

**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell**

# *Newsletter*

**May 2020**



**Morris Dancing round the Maypole.**

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# Useful Information

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## Doctors and Healthcare

**Doctors Surgery:** 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

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

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

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

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

## Emergency Services

**Electricity:** 0800 365 900

**Gas:** 0800 111 999

**Water:** 0344 346 2020

**Highways Agency:** 0300 123 5000

**Streetlights, potholes:** 0345 155 1004 • [csc.roads@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk)

## Police

**Non-emergency:** 101

**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jean Martin - 01647 24586

## Schools and Local Organisations

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

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

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

**Acorn Community Support:** 01647 252701

**Beavers:** Rachel Barclay - 01647 24575 • **Cubs:** James Morris - 01647 252375 • **Scouts:** Ollie Milverton - 07706 695928

**Young Farmers:** Georgia Pearce - 07563 382705

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

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

## Churches

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

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

**West Down Chapel:** Derek Coren - 01647 24264

## Halls & Meeting Rooms

**Village Hall:** Tim Gorrington - 01647 24789

**Spalding Hall:** Jean Martin - 01647 24586 (if no reply after 24 hrs, call Paul Mitchell - 01647 24405)

## Local Authorities

### Parish Councillors:

Dennis Milton (Chair) 01647 272844  
Peter Endacott (Vice Chair) 01647 24580  
Kim Bastyan (Vice Chair) 07966 478054  
Tim Vooght 01647 24593  
Phil Dicker 01647 24450  
Andrea Wood 01647 272786

### Mid Devon District Councillors:

Derek Coren 01647 24264  
Stuart Penny 01363 85197

### County Councillors:

Nick Way (Cheriton Bishop) 01363 777903  
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**CB Parish Clerk:** Rachel Hodder - [clerk@cheritonbishop.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheritonbishop.gov.uk) • [www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk)

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# May Newsletter...

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## Welcome to the May 2020 Edition

Dear readers,

Firstly, I must apologise for the Dancers on the front cover who are not following social distancing guidelines at all. Please don't follow their example, but do join them in their celebration of the month. What wonderful weather! - long may it continue.

Make the most of your free-time (for most of us) and the sunny days, to get walking around the village for an hour or so (see pg 6), or get down to a bit of gardening (pg 8). There's always DIY around the house to be getting on with too. I've run out of paint, so no more decorating for me until I can go out shopping again. I haven't been out in the car in forever!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Jillians family (especially Edward Jillians) for taking over the printing of the newsletter during the lockdown. The team is still producing the newsletter, but there will be fewer copies printed for the time being. Issues are available online along with other useful and interesting village info. Visit the website at **[www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)**

I must say that I am so impressed by the way the village and surrounding areas have rallied during this unprecedented time. Actually, I am also amazed at the whole world in general. Although we are going through an awful event, we are all in it together and I am touched beyond words by the attitude and behaviour of the population of our planet - something I never thought I'd say! Well done to all, and let's keep up the good work.

### Coronavirus, Covid-19

Please continue to take care of your vulnerable friends and relatives. Hopefully, this global lockdown will ease soon so we can begin to spread our wings, catch up with our loved-ones and get back into our routines.

If you have any concerns, the following statement is from Devon County Council:

*The council is monitoring the situation closely and coordinating with Public Health England. We are taking all possible steps to keep you safe.*

*Visit the NHS website, **[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)**, for the latest information and advice and the current situation in the UK or you can follow Public Health England's Facebook page or Twitter feed for the latest updates, information and advice.*

Take care.

**Lucy x**

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# Dates for your Diary

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

## May 2020

2 May	Spring Plant Sale Drewsteignton Village Hall	10am
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## Forthcoming Events

25 Jun	Gardening Club Visit at Day Spring Nursery	2.30pm
26 Jun	Grand Summer Ball - YFC	TBC
4 Jul	Gardening Club - Hand Tied Arrangements	TBC
From 31 Jul - 2 Aug	Secret Art Auction at Caribarn Studio	TBC
8 Aug	Gardening Club - Village Show	TBC

## Mobile Library - Tues 2nd & 30th June

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

## Online Newsletter

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

Find the Newsletter and other useful information at [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)

## June Issue Deadline



All copy for the May 2020 edition needs to be received by

**Wednesday  
20th May**

Please email your copy to [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com) or call if you can only supply a paper copy.

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If you would like to advertise ad-hoc, please email: [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com)

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

# What's On, What's Happening?

## Spring Plant Sale

**Drewsteignton Garden Club**

**Saturday 2nd May, 10am until sold out!**

**Drewsteignton Village Hall**

Come early, don't miss out! All sorts of plants for sale at bargain prices.

Refreshments / Tombola.

## Grand Summer Ball

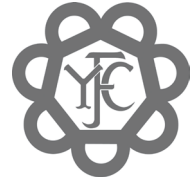
**Cheriton & Tedburn YFC**

**Friday 26th June**

Tickets are available now.

Please contact **07563 382705**

More details to follow...



## Food Delivery & Takeaway

**The Red Lion Inn, Tedburn St Mary**

**01647 61374**

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

### **Deliveries:**

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

### **Collections:**

Between 12-2pm for lunch and 6-9pm for dinner.

For payment methods or other information please call

**01647 61374**

## CB Village FaceBook Page

The 'Cheriton Bishop Village' FaceBook page is for the residents of Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area. It was created to complement the monthly newsletter. We currently have in the region of 280 members - residents and local businesses. If you would like to be part of this please send a request to join via our FaceBook page.

## Cheriton Bishop Support Group – Hello!

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

Phone Emma on **01647 24848**

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

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

urgent supplies, posting mail or a friendly phone call.

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

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

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

In a medical emergency, dial **999**

Other useful contacts:

Acorn: **01647 252701**

Samaritans: **116 123**

# Letters to the Editor

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## Transport For Key Workers

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

Requests can only be made by email and should be sent to [devonbus@devon.gov.uk](mailto:devonbus@devon.gov.uk)

Please include the following information in your email:

**Name and Address,**

**Key Worker Status**

**Employer / Payroll Ref**

**Journey Requirements** (pick up/drop off)

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

**Journeys should be booked 48 hours in advance of travel.**

## Editor's Request...

If you would like to write an article or a short story or would just like to say thank you to someone, please send an email to [cheritonnews@gmail.com](mailto:cheritonnews@gmail.com) and I will add it to the Newsletter.

Our *What's On* section is looking fairly empty and it would be lovely to fill the pages with your thoughts and observations, so feel free to send in your musings.

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## News from the Castle

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. As you can imagine, we are keeping a very close eye on guidance coming through from government regarding Coronavirus. The following statement has been issued by the National Trust:

### Coronavirus update

*The National Trust's Director General Hilary McGrady said the National Trust's pay-for-entry sites including houses, cafés, restaurants and shops, will be closed until further notice. We'll work, where possible, to keep as many of the Trust's gardens and parklands open, free of charge, alongside coast and countryside, to encourage the nation to enjoy open space, while observing social distancing measures.*

*Hilary McGrady said: 'The National Trust was founded 125 years ago for the benefit of the entire nation. We want to honour our mission – to enable people and nature to thrive. Over*

*the coming weeks we will do all that we can to keep on providing public benefit through caring for places and giving people access wherever possible. While we will close our indoor areas to help fight the spread of coronavirus, we recognise that people are likely to need access to open space.'*

This means that Castle Drogo, Finch Foundry and Lydford Gorge will be closed. This includes shops and cafés. Please visit the main National Trust website for updates or please do contact me directly. Thank you all for your continued support and kind messages as we all support each other through this difficult time. Take care of yourself, and each other.

Best wishes,

**Paula**

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# *Cheriton Bishop School*

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## *Lockdown Opening*

Link Academy Hub Schools are open during the lockdown for children who absolutely need to attend, and this includes vulnerable children. The government has said that if your child has a social worker and:

- a child protection plan,
- is a child in need,
- or a child in care;

they are expected to be in school so long as they do not have an underlying health condition that puts them at risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19).

If you do not want your child to go to school, you need to discuss this with your child's social worker and school and agree appropriate next steps so that we are all assured that your child is safe. Your child should not attend school if they, or someone they live with, has either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough.

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, they must stay at home for 7 days from when their symptoms started. If someone your child lives with has symptoms, everyone must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

Please note that although some children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) have a social worker, the government guidance is clear that many of them can remain safely at home. Please speak to your social worker if you are concerned.

### **Information for Parents**

Devon Public Health have put together a website aimed at residents which brings together all the relevant public links to information about Coronavirus.

The school has been asked to direct parents to this website **[www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england/](http://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england/)**

## *Link Academy Trust Message*

None of us ever expected such an unprecedented final week to the Easter term and as we continue into these very tricky times it is difficult to make plans for when we will all be back together again. We are however going to support home learning as effectively as we possibly can. As soon as the announcement was made by the Prime Minister that schools should be shut down to all pupils except the vulnerable and the children of key workers, the Link worked extremely hard to operate 'hub' schools which we could then staff sustainably into the future for these eligible children.

It is our intention to ensure that every child that is eligible for and requires a place in school can access it. At this point I would like to thank all our staff for their continued dedication and ability to 'go the extra mile' in delivering this additional support. The children in school seem to be having a brilliant learning experience, using the outdoors while all learning together with no concern for which school they attend or the age-group with which they are normally part of. I am sure as a result of this, great new friendships will be formed.

We will be keeping in touch with families. Teachers will be contacting you to make sure you are all managing well and will be offering anything we can do to ensure life is as acceptable as possible given the current, ever changing position. Distance and online learning will continue to be a priority and we will endeavour to support children as best we can, which I am sure, given the staff we employ, will be highly effective! All schools were issued with a new mobile phone which Academy Heads will man throughout this period for emergency calls, you should have this number. Emails are a great way to contact your Head as this allows preparation for answering your questions or issues. We hope you will all remain safe over this period but please don't hesitate to call if you have any needs that we can help you with.

The Link Academy Trust want to support our families as effectively as they possibly can and so we have taken other actions that we hope will impact positively on you all. Mr Matthew, the Trust Business Manager, ordered a huge amount of food from our catering suppliers to create hampers of basic food, for some of the families we know will be finding things particularly difficult in this tricky time. He has also organised deep cleans in all our schools as well as ongoing rigorous cleaning in the schools we are using to reassure you all that schools are safe for your children.

**Nicky Dunford**, CEO  
Link Academy Trust



# Health & Lifestyle

## Public Footpaths around Cheriton Bishop

A circular walk around Venbridge Hill, Medland Manor, Froggy Mill and Dabby Lane

**Duration: 1.5 hours**

You don't have to go far to enjoy the countryside when you live in Cheriton Bishop. There are lots of lovely walks right on your doorstep. This is a nice, easy walk that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and fitness levels.

From the YFC building, turn right into Church Lane and follow the road until you reach the junction by the school. At the junction turn right onto Venbridge Hill and keep walking. On route you will pass over the A30, pass by Horselake Farm and Venbridge House. At the top of Venbridge Hill, as the road swings round to the right, you will see a 'kissing gate' positioned between two farm gates on the opposite side of the road to Drummers Well House. Go through the kissing gate and follow the path to the end where you will see another kissing gate.



Go through this gate and turn right, walk along the little path marked by a small wooden signpost. This path is quite steep in places and leads down to a stream.

Just before you get to the stream you will see a small gate and a makeshift wooden bridge.

Go through the gate, across the bridge and turn right and follow the edge of the field until you come to a woodland. Continue through the woods and up the steep hill on the other side.

As you walk up the field, keep the hedge on your left and the field on your right.

At the top you will come to a wide, well worn track and you may notice a wooden signpost buried in the hedge? For the purposes of this walk, follow the track to the right and walk along the hedgerow for the distance of almost two fields until you come to a gateway in the hedge.

Be careful to find the right gateway as there are a few along this route, some of which are private. The gap you are looking for has a wooden signpost in it.

Go through the gap and turn right and follow the road down the hill. Towards the end of this road you will notice a sign on your right hand side directing you to the public footpath through the trees. Take this path and you will come out on the road known as Mounson Hill. Turn right and the road leads back to Venbridge Hill and home or you can take a slightly extended route as follows:



Turn right and walk along Mounson Hill headed for Cheriton. As the road starts to go uphill, on the left hand side, you will see a small gate and a signpost indicating a public footpath. Go through the gate and into the field and walk downhill towards the fence. With the fence on your left follow the path through the field and on into the next field. Following the signposts, and after you have walked through 3 fields, you will come to a wooded area with a stream. Cross the stream and follow the track known as Dabby Lane back to Cheriton Bishop.

*Remember the countryside code and enjoy the views!*





# Health & Lifestyle

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## *Practicing Peace & Gratitude*

This writing is mostly coming from my personal experience, and I hope you're able to bear with me as on the surface this seems like probably a strange time to be feeling grateful or peaceful. Please understand I am writing this in mid-April, who knows what could have changed by the time you're reading this!

I've been blessed with a little extra time to re-evaluate where I'm at and where I'm going, and I expect a lot of you have experienced the same emotional rollercoaster. However, with the help of my partner I have had a couple of anchors which I believe have maintained routine and stability in a very turbulent time.

I'm talking about a daily routine that specifically involves sitting quietly in contemplation and practicing deep breathing, peacefulness and gratitude. Gratitude to me is feeling for something through your whole body as if you had just received an unexpected gift. The subject of gratefulness doesn't have to be lofty or complicated, for example the other day I had a deep well of gratitude for the warm water in my shower! No matter how dire the situation, we can all find at least one thing per day that we can be truly, unconditionally grateful for, despite maybe experiencing many other difficulties at the same time.

The importance of doing this cannot be over exaggerated during fearful and stressful times. With a quiet practice of peace and

gratitude, you can literally rewire your brain and nervous system. When you take the time to feel peaceful and grateful, you move your brain and therefore eventually your thoughts and emotions from stress (fight, flight) to growth (rest, digest). This is a huge chemical change in your body which if practiced over time can result in things such as: better sleep, better concentration, increased mood and many others, but to be honest as far as I'm concerned, it just feels 'right'!

I would also like to mention the importance of repletion, as biological law suggests, nerves that fire together, wire together. This is a fancy way of saying the more you do something, the easier and more automatic it becomes, remember learning to drive your car or ride your bike? Tough and strange at first, but after some practice it can become 99% automatic. Imagine what a difference that might make in your life now and in the future if a grateful mindset became your automatic default mindset, I'm not quite there myself, but I must say I'm truly grateful for every second of practice I have done thus far!

My thoughts to you and your family during this time, thank you to anyone who is reading this who is a key worker – we're all truly grateful to you! With love and appreciation!

**Joe Arnold**

Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro  
[www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk)

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## *Would you like to do a First Aid Course?*



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

# *In The Garden*

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## *Gardening Club News*

A new venture for the club is our Facebook page. There are photos of some of our gardens and specimen flowers on there already – just go to 'Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club'. Unfortunately you will have to sign up for Facebook if you are not already on it, but it is straightforward and you can limit how much personal information you put on. We also have the Garden Club entry on the Village website, and it too is up to date, including the Summer Show Schedule. Thanks to those who have helped set this up!

We are assuming that the lockdown will still be in place, at least partially, throughout May, so the Cream Tea and Mini-show will not take place on 23rd May. Instead, you are invited to enter a virtual show. On the morning of 22nd, or the 23rd, go round your garden

and pick one sample of every type of plant you have in flower. Arrange them in a vase, photograph it and put the resulting picture on the Gardening Club Facebook Page. If, like me you do not know how to do this, then I know a man who can, so any pictures e-mailed to me will be forwarded to somebody more technologically competent. We are looking for the greatest number of varieties plus the overall condition of them. The committee will make a group decision and the winning photo forwarded to the village website.

We anticipate the Willow Workshop will also need to be cancelled and rescheduled.

Thank goodness for our gardens and the present sunshine to help our sanity,

**Janet Jeffery**

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## *Every garden should look good in May...*

... especially with the extra time that many of us have spent gardening! The leaves are fresh and full of colour and flowers are emerging from breaking buds. Now is a good time to have some string in your pocket to tie in the long new shoots of clematis and other climbers as you walk around your garden. Also make sure that you have plant supports in place before plants get too big and fall over.

Keep pinching out the tips of any hardy annuals you have grown to keep them strong and bushy. Spring flowering plants such as *Doronicum* can be cut back and tidied. *Pulmonaria* can have even more drastic treatment, cutting back the foliage as well, as it begins to look unsightly. It can be divided and replanted now, but water it well.

Courgettes can be planted out in May, after the risk of frost has passed. They need lots of space and plenty of water and sunshine. I was pleased to find a 5 year old packet of

courgette seeds in the bottom of my seed tin which all germinated! Now is the time to check if there are any seeds which could be sown. Parsnips and lettuce have a short shelf life but most are worth giving a chance. If you do have fresh lettuce seed, keep sowing it so that you have a succession of salad to cut. Pinch out the tips of broad beans to discourage black fly. Sow your runner bean seeds in the soil when you have put in your bean poles ready for their massive growth rate. Plant out sweet corn plants in a block rather than a row as this aids wind pollination.

Biennials can be sown in May to flower the following year. Foxgloves, Wallflowers and Sweet Williams will make good plants which will flower next Spring and Summer. If you need to cut back Clematis Montana; now, just after it has finished flowering, is the best time. Enjoy your garden!

**Sally Rix**

# Church Messages

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## *Planned Giving at St Mary's Cheriton Bishop*

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

May I ask you to consider one of the following ways to continue your regular giving?

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

problems during the Covid-19 outbreak.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

**Bill Jeffery**  
Treasurer

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## *Churchwarden's Ramblings*

Although St Mary's remains closed, for services and for private prayers, the gates to the churchyard remain open and you may like to walk through as a diversion in the route of your daily exercise. I am missing my visits to the church and being able to watch the changes as the primroses and violets come and go and the trees come into leaf. Talking of growing things, we have cancelled the church coffee morning and plant sale this year because of the problems of organising and social distancing rules. Perhaps you would be kind enough to book Saturday 8th May 2021 as a replacement, although we will need to plant new seeds.

We have been sending Sunday Worship material by email to a limited circulation, there is now a heading for St Mary's under

a Group Heading for churches on the **[cheritonbishop.org](http://cheritonbishop.org)** website. The site includes prayers and links to other sites to provide advice and information. There is also a simple reflection for use at home on the day of a funeral you can't attend.

We are most grateful to James Jillians for administering the Website, he set up the headings very quickly, and we hope to keep it up to date with new postings each week.

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

We pray that you, your family and your friends stay safe and well.

**Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002**



# Church Messages

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## *Moving Fixed Dates*

It can be really frustrating when something that you think is certain suddenly changes.

The Early May Bank Holiday has moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May. This was announced last June, so that it coincides with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. For many people that was too late. Millions of diaries had already been printed, so check your diary to make sure you are not working on the 8th May! Many people had booked holidays around the bank holiday. Weddings have been booked assuming an extra day of celebration. I do not remember many bank holidays ever moving but recently we have had a few changes.

In 1995 the bank holiday was moved from 1st May to 8th May for the 50th anniversary of VE day. We have moved bank holidays for the Queen's Diamond and Golden Jubilee. There have been several extra bank holidays for royal weddings with the last one being William and Kate in 2011.

When I was thinking of the original VE celebrations, I was reminded of two things. The many hardships endured during the war and the hope of things getting better after the war. Secondly, the plea not forget the VJ Day on 14th August. The two are linked to the end of the Second World War and are equally important. We are encouraged to keep the events of the past very much alive in the present so that many generations can acknowledge the sacrifice and cost of conflict. We are reminded to work for peace and never take it for granted.

What I had not realised last June when these

plans were revealed, was the new order in which we now find ourselves, facing the hidden threat of COVID 19. We are to stay at home and not leave except for exceptional circumstances. We have seen panic buying of toilet rolls and hand sanitiser. We are in a whole new order where everything is cancelled except in emergency type situations. We are trying to protect the NHS from being overwhelmed. We are very concerned for the healthcare professionals who have to confront the illness, putting themselves in danger. We are trying to be good neighbours to those around in need without being able to be closer than two meters away. A whole new life that we could not have imagined. I do not want to draw similarities between what was happening 75 years ago and today. I just want to highlight the uncertainty and difficulties both events present.

I am reminded of the sayings 'Men plan and God Laughs' or 'If you want to make God laugh just tell him your plans'. We have been reminded how fragile our plans really are and how we have to make adjustments for what actually happens in life. Let us remember that God is there at our most difficult times. It is always good to keep in touch with God through prayer.

We are to follow Jesus' example of looking out for the lost and lonely people to offer our help and support. We are to stay safe and well.

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## *West Down Evangelical Chapel*

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

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

# *Cheriton Bishop Parish Council*

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## *Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting*

**Monday 9th March 2020, from 7.30pm at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop**

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

**In Attendance:** County Cllr Way (DCC), Cllr Coren (MDDC), Cllr Penny (MDDC), P G Dunn (Clerk), 5 member(s) of public

Cllr Vooght addressed the council welcoming the new clerk and queried in the interests of transparency if anyone present was audio recording the meeting. The clerk confirmed he was recording the meeting to support drafting the meeting minutes.

**To Appoint a Chairman.** *The Vice Chairman sought nominations following the resignation of Cllr Tripp. There being none forthcoming the Vice Chairman advised he would be prepared to undertake the role until September. Resolved:* To appoint Cllr Milton Chairman of the council. The Chairman expressed he would appreciate all offers of help in the role.

**Apologies for Absence.** Apologies noted from Cllr Penny.

**Public Participation.** *A query was raised as to the policy for the publication of the meeting's agenda. The Chairman stated the agenda was published on the village noticeboard. The clerk explained owing to having just taken up the position the agenda had not been published on the parish website due to outstanding training on the website administration. The publication of the agenda a minimum 3 clear days prior to the meeting on the public noticeboard complied with legislated requirements.*

**Vacancies for Parish Councillors.** *The Chairman reported two vacancies following resignations of Cllrs Carter and Tripp. The clerk confirmed Notices of Vacancies had been posted on the parish noticeboard 06/03/20, in the absence of sufficient electors requesting an election to fill the vacancies in the regulated timescales the parish council's power to co-opt would be exercisable. Cllr Vooght queried filling the Vice Chairman position. Nominations were sought and it was agreed to appoint two Vice Chairman. Resolved:* Cllrs Bastyan and Endicott be appointed Vice Chairmen.

**To consider the following Planning Matters.**

20/00243 *Erection of two single storey rear extensions. Mr M Tripp, Brambleside, Cheriton Bishop. Recommendation:* No comment

20/00347 *Erection of rear sun-room extension. Mrs N Bartholemew, Larchmoor. Recommendation:* No Comment

19/02129/TDC *Technical details consent for the erection of 1 dwelling revised drawings. Land at NGR 277066 93576 (Fairview) Cheriton Bishop. Recommendation:* To request an extension from MDDC to consider the application at the schedule April meeting of the council, this not being possible then to call an Extraordinary Meeting.

19/02088 *Formation of agricultural access. Mr M Chatfield, Land at Crossways Farm. Decision:* Approved

20/00082 *Hedgerow Removal Notification for the removal of 4.5m of hedgerow. Mr M Cull, Land at Medland Lane. Decision:* Withdraw

**Draft Budget.** *The Chairman confirmed the revised budget had been circulated to all councillors. Resolved:* Revised budget approved.

**Minutes – Distribution and Content.** *It was expressed that the brevity of the minutes without background lead to reasoning for decisions having to be committed to memory. It was agreed to monitor and review minutes over the next few months.*

**Annual Parish Meeting:** *To set a date and agree format. Resolved:* To hold the meeting 18/05/20 19:00 with parish groups invited.

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**Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Sites update.** Cllr Dicker reported the issues arising from the preferred site's location in the centre of the field and livestock. A variation is being considered, relocating to a fenced corner of the same field and a further meeting was due to review this proposal.

**Playground Management and Refurbishment update.** Councillors considered the latest information from MDDC and its timeline. Queries had been raised as to whether the parish council had any leeway on the tender designs or the option to invite its own tenders. Further correspondence indicated the parish council's option was to take the playground with any inspection report identified deficiencies or MDDC would undertake the refurbishment to their specification and then it would be available for the parish council to take on responsibility for the playground via the leasing arrangements provided. Councillors briefly discussed the playground inspection requirements.

Cllr Coren queried whether the parish council was still interested in earmarking some of the Section 106 monies to undertake other improvements. Councillors discussed the refurbishment of the War Memorial area. **Resolved:** To undertake the following: Obtain quotes for restoration of the War Memorial seating and surfacing. Cllr Endacott to action. Request proposed equipment, layout and landscaping proposals of the play area tender. Clerk to action.

It was noted some of the play area boundaries required attention and it was agreed to review alongside the tender proposal.

**Climate Change – To appoint a lead councillor.** The Chairman reported attending with Cllr Wood a meeting at Ide who had produced their own public literature detailing ideas residents could undertake for a 'Plastic Free Ide':

- Prioritise plastic free wrapping/bags when undertaking shopping.
- Purchase package free fruit & vegetables.
- Buying milk, refilling your own bottle from a 'Milk Station', soon to be available Saturdays weekly from a mobile delivery at the Cross.
- Locations of outlets supplying loose dry food stuffs.
- Bamboo toothbrushes.
- Switching to loose leaf tea to avoid plastic in tea bags.
- Switching to more environmentally friendly containers for daily household products.

Speakers presented ideas for promoting tree planting, allowing self-seeding hedgerow trees to establish and ideas being implemented by some farmers. Parishes were encouraged to share ideas.

The Chairman reported a day workshop 21/03/20 10:00-16:00 at Caddsdow Business Support Centre, Bideford, £10 with lunch.

Cllr Coren reported:

- A 'Milk Station' was now available at Mole Avon in Crediton along with electric car charging points there and at the Leisure Centre, Lords Meadow.
- Evolving policy to plant trees on wasteland not suitable for alternative use.
- Review of maize growing and the run-off following harvest.

**Resolved:** Cllr Wood appointed lead councillor.

**Resolved:** The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow a resident to speak.

Gill Westcott offered information on scheduled events & speakers available for local events and encouraged activity to raise the profile of climate change locally.

Standing Orders resumed.

**MDDC Grounds Maintenance Charges.** Councillors considered the response from MDDC advising quoted charges excluded work team travel time given they were undertaking the parish council work whilst undertaking MDDC responsibilities in the village. **Resolved:** Cllr Vooght proposed, Cllr Bastyan seconded and all were in favour of acceptance.

**Flags Update.** Cllr Vooght reported the flagpole had been inspected and serviced, with a new military grade flag purchased; the pole was cleaned, lubricated and the cord & weight replaced. Thanks were expressed.

**Parish Repairs and Maintenance.** The Chairman reported the refurbishment of the noticeboard will be completed during the village clean-up by Mr Tripp at no cost to the parish.



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**Parish Roads and Footpaths Update.** Fly-tipping on the Hittisleigh road was reported online and removed at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/street-scene/report-fly-tipping/>  
Other Highways issues can be reported at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

**Correspondence report.** *The following report was noted:*

Correspondence with MDDC re Grounds maintenance charges

*Items for Action*

MDDC Planning, Dartmoor Planning, MDDC Local Plan Consultation, Correspondence re Defibrillator monies  
Resignation of 2 Councillors, Correspondence with MDDC re Grounds maintenance charges

*Items for Note*

MDDC: Press Releases, Rural Newsletters, MDDC Newsletter, Devon Communities Training Courses  
DALC Newsletters, DCC Road Closure information, DALC Training, DCC Climate Change update

## **Accounts.**

### *Receipts*

19.1.1 Newsletter	£25.00
19.1.2	£40.00
19.1.3	£12.50

### *Payments for Approval*

Spalding Hall hire	£153.00
Savilles	£365.90
St. Thomas - Newsletter	£115.12
Winkworth - Newsletter refund	£90.00

*The clerk reported a new bank mandate had been completed and signed by Cllrs Endacott & Vooght, removing Cllrs Carter & the ex-clerk from the account and adding the new clerk as administrator with no signing authority. Councillors reviewed payments and requested further information*

**Resolved:** Cllr Vooght proposed, Cllr Wood seconded and all were in favour settlement accounts with Cllrs Endacott and Vooght to sign.

**Reports** (For Information only).

### **Cllr Way (DCC).**

- New Coronavirus website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/document/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>
- Devon Rail Forum meeting considered proposals to open rail line Bere Alstone to Tavistock.
- DCC County Hall meeting 16/03/20 concerning the new road which he understood had largely resolved the issue with HGV traffic through the village.
- A small surplus in the Locality Budget would be carried forward to 2020/21 and available for small grant applications from approximately mid-May.

### **Parish Council Chairman.**

Reviewing additional First Aid Training costs for the village to supplement the defibrillator training. The preferred Crediton based provider based on content and duration was £300 and a review of an Okehampton provider was ongoing and would report further at the next meeting. It was suggested this may be an appropriate application to the Locality Budget and depending on take-up more than one session could be considered.

Cllr Vooght confirmed defibrillator training would take place 21/04/20 19:00 at the village hall and had been advertised.

Cllr Vooght took the opportunity to mention the invoice for the flag pole maintenance did not include the new flag and he would forward the clerk a copy. Clerk to agenda payment.

- A resident's issue with housing costs which fell in the neighbouring district. Cllr Coren suggested it would be helpful if contacts for the neighbouring district could be included in the newsletter.
- Another leak in the foul drain during prolonged rainfall suggesting this would likely be exacerbated by future development proposals.
- Inclusion in the March newsletter an article on responsibilities for drainage of run-off.

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## **Parish Councillors.**

Cllr Bastyan suggested a reference to the DCC coronavirus website would be worth inclusion in the minutes and newsletter. Cllr Dicker queried responsibility for road drained water, Cllr Way stated the Highways was responsible for drains under the highway. Cllr Vooght reported 25/04/20 spring clean-up and requested any specific areas that needed attention.

Cllr Endacott reported:

- Outstanding removal of temporary caravans and sheds following completion of building work at a parish location. Cllr Coren stated it had been included in his representations to MDDC and would follow-up again.
- Burning of noxious material being burnt after dark. Cllr Coren would take up the issue with Environmental Health.

Cllr Wood queried care of isolated individuals given any government edict to restrict movements related to the coronavirus pandemic. It was felt the community would take up the matter to offer assistance where needed as happens during snow events. Cllr Coren (MDDC) reported the Boundary Commission were reviewing mid-devon wards. Emerging proposals would be to remove Copplestone and add Coldebrook & Newton St Cyres to Yeo Ward.

**Dates of Next meetings.** 16th April 2020 at 7:30pm

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## *Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Roundup*

A lot has happened since our meeting in April and we would like to give you a brief update and inform you how we plan to proceed with the current restrictions in place.

The lockdown means that we are unable to hold public meetings which makes it difficult to transact parish council business.

We are receiving guidance from Devon Association of Local Councils regarding internet enabled meetings and hope to hold our first internet meeting in May.

Clearly this is our first foray into this method of conducting council business and we will have to see how it goes. However our aim is to proceed with a reduced agenda which will be posted on the noticeboard and the website beforehand.

### **We Welcome a new Parish Clerk**

With the current movement restrictions and reduced services in place, our clerk, Mr Pete Dunn, felt he could not provide the level of service he wanted to, so sadly tendered his resignation. However, we have been very fortunate to recruit Rachel Hodder as our new clerk. Rachel will be commencing her role with immediate effect.

### **Cheriton Bishop Support Group**

During this difficult time, the Parish Council would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of some of our residents who have enabled many of our vulnerable residents to self isolate and stay at home.

In the space of a few days of the lockdown announcement, two local residents, Mrs Emma Benjamin and Mrs Ruth Salmon, formed the Community Support Group and together they co-ordinate and arrange the delivery of shopping and medicines to many local residents.

We would also like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of the staff at the surgery and Acorn who are continuing to provide us with an exceptional service despite the restrictions. We would like to thank you for everything you are doing for the community.

Finally, we would like say that if you would like to raise any issues with us, we are still contactable by phone or email. All the parish councillors contact details are available on the inside cover of this newsletter or you can email our clerk on [clerk@cheritonbishop.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheritonbishop.gov.uk).

*Keep safe & carry on!*

# *Just for Fun!*

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## *Mindfulness Colouring*

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# Thank You...

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## Key Workers

*Stay home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives*