

The News Letter, June 2014

As spring unfolds this year there appears to be an unusual profusion of both flowers and bird song, and a countywide slowness among the ash trees in coming into leaf. Will the old saying: "When the oak before the ash, then we'll only have a splash" prove to be true this year, I wonder? If so we will need to make the most of any rainy days that come along, or maybe there is still so much water lurking underneath the surface of the soil that it will keep the plants happy all summer. Whether you are indoors on a wet day or out and about in the sunshine, there is as usual plenty to interest you in this month's issue.

Mulling over The Mulberry

The future of this former pub is under the spotlight again this month as we have thoughts from our two District Councillors and a local resident following the recent decision by Mid Devon District Council to allow a change of use. What are your feelings on the matter? Are you sad to lose this old watering hole, which has had four previous incarnations as a public house (under different names), or are you pleased to think it will still serve a community purpose, this time for youngsters from all over Devon? See pages 11 and 12 and make up your own mind.

Coffee mornings abound

The Brazilian economy could well be provided with a boost this month as coffee consumption is likely to reach an all time high in the local area. An important event at the Village Hall sounds to be the perfect way to hear information on a new self-help community project. See page 7 and look forward to an interesting morning as you sip a mellow beverage. You might also like to pop over the parish boundary to Tedburn (page 5) or venture even further afield to Christow (page 14).

The Quintessential Village event

What do you think of when it comes to sunny summer afternoons in a country village? Chances are it's the picture of a fete that comes immediately to mind (particularly if you are a reader/TV watcher of PG Woodhouse or the Father Brown mysteries). For those whose summer is not complete without such a gathering all is well this year because it looks as

though the school is putting on a proper, good old-fashioned fete, complete with coconut shy and pony rides. See page 14 a) for all the details and look out your best frock or panama hat – depending on which suits you best.

A touch of Mathematics

The Rector educates us this month with a considerable amount of geometry at the beginning of his article on page 9. Then, in customary fashion, the metaphor is revealed and we are led into deeper stuff, likely to keep us pondering on its meaning for the next few weeks until the July issue. Maybe I'll one day finish that patchwork quilt after all.

Of wild and not so wild life

Have you ventured into the churchyard recently? Well, it all looks well-strimmed and very cared for, but apparently, lurking in a few designated areas, there may be a bountiful biodiversity (page 7). Elsewhere, however, various youngsters have been sharpening up their shooting skills and showing the rest of the West what they can do (page 17). Is our wildlife safe? Well it sounds as though clay pigeons are possibly more endangered than wood pigeons these days!

And finally...

Do we have someone with a key fetish in our midst? Surely it cannot be a coincidence that two sets of keys have gone missing in the last month? Can anyone out there *unlock* (groan) this mystery? Put on your deer-stalker and turn to page 5 for clues.

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

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 20th June at 6PM.
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Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969	<i>every second Monday evening in the month</i>
Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	<i>every second Saturday in the month</i>
Playgroup Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays. All during term time only</i>
Scouts Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	<i>every Monday evening during term time</i>
Cubs Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375	<i>every Thursday during term time</i>
Pilates Contact Adele 07976 427941	<i>every Friday morning, 9.25 am and 10.30 am, during term time</i>
West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
Short Mat Bowling Contact Nos: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582	<i>every Wednesday, Sept – May</i>
Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272	<i>every Thursday 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)</i>
Young Farmers Contact: Dan Grist 07792 518439	<i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i>
Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30</i>
Cuppa and a chat afternoon Contact: Jean Martin 24586 or Paul Mitchell 24405	<i>every third Monday afternoon 2-4 pm in the Spalding Hall</i>

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

The Mobile Library

New arrangements for the Mobile Library visits to Crockernwell and Cheriton Bishop as from 1st April 2014.

Monthly on: June 10th, July 8th, August 5th, September 2nd, September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, December 23rd.

New timings:

Crockernwell

Stanbury's Orchard arrives 14.35 departs 14.55

Cheriton Bishop

Glebelands arrives 15.05 departs 15.35

Hescane Park arrives 15.40 departs 16.10

Diary Dates for June

Sunday 1 st	Stowford Meadow Country Singers	West Down Chapel	
Wednesday 4 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 5 th	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 7 th	Scout's Race Night	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 7 th	Tedburn Toddler's Baby Sale	T St M Village Hall	9 – 12 noon
Monday 9 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 14 th	Coffee Morning with cake/plant sale	Tedburn St M VH	10.30 am
Sunday 15 th	Charity Quiz Night Special	Old Thatch Inn	8.00 pm
Monday 16 th	Spalding Hall Cuppa	Spalding Hall	2–4pm
Tuesday 17 th	PPG Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Wednesday 18 th	Acorn Trio to Sainsbury's		
Sunday 22 nd	Walking Group	Meet at Mulberry	1.45 pm
Saturday 28 th	Midsummer Show	Village Hall	
Sunday 29 th	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch Inn	8.00 pm

Diary Dates for July

Wednesday 2 nd	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Friday 4 th	School Summer Fete	Primary School	3 – 5 pm
Sunday 6 th July	Open Tower Afternoon	Parish Church	From 2.30 pm
Monday 14 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 20 th	Walking Group	Meet at Mulberry	1.45 pm
Monday 21 st July	Chat and a Cuppa	Spalding Hall	2-4 pm

Forthcoming Events for 2014

Saturday 16 th August	Village Show	Village Hall	
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn	10.30 – 12.30
Saturday 4 th October	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	
Saturday 25 th October	Save The Children Craft Fair	Village Hall	10 – 3.30 pm
Saturday 15 th November	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	

And for 2015....

Friday 26th June YFC 70th Anniversary Celebrations

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

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

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Notice

If members of the public would like to receive electronic copies of the meeting agendas please get in touch with the Clerk: Derek Madge cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com 01392833969

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Report

Meeting on 12th May 2014

Discussed at the open public session:

Concerns raised about the Tellams slurry pit application as follows:

- Residents have suffered with bad odours in the past and Environmental Health have been notified.
- The application was for a slurry pit and now seems to be for storage of raw sewage from septic tanks.
- Where will the raw sewage be disposed? Concern about the availability of land to spread it on.
- No indication of any management plan or environmental assessment for dealing with raw sewage.
- Increased traffic.

Discussed by the Parish Council:

- Village clean up was well attended with many different areas being cleaned.
- Removal of mobile home at Argermay discussed. District Councillor confirmed there has been difficulty identifying the owners of the property.
- Whether Mid Devon District Council are changing to electronic consultation on planning and District Councillor confirmed not at this stage.
- Very useful energy workshop took place in the Spalding Hall.
- Community Land Trust AGM on 20th May 2014 in Spalding Hall.
- District Councillor confirmed the change of use application for the Mulberry has been approved.
- Mid Devon District Council confirmed that the correct procedure had been carried out regarding the community listing of Checkers Store.
- Mid Devon District Council open spaces map received.
- Two requests received asking for the agenda of the Parish Council meetings by e-mail and agenda has been circulated accordingly.

Decisions made by the Parish Council:

- Councillors elected Gill Westcott as Chairman
- Councillors elected Tim Vooght as Vice-Chairman

Planning:

- Previous comments sent to Mid Devon District Council about Tellams Yard will be forwarded to Devon County Council. Extension will be requested until the next Parish meeting and request further information on the need for an Environmental impact assessment, clarification on application description and transport assessment. Concerns about availability of land to spread sewage on as problems in the past of slurry spread on public footpath. Does application comply with Government guidelines on managing raw sewage?
- 14/00472/PNAG Treable Farm. No further approval required.
- 0156/14 Little Thorn, Cheriton Bishop. Approved.

VILLAGE HALL

One of our users has inadvertently gone home with the key to the upstairs cupboard in their pocket.

Could this be returned please?

We have also had two or three pieces of damage to the Hall, all of which have been unreported. We would be grateful if Hall users could let the Committee know if they cause any damage during use.

Tim Gorringe

Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn, Sunday 29th June, starts 8.00pm

Coffee Morning with Cake and Plant Sale!

To be held in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 14th June
In aid of Cheriton and Tedburn YFC Advisory Committee.

LOST KEYS.

Set of small keys (not house or car keys) probably dropped in St.Mary's Churchyard or Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop.

If found please ring 07814 703 381.

Thank you.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Almost new, (used for 1 week) Travel Cot.

Cannot give to Charity because they cannot accept, due to Health and Safety.
Shame to throw away.

Jean 01647 24586.

Dear Councillors,

Western Greyhound have notified us of changes to their bus services to take effect from Sunday 1st June. It is understood that the changes are prompted by the outcomes of a contract retendering exercise by Cornwall Council. The Traffic Commissioner has granted short notice.

The changes are:

- revisions to Service 510 Exeter - Okehampton - Launceston - Wadebridge;
- withdrawal of Monday to Saturday Service 599 Exeter - Okehampton - Bude;
- a revised Sunday & Bank Holiday timetable on Service 599 Exeter - Okehampton - Bude, with Sunday & Bank Holiday services on the Okehampton - Bude section being withdrawn after operation on 6th July.

Alternative Monday to Saturday services are provided by Stagecoach on Service X9 which continues to operate Exeter - A30 - Okehampton - Bude.

There is some reduction in service through Pathfinder, Tedburn St. Mary, Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell, Whiddon Down and Sticklepath. Some alternative services are provided by Service 173, Exeter - Whitestone - Tedburn St. Mary - Cheriton Bishop - Crockernwell - Drewsteignton - Chagford.

We have amended our arrangement with Western Greyhound to specifically maintain the Monday to Saturday 0655 Okehampton - Exeter and 0750 Exeter - Okehampton, both of which carry significant numbers of people to and from work in Exeter and Okehampton.

On Sundays & Bank Holidays, Service 510 will continue to provide five buses each way between Exeter and Okehampton but after 6th July there will be no buses on Sundays & Bank Holidays on the section between Okehampton and Bude. Based on data supplied by Western Greyhound, most passenger usage originates from Cornwall. Cornwall Council, however, have confirmed that they will not consider any contribution towards a subsidized replacement Sunday & Bank Holiday service on this section.

Yours sincerely,

John Richardson-Dawes,
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Transport Co-ordination Service,
Devon County Council,
Matford Offices, County Hall, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD.

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(Please see Western Greyhound's revised timetables at end of newsletter – just before the yellow advert pages)

FLYING THE FLAG

June is going to be a busy month “up the pole”!

On the 2nd June, the Union Flag will be flying to celebrate 61 years since the Queen’s Coronation. Then on the 10th it’s the Duke of Edinburgh’s 93rd birthday, so up it goes again. On the 14th June it’s the Queen’s “Official” birthday – Trooping of the Colour Day- so we fly the Union Flag. 15th June is also the start of England’s Football World Cup matches – we’ll be already flying the union flag but on the 19th and 24th the St. George’s flag will be aloft for England’s matches on those days.

Don’t forget, if you see the Devon Flag flying, check in the Parish Newsletter to see which public event you could be missing!

And finally, we have a few yards of bunting available to decorate the Village or Spalding Hall – free of charge to bona fide Village Groups’ functions. Just call the undersigned.

Brian W Bryon-Edmond. Flagmaster! Pat Werring. Mistress of the Bunting ‘phone 24696

**CHERITON BISHOP & TEIGN VALLEY PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
WITH
NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTHWATCH**

Invite you all to a COFFEE MORNING

on 17th JUNE 2014 10am -12pm

AT CHERITON BISHOP VILLAGE HALL

COME AND HEAR HOW '**COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH**' CAN HELP YOU:
RUN ON SIMILAR LINES TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SUPPORTING NEIGHBOURS TO HELP EACH OTHER:

Require a lift? Please contact Jean 24586 or Jan 24659

Healthwatch is supported by :

CCG: DEVON PUBLIC HEALTH, DEVON POLICE, DEVON FIRE & RESCUE, NHS TRUST

Churchwarden's Notes

In the absence of any other candidates Alan and I were re-elected churchwardens again, so no change there.

You may have noticed that there are 4 small areas of the churchyard with canes at the corners. Last year we roped off a whole corner of the churchyard to encourage wildlife but it was not a success because the coarse grasses dominated the area and it looked a mess. This year we are fortunate to have somebody in the congregation who knows more than us about encouraging wildlife and so we have set aside four small areas with shorter grasses and more diversity. They are not roped off so people can walk through them, although we hope not too many will. If we can encourage shorter finer grasses then we could reduce the need for mowing.

The Open Tower afternoon is on 6th July, from 2.30. There will be an opportunity for people to climb the tower to photograph and admire the view, with tea and cakes to revive them afterwards. The choir will then sing a short selection of music before the bellringers demonstrate their skills. There is no charge.

Alan Greenslade 24002 Janet Jeffery 24414

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

June 2014

SUNDAY 1st

9am	Whitestone	<i>Easter 7</i>	
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Anniversary Service	Revd Martin Wood
		Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 8th

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Pentecost</i>	
9.30	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Prayer and Fellowship	
		Songs of Pentecost Praise	Lay Led

SUNDAY 15th

9am	Tedburn St Mary	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led
		Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

WEDNESDAY 18th

8pm	Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayers
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SUNDAY 22nd

8am	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Trinity 1</i>	
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Whitestone	United service	
		Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

SUNDAY 29th

10.30	Whitestone	<i>St Peter and St Paul</i>	
		Team Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
			Revd Martin Wood to preach

EACH THURSDAY

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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A warm welcome to all who attend our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

From the Rector

Midway

We are approaching midway through the year. By the end of the month the countdown to Christmas 2014 will have started with just 177 days to go! We will have also past midsummer's day and we will be looking towards the end of summer, and the days will start to get shorter. Midway or midpoints are interesting because they represent the halfway point. Often in terms of longer time periods getting to halfway is really an achievement as after that the end is nearer than the beginning.

When we take on a big project we are sometimes overwhelmed by the size and amount that there is to be done. The way forward is to break it down into smaller chunks that are more manageable. Keeping track is very important and we use quarters and halves to measure our progress. Going beyond halfway brings the end into focus and we start to feel that the worst is behind us. Sometimes getting to half way can put us in the odd position of being no nearer the end than the beginning. It can sometimes be accompanied by a low point as we realise that there is just as much to do as we have already done! It still takes more effort to keep going and finish what we have started. Sadly some people do not even make it to half way or just give up halfway through. The cost has been more than they expected or they can manage.

At this moment in time there is real anxiety over the preparations for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. It is around the halfway point and the International Olympic Committee are describing it as the worst situation in 40 years: "This was a worse situation than in 2004, when there were concerns about preparations for the Athens Games." It will be interesting to see how Brazil recovers the situation in time for 2016. Midway can be a really uncomfortable time! With the Olympic Games there is no alternative plan, it just has to work!

As we look at the action of God it seems to transcend time and there appears to be no half measures. We are reminded that he is there at the beginning, the middle and at the end. By deduction God is there all the time. It is more of a constant presence than a variable involvement by God. What really does change is our willingness to find God and accept that we are part of his work. We sadly often ignore God and turn away from what we should be doing. It is often a painful experience. Amazingly God welcomes us back wherever we are, it does not matter if we are half way through, or we think we have left it too late. God takes us and works with us. It often comes as a huge relief to lay our burdens down and to look to being guided by God.

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

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for June 2014

Sunday 1st June

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Stowford Meadow Country Singers

Sunday 15th June

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Mr Bob Werrett

Sunday 8th June

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with

Rev David Cole

Sunday 22nd June

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service

Mr Paul Squires

Sunday 29th June

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service

Mr Ken Harris

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

On Easter Sunday we had a wonderful service led by Revd. Dominic Doble followed by a blessing for Ted and Joyce House whose Diamond Wedding Anniversary was later that week. We celebrated with cake and sparkling grape juice.

On 11th May we said farewell to Dominic and Liz and presented them with a collection from every member of the congregation and a card wishing them well in their new life.

The next Messy Church is on 19th July at 3-30 in the Village Hall.

Café Company continues every Monday in the church from 9-30 until 12 noon.

Services for June

Sunday 8th Holy Communion 9-30

Sunday 22nd Holy Communion 9-30

Carol Price
01647 24468

The Mulberry

On May 7th the application for change of use for the Mulberry came before the Planning Committee at Tiverton. In their presentation the spokesperson for the objectors group stated that 260 people had signed their petition from Cheriton Bishop and district against the change of use, also stating that this was nearly half the population of Cheriton Bishop. In view of this number of signatories we feel it is only right that a few facts be made clear.

1. It was stated that the premises had not been marketed correctly.

Stags were instructed jointly with GVA to market the property. Since February 2013 it has been advertised in the Estates Gazette, Publican's Morning Advertiser, the Western Morning News and Exeter Echo. Mailshots were sent to local and regional developers, pub operators/owners including regional brewers and commercial property agents. A saleboard was placed on the property and it was listed on their websites. Over 500 people requested details via Stags website and the property was also available on property portals such as Zoopla and rightmove. Over the period it has been browsed 24,891 times on rightmove and clicked through 903 times. According to Stags the property has been fully marketed for 7 months.

2. Offers received.

Three offers were received each requiring a change of use. One was from a vets practice, one from a developer and one from the Devon Federation of Young Farmers (DFYF). The first two potential transactions fell through leaving the one from DFYF.

If the application for change of use by the DFYF had been refused then their offer would have been withdrawn also.

3. Skittle Alley and Darts Team.

The restaurant area replaced the skittle alley, so that facility has not been available for several years. The darts team had also relocated some while before closure.

During the last month of its use as an inn the landlord approached the local councillors to know if he might be able to get a change of use to demolish and develop the site. This would have meant that the days of the Mulberry as an inn would have been over in any case.

Now, with the approval granted to the DFYF for change of use, it means that later this year when they move offices from their current HQ in Exeter, they will most likely bring extra business to the shop, post office, The Old Thatch and The Coach House.

As District Councillors it is part of our responsibility to support and help the Parish Council, to take their thoughts and ideas forward to Mid Devon District Council and relay replies. This we did on this occasion.

Cllrs Derek Coren and Peter Heal (Yeo Ward MDDC).

THE DEMISE OF THE MULBERRY INN

When it was muted that the village was to lose its former community pub through change of use, Reg Chapman, Mike Watts and Peter Ritchie, residents of this Village for a very long time!, were so incensed they went “house to house” with a Petition to “Keep the Mulberry”. More than 190 people signed it (that is almost half the adult population) and another 65 from Tedburn and beyond.

These people are owed an explanation as to why the case was lost!

The Planning Application was “called in” by Mid Devon District Planners for consideration by the 15 strong Planning Committee at a Meeting in Tiverton. The opponents of change of use were given three minutes at this Meeting to put their case. Reg, Mike and Peter asked the undersigned to present our case, which we publish below.

Firstly, the Planning Officer spoke in favour of “change of use”. Then it was the turn of the Young Farmers’ representative (3 minutes), again in favour; then I put the case against. Next up was one of our Parish Councillors who was in favour because the Parish Council had voted for the Young Farmers using it as their HQ. The next speaker was our District Councillor, who whilst not on the Planning Committee, had limitless time to support the Young Farmers’ application and did! Not surprisingly, the vote was carried in favour of change of use.

Read our case against granting change of use – it was not anti- Young Farmers- we all have the greatest respect for their labours – it was about retaining and restoring our Community Pub – and in the right hands all those signatories thought we could still have a successful and meaningful community hub.

Brian W Bryon-Edmond

“Good Afternoon, Mrs Chairman, ladies and gentlemen.

Our case for retaining the Mulberry Public House as a Community pub is based on the implementation of the National Planning Policy Framework , which states firstly: ‘Proposals involving the loss of community facilities such as pubs etc. will not be permitted where this would damage the settlements ability to meet the day to day needs, or result in the total loss of such services to the community’!

“We had two licenced premises in the Village, which have co-existed successfully for more than 30 years because they were aimed at different markets. The Mulberry has always been a “community pub” – aimed at the ‘locals’, providing darts, pool, skittles, low-priced unsophisticated food and a social hub. The Old Thatch Inn, has always had an excellent reputation as a “gastro pub” providing high quality food and drink and drawing its customers from a wide area of Devon and passing trade from the A30. It closes most Sunday nights and Mondays. It has no facilities for the requirements of a “community pub” and does not rely on “local trade” for its survival.

“The permanent closure of the Mulberry will and is involving the loss of community facilities – Villagers have to travel 2-3 miles to indulge in them. The NPPF also says ‘only in circumstances where the facility is proven no longer viable will applications for alternative use be considered acceptable’. The Mulberry traded successfully in the Village until September 2012. The closure was a result of bad business and financial management by the licensee who accrued debts of almost £1m, having purchased the business for just £460,000. It was run by a manager and two chefs – not sustainable in a ‘community pub’. That is why it became temporarily ‘no longer viable’.

“Two months before closure, the licensee had put the Inn on the market as a ‘going concern’ at £495,000. After closure, the premises were gutted – everything needed to run a pub sold off, yet 18 months later, with no trading figures or goodwill, the Agent was still asking £495,000 – clearly, they knew that the best return they could get for creditors was by holding on and getting change of use.

“Members of the Committee, we ask you to consider, is the Old Thatch a substitute for the Community Mulberry pub? If it isn’t then the first requirement of the NPPF has to be met. No change of use.

“Also consider, could the Mulberry be re-opened and sustained as a well-run Community pub? Take note, please, that in its last year of trading – turnover was stated as £300,000 p.a. - a lot of bums on seats and elbows on the bars, and mainly from locals.- a very sustainable turnover. A hiccup in poor management does not mean the Mulberry is no longer viable so the second requirement of the NPPF for change of use is not met.

“Madam Chairman, ladies & gentlemen, I am here representing 196 signatories to a petition to keep the Mulberry as our Community Pub – that is almost half the adult population of our village, so democracy suggests where your vote should go – give us back our pub ‘cause once its gone, it’s gone forever. Let’s put it back on the market at a sensible price.”

MDDC Planning /Committee Meeting 7th.May 2014



“It’s a Trek not a Walk”

Local parishioner Peter Brennan together with 15 other “volunteers” will be undertaking a 5 day trek into the southern Moroccan region of the Sahara desert. The trek will be far off the beaten track into one of the most unusual and exotic natural environments on the planet, where baking hot days of 35C will collide with chilly nights. The trek has been rated as moderately challenging but the heat and the basic camping environment will be testing.

The trek is all to raise funds for Hospiscare. The Old Thatch Inn and “celebrity quizmaster” JT have agreed to help Peter’s fund raising efforts to raise the minimum of £1500 ahead of the August deadline. The evening will have the usual JT fun quiz elements and prizes donated by local companies.

If you cannot make the night but would like to show your support you can donate safely and securely at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Peter-Patrick-vs-The-Sahara-Desert>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Peter

ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 5th June 12.30 P.M. at
THE COACH HOUSE

Liver and Bacon Casserole (alternative available), Dessert and tea or coffee
Come and join us for a very chatty lunch.
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 2nd June.
With Jean 01647 24586.
Tell her if you need transport.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – are now having 1 lunch a month, which will be the first Thursday of each month. If you would like to come along please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 4th, 18th June and 2nd July. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 12th, 26th June and 10th July. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 3rd and 17th June and 1st July. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

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

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

**Information for residents of Moretonhampstead and surrounding areas about developments of
Moretonhampstead Community Hospital (14 May 2014)**

I am writing to update you on the current proposals to develop Moretonhampstead Community Hospital into a health and social care hub that will provide a range of services for the local community. You may already be aware of these proposals and may have attended one of the public meetings or drop-in sessions that we held last year. We are pleased to inform you that since the public meetings and drop-in sessions, we have been working very closely with a 'steering group', formed of local GPs, parish council, the patient participation groups and the hospital league of friends. This group is tasked with developing the hub. You may wish to have a look at the dedicated website that we have developed for the public to access updates. On this website, you will find feedback from local residents about how they want to see services provided in the future, statements summarising the current position around the hospital and points describing the next steps. You can access this website here:
www.healthypeoplemoreton.co.uk

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on d-ccg.easternlocality@nhs.net or 01392 356 129.

Dr Alex Degan, Vice chair, Mid Devon Sub-Locality; Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group

Gardening in Cheriton Bishop

The Plant Sale provided everyone with something different. Tomatoes with familiar and unfamiliar names, a variety of squashes and courgettes and an interesting range of annuals and perennials, just to name some of the plants for sale. Thank you to everyone who donated and especially all those who bought. The weather has been kind and planting out should not have been a problem, no frost and no drought.

At the Mid Summer Show, Saturday 28th June, there will be a herb and salad stall so if you do happen to have a glut of seedlings, perhaps you could pot them on for the stall. Not everyone is lucky trying to germinate parsley!

There are still some Cream Sausage tomato Plants left for the Joker's Class in The Village Show. It is a bush tomato, just stick it in a pot, water and feed, no pinching out. Hopefully it will be better mannered than The Auld Sod to transport. There is no restriction on pot size. Phone Persis 24303 or Sally 24724 for a plant.

The next Event in the Calendar is the Mid Summer Show, details of which are on the Village website with a link to the Schedules. Entry forms to be delivered to Fallow End, Friday 27th June, 7pm. The hall will be open for exhibitors between 9am and 10.30am when the Hall will be cleared for judging. The show is open to the Public at 2.20pm. Please phone Persis 24303 or Sally 24724 for a printed schedule.

Originally called the Rose and Sweet Pea Show, the schedule now includes salad and fruit should you be lucky enough, and the weather favourable to harvest such early crops. The schedule includes rhubarb, soft fruits, early potatoes, etc. But the Show is memorable for the scent of the flowers. Not only are there classes for the roses and sweet peas but in Section Four, Miscellaneous there are 2 classes for Garden Pinks: classes 32 and 33. It will be interesting to see how everyone's purchases of the Whetman Pinks have grown and flowered. Of course you can enter other pinks! But the scent of these classes should fill the Village Hall.

There are no children's classes at this show but there will be a display of the classes for The Village Show, and queries about the possible entries answered. Who remembers The Miniature Garden? A favourite exhibit for a past generation and now re-introduced for the current generation. There will be several examples to show children and parents (and grandparents) the basics should this class be a mystery to them. So if anyone has any redundant seed trays, roughly A4 size, please bring them to the Show (or give to Persis or Sally) so that they can be passed on to potential young exhibitors.

Now all possibility of frost has gone, our gardens have taken on a new lease of life with everyone looking forward to the very first of the summer crops, the first rose and sweet pea. But the bluebells and hawthorn have been spectacular and all without the work of a gardener!

Any further information needed about the two forthcoming Shows contact Persis Bower 24303.

CB walking group

The Sticklepath to Belstone walk attracted 10 hearty walkers despite the rain. It was a good walk, I understand, and those who did it said that luckily they didn't get very wet! I understand all those who went along had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our May walk was on Sunday 18th and could not have been more different weather-wise. We had a change of route from Kennick/Tottiford reservoirs (which have been drained temporarily) to a circular: Steps, Clifford, Steps Bridge walk. Elaine and Gordon Clark planned our outing and it was a glorious afternoon. The bluebells were still out and our route took us past drifts of blue highlighted by the sunshine. It took us about 1¾ hours and we returned to the car park at Steps Bridge ready for cake and biscuits and a cup of tea served from the boot of the Clarks' car!

Sunny Sundays are few and far between so we were quite a small group this time. As it was so warm, the chance to walk by the river and in dappled shade was ideal and as it is pretty flat with only a few easy slopes it's a good loop for all the family. Perhaps some of you might like to try it. There are plenty of nice spots to stop and picnic too. We smelled wood smoke and a barbecue at one point, so obviously other people agree.

Our organised walks will now be the third Sunday of every month. **The next one will be Sunday 22nd June.** Destination yet to be determined! Look out for posters around the village the week before and information will also be posted on the village web site. We invite any of you to plan a walk and so far each of the walks has been organised by someone different. Would you like to suggest a walk for August, September, October, November or December? Contact me on 24092 if you would like to discuss this. If you don't want to plan a route don't be put off, just come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon and a fun walk. As usual we will meet at the Mulberry at 1.45pm.

There has been a suggestion from members of the parish council that the July fixture (July 20th) should be a wider village event, and also involve other groups from Playgroup to Short Mat bowling, and appeal to all ages. Please consider yourselves invited and put the date in your diary now.

Jane Hancock

News from the Castle

Building work is progressing well and we have even started to put some things back together again. The first window returned in April and has enabled us to reinstate the room that is a registered war memorial to Adrian Drewe. This room is a very moving and poignant room and it feels right that this room is open as we mark the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Get Changed Makes History

Our art and theatre project with the lovely people from Get Changed Theatre is well underway. Get Changed is based in Okehampton and works with local adults who have learning and/or physical disabilities. We have a range of artwork on display including poppy windmills by the Luncheon House and beautiful poetry 'listening posts' dotted around the garden. All of their work is inspired by the stories of Castle Drogo. The Get Changed team is now busy preparing for their 'glimpse theatre' days which are coming up over the summer:

Friday 30th May - Experience a glimpse of the past as ghosts of a bygone age wander the castle.

Sunday 15th June - Keep your eyes open for our magnificent animated stag as it moves around the grounds.

Sunday 27th July - Re-enact a Drogo family portrait to be snapped by our period photographers with their vintage camera.

Friday 1st August - Keep your eyes open as our magnificent animated stag returns and moves around the grounds.

Finally, I would like to mention our community notice board which is just outside the entrance to the visitor centre. This board is for all local people to use to promote any community events or important notices. If you have anything that you would like to display please drop it in to the castle and it will go up straight away.

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

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC update



Again it has been a very successful couple of months for our club, which has seen the entertainments competition come to a close after over 5 months of rehearsing! At the Southern Finals at Western Super-mare it was a clean sweep for our club, not only did we win it but also Holly Gilbert and Dan Grist won the trophies for best performers. This meant that we reached the national finals in Blackpool. A Devon club hadn't reached the finals in entertainments for 31 years so this is a huge achievement. On the 25th April we held a fundraiser performance and grand draw at QE upper school. I would like to thank everyone that supported this; we raised just over £2,000!

On Friday 9th May, it was time for all of us (and our scenery) to travel up North for the national's weekend in Blackpool. On Saturday afternoon it was curtains up at the Blackpool Opera House - a theatre with a capacity of 3,000 and which 5 years ago was the venue for the Royal Variety Performance. The competition consisted of 2 teams from the North, 2 from the South and 1 from Wales – it was an amazing experience to perform on this huge stage and there was a brilliant atmosphere in the theatre with lots of Devon support. We ended up coming second, just being pipped to the post by a brilliant Welsh performance, as well as Dan and Laura Grist being nominated for best performers. We were all ecstatic with this result! I would like to thank all members, leaders, advisory and our supporters for an amazing few months and an experience that none of the cast will ever forget.

It wasn't just 'entertains' that made the last 2 months very busy for our club. At the Devon outdoor activities day Rachel Retter won the ladies clay pigeon shoot, David Rowell came second in the ATV challenge and Ashley Retter came fourth in the men's clay pigeon shoot. On the 2nd of May we had our club's sheep show and sale in Exeter Market. We had 8 of our members keep club sheep this year – Rachel Retter won overall champion, Ethan Pearce won best double and Ellen Pearce won best single.

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

Dan Grist - Secretary

I just wanted to say what a riot of colour the Roundabout coming into the village, maintained by Woodleigh Coach House Café is.

It is a credit to them and so well looked after.

SO A BIG THANK YOU.

Jean Martin

News from Elsewhere

Chagford Singers

Present a selection of well-loved opera songs

Edited by John Rutter

Soloist: Heloise West

**Sunday 15th of June at 3pm
In St Michael's Church, Chagford.**

A delightful afternoon of music followed by a cream tea.

Tickets (to include a programme)

£12 in advance (£14 on the door)

Under 16s half price

Available from Sally's Newsagents, Chagford

Or by post from Sue Glassfield: 01647 433770

LONGDOWN VILLAGE FETE

Longdown is holding its annual village fete at Holcombe Burnell Barton on 21st June at 2pm. The Barton is a picturesque setting for the fete and is next door to the 15th century church, St. John the Baptist. There will be games, a family dog show, a tea tent, a beer tent and a bar-b-que. Also on offer are various stalls, comprising cakes, ice cream, books, bric-a-brac, cosmetics, jewellery and more. For further details or if you want to hold a stall at the fete contact Marg on 01392 811315.

Energy Fair

For those who missed the Energy Saver workshop on 26th April there's another opportunity to drop in and get advice on energy saving – free or cheap tips and investment options – see energy saving gadgets and relevant products, and hear Adrian Sargood's excellent talk on energy efficiency in older and traditional buildings.

It's at Moretonhampstead Energy Fair, at Moreton Parish Hall on Saturday 28th June from 10 am – 1 pm & is free.

For further details contact Moretonhampstead Development Trust 01647 440775 or Chrissy 07952 935 235

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School



Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond

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Where is the time going? No sooner have we started the Summer Term than Half Term is here! The forecast seems to promise rather unsettled weather for the half term period. Nevertheless, I hope everyone has a good break. The A30 has been busy with traffic coming down for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Sadly, Mrs Julie Pitts, who worked up at the school for some twelve years or so, passed away over the Easter holiday period. I know this was reported in the last village news letter but the school would wish it known that they are all appreciative for all the work Julie put in keeping everything in 'neat and shipshape' order.

Well, what has been happening up at the school? The new entrance steps etc. are still not complete. It does seem to take ages for these jobs to get done. I don't know whether any of the residents of Church Lane noticed anything different on Wednesday last? The amount of traffic going down the lane was quite extraordinary – Cheriton Bishop school was hosting a Soccer and Netball Tournament for the Crediton Learning Community and we hosted **NINE** other schools making a total of 10 schools in all. No wonder it was busy!! Thorverton Primary School won the Netball Competition and Bow Primary School won the Soccer Tournament. Cheriton Bishop would like to give a big 'well done' to all the children who participated. A BIG thank you is due to Miss Tearle for organising the whole event. Thanks are also due to the Exeter College students who assisted – they helped to make the event run smoothly.

Last week, the children of Year 6 completed their SATs. It seems a formidable challenge to them at the time so well done to them all. Miss Tearle was their guiding light.

On the first day back after half term the whole school will be visiting Tesco – which store, I don't know. The object of the exercise is for the children to gain an insight into 'how the food travels from the farm to our forks'. It appears to be a good idea to me. Ignorance of the source of our food and how it is processed for our consumption seems to be a fairly widespread problem amongst our children. I'm sure that the children will be encouraged to sample some of the products on offer!

Due to the generous donations from parents and staff, the orphans in Kwakaheza School, Cherry-B's chummy school in Tanzania, will be benefiting from the £315.00 raised. This is aimed at the provision of school equipment for the orphaned children. Well done all round.

During the half term break, the children have quite a raft of sporting opportunities open to them. Arsenal Soccer Schools are active again throughout Devon. Contact details have been given to our parents. I find it refreshing to see Arsenal using the term 'soccer'. These days there seems to be a move to avoid calling the game anything but football. I have even heard it said that soccer is the American term for football. What rubbish, it comes from the name of the game, which is As**SOC**iation Football, and is a truly British term!! (Oh, I needed that little rant)

Whilst on the subject of soccer, Coppleshon United Football Club are on the lookout for new talent in their youngsters teams for next season. They cater for most of the younger age groups and have a good reputation for being a friendly, family oriented club.

Also, over the half term period, Exeter University are offering a good range of sports camps, especially in tennis and cricket. Again, the parentage has been given contact details for these. It seems to me that the opportunities for youngsters these days to get involved in sport are endless and cover all ages. I can't understand how the doctrine of 'no competition' between children in school sports can be upheld. All the sports mentioned involve competition at all stages

As you will see, the calendar has filled up quite a bit for the rest of the term and there is quite a lot of sport included. The children of Cheriton Bishop certainly appear to be getting a fair amount of exercise!

26th – 30th May – Summer Half Term
2nd June – Whole School trip to Tesco (am)
6th June – Class 3 Rugby Tournament at Cheriton Fitzpaine
17th June – Year 6-Life Skills-Matford Centre
20th June – Years 5 & 6-Soccer Tournament at Haywards
23rd June – Year 6-Book Presentation at QECC
2nd July – Big Mix at Westpoint-Whole School
3rd July – Quad Kids at QECC
4th July – Sports morning and Summer Fête afternoon
8th July – Years 5 & 6-Medieval Day at QECC
11th July – Reserve date for Sports Day and Summer Fête
18th July – Class 3-Sandford Cricket Tournament (all day)
23rd July – End of Summer Term

I make no apologies for the timetable below. Last month I gave you the timetable for trains operating from Exeter to Okehampton and to Meldon on summer Sundays. This month I am giving you the timetable for Saturdays when the Exeter trains are not running. As you can see, it involves trains going down from Okehampton as far Bow. It's well worth a ride. Come and join us.

TIMETABLE

Meldon Viaduct	Dep		1025	1230	1415	1455	1655
OKEHAMPTON	Arr		1035	1240	<u>1425</u>	1505	<u>1705</u>
OKEHAMPTON	Dep		1047	1252		1517	
Sampford Courtenay	Arr		1057	<u>1302</u>		1527	
Sampford Courtenay	Dep		1058			1528	
Bow **	Arr		1115			1545	
Bow **	Dep		1130			1555	
Sampford Courtenay	Arr		1146			1611	
Sampford Courtenay	Dep		1147	1307		1612	
OKEHAMPTON	Arr		1157	1317		1622	
OKEHAMPTON	Dep	1005	1210	1355	1435	1635	
Meldon Viaduct	Arr	1015	1220	1405	1445	1645	
** Passengers cannot alight or board at Bow							

The movement to support the reopening of the line between Exeter and Plymouth via Okehampton and Tavistock appears to be gaining momentum with strong political pressure from the MPs of Mid Devon, West Devon and North Cornwall. Let's hope it happens sooner rather than later.

On the singing front, Mariners Away have been involved with the Exmouth Festival recently and their programme is starting to get fairly busy with gigs in places like Falmouth and Plymouth. West Devon Folk Choir were involved in celebrating 'Bluebell Sunday' at Okehampton castle last Sunday. Confirmation of the change of use of The Mulberry has been issued by Mid Devon District Council. I have to say, and this is my personal opinion, this is a very short sighted decision and we will rue the day when the decision was made. When the old New Inn was the only pub in the village, Tedburn and Crockernwell were the communities that took the trade. The same thing has happened already with the closure of The Mulberry. 'Nuff said ?!

PGR

Underhill Garden (or Underwater Garden) Fund Raising afternoon

Many thanks to everyone that came; that helped; and that contributed cakes, plants and raffle prizes.

Even though the atrocious weather made it impossible to make the garden idea work, as it was not ideal for sitting outside (understatement!), nonetheless we all had a very jolly time in the Spalding Hall with a typical Cheriton atmosphere and lovely cakes and drinks. Some braved it into the garden to buy plants (guess what! - lots of tomato plants are still here, so spread the fact that they are available at Underhill for a small donation).

Steve did his raffle with lots of prizes, most of which were won by John (Tutton) who kindly re-offered most of them, nine wins out of five strips must be record. Young James Unsworth was close on his heels with three out of one strip and is spending his weekend eating chocolate!

The end result, of the event that didn't happen totally as we hoped for, was that we comfortably raised the funds needed to pay for the whole of the projector project and will be installing it very soon. Two very generous and kind donations helped substantially.

I hope that the bespoke projector and screen set-up will help to keep the little Hall as a viable and useful asset for private and organisational use in the village.

Thanks again to you all. We made a brilliant total of £254.85.

Paul Mitchell, Underhill, 01647 24405

The Spring Village Clean-up went so well – lots of people turned up with wheelbarrows and spades

AND we had fun, AND we had refreshments kindly supplied by Amanda Vooght and team up at the war memorial.

What a difference it has made to the look of the village as we walk around!

Thank you for all the effort everyone made.

Jan Mitchell



pop in for a chat and a drink



on Monday 16th June 2014

at

The Spalding Hall

any time between 2pm and 4pm

Open to absolutely everyone!

There is no charge but we do now put out a pot for any donations towards costs

Good choice of drinks, plus biscuits.

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