

## The Parish Newsletter, March 2017

I'm sure the "Dates for your Diary" page contains the fullest list ever this month. I reached the point where I simply couldn't have added anything extra in. It all goes to show what a busy parish we are and, looking at the diversity of the events coming up, there is something for every age group.

### Two Fundraisers to start the season

The youngest members of the parish: the Pre-schoolers and the Schoolchildren, both have separate fund-raising events this month. One will get you turning out your cupboards in an early spring-clean (as well as providing an opportunity to pick up some bargains), and the other looks to be giving you a particularly good start to your Saturday morning. For the details of each please see pages 6 and 19.

### Polishing the Parish

Talking of Spring-cleaning, our twice-annual village clear up will soon be returning for it's first activity of the year. Each year more people seem to get involved and even those who don't live in the village often quietly do their bit in their own 'neck of the woods'. This year the start-off point is in a different village location so please see page 8 and mark the date and place clearly in your diary!

### News on Crime

We are, this month, particularly pleased to welcome a new contributor on page 13 with the introduction of a (hopefully) regular page from our new Police Community Support Officer. There is an update on local crime incidents and the page is closely followed by our usual Neighbourhood Watch's contribution.

### For fine Spring Days

For those who are looking forward to the longer, lighter days and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors there is much encouragement from the local walking group. After three years of traipsing the highways and byways and many a barely-ever-trodden way as well, this enthusiastic group are now planning to venture forth *twice as often* this year. Please see page

16 to see what they're planning for the next couple of months.

If time spent outdoors doesn't feel complete unless you have spade and fork in hand, the Hort Soc will this month provide plenty of inspiration for your veggie patch this year. See page 17 for a talk that might expand your vegetable horizons, and also discover how you can enter the results of your hard work in this year's shows.

### Further afield

It is often difficult to decide what belongs in the main "parish" section of the magazine and what should be in "News from Elsewhere". A case in point is the screening of the film "Demain" by Greener Teign. The issues are as relevant to us at Cheriton as they are to any parish along the Teign Valley, it's just that the film is being shown in Christow that has meant it has been popped 'over the border' into this section.

Also very-local-but-not-quite-in-this-parish are two concerts and a Spring Plant Sale.

### You are needed!

This month some pleas for more support come from the Village Hall and the Pre-School, who would both like more committee members, and the VH would like a new treasurer too. (Can *anyone* replace the irreplaceable Pat E in this role?) Please see pages 5 and 19 for details.

*With best wishes for March from Jenny and the Newsletter team.*

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6PM.**  
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# Regular Meeting dates

## **Parish Council**

Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

*every second Monday evening in the month*

## **Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell**

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

*every second Saturday in the month*

## **Preschool**

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

*Mon, Tue, 9.00–11.30, Wed, Thurs 9–3.15  
“Lunch Club” until 12.45 pm on Mon/Tues.  
All during term time only*

## **Beavers (6–8yrs)**

Contact: Rachel Barclay 24575

*every Thursday during term time*

## **Cubs (8–10yrs)**

Contact: James Morris 252375

*every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)*

## **Scouts (10–14yrs)**

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

*every Monday evening during term time*

## **Explorers (14–18yrs)**

Contact: Phil Morris 252375

*every Thursday during term time (after Cubs)*

## **Pilates**

Contact: Adele 07976 427941

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

## **West Down Bible Study & Prayer**

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

*every Monday evening from Oct – May*

## **Horticultural Society**

Contact: Jenny Grist 281110

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

## **West Country Embroiderers**

Contact: Janet Grist 281637

*every first Tuesday afternoon in the month*

## **Short Mat Bowling**

Contact: Pat Hill 24201 or David Tripp 24582

*every Wednesday, Sept – May*

## **Baby Clinic**

Contact: The Surgery 24272

*every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2–3 pm  
(Clinics held in CB Surgery)*

## **Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group**

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*In the School Hall every Friday 9–10.30 am  
Term time only*

## **Young Farmers**

Contact: Katie Grist 07792 518439

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

## **Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton**

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

*usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30*

## **Spiritual Discussion Group**

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

*Monthly*

## **Walking Group**

Contact: Dennis Milton 272844  
or Jon Whitehead 281454

*1st Sunday in month 10.00 am  
(see posters and CB Website for details)*

***Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page.***

***Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?***

**Don't forget: YFC Dung Sale on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, YFC Centre, 12.30–2.30pm.**

## **Diary Dates for March**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service	Parish Church	7.30 pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Table Top Sale	Village Hall	2–4 pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group	YFC Centre	10.00 am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Festival Meeting	Old Thatch Inn	6.30 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	WCE Embroiderers	Village Hall	1.30–4 pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	YFC Meeting	Date & venue to be arranged	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friends and Neighbours	West Down Chapel	2–4 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2–4 pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	YFC Meeting	Date & venue to be arranged	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Big Breakfast	Village Hall	9–11.30 am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	Parish Church	8 am
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Farewell Assembly	Primary School	2–3.30 pm

## **Diary Dates for April**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.30 pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Group	YFC Centre	10 am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	WCE Embroiderers	Village Hall	1.30–4 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Village Clean Up	Village Green	9.30 am
Weekend 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Embroidery Fair	Village Hall	10–4 pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course	Pathfinder Church	7.30 pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group	YFC Centre	6.15 pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Local Produce Market Returns	Village Hall	10–12 noon
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Church Meeting		

### **The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays**

**2017: March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Crockernwell:**

Stanbury's Orchard

Arrives 14.35

Departs:

14.55

#### **Cheriton Bishop:**

Glebelands

Arrives: 15.05

Departs:

15.35

Hescane Park

15.40

16.10

## **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Hort Soc Village Show

Village Hall

2.30 pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Hort Soc Annual Dinner

Village Hall

***If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2017, why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?***

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)

# **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Report**

Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Public Open Session

- A member of the public attended to voice concerns over the proposals being considered by Cheriton Bishop Primary School to change to an Academy. The main concern being that communication is not transparent or clear and the first letter received by parents caused confusion as it made it seem a decision had already been made. No decision has been made in this regard and it is only the start of the consultation. There has been a petition because parents want to know the options and require further information.

## Discussed by the Parish Council:

- Use of Moretonhampstead hospital is under question and Moor Health want to use it for the best benefit of the community through health initiatives. The Parish Council have received a newsletter in this regard. The issue will be on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Further to the Walking Group meeting Jon Whitehead and Dennis Milton will now be heading up this group. A big thank you to Peter Endacott and Jane Hancock for organising the walks and being head of this group to date. The next walk will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- The Village Spring Clean-up will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 meeting at the Village Green at 9.30 am. If anyone has any suggestions of areas in the village that need attention please let the Parish Council know.
- The Parish Council now has the majority of the funding to replace the bus shelters in the village. The shelter by the Young Farmers building will be removed within the next few weeks ready for it to be replaced. A big thank you to all businesses who have contributed to the replacement shelters to date.
- A letter has been received from a resident of Woodbrooke about the poor condition of the road. Devon County Council plans to do as much as possible to this area but cannot guarantee the whole area will be fixed.
- Parish Council would like to remind residents that they can report poor road conditions using the Devon County Council website. This link can also be found through the Parish Council website.

## District and County Councillors Report

- Mid Devon have agreed to accept 5 Syrian refugee families and accommodation has been offered by private owners. Due to needs, accommodation will be in towns.
- Consultation on the local plan ends 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 showing dedicated areas where it may be possible to build.
- Road closures in the village are between 9.30 and 3.30 but it seems the signs are not always taken in at the end of the day. It has been disjointed how the closures are being done as it seems utilities are not communicating with others working in the area.
- There is a possibility that schools in Devon will be losing funding and there is a vote in February by Devon County Council regarding this.

## Planning:

- 17/00069/LBC Horselake Farm – Listed building consent for replacement windows – comments made.
- Little Thorn – extension. No comments.
- Decision – The annexe, Polford Cottage – certificate of lawfulness. Refuse permission.
- Decision – Greenacres – Extension to agricultural building. Grant permission.
- Decision – 2 Croft Cottages – pollard 1 Ash tree – no objection.

## District Councillor's Comments

**Roads:** There are probably a number of confused motorists around Cheriton Bishop area at the time of writing this article, "ROAD CLOSED" and "DIVERSION" signs are on almost every road.

At the time of writing BT are engaged in work extending broadband connection in and around the village and the road closure on the Yeoford Road caused by the BT work will end on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The following week the road barrier safety work begins on the dual carriageway bridge on the Yeoford Road. Road closure for this work will be from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. At the weekends and for the third week ie 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March traffic will be able to use the road but will be controlled by traffic lights.

Some good news is that the stretch of road from Four Crossways to Southcombe Cross has been re-surfaced and is now a pleasure to drive on. Also a section of road from Crooked Chimneys via Twisted Oak to Black Down Cross has been repaired.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** I would like to thank those responsible for their emails etc. making us aware and keeping us informed. This is a valuable service to the community.

Kind regards  
*Derek Coren MDCC*

### Local Produce Market

Starting in April the Produce market will have two new local producers: Colin and Kim Drake of Higher Fingle Farm with their Beef, lamb and sausages; and fresh cut flowers from Great British Blooms based at Sticklepath.

Get your Easter Meat and beautiful cut flowers, local vegetables, home made pies and cakes and gifts from your local Market on Saturday 15th April.

Each month there will be a theme for children (see the April newsletter)

### VILLAGE HALL

We are looking for more committee members and in particular someone who might act as Treasurer. Please contact 24789. Thanks!

*Tim Gorringe*

**Cheriton Bishop Primary School PTFA presents the**

# **Community Big Breakfast**

**Saturday 25<sup>rd</sup> March Cheriton Bishop Village Hall  
9am until 11.30am**

**Enjoy a delicious breakfast and catch up with friends.**

**Grand Raffle Prize Draw**

**Mothers' Day crafts for children  
Face painting  
Easter songs by the School  
choir**

**Kindly sponsored by**



## FESTIVAL AT GREAT FULFORD

Wonder Fields Festival would like to invite the residents of Tedburn, Cheriton, Dunsford & the surrounding areas to come and meet the organisers. We would love to discuss the event that is taking place at Great Fulford Estate on the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. What you would like to see over the weekend and how you can get involved. Also, any concerns you may have. We will meet at the Old Thatch, Cheriton Bishop, at 6:30pm on the 6th March 2017 for drinks & light refreshments.

Please RSVP to [nick@wonderfields.co.uk](mailto:nick@wonderfields.co.uk)

## **Stamps, toy cars, knitted blankets and scarves**

**THANK YOU** everyone who has delivered used postage stamps through my letterbox, donated knitted blankets and made headscarves over the winter months. I am visiting the Goodwill orphanage in March and all the gifts make such a difference to children who can keep ALL their possessions in one average size box. The little cars will soon be careering across the bedrooms and no doubt will become treasured possessions. Please keep collecting the stamps as we sell them to raise funds. It only costs 80p to feed, educate and provide a home for a child in India for a day so your gifts make a real difference.

*Elaine Clark*

## **Mrs Leyman's 'Retirement Celebration'**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm Cheriton Bishop Primary School will be holding a 'Farewell Assembly' for Mrs Leyman, who will be retiring. Following the assembly, there will be an afternoon tea, which will be kindly provided by the PTFA.

All past and present friends of Cheriton Bishop School are warmly invited to mark this special occasion.

## **St Mary's CB Occasional Choir and Easter**

This Year, the Occasional Choir won't be practising a special anthem for Easter Day, instead we will try to contribute to the solemnity of Good Friday by singing what we can of Faure's Requiem as a 40min devotional session from 19:00hrs.

If you would like to sing with us, we are learning the work on Friday evenings from 19:00 to 20:00 in the Church (as I write there are 8 more practices) and we will make every effort to make you welcome. Otherwise, you might like to come to the Church on Good Friday evening to discover why people find this work so moving in its simplicity. I stress that this will not be a concert, there's no charge and we don't expect a round of applause at the end.

HOWEVER, many, if not most, of the occasional choir will be at the Easter Sunday service to ensure that the singing then shows the contrast between the sadness associated with Good Friday and the joy expressed at Easter.



# **Cheriton Bishop** **Spring Village Clean Up**

At 9.30am  
On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Meet at the Village Green**

(Just past Chestnut Close, on the right,  
heading for Crockernwell)

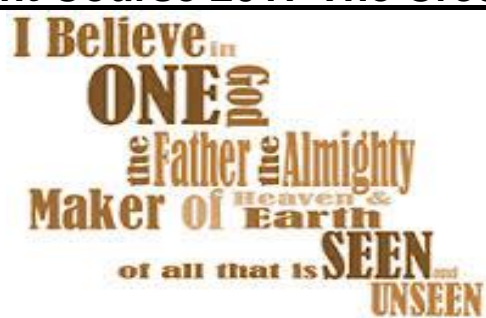
Your help and support is needed 'please' !  
Most of the work is done in the morning  
and elevenses are provided.

Please come along!!!!  
Bring your own hand tools

Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and Tim Vooght 24593



## Lent Course 2017 The Creeds



The Lent course will follow the pilgrim course looking at the Creeds. It explores the core of Christian belief in greater depth through the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds. Its six sessions aim to equip participants with an understanding of these priceless resources, for living the Christian life and for knowing God better. The course will run for six evenings on a Tuesday at 7.30pm at Pathfinder Church.

Date and Time	Theme
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	What are the Creeds?
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm	God as Trinity
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm	Fully God and fully human
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Crucified, risen and ascended
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	I believe in the Holy Spirit
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	One, holy, catholic and apostolic church

### **From the Churchwardens**

You may have noticed that we have done some more work at the top entrance into the churchyard. In addition to the first step having been repaired, a handrail has now been fitted alongside Old School House.

We have the usual appeal for church cleaners and for anyone who would like to help with churchyard maintenance. The bell ringers currently have a new learner on board and would welcome any others who want to learn ringing. Please contact Alan for further details.

As we look towards Easter, the Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Team Service will be at 7.30pm at St Mary's, and Tuesday of the following week sees the start of the Lent Course at Pathfinder Church.

The Annual Church Meeting will this year be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, more details in the next Newsletter.

And now a really advanced notice, we are holding a plant sale in May with proceeds towards church funds, if you are putting in seeds and have a few extra plants left over when you have potted them up please consider donating them to us. More details in the months to come.

The Churchwardens:  
*Alan Greenslade 24002*  
*Janet Jeffery 24414*

# SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

## AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

### MARCH 2017

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

10.30 Pathfinder

**7.30pm Cheriton Bishop**

*Ash Wednesday*

Holy Communion

**Holy Communion**

Revd Martin Wood

**Revd Martin Wood**

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

9am Whitestone

9.30 Holcombe Burnell

11am Tedburn St Mary

3pm Pathfinder

**6pm Cheriton Bishop**

*Lent 1*

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Informal Worship

Holy Communion

**Evening Prayer**

Revd Prof Tim Gorringer

Canon John Tutton

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

**Revd Martin Wood**

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

9am Holcombe Burnell

9.30 Whitestone

**11am Cheriton Bishop**

3pm Pathfinder

3pm Tedburn St Mary

*Lent 2*

BCP Communion

Parish Communion

**Family Service**

Prayer and Fellowship

Tea and Fellowship

Revd Prof Tim Gorringer

Revd Martin Wood

**Revd Martin Wood**

Revd Martin Wood

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

9am Tedburn St Mary

**9.30 Cheriton Bishop**

11am Whitestone

3pm Pathfinder

6pm Holcombe Burnell

*Lent 3*

Holy Communion

**Parish Communion**

Family Service

Evensong

Evensong

Revd Prof Tim Gorringer

**Revd Martin Wood**

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

Lay Led

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

**8am Cheriton Bishop**

11am Tedburn St Mary

11am Holcombe Burnell

3pm Pathfinder

6pm Whitestone

**6pm Cheriton Bishop**

*Mothering Sunday*

**Holy Communion**

Parish Communion

Family Service

United Service

Evensong

**Taize Prayer**

**Revd Prof Tim Gorringer**

Canon John Tutton

Revd Martin Wood

Revd Martin Wood

#### EACH THURSDAY

10.30 Pathfinder

Holy Communion.

Revd Martin Wood

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

## ***From the Rector***

### **The beginning of March starts the beginning of Lent**

March starts the church's season of Lent. The first of March is Ash Wednesday and marks the first of the forty days of Lent.

This year Easter is late, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The latest date for Easter is 25<sup>th</sup> April, so Easter is not as late as it can be. Interestingly the latest date for Easter is due in 2038. It will be a once in a lifetime experience as the next one is due in 2190! The date is set by the new spring moon, which this year is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Interestingly, there is a debate as to which is the new spring moon, which often means Easter is celebrated on different dates in the Eastern and Western churches. This year there is agreement and Easter is celebrated on the same date. The origin of Easter was the Jewish Passover feast. Last year the Jewish Passover was a month later than Easter and this year it is the same week as holy week. I hope you can get a feel for the complications of interpreting the moon cycle and its significance.

Having fixed the date for Easter it becomes much easier to count back forty days, not including Sundays. Which brings us back to Wednesday the first of March, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. When I go into school and explain the church seasons, I explain Lent as the season for watching and waiting. Well obviously we are waiting for Easter. The watching part is a little harder. We are watching for how we are doing in our relationship with God. We are looking for areas we can stop getting things wrong and we are not doing as well as we had hoped for. We also look for ways to improve and develop new areas in which we can do things to help others and ourselves. A traditional approach is to give something up or start something new for Lent. You commit to do this for the forty days. I wondered how long things took to become a habit. It was thought to be three weeks, but recent research suggests sixty-six days. So a good Lenten observance is well on the way to becoming a new habit. Although, if you do not keep it going, it probably will not be a lifelong habit. It is interesting to me that I have to work hard to develop good habits. My bad habits seem to take no effort at all!

I am sure Lent is always a timely reminder that we have to review and adjust where we should be in our relationship with God. The wonder is that God does not tire of my below average performance but rather encourages me to make the most of life and see how things grow and develop. So why not do something good for Lent? It might become a good habit and it will certainly help you and other people.

*Rev. Martin Wood. The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop EX6 6HY 01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)  
revwood163@gmail.com*

# WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24264/24660

## Services for March 2017

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**The London City Mission**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Rev Ray Murden**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

11.am Morning Worship

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

11.am Morning Worship

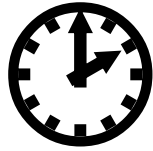
3.pm Family Service with  
**Rev David Cole**

Bible study and Prayer meeting Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Home Prayer Fellowship, 13<sup>th</sup> Ray Murden, 20<sup>th</sup> Prayer and  
Bible study,  
27<sup>th</sup> Mission Focus

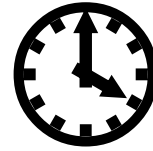


## FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Chapel 2 - 4pm. Bring your knitting, crochet, etc, chat with friends and enjoy a cup of tea.  
Everyone welcome.*



Pop in for a chat and a drink



**on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

at the warm and cosy Spalding Hall

any time between 2pm and 4pm

Everyone is very welcome – dogs and children included!

*Choice of hot and cold drinks*

There is **no charge** but we do put out a pot for any donations towards  
the cost of hiring the hall

*Need a lift from your home?*

Ring Jean on 24586 or Paul on 24405 beforehand

## **Cheriton Bishop's new Police Community Support Officer**

Dear Residents

I would like to introduce myself as the new PCSO covering the rural south of Crediton, which includes Cheriton Bishop. I have recently transferred to the area after 13 years in Exmouth. I am slowly finding my way around the various parishes and meeting the people that live and work there.

Cheriton Bishop is a lovely village with a low crime rate. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> February the following crimes have been recorded:

- 1 x possess with intent to supply – proactive stop check A30
- 1 x common assault
- 1 x theft

The following incidents have been reported and attended during the same period:

- Lorry swerving, A30
- Highway obstruction, Church Lane
- 2 x Domestic incidents
- Highway disruption
- Personal ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)
- Horse on road
- Road related offence, A30
- Car with no lights
- Dislodged drain cover
- Broken down vehicle, A30

As you will see, most reports relate to incidents on the road. The other incidents are unlikely to have had an effect on the wider community.

I will be holding surgeries in the coming months and will advertise the details nearer the time. I welcome contact from anyone who would like to get in touch for advice, to share concerns or to simply introduce themselves. If you are unable to attend those surgeries or need to contact me in the meantime, please do so via....

Non-emergency telephone: 101 or email [nicola.payne@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nicola.payne@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

In an emergency use 999.

I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the year.

Nicola Payne  
Police Community Support Officer 30030  
Crediton Police Station

## CHERITON BISHOP & CROCKERNWELL

### SCAMS GALORE! (read this and, hopefully, don't get caught out!)

Some more examples of Scams “doing the rounds” below. Why do we publish them?

To show the ingenuity of criminals in creating messages that can persuade YOU to give them valuable personal information. These might not be the ones that hit you, but the lesson is, question anything that looks vaguely “unreal” or “too good to be true”. The bad use of English grammar is often a good “give-away”.

**Scam 1** A very realistic e-mail is received from the Police! and is headed “Notice of Intended Prosecution” (NIP). It informs you of a speeding violation or some other traffic offence and will ask you to **CLICK** on a link to access full details. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK** as it will probably infect your computer with malware! They are preying on the motorist who might think he/she has gone through a radar trap etc. without realising it! If you suspect you might be guilty, contact the Police by ringing 101 or e-mail them, quoting the reference number given on the scam and they will verify it.

**Scam 2** This one was received by the writer but is also in general circulation! The e-mail heads up: “Thank you for shopping with us. This is acknowledgement of your order: Web reference 70523252; Item: Panasonic NN-GD3715; Microwave & Grill Silver; £188.00 GDP; 2 year guarantee: free; Standard Delivery in 5 days: Free”.

The Scam (because it is – I did not order it!) goes on to repeat all the details you would expect from Amazon or any other on-line dealer. But under “Security” it stresses that “we will never ask you to send personal details by e-mail. If we require such detail for security reasons, we will ask you to contact us by phone”. So you phone them to cancel the order, and that is when the automated phone reply asks you to feed in those personal details.

**Scam 3** Can you believe this? The secure messaging service from the Police etc has been infiltrated by a scammer. The message from our secure source reads “This is a System Administrator message to hopefully put your mind at rest if you have received a recent spam/phishing e-mail, purporting to be from Neighbourhood Alert – the e-mail was not sent by us”.

### BEWARE!

### ROAD CLOSURES/DIVERSIONS

You must be aware of the proliferation of these in and around Cheriton Bishop recently. The road closures themselves are often questionable and with so many of these, the “Diversion Signs” are often confusing. Example: traffic was diverted from the A30 at Whiddon Down through the Village. Unfortunately, a Diversion sign had been left up from another road closure, directing traffic onto Yeoford Road! Fortunately, this happened during the night, but it did not prevent HGVs, coming from Crockernwell, attempting the left turn then having to back up!

Sending vehicles, especially HGVs, down narrow country lanes as a detour is hazardous for pedestrians and frustrating for drivers who meet another vehicle when there is no passing place! Better “joined up” thinking is needed where more than one road is closed, or a clearer indication of where the Diversion is heading.

The “Utilities”! (Highways, SW Water, BT etc.) close whole roads down willy-nilly to save their expense with no consideration for road users. The Yeoford Road/Bridge crossing debacle is a classic example. Strange that the road can now be opened at weekends using traffic lights after protest. The road is actually wide enough for half to be done in turn and keep the road open! (detour 4–8 miles)

The Village Cross to Venbridge Road was closed by maintenance of a mains burst recently. The road was completely closed by excavation with not even pedestrian access. Yet on completion of the work, it can be clearly seen that the “holes” were to one side and had the excavated soil been positioned differently at least pedestrian access could have been maintained. (detour 3 miles)

Is it not time perhaps, for the safety and convenience of the public to be at least considered before roads are closed and traffic diverted?

If you come across a road closure that seems unreasonable, or a confusing diversion sign, contact: **[new.devon.gov.uk/roadandtransport/report-a-problem](http://new.devon.gov.uk/roadandtransport/report-a-problem)**. This address can be used where dangerous pot-holes persist or other hazards go unattended.

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



## What's on in March 2017

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. If you would like to come along and meet new people please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. We will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April. Meetings are held 10.30 – 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. Please drop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. This month it will be Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please ring the number below if you would like a lift.

What else do we do? – We have a fantastic group of volunteers who help to provide transport to medical social and wellbeing appointments, we can deliver prescriptions, we also loan wheelchairs and equipment to assist you in the home.

Who should you contact - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered, equipment hire and any other Acorn service, please telephone the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Acorn Office Telephone number 01647 252701 for further information.

Visit our website at [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

**ACORN LUNCH**  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12.30p.m.**

**THE COACH HOUSE**  
**Beef Cobbler, vegetables & Dessert**  
**Tea or Coffee**  
**£7.50**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
**With Jean 01647 24586**  
**Tell her if you need a lift**

**If the weather should be adverse we may have to cancel**

## CHERITON BISHOP WALKING GROUP

From the March walk, we will be starting at the new time of 10.00am at the YFC car Park. The walks are now the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month.

The March walk will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> March walking from Castle Drogo along the Teign and along to Sandy Park and back via Whiddon Park House. This is about 4.5 miles with a few steep parts, but with the option of bypassing these. So a walk for all abilities!

Additionally there is going to be a new walk starting in April on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the evening. We will meet at 18.15 pm in the YFC car park. As yet there is no walk location planned, so if anyone would like to suggest one, please contact us!

We look forward to seeing some new faces at this new time.

See also our new FACEBOOK page, Cheriton Bishop Walking Group. Anyone can view details. Photos and walk info will be displayed on this page in addition to the current newsletter and posters.

If you require any further info, please contact Dennis on 272844 or Jon on 281454



### ***Cheriton and Tedburn YFC***

The last month has been a busy one with the entertainments in full swing! We have had our group round against Bow/Newton YFC where we managed to come first! We will now be going through to the county round to perform and compete alongside 5 other groups from around Devon. We also held our performance at QE lower school on the 11<sup>th</sup> February to raise money to fund our entertainments, which was a great success! Thank you to everyone who supported us!

It hasn't just been the entertainments that we've been getting up to; we have also been on a trip to Fingle Glen Driving Range. This was a great evening involving members of all ages and is definitely something we will do again!

Coming up we have more fun things for members to get involved with, including a trip to Sandford Orchards and a skittles evening against the advisory members. We are also holding our annual dung sale, which is always a great way to raise some money for charity. This is to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February: we will be at Tedburn Village Hall Car Park from 10am-12pm, the YFC Centre in Cheriton Bishop from 12.30pm-2.30pm, and finally Drewsteignton Square from 3pm-5pm. Bags cost £3 each. For more information or to make a booking in advance please contact myself on the number below.

If you are interested in getting involved in YFC and you are aged between 10-26 just contact me on 07792 518439 for more information. Our upcoming meetings are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Venues and times vary, therefore contact me for further details, or find us on Facebook.

*Katie Grist (Club Secretary)*



## **Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society**

It was enjoyable sitting there hearing about all the hard work being done by the gardeners at Drogo Castle at the February Meeting.

The next meeting **on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm in the Spalding Hall is 'Incredible Vegetables'**; a chance to be encouraged to grow something new, something different for the menu. (There may be the opportunity to buy some seeds or pluglets, so bring some money to be tempted!)

Spring will be celebrated on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall when the Spring Show** will be held. Come along and be amazed by the number of varieties of daffodil. Anyone may enter; entries to Fallow End, Church Lane (courtesy of Pat English) by 7pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Do not forget the pot of dwarf species tulips to exhibit. Also classes for an arrangement of seasonal flowers, for a jar of marmalade, and a cake (any recipe) decorated for Easter/Spring. Judging will be for the cake decoration only. Children are invited to enter a decorated hard-boiled egg.

The Village Show schedule has been reviewed, incorporating some of the classes that used to feature in the Midsummer show, especially sweet peas. Hopefully there will be a good number of entries for those classes as sweet pea seed sown in April should be in full bloom for the show. Trying to accommodate the changes in size of garden, type of gardening, and range of plants grown, there have been alterations to the classes so the schedule must be read with care. There are six months still to prepare some exhibits for the handicraft, art and photography section.

In addition to being on the Cheriton Bishop website, the Spring Show schedule (paper version) will be available in the red box at the Village Hall or ring Persis 24303. If you email [persis@rmbower.plus.com](mailto:persis@rmbower.plus.com), an attachment for both the Spring and Village Shows will be sent. Not everyone has access to email, or has a printer, so please could you print off a copy for a neighbour or a new gardener or forward the schedule to anyone interested. It is so much more fun when there are new names on the prize tickets, it stops exhibitors becoming complaisant; and provides an incentive to do something creative, either cooking, art work or in garden.

*Persis Bower*

## **West Country Embroiderers in March**

**Tuesday March 7th 13.30- 16.00 Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

This month we welcome Katy Choroszezwska from Tamar Threads to our meeting. She will be giving us a talk on Colour: A brief tour of the colour wheel. With her cornucopia of hand dyed threads and fabrics. I feel our spirits will be lifted with a little shopping therapy alongside a fascinating presentation.

Our new website is live, check us out on [wcecheritonbishop](http://wcecheritonbishop). New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Please contact *Nicky Westcott* 01835 82517 or [westcottnick@gmail.com](mailto:westcottnick@gmail.com) for the list of things you will need for this month's class.

Coming up in April is our annual exhibition at the Spring Embroidery Fair, details overleaf.

*Elaine Clark*

# Spring Embroidery Fair

To be held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall (EX6 6JA)

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Exhibition of hand & machine embroidery

And mixed media textiles

With demonstrations of techniques

Trade stalls with fabrics, threads and books

Home-made lunches and refreshments available through each day.

*Free admission – prize draw*

Contact Details: Felicity Dudbridge on 01392 811647

email: [felicitydudbridge@gmail.com](mailto:felicitydudbridge@gmail.com)

## **NORTH EAST DARTMOOR CARE**

What an eventful year 2016 was for North East Dartmoor Care. We hosted a successful crowdfunding campaign and together with our local communities raised an amazing £12,000 in donations from across the area.

Due to the high level of local support and the great need for home care, the social enterprise was subsequently awarded the remainder of the start-up funding required by the Moretonhampstead Hospital League of Friends. This enabled NEDCare to start the registration process with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) so that we can provide regulated care to residents across NE Dartmoor.

The key step in achieving registration is the recruitment of a qualified and experienced “Registered Manager”, charged with steering NEDCare through CQC registration and leading on quality, safety and all aspects of compliance. To that end we are delighted to introduce Simon Tickner into the post. Simon started in post on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and we hope the registered service will be up and running by Spring 2017.

We will soon be looking to employ a dedicated team of local care workers who can support individuals in their own homes.

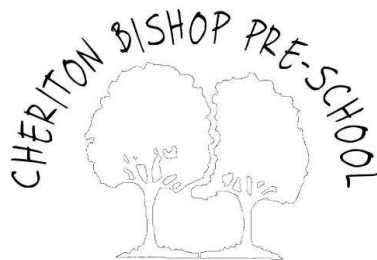
The Carer Introduction Service is still active, making 2 or more matches a week - to date we have facilitated over 1,000 care hours per week, every week. We are always looking for self-employed carers – please get in touch.

The NEDCare office has now moved to Green Hill, Fore Street, Moretonhampstead and the business has a new phone line 01647 279211. Email [info@nedcare.org](mailto:info@nedcare.org).

## **Cheriton Bishop Pre-school**

## **Taking children (unaccompanied) from ages 2 - 5 years**

*Please phone or email to book your place now.*



*Learning through play and making new friends*

We provide **pre-school education** with fun and exciting activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All in a spacious setting with a wide variety of equipment and secure outside play area. Up to 15 hours free for over 3 years olds using Early Years Funding or just £4 per hour. We accept funding for free places for 2 year olds, call in for more details.

**Please call the Play leader**

**Christine Grist: (01647) 281205 or 07977 777318**

**Email: [enquiries@cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk)**

**Or visit our website for more information: [www.cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk](http://www.cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk)**

**Session times:** Mon. & Tues. 9 – 11.30pm with optional lunch club -12.45pm.

Wed. & Thurs. 9 – 3.15pm. We currently have spaces available for all sessions.

Our topic for this half term has been – ‘**Shapes & superheroes!**’ We have been encouraging role play and using and exploring shapes during our sessions.

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## **Grab a bargain or get rid of your clutter at our Table Top Sale**

**Saturday 4th March 2017**

**2pm – 4pm**

**Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

**Buy and sell good quality second hand baby equipment, toys, books, CD's,  
DVD's, clothes, homeware and much more**

**or**

**just come and enjoy our refreshments, cake stall, raffle and kids corner (which includes  
crafts, games, lucky dip and more)**

**Table spaces for sellers £10 per table – tables provided  
to book or for more information please call Rachel on 07525 732 888  
(all proceeds will go directly to the pre-school)**

## **Visits and Taster Sessions**

If you have a Pre-school age child which you are considering bringing to Pre-school we would be delighted to meet with you or alternatively you are welcome to visit us and join in with a session. The Pre-school has a wonderful caring atmosphere to help children develop and grow.

Monday morning is our quietest session at the moment so if you are thinking of starting your child at Pre-school, you may find this a good day to begin. Please see our website for contact details.

## **Our Committee needs you!**

We are run by a voluntary committee; if you feel that you might have some time to spare and would like to get involved in our group, then we would love to see you. If interested, please give Kim a call on 01647 281413.



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

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It really makes you wonder, doesn't it? 'Road Closed' signs everywhere with a work start date of 13<sup>th</sup> February. What happens? Nothing! There seems to be very little, if any, information about the closure of Church Lane. Notices have appeared on the windscreens of cars parked in the lane indicating that they will have to be removed to enable the work to be carried out. On top of this, the notes state that the work is emergency work by Carillion Telent for BT! Emergency??? They have already missed last week when they intended to start – last week when the school was on half term and the disruption would have been minimised – and they might start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. Some emergency!!! I await instructions as to the parking of cars during the forthcoming week(s). Are they blocking the whole of Church Lane or is it a rolling blockade? I understand that the running of cables down the lane might be involved. I hope they have taken account of the requirement for emergency vehicles to have access to dwellings on Church Lane!

The closure of various bridges over the dual carriageway caused a fair amount of chaos in the lanes. The Crediton lane past Drummerswell and on down to Frog Mill was the scene of several tense situations. The hill up from Frog Mill to Higher Mounson was particularly fraught with no passing places at all on the hill. The wonders of modern motoring, I'm sure. Rant over! I suppose that I might have missed some dissemination of information whilst I was a bit poorly.

So, on then to the School and its happenings. In the last Snippets I made great play of the fund raising efforts of both the school and the PTFA. The February Fund Raising Day was on 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month when it was the turn of the British Heart Foundation to be the focus of the day. The school raised a massive £60.76 for the charity. Well done to all concerned, that is a magnificent sum of money raised for a really good cause. The charity focus in March will be Red Nose Day on 24<sup>th</sup>. That is followed on the following morning, Saturday, by the PTFAs Community Breakfast in the Village Hall. I'm looking forward to that!

As forecast last month, Mrs Gillon has started her maternity leave. I'm sure you would all join me in wishing her well. Mrs Miners has taken over her post. There was an opportunity for parents to meet Mrs Miners on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Do note that on 23<sup>rd</sup> March the school will be participating in the Crediton Learning Community Music Concert at the Northcott Theatre. Class 4 children will be taking part in this concert which is entitled 'Songs From The Stage'. The performance starts at 1900. In the past these concerts have been a delight and this year's promises good things. Tickets normally sell out quickly so, if you want to see the children in concert, you'd better get your tickets soon. Ever helpful, I do have an internet link for the purchase of tickets which is:

<https://exeternorthcott.co.uk/calendar/songs-from-stage-and-screen/>

So, there you are, get your tickets now – I've just tested the link and it does work.

As mentioned in the last issue, a Parent Forum was held on 26<sup>th</sup> January. I gave you the parameters last month and a number of issues were addressed. You will see from the calendar that there is an 'Open Classroom' in both March and May where parents can drop in to look at work books and Class displays. It has also been decided to hold the next Forum at 0900 on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 0900 being a more convenient time for the parentage. Involving the parents more closely and improving lines of communication can only be a good thing.

Last week the school was involved in the 'Big School's Bird Watch'. All the children were involved in making bird feeders which were duly hung around the school and filled with seed to which they had all contributed. Each class spent an hour observing the birds and recording the different species on a chart.

This is really what it is all about. Getting our youngsters to ‘see’ the world about them and get their noses out of their mobile phones and electronic gadgetry.

On to another ‘Bête Noir’ of mine, the speed of traffic in Church Lane. The speed limit is 20 miles per hour. Through the day we seem to be beset by any number of speeding vans and cars. At school starting and finishing times this is extremely dangerous and the children are particularly at risk. I’m sorry to say that at those particular times it is the parents who seem to be the main perpetrators trying to get little Johnny or Ermintrude to school in time in the mornings. Please, please be careful. As a rule of thumb, if you are driving, the interval between utility poles at the side of the road is about 5 seconds at 20 mph. There’s a tip for you. It will be even more important when the Walking Bus restarts as the weather improves.

I’ve mentioned it already, and I ask you not to forget it, the Community Breakfast in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Go on, spoil yourselves and have someone else to cook your breakfast for you!!

The calendar looks like this:

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Open Classroom (for the parentage) – 1530-1600**  
**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 to Heatree**  
**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 to Heatree**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March – Crediton Learning Community – Music Concert**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Community Breakfast – Village Hall – PTFA sponsored**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Art Week**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening drop in**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Easter Assembly 0930**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Mar – End of Term**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Apr – Summer Term begins**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May – Open Classroom**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Forum – 1700-1800**

Up at the railway at Okehampton, the main activity of the winter months, The Polar Express, came to a successful conclusion during the week after Christmas. As usual, the production was appreciated by parents, grandparents and children alike. One by-product of the Polar Express season is the further use of the locomotives that have been hauling said trains. These usually have to wait for their return to their parent company/stabling point until a path is made available for them on the main line. It just so happens that the engines of all three locomotives were made by the same manufacturer, Sulzer. The three were a Class 33, a Class 45 and a Class 47. For the second year running we took advantage of their presence on the railway to hold a Sulzer Weekend. They came from all over the country to ride behind these locos on the 15 mile Dartmoor Railway and it proved very popular. Sadly, the locos are due to return to their homes quite soon.

On the singing front, the programme for 2017 for Mariners Away is beginning to firm up. As well as the five festivals we attend, we have got gigs in Falmouth, Lynmouth, Liskeard and Hittisleigh coming up. The gig near Liskeard is a wedding! We aim to do no more than 2 dates per month. It looks like a fun filled year ahead.

The Cheriton Bishop Occasional Church Choir is starting to practise for Good Friday and Easter. West Devon Folk Choir come back from half term on Tuesday ready again for the fray!

That’s it for now. Have a good March

PGR



## News from Elsewhere

### Greener Teign screening of inspirational film “Demain”

Already viewed by over 1.5 million people in France alone, and winner of Best Documentary at the Cesar Awards (the French Oscars), ‘Tomorrow’ has been hugely impactful and has now just been released in the UK. Produced by activist and writer Cyril Dion and actress/director Mélanie Laurent, it tells the story of their search for solutions to the crisis humanity faces. It is a positive, affirming and inspirational film, exploring creative solutions in the fields of food, energy, transport, economics and education. It visits permaculture farms, urban agriculture projects, community-owned renewable projects, local currencies, creative schools, ambitious recycling projects. It has been a massive boost to community-led projects, and is currently on release in 29 other countries, regularly receiving standing ovations, and leading to the formation of many new community projects. It is the perfect antidote to the current sense of global despondency. It also has a great soundtrack!

**The film will be shown at 7.30 in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April.**  
Tickets £3.50 on the door to cover hire costs.

#### CHAGFORD SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

‘Feel the Spirit’ a cycle of spirituals by John Rutter together with a selection of traditional and contemporary music.

St. Michaels Church Chagford on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 each from Sallys Newsagents or Sue Glassfield 01647 43377

#### Holcombe Burnell Church, Longdown

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March , 7.30 p.m**

**Cosgraves and Banks**

**An exciting folk/acoustic Duo**

Tickets 7.50 from

Jane: 01392 811246 and Sue : 01392 811816

*(A Villages in Action event)*

**Don't Miss Out!**



**Drewsteignton Garden Club**

**SPRING PLANT SALE**

**May 6th , 10am until sold out! At the Village Hall**

**Come early – Lots of Plants for sale**

**at BARGAIN PRICES!**



**Refreshments / Raffle**

**National Garden Scheme (caring charities)  
Crocus and Cream Teas event in March in East Worlington**

The garden is open on  
Sunday 5th and 12th March from 1.30–5.00

*We are one of the first NGS gardens to be open so please dress up warmly!*

**East Worlington House. East Worlington, Lapford, EX17 4TS**

Fantastic Teas in Grade 2 Parish Hall next door.

Plants for sale.

Dogs welcome on leads.

All details on the NGS website.

***News from the Castle***

Hi everyone

It is a hive of activity up at Drogo. There has been a bit of work in our visitor centre where we have relocated the door to the shop and given the café a fresh coat of paint. We have also been doing the annual deep clean of the Castle with floors being polished, objects dusted and new displays in the rooms. The garden team has been busy too, mulching the borders and doing vast amounts of pruning. On top of all this 'normal' work, the building project has been moving along nicely too. The new scaffolding is now complete and we are waiting for a spell of kind weather to put the roof sheeting on.

Just in case this wasn't enough to be getting on with, I have some very exciting news to share with you all. I am sure that many of you know that, in the 1920s, a hydro-electric power scheme was created next to the River Teign to provide electricity for Julius Drewe and his household at Castle Drogo. The scheme later fell into disrepair but, as it is Grade II listed and located within a Site of Special Scientific Interest, there has long been a desire to get it working again. I am delighted to let you know that we have, after many years of careful planning and submitting various permission requests, got everything lined up to make this dream happen.

Work will begin in February and will be completed by the end of September 2017. There will be a few open days down at the turbine house for those interested and a regular newsletter on progress. Please let me know if you would like to be added to a mailing list to hear the latest news.

2017 is shaping up to be a very exciting year! Thanks everyone and see you soon.

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