

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 Devon Doctors on Call on 0845 6710 270. Medical Advice: NHS Direct on 0845 4647

IN EMERGENCY RING 999

MINOR INJURIES UNIT: Moretonhampstead Community Hospital, Ford Street, Moretonhampstead, open 7 days a week, 10 am – 6pm.
Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am – 10 pm

POLICE

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

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
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Electricity 0800 365 900
Gas 0800 111 999
Water 0800 169 1144
Highways Agency 0845 955 6575
Streetlights, potholes etc: 0845 155 1004 csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

SCHOOL, PLAYGROUP & YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Cheriton Bishop Primary School 24817		
Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Leyman	Fed. Chair of Governors: Terry Tume	61338
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Cheriton Bishop Playgroup		
Play Leader: Christine Grist 281205	Cubs: Keith Chard	01392 811287
Young Farmers: Rachel Retter 07792 518439	Scouts: Roger Wickham	252705

LOCAL CHURCHES

Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop On Sabbatical 1.6.12 to 31.8.12
Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 24002
Janet Jeffery 24414
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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
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Parish Councillors

Chairman	Tim Vooght	24593
Vice Chairman	Gill Westcott	24789
Councillors	Ian Cowley	24362
	Phil Dicker	24450
	Sid Eley	24444
	Peter Endacott	24580
	Jenny Grist	281110
	Paul Mitchell	24405

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Derek Madge
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Mid Devon District Councillors

Derek Coren	24264
Peter Heal	01363 884277

County Councillors

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

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Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

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Crockernwell

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The News Letter, July 2012

This could well prove to be the biggest issue ever, and it isn't anywhere near Christmas! Usually the Summer brings a thinner gathering on the news front and some welcome relief to our collators and particularly our stapler. But this time I fear they will be doing lots of overtime. It's not that there are a huge number of events, though there are some quite enticing ones, but it's all down to a super heavy post-bag ... but more of that later.

For now let's concentrate on some...

...Local heroes

There are some uplifting reports of Cheriton folk going the extra mile (literally) this month to push themselves to the limits and raise funds for others. Read about plans from one of our residents to span the British Isles on a bicycle (while everyone else is sitting in front of their telly watching the Olympics) on page 15.

Then there is the endeavours of those energetic youngsters at the Primary School who are dashing round some of our most demanding local countryside in another good cause or two. (See page 7).

Any other individual who is inspired by these tales of adventure and intrepid danger-seeking can also get their own adrenalin fix by making the narrow, dusty and hamstring-demanding climb up the church tower. Just the thing to do after Sunday lunch to work off a few calories. See how you too can tone your thigh muscles on page 6.

Less energetic perhaps, but doing his bit for others - on page 15 tribute is paid to a Crockernwell hero and also to all those who work hard behind the scenes in their community.

Calling all hoarders!

It sometimes appears that human nature is divided into two categories: those who collect and those who cast out. Either mercifully or perversely (according to which of you gains the upper hand) these two types frequently end up in the same household. On page 12 there is an ideal opportunity for domestic tugs of war to take place all over the parish and we hope for the sake of playgroup funds that the "casting-outers" have been successful while the "collectors" show determination and fortitude in buying it all back with some extra bits as well.

Ring out those Bells!

What will happen to the universe if every bell in Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and beyond is rung

simultaneously? If this is a question that has troubled you since your school physics lessons you will get a wonderful opportunity to see (and hear) what happens in practice at a very precise moment in July. Read page 6 to see how you could take part in this major experiment. Children, maybe you could try this with your neighbour's doorbell?

Summer Show Schedules

Cold rain, harsh winds and the wettest drought on record meant that, sadly, the Midsummer Show was declared a no-go earlier this week. In fact everyone should have been up there at the Village Hall now, enjoying themselves and eating cream teas, while I sit here doing the news-letter. Never mind ... so sorry that you all had to miss it ... there is still the Village Show to look forward to with its culmination of the vegetable and flower gardening year as well as all the cookery, craft, and photography classes. The schedules are now ready and Persis has interesting things to say on the subject on page 16. And for those who aren't editors of parish newsletters there's still the chance to become the show secretary. See page 19 and make haste to apply.

Roundheads and Cavaliers

Ah yes, that postbag! The recent Local History exhibition didn't actually have a lot of mention of Cheriton's loyalties during the Civil War but it's amazing how a slight issue with bunting has stirred up the more vocal of some ardent royalists with accusations of everyone else being a touch too Cromwellian. But it seems that no matter how much bunting had been provided there would have never been enough and with Crockernwell so wonderfully bedecked Cheriton was always going to look a bit puritanical in comparison. Fortunately there was far more appreciation that the opposite and at least it has got everyone writing into the news-letter. Please keep those letters coming in, but maybe include some other subjects too! See pages 17 to 19.

With best wishes for July from Jenny and the team.

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:
Friday 20th July 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

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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

Playgroup
Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.30 – 12, Thurs 9 – 3.20
“Lunch Club” until 1.20 pm on Wednesdays, all
during term time only*

Scouts
Roger Wickham 252705

every Monday evening during term time

Pilates
Contact Adele 07976 427941

*every Friday morning, 9.30 am and 10.30 am
during term time*

West Down Bible Study & Prayer
Contact: Derek Coren 24264

every Monday evening from Oct – May

Horticultural Society
Contact: Persis Bower 24303

*usually 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 Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

every Wednesday, Sept – May

Baby Clinic
The Surgery 24272

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

Young Farmers
Contact: Rachel Retter 07792 518439

every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

Cubs
Contact: Keith Chard 01392 811287

every Thursday evening during term time

Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton
Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840

*usually every last Thursday and/or Friday of
month 9.30 – 12.30*

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 news letter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?

The Mobile Library

Cheriton Bishop: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.35	Departs:	16.05
Hescane Park	16.10		16.55

Crockernwell: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 15.05	Departs:	15.25
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Diary Dates for July

Sunday	1 st	Open Tower, Tea, Concert & Bells	Parish Church	2.30 pm
Wednesday	4 th	Shopping Trip to Sainsbury's		
Sunday	8 th	"Fingle Dash" cross country run	Fingle Bridge	9.30 am
Monday	9 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday	14 th	Table top & Car boot Sale	Village Hall	10am – 1 pm
Wednesday	18 th	Shopping Trip to Sainsbury's		
Friday 27 th		Bell Ringing to start the Olympics (Curly leaves for John O Groats!)	Parish Church	8.12 am

For details on all these events please see the separate items elsewhere in this newsletter – some need to be pre-booked!

DATES FOR AUGUST

Wednesday 1 st August	Shopping Trip to Sainsbury's	
Saturday 18 th August	Village Show	Village Hall

Forthcoming Events in 2012

Friday 7 th September	An Evening of Entertainment	Spalding Hall
Saturday 29 th September	Autumn Clean Up Day	
Saturday 20 th October	Annual Singing Day at Parish Church, 9.30 am – 4 pm, Concert 4 pm	
Saturday 10 th Nov	Hort Soc Annual 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 events outside of the parish please see News from Elsewhere on page 23.

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: www.cheritonbishop.org.uk
Contacts for Website: John Eddy: 24705

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Council, which took place on Monday, 14th May, 2012, in the Spalding Hall Church Lane at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Tim Vooght Chairman, Vice Chairman Paul Mitchell.
Councillors Sid Eley, Gill Westcott, Phil Dicker, Peter Endacott, Ian Cowley.
District Councillor Derek Coren; M.D.D.C. Chief Executive Kevin Finan, and the Clerk, Derek Madge.
Apologies were received from Councillor Jenny Grist, and District Councillor Peter Heal

M.D.D.C. Chief Executive Kevin Finan

Kevin explained the three main priorities of the District Council. These were cutting costs, affordable housing and economic growth. They had reduced their budget by 1.2 million from last year without reducing staff and would have to reduce it again next year. This year they are working with 3 main towns on economic development and there is a Mid Devon Business Forum to encourage working together. M.D.D.C. want to encourage more development of housing and business especially in Tiverton and Cullompton. They are looking at expansion around junction 27 of the M5, and working with various agencies to make improvements to junction 28, which currently restricts expansion in that area. There is a national shortage of affordable housing and M.D.D.C. are hoping to provide 58 new homes at various locations.

Questions asked by Councillors:

Have you recovered the money invested in Icelandic Banks 90% has been recovered to date and it is expected it will be 95%?

How do Rural communities fit into the District? M.D.D.C. provide a variety of services and he mentioned the new TAP fund and other funding opportunities, and suggested Paul Tucker could assist with grant applications.

Concerns were expressed about the lack of maintenance and provision of new equipment in the Glebelands play area.

Councillors also expressed their concerns about the planning process and in particular the handling of enforcement issues.

Election of Chairman: Councillor Vooght was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Cowley and elected unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Councillor Westcott was proposed by Councillor Vooght and seconded by Council Cowley and elected unanimously.

Parish Roads: The poor road surface at Southcombe between Four Crossways and before the dual carriageway was reported.

The Chairman had spoken to highways about the C50 resurfacing and why it had not continued into the village. They have agreed to do a survey of the road.

Housing needs: Councillor Westcott reported C.C.D. are asking for £250 towards the housing need survey. The Community Land Trust are moving towards becoming a Community Benefit Society, a democratic organisation in which each member has one vote.

Planning applications

0246/12 Jervis Farm, Cheriton Bishop: extension to existing agricultural building - Council supports the application.

Planning decisions by Mid Devon District Council

12/00287/FULL Partridge Farm: retention of use of livestock building - Approved

Other Planning matters

Notice of date of Hittisleigh Barton Appeal: 10 am on 12th June, Crediton Town Hall.

Autumn litter pick: Date was agreed as 29th September

Replacement Trees: Councillor Endacott reported we had been unsuccessful in our application for some free trees. it was agreed to investigate the cost of purchasing some trees. Councillors made suggestions for types and where they might be situated. Councillor Endacott agreed to follow this up.

Matters raised at the Annual Parish meeting: Parking and speeding were again concerns from a number of people. Parking at the top of Church Lane was a particular problem. Chairman confirmed he had already been in touch with PCSO Lisa Crocker and would continue to liaise with her.

Report of a meeting of the Council which took place on Monday, 11th June, 2012, in the Spalding Hall Church Lane at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Gill Westcott Vice Chairman.

Councillors Sid Eley, Jenny Grist, Phil Dicker, Peter Endacott, Paul Mitchell.

District Councillor Peter Heal.

The Clerk Derek Madge, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Ian Cowley, Tim Vooght District Councillor Derek Coran County Councillor Nick Way

Public Open Session

A member of the public spoke about a petition at the village shop. He thought the person initiating the petition was under a misunderstanding that specific funds were available to the Parish Council for Jubilee events.

Also raised were the problems of parking and speeding on the C50 and an offer of some suggestions for a low cost solution were made. It was agreed to forward the suggestions to County Councillor Nick Way for his comments.

Replacement Trees Councillor Endacott had looked into suitable trees for the village. Lime trees of suitable size would cost about £25 to £30 each. Locations were discussed and it was agreed that a programme of initial and ongoing maintenance would be needed to ensure their long term survival.

Chairman & Councillor's reports

Councillor Westcott reported a good meeting about a Parish Plan with contributions from the Tedburn group more people had been recruited to the steering group.

The housing need survey can be done now C.C.D. asked if the council could arrange delivery to every household.

Councillor Westcott agreed to make enquires about getting it delivered, possibly by the Scouts with a contribution to Scout Funds.

From the Chief Executive of M.D.D.C: A letter was received from M.D.D.C. Chief Executive, Kevin Finan , following his visit in May. Kevin clarified the District Council's position on planning enforcement and also confirmed the fencing at Glebelands play area would be replaced but that they are having to prioritise work due to a restricted budget. If the fence becomes dangerous it would be replaced as a priority.

Planning application

0275/12 The Forge, Cheriton Bishop: demolish existing shed, erect single storey extension rooflights, dormer and solar panels: The Council objected to this application because the proposed extension and balcony will overlook neighbouring properties and invade their privacy. The council has concerns that the proposal is not in keeping with the surrounding area

Planning decisions by Mid Devon District Council

12/00164/FULL Argermay, Cheriton Bishop: retention of agricultural building and greenhouse – Refused.

12/00504/LBC Venbridge Cottage, Cheriton Bishop: installation of doors to replace window - Approved.

0246/12 Jervis Farm, Cheriton Bishop: extension to existing agricultural building – Approved.

Other planning matters

12/00164/FULL Argermay, Cheriton Bishop: notice of appeal - Agreed to reiterate our previous comments and to make further comments based on the refusal decision regarding the structure of the buildings.

Play Areas Consultation: M.D.D.C. were undertaking a consultation on the provision and maintenance of their play area's. A response was agreed including the concerns about lack of maintenance.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9th July, 7.30 pm in the Spalding Hall.

Contacting the Parish Council

If members of the community wish to contact the parish council between meetings it is recommended they contact the Clerk. This will ensure your communication is dealt with in a timely manner and will be included in the next meeting agenda. Letters and e mails are acknowledged on receipt.

Derek Madge, Clerk to the Council, 49 Crockwells Road, Exminster , Exeter, EX6 8DH.

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St Mary's Parish Church Notices

Churchwarden's Comments

I hope you all enjoyed the Bell- Ringing competition in May. It was won by the team from South Brent with 36 ½ points. Thank you to Martin and Jane Hancock for letting the judges sit in their conservatory, and to the team of ladies who baked cakes and then served teas all afternoon in the Spalding Hall.

While on the subject of bell-ringing, Alan is still waiting to hear from anybody who would like to participate in the nationwide bell ringing event "Work No 1197 All the Bells" bell ringing on 27th July at 08:12, to mark the start of the Olympics. The event will apparently be featured live on National and Local Radio at that time, though not the Cheriton Bishop version, as far as I know. Everybody is welcome to join in but he aims to teach basic techniques first to make it safe. Please contact Alan on 24002, or turn up at the church on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm for bell-ringing practice. There is no obligation to continue with the Team after the event, but you can if you wish.

If you don't want to ring the church bells then why not just turn up and join in with any sort of bell, from bicycle bell to cow-bell, hand bell or sleigh bell, it is suitable for any size and shape of bell or person to take part, please see www.allthebells.com for more details.

Those who attended the Lent course will know that it was about making churches more welcoming. With this in mind we have asked the Spalding Hall committee, who have agreed, that the Hall is opened for all services so that there is access to both drinking water and toilets – something the builders of mediaeval churches forgot to include. We have put out more toys and crayons etc at the back to make visiting children more at home and we do expect to hear them as well as see them. Nobody needs to take their child out for anything less than a full-blown temper tantrum!

We are having an Open Tower afternoon on Sunday July 1st from 2.30pm when the tower will be open to anybody wishing to see the view from the top. There will be tea and cake at the back of church and a short choir concert at 4.30pm followed by the bell-ringers demonstrating their improving skills. There is no cost.

Thank you to everybody who supported the Art Show, and especially to Jenny Grist and her team for all their hard work in organising it – we hope they will want to do it again! Thank you also to the removal men who lugged display boards up from Dunsford, returned them to Holcombe Burnell and then discovered where they had hidden the pews. Now that we have broken the mould and transformed the inside of the church we shall be looking for more ways to use this large and beautiful building.

Now that Martin has started his Sabbatical leave please contact Alan or me if you have any queries – we may not know the answers but we do know some people who might.

Janet Jeffery 24414

Open Tower Afternoon – come on up!

The Church Tower will be open on
Sunday 1st July from 2.30 pm
Come up and experience Cheriton's equivalent
of the London Eye!
Afternoon Tea in the Church
Choir Concert at 4.30 pm
Followed by Bell-Ringing

Cookery Book launch

The Cheriton Bishop cook book has finally been printed and sold very well at its launch at the Festival Weekend in June. This little book contains over fifty recipes together with many anecdotes of how each contributor came by the recipe or why it was special to them. It costs £5 for a copy and would make a lovely gift for a summer visitor! All the costs of production have been donated and so all monies collected from sales will go directly to St Mary's Parish Church. If you would like a copy please contact either Sally Sellick (01647 231257) or Jenny Grist (01647 281110), or look out for them at forthcoming events such as the Open Tower afternoon on 1st July. If you run a B & B we will be very happy for you to have some over the summer on a sale or return basis if you think your guests would like them.

Your thoughts, ideas and experiences welcomed

In these busy times it is often the quieter, more spiritual stuff that gets crowded out. However, we all need time to take stock and find a bit of weekly rejuvenation and quite a number of us find going up to the parish church at Cheriton helps to fill this need. The problem is, of course, that everyone looks for something different and although there are many variations within the Anglican Church it's hard to "please all of the people all of the time". I would be very interested to hear the thoughts of anyone, whether you already come to Church, used to come, or have never stepped foot in a church in your life, on any aspect of the experience of going to church. I would like to know what you like, and what you don't like, as well as what might put you off church services. It would also be great to hear what you think our, or any church should be doing in the wider community. Rural church congregations nationwide tend to be getting older and it would be great to buck this trend at Cheriton. I would, therefore, be particularly interested in any ideas you might have for making services more child-friendly, teenage-friendly, or indeed appealing to younger people in general. Perhaps you have had a bad experience in the past or can remember something that you thought was particularly welcoming. All correspondences will be kept in strict confidence, but ideas arising will be taken to the next Parochial Church Council meeting in October. Please contact me by either: email jennygrist@talktalk.net or write to me at Hooperton Farm, Crockernwell, EX6 6NW. Or if you prefer you can simply give me a call on 01647 281110.

Jenny Grist

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Service – Village Hall

The combined Churches of Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell wish to thank everyone who contributed in making the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Service, followed by the cream tea, a great success. Grateful thanks go to all who participated in the service, for the shared personal memories of meeting or seeing the Queen, and for those involved in the preparation of the food. The collection taken totalled £130.00.

Although he was unable to attend, special thanks go to Rev. Martin Wood for his work in the organisation of this service.

There is a DVD available of the Jubilee Service for the price of £2.00. Please contact 01647 24321.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN TEAM MINISTRY

JULY 2012

SUNDAY 1st

8am	Whitestone	<i>Trinity 4</i>	
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Philip Sourbut
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
2.30	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service/Baptism	Canon John Tutton
		Open Tower, Tea & Choir Concert at 4.30	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore

SUNDAY 8th

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Trinity 5</i>	
9.30	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Prayer and Fellowship	
		Evening Prayer	Lay Led

SUNDAY 15th

8am	Tedburn St Mary	<i>Trinity 6</i>	
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Philip Sourbut
11am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led
		Evensong	Lay Led

WEDNESDAY 18th

8pm	Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayers	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
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SUNDAY 22nd

8am	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Trinity 7</i>	
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	Whitestone	United Service	
		Evening Prayer	Lay Led

SUNDAY 29th

10.30	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Trinity 8</i>	
		Team Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe and Canon John Tutton

EACH THURSDAY

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Canon Geoffrey Moore/ Canon John Tutton
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Please note: if you would like to find out more about our Church Services or the programme of events for the remainder of this year, there are a number of blue leaflets in the church porch and inside the church. Please feel free to take one or several and pass them to your friends and neighbours!

The Olympics London 2012

The first of the two summer Olympic months has finally come around and the countdown clock to the games stands at just 27 days and 60 days for the Paralympics on 29th August. London has been counting down for over 7 years and probably planning for at least 10 years. I guess there is a particular sport and event that you are looking forward to seeing. It appears the 100 meters final is one of the really big ones but it will be decided in under 10 seconds! What is it about taking part that is so important? We have to look at the Olympic creed.

The Olympic Creed says:

‘The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.’

We can see by participating in an Olympic event you have already struggled and worked hard just to be there. That in itself is a great achievement that anyone can be proud of for the rest of their lives.

Behind the glamour of competing in an event there are a whole host of challenges for the organisers. There are the obvious challenges of food, accommodation and transport. But equally important is the simple task of leaving your tracksuit before the race and being able to collect it after the race. There is an army of people called London 2012 Games Makers. These are volunteers who are working for two weeks for no pay and probably giving up their holiday to be a part of the Olympics. You might think that the terms and conditions are not very appealing, but over 240,000 people applied for some 70,000 roles. It is a reminder to us that taking part is much more worthwhile than any financial reward. Being part of something much bigger than ourselves, gives us a real sense of pride by being part of that big event.

The bible use images of participating in a race. Paul reminds the Corinthian church that the race of life (1 Corinthians 9 vs. 24-26) is about an imperishable prize, eternal life. The sense is that we should all enter, compete and be fully prepared for engaging in life. We are to be encouraged that God and the great cloud of witnesses who have already run the race now surround us and cheer us on in the race that is life (Hebrews 12 vs.1-2).

As we watch the Olympics and cheer on our favourites, let us also remember how hard the other competitors have worked in training. I am sure we will see the Games Makers in the background of the events and remember how important it is to be a part of the Olympic Games. It is the same for God who sees all of our best efforts and encourages us to keep going.

Rev. Martin Wood is on sabbatical and is unavailable. Please contact one of the church wardens for church matters: Alan Greenslade 24002 or Janet Jeffery 24414.

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for July 2012

Sunday 1st July

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr David Hayman

Sunday 8th July

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Colin Smallacombe

Sunday 15th July

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 22nd July

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Chris Andrew

Sunday 29th July

11.am Morning Service

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Maurice Hockridge

During the Sunday afternoon services the younger members of the Church can participate in the young persons Sunday Group

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.

Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

We have a new kneeler! At the morning service on Sunday 10th June the Rev Dominic Doble dedicated a new kneeler for our church, commemorating our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was a lovely occasion and well attended. We were so pleased to welcome some of the ladies of Yeoford Yarns, who had contributed towards it, and were able to come along and enjoy the service as well.

A note for your diaries. As there is no service during August, Isabel Weatherley has offered to have a Home Communion service on Wednesday 22nd August at 1030. Her address is 20 The Oaks, Yeoford. All are welcome.

Services for July will be held on Sunday 8th at 0930 and on Sunday 22nd there will be a Cream Tea afternoon at 1530 followed by the Songs of Praise at 1700. People's favourite hymns will be sung and if anyone attending would like to contribute please let Ali Lacey on 01647 24412 know by the previous weekend of their choice. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you.

Reports of the Festival Weekend and Jubilee Celebrations

PTFA NEWS

The Cheriton Bishop PTFA would like to thank **everyone** who came to the Jubilee “Street Party” held at the School on 1st June 2012. It is always a challenge holding an event on a “week day” with so many of the parents working but, with the increased amount of families making good use of the half term to be away, it was felt to be the best day (it was after all, a School led event!).

It was lovely to see so many parents, extended families and friends from our Village sharing the Jubilee Celebration. Thank you to Cannon Tutton for the Service and to all the parents who donated the food. It really was a brilliant atmosphere and we raised some vital funds towards the replacement of the Playground equipment.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas to help us reach our target of approx £5000, we would love to hear from you! cherrybptfa@btinternet.com

Amanda Vooght

Sixty Years of Food and Farming

In case you were curious, the flowers of the agricultural lupin are a wonderful buttercup yellow and much smaller than the field lupin! I would like to thank the farmers who donated the seed for the crops. It gave us all a chance to see at close quarters the crops that are currently growing in the fields around our village. And it is amazing what those crops can be converted into, the edible for animals and humans and the inedible and toxic for industrial use.

Sixty years ago rationing in some form or other was still in force. The display of a wartime ration provoked the comment ‘what was the vegetarian option?’ when faced with lard, bacon, and a piece of meat worth 1 shilling and 2 pence (6p to most of you). How the supply of food has changed.

A big thank you to those who lent their precious cook books for this event, which spanned from the Victorian Diamond Jubilee to the Elizabethan Diamond Jubilee. Some of the recipes we recognised, some of the ingredients were unknown, but details of how to cook using a bread oven alongside cooking on a fire in a hearth were very instructive should I have a power cut!

Lastly my thanks to my fellow collaborator Pauline and all the other support staff. I did enjoy myself.

Persis Bower

From the Playgroup

Cheriton Bishop Playgroup would like to thank all those who had their lunch with us, and especially those who invited us to provide lunches for the food and farming event. We made an amazing £232.48, which will go direct to equipment for the local playgroup children. Thank you!

Pennie Coren, Playgroup Chairperson

Art Show held at St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop from the 1st to 4th June 2012.

On behalf of the Art Show organising group I would like to say a huge "Thankyou" to all those people who made this such an enjoyable and successful occasion. This includes the very talented artists who contributed their art work in pictures, cards and prints; the people who helped throughout the weekend as stewards in the church and the serving of refreshments in the Spalding Hall; the many people who helped to decorate the area with union jack bunting, and beautiful flowers inside the church; and those who helped set up the display boards and hang the pictures.

We are very grateful to Dr Simon Dudbridge for attending our preview evening and opening the event. It was good to see him and his wife back amongst us in a different venue. We thank those who gave such generous raffle prizes. They were greatly appreciated by the winners.

We all agreed that the weekend was a great occasion and contributed to the overall Festival of Culture. Many people were able to attend all the events that were organised and it was obvious that a lot of people had worked very hard to make the whole weekend the success that it was.

Thankyou again,
Beverly Greenslade

The Jubilee Festival Weekend in the Spalding Hall

Thank you very much for the six teams of three who, from Saturday to Monday, were on duty in the Spalding Hall providing refreshments for the Festival visitors. You all did a great job! The stints were quite lengthy, and I'm sorry that the Sunday teams probably had rather a boring time for a lot of the day – I think there were plenty of other things going on, the flotilla on the Thames for one.

Thank you, Jan, for coming to the rescue when we ran out of lunch time rolls on the Monday. And while mentioning a Mitchell, our thanks also to Paul and his team for the splendid new facilities in the Spalding Hall – the new decor, and Paul's sculptures, set off the check tablecloths and vases of flowers beautifully! Having Penny Gare's collage of lovely woodland photographs was also a bonus and they softened the general appearance of the hall as well as providing interest for the visitors. The layout of the equipment and tea-making boiling water "on tap" makes doing a turn in there so much more pleasurable.

Lastly, and most importantly, many thanks too to all those who brought cakes to the Hall to sell – all were greatly appreciated and we were able to raise £298 for church funds.

A BIG "THANK YOU" ALL ROUND!

Janet Grist

Church Fund-raising at the Festival Weekend

The sum of £1254 was raised from the Art Show, plus £275 over the weekend from the sale of cookery books, bringing in a total for the Parish Church of £1529 towards on-going running costs for this year.

Local Heroes

Crockernwell certainly stepped up to the mark and showed its' Royalist credentials with enthusiasm by people joining together to provide a very enjoyable celebration of the Diamond Jubilee that had something for all ages and will be talked about well into the future. The event was followed by the news that Bill Savage, who was the instigator and guiding light of the celebrations, was stepping down as Chair of the Parish Council after 5 years in the post although he remains as our Councillor. Thanks must go to Bill for all his sterling work on behalf of the Parish, hopefully this is not his swansong, just a chance to take a deep breath and a well deserved break.

It is noticeable that in every successful community there exists a core of quiet, often unsung, heroes, who, without any fuss, work very hard to ensure that our views are heard, our services meet our needs, flower and vegetable shows, art and craft exhibitions, sporting events and outings for those who would otherwise rarely get out, happen. You may see their names on Parish minutes, flyers and newsletters, entry forms and catalogues without really thinking about that work that they quietly undertake in the background. They are all local heroes who deserve our thanks and support, so the next time that the opportunity arises how about joining them? We all have something to offer.

Crockit

An Epic journey to raise money...

It is going to be a wonderful journey and perhaps I should have silly old fool tattooed on my forehead. On the 27th July I, and my three cycling colleagues, will be leaving Devon for John O Groats to return on a bicycle.

We will be joined along the way at various stages by my seven grandchildren and anyone else interested in partaking in a stage. Our reason for the journey is to raise money for The West of England School for Blind Children, who suffer not only with limited or no vision but also with many other underlying health factors. The staff at the school and college do an amazing job but do need help to add to the quality of life to their students.

The journey itself will take us approximately 18 days at an average of 50 miles a day. We can be followed on a daily internet blog by googling Curlys Cycle Challenge from the 29th July. For my part, I have succeeded in double success because at the age of near retirement I am an insulin dependent diabetic who was considerably overweight. As a result of my training I have reduced my weight by 2 stones, improved my general health and reduced my insulin intake by half. Long may it continue.

The children have also been the recipient of over 4,000 pounds already and the donations keep coming in. Anyone wishing to sponsor this wonderful cause can fill in the sponsor form at Checkers Store (thank you Maria) or donate online with Just Giving / West of England School and College.

In addition to this we are holding two events each for the entertainment of the sponsor. On Sunday the 12th August we are running a coach from the village to South Wales where you will be entertained by the Talgarth Male voice choir at the premise of Craft Renaissance, Usk. This will be preceded by a wonderful 2 course carvery lunch at Alice Spring golf course. All-in price £30 strictly first come first served. Anyone interested call me on 07816342824 or curlyscuisine@hotmail.com.

The final event is on the 19th August in the afternoon at the school in Exeter. Final cheque presentation, BBQ, bar, Exeter City and Chiefs players, live music all day, family fun and craft stalls. All welcome at £7 a head tickets as before and ALL proceeds go to these amazing children. Look forward to meeting as many as possible.

Thank you. Curly.

THE FALL AND RISE OF.....THE OLD THATCH INN

With apologies to Gibbon

Every week, twelve pubs/inns go out of business in this country! The demise of the British pub has been attributed to many factors including the availability of cheap “booze” from Supermarkets 24/7; the constraints of the Drink/Drive laws, particularly in rural areas; excessive tax on alcohol and businesses and of course the reduction in household disposable income. A few years ago freehold pubs, especially in villages like ours, were keenly sought after by people wanting a change in career direction or often by holiday makers finding an “idyllic pub” and deciding to “prop up the bar” for free and enjoy a good living and have a sound investment. Then, you could sell it on at a profit even if you hadn’t a clue how to run the business! That era has gone as property prices have slumped. For whatever reason, the Old Thatch Inn became one of the statistics – it was fifty-two a week closing only a couple of years ago - and for some time now, the building has become sad and almost derelict.

So who, one would ask, would be insane enough to take on the challenge of resurrecting this Inn from the graveyard so many are resting in? Step forward John Lightfoot, a local businessman who looks at the potential of run down or closed pubs, in the right hands. He already owns and leases the Kings Arms at South Zeal (home of Mariners Away!) and now he has acquired the Old Thatch which he believes, with the right people in charge, can return to its former glory.

Who are the people whose mission is to do just that? Meet Simon Saunders, the new Landlord, his partner Claire and their dog Todd. Simon admits to being passionate about pubs and has had fifteen years in the trade to prove it. He was last at the very successful “Ring of Bells” at North Bovey and before that at the Sandy Park Inn. He believes strongly that a pub should be a social place for drinking as well as for eating – not a glorified restaurant!

Meet also Andrew Burkin who is joint leaseholder with Simon and is the Chef. Andrew is single (well he has a dog called Alesha!) and has also fifteen years of successful pub/inn catering under his belt, some of which has been with Simon at the Ring of Bells. He is assisted in the kitchen by Caroline, his sister, who is not only Second Chef but is also a Pastry Chef and lives locally. Andrew says his Menu will reflect the seasonal availability of produce and the temperature outside! He is determined to source supplies locally and asks up to put a call out to anyone whose produce might be suitable. Call him on 24204. Simon and Andrew opened up at the end of May and already the bar is busy and you need to book a table twenty-four hours in advance to eat on Friday and Saturday nights. As the business builds they intend to recruit staff locally, but their next major step is to open up their letting accommodation within the next couple of weeks. Brave folk, you may say, taking on such a challenge, but if their enthusiasm, experience, dedication and industry is anything to go by, the Old Thatch will definitely rise and rise and rise.....

And a bonus for the Village already, we have a building that no longer looks derelict – it might even help us in the next “Best Village” competition!

BWBE – roving reporter

Gardening news from the Hort Soc

Gardeners, hopefully, are a resilient group of people. Despite the odds, there were plants for sale on Saturday 5th May and with a bit of luck these are now growing well in gardens and greenhouses. Those attending the delightful Jubilee Party at the School may have noticed mangetout peas and potatoes growing in their garden. These plants were sown at the Spring Show, grown on under some protection elsewhere and then planted out after the Plant Sale. The weather being as fickle as it is, a green house is a great asset. The pupils have been saving plastic bottles to use as ‘building blocks’ for a ‘greenhouse’. A grant from the Horticultural Society will now move this project forward to the construction stage so that the pupils can raise their own plants and enjoy ‘their fruits of their labours’. With luck, there will be gardeners to enter future shows!

Drought and deluge seem to be the major factors controlling our gardens at the moment. Depending on your preferences the Olympics will either hinder or help your gardening time management! But after all that excitement the **Village Show on Saturday 18th August** will provide some local interest as the Society celebrates 40 years of Shows. The new situations vacant page has scored its first success with offers of help to run the village website. The Show Schedule will appear on the site in July but paper copies of the Show Schedule will be available as usual at the shop and in the church. Or if you find email easier, I have an electronic copy to send; email me on persis@rmbower.plus.com now to see what minor changes to the schedule have been made.

Persis Bower

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'd like to express my appreciation for all who worked so hard to provide such a variety of events over the Jubilee weekend and made it a wonderful occasion to remember. As in other villages (and hamlets) around us, these were organized by groups of volunteers coming together to arrange the various celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee and, in Cherry B, our own culture and heritage.

I gather that Friday's Jubilee Street Party (in the school playground) went with a swing, and was attended by many older residents as well as parents and families. I don't consider myself a particular connoisseur of art, but I found the wonderful variety of styles and pictures at the Art Show most inspiring, and with the refreshments and introduction by Simon Dudbridge, a feast in more senses than one. The Spalding Hall looked lovely with Penny Gare's Tree photos and Paul Mitchell's sculpture. I was also impressed with the catering teams working in both the Village Hall on Saturday and the Spalding Hall throughout the weekend to delicious effect, and the commitment of those who organized the historical and food and farming exhibition (with some well-known faces in earlier days). The ration portions per week showed just how lucky we are today! – with our very own recipe book launched to emphasize the point. (Where can we get more copies please?)

Flags were seen in many windows and gardens, and Sunday's Diamond Service took place in a packed, bedecked Village Hall, the flag flying outside, followed by a concert of Devon songs, stories and poetry, ranging from comment on Dairy regulations about to be introduced, to a 16th century account of the defeat of the Armada. So whether people are monarchists or republicans, or just lovers of our community and country, there was something for everyone. Some may have travelled to attend the Jubilee celebrations elsewhere, but I hope I am one of many who have enjoyed and appreciated the events and opportunities near at hand.

Yours sincerely

Gill Westcott

Dear Madam

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their hard work in organizing the events over the jubilee weekend. The events were interesting and very professionally carried out. My husband and I particularly enjoyed the butter demonstration given by Pauline Scanes as well as the beautiful art show.

However, I would just like to say that it was disappointing that (apart from the art show with the drawings of the Queen by the children) there seemed to be no Royalist theme to tie in with the events. This seemed to be highlighted by the virtual absence of bunting and flags at the venues which I feel would have given a more festive atmosphere bearing in mind that in this country we now

have 90% in favour of a Monarchy. I appreciate that at times like this resources and money are tight but if asked I would have willingly given a hand (as I did in the village hall for refreshments) to put up decorations and a donation if necessary.

Once again a big thank you to all those involved in doing their bit for the village not just for this event but for all other community activities – the hard work is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully
Charlotte Jeans

Dear Editor

I would like to start this letter by saying a very big “thank you” to everyone involved in the Local History and Food Farming exhibition in the Village Hall which I found very interesting and the Art Show in St Mary's Church over the Jubilee weekend. The cakes and other food was great too.

I know a lot of work went into these events – I attended all of them except the School Party because it was a work day. But I was very sad that I did not understand what they had to do with the Queen's Jubilee.

The Devon Music Night was very nice – thanks to everyone who took part – but not a word, a song or toast to the Queen.

I do think these events would have waited until another weekend. This was a good opportunity for the Village to get together all in one place and have a good time.

Just one more very big thank you to Derek Coren for leading the Diamond Jubilee Service on Sunday afternoon and for decorating the Village Hall. It was lovely to hear all those stories the people had about the Queen and the film. And thanks to the ladies for the lovely cream teas.

Pat Werring

Ed: As Editor I should probably stay out of the 'fray' on this, but since I must admit to being the initial instigator of the Festival of Culture aspect of this weekend I offer the following as “me defense, y'er Honour”...

The first week in June was chosen simply because it offered a four-day bank holiday and was the one weekend during the summer when there was to be no service in the parish church, thus allowing it to be the perfect venue for the Art Show. From November 2011 regular items in this news-letter invited individuals and groups to come forward with their ideas and offers of help for the weekend and many enthusiastic people did so and did their bit in their own way. Both the school and the Combined churches already had the Diamond Jubilee at the forefront of their plans and we all worked together to try and provide something for everyone during the weekend. As far as I am aware no individuals or any other groups came forward at that time with ideas specifically pertaining to the Jubilee. It would have been easy to have incorporated other events and these would have been very welcome.

The Festival of Culture was never expected to take the place of the Diamond Jubilee celebration but, as was said repeatedly in the news-letter and in the 1000 leaflets distributed prior to the event, was an opportunity for the village to celebrate the 2012 Cultural Olympiad in our own informal way during what was already going to be a celebratory weekend. Jenny G.

Dear Editor

What a wonderful full few days of activities we enjoyed in Cheriton over the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend! We managed to have lunch and/or tea/supper out on each day while browsing around the various venues looking at art, history, and all the other interesting items. So much hard work must have gone on for months before, and during, the event to make it all happen. We especially enjoyed the old cookbooks from the last 60 years, and the voluminous growths of a variety of crops in tubs!! We did our best to do justice to all the luscious food that was on offer, and poured over the old censuses and the more up-to-date artwork, sculpture and photographic exhibits. Then we attended a hilarious, tuneful, jolly and poignant evening of entertainment where all sorts of previously unknown talents we brought before us together with a nourishing ploughman's supper with local cider!

There was a lot of laughter and fun and reminiscing and much of that was while preparing the various venues, setting up the art show and putting together the cookery book etc!

We'd like to say a **really big thank you** to all those people who did a huge amount of planning and work to make a very memorable celebration. We feel so lucky to be living in this community.

Name withheld

Dear Editor

I am sure everyone who attended the many events over the Festival of Cultural weekend, would like to join us in saying a big thank you to Jenny Grist, for arranging and overseeing all four days and to everyone else who worked so hard to make it a great success.

Neil and Sally Sellick

Dear fellow Villagers,

I was not here during the jubilee weekend, and therefore cannot comment on what did or did not happen here in Cheriton Bishop. I would also like you to know that I didn't choose to go to the fume-filled streets or tube stations of London. We must remember that a vast number of members of this village are INCOMERS. We do have family and friends elsewhere, and we often choose to take ourselves off and enjoy a different way of life for a while. Others of us have families with children at school and this time of year is the time they take their holidays. Usually I am very happy to return and see my friends here and listen

to all your activities that you enjoyed, but this time, how sad I am to hear gripes and groans about the Jubilee weekend and the village.

My understanding is that a villager told Judi Spiers of Radio Devon that Cheriton had nothing up in the way of flags, with the exception of a paper plate adorned with the Union Jack at the entrance to the village. No Street party planned etc etc. Which Judi Spiers repeated on her program.

I say shame on them, their energy would have been better served actually doing something constructive. I have it on good authority that Tedburn, Thorverton and Exminster as three examples, had Jubilee Committees, who have been fund raising and planning for at least 10 months. Also that none of these villages had any assistance from their Parish Councils, nor did they expect it.

It has been mentioned that at one event that took place in the village, there was no mention of the Queen. I am sure nobody would have stopped any of you raising your glass to her majesty, if that was what you wanted to do.

Having been involved in many fun events within the village, I can assure you, they do not just happen by magic. My point of this letter is that we have to include everybody and work together telling each other what we would like and then discussing the possibilities.

It is called communication!

A lot of people have been extremely hurt by comments made, people who give an awful lot of their time and effort to the village, which could have been given to their families.

And all VOLUNTARILY.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. DON'T EXPECT OTHERS TO DO IT ALL. GET OFF OF YOUR BACK SIDES AND JOIN IN.

Jean Martin

Dear Editor,

It is wonderful to hear that so many people are concerned about the provision of village celebrations (Diamond Jubilee etc.). Their names are noted: to be the future movers, shakers and helpers for the next big village occasion.

"Retired" Persis and Richard, and Patience

Dear Editor

How lovely our village environs are looking despite the wet and windy weather. Grass is cut, very little litter on the roads, flowers are blooming in the beds by the war memorial, and the area by the Silver Jubilee seat has pots and tubs to brighten it up. I think we will be giving a good account of ourselves when the judges come round for the Best Kept Village Competition! Thanks to all those folk who regularly turn out to do their bit with these outdoor jobs!!

Name withheld

And a final contribution from a very thoughtful individual who popped this piece anonymously into the news-letter box...

Some food for thought for everyone in "our" Community!

Extract taken from Theodore Roosevelt's famous speech,

"The Man in the Arena"

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the

arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Name withheld

SITUATIONS VACANT

.....of a voluntary nature within the parish

TREASURER NEEDED For the VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

This very friendly committee would very much welcome someone to carry on the sterling work of Pat, who has been doing the job for the last eight years! The ideal applicant will be someone who likes being organised and is happy to do some book-work in their own time, The account-keeping is fairly straightforward, but needs to be done regularly with money banked and bills sent out monthly. Another aspect is keeping an eye on the budgeting and producing a report at meetings and for the trustees. Meetings are usually held six times a year.

Your reward: the satisfaction of a job well done

And the undying appreciation of the rest of the committee!

Please "apply" to Tim Gorrington on 24789.

SHOW SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Horticultural Society are looking for someone to help organise the three shows that we put on each year: the Spring Show in March, Mid summer show in June, and Village Show in August. The job involves working with the Hort soc committee (a very jovial crew) to update the show schedules each Autumn and arrange the printing. Then it is a matter of being at the helm to make sure everything is co-ordinated on the day and generally oversee the event. The job brings its own satisfaction and is enjoyable for anyone who likes getting things organised. It does involve using a computer but the present secretary's skills (mine) are quite basic! If this is something you would like to consider taking on, please call me (Jenny Grist) on 01647 281110 to find out more. No press-ganging or arm twisting will be used, but maybe a little bribery if necessary...

An interest in gardening is useful but not essential!

Fill a vacancy and enjoy being part of your community!

CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
WATCHING & CARING – NOT SNOOPING
DOES IT WORK?

No doubt there are a lot of cynics who think Neighbourhood Watch is just a snoopers' paradise or at worst, a waste of time! So here is an example of how it worked over the Jubilee Weekend in Cheriton Bishop. A villager (NHW member) 'phoned the writer on Saturday morning to advise me that a couple of guys had been to her house, apparently representing a children's charity. She felt they were "pressure selling" to sign her up for regular payments through her Bank and even entered her home and sat on the stairs to write up her Bank details! Wisely, she didn't succumb!! I was just on my way to the Village Hall Food Farming and History Exhibition when I took her call so, when I got there, I asked around if anyone else had been approached. Negative. But the word was around!

Shortly after this, another NHW member advised me that these guys were at a house nearby. Pat and I left the Hall to see if we could find them (against Police Advice!), but they had moved on so we walked down to Glebelands where we spotted them. They looked legitimate so identified ourselves from NHW and told them that we had heard from our very strong NHW members' network adverse reports on their selling methods, which of course they denied. They did admit to sitting on the stairs in one house, but agreed not to enter homes unless invited.

They were, as far as we could ascertain from their identification and uniform, genuine professional canvassers employed, probably on commission, by the Charity. We returned to the Hall but within an hour, another member banged my ear because they had entered his house in Church Lane. The Police were called this time, but these were the Okehampton/Tavistock team and didn't arrive until mid-afternoon at our house, to take details. Messaging went out by e-mail to our members as the Police wanted urgently to locate them. They had left the Village by this time and the Police are too busy to give us any feedback!

Our Neighbourhood Watch communications worked well and we did get feed back from our e-mails. But beware! Charities employ and no doubt incentivise canvassers to try and persuade you to part with money (not in this case since we know that one member offered a cash donation which was refused - one of the reasons we concluded they were legitimate) or make regular donations from your Bank.

To be safe, don't let strangers into your home however honest they appear to be and certainly never give away your Bank details. Get the Charity to write to you if you want to make a standing order.

If you are suspicious of a caller and their activity call the Police on 101.

Brian Bryon-Edmond, Deputy Area Co-ordinator, 01647 24696

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton - We regularly run a minibus service on alternate Wednesdays for Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and Tedburn, this month it will be 4th, 18th July and 1st August to Sainsbury's Supermarket, Alphington. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is £3 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café now twice monthly - We are now running afternoon cafés on the second Thursday of each month, this month it will be 12th July 2.00pm – 4.00pm. This is in addition to our usual morning café on the last Thursday of each month 10.30 to 12.30 which will be Thursday 26th July. If you are concerned about your memory, or if you are a carer of someone with a memory problem, and you would like to join our group or would like more details please call Margaret on 01647 252622. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill on the B3212 adjacent to Dunsford village – look out for the sign. Come and enjoy some homemade refreshments and meet new friends.

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – There will not be a lunch club in July.

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.

Loan equipment - If you have borrowed a wheelchair, walking frame, bath seat etc from Acorn and you no longer need it could you please contact Jackie 01647 252701 so that we can arrange for it to be collected.

Joan Bainbridge presentation - We are pleased to announce that almost £300 was collected from within the community to mark Joan's retirement after 23 years with Acorn. Joan has chosen to donate this to charity. Two Retirement Messages books have been circulated and were presented with the cheque to Joan at a small private gathering.

New appointment - We are pleased to announce the appointment of Hilary Mathieu as Community Care Manager. Hilary is a Registered Nurse and is experienced in working with elderly, infirm and frail people. She is available for home visits throughout the area covered by the Cheriton and Teign Valley GP Practice. Acorn continues to provide a wide range of services which compliment those available from your surgery. If you would like to contact Hilary please contact the Acorn Office on 252701.

News from Elsewhere

Final reminder! Dunsford Show, Saturday 7 July

Come rain or shine please come and support this year's Dunsford Show – we've got a great entertainment line up this year including Bird of Prey displays by Dartmoor Hawking, Punch & Judy shows by Storybox Theatre, live music from local band – Lush, and cheerleader, judo and Taiko drumming displays.

For all the latest news and details on the horse show, dog show and children's competition classes please see the website: www.dunsfordshow.co.uk

12 – 5pm, horse show starts 9.30am
Dunsford, just before Steps Bridge on B3212 Exeter to Moretonhampstead Road.
Sat Nav: EX6 7EG

Advance Notice!

Holcombe Burnell Church Arts & Crafts Show will take place between 28th and 30th September. Friday 28th September 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 29th, 10 am – 6 pm, and Sunday 30th, 10 am – 4 pm. Free entrance and Refreshments available. Help needed: Cakes to Jane Blight (01392) 811246, and volunteers to act as stewards: Alex Ferguson (01392) 811330.

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