

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell



Newsletter

March 2021



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Useful Information

Doctors and Healthcare

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

Surgery: 8am to 9.30am, Monday to Friday - no appointment needed. **Out of Hours:** Call 111. **Emergency:** Call 999

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Gas: 0800 111 999

Water: 0344 346 2020

Highways Agency: 0300 123 5000

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Police

Non-emergency: 101

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Churches

Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop - 01647 24119, Tuesday to Sunday
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Village Hall: Tim Gorringe - 01647 24789

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Welcome to the Newsletter

March 2021 Edition

Hi, my name is Tommy and I'm the editor's nephew. I'm doing my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and as part of my volunteering I will be helping Lucy with the parish newsletter. As I can't go to her house in person, we decided that I should write this month's editorial piece.

At the time of writing, we are into the half term break so we've had about 6 weeks of demanding home schooling!

I go to QE and they set lessons according to the timetable and the teachers usually go through the work via live lessons. Sometimes this is just at the beginning of the lesson and sometimes for the whole lesson. At the end we attach our work and upload it to the Microsoft Teams Assignment.

Home schooling this time around has been very different to the first lockdown as it's much more organised and structured. It's a bit boring being at home all the time but at least the work keeps us occupied and I know we are really lucky to be living in the countryside.

We try to get out for local walks or a run around the block to get some exercise but like everyone else, I can't wait for this lockdown to be over.

Tommy

Editor's Request

Write an interesting article and email to cheritonnews@gmail.com and I will do my best to add it to the Newsletter. Feel free to send in articles with your thoughts, ideas and observations.

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Dates for your Diary

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

March 2021

15th GC - Penny's Primulas Talk CANCELLED

27th Gardening Club Spring Show TBC

Mobile Library - Tues 23 Mar

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

To make sure that customers and staff are safe, we are offering a Choose & Collect contactless service.

Future library visits, 2021: April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd and 30th.

For information, visit [facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries](https://www.facebook.com/devonmobilelibraries), twitter.com/devonmobilelibs, [devonlibraries.org.uk](https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk) or contact info@librariesunlimited.org.uk or **0345 155 1001**

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Shop Trading Hours:

Monday to Saturday 7am to 9pm
Sunday 8am to 8pm

Post Office Trading Hours:

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Closed 1pm to 2pm on Weds
Saturday 9am to 2pm
Sunday Closed

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What's On?

St. David's Day, 1st March

St. David is the patron saint of Wales, and celebrations include wearing daffodils and leeks, eating traditional Welsh food and wearing Welsh national costume.

World Wildlife Day, 3rd March

World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people.

World Book Day, 4th March

Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books.

International Woman's Day, 8th March

A worldwide celebration of women's rights and celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Mother's Day, 14th March

The day where we show Mum just how much we love her in the UK

Pi Day, 14th March

A day of celebrating the wonder of mathematics, 14th March was chosen because the value of Pi is often taken as 3.14.

St. Patrick's Day, 17th March

Ireland's national day celebrates the Irish patron saint Patrick. The day is celebrated all around the world with Guinness and shamrock decorations.

Global Recycling Day, 18th March

A day to recognise, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.

It is a day for the world to come together and put the planet first.

Spring Begins, 20th March

World Frog Day, 20th March

A celebration of frogs which are an important indicator of an ecosystem's health and help to keep the ecosystem balanced.

World Poetry Day, 21st March

A UNESCO day to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.

Tolkien Day, 25th March

Organised by The Tolkien Society, to encourage fans to celebrate and promote the life and works of J.R.R. Tolkien by reading their favourite passages from his books.

Shakespeare Week, 15th March to 21st March

Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities for enriching and enjoyable early encounters with Shakespeare.

Letters to the Editor

The Listening Ear Service

Are you feeling the pressure of trying to run a business during a pandemic? Listening Ear is a new pilot programme that's here to help...

Running a business is stressful at the best of times. Running a business during a pandemic is even harder. There's a lot to think about just to keep afloat at the moment. But don't forget that YOU are one of the most important parts of your business and you need to look after yourself as well as the paperwork.

Listening Ear is a new service that gives you the opportunity to chat informally to an experienced volunteer about whatever's making you feel stressed. We're not here to offer business advice; we're here to provide a friendly, impartial listening ear so you can talk about whatever you feel you need to.

Our experienced volunteers will provide a supportive ear and will also be able to signpost you to other services if you need them.

Your wellbeing is important to both your health and the future of your business. Talking to one of our Listening Ear volunteers is a way for you to prioritise your own mental wellbeing, especially when you may not feel comfortable talking to your friends and family about things.

It's ok to put yourself first. Call our team and book your first chat today.

If you would like to find out more about talking to our Listening Ear volunteers, please visit our website at: <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/listening-ear>. Contact us by email to: info@devoncommunities.org.uk or call us on: **01392 248919**.



Devon Communities Together is also hosting a series of free online events designed to support Devon SME and micro businesses and the people behind them through COVID-19.

Dr MacAllister added:

“This session is designed to think about business support holistically, from learning and development, to finances and how your business intersects with your everyday life, and the importance of self-care and peer support.”

The session will feature two expert guest speakers: Lynsey Riddett from the South West Growth Hub who will speak on support opportunities; and Matthew Porter, Business Coach at Devon Communities Together, who will speak on the innovative 'Balanced Horizon Canvass' - a model that helps people shape their businesses and their whole selves. There will also be facilitated networking and peer support.

To book a free space, visit: <http://bit.ly/3oKListeningEarEvent>. The event is open to any business owner located in Devon.

Listening Ear is funded by Devon County Council and has been developed in partnership with Devon Communities Together.

It is initially a pilot until March 2021, with the possibility of being extended and expanded in the future.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

Pat Hill

All my family and I would like to thank all those of you who sent condolences, love and comfort since our mum passed away on Tuesday 26th January.

She was poorly for 3 weeks and unfortunately lost her fight with Covid-19. We were unable to see, touch or comfort her in the last days but we are very grateful to her new family at Coppellia House, Moretonhampstead.

The care staff were with her all the time to the end and we cannot thank them enough. Her burial took place on Wednesday 10th February at Dunsford Church where she was reunited with our father.

Once again, because of Covid, only 30 mourners were allowed. I am very sorry that so many of you were unable to say goodbye in the normal way but perhaps in the future we can all get together to celebrate her life

Sue Bennett & family



News from the Castle

Hi everyone,

As I write, it is a gloriously cold, crispy and sunny morning and the garden at Drogo is starting to come back to life. I'm working from home though and, although my garden isn't quite up to the standard of Drogo, I have snowdrops in flower - definitely what I need to boost the energy levels.

It is tricky to write an update with any certainty at the moment. Like everyone, we are taking each day as it comes. The aim is that we will be able to re-open in the spring, subject to Government guidance and restrictions of course. Many staff are still on furlough and there is a reduced number of people on-site keeping on top of the essential tasks and those jobs that can't be done from home.

Our Collections and House team are busy working on the rooms on the Green Corridor. Using photographs from when the Drewe family owned and lived in the castle mid 20th

century, we are carefully presenting the rooms as closely to the photos as possible. It is incredible how many items are still in the house and that warm and welcoming feeling is returning.

I shared with you before the work the Rangers are doing on the drive, felling some of the beech, especially those with severe squirrel damage. Most of the felling has now been cleared and tidied and the team are starting to interplant with young Scots pine.

To finish then, thank you to everyone who has been in touch saying how much they miss the garden and castle but are enjoying being able to walk locally through the gorge. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for all the latest opening information. Stay safe everyone!

Paula

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Letters to the Editor

ACE Archaeology Club

If you have been reading the other articles from ACE, you will know that we were not able to do our usual 'dig' last summer and we are not sure about this summer either. So, we have used the time to concentrate on our finds. Three of us have been working in our homes on cataloguing finds but also doing small pieces of research.

Cataloguing is filling in a spreadsheet with as much detail on each piece of pottery, or glass, or bone (animals!) or metal and, if we can, dating it. We don't have any experts on pottery, for example, but we do have an adviser who has helped a little with some of the older pieces of pot but sometimes, fascinating though it is to know that something dates from the 11th or 12th centuries, it is often the later pieces that can set you off on a research trail.

At first, I thought it was perhaps from one of the pots used in the Victorian and early 20th century for foodstuffs, or toothpaste, hair cream etc and the words were 'labels' but I couldn't find anything that fitted. Difficult when there is only one word in full.

A few days ago, I came across a group on Facebook which discusses and answers question on British pottery. The people in the group are mainly collectors of whole pieces of pottery but I joined with the explanation that they were unlikely to get any pictures of whole pieces from me. I shared a photo with them and as a result of their information I am now pretty certain what it is. They suggested that I look for Franklin Maxim mugs. I was

none the wiser but back to the internet. Franklin's maxims refer to Benjamin Franklin, one of the American Founding Fathers, who wrote, or compiled a book of maxims or improving sayings and published it in 1758, as, 'The Way to Wealth'. The sayings etc had previously been published, over 25 years, in a magazine called 'Poor Richard's Almanac'. You may be familiar with some of them even now. 'Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy and wealthy and wise'; 'There are no gains, without pains'.

Next, I had to find out what our mug said. Luckily, there is a free online version of, 'The Way to Wealth' and I was able to do a word search though the book using the words we had and inspired guesses. I found the following, 'Lost time is never found again; and what we call time enough, always proves little enough'.

The Franklin mugs were made around the middle of the 19th Century, 1850 to 1875 or thereabouts and they were made for children. Poor Victorian children, they were always being subjected to improving phrases. They were made in Staffordshire by various potteries.

I do hope that we will be able to look for more of this mug next summer when we start digging again. Fingers crossed.

Erica Williamson

ACE Archaeology Club.

www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com

Find us on Facebook

Cheriton Bishop Village FaceBook Page

Our Facebook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area. If you would like to be part of this, please send a request to our FaceBook page.

Acorn Community Support

Light at the End of the Tunnel

Here we are well into 2021 and is that an ever increasing light we see at the end of the tunnel? Vaccinations are going really well with several Vaccination Stations set up that are available to use. Organisation of the set up differs from Station to Station but in the main everything goes very smoothly. At Acorn our wonderful Volunteers have been busy transporting patients to the various Vaccination points and everything has gone to plan which has been encouraging and a relief for all concerned.

Let Us Entertain You!

Here at Acorn we have embarked on a new method of entertainment. Back to the old-fashioned telephone conference call which enables lots of people to dial in and join the fun. So far we have established the following regular 'clubs':

Tuesday: Bingo Called by the lovely Peta Cupper who we can never quite let go from Acorn.

Thursday: Memory Lane Café Led by Jane Hancock with Fran Peake in attendance.

Friday: Crossword Puzzle Day Clues and inspiration by our very own Jo Clunie.

All the start times are **11am** so you can get your coffee and your cake and sit down with Acorn. We intend to also have something on

the Monday and Wednesday too and will let you all know as soon as we do.

We recommend that your phone contract allows you unlimited daytime calls for free. Please call Mandy or Fran at the Office on **01647 252701** to book your places and get the dial-in details.

Business As Usual

Of course Acorn continues with all its usual services so please do call us.

- Provision of shopping buddies and telephone buddies
- Access to Acorn's Cashpoint machine
- Transport to medical appointments
- Transport to Vaccination Clinic appointments
- A regular befriending service
- A listening ear
- Prescription deliveries
- Financial support

In the meantime, please keep yourselves safe and healthy and we very much look forward to getting some of our more usual services up and running asap.

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team



Health & Lifestyle

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice

Surgery timetable – Cheriton Bishop

Appointment Surgeries: morning

Dr Hamilton	Monday	10am to 11am
Dr Hamilton	Thursday	8.30am to 11am
Dr Vaile	Monday & Thursday	8.30am to 11am
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	10am to 10.50am
Dr Singhera	Tuesday	9.30am to 11am
Dr Singhera	Friday	8.30am to 11am
Practice Nurse	Monday & Wednesday	9am to 12.30pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	9am to 12noon
Health Care Assistant	Mon, Tues & Weds	8.30am to 12.30pm
Health Care Assistant	Thursday	8.30am to 11.10am
Health Care Assistant	Friday	8.30am to 11.30am

Appointment Surgeries: afternoon

Dr Clunie	Monday	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Singhera	Monday	2.40pm to 5.10pm
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	2.50pm to 4.50pm
Dr Hayter / Dr Clunie	Tuesday (alternate)	2.50pm to 4.50pm
Dr Singhera	Tuesday	1.30pm to 5pm
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Hayter	Friday	3pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Monday	2pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	2pm to 6.50pm
Practice Nurse	Thursday	2pm to 5.30pm

Christow Branch Surgery – by appointment only

Dr Hayter	Monday	8.20am to 10.20am
Dr Singhera	Monday	8.30am to 11.30am
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Clunie	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Hayter	Thursday	3pm to 5pm
Dr Singhera	Thursday	2.50pm to 5.30pm
Dr Clunie	Friday	3pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am
Practice Nurse	Wednesday	2pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Thursday & Friday	2pm to 5pm
Health Care Assistant	Monday & Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am

Open Surgery

**8am to 9.30am
Monday to Friday**

Two doctors will be available for the open surgery each morning. No appointment necessary.

Appointments

To make an Appointment for any surgery or speak to a Doctor, please call **01647 24272** Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm (except Bank or statutory holidays)

Out of Hours:

When the surgery is closed and you need to speak to a doctor, please call: **111**

In an Emergency, please call: **999**

Evening Surgery

Cheriton Bishop only

We recognise the need for those who work to be able to access a convenient surgery appointment time, so there will be an evening clinic on Tuesdays run by Dr Clunie and Dr Hayter by appointment.

Health & Lifestyle

When You Change Yourself, You Change The World

There's no better way to begin this article than with the timeless words of peaceful activist Mahatma Gandhi:

“You must be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

When we think of how we could change the world, because we can see the potential for it to be better, greater and more beautiful, we think big: revolution, mass protests and drastic action. But all change, actually happens from a much more realistic and manageable start-point; at the level of the individual.

No matter how much you'd like to, even if you feel you had the right to, you can't change anyone or anything other than yourself, the actions you take, and the choices you make.

Maybe you want to see a more loving, caring, compassionate, healthy and kind world? Then it starts with all of us as individuals taking small steps towards truly being those things.

So be the change; embody what you'd like to see more of in the world – only then will you create the world you want to be a part of.

Things can feel tough at the moment but right now in this moment, take a second just to look up and around...

There, that's got your chin up, and that after all is a great place to start.

With love and appreciation!

Joe Arnold (Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro Dartmoor Chiropractic) and **Jess Gordon**

Countryside Rules by Janet Malloy - sister of Sally Burton

*The fields are the farmers
vegetable beds*

*Don't trample with feet,
please use your head*

*The grass is a crop,
so stay on the path,*

*Two abreast is enough
for a chat and a laugh*

*Though the bridle path's awful
with mud and a rut*

*You can't use the field
to take a short cut*

*Consider now
the lamkins fate*

*If you omit
to shut the gate*

*If the cattle need access,
to water and hay*

*The gate might be open so
please leave it that way*

*If the gate is locked then
please don't winge*

*But sprightly climb over the
end near the hinge*

*If your dog worries stock
the farmer can kill it*

*Not nice if poor Rover
meets his fate with a bullet*

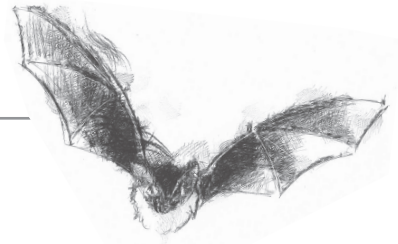
*Alpaca and donkeys and bulls
are so sweet*

*But they don't require
Polos and apples to eat*

*Wonderful walks
and so much to see*

*But try to avoid walking
with a grump like me*

Earth Corner



Wildlife Wardens

'Could you be a parish Wildlife Warden' reads an ad on the website of Acting on Climate in Teignbridge (ACT).

It goes on 'They are needed to help support, protect and increase our district's wildlife and improve its chances of surviving the ecological and climate emergencies we face. Wildlife Wardens need to love wildlife but don't need specialist knowledge, we will provide training.'

Indeed, UK is losing important wildlife species. For example, the number of widespread butterfly species fell by 58% on farmed land in England between 2000 and 2009. The 'State of Nature' UK report found that a quarter of mammals and nearly half of birds assessed are at risk of extinction, and species which are



inhabiting a declining area include hedgehogs, hares and bats, and many birds such as the willow tit and the turtle dove.

While Devon wildlife organisations are working towards a Nature Recovery Network, local Wildlife Wardens can really help. They are invited to keep an eye on local habitats and advise or help maintain them, including hedgerows, orchards and meadows. They can use wildlife surveys and report on wildlife, support interested landowners and gardeners with advice and ideas, and check developments as they proceed for any unexpected loss or damage to trees, hedgerows etc.

They can also work with schools and young people, churches and faith groups etc. It's up to each warden, or each pair, to decide the direction they want to take in their parish.

So far, Audrey Compton, a former Ranger, has given introductory training to 41 wardens from 25 parishes in Teignbridge, and a range of experts are available to give further training in specific areas. At present training is online and risk assessment is a key subject.

I spoke to one of the newly trained wardens in Whitestone, Councillor Lou Dyer. She said 'The training was really good... I love the fact that we're linked in with all the others [wardens] through the website.'

Their Facebook page is also a great way of sharing resources. For example 'You can book onto a 90 minute training online on how to start a wildflower meadow' Lou said. Lou and her companion warden are considering buying a wildlife camera to set up in different areas of the village to see what moves about when humans are out of sight.

I'd like to explore setting up a similar scheme for Mid Devon parishes. I wonder whether there would be interest in a Wildlife Warden Scheme for Cheriton Bishop? Do get in touch if you'd like to find out more or want to help this idea along.

**Gill Westcott,
01647 24789**



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Sean Briggs

In The Garden

The Garden is Springing into Action!

As long as the weather is good, there is plenty to do in the garden in March. The days get longer and at the first sign of a warm, sunny day, growth springs into action. Any old growth still remaining on herbaceous plants can be cleared away now. If you haven't already applied mulch during the winter, there is still time before new leaves appear and fill the space. Remove any weeds, divide any plants that you want to and plant new acquisitions.

March is the time to sow seed. By the time most seeds have germinated there will be enough light and warmth for the seedlings to develop properly. There is still time to sow more seed of anything that has failed. I think a mouse found the sweet pea seedlings that I germinated in January. My early tomato seedlings might get a bit etiolated before they

can leave the warm windowsill too. It is just as well to save a few seeds to sow later in March.

Bush and shrub roses can be pruned in March. Aim to open up the plant by removing older wood from the centre, leaving a strong frame which allows light and air to the remaining branches. As always, remove any dead or damaged branches or any that cross and rub.

If you have early potatoes chitting on a windowsill, now is the time to plant them out in the garden. Onion sets can also be put into prepared ground.

Enjoy all the Spring blossom and new shoots which emerge every day. These bear close inspection and are a source of constant delight!

Sally Rix

Cheriton Bishop Birdwatch

The RSPB Garden Birdwatch took place over the last weekend of January 2021. It occurred to me that this would be a good way to collect information about the birds that visit local gardens. I used the Cheriton Bishop Facebook page to ask people to share their RSPB results with me. I'm pleased to say that twelve households were willing to give me their results and 613 birds were spotted and recorded.

The weather on the official weekend was poor and many people were disappointed that their usual visitors did not appear. This was in spite of being offered fat balls, mealworms, coconut, peanuts, sunflower hearts, sunflower bird seed mix, nyger seeds and scraps.

The types of birds counted are similar to the RSPB top ten apart from the large amount of crows that were seen. It's good to know that our bird population is doing well and that Chaffinches, Long-tailed Tits, Dunnocks and Goldfinches are more prevalent here than elsewhere. In total 29 different types of bird were seen. I hope to do the Birdwatch again next year (in a more organised way) to keep a record of which birds are thriving here.

Sarah O'Neill

Gardening Club News

We have decided to cancel the March meeting and have invited Penny of Penny's Primulas to speak to us in the autumn instead. We are likely to cancel the Spring Show as well. Please keep an eye open for e-mails (for members) and posters, if the rules relax enough for us to hold it.

In the meantime we can at least start planting some seeds to convince ourselves better times lie ahead.

Janet Jeffery

Cheriton Bishop School

Spring Term

We have now completed nearly 6 weeks of lockdown, hub school and online learning. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting the children at home during this challenging time. I have been delighted with how engaged the children have been with their learning. Children - we are really proud of you and cannot wait until you can all come back! We have really missed you all.

Home Learning Display

Mrs Ley has made a lovely display of some of the work the children from Class 2 have sent in from home. Children, we really enjoy and appreciate everything you submit, please do keep it coming!

The children have been learning about amphibians, including the lifecycle of a frog. They have also been going on nature scavenger hunts and sending in pictures of what they found. They have also been using lego and star wars figures to learn about division!

News from Out and About

We enjoyed hearing a guitar recital, planning journeys around the world and used toy soldiers to solve division questions in maths.

A Journey Through Time

Class 4 have been looking at the Ancient Mayan Civilisation in history. They looked at clothing and they made Mayan headdresses and tried weaving with paper.

Super Hedgehog Houses

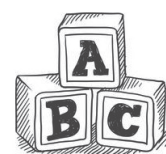
Way back before lockdown, the Eco-Council raised some money to encourage wildlife onto the school grounds. We had only thought to buy some bird boxes but after our meeting with The Hog Hospital, it was decided that we would invest in some hedgehog houses as well. They look amazing!

New Website Address

Please note, our web address has changed to: www.cheritonbishop.thelink.academy

Pre-School Spaces Available!

Taking children from ages 2 - 5 years



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.

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Please call Play Leader Christine Grist on **01647 24314** or **07977 777318** or email: christine.grist@thelink.academy and visit our pages on the school's website for more information: www.cheritonbishop.thelink.academy

Sessions: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu. **Drop off:** 9am to 9.15am, **Pick up:** 3pm to 3.15pm
We have spaces available for all sessions. Please call or email to book your child's place.

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Church Messages

Uncertain Times

As I write this article, we are still in strange times with Covid-19. The infections have only just peaked and are starting to decline slowly which is hopeful news. However, hospital admissions and the deaths are still very much on the increase, causing great anxiety and worry.

We see on TV hospitals stretched to capacity and NHS workers struggling to deal with the intense situation of their work and their inability to be able to make all the patients well.

We are truly grateful for a National Health Service and in awe of the skill and the professionalism of the staff.

Yet in the face of such adversity stands the hope of the vaccine and its rollout. Already most of the highest two priority groups have been vaccinated and we are starting on lower priority groups. It has been amazing to see the same NHS act so decisively and so quickly. People who have been vaccinated feel protected and safer. Families with elderly relatives are no longer fearing their loved ones becoming ill and possibly ending up in a hospital or worse dead. These two observations are linked by the virus but work independently and have to be managed in different ways.

Inevitably the question that people ask me is when will we be back to normal and when will the church services start? The easy answer is, I really do not know, but that is often not enough. I have been saying March in time for Easter at the beginning of April. By the time you read this, we will know much more. But this is the thin end of a large wedge, quickly followed by questions about important life events like weddings, significant

anniversaries and birthdays. It feels like everything is on pause and we need to press the play button. Yet, I think that we have become so concerned by these restrictions that people will be anxious about planning or holding such events. It will take much longer than we hoped for or wanted.

It is said that one of the great certainties of life is change, the only choice you really have is how well you adapt to that change.

There has been so much change that there is no normal and when the rate of change really slows down, we will all find ourselves in a new place. The real challenge is how we make the most of life and the people we love. As a Christian, we believe in God who helps and enables us through these difficult parts of our life into a new place.

Despite the many changes, we can rely on God to help and support us.

We need not be afraid of change but instead, look for new opportunities and new beginnings. We can not often control endings but we usually have a choice to embrace a new start.

Whatever the changes and worries that face us now, we can be confident to find the strength to start again and move forward.

Rev. Martin Wood

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Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

The timing of the Government's proposed update on the Lockdown easing and other rules falls after the deadline for this Newsletter. The list of Church Services is based on an assumption that the current restrictions on gatherings will be eased and opens in March with two services a week across the Team and then in April, as we approach Easter, will return to weekly Sunday services in each parish.

Any late changes to services will be posted on the Cheriton Bishop website at cheritonbishop.org.uk. The website also contains links to Sunday services and sermons on You Tube, and the Church of England website and general prayers.

The church will be generally closed but is open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm. If you visit please use the hand sanitiser and to leave the inside door as you find it but to close the outside mesh gate.

The Lent Course is underway using a well organised Zoom meeting with a choice of Wednesday and Thursday each week. The course is about the Lord's Prayer and it is still possible to join, full details of the content and how to join are advertised below.

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

**Saturday 8th May
Spalding Hall & Churchyard**

We are intending to hold a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale. More details about this event will be published in due course.

We look for donated plants so please consider planting a few extra seeds and taking some cuttings to share on the day.

Rev Martin Wood is available Tuesday to Sunday and can be contacted on **01647 24119**.

**Alan Greenslade
01647 24002**

Lent Course 2021: The Lord's Prayer

The Lent course will follow the pilgrim course looking at the Lord's Prayer, running for six evenings on a Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm via Zoom. Please send an email to revwood163@gmail.com stating which day you would like, and I will send out links weekly.

March Dates Theme

Wed 3rd / Thu 4th	Give us today our daily bread
Wed 10th / Thu 11th	Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Wed 17th / Thu 18th	Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
Wed 24th / Thu 25th	For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

*Our Father In Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name
Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done, On Earth As In Heaven
Give Us Today Our Daily Bread
Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us
Lead Us Not Into Temptation But Deliver Us From Evil
For The Kingdom, The Power, And The Glory
Are Yours Now And Forever.*

Church Services

St Mary's, Cheriton Bishop & North Kenn Mission Community Churches

March 2021

Sunday 14th Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Morning Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 18th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 21st Lent 5

10.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
10.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 28th Palm Sunday

10.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Revd Martin Wood
10.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Morning Prayer	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during *highlighted service times*

We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services

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Holy Trinity, Yeoford

We have our services on Zoom every week with Revd. Jenny Frances and our congregations have enjoyed them very much.

We are continuing with Zoom services in March and we are hopeful that we will open

for Easter Sunday on 4th April. So, watch this space. If you would like to join us on any Sunday please contact me.

Carol Price
01647 24468

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West Down Evangelical Chapel

**Yeoford Road,
Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HG**

Contact:
01647 24264 or 01647 24660

March 2021

All services are currently cancelled. Please contact one of the above telephone numbers for further information when new directives concerning the current lockdown are provided.

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on the 8th February 2021 using virtual Zoom technology as permitted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)

Present: Cllr Milton (Chair), Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC), Cllr Penny (MDDC), Cllr Way (DCC)

In Attendance: The clerk

- 1. To receive and accept apologies:** No apologies were received.
- 2. Co-option of Councillors – to consider co-option to fill two vacancies:** It was resolved to co-opt Tracy Edwards and Genevieve Tomlinson (proposed Cllr Benjamin, seconded Cllr Wood)
- 3. To receive declarations of interest – to receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda:** Cllr Benjamin declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 21/0086/HOUSE. Cllrs Benjamin and Salmon declared personal interests in application 21/00076/CAT.
- 4. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda:** Cllrs Coren & Penny explained MDDC does not notify or ask the PC for comments on all planning applications in the parish. The PC is asked to comment as a consultee on all full planning applications. The PC is not notified of Class Q applications (which include change of use of certain buildings from agriculture to residential) because they are permitted development upon which the PC has no legal right to comment. Individual parishioners can comment on such applications if they wish. Information about Class Q applications is freely available on the MDDC Planning Portal.
- 5. Engagement with residents – to consider ways of better engaging with residents:** Cllrs discussed concerns that residents are not always aware of Class Q applications until they have been decided by MDDC and are therefore potentially deprived of an opportunity to comment. Notices should be put up in a visible position near the relevant property but they are only seen by passers-by. MDDC councillors receive the MDDC Development Control List every week; this includes all planning applications. MDDC councillors will inform the Clerk each week of applications that are within the Parish and it was resolved that details of all applications within the parish will then be put on the PC Facebook page.
- 6. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 11th January 2021 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:** It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.
- 7. Planning Consent 18/01633/OUT – Land at Little Mounson Cheriton Bishop – to consider a possible breach of planning consent and agree actions:** Cllrs discussed the new site entrance which has been made by pushing through the existing Devon banking and hedge leaving a wide unsafe gap in which is open to vehicles and an unsafe road boundary. This is a possible breach of consent and the MDDC enforcement team had been informed. A parishioner has expressed concern about the risk of road slippage. Cllrs also discussed that it appeared that excavation works had been commenced despite the planning consent being outline only. Cllrs noted that MDDC's enforcement team had taken action and it was resolved that the clerk should email the enforcement team setting out their concerns and supporting enforcement action. A discussion also took place regarding the gates and advertising boardings at Trelowan Farm.
- 8. MDDC planning applications – to comment on the following applications:**
[Cllr Benjamin left the meeting]

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Reference: 21/0086/HOUSE

Proposal: Insertion of loft window in south and north elevations

Location: Fairview Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: E Benjamin

It was resolved to support this application. [Cllr Benjamin re-joined the meeting]

Reference: 21/00005/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building (revised drawings) & retention of access and hardstanding (revised drawings)

Location: Woodland at NGR 278898 95235 Tillerton Steep Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: R Lew Weisl

It was resolved to object to this application with the following comments:

Plans refer to soakaways. DCC advice is not to use soakaways on land steeper than 1 in 12. As the land is steeper than 1 in 12 soakaways are not appropriate unless the water is stored and then safely discharged. The plans do not refer to this.

- The lane to the property is unsuitable access for the development. It is a steep unmetalled track with low overhanging trees. The development will churn up the track and make it dangerous for pedestrians and horses. It will also cause irreparable damage to the low hanging trees.
- The proposed building is inappropriate in size and design for the rural environment upon which it will have a major impact. It does not respect the character and appearance of the area. The proposed use of the building is unclear. If it is to be used for livestock it does not appear to have sufficient ventilation and there is no provision for catching effluent.
- The development does not comply with the Local Plan (Policy DM 20) – the applicant has not demonstrated that it is reasonably necessary to support agricultural use.
- If consent is granted it should be subject to conditions that it is constructed from timber so that it has less impact on the environment and that it must be removed if the applicant has not demonstrated that it is being used for agricultural purposes within 3 years.

Reference: 21/0082/OUT

Proposal: Outline for erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved

Location: Land at NGR 27701 93208 (Adj Glenthorne) Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: M Ayre

It was resolved to object to this application because it is outside the settlement boundary and does not fall within the rural exception policy of the Local Plan. It was noted that the development would create an additional entrance onto the already busy and unsafe road. Also it was unclear from the application whether a 2 or 3 bedroomed house was proposed. Cllrs noted that it would fall within the rural exception policy if the development was for affordable housing (Local Plan Policy DM6).

Reference: 21/00076/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce the height by 3m of trees by felling and laying to reinstate hedge to 2m height within a Conservation Area

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 277191 93626 (Scout Hut) Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Dr A Smith

It was noted that the MDDC Planning Portal says that the MDDC will not be approving or refusing the proposal so comments are not invited. In view of this no comment was made.

9. Dartmoor National Park Authority Planning Application – to comment on the following application:

Reference: 0048/21

Proposal: Amendment to roof of front porch and alterations to exiting conservatory

Location: Jufair Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: D Stephen

Cllrs were unable to comment on this application because the drawings submitted to DNPA were unclear and all appeared to be of the existing dwelling rather than the proposed alterations.

10. MDDC Planning Decisions – the following planning permissions with conditions as filed were noted:

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Reference: 20/00619/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling previously approved under 9/01374/PNCOU, change of use of agricultural land to residential, erection of a garage and landscaping

Location: Medland Farm Barn Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: W Cull

Reference: 20/02105/NMA

Proposal: Non-material amendment for 19/-2129/TDC to allow addition of 2 windows in loft area of south and east elevations

Applicant: P Benjamin

11. MDDC – to note the refusal of permission for reasons as filed for the following development:

Reference: 20/02033/PNCOU

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of 3 agricultural buildings to 5 dwellings under Class Q

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 276478 93950 (Crossways Farm) Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Messrs M & J Chatfield

12. Grant Requests – to discuss and agree a policy for the consideration of grant requests:

It was resolved to agree the policy presented by the clerk.

13. Climate Change – to receive an update on climate change initiatives: Cllr Wood reported that a grant of £500 from the DCC Locality Fund had been authorised. Cllr Wood thanked Cllr Way for his assistance with the grant, which will be used for planting to increase biodiversity in the parish. 2kg of Wildflower seed for sowing in the Village Green has been purchased and the beds have been marked out. Local residents have volunteered to help with the project. Permission has been received to re-wild part of the churchyard.

14. Noticeboards – to discuss new/moved noticeboards and agree associated actions: Cllr Benjamin reported that the Doctors' Surgery does not have sufficient wall space for a noticeboard but that she has contacted the village hall committee to see if a noticeboard can be put up there. It was resolved to approve expenditure up to £427.00 inc VAT for 2 noticeboards with signs and pins or if it is only possible to put up one new noticeboard a maximum spend of £219.19 inc VAT.

15. Parish Council Logo – to discuss the proposed logo: It was resolved to approve the proposed logo.

16. Flagpole – to consider whether to arrange a service for the village flagpole this year and the frequency of servicing: It was resolved not to have the flagpole serviced this year and to consider servicing next year. The flag is worn and a quote for a new flag is being obtained.

17. Interim Carbon Plan – to discuss the Interim Carbon Plan which is under consultation and agree actions: Cllr Westcott summarised the plan which will be deliberated by a Citizens' Assembly in the summer. The deadline for commenting on the Plan is 15th of February. Cllrs can comment individually or a few may comment as a group.

18. PC Facebook page – to discuss and agree actions: It was resolved to launch as a private group with commenting turned off save when it is requested for individual posts. Cllrs Benjamin and Tomlinson were nominated as administrators.

19. Internal Auditor – to resolve to agree the appointment of Mrs Penny Clapham as the internal auditor for the 2020/21 financial year: It was resolved to appoint Mrs Penny Clapham.

20. Updated PC policies – to agree updated/new policies: It was resolved to agree the following policies which will be put on the PC website: Anonymous Correspondence, Complaints Procedure, Freedom of Information Statement and Model Publication Scheme.

21. Parish Grass Cutting 2021/22 – to consider quotations received for grass cutting and appoint a contractor: After discussion it was resolved to appoint Golden Leaf Landscapes to cut the Village Green and Lawrence Wilson to cut Glebelands Play Area when the lease of the Play Area has been completed.

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

22. Accounts 2020/21: The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk (refund for Zoom January)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk	Salary	£293.28
Cllr Wood (refund for seed)	Miscellaneous	£158.40
St Thomas	Newsletter	£115.12
MDDC (grass cutting 2020/21)	R & M	£1001.98
Visionict	Website	£130.00
Clarity	Newsletter	£48.95

23. To receive a report from the Chairman – for information only: The provisional date for the Village Tidy is 17th April. This may be subject to change depending upon Covid-19 restrictions. Tim Vooght and Peter Endacott have asked that people let them know of any particular work that is needed. The Judicial Review of the refusal of consent for the proposed Whiddon Down Farm Shop has been completed and the proposal has been refused. Cllrs were reminded that when the lease of the play area is completed weekly inspections will have to be made.

24. To receive reports from Cllrs – for information only: Cllr Wood reported that she has applied to South West Water for additional funding for planting at the Village Green. Cllr Ball reported that many public footpath signs are missing. Cllrs to report any they are aware are missing to Cllr Ball so that he can compile a list to be sent to the DCC Footpaths Officer. It was noted that Cllr Wood is the Footpath Warden.

25. To receive a report from Cllr Way (DCC) – for information only: Cllrs were updated on community testing and the progress of the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Devon. There are concerns about transmission due to car sharing and in workplaces. All to be aware of the many vaccine scams.

Children's food vouchers have been extended over half term. Crediton Hamlets PC is writing to DCC and its MP to complain about the lack of gritting on the road from Yeoford to Cheriton Bishop. Clerk requested to write similar letter from Cheriton Bishop PC.

26. To receive a report from Cllr Coren (MDDC) – for information only: Cllr Coren endorsed the need for gritting of the road from Yeoford to Cheriton Bishop.

27. Correspondence/Clerk's report – for information only: Glebelands Play Area will be included in MDDC's Public Space Protection Order so that dogs will not be permitted in the play area. Seven families remain interested in taking an allotment. More research on how best to move forward is being undertaken. No updates received from DAA about the night landing site. Letter received from MDDC regarding lease of play area – to go on the March agenda.

28. Dates of Next Meetings: 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June

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Meet Your Parish Councillors

Gill Westcott

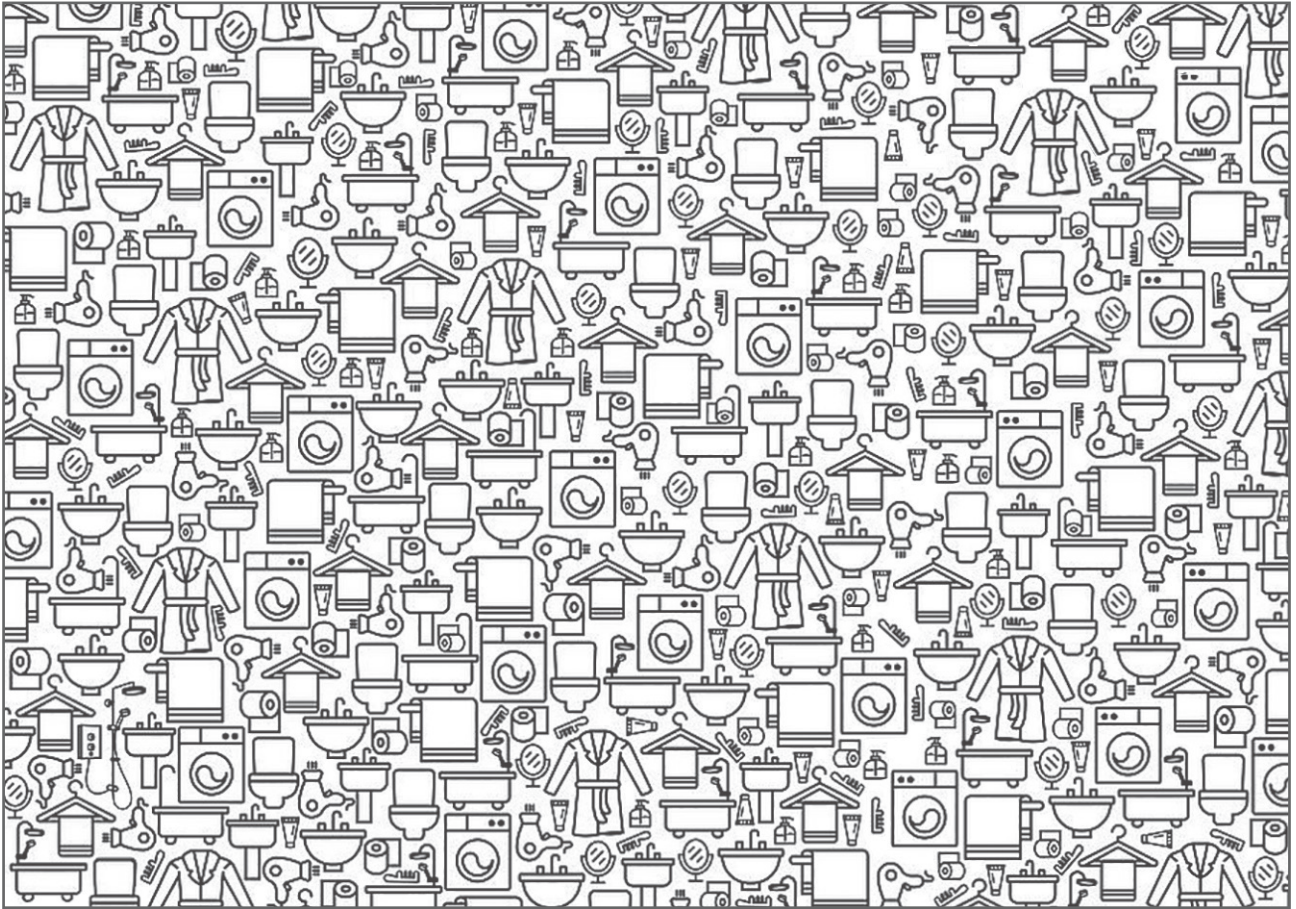
Gill Westcott studied economics and did research on farming projects in India, and then on nutrition and food growing in South Africa while based at a mission hospital in the Transkei. This did not help greatly when marketing vegetables and a box scheme from a North Devon smallholding, alongside husband, two sons and sundry helpers. She has also

taught third world health administrators at Leeds University, had a counselling practice and and taught counselling at what was then North Devon College.

She is married to Rev Tim Gorrington and has lived in Cheriton Bishop since 2008. She helped organise the Parish Plan some years ago and is secretary of the Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust.

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