

Revd Martin Wood/
 Canon Geoffrey Moore

A warm welcome to all who attend our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

From the Rector

National pride

This month sees the return of the six nations rugby internationals. It is the oldest and largest rugby tournament in the world. It has a one hundred and thirty two year history. It is not an unbroken history, the tournament was stopped by the war and bitter disputes in 1885, 1887 and 1889 prevented its completion.

The tournament has grown from the four home nations to include France and Italy. It is interesting that Ireland has remained unified in the tournament despite Ireland's independence.

As you watch the trailers on television you might be forgiven for believing that some giant battle was about to begin. It is portrayed as a battle of epic consequences and importance. It is interesting how a game can unearth a national pride in the nations of Great Britain, France and Italy. There is talk of greatness and a total belief in the ability of your national team to win all the games. History shows that the games are much closer and less predictable than the exaggerated claims of the supporters. It is hopefully a rivalry that is good-natured and lasts only the duration of the game and allows differences to be easily forgotten after the excitement of the game.

It is interesting that the importance of where we have come from is part of our identity. Where we are born and our parent's nationalities fix an identity in each of us. It creates a label that tells us and others where we were born and who made us. It is not something we can change, we may be able to delight in it with pride or keep it a secret from others. But when it comes to filling in forms there is no hiding our beginning and identity. However it is an identifier that does not define who we are or what we shall become. That is a whole different story in which we get a big hand to shape it for ourselves.

For me place of birth and parents is very two-dimensional. I want to add a third dimension, that of God's creativity. As I look at a new born baby, which is both delicate and intricate, I do not think to myself "wow all this comes about by random chance". Instead I marvel at such wonder and complexity. If, as I suggest, there is a third dimension, is it right that we ignore it except perhaps at times of crisis and family obligation? Or should we engage and find out what part we might be able to play in God's plan of forgiveness and grace? Should we pass on to others the very good things that God wants for each of us? It is more important to know where we are going, rather than where we have come from. We can enjoy the excitement of a competition for a short time but what we do each and every day is just as important, if not more important.

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WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for February 2014

Sunday 2nd February

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Canon John Tutton (An Illustrated talk
on the Leprosy Mission)

Sunday 9th February

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Mr Danny Chipps

Sunday 16th February

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Rev David Cole

Sunday 23rd February

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service

Mr Danny Chipps

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm
3rd Home prayer Fellowship, 10th, 17th Dr Ken Kite , 24th Mission Focus

If there are any families in the village who need more information regarding the meetings or transport, please contact one of the above telephone numbers.

RICHARD BOWER

Richard died on Saturday 25th January.

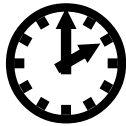
It was his wish that there be no funeral but that family and friends should gather together some time later, perhaps at apple blossom time.

Richard served on the Village Hall Committee offering his professional experience.

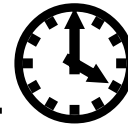
Any donations in his memory (in Richard's words "To save the Committee from organising at least one fund raising event") should be sent to the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, Mrs P English at Fallow End, Cheriton Bishop, Exeter EX6 6HY, cheques being made payable to Cheriton Bishop Village Hall.

Persis

Pop in for a chat and a drink



on Monday 17th February 2014



**at The Spalding Hall
any time between 2pm and 4pm**

Need a lift from your home? ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405 beforehand and we'll arrange to come and fetch you whenever you are ready to come and go

NB: If that day is icy or even snowy then please ring one of us, before setting out, to check we are still going ahead.

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

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This is now the number to telephone when you need to call the out of hour's service. By telephoning this number you will be directed to the right care to meet your needs including the Devon Doctors service.

Please remember to amend your address book and your 'speed dial'. This number is free of charge to ring from a landline and mobiles although you will need 1p credit on your mobile phone.

The practice Patient Participation Group is obliged by the government to conduct a survey for 2013.

We will endeavour to get this survey out to a cross section of patients of the practice. If you have not had the opportunity to take part in the survey, and wish to do so, there is a copy in both surgeries, on the practice web site, www.cheritonbishopppractice.co.uk or alternatively you can telephone me and I will arrange for you to have a copy of the anonymous survey to complete.

Jean Martin (Chairperson) 01647 24586

Quiz night at the Old Thatch

The Fun Quiz returns to the Old Thatch on Sunday February 16th starting at 8pm. Entries are £1 per player and as usual whilst the top teams get the cash, other teams benefit from a range of other fun prizes! There's a second chance to win for three lucky ticket holders with the Snowball jackpot which is likely to reach £125 as no-one won the jackpot in January. Being so close to Valentine's Day expect there to be a theme!

CHERITON BISHOP HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A New Gardening Year

To all those people who kindly bought the Tete a Tete daffodil bulbs, a big thank you. From the money raised the Society was able to purchase very early flowering daffodils to plant around the village. Remember, you will need an entry form to display your tete a tete at the **Spring Show, Saturday 29th March**; schedules on line mid February or paper copies from Persis 24303. Over 50 sets of bulbs were sold, how many will be on display?

At the last Spring show 2011, there was talk about season-ality with daffodils only appearing once in the year, but many vegetable and fruit crops available all year, grown around the world and imported. So Gardeners, go out into your plots and bring a few samples of what you are still harvesting at the end of March. Leeks, parsnips, broccoli, early cabbage, swiss chard? And in store apples, potatoes, carrots? And forced chicory, parsley, mint, etc? Anything else?

No entry form needed, this is not a competition but a chance to show everyone that there are still harvests to be had at the end of March. Do not forget to leave your name on your specimens otherwise they may be claimed by hungry folk! And of course, it will depend on our fickle climate!

The deadline for copy is too early for news of the Annual Quiz or rather the Contest between those who set the questions and have the answers, and those having to provide the answers to the questions set. True to form, there are bound to be some dispute as to the correct reply but refreshments usually calm the 'waters'.

The first talk of 2014 is about propagation, how to make one plant into several and all for free, although it sometimes helps if you purchase some fresh compost. The talk in the **Spalding Hall 8pm Monday 17th February** still leaves plenty of time to put into practice what the speaker suggests! There is nothing more satisfying than sticking in some cuttings and multiplying your stock. Any extras? The **plant sale on 17th May** might benefit. Everyone welcome.

Hopefully everyone will now have collected their seeds and paid their dues. A special thank you to Janet for organising the seed order and for Jean for being the collection centre. Serious thought should be given to the seed order for 2014; DT Brown has changed the system, which will leave the Society making up the separate orders from one bulk purchase. Also several seed catalogues now offer a greater variety of seeds online; the expense of a printed catalogue limiting its size. More plugs, seedlings, and young plants are in the catalogues now as the companies try and capture a new generation of gardeners. The Society would welcome some feedback.

Persis Bower 01647 24303

West Country Embroiderers

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is on Tuesday 4th February at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Nina was unable to come and show us how to make Lotus books last month so is coming to this month.

Following the last meeting, which took a rather different form as there was no tutor, it was revealed that there were several members who longed for a workshop to learn the rudiments of machine embroidery, two weeks later one of our newest members, Andrea Wood, had arranged one and apparently it was very much enjoyed. A follow-up is planned so watch this space!

New members are always welcome, just come along - introduce yourself, stay for the afternoon and then see if you like us before you actually join! Several of us will be stewarding on the West Country Embroiderer's stand at Craft4Crafters, Westpoint, the afternoon of Friday 29th February - so come and say hello, if you get this Newsletter in time.

Our Group Rep. is Teresa Bowen of Hittisleigh.

Janet 01647 281637

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

Following a very encouraging initial meeting, attended by 14 people, we have a date for our first walk.

This will be on Sunday February 16th at Fingle Bridge.

- Meet at The Mulberry car park (thanks to Sam) at 2.15pm, aiming to share transport and leave at 2.30.

- At Fingle we suggest people undertake the level of walk with which they are comfortable.

- The group will meet up in the Anglers Rest at 4.30 for refreshments (funded from some seed money from DCC) and an opportunity for feedback and to plan the next group walk.

We hope you will come along and join us. Tell your friends. **ALL are WELCOME.**

**If you would like more information please contact Jane Hancock on 24092
(jane@dudshall.co.uk)**

CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL

PROACTIVE OR INACTIVE?

PARKING in the Village has become a subject of heated debate!

There are two schools of thought about what should or should not be done.

On the “Proactive side”, there is a determination to restrict parking in the areas of the junction of Yeoford Rd., the Main Rd (C50), and Woodbrook Rd.; the top end of Church Lane: and the junction of Dunsford Rd. and the C50 in the vicinity of the Old Thatch Inn.,- to improve visibility and prevent accidents.

The “Inactive” school also want to prevent accidents; their solution is to maintain parking on the roads, as vehicles form an obstacle and slow traffic down – speed being an important contributor to accidents. In short, maintain the status quo!

The consensus at Neighbourhood Watch (and indeed from the Parish Plan Questionnaire), fall into the “Proactive” school. We felt the removal of the single white line on the opposite side of the road to the Shop encouraged double side parking, which reduces “visibility” and makes physically turning onto the road hazardous when leaving the shop car park.

Turning right from Yeoford Road onto the C50 is also dangerous, especially when vehicles are parked near the corner of Woodbrook Rd. Drivers actually have to enter the oncoming lane!!

A Site Meeting was arranged by County Councillor, Nick Way, with the appropriate Highways people to try and get the continuous white line repainted and sound out other parking restrictions. We were told that policy on “white lining” is that it is generally not done in Villages anymore (cost saving, perhaps?). There was of course, no consultation with anyone about this! Nor double/single yellow-lining!

Highways’ fall into the “Inactive” school. Asked if they would change their minds if there was an accident, we were told that there would have to be two or three!

So, good folks of Cheriton Bishop, the autocratic Highways Department has spoken and their word is LAW. (unless you take them to the High Court as Tedburn did over the debacle of the A30 access and won – proving that they are not always right!).

And it must be remembered that it was Highways that agreed to building on half the Old Thatch Car Park - which our Parish Council opposed precisely because parking problems were foreseen. And a lot earlier, building on the Shop Car Park was approved by Highways, thus reducing off street parking and visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians using Yeoford Road. Not, you may think, a very good track record!

The Police have no part in this – they can only act where parking restrictions are being flouted. The Highway Code “recommends” “NO PARKING” within 10 metres of a corner, anyone so doing becomes culpable if there is an accident caused by their parking! So BEWARE!

Your comments via “Letters to the Editor” on whichever school you agree with would be welcomed and passed on as necessary.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

Brian W Bryon-Edmond Deputy Area Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator 01627 24696

ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 12.30 P.M. at

THE COACH HOUSE

Chicken Pie, vegetables, Dessert and tea or coffee
£6.50

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 3RD FEBRUARY
With Jean 01647 24586.
Tell her if you need transport.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Have 1 lunch a month, if you would like to come along please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 12th, 26th February and 12th March. 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 13th, 27th February and 13th March. 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 11th 25th February and 11th March. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

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

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES - HELPING MORE PEOPLE

Last year, our services were used by 151 people on 2,421 occasions – up from 1,981 in 2012 – a healthy 22% increase. Most of the increase was attributable to the increase in home visits by our new Community Care Manager who at the request of our GPs made 215 home visits.

Next year, from April, we are expecting to increase our patient transport services to cover the transfer of many clinics from the RD&E in Exeter to our local community hospitals. We aim to work with the NHS to cluster and schedule appointments in our area to enable minibus services to operate to and from Moreton and Okehampton hospitals. We will also need more volunteer car drivers. We are also planning to assist those in need when returning home after an operation.

All this extra work will require additional funding at a time when local authority budgets are being substantially reduced. Should our funding be cut, service users can rely on Acorn continuing as we have adequate capital reserves for such an occasion. We will then need to step-up our fund raising activities. The New Year sees many people retiring – it's a good time to join our growing team of volunteers to join in with our good works in your local community. If you can help or want more details, please call Jackie on 252701.

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I thought perhaps the villagers would be interested in reading this poem. I am an indentured apprentice at 67 as I already wear purple and 'spit' on occasions!!

WARNING

(Mark where appropriate)

*When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, X
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer
gloves
And satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired X
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells X
And run my stick along the public railings X
And make up for the sobriety of my youth
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain X
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens X
And learn to spit. X
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go X
Or only bread and pickle for a week X
And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things in
boxes. X
But now we must have clothes that keep us dry,
And pay our rent and not swear in the street,
And set a good example for the children,
We must have friends for dinner and read the papers
But maybe I ought to practise a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.*

Jenny Joseph (Born 1932)

Perhaps you would like, villagers, to devise your own tick list and when you have been able to complete all the tasks, you will become a fully-fledged old woman. Well done!

All I am missing now is the "red hat" which is unsuitable, the "brandy, summer gloves and satin sandals", the "no money for butter," "the pressing of alarm bells," "the picking of flowers in other people's gardens" and "the growing more fat." If I work hard enough I am sure I can achieve this.

However, I am a bit confused because I still "must have clothes that keep us dry," I still "pay my rent" and I don't "swear in the street." I still "set a good example for the children" and I still "read the papers!!!!!"

Maybe I am only practising as well!

Yours sincerely,
Liz Rainbow

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cheriton Bishop & District Young Farmers for the wonderful amount of money they have raised over the past twelve months. They have passed it on to three very worthy charities. You should be very proud of yourselves. Well done, from a reader of *The Courier*.

Thank you

I would like to express my thanks to Dr Hayter, of Cheriton Bishop Surgery, for his excellent care and attention to my husband, Douglas Adams, in the last few weeks of his life.

Also to my many friends and neighbours for their kindness and help to me over this sad time. Thank you for cards, messages of sympathy and donations, which are still coming in. A special thanks to Cannon John Tutton for his lovely service, and to Andrew White, funeral director.

God bless you all, your kindness is greatly appreciated,

Pat Adams & family.

Playgroup Nativity Thank you

It may seem a while ago now but we would just like to say how much we enjoyed the Playgroup Nativity (December 8th). The Children charmed their audience/congregation and clearly enjoyed performing under the gentle guidance of their Playleader and staff.

Well done to everyone involved.

Sally and Neil Sellick.

Announcement

IVY MAY BIDDLE – Born 26th October, 1914; Died Friday, 24th January, 2007

My Mother 'returned to the angels' 7 years ago this Friday, as above, and her funeral was held at Cheriton Bishop Methodist Church. To celebrate her life and in remembrance of her, I now publish this poem, which was written by my darling daughter, Tanya Walker, and recited at her Grandmother's funeral. I would be thrilled if anyone remembers Ivy and would like to get in touch. Name and address: Liz Rainbow; 10, Woodpecker Way, Cheriton Bishop, Exeter, EX6 6JW or by e-mail to: rainbow@tarkatrail.co.uk

POEM FOR NANNY (With You I Remember)

With you I remember,
Days of laughter,
Sun-filled walks
And picnics after.

All of us playing
At Holford Glen
Badminton games
With you and Len.

Beautiful times
By the River Usk,
Hide and seek with my cousins
From dawn till dusk.

Ice pops for all of us,
If it was REALLY hot,
Or instead Nan saying 'You can all have a nice
cool glass of Adam's ale!'
And us thinking it was pop!

Picking plums
From the plum tree in Camnnington,
Easter hunts
Wearing Granddad's Wellingtons.

Steering clear of Nanny
And the hair-cutting scissors,
You'd find me in the end
And I daren't look in the mirror!

The smell of Grandad's greenhouse,
His juicy sweet tomatoes
With salt from one of the many sachets,
You'd pinched from service station cafes!

Watching sunsets
Upon Brecon's mountains,
Together we'd name the birds drinking,
From the garden's water fountain.

Cuddled up close to you,
As you played patience,
Grandad watching 'The Two Ronnies'
Whilst knitting rug squares for poorly patients.

Singing around the piano
At Christmastime,
All of us laughing hysterically
At your pantomimic mimes.

Mustn't say 'pregnant',
Can only say 'expecting',
Then you proceeding to tell us windy tales
Of the last hospital you'd stayed in.

On a serious note.....

You gave me warmth, security
And happy times,
With you I always knew
That everything would be fine.

And, Nanny, your memory is so strong
And vivid to me,
I had such loving, wonderful times
In your company.

I will not forget you,
That would be impossible to do,
But I do like to think
That you and granddad once again are two.

Thankyou for being my lovely Nan,
I could not have wished for another
And now I'll say my last goodbye to you,
My Beautiful Mother's Mother.

Written by Tanya Walker; Born May 15th, 1972

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School

Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond



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It almost seems daft to say 'Welcome back – I hope you all had a super break' when it's nearly February already. Nevertheless, I am saying it as I haven't necessarily seen everybody since the New Year. I do hope that not too many of you had this seasonal cold that seemed quite virulent this year. If you did, I trust that you are restored to full health and vitality by now!!! Soooo.....I trust that all the children are back with renewed energy to face the rigours of this terms education. It promises to be a good one ending up with a flourish at the Northcott Theatre where years 5 and 6 , in concert with pupils from Yeoford school, will be taking part in the Festival of Dance during which, this year, they will 'Dance the Movies'. This whole programme will be requiring weekly rehearsals at Yeoford Village Hall. Four of our Year 5/6 pupils will be selected to take part in the finale of the festival and they will be attending Landscore school for their rehearsals. I suspect that, considering the numbers involved, seats at the festival will be strictly rationed so parents and families keep your eyes and ears open for their availability. Oh, yes, I forgot to give a date – it's on 26th March. Still on 5 and 6, they have got their Residential time from 10th – 14th March and it's back at Grenville House in Brixham. In previous years this has always proved a really challenging and fun course. For a lot of the children it will be the first time they have been away from their families for so long but I'm absolutely sure that they will enjoy it!

To remind you, the school topic for this term is 'Explore and Discover' and each of the classes will be covering this topic in differing ways with Class 1 for instance, looking at Great Britain whilst Class 2 concentrates on 'Mighty Mountains' and Class 3 looks at Mesoamerica – "What on earth is that?" I hear you say. It's really just looking at the Aztec and Mayan civilisations in Central and South America (I hope I've got that right!). That just illustrates how the topic chosen can be so wide-ranging.

If you remember, last year the school ran a sponsoring plan to assist the orphans that attend our partner school, Kwakaheza, in Tanzania. That gave cover to quite a number of the orphans there. This year there is a requirement to do the same thing. All it requires is £45 per orphan. What that achieves is laid out below:-

A payment of £45 will provide these children with the following, which will last them for 12 months:

1. 2 sets of uniform: £20
 2. Underwear:£1
 3. 2 pairs of shoes:£12
 4. 2 pairs of socks:£1
 5. 24 exercise books:£3
 6. Pens: £1
 7. Food: £3
 8. School bag: £4
- Total: £45

Well done to all those who have already sponsored a child. To further boost funds for the unfortunate youngsters, during the last week of this half of the term each child will be given a 'heart' on which they can write a message to an orphan and then return it to the school on Friday 14th February with a donation, if they wish. The message carrying 'hearts' will then be sent off to Kwakaheza school. As an added incentive, the children will be allowed to wear their own clothes to school that day.

A DVD of the Christmas performance was taken at the time and the first batch of copies have been distributed to those who ordered them. It is not too late to order a copy if you would still like one - £10 each

This term the following clubs are running at the school:-

Monday Lunchtime – Dance Club with Miss Tearle

Wednesday Lunchtime – Lego Club with Mrs Berry

Wednesday Lunchtime – Computer Club with Miss Denford

Now, here's an appeal for milk bottle tops. Mrs Buckland, one of our Teaching Assistants, is going to make a mosaic of the school cherry tree logo out of milk bottle tops. Of course, she will be enlisting the help of the children in this venture. Please can you send your milk bottle tops, of all colours, in to the school so that Mrs Buckland can start the mosaic!

The calendar:

31st January – Non-uniform day for PTFA funds
14th February – Non-uniform day in aid of Tanzanian orphans
15th February – PTFA Valentine Ball – Fingle Glen Hotel
17th-21st February – Spring Half Term
10th-14th March – Years 5 & 6 – Grenville House
26th March – Festival of Dance – Northcott Theatre
22nd April – Start of Summer Term
5th May – Bank Holiday
26th – 30th May – Summer Half Term
23rd July – End of Summer Term

That's really all for the school this month except for the dreaded topic of PARKING. This has been exacerbated by the Playschool parentage. Please, please, please leave plenty of space for delivery vans and the like to get through. More importantly, leave room for a fire engine or other emergency vehicle to get through. Somebody's life may be at risk and you wouldn't want your selfishness to be responsible for that, would you? And, while we are on the subject of parking, another 'black spot' has appeared. There seem to be anything from one to four cars parked at any one time opposite the 'throat' of the Yeoford Road junction. This forces vehicles, including heavy lorries, into the middle of the road before they are then able to turn into the Yeoford Road, also forcing them to cut the corner there. Throw into the mix oncoming traffic from the Okehampton direction and the odds on an accident happening are considerably shortened. Rant over!

One statistic from the Dartmoor Railway – there were 18,000 bookings for the Polar Express this year. Apart from one hiccough all seemed to go well and there were certainly a lot of happy faces all around.

PGR

News from Elsewhere

Concerts in the Church

Holcombe Burnell Church

DALLA
(dalla.co.uk)

Thursday 20th March
7.30 pm

DALLA are a famous traditional Cornish Celtic Band offering vocal and instrumental music in the Cornish tradition.

A DALLA concert is always a special experience.

Tickets £7.50 from Jane 01392 811246 or Sue 811816

Refreshments Available
Supported by Villages in Action
All profits to Church Funds

Castle Drogo – Inside Out

Incredibly, we are already one year in to our building project. I cannot believe how quickly time has flown. Work is progressing really well with 140 windows removed and being refurbished and sections of the roof partly dismantled and waterproofing work underway. There are piles of granite on the driveway and the castle looks like a giant 3D jigsaw puzzle.

The last year has been amazing with so many new things that we wouldn't have been able to do if we were 'normal'. The biggest hit has to be the viewing platform. This is a 20 metre high section of scaffolding that takes you in to the main work area and you can see across the roof and watch the work taking place. Amazing. The tower will be open as often as possible this year, weather permitting. It is well worth a visit if you have a head for heights.

We are now getting ready to open up for our new season on 8 March. Watch this space for lots of different events and activities including some great community events including an art and theatre project with Get Changed theatre.

We are still looking for more people to join our brilliant team of volunteers. If you would like to meet us and find out how you could get involved, please come along to our volunteering open day on Saturday 8 February, 11am til 3pm.

Here's to an even more exciting year in 2014.

Best wishes,

Paula
Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

SINGING DAY

The Chagford Singers will be holding a singing day, open to all, on **Saturday 1st March**. The day will start with registration at **9.30a.m.** for a 10 am start, and finish with a free final performance at **4.30p.m.**, when friends and relatives are welcome to come and listen.

The venue is **Chagford Primary School**, the music Karl Jenkins' Requiem, the conductor Christopher Fletcher and the **cost £14**, or £10 to full time students (**to include hire of score and tea/coffee in the mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.**) Refreshments/lunches will be available at a modest charge . If you would like to come along and join in please contact **Sue Glassfield** on **01647 433770**, or Janet Jeffery at janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk

Haydn – Nelson Mass Britten – St. Nicolas

at

**St. Michael's Church, Chagford
Saturday 29th March, 2014. 7.30 pm**

Conductor – Christopher Fletcher

Divertimento Chamber Orchestra

Soprano – Siona Stockell

Mezzo soprano – Rebecca Smith

Tenor – Edward Woodhouse

Bass – David Fouracre

Kingsbridge Community College Choir - Conductor Sharon Mitchell

Tickets, to include programme:

£12 in advance, £14 on the door, under 16's half price

Available from:

Sally's Newsagents, Chagford

Or by post from Sue Glassfield: 01647 433770

www.thechagfordsingers.co.uk