



Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

June 2020

“Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are floating by;
All the world is dressed in green;
Many happy birds are seen,
Roses bright and sunshine clear
Show that lovely June is here.”

F. G. SANDERS



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Useful Information

Doctors and Healthcare

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

Surgery: 8.00 to 9.30 am, Monday to Friday - no appointment needed. **Out of Hours:** Call 111. **Emergency:** Call 999

The Patient Group: Amanda Vooght (Chair) - 01647 24593, Steve Colderick (Secretary) - 01647 24818

TALKWORKS Depression & Anxiety Service (South & West Devon): 0300 555 33 44

Minor Injuries Unit: Okehampton Medical Centre, 8.15 am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday

Emergency Services

Electricity: 0800 365 900

Gas: 0800 111 999

Water: 0344 346 2020

Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

Streetlights, potholes: 0345 155 1004 • csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

Police

Non-emergency: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin - 01647 24586

Schools and Local Organisations

Cheriton Bishop Primary School: 01647 24817 (term time only)

Head Teacher: Alex Waterman, Secretary: Linda McCracken, Chair of Governors: Jo Carter, PTFA: Dee Studholme-Côté

Cheriton Bishop Pre-school: 01647 281205 - Play Leader: Christine Grist

Acorn Community Support: 01647 252701

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Young Farmers: Georgia Pearce - 07563 382705

Walking Group: Dennis Milton - 01647 272844 and Jon Whitehead - 01647 281454

Farming Community Networks (FCNs) helpline: 0300 111999 or Joanne Jones - 07897 540278

Churches

Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop - 01647 24119, Tuesday to Sunday
Church Warden: Alan Greenslade - 01647 24002

Crockernwell Church: Rev. Julian Albrow, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG - 01392 255791
Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald - 01647 24446

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren - 01647 24264

Halls & Meeting Rooms

Village Hall: Tim Gorrington - 01647 24789

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Local Authorities

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Tedburn S M Parish Clerk: Jane Clark - 07932 386023

Crockernwell Parish Cllrs: Ysanne James (Chair)
Peter Brennan (Vice Chair)

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June Newsletter...

Welcome to the June 2020 Edition

Dear readers,

Just a short intro from me this month as I'm trying to save paper and ink.

Well, it looks like we are trying to limp out of the lockdown at last with garden centres now open and the schools will be opening for some pupils – hopefully. We're still not sure (at time of writing) if the planned re-opening of schools will definitely go ahead on June 1st, so we will just have to wait and see.

It is understandable that parents may have misgivings about their children returning to school, but Cheriton Bishop Pre-School and Primary will continue to help and support their families. The school will still be open for the children of Key Workers as it has been throughout the lockdown.

Please, please, please continue to help and support one another in the village and surrounding areas as we are still staying alert and staying safe

I am so grateful for all the helpful and happy villagers living here. Acorn and the Village Support Group are continuing to provide their invaluable help and we are all incredibly grateful.

Stay safe and stay well and keep up the good work everyone. The sun is out, the flowers are blooming. Enjoy.

Take care.

Lucy x

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Cost of inserting A4 flyer = £10

Please contact **Patience** on **01647 24350**

Online Info – Cheriton Bishop Website

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

Please check out this link to a postcard collection of the village:
<http://cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/>



Dates for your Diary

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

June 2020

25 Jun	Gardening Club Visit at Day Spring Nursery	Postponed
26 Jun	Grand Summer Ball - YFC	TBC

Forthcoming Events

4 Jul	Gardening Club - Hand Tied Arrangements	TBC
From 31 Jul - 2 Aug	Secret Art Auction at Caribarn Studio	TBC
8 Aug	Gardening Club - Village Show	TBC

Mobile Library - Tues 28th July

Village Stop Arrive Depart

Drewsteignton	Square	12:10	12:30
Clifford Bridge	Clifford Bridge	13:30	13:50
Crockernwell	Stanbury's Orchard	14:10	14:40
Cheriton Bishop	Glebelands	14:50	15:45

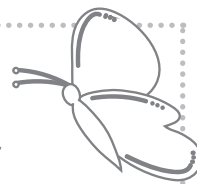
Future Library Visits, 2020: 25th August, 22nd September, 20th October, 17th November, 15th December

Online Newsletter

We are reducing printed copies of the Newsletter for the foreseeable future, but we will still be producing it.

Find the Newsletter and other useful information at www.cheritonbishop.org.uk

July & August Deadline



Please note:

Next month is a double issue for July & August.

All copy for the July & August 2020 edition needs to be received by

Saturday 20th June

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

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Looking to buy or have something to sell?

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Charges for lineage ads are £1 per line to include a contact number.

What's On?

Grand Summer Ball

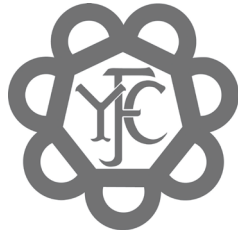
Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

Friday 26th June

Tickets are available now.
Please contact:

07563 382705

More details to follow...



Secret Art Auction

**Fri July 31st July to Sun 2nd August,
Caribarn Studio, Cheriton Bishop**

Entrance by invitation on Friday 6.30 to 9pm, Saturday & Sunday 2 to 4pm with tea and cake. Any proceeds to St.Mary's church, Cheriton Bishop. Directions and further information given later. Please call with any enquiries **01647 24840**

Cheriton Bishop Support Group – Hello!

If you need some help as you're self-isolating, or would like to volunteer, give us a ring.

Phone Emma on **01647 24848**

We are a group of volunteers who would like to support the community that we live in and ensure that nobody is left isolated or without support. We don't ask for anything in return, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We will endeavour to help you if you need support during this trying time with such things as picking up shopping, dog walking,

urgent supplies, posting mail or a friendly phone call.

We are your local neighbours and not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and where we can all stay safe.

If you need medical advice, use the online service at **111.nhs.uk/covid-19/**

If you have no internet access, call NHS **111** from your phone.

In a medical emergency, dial **999**

Other useful contacts:

Acorn: **01647 252701**

Samaritans: **116 123**

Food Delivery & Takeaway

The Red Lion Inn, Tedburn St Mary

01647 61374

A delivery and takeaway menu has been launched to help the local community in the current situation. They are offering *free delivery* to help those who can't get out.

Deliveries: Call before midday for a lunch or after 5.30pm for dinner.

Collections: Lunch 12-2pm. Dinner 6-9pm.

FaceBook

Our 'Cheriton Bishop Village' FaceBook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area, created to complement the monthly newsletter.

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

Letters to the Editor

Rodney's Hospital Visit & Cornea Transplant

Warning: Not for the squeamish! - Ed

First of all let me thank all my friends and acquaintances for all the kind words and thoughts sent during my extended period of illness.

I requested not to have general anaesthetic but have the injection and be awake as I have been on the previous operations. On arrival at the ward a nurse completed all the paperwork and legal forms, then coupled me up to check the blood pressure, which was deemed fine, then it was wait for the surgical team to decide the order of operations, and am pleased to say I was first up.

A nurse walked me into the pre-theatre and I climbed onto the gurney and was made comfortable. The anaesthetist administered the injections to numb the eye and socket. More checks to make sure who I was and what was to be done before I was wheeled into the theatre proper and carefully positioned under the microscopes and lights.

The good thing about being awake is to listen to the banter going on and I was able to comment that the last time I was there music was playing, which prompted one of them to couple it up. My request for "Buena Vista Social Club" probably was not on their play list...

The splash masking was applied to my face around the eye and the business commenced, I knew it was going to be quite a long procedure and relaxed feeling very comfortable, I concentrated on not moving and occasionally found myself quite tense from time to time, and had to slowly relax.

Mr Knox-Cartwright, the consultant surgeon, who has always treated me, enquired occasionally if I was alright, to which I replied "Yes thank you, I am only here for the ride, it's you who is having to do all the work!"

As on the other occasions, it was not a pleasurable experience, but an interesting one none the less. Although there was no pain there was a sensation which I could tell was the needle sewing on the new cornea. This involved a bit of pushing and shoving and my head being held

steady, but no real discomfort. The hour soon passed and I was advised the operation was over, a dressing applied covered by a plastic shield and I was helped into a wheel chair by the Theatre Assistant who remarked how still I had been, which in his experience, was quite rare. I told him when I was a little boy and had been naughty, my mum would stand me in a corner and tell me not to speak. On one occasion I was so quiet, she had forgotten I was there and when she remembered, was most contrite!! So I was well practised at keeping still and quiet, something which later on in my film career stood me in good stead when the director called "Action"

After a cup of coffee and a couple of digestive biscuits to recover my senses, I was given the paperwork and a goody bag containing a bottle of eye-drops(4 per day).

My friend Tina Neal came and collected me to drive me home to a nice cup of tea – and instructions to take it easy, and she would be back in the morning to run me back in for the quick post-op check, which was OK and another appointment booked for the clinic in a week.

I'm pleased to report the operation to remove the infected cornea and replace it with a 'new' one so far has been a success – for which I should like to thank the donor, whoever they may be.

Let's hope it will be third-time lucky!! I feel I have worn a groove from my place to the hospital with over 50 visits, and counting...

Post Script, November 2019

In fact, it required two more operations to replace the corneas, the last one was in May 2019 – which so far has behaved itself. On each occasion the procedure has been much the same, with soft background music already playing. The surgeon and I are now on first name terms.

I still cannot see out of the eye, other than fuzzy outlines, but I have been assured it should return in about a years time, but I will keep my eye open for that!

Rodney Rushton

Letters to the Editor

News & Update from the Village Hall

Many of you may know that the Village Hall had a new kitchen fitted at the beginning of the year, including an industrial dishwasher. We did not get time to paint the kitchen as well before the lockdown so the work is not quite complete, but the kitchen is usable. As we all begin to think about when the pandemic comes to an end we hope people will plan events using the new facilities.

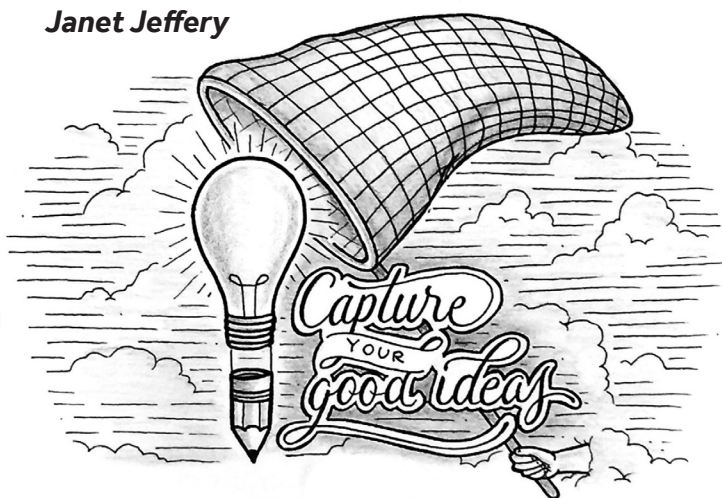
Your thoughts please...

One good piece of news is that under the government scheme to compensate small businesses which have had to stop because of the lockdown, the Village Hall was awarded £10,000, which has more than paid for the kitchen. Now we are beginning to think about our next project - what would the village like to encourage more use of the hall?

Please let me have your ideas so they can be discussed when we are allowed to have the much delayed A.G.M. Thank you!

Please me on **01647 24414** or send an e-mail to janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk

Janet Jeffery



Message from Acorn

Acorn Community Support continues to offer social, emotional and practical support to members of our community. If you would like any help or support, or are worried about someone in the community, please contact via email to office@acorncommunitysupport.co.uk or call **01647 252701**

Visit our website at: www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

To the good people of Cheriton Bishop

Greetings and very best wishes to each and every one of you for good health and positive well being. My husband, Wayne, and I have been privileged to visit your wonderful village and stay on two occasions with dear friends, the Mitchells. I can close my eyes and see the sights of Devon and Dartmoor: wonderful walks along the River Teign to the Fingle Bridge; rambling strolls along the moors; and friendly spontaneous chats with various citizens in the area.

Please convey to anyone whom you feel might be interested in knowing that you have friends in central North Carolina, USA. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you - and, as many people on both sides of the Atlantic down through the years have said, "We WILL get through this!"

Stay well. Kind regards,

Kathi & Wayne Jacobs
Randleman, NC USA

Letters to the Editor

Living in the Suburbs

'Suburb' is a Latin word (sub urbe – below, or outside the city). Ancient towns were mostly walled or fenced, and outside the walls were the lean-tos and shacks where the laundrymen and women, the people who dealt with night soil, and who grew lettuces, lived. Isca Dumnoniorum had a suburb – I imagine what we call 'St Thomas' was the first one, reached by coracle across the muddy Exe until a Roman engineer took things in hand and built a bridge. Jolly good it was too, and lasted until the mid 1960s.

What we call suburbs were different. They emerged at the end of the eighteenth century, driven by the needs of the rising middle class. Old cities had many great houses or palaces, but otherwise were crammed, cramped, noisy and smelly. The new bourgeois, mostly merchants and bankers, wanted something different. The lovely houses to the east of Baker St station in London are some of the first suburbs: commodious, each with their garden, and giving on to a park. A park was originally an aristocratic space but now it was democratised: here one could walk amongst trees, flowers and even lakes without the inconvenience of having to watch where you trod. As the railways spread so did the suburbs: hundreds of thousands of acres of identical semi detached houses followed the Metropolitan Line and the Piccadilly line, each with their little garden, and interspersed with parks.

Beyond the suburb was the country: this was where the land ceased being an amenity and became a workplace. Here people lived in market towns (Crediton, Chagford etc), villages and hamlets. Going west from Exeter a line of villages

was strung out
like the beads
of a necklace:
Whitestone,
Tedburn, Cheriton,
Crockernwell,
Whiddon Down,
Sticklepath, South
Zeal. Villages

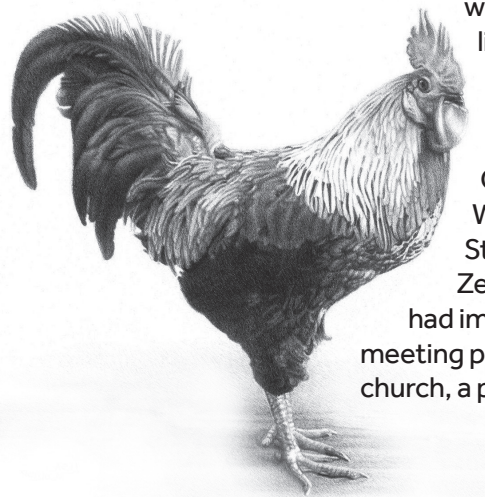
had important social
meeting places: a hall, a
church, a pub, if you were

lucky a school, and if you were very lucky a surgery. But they weren't towns, or suburbs. Country people lived here. One expected sheep and cattle to be driven through the village; tractors were more common than cars; many villagers kept pigs; and almost every villager kept chickens (or, as they prefer to say in Devonshire, 'chicken'). Why should chicken live on collective farms?

Like most (but not all) species chicken need male and female in order to procreate. Unlike humans the male of this species is brash, bullying and noisy. He makes his insistent contribution to the dawn chorus. He's not much use, but without him chicken quickly runs out. No eggs, no cakes, no custard. As with humans, fertilised eggs produce roughly 50-50 of boys and girls. Since chickens are not monogamous (and monogamy is simply a way of finding something for males to do, otherwise 99 out of a hundred boy babies would have to be exposed to die, following the ancient Spartans), you only need a few boys, but before the surplus boys can be eaten they need to grow to a decent size – let's say a crowing size. You then get competitive crowing in the morning. Quite a concert. Shostakovitch at his brassy best.

Mass car ownership and the building of huge new roads, not passing through villages, began to change the nature of the village. Driving animals through the village became impossible, especially at school drop off and pick up times. Fewer and fewer villagers did the work of the countryside. More people, seeking the same amenities the suburb provided in the early nineteenth century, moved to the village. They brought suburban attitudes with them: roads must have pavements! Streets must be lighted! Our peace must not be disturbed by....male chicken! Oh dear! Has the village really become a suburb? Has the vulgarity and competitive individualism of the town taken over the village? Are we a village, i.e. a place where those who do the work of the countryside live, and know its rhythms, values and practices, or are we...a suburb? There are lots of suburbs; I understand those who want to live there. But personally, I have to say I prefer the country. Hurrah for cockerels say I.

Tim Gorringe



Letters to the Editor

Transport For Key Workers

Due to the reduction of bus services across the county, Devon County Council are trialling an on-demand subsidised taxi service for Devon residents for key workers accessing employment only. This service is intended to replace those journeys which were previously made by bus - a subsidised flat fare will be charged.

Requests can only be made by email and should be sent to devonbus@devon.gov.uk

Please include the following information in your email:

Name and Address,

Key Worker Status

Employer / Payroll Ref

Journey Requirements (pick up/drop off)

We will aim to respond to all requests as soon as possible during normal office hours.

Journeys should be booked 48 hours in advance of travel.

School News

As you will be aware the press over the past week has been full of the issues surrounding the partial opening of our schools from 1st June for Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, if it is safe to do so. For the governments information and guidance, please visit:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopeningschools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june

Obituary

Angela Margaret Beckett, born 8th March 1934

For those of you who do not know, it is with regret that I have to announce the death of my darling wife Angela at home peacefully on Thursday 23rd April, after 64 years of marriage.

She had spent a week at the RD & Exeter hospital with suspected Corona virus, but with two tests completed, these proved to be negative. She came home on Monday 20th April but sadly deteriorated.

Since moving to Cheriton Bishop some 8 years ago, she has not been in the greatest of health, but has loved living here. She delighted in watching the cows and sheep from the garden in the fields which we overlooked, and being a member of the village and church community.

Due to current restrictions, Angela was cremated at a private service on May 7th with close family present at a very short service led by Rev Martin Wood. We intend having a celebration event in the future when conditions allow.

Our thanks to our marvellous Cheriton Bishop Practice, all the doctors, nurses, dispensary and office team who looked after Angela so kindly. Also, our thanks to the NED Care ladies who likewise visited her and to all of you for your best wishes, thoughts and support both now and during Angela's time here in Cheriton.

Michael Beckett



Neighbourhood Watch

Our New Way of Life

Over the last few weeks, we have changed the way we use technology in ways we probably never imagined. Very quickly we've had to adapt to having children at home 24/7, home schooling, managing the time they spend on line, using video conferencing software to keep in touch with family and friends and more on line shopping. With changes in the way we use technology, it is vital we make sure it is done securely as advised on government website 'Cyber Aware'. By the time this is published a little more normality will perhaps have come back into our lives such as schools opening to certain age groups and garden centres opening their doors. The message is still the same to be careful at all times and two metre distancing.

With extra independence to exercise and open air recreation, fairness will weigh heavily in our area with people questioning the action of others, which is why everyone must ask themselves to 'think twice' about their own actions. Could it seriously affect other people. Remember, we are being asked by the government to do something to save lives.

Crime Using Covid -19

With the current Covid-19 situation, cyber criminals are sending emails that claim to have a cure for the virus, offer a financial reward, or encourage you to donate. These scams are preying on world concerns to try to trick people into clicking to open sections of their email. As mentioned many times please do not click on anything that looks suspicious and not expected and certainly do not open anything when asked to do so.

Burglaries

Its reported that there is an increase in house burglaries, commercial properties and of farm vehicles in Devon & Cornwall. Keep all property locked and secure and report any suspicious behaviour / vehicles around plus registration to the police

Silent 999 Calls

If its too dangerous to speak in an emergency you can still make a call to the police, This is known as 'Silent 999' calls and are not automatically

transferred to the police. If a call is made but the person can't speak for fear the call will be overheard, dial 55 when asked to do so by the emergency operator who will continue with a set of questions in a one way conversation. Only a cough or tap is required as an answer.

Scammers

We have all heard of 'BitCoin'. Well scammers are trying to make victims to pay a BitCoin ransom by threatening to publish and expose information they have on them. Scammers may include in a email the persons password. Please protect yourself if you receive such an email by NOT replying or clicking on any links and don't make a payment. If the email includes a password you are still using change it immediately. Report to the police at 101 or 101@dc.police.uk

Farms

At this time of year livestock worrying is of particular concern particularly during lambing. Please remember to use rights of way and access to land and to keep dogs on a lead. Theft of livestock continues, with some slaughtered at the scene and deer poaching continues we are told. Cold calling on rural business and farms with subsequent theft of scrap metal, road fuel and heating oil. Upgrading farm tracks and roads is a way of getting rid of illegal waste onto land. Security is essential as always and remaining vigilant of all suspicious activity.

Drop In Crime

However, having highlighted some of the types of crime that are going on at the moment, Devon & Cornwall Police have shown another drop in crime this now being the second safest area of the 43 in England and Wales. Overall crime was down 3% to end of December 2019 when compared to same period in 2018. This is very good news and lets hope it continues.

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

Contact:

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

Health & Lifestyle

Practice News

The practice continues to provide support and care through these difficult times. Although the amount of COVID 19 in our area has been small, the social distancing has affected us all.

We would like to thank all those in the different communities that have stepped up to provide support to their villages. There are currently deliveries of medications going out to a large number of patients who are isolating/shielding. It has been an amazing effort and a demonstration of the great community spirit. Whilst we know that there are huge numbers of volunteers supporting the Home Delivery Service, and we thank you all very much, we would like to especially thank the coordinators who are doing a sterling job – Emma, Ruth, Jenny, Jackie, Elliot, Gill, Tessa, Philip, Kathy and Mandy.

This period has meant we are providing more care to our patient's remotely. We have started using new methods to improve

communication. We have systems to broadcast messages and also allow dialogue via text and view pictures, as well as provide email or video consultations. We would ask that if you haven't received a text from the surgery, we probably don't have an up to date mobile phone number, so please email this to us via D-CCG.CheritonBishop@nhs.net

We will be offering on-going reviews at the surgery for lower risk patients and you will be contacted in due course. However, things are changing on a weekly basis.

There are national reports of patients not seeking help for serious conditions. Please ensure you contact us if you have significant health concerns as it maybe sometime before we return to business as usual.

We have recently upgraded the website and created links to additional services. Have an explore and visit **www.cheritonbishoppractice.co.uk**

Would you like to do a First Aid Course?



The Parish Council is proposing to organise a First Aid course in the village hall taking place it is hoped in June of this year. The course will either run during the day, evening or on a Saturday. Numbers are limited but the Parish Council would consider a second course if needed. To gauge interest, please contact: Dennis Milton on **01647 272844** or email: dennismilton.design@gmail.com

Message from your GP Surgery

Please adhere to HM Government and NHS recommendations regarding suspected Coronavirus symptoms. Do not visit the surgery or hospital if you have a high temperature or a new and continuous cough.

Visit **[NHS.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)** for guidance or call **111** if you cannot get online or if your symptoms worsens.

In The Garden

Gardening Club News

Thank you to everybody who supported the plant swap. When I put the table away I was surprised at how little was left, so I hope all our spare plants have gone off to a happier life than on the compost heap!

By the time you read this the mini-show will have been and gone, do check out the results on the Facebook page for Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club or the village website.

Because of all the current uncertainty we have decided to postpone the visit to

Dayspring Nursery until later in the year, when members who are in isolation might be able to join us. The final decision about the Summer Show is yet to be made but there are doubts about whether we can go ahead. A final decision will be made for the next newsletter.

Happy gardening - at least some of the younger members can visit a Garden Centre for some retail therapy now,

Janet Jeffery

Gearing up for the Summer Garden

Even if you think your garden is as tidy as it can be, everything will be growing so fast in June that there will still be lots to do. And as we approach mid-summer's day, the evenings will be light for as long as you have energy to garden!

As roses bloom in their early summer glory, you can enjoy them by immersing yourself in them, enjoying their scent and removing spent flower heads. That is an enjoyable job even on the hottest summer day.

There will be weeds pushing their way up through garden plants and some plants will need cutting back to let more tentative neighbours have a share of sunlight and space.

If you have been restrained enough not to plant out tender plants until June, then it must be safe now to put them outdoors. There were some damaging frosts in May which even browned the leaves of tough

plants like docks and oak trees. Some of my beans and courgettes that I rashly planted out didn't like the cold nights, but luckily I had some more under cover.

Spring flowering plants such as clematis montana, camellias, philadelphus, can be pruned back as soon as they have finished flowering.

If lilac is getting too big, you can do quite a vigorous trim, taking back up to a third of the oldest branches to the base.

Hellebores might look tatty by June, so both leaves and flowers can be trimmed back.

If you are buying bedding plants, June is a safe month to be planting them straight into pots or hanging baskets.

Sally Rix



Earth Corner

Bottles, Bags and Rhubarb

A combination of lockdown and lovely weather has meant that our vegetable patch has been getting unusually thorough attention this year. Some of the garden's past naturally resurfaces, with bits of broken china, clay pipes etc. In the past we have also unearthed intact glass bottles, some small enough to display a few primroses in a guest bedroom, or a single rose, others larger and unnecessarily heavy. One day we unearthed an R Whites bottle inviting us to reclaim our deposit. Anyone know where we could do this?

A look at past Parish Council minutes indicates that the village had no rubbish collection until the 1930's, and even then, once started, it had to be abandoned because there wasn't enough rubbish. Clearly people threw their refuse on a private heap and expected it to return to earth in due course.

Today things are more complicated; plastic takes geological time to deteriorate, the flimsier varieties causing ecological havoc in the oceans before it does so. We cannot avoid all plastic, though we can drastically cut down on single use items. But in some areas innovation may make it easier for us. Re-use thrives with Ros Brook's milk trailer which sits in the village twice a week, and whose well-spaced queue gives an opportunity for neighbourly gossip, or eavesdropping, whichever your temperament favours. The re-usable glass bottles are filled with gorgeous local milk that makes cream on top, (and you can also pick up coffee, bread, cookies, shampoo and washing up liquid). Litre milk bottles are available from the trailer or pint bottles from Adams in Crediton (remember to ring and collect your order during lockdown), or if you prefer, mini-churns which are easy to carry.

We're getting much better at taking bags with us when we shop, but often I still seem to end up with a bundle of plastic wrappings. I guess when produce is local, or at least loose, I trust its freshness more because it is not dependent on shrink wrapped plastic. I hit rush hour at Oinkers farm shop yesterday – three customers, involving a wait of two minutes! The range of local veg, meat, dairy and baked goods was certainly attractive. I found garden seedlings on offer, including lettuce and tomato plants, and among the veg, rhubarb and new potatoes, treats to relish as both have short seasons. Heigh ho, I'm looking forward to local strawberries. (Cornwall's local isn't it?)

Gill Westcott

Editor's Request...

If you would like to write an article for our *Earth Corner* page, please send an email to cheritonnews@gmail.com and I will add it to the Newsletter.

Gill Westcott has given me her list of suggestions for topics, but please feel free to send in articles with your own thoughts, ideas and observations:

- Water, from sink to ocean
- Pollinators and how to help them
- Choosing an electric bike
- What is a carbon footprint and how to find it?
- Replacing a boiler
- Oxygen
- Experiences with electric cars
- The debate about meat
- Devon landscape in 2030?
- Getting grants for saving home energy

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

While St Mary's remains closed, we are posting service material, prepared by Rev. Martin Wood, for use each Sunday on the Parish website **cheritonbishop.org.uk**. The site includes prayers and links to other sites to provide advice and information. There is also a simple reflection for use at home on the day of a funeral you can't attend.

On behalf of the Treasurer and Church Council I would like to express grateful thanks for the continuing financial support you are

providing whilst the normal pattern of church activity is suspended. The cheques and bank transfers enable us to meet the monthly expenses which unfortunately have not been put on hold but still need to be met.

Rev Martin Wood is available and can be contacted on 01647 24119. We continue to pray that you, your family and your friends stay safe and well.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Planned Giving at St Mary's Cheriton Bishop

May I share with you one effect of the closure of the Church for Services on the finances of the local Parish Church. Each month we contribute our share of the Common Fund to the Cathedral to give them the wherewithal to keep up the payment of the Clergy stipends. They pay Martin which we, as a Parish, could not. A fairly large proportion of our planned givers have set up standing orders (which are still being paid regularly) to provide this income we need to contribute towards Clergy stipends but those who prefer to use blue envelopes, yellow gift aid envelopes or the collection plate can no longer do likewise as there is no easy access to the Church. May I ask you to consider one of the following ways to continue your regular giving?

1. (The Treasurer's preferred option!) Set up a standing order to regularise your giving, be it weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Please email cheritonbishopwebsite@gmail.com to be given our bank details. This is the cheapest method and avoids all handling problems during the Covid-19 outbreak.

2. Write a cheque made out to St Mary's PCC Cheriton Bishop and post or deliver it to the letter box in my porch at 6, Stonelands, Crockernwell, EX6 6NB. (First class post is 76p).
3. I had planned to suggest putting coins or cash into the wall safe in the Church opposite the main door, but that is no longer accessible. I suppose you could put coins and/or cash into an envelope and drop that into my letter box in Crockernwell. I don't have the facilities to accept contactless payments now preferred by shops.

Please act now on my request as without this month's contribution from those using the schemes, we'll end up hard pressed to continue to pay our way as we have done over the last few years.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Jeffery
Treasurer

West Down Evangelical Chapel

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HG. Telephone 01647 24264 / 24660

Due to the continued Coronavirus situation and government recommendations, all services are currently cancelled.

Church Messages

Uncertain Times

As I write we are still in the stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives phase. We are all wondering what will happen next and when that might happen. Against the prospect of lifting of restrictions, we have daily reminders of the terrible cost of this pandemic with the daily death toll of hundreds of people who have died. Each one an unbearable loss for their family and friends. We have seen over a hundred people who have given care lose their lives. These people have had to confront the disease to carry on caring. We are in difficult times without a clear way forward.

We are moving forward through the year to the times where people have had to postpone or cancel important events that were planned a long time ago. There is a sense of loss of the things that can not now happen and frustration in not being able to know when and how we might plan things in the future.

The self-isolation feels much worse when we are reminded of a time when we would have gathered together with family and friends. There is a sense both of hopelessness and a sense of there being no easy way forward. We have never navigated this crisis before and do not know what we should do. We have come through difficult times both in the country and in our personal lives. Reflecting on these times can give us clues about what we can do rather than focussing on what we cannot do. One of the common themes is always to keep trying and not to give up.

There have been a whole range of posters with the slogan 'Keep Calm and Keep...' it could be cooking, sewing, reading or any other activity you enjoy.

One of the places I look for help and inspiration is the book of Psalms in the Bible. Interestingly, they may be the oldest part of the Bible. They are also called the Song Book of the Old Testament. One of the interesting

themes is that they can give a voice to God of the injustice and inequality around us. They give permission to share with God our deepest and darkest despairs and doubts. Psalm 88 is an example of placing our despair before God yet it longs for God and his comfort.

*'O Lord, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out
in your presence,
let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.'*

The Psalms also offer hope and placing our trust in God. Psalm 121 would be a good example.

It is always important to acknowledge our anxieties and worries. It never helps to deny concerns or pretend that we are alright when we are not. It is always important to talk and be heard. It can be friends, family or God who helps us get a perspective to keep trying and carrying on.

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Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th May 2020, from 7.30pm using virtual technology

Present: Cllrs D Milton (Chair), Cllr Endacott (Vice), Cllr Bastyan (Vice), Cllr Dicker, Cllr Vooght, Cllr Wood, County Cllr Way (DCC)

In Attendance: The Clerk

To receive and accept apologies: *Apologies from Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Penny (MDDC) had been received and were accepted.*

To receive declarations of interest: *No declarations of interest were declared.*

Public Involvement: *No emails had been received.*

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting Minutes dated 9th March 2020: *It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.*

Mid Devon District Council – Planning Applications: Mid Devon District Council had asked for comments on the applications below. Due to Covid-19 restrictions on meetings, comments had already been submitted to meet Mid Devon District Council deadlines.

Reference: 20/00577/FULL. Proposal: Extension of domestic garden and erection of two single storey rear extensions. Location: Brambleside, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mr M Tripp. *It was resolved to confirm the Council's already submitted neutral stance on this application.*

Reference: 20/00251/OUT. Proposal: Outline Consent for the erection of 3 dwellings. Location: Land east of Hill View, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mr P Nickells. *It was resolved to confirm the Council's already submitted objection.*

Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions: it was noted that Mid Devon District Council had approved the following applications with conditions as filed.

Reference: 20/00347/HOUSE. Proposal: Erection of rear sunroom. Location: Larchmoor, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mrs N Bartholomew

Reference: 220/00427/FULL. Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Location: Land east of Medland Farm Barn, Medland Lane, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mr W Cull

Reference: 19/02129/TDC. Proposal: Technical Details Consent for the erection of 1 dwelling. Location: Land at Fairview, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mr P Benjamin

Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions: Mid Devon District Council had been notified that the following appeal against refusal of planning consent had been allowed.

Reference: APP/Y1138/W/19/323509. Proposal: Construction of two replacement dwellings. Location: Land at Little Mounson, Crosse Farm, Cheriton Bishop. Applicant: Mr D Powell

To consider the appointment of new Councillors: *The Chairman reported that interest had already been received. It was resolved to commence the appointment process. Clerk to draft an advertisement which will be sent to the Village Newsletter, notified on the Cheriton Bishop Facebook page, uploaded onto the Parish Council website and put up on the noticeboard.*

To consider the renewal of the registration of The Old Thatch as an Asset of Community Value: The current registration expires on 21st July 2020. *It was resolved to renew the registration. The Chair and the Clerk to prepare and submit the re-nomination form.*

To consider the request by parishioners for provision for the recycling of hard to recycle items: Councillors considered the request for support. *It was resolved that more information was needed. Clerk to contact Terracycle for more information about their services and contact MDDC to enquire whether they would allow the recycling bins to be placed on the Glebelands car park.*

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To consider amendments to Standing Orders to permit remote meetings: In view of current restrictions on meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. *It was resolved to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings until 7th May 2021 or the repeal of the Regulations, whichever is the earlier.*

To consider a scheme of delegation of powers: *It was resolved to adopt a scheme of delegation of powers so that, during the Covid19 Pandemic and if it is not possible to hold a Parish Council meeting, the Clerk may, in consultation with three Councillors: approve expenditure up to £500; and agree responses to Planning Applications.*

To consider the provision of financial support for the Cheriton Bishop Support Group: Councillors expressed their appreciation of the hard work of the Cheriton Bishop Support Group, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that the Support Group had already received some funding but that it was expected to need more. *It was resolved to make an application to the Locality Fund for a grant of £500 but that if the application is unsuccessful the money would be made available from Parish Council reserves. Clerk and Cllr Wood to action.*

To consider a response to Cheriton Bishop Facebook page post: This item was dealt with under item 13.

To consider a Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Facebook page: Councillors discussed how best to disseminate information the Parish Council receives that is of interest to parishioners. The clerk reported that she had joined the Cheriton Bishop Facebook group. It was resolved that for a trial period of 2 months the Clerk will post items of interest on the Cheriton Bishop Facebook page.

To consider responsibility for maintaining the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council website: The clerk confirmed that she is responsible, supported by Visionict.

Accounts 2019/20 and 2020/21

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Microsoft Office Administration	£59.99
Zoom Software Administration	£7.19
Mobile Phone Top Administration	£10.00
Flag Equipment	£82.74
ICO Administration	£40.00
DALC Administration	£200.50
HMRC (PAYE for P Dunn) Salary	£160.19
Clarity Copiers Newsletter	£181.67

The receipt of the annual precept of £6835.50 was noted. Clerk to check whether the DALC fees have been deducted.

To appoint Internal Auditor: *It was resolved to appoint Penny Clapham as the Internal Auditor for 2019/20*

To consider update on Playground management and refurbishment: Councillors considered the plan of the potential new play area which had been received from MDDC. Councillors discussed the use of S106 monies for the potential new play area, bearing in mind that the S106 monies are also needed for resurfacing around the War Memorial. Cllr Endacott had obtained one quote for the resurfacing and will obtain two more. *It was resolved that the Clerk should apply for S106 monies for the resurfacing with the balance of the monies being then available for the new play area.*

To receive a report from the Chairman (for information only): The Village Shop and Post Office opening hours have changed. The First Aid Course is still being advertised in the Village Newsletter. Devon County Council has notified a temporary closure on Church Lane on 28th/29th July.

To receive a report from Councillors (for information only): Cllr Endacott reported that there had been a lot of walkers around the parish during the period of lockdown. Cllr Wood will write a piece for the Village Newsletter encouraging walkers to pick up litter and dog mess.

To receive a report from Councillor Way (DCC): Cllr Way has been in contact with almost all the care homes in the county and most seem to be coping relatively well during the pandemic. DCC has an active Covid-19 advice network. Road repairs have been delayed during the lockdown but latterly work has begun again. The Punchbowl Recycling Centre is now open with restrictions – details are available on the MDDC website. There is money available in the Locality Fund.

To receive reports from MDDC Council: No reports had been received.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th June 2020 at 7.30pm using Zoom technology

Just for Fun! Spot the Difference

Can you find the 7 differences between these pictures?

