

# Useful Information

## DOCTORS

**Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 24025**

**Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 24586, Caryn Tripp 24582**

**Surgery (No Appointment Necessary) 8 – 9.30 am Monday to Friday.**

**Out of Hours: Ring 111**

**IN EMERGENCY RING 999**

## MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am – 10 pm

## POLICE

For all *non emergency* contact please ring **101**

Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	
Neighbourhood Watch:	Jean Martin	24586
	Brian Bryon-Edmond	24696

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

<b>Electricity</b>	0800 365 900
<b>Gas</b>	0800 111 999
<b>Water</b>	0844 3462020
<b>Highways Agency</b>	0845 955 6575
<b>Streetlights, potholes etc:</b>	0845 155 1004
	csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

## SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

**Cheriton Bishop Primary School** 24817

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Leyman

Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken

**Cheriton Bishop Preschool**

Play Leader: Christine Grist 281205

**Young Farmers:** Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

**Walking Group:** Jane Hancock 24092

Fed. Chair of Governors: Terry Tume 61338

PTFA Chairman: Sarah Walker 24009

**Cubs:** Karen Morris 01647 252375

**Scouts:** Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

## LOCAL CHURCHES

**Anglican Team Ministry:** Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop 24119

Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002, Janet Jeffery 24414

**Crockernwell Methodist Minister:** Rev. David Easton, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG. 01392 255791

Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

**West Down Chapel:** Derek Coren 24264

## HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

### VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings:** Tim Gorringe 24789

### SPALDING HALL

**Bookings:** Les Gare 24639

**Key:** Jan Mitchell, Underhill, Church Lane.

**ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR:** Sylvia Tripp 24267

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES

### Parish Councillors

Chairman	Gill Westcott	24789
Vice Chairman	Tim Vooght	24593
Councillors	Phil Dicker	24450
	Paul Mitchell	24405
	Peter Endacott	24580
	Leigh Rix	07767 795116
	Kim McDonald	07966 478054
	Sasha Metters	24146

### Mid Devon District Councillors

Derek Coren	24264
Peter Heal	01363 884277

### County Councillors

Nick Way (CheritonBishop)	01363 777903
James McInnes (Crockernwell)	01837 861364

### Members of Parliament

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)  
Write to: House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

### Parish Clerk

Derek Madge  
01392 833969  
Mob: 07780 826516  
49 Crockwells Rd, Exminster

### Crockernwell

Crockernwell Ward Parish Councillors: Bill Savage, email: [bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

Clerk to Drewsteignton PC: Bella Snook, 01647 231046 [clerk@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

**West Devon Borough Councillor:** Paul Ridgers 01822 813600, email: [cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk)

## LOCAL SERVICES (Paid adverts)

**CHIROPODY HOME SERVICES** Mrs Julie Chatfield NMChs SRCH 24382

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS** C. Burrows & Son Tel: 01363 83258 Mob: 07803 142357

[Updated October 2014]

## The News Letter, February 2015

February can, of course, still be as cold as the depths of winter, but it often feels as though it is the doorstep to spring, with the days becoming noticeably longer and the first of the spring flowers making an appearance. This year it seems as though many flowers haven't stopped blooming; although this is changing now with each of those random frosty nights we have been having. Whatever the weather, the calendar tells us that winter will soon be behind us and lying ahead is an array of springtime events and gatherings as we emerge from our winter slumbers...

### Entertaining Young Farmers

The first entertainment of the new month is likely to be a performance by those energetic young farmers with, this year, an original pantomime. Last year our local club went all the way to the national finals of the annual entertainment competition at Blackpool. So this time be sure you see them while they are still performing down here at Tedburn St Mary! Please see page 14 for all the details.

### Music in the Hall

In the same week as the above there is entertainment of a completely different sort at the village hall. It looks as though various musical instruments and at least one singer are involved so it should be a melodious evening and an enjoyable way to support your local hall. All the details are on page 7.

### What, no Book Sale?

Sadly our parish springtime is going to be bereft of its annual book fair this year. This must be the first time in about thirty years or more (isn't it, Persis?), so who knows what we are all going to be reading for the next twelve months. We will also miss out on that popular annual realisation that the exciting find of yet another book by the same author we so enjoyed the year before, is actually the same book that we donated this year! Read the distressing news of the book sale's demise on page 6 and, if sufficiently distraught, consider whether you would like to nobly volunteer to revive the event later in the year? It could be a useful fundraiser for some local organisation.

### All set to Bloom again!

Is it that time again? Where have the last five years disappeared? If you are a bit of a creative type and like doing things with flowers you are

going to be in great demand this summer. And I suspect you will also be very welcome if you happen to make cakes or can navigate the mechanics of a tea urn. To find out how you can put your talents to use please turn to page 7 for the details of this summer's must-take-part-in floral event.

### Looking for a helpful 'friend'

It's a green breathing space in the village. It's a place of peace and quiet. It's been there for at least seven centuries. It is a multiple-monument to the history of the lives of the people of Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell. And it can be the final resting place of anyone in the parish, no matter what their religion. Now it needs a few friends – please see how you can help on page 7. (Page 7 again! It sounds like it's all happening on page 7 – but there's lots more on the other twenty pages too!)

### All contributions...

It has to be said, nearly all the local organisations manage to put something into this newsletter on a fairly regular basis – and for this we are extremely grateful – mostly because it would be a bit of a pointless newsletter without them. But there is always room for more!

Is there anyone who would, for instance, like to contribute a 'local history' article (lots of people said they enjoyed Tim's piece on baptisms in the Christmas edition), or are you part of a group that doesn't often report on what you do and would like to make it a regular feature? And please don't forget that the letters page mailbag is very capacious and always ready to receive your thoughts and comments. The only criteria is that your contribution is of local interest and with me by the deadline!

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

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6PM.**  
**Copy should be left in the newsletter box at South Orchard, Woodbrooke Rd, or sent by email (word .doc please) to: [jennygrist@talktalk.net](mailto:jennygrist@talktalk.net)**  
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# Regular Meeting dates

## Parish Council

Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

*every second Monday evening in the month*

## Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

*every second Saturday in the month*

## Preschool

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.20  
“Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Mon/Tues.  
All during term time only*

## Scouts

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

*every Monday evening during term time*

## Cubs

Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

*every Thursday during term time*

## Pilates

Contact Adele 07976 427941

*every Friday morning, 8.55 am and 10.00 am,  
during term time*

## West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

*every Monday evening from Oct – May*

## Horticultural Society

Contact: Marilyn Brook 24419

*usually the third Monday evening in the month  
during the Autumn and Winter*

## West Country Embroiderers

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

*every first Tuesday afternoon in the month*

## Short Mat Bowling

Contact No's: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

*every Wednesday, Sept – May  
(Membership full at present)*

## Baby Clinic

The Surgery 24272

*every Thursday 2 – 3 pm  
(Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)*

## Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*In the school hall every Friday 9-10.30am  
Term Time only*

## Young Farmers

Contact: Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

*every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings*

## Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

*usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30*

## Spiritual Discussion Group

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

*Monthly*

## Walking Group

Contact: Jane Hancock 24092

*usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month 1.45 pm  
(see posters and CB Website for details)*

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

**The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays (Dec 23 '14, Jan 20 '15, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22.)**

### Crockernwell:

Stanbury's Orchard

Arrives 14.35

Departs:

14.55

### Cheriton Bishop:

Glebelands

Arrives: 15.05

Departs:

15.35

Hescane Park

15.40

16.10

[amended February 2015]

## *Diary Dates for February*

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WCE Embroiderer's Group	Village Hall	1.30 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Festival Meeting	Spalding Hall	10.30 am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group	Mulberry car park	1.15 pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society	Spalding Hall	8 pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	YFC Pantomime	Tedburn VH	7 for 7.30
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	"Lady Maisery" Folk Trio	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch	8 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Whitestone VH	7.30

## *Diary Dates for March*

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WCE Embroiderer's Group	Village Hall	3 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Longdown VH	7.30
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	Parish Church	9.30 am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Tedburn Meth H	7.30 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm

## Forthcoming Events

Weekend 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Textile Fiesta	Village Hall
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	YFC 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Hort Soc Mid Summer Show	Village Hall
Weekend 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July	St Mary's Flower Festival	Parish Church
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Hort Soc Village Show	Village Hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Hort Soc Annual Supper	Village Hall

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

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)  
Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: [anthonydbott@aol.com](mailto:anthonydbott@aol.com)

## CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

December 2014 and January 2015

In December and January the pursuit of **pothole repairs** continued, with help from County Councillor Nick Way and District Councillor Derek Coren; it is hoped that there will be a visit from the new Highways Officer Bob King to inspect potholes etc this month.

**MDDC** is considering its **budget** for next year and there will be more cuts. Among them are cuts to the budget for maintaining play areas, and some play areas in the district will be closed (not ours). Parish Councils are being offered the chance to buy and maintain the play areas themselves. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council felt that we do not have the budget for this and elected for maintenance arrangements to stay as they are.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm. This is like the Parish's AGM, and there will be reports on the activities of village groups and societies – a good chance to find out what's going on, and for discussion and questions.

**Planning.** The Council supported the application for change of use for the Methodist Chapel to residential now that the application involves less loss of car parking space.

**Parish Plan.** A donation has been received from the Young Farmers of £150 towards the printing and distribution of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Plan. The Parish Council will pay the remaining cost of £71.

**Bus Shelter.** The Council is investigating whether it can raise funds to replace the bus shelter outside the Mulberry with a stone-built shelter. The cost would be around £8,500. This will be discussed at the PC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### SELF BUILD HOUSING IN DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Dartmoor and Exmoor are piloting a new approach to help more local people get their own homes built. They are setting up a register of local people who want to build or have their own home built, and are inviting landowners and communities to identify sites within or adjoining towns and villages which may be suitable for self- build.

Homes in this scheme will have a local occupancy tie, must be affordable “in perpetuity”, and will be restricted in size to keep them affordable.

Express an interest by phone, email or letter using the contact details below.  
Secondly, provide more details by completing a postal or online survey.

[www.dartmoor.gov.uk/selfbuild](http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/selfbuild)

Sue Southwell, Rural Housing Enabler 01392 248919 [sue@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:sue@devoncommunities.org.uk)  
Devon Communities Together, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 3&4 Cranmere Court, Lustleigh Close,  
Matford Business Park, Exeter EX2 8PW

### RECYCLE

**Wanted for a Floral Art Display!!!**

**Children's wellies, any size, condition or colour**

**Please leave for Persis Bower at South Orchard, Cheriton Bishop**

## Help for Vulnerable People to Stay Warm

The Staying Warm and Well Service runs until the end of March 2015. It has been created to provide support for people in Devon who are living in a cold home and who may need extra support over the winter or who have a heating emergency.

Vulnerable people who:

- are living in a cold or damp home, particularly older people who live alone and people who have an existing health condition
- have a winter warmth emergency such as their boiler breaks down or pipes burst or their home floods
- are struggling to keep warm because their home is poorly insulated or their fuel costs are high.

If you know of anyone having difficulty staying warm and well in the winter phone the Staying Warm and Well Service on freephone 0800 046 7700 or Please go to this website to complete an on line form:

<http://www.teigncvs.org.uk/component/rsform/form/7-in-confidence-referral-form-staying-warm-in-confidence>

The Staying Warm and Well Service will work with them to develop a winter action plan and arrange the support they need.

### Book Sale

I regret to say that there will not be a Book Sale this year in the village as there have been no offers to take over the organisation or storage .

*Jane Chilvers*

### Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn

Sunday 22nd Feb - Open Mic Night at the Old thatch Inn, 8.00pm start.

### New Wednesday Afternoon Sewing Group

I have been going to Exeter once a week to a sewing group for many years. As much as I have enjoyed the group, the camaraderie, and interest in what each person has been working on, I have come to hate the journey and the time it takes to travel there each time. I have also come to the conclusion that the money I spend could go to a much better cause, like the family I help to support in Kenya.

So once a week on a Wednesday, 12.30- 4.30pm, my door will be open to anyone who would like to join me.

Bring your: Stitching-Knitting-Craft making of any kind, like that hem you want to take up/let down or buttons to sew on. Not sure how to do something? There's bound to be someone who does. Just come along - put the kettle on - chat and do your thing at Jean's 1, Woodpecker way.

Look forward to seeing you.

Thursday 19th February  
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall 7.30pm

## Lady Maisery

Concertina, Harp. Banjo and Song

Award winning Folk Trio Lady Maisery will perform numbers from  
their latest album

Tickets £8 Refreshments available

Raffle prizes welcome

A Villages in Action Event

### **Friends of St. Mary's Churchyard.**

This year the District Council and the Parish Council were unable to provide their usual grants towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Because the churchyard is still open so that burials can continue to take place, the cost of maintaining it falls onto the congregation. (If the churchyard was closed then mowing and maintaining it would be the responsibility of the District Council, as would provision of an alternative burial ground). As you can imagine, this is a burden we struggle to carry. One area of the churchyard is mown by a volunteer – is there anybody else who would undertake to maintain another section? We are working with an expert to encourage more diversity in the grasses and wild flowers, so that eventually a smaller area will need mowing, but in the meantime we need 'Friends' to help. There is a ride on mower and a strimmer available, or you could use your own machinery if preferred. If mowing is not possible would you consider a donation to help pay for somebody else to do it? Please contact one of the churchwardens if you will become a 'Friend'

*Janet Jeffery 24414 Alan Greenslade 24002*

### **St. Mary's Flower Festival 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Every 5 years we have a Flower Festival and this is the year! Organisations in the Village will be asked if they wish to be involved, and there will be a preliminary meeting at 10.30am on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> February to which everybody is invited. There are always nooks and crannies in the church that need decorating even if you do not represent a village organisation. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Janet Jeffery 24414 Juliet Dymoke Mar 24415*

## **Churchwarden's Notes.**

We had well attended services over the Christmas period. Nothing is like the joyous, buzzing Christmas Day service when there are so many excited children there, and we managed to light 60 Christingles without burning the church down! The collection came to £213.79 and has been sent to the Children's Society.

Children are always welcome, especially on the second Sunday of each month when we have a shorter, less formal service followed by refreshments. Toys are available and nobody minds any noise. This year Mothering Sunday falls on 15<sup>th</sup> March, with a 9.30am service, enabling Mothers to come to church and receive a posy of flowers while the family battle with the Sunday lunch.

As the growing season approaches we are asking for volunteers to help keep the churchyard tidy – see elsewhere.

Also one major event this year is a Flower Festival, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July, see the separate note.

*Janet Jeffery 24414 Alan Greenslade 24002*

## **Lent Course 2015**



## **The Lord's prayer**

The Lent course will follow the pilgrim course looking at the Lord's Prayer. The course will run for six evenings on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. It will rotate around the villages.

Date and Time	Venue
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm	The Billiard Room, Whitestone Village Hall
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Pathfinder Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	The Lounge Longdown Village Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Tedburn Methodist Church Hall
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Spalding Hall Cheriton Bishop
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm	Pathfinder Church



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

**FEBRUARY 2015**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
<b>11am</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10.30	Pathfinder	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore
7.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Cheriton Bishop</b>	<i>Lent 1</i> <b>Holy Communion</b>	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
3pm	Whitestone	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

*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*

### Lent starts in February

Lent starts on 18th February with Ash Wednesday and follows the tradition of keeping Lent for 40 days. But if you count the days starting with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Saturday there are 46 days and not the significant 40 days.

How do we get from 46 days to 40 days? The answer lies in the 6 Sundays in Lent. These are not part of the 40 days because Sunday is the celebration of Christ's resurrection and that does not stop even in Lent. There is a relaxation of Lent for Sunday. This upholds two key principles, that of a day of rest, and a day of celebration of Christ's resurrection. So if you decide to fast from sugar for Lent, there is the opportunity to relax from that fast on Sunday!

As I speak to people about Lent, they associate Lent with giving up temptations like chocolate and sugar. When asked why they give up these things, their memory fails them or it is just something you do in Lent. Sadly, in both of these instances, the purpose of Lent has lost its meaning. The purpose of Lent is to be ready for the Easter festival. In order to be ready for the high point of the Christian year, preparations need to be made in advance. Lent is viewed as a time for self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's word. Lent should be equally positive in terms of taking up a challenge like trying to make someone smile each day by an act of kindness.

As you can see, self-denial is just one part to help us focus on ourselves and relationship with God. I want to draw your attention to the last two items which are reading and meditating on God's Holy word. Perhaps coming to a Lent course might encourage you to read and meditate on God's word? This year the Lent course will look at the Lord's Prayer. It will follow the 'Pilgrim course'. Our new Bishop Robert is one of the authors of this course. It runs for six weeks starting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in Whitestone Village Hall. The Lord's Prayer is the most commonly known prayer. It is something we might know by heart yet not really know what the words mean or where they came from. I am sure that studying the Lord's Prayer will deepen our knowledge of God and our faith. May I commend you to come and see if it suits you? There is no commitment to come each week, come when you can.

So may I commend us all to a Holy Lent to prepare for Easter. Where what we do results in a positive move to realign ourselves to God's plan for our lives in the 40 days of Lent and perhaps beyond into our daily life.

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

# **WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL**

*Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264*

## **Services for February 2015**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**11.am Morning Worship**

**3.p.m Family Service with  
Pam Roberts and Ian Finch**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**11.am Morning Worship**

**3.pm Family Service with  
Rev David Cole**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**11.am Morning Worship**

**3.pm Family Service with  
Mr Danny Chipps**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**11.am Morning Worship**

**3.pm Family Service with  
Mr Danny Chipps**

**Diary Note:-**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH - LONDON CITY MISSION**

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Home Prayer Fellowship, 9<sup>th</sup> Mr Derek Jones, 16<sup>th</sup> Mr Reg Cade,  
23<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Meeting

## **Holy Trinity Yeoford**

Christmas now seems a long way away but we enjoyed our Christmas services. We had a community carol service in the village hall with the congregation of Holy Trinity together with Yeoford Chapel. The families from Messy Church and members of the community joined together to hear the Christmas readings and sing carols. Many thanks to Eleanor Moffett for her thought-provoking power point display, John and Eileen Stevens for playing the organs, and Paul and Sally West for providing spiced apple juice and mince pies.

At the Crib Service on Christmas Eve the Church was full with families who watched as the children put the characters into the crib while the Christmas story was read by four of the children and we all sang carols. Our early Midnight Mass was well attended and we thank Michael Hall for taking the service for us.

We look forward to continuing our services in 2015 taken by our retired clergy. Open the Book in School, Messy Church and the café open on Monday mornings

### **February Services**

Sunday 8th communion by extension 9-30

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion 9-30

*Carol Price*  
*01647 24468*



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**The West Country Embroiderers in February**  
**Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Village Hall 1.30 for 2pm start**

This year we have a theme of "Developing Your Own Style" and this month we shall have tutor, Rowena Light, showing us how to design and colour the backgrounds for our embroideries. New members are very welcome, please contact: *Nicky Westcott 01835 82517 or [westcottnicky@gmail.com](mailto:westcottnicky@gmail.com)* for the list of things you will need for this month's class.

## ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club** – Are now having 1 lunch a month, which will be the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be 5<sup>th</sup> February, followed by 5<sup>th</sup> March. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake 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 24 hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the Acorn office 01647 252701.

**Please check out our website** [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

### **Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society** (*Your local gardener's club - not as posh as we sound...*)

**This Month's meeting:** This month we will be exploring the small but important world of bees and other insects in a talk on the right plants to grow to encourage pollinators into our gardens. **"Plants for Pollinators" is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm in the Spalding Hall.**

**Coming soon: The Spring Show, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.** By the time you read this the Spring Show Schedule will be well on its way to being put on the village website and now is the time to be thinking ahead to the classes you might like to enter, maybe giving some of your spring flowers a little more protection. There will again be some cookery classes so look to see the requirements and start baking!

**Looking ahead:** We are hoping to arrange some visits to member's gardens this coming Summer, so please let us know if you are prepared to let us come and see yours! These afternoon or evening visits will be very informal and friendly as a means of swapping information and seeing other ideas and ways of doing things.

In August we will be holding the **Annual Village Show on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**. The theme this year will be "This Country Life" and there will be painting, photography, handicraft, floral art, and cookery classes for both adults and children around this theme. The schedules will be on the Village website soon so please bear these in mind when you are out with your camera or busy in your workshop over the next few months.

*Happy Gardening!*



## **Cheriton & Tedburn YFC update**

It seems a long time ago now but I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and that you are ready to get back into hearing about the YFC activities! The club certainly celebrated Christmas in style with plenty of us attending the highly anticipated DFYFC Christmas Ball, which was a great night. We went carol singing around Christow and raised £70 for Cancer Research. We also took a trip down to Truro to watch Robin Hood the Panto at the Hall for Cornwall - this was in preparation for our own pantomime. We are doing a pantomime this year, as it is a competition within Young Farmers where clubs put together a pantomime to perform against each other. A lot of our attention is currently on this and we are busily learning lines and dance routines! The group round is on the 8th February at QE lower school. Please feel welcome to come and support us there, or you can come along and watch our charity performance on the 17<sup>th</sup> February at Tedburn Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

At a recent meeting we had a very interesting talk from Mike from the Devon Air Ambulance - it was great to hear about the amazing work that the charity carries out. We presented the DAA with a cheque for £748, and also a cheque for £1,500 went to the Devon YFC building fund, which was money raised from our charity clay pigeon shoot last Autumn.

As well as the panto competition we have a lot more to look forward to this year, with preparations currently taking place for our 70th anniversary Grand Ball (26th June – save the date!) and also lots of sports, competitions and club & group events coming up!

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

*Emily Sizmur, Secretary*

### **Devon Federation of Young Farmers' clubs**

Hello everybody, my name is Caroline Trude and I am the chairman of the Devon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. I thought, perhaps it was time that we introduced ourselves to you, the people of Cheriton Bishop.

As many of you will know we have recently acquired the building, which was formerly known as 'The Mulberry', in which we plan to create our new county headquarters.

The Federation started in 1932 and today we currently have over 1500 members ranging in age from 10 to 26. We have 38 clubs, which cover every corner of Devon. It is commonly thought that our membership is restricted to farmers only, however this could not be further from the truth as we have members from every walk of life.

Our motto is 'Fun, Learning and Achievement' and we aim to achieve this for our members in the wide range of activities that make up our programme. Our annual calendar consists of many competitions, which include public speaking, acting performances, sports, stock judging, traditional country skills and many more. We are the only county federation in the country that offers an international scholarship programme. We also place a high priority on charity fundraising. In 2013 we raised over £100,000 for a wide variety of charities, many of which are based here in Devon.

For many years our headquarters has been in a small office, in the Marsh Barton area of Exeter. Due to extensive redevelopment around the building we are no longer able to expand there and so we have been looking for a new location. We are extremely fortunate to have acquired a building in a vibrant rural village, like yours, here in the heart of Devon and look forward to playing our part in your community for many years to come.

Obviously changes will need to be made to the building to make it suitable for its new use. When the project is completed we hope that it will not only provide us with an exciting new centre, but also encourage new business into the village.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

*Caroline Trude, Chairman, Devon Young Farmers' Club.*



## Walking Group News February '15

December is a busy month so our walk was brought forward a week to 14<sup>th</sup>. It wasn't the best weather we'd had but 6 of us made it up to Belstone where we began with a hearty tramp uphill into the teeth of the north wind towards the base of the Tor. With much relief after about a mile we dropped into a sunken lane and out of the wind. For the last leg of the walk we had the wind behind us and a watery sun shone. We finished with tea and mince pies back at the Spalding Hall.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – weather forecast snow, ice and freezing conditions.

The planned destination for our monthly walk – Postbridge.

Several people asked if we'd still go, even as late as Saturday. I decided I'd be at the Mulberry at the appointed time whatever the weather and we could decide then whether or not to risk it. Sunday morning arrived and I was delighted that the forecast was wrong. It was a stunningly beautiful day, clear and crisp, almost no wind and sunny! How lucky were we? 12 of us, plus two dogs, set off from Cheriton, parked in the NT car park and posed for a photo on the clapper bridge before we set off.



We 'paddled' across a flooded meadow to start our planned route, but there was a fallen wall blocking our way. Nothing daunted we regrouped, set off up the hill and took a circular walk down to Bellever, up through the stands of pines, with Haytor to our right in the distance and skirting Bellever Tor to our left before dropping back down to Postbridge. We took the cars back down over the bridge and to Lydgate House, where Steve and Karen Horn provided a delicious cream tea before we set off home.

Everyone agreed this was a great outing for the group, all the better for the conditions being so unexpected.

Andrea Wood has planned our **next walk, Sunday 15th Feb.** - the Castle Drogo/Fingle Bridge circular route. Meet at the Mulberry at 1.15. We will start and finish at Drogo. There are lots of shorter walks at Drogo, so don't be deterred if you only fancy a saunter, we'll all meet up there for tea (and cake!?) after. We'll park at the castle car park and walk down to Fingle Bridge and then back along the river and up the back route to the car park. Come along and join us.

*For more information call Jane on 24092*

## **CHASE! CHASE! CHASE!**

Not for the faint hearted – trying to set up a Community Speed Watch!!

It is difficult to believe that villagers in Cheriton Bishop are volunteering their time to train to operate speed cameras, then give their time freely to help reduce dangerous speeding through the village by manning these speed checks, yet the agencies involved (who, of course, are all paid!) cannot make a decision to support them! At a time when the Police are constantly complaining about budget cuts and their reduced ability to “police” us, is it surprising that they do not want to tap into this resource?

On November 11th, we received a letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner’s Office telling us – “local police will be in contact with you shortly regarding the outcome of your Application”. By the 10<sup>th</sup> January we had heard nothing, so we chased and received back: “I have been conducting speed checks in Cheriton....and would like to conduct more....so a decision can be made”.

As this article is being written (19<sup>th</sup> January), a Neighbourhood Watch member has contacted us to say a van with a camera in it has been spotted near the Shop. Trouble is, it is 10.00 a.m. when those speeding to work, and all the vulnerable school children have gone!

Is there a reason for all this dilly-dallying? Perhaps. We have been told it is not financial – we could have applied for a grant! But, in one CSW area, the Police have actually told the local volunteers to “stand down” because the group is netting so many motorists the Police are struggling to cope with the paperwork! (This is not in the Devon & Cornwall Police area.)

We will continue to “Chase”.

## **DOGNAPPING**

When we started Neighbourhood Watch eleven years ago in Cheriton Bishop, we reported on the rising crime of criminals snatching dogs and selling them on in a pub several miles away. Then, any dog would do, but now criminals have become more sophisticated. It is pedigree dogs, and particularly gun dogs in the countryside, that are targeted in ever increasing numbers – more often than not then sold on-line! So beware!

## **SCAMS**

We are all being bombarded with requests to purchase “half price” services (sometimes on the door step) or “up-date” personal information on-line “to ensure you continue with your Bank Account etc. etc”. There are two simple rules – 1. If it sounds too good to be true, don’t sign up! 2. Never, never give away personal information such as pin numbers – fraudsters are replicating Banks’, Credit Card Companies’, etc. web pages so cleverly, you could easily fall for the scam, believing they are genuine.

**Jean and the writer get more calls from members about scams than any other topic!**

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



## **Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School**

### **Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond**

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Alright then, who stole the time between this and the last issue? As appears to be becoming more usual, the time nowadays passes far more quickly than it used to! 'Nuff said, I trust you all had a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that too many resolutions don't get broken too early. I know that, when I found my Canadian Sister-in-Law on my doorstep on New Year's Eve, it was quite a shock. Mind you, it was a really delightful shock and very much helped to make the New Year a memorable one. Talking about delightful experiences, wasn't the Christingle service in church on Christmas Day super? I managed to get there before driving up country to see friends in Hampshire, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Enough of my general rambling, it's time I talked about the school and its activities. As you know, our school is part of the Woodleigh federation of schools along with Yeoford and Tedburn St. Mary. The Federation was formed from like-minded schools who got together voluntarily before the Council pushed them into an organisation that they didn't want. It must be admitted that there were teething problems at the start but these appear to have been overcome. The major advantage of the scheme is that it creates a much larger pool of staff with a greater spread of talent and expertise which is available to each school. So, whilst keeping their independence and character, each of the three schools can call on the other two if necessary, to enhance the available knowledge and skills required. The Federation also has a Governing Body which comprises representatives from each of the communities. They gain an overview (modern management speak - ugh) of the combined schools and are able to spot strengths and weaknesses when they appear and to give guidance to the constituent members. So, there you go, that's a rough sketch of the Woodleigh Federation to which our school belongs. The head of this setup is Mrs Sue Leyman, the onetime Head Teacher of Cherry B.

So, what has been happening over the Christmas period and early January at our school? Certainly, the celebrations leading up to Christmas went well. The school's Christmas Service, held in St Mary's church, was very well attended and the congregation were treated to a super presentation of the Nativity story under the premise of "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". Well done to all those taking part and to all those who created the costumes and encouraged their children to give of their best. The church service was held one week before the term ended. One of the activities at Christmas was a 'Christmas Jumper Day' which raised a magnificent £41.08 for that most worthy cause, the Save the Children charity. To add to this, the Government matched every pound given hence Save the Children received a grand total of £82 as a result of our efforts. Well done, all concerned.

This term the school will be helping several student teachers to gain school experience. Nadine Fullalove will be helping with Class 3 whilst Rosie Watts and Jack Liversedge will be attached to Class 1. As I have said many times, I believe that Cherry B can provide the best training for student teachers in a really friendly and productive atmosphere. Nadine, Rosie and Jack, you are most welcome and I hope the experience gained at Cherry B will provide you all with a good grounding for the future.

Before I start on other activities, I must mention the Key Stage 2 results. 100% of our pupils gained level 4B or above in reading and mathematics and level 4 or above in writing. This places Cherry B as one of 149 schools, country-wide, to achieve this level of attainment. This is a great reflection of all the work our teachers and parents have put in to the children's schooling. A congratulatory letter to the school has been received from David Laws MP. Be proud.

Now a quick look at the calendar for this term and the first activity noted is a Class Theme Day. Class 1 will be covering Weather Art and Craft on that day, Class 2 will be dealing with 'Space' and Class 3, Coastal Town Art and Craft. the parentage are invited to come to school at 1430 and share the work their offspring have carried out that day! The Bikeability features prominently in the calendar. Mrs Sam Cann is running this course again for the school. It starts the cyclist off on a firm footing for the future with respect to safety and ability. Thanks, Sam, for all you do for the children. The Crediton Learning Community 'World of Song' will be taking place on 26th March under the theme of 'Music from Around the World' and Class 3 will be performing 'English Songs Across the Decade'. The hard work starts here. The residential course this term will be based at Paignton Zoo, details of which will be forthcoming in due course.

The Calendar for this term is below:

**11th February - Class Theme Day**  
**12th February - Safer Internet Workshops at Tedburn St Mary**  
**16th-20th February - Spring Half Term**  
**23rd February - Non Pupil Day**  
**26th February - Swimming for Year 2**  
**5th March - World Book Day**  
**9th March - Bikeability Years 3 & 4**  
**9th-13th March - Year 5/6 Residential Course at Paignton Zoo**  
**12th March - Bikeability Years 3 & 4**  
**24th March - Open Afternoon 1530 - 1645**  
**26th March - World of Song Performance**  
**27th March - Easter Celebration and End of Spring Term**  
**13th April - Summer Term Begins**  
**13th April - Bikeability Course begins for Year 5**

Beyond the classroom, the Buffet at Okehampton Station has reopened following the 5 week hiatus for the Polar Express operation. It opens on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays every weekend. As regards trains running at Okehampton, the news that the Sunday Rover, which runs between Exeter and Okehampton on summer Sundays, will continue this year is most welcome. Until British American Railway Services announce their plans for 2015, I'm afraid a programme for heritage operations cannot be drawn up. We hope the situation can be resolved soon.

The West Devon Folk Choir will be taking part in the Devon Association's 'The Living Tradition' at The Bedford Hotel in Tavistock on 21st February. This production features Bill Murray, Jim Causley, Geoff Lakeman and Ed Rennie & Jenny Read so it should be a most enjoyable evening. Mariners Away are taking part in both the Gloucester Sea Shanty Festival as well as the Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival. Great things are possible.

One of the things that keeps on cropping up in my mind is the progress, or rather the lack of progress, with the Mulberry. What is happening to it? Perhaps someone can enlighten us as to the situation? On another point, the Scout Field name board is desperately in need of refurbishment.

PGR

*\* As indeed they have, Peter! Please see page 14 for an update from the Devon Association of Young Farmer's Clubs. (Ed)*

## News from Elsewhere

Ready for some adventure ? Then heave to, me hearties, hoist the Jolly Roger and plunder that treasure, says I.

Yes, Whitestone Players present for your entertainment **Treasure Island**, the pantomime. Full of swashbuckling escapades, piracy and intrigue, an adventure not to be missed. We have a young and talented cast, and of course some of your old favourites, experienced singers, amazing dancers, fabulous costumes and music including numbers from *One Direction* to *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Why are Pirates called Pirates? because they Arrrrrrr!

Tuesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 7 30 pm with a matinee at 2 30 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Adults /children under 14 £5 /£2.50 Tues, Wednesday, Thursday and £6/£3 Friday and Saturday.

Book at 01392 433997 or [whitestone\\_panto@hotmail.com](mailto:whitestone_panto@hotmail.com)

Come, - and bring your friends!

### Do you enjoy singing?

If so come and join us on Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. at Chagford Primary School, when Chagford Singers are organising another Singing Day. The works being studied are **Faure's Requiem**, **Mozart's Ave Verum** and **Handel's Zadok the Priest**. Further details from Sue Glassfield 01647 433770 or Janet Jeffery on [janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk).

**Enjoy listening?** The singers will show what they have learned at a free run through at 4.30pm and the public are welcome to come and listen.

### **News from the Castle**

Things are really starting to move up at the castle now as we continue to prepare for the start of the new season in March.

Protection work has now been removed from the Drawing Room and we are finishing off work to the Dining Room windows so that the protection work in there can come out too. Our conservation team will then start moving collections out of the north end of the building into those spaces so the builders can start putting the protection work up in the rooms along the Green Corridor. It's like one of those puzzles where you have to move all the pieces around but only have one empty square.

There are a few fun things coming up too. On Saturday 21 February, we will be hosting a coffee morning at Endacott House in Chagford. Everyone is welcome so please pop in to see me and some of our brilliant volunteers. Also, on Tuesday 24 February, we will be holding our second inter-schools cross country run. Last year, we had over 130 children take part and it really was a lot of fun. Fingers crossed for nice weather please!

Finally, on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 February, 11am – 3pm, we will have a volunteering open day. Please pop in for an informal chat about volunteering or just to find out more about the project.

Paula, Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo. 01647 434130, [paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## **Moretonhampstead Hospital - Health and Social Care Hub**

### **New Year Message and Vision for the Year Ahead - January 2015**

The development of the Moretonhampstead Steering Group has been a great success. The steering group meets monthly and works together on the development of the health and social care hub at Moretonhampstead Hospital. We are extremely grateful for the input of local people to this group, which includes the League of Friends, local GP practices and their Patient Participation Groups (PPGs), parish councillors and other members of the wider community.

We were very pleased to welcome Mel Stride, MP for Central Devon, to our steering group meeting in August, at which he was supportive of the developments at the hospital and he was pleased to see how involved the local community was in this.

#### **Plans for 2015**

Several new clinics and services are due to be launched at Moretonhampstead Hospital over the coming months, bringing a range of benefits for local people, and we're looking forward to seeing these develop. Following the success of the new weekly strength and balance classes, which launched in November, an additional class will be starting in January.

We are looking to develop a dedicated Facebook page for the hub, which will enable the community to access updated information and details of events and clinics, and will generally provide a forum for discussion. We are also working with the manager of the Moretonhampstead town website to look at the development of a dedicated page for the hub. The official website, where people can find the most up to date information and news about the hub, can be found at [www.healthypeoplemoreton.co.uk](http://www.healthypeoplemoreton.co.uk)

Some members of the steering group will be looking to attend parish council meetings over the coming months to provide updates about the development of the hub.

The financial position for the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is extremely challenging. However, we remain committed to the development of the Health and Social Care Hub as Hubs are key towards creating a more sustainable Health and Social Care system. Other than ensuring that we get best value from everything that we spend, the financial position of the CCG does not impact on this development.

We recently invited expressions of interest from providers who may be interested in running clinics or services from the Hub and any income that can be obtained from a third party for rental of space will contribute to the services provided and running costs of the building.

#### **Wellbeing Drop-in Sessions**

Following a successful open day at Moretonhampstead Hospital in November, the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust is welcoming the local community to a series of Wellbeing Drop-in Sessions. The next session, on Tuesday 24 February (10am to 1pm), will have a theme of falls prevention and safety at home while the event on Tuesday 24 March (10am to 1pm) will have a focus on diabetes.

#### **Thank You**

All developments at Moretonhampstead Hospital over the last year would not have been possible without the support and input of people from the local community. We would like to express our thanks in particular, to the Moretonhampstead Hospital League of Friends, the local GP practices and their Patient Participation Groups (PPGs), all members of the Moretonhampstead Steering Group and the News in Moreton for publishing our updates.

**Dr Alex Degan Chair of the Moretonhampstead Steering Group**

#### **Thoughts from Fingle Woods**

There was peace and tranquillity throughout Fingle Woods this Christmas as harvesting operations stopped for the festive season. The New Year brings about a resumption in the felling (all part of the restoration process) and as a result the path by the river in Cod Wood is now closed with diversions in place. Some felling is also taking place in Hall Cleaves Wood. If the thoughts of felling bring images of people with chainsaws or perhaps men with a manual 2 man saw then think again. Technology has taken over with a tractor-like machine grabbing the tree, cutting the tree and piling the tree up all in one go. We are hoping to give people an opportunity to see this work in action so please keep an eye out on our blog for dates.

Along with techniques for tree felling Fingle woods will have seen lots of changes over the year. In December we were fortunate to have the local historian Bill Hardiman from Moretonhampstead History Society give a talk on the history of the wood – a snippet of which can be found on our blog. And we are hoping he will come back again to tell us some more. If you want to find out about the history of the woods we have some more talks coming up. The first is about the **Archaeology of Fingle Woods on the 5th February 2015** with Andy Crabb (Dartmoor National Park Association) and James Parry (National Trust) and the second is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April looking at **Fingle Charcoal Production set up by Dr Siegfried Marian** during the second world war. These talks take place at the Fingle Bridge Inn at 7pm

Keep up to date with what is happening at Fingle Woods by following our blog <https://finglewoods.wordpress.com> and if you haven't had chance to complete our survey about Fingle Woods please do so by going to this page

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/fwsurvey](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/fwsurvey)

### **“FOLKUS” – CHERITON’S OWN FOLK-SINGING GROUP!**

For the last decade and a bit longer a group of us have been meeting up most Friday evenings for a sharing of folk songs around a glass of wine and the odd cake or two. It’s a very informal gathering, taking turns to host in our own houses. We take it in turns to choose a song: maybe one that we all know and can sing together, sometimes singing one we particularly like to the rest of the group, or perhaps introducing a new one that we have come across and can sing together.

If this is something that appeals to you, why not come along and see whether you enjoy it? You will be very welcome!

*Contact Jenny on 01627 281110*