

The News Letter, May 2014

The predominant theme in this month's edition seems to be along the lines of 'self help' for the parish with several organisations looking for help in improving local lives in significant ways. When communities get themselves organised all sorts of things can be achieved as a result – and those higher up the ladder in civic authority begin to sit up and take notice. A good idea at local level can become a global phenomenon once the idea catches on.

Affordable Housing

A subject very much on the minds of the younger generation of adults is how to stay living locally when house prices are so high. The little group right here at Cheriton Bishop is still aiming to make this a very real possibility in the near future, but they need your support. If this subject interests you or someone you know needs an affordable home, please go along to their AGM and see what you can do to help (see page 4).

What does the PPG really do?

Most people are patients at some time or other. Fortunately the experience of the NHS cover here at Cheriton is usually excellent. But what do you do if you have a complaint, or a niggle, or just a query about Practice administration? To find out what our own local PPG is (and indeed, what PPG stands for!) and how they are involved in making sure all remains well between Practice and Patients, turn to page 13 and read more.

Helping the thin blue line

Have you ever wanted to patrol the village at the darkest hour of the night, armed to the teeth and ready to confront any would-be law breakers? Did you always want to be the one wearing the sheriff badge as a child? Well sadly, if this is the case, the Cheriton Bishop Neighbourhood Watch Group may not be right for you. However, if you want to enjoy peace of mind, a sense of community responsibility towards reporting crime, and even financial benefits from being involved, then read page 15 and fill out the form adjacent.

Springtime in the Garden and beyond

With all this serious stuff going on we will all need a bit of relaxation and time for our enjoyment of the lovely month of May – surely the most beautiful month in this part of the world? You could stroll along to the Plant Sale to pick up some bargains with which to adorn your own plot (page 5 and 10), or content yourself by seeing the fruits of someone else's labours while taking tea (also page 5). If rather more adventurous you could join the local walking group and explore the countryside beyond the parish boundaries (page 13). And if duly inspired why not help bless the fields and gardens on Rogation Sunday and help a 'virtual' cow find a new home (page 6).

Support your Local Scout Group

It sounds as if Tedburn and Cheriton Scout Group has got a busy time ahead in the next two months with two events planned to which you are invited. Read pages 5a and 10 to see how you can support them – the only requirement is that for one of them you will need to have a big appetite!

Late news

If you missed the Energy Saver Workshop on 26th April (and apparently it was very good), there's another chance to see it again in June, in Moretonhampstead. Please see page 17 for the details.

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

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE! Friday 23rd May at 6PM.

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West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
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Young Farmers Contact: Dan Grist 07792 518439	<i>every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings</i>
Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30</i>
Cuppa and a chat afternoon Contact: Jean Martin 24586 or Paul Mitchell 24405	<i>every third Monday afternoon 2-4 pm in the Spalding Hall</i>

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

The Mobile Library

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

Monthly on: May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 5th, September 2nd, September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, December 23rd.

New timings:

Crockernwell

Stanbury's Orchard arrives 14.35 departs 14.55

Cheriton Bishop

Glebelands arrives 15.05 departs 15.35

Hescane Park arrives 15.40 departs 16.10

Diary Dates for May

Thursday 1 st	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Thursday 1 st	PTFA meeting	Primary School	
Saturday 3 rd	Village Spring Clean	Meet at Stone Cross	9.30 'til lunchtime
Wednesday 7 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Monday 12 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 17 th	Spring Plant Sale	Village Hall	10 am until sold out!
Sunday 18 th	CB Walking Group	Meet at Mulberry	1.45 pm
Sunday 18 th	Churches Tog Rogation Service	Village Hall	3 pm
Monday 19 th	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Tuesday 20 th	C Bishop Community Land Trust AGM	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 21 st	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 24 th	Tea at Underhill, Church Lane		3 – 5 pm
Sunday 25 th	Open Mic night	The Old Thatch Inn	8.00 pm
Saturday 31 st	Scout's Big Breakfast	T St M Village Hall	9 – 12 noon

Diary Dates for June

Sunday 1 st	Stowford Meadow Country Singers	West Down Chapel	
Wednesday 4 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 7 th	Scout's Race Night	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 7 th	Tedburn Toddler's Baby Sale	T St M Village Hall	9 – 12 noon
Sunday 15 th	Charity Quiz Night	The Old Thatch Inn	
Saturday 28 th	Midsummer Show	Village Hall	

Forthcoming Events for 2014

Sunday 6 th July	Open Tower Afternoon	Parish Church	
Saturday 16 th August	Village Show	Village Hall	
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn	10.30 – 12.30
Saturday 4 th October	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	
Saturday 25 th October	Save The Children Craft Fair	Village Hall	10 – 3.30 pm
Saturday 15 th November	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	

And for 2015....

Friday 26th June YFC 70th Anniversary Celebrations

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

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

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Notice

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

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AGM

20th May, Spalding Hall, 7.30 pm

Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust aims to provide a small development of affordable houses in the village. As affordable units are dropped from developments throughout the country there is even more need for a scheme which is community-controlled, to make sure of some new affordable homes specifically for local people.

Come and find out how the village land trust is doing, and help it to progress! There will be a presentation, discussion and refreshments.

Gill Westcott and Brian Bryon-Edmond on behalf of the CLT steering group
Enquiries: 01647 24696 or 24789

District Councillors comments

On the second Saturday of each month I try to attend Hittisleigh Farmers market. It runs from 10 am to 12 noon and several stalls are arranged along the front and on one side of the hall. The remainder of the space is filled with tables and chairs. At the beginning of the April market things were a little quiet but then people started to arrive. The kitchen to the side was a hive of activity providing teas, coffees, bacon baps and grilled sausages in rolls. It is not always important what people buy and sell at the stalls although of course that is significant, it is the fact that people meet each other, form friendships and enjoy conversation over a cup of tea. Long may this feature of village life continue!

Following this visit I made my way to Cheriton Bishop Village Hall for the Textile Fiesta and Annual Exhibition. Embroidery is one of my weaker subjects, but I spent a fascinating hour talking with folk I had never met before. The people of Cheriton Bishop are good at organising different events throughout the year, either in the Village Hall or the Spalding Hall, and if you never go to any then try to attend at least one through this coming year.

This leads me on to encourage you to join in the Cheriton Bishop Village Spring Clean-up on May 3rd at 9.30 am. We meet at the Stone Cross and you are encouraged to bring your own hand tools and join in this very important village event.

Derek Coren (MDDC Yeo Ward), and Peter Heal (MDDC Yeo Ward)

Julie Pitts 1946 – 2014

On Saturday April 26th the chapel at West Down Cheriton Bishop was packed with nearly 200 people attending the thanksgiving service for Julie's life. The service was led by the Rev. David Cole, a friend of the family. Various close friends gave the Bible readings, a poem and a very fitting tribute.

Following her marriage to Clarence in 1966 Julie lived at West Down Cottage where they brought up their family. In recent years Julie gave a lot of her time to her six grandchildren who gave her great delight.

For 30 years Julie was responsible for opening and preparing the chapel at West Down for services.

For 13 years she worked at Cheriton Bishop Primary School where she made a lot of friends among the teachers, parents and children.

Julie had a good singing voice herself and particularly enjoyed the music of Daniel O'Donnell, attending several of his concerts.

She was a kind, caring and loving person and her presence will be greatly missed – first and foremost by her family, and then by the congregation at West Down Chapel and by her many friends in the Cheriton Bishop area.

Fundraiser for the Spalding Hall Overhead Projector Fund



Tea at 'Underhill', Church Lane, CB
Saturday 24th May 2014, 3pm – 5pm

For £2 entrance you can join us for a drink and some cake and biscuits

Sit in the garden [or the Spalding Hall if wet]

And enjoy a look around

There will be a Draw and a Cake Stall

Spalding Hall News

Firstly, apologies for the cancellation of our planned Games Evening at short notice last month. We were up against some stiff competition on that date from Playgroup Bingo and the Young Farmers' performance at Crediton so we decided that 'discretion was the better part of valour' and postponed. We will still have the Games Evening, but probably in the Autumn.

In the meantime, we have very kindly been given a projector for the Hall. We have had this on our 'wish-list' for quite some time but before this it has not come up to the top of the priority list. We are now going to do some fundraising specifically to get this equipment permanently mounted and wired in ready for use with a laptop – so watch out for the Open Garden Tea at Paul and Jan Mitchell's on 24th May. We are hoping this event will bring in enough to get the job done.

Plant Sale - Saturday 17th May, 10am - Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

Closing time: when sold out, usually within the hour

Be Warned!

If you have plants, seedlings, or cuttings you would like to donate to the sale,
please bring them as early as possible

OR

For preference leave them by Persis's front door at South Orchard on Thursday 8th
or Friday 9th which would allow more time for pricing etc.

Ring Persis 24303 or Sally 24724 if you have plants to be collected for sale.

Villages in Action

Many thanks to all the people who turned out for the concert on April 3rd, and all the people who helped by selling tickets, doing the raffle, donating prizes and so forth.

After we had paid Villages in Action £537 we were still able to send The Woodland Trust £204, which is a great effort!

Look out for more concerts (without drum-kits...) next year

Tim Gorringe and Nina Fenner

Village Quiz Night

The final Fun Quiz of the winter season was one to remember, as the Old Thatch was full to the rafters with 90 players spread across 12 teams taking part in the quiz. With so many people in the pub, the snowball jackpot grew to a whopping £350 and a great sight to see a regular quizzier win the mammoth prize!

The regular quiz will now take a break until September, but JT will be hosting a special charity quiz night on Sunday June 15th to raise funds for HospisCare. Please look out for more details in next month's edition.

Remember you can keep up to date with the Fun Quiz by Liking its Facebook page: (<http://www.facebook.com/TheFunQuiz>)

Churchwarden's Notes

Our Easter morning service was a joyful occasion and the rain did not deter those determined to seek for chocolate eggs in the churchyard afterwards. Thanks to all who helped decorate the church with flowers or sang in the choir.

Choir practices for the Open Tower afternoon on July 6th start in May at 7pm each Friday in the church – all welcome.

The next Churches Together service in the Village Hall on May 18th is a Rogation Service – designed to ask God's blessing on the fields and gardens at the beginning of the growing season. We hope to see many farmers and members of the Horticultural Society! The speaker is from 'Send-a-Cow', a Devon based Christian charity, which really did send cows to villagers in Africa when it started, but following the start of B.S.E. now sends help in the form of training and uses improved local native breeds. To find out more come on 18th May.

As with so many church events there are refreshments afterwards!

Janet Jeffery 24414 and Alan Greenslade 24002

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

MAY 2014

SUNDAY 4th

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

SUNDAY 11th

9.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Easter 4</i>	
9.30	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Donkey day	
		Prayer and Fellowship	

SATURDAY 17th

6pm	Whitestone	Saturday Surprise	Revd Martin Wood
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SUNDAY 18th

11am	Tedburn Methodist	<i>Easter 5</i>	
3pm	Cheriton Bishop	Christian Aid	
	Village Hall	Rogation Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood

WEDNESDAY 21st

8pm	Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayers	
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SUNDAY 25th

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

THURSDAY 29th

10.30	Pathfinder	<i>Ascension Day</i>	
7.30	Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
		Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

EACH THURSDAY

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

From the Rector

Climbing the church tower

This year the month of May misses out on Whitsun. You may ask what is Whitsun? It is shorthand for White Sunday when people who were to be baptised traditionally wore white clothes. They were baptised in their white clothes at Pentecost. The lateness of Easter has pushed Pentecost into June, Sunday 8th June to be precise.

Therefore Whitsun is actually the second Sunday in June. Similarly Ascension Day is pushed right back to the end of May. Ascension Day is on Thursday the 29th May. It is the day that the church remembers Jesus' return to heaven which we are told in the Acts of the Apostles happened forty days after Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day.

In my first parish as the curate, Ascension Day was a very memorable day for the primary school children. It was a day they looked forward to and remembered with great affection. The reason for this was a school trip to climb the church tower. If you have climbed a church tower then you will know the climb is quite daunting. The climb up the church tower is full of interesting challenges. It is often very dark, almost pitch black, except for the occasional window or light bulb. It is very dusty and the walls cover you in dust and sand. The stairs are too narrow and there is no handrail to hold on to, you just grab the wall or stair for support. As you go around in the dark you lose a sense of where you are, and it seems that you must be near the top, when in fact there are still more steps to climb. When you come at last to the top you are drawn by the promise of daylight and clean fresh air. There is one last obstacle, a ladder and tiny door to scramble through on your hands and knees. Thus far the climb up the tower is more of an ordeal than a reward.

At the top of the tower you see your familiar surroundings from a completely different perspective. It is a wonderful sight full of new things to see that are usually hidden. In addition you can see for miles all around. The view from the tower makes the journey up and down worthwhile. Ascension Day was indeed memorable for those school children. Ascension Day marks a change of perspective. The disciples had to look to Jesus to be taught and inspired. Like the climb up the tower it was difficult and dark, when Jesus died on the cross it looked like they would never reach their destination. The new light of Easter Day drew them to a whole new place and perspective. At Ascension they are directed by Jesus towards the world, to go and make disciples of all the nations. Sometimes we need not to be disheartened by the darkness of the journey, but be encouraged by the new light and perspective that awaits us as we rise towards God.

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

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

Services for May 2014

Sunday 4th May

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Reg Cade

Sunday 11th May

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with
Mr Ray Murden

Sunday 18th May

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm **Combined Church Service**

(Cheriton Bishop Village Hall - speaker
from the charity "Send a Cow")

Sunday 25th May

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service

Mr Arthur Chamberlain

Diary Note

June 1st Stowford Meadow Country Singers

*Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm
12th Ray Murden, 19th Home Prayer Fellowship and Mission Focus*

If there are any families in the village who need more information regarding the meetings or transport, please contact one of the above telephone numbers.

Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

We have been preparing for Easter in Yeoford in several ways. Open the Book told the Easter Story at the school at the end of term and Messy Church had Easter-based crafts on Saturday 5th April, including making Easter gardens. At the Café the following Monday we decorated Easter eggs.

The new village hall is open at last and is a beautiful space for many village activities and outside bookings as well.

We had the first wedding at Holy Trinity since 2008! Jenny looked beautiful and it was a very happy service taken by Revd. Nigel Guthrie.

Congratulations to Dominic on his appointment, we wish him and Liz every happiness in their new life. Dominic's final service at Yeoford is on May 11th.

Revd. Michael Hall led our Palm Sunday service, we stood outside the old village hall in the warm sunshine and he blessed our palm crosses and read the Gospel for Palm Sunday. We then processed back to the church singing All Glory, laud and honour. A wonderful start to Holy Week.

Services for May:

Sunday 11th Holy Communion 9-30

Sunday 25th Holy Communion 9-30

Tedburn and Cheriton Scout Group invite you to....

Race Night!

Saturday 7th June 7.30 pm

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

Live races to take part in! Come along and place your bets!

Licenced Bar.

Fun for the whole family, and raising money for our new cub/scout hut.

Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn, Sunday 25th May, starts 8.00 pm

Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society

A challenge? - Tuesdays BBC2 8pm The Big Allotment Challenge.

Local gardeners could beat that lot hands down! And the producers must have been reading our schedules! Floral Art Village Show 2014 – hand held posy, no holders used. Yes, they have to make a programme but really the jams sounded most odd, there's nothing better than a summer fruit jam, freshly made served on home-made sponge or scone. None of those fancy combinations appealed.

The Village Show is now 14 or 15 weeks away, so there is still plenty of time to get cracking and fill those vacant spaces on the show bench caused by the party in Denmark! The summer will be benign with just the right mixture of rain and sun and our crops will make those show benches groan. Be brave, just plant away. Do it your way; do not worry about it being your first, second or third time. Go for it! High Five It. By the time you read this, the Village Show schedule will be on the village web site so you have an idea of what to plant. There is still time!

The Midsummer show schedule for 2014, Saturday 28th June, is already on the village web site as a link. Read it and think what you might possibly have to enter. Nearer the time, walk around and fill in an entry form. The stewards will be there in the morning to help you present your exhibit; everyone has a first time.

Have a look at schedules and come to the plant sale with your questions. You can buy some seedlings at the Plant Sale and enter the crops from them for the Show.

The Cream Sausage

The successes of the Auld Sod and the pots of Tete a Tete have encouraged the sowing of "The Cream Sausage"! A bush grown tomato, suitable for a large pot or bucket, no pinching out. Hopefully not as tall as the Auld Sod. Just like carrots and courgettes, tomatoes come in a wide range of colours, so the Cream Sausage is a small (not tiny) plum shaped tomato pale yellowish in colour. **Plants will be available at the Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May, 50p each.** If you know you are unable to come to the Plant Sale and would like to grow on this tomato and maybe enter in August please ring Persis 24303 or Sally 24724 to reserve a plant.

Hopefully the Society's winter programme has just got to be confirmed and then all attention can be focused on our crops!

Persis Bower

Thank you !

A big thank you to Persis and family for the kind request, and to everyone who gave a donation to the Village Hall in memory of Richard Bower. The fantastic sum of £410 was received.

Thank you from the Village Hall Committee

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School

Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond



No 159 May 2014

Isn't it strange how Murphy's Law fouls up our plans. I was being a good boy and starting Snippets early in an attempt to beat the deadline. I had contacted the School Secretary and she was going to email me the latest school letter hot off the press. But, she reckoned without fate taking a hand as she was called away in a rush without managing to email me. Oh well, I'll have to make do with the last letter! In the meantime I did manage to get the lawn mowed.

I can report that everybody is back at school and raring to go. I hope everybody had a good Easter break – noses to the grindstone now! Have you seen the new school entrance on Church Lane? It gives room to check one's safety before stepping into the road. It is just a shame that the work was not completed before the school term started. However, we mustn't grumble, must we?

Firstly, I must make mention of the departure of the Misses Mingo and Hawkins. We wish them luck in their chosen career as teachers and offer our thanks for all the hard work they put in during their time at Cherry-B. I believe our small school is an excellent place for trainee teachers to get a good grounding in their profession without the hassle of a bigger urban school.

I have to report that Sports Relief Day gathered the magnificent sum of £48.00 for that very worthy charity. Well done all concerned. On top of gathering the money, the children had great fun taking part in all the activities devised by the school council and play leaders.

It's time to raise a glass to the Walker family. Thanks to their kind invitation, the children had an enjoyable and informative afternoon cuddling and feeding little lambs. There is nothing like hands on experience to open the door to understanding.

Before I forget, looming large in the Calendar last month was the Festival of Dance in which our children were participating. From the photos I've seen, they put on a bravura performance. I'm sure most of them were nervous at the start but they coped magnificently. Here's a 'Very Well Done' to all who took part and to the staff who taught and encouraged them. It really does take a lot of nerve to put yourselves out on a stage in front of a large audience.

Another activity, which didn't feature on the calendar, was a trip to Clip and Climb for years two, three and four. This offered the chance to scale the heights using foot-holds and hand-holds up vertical walls. It was a test of daring if ever I saw one. I am told that the children thoroughly enjoyed it and were impressive in their achievements.

This term sees the return of the Scooter and Skate Club on Thursday afternoons. Those children who are interested have been asked to bring their scooters and skates to the school together with any safety equipment – helmets, pads etc - for the sessions in the school playground. I suspect those driving down Church Lane need to be extra vigilant on a Thursday afternoon at about 1630 when the sessions end!

After a successful singing assembly, the teacher will be returning for a group taster this term. On a number of occasions Mariners Away Sea Shanty Group has been invited to do gigs in schools. The reason? Apparently it has become fashionable for young boys to think that singing is a Sissy activity. Hopefully, we have shown them that it is quite the reverse, it being a Real Man's activity. I've also witnessed the fun and enjoyment that young people experience when singing with one of the Wren Music Choirs or playing in one of their orchestras. I do hope that the Parentage of Cheriton Bishop encourage their offspring to have a go at singing.

One of the important organisations allied to any school is the PTFA which is there to support the school in fund raising and other activities and to provide another channel between the school staff and the Parentage. Generally speaking, PTFAs work very well and, I believe, Cheriton Bishop PTFA is one of those positive organisations. Certainly, over the years I have watched as it has supported the school through thick and thin. Why have I mentioned the PTFA? They are due to have their first meeting of the term on 1st May.

Which brings me to the calendar - as I mentioned at the outset of this edition of Snippets, fate has taken a hand and I can't bring you a fully up-to-date timetable of events, merely a quick outline:

22nd April – Start of Summer Term

24th April – Class Photos

24th April – Scooter and Skate Club starts

1st May – PTFA Meeting

5th May – Bank Holiday

26th – 30th May – Summer Half Term

23rd July – End of Summer Term

What kind of Easter holiday did you have? I spent most of my time helping out at Okehampton station Buffet. We had a very busy Friday, a not-so-busy Saturday, a busy Sunday and a busy Monday. I find it great fun seeing our regulars time and again and finding that a smile on the face works wonders. I don't know how many people I have managed to insult but got away with it because I had a smile on my face!! Add to that the duties of the ticket office and I was a very tired bunny by the end of the weekend. It's always a delight seeing Cheriton Bishopites up at the buffet. Yes, there are a group of regulars from Cherry-B as well as many occasional visitors.

The trains over the weekend were very well patronised. There were many passengers interested in the journey down to Bow and return. The Sunday Dartmoor Rover service operated by First Great Western begins operations on Sunday 25th

GRANITE LINE LIMITED				
In association with DARTMOOR RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION				
SUNDAYS TRAIN SERVICE 25th MAY to 29th JUNE 2014				
OKEHAMPTON	dep.	1010	1110	1205 1330 1510 1605
Meldon Viaduct	arr.	1020	1120	1215 1340 1520 1615
Meldon Viaduct	dep.	1040	1130	1230 1400 1530 1630
OKEHAMPTON	arr.	1050	1140	1240 1410 1540 1640
OKEHAMPTON - EXETER FIRST				
Sunday (Except Public Holidays) until 14 September 2014				
OKEHAMPTON	0955	1158	1556	1759
SAMPFORD COURTENAY	1002	1205	1603	1807
CREDITON	1025	1228	1627	1830
EXETER ST. DAVIDS	1035	1238	1637	1841
EXETER CENTRAL	1039	1242	1640	-
EXETER CENTRAL	0904	1103	1506	1705
EXETER ST. DAVIDS	0908	1107	1509	1708
CREDITON	0918	1118	1520	1719
SAMPFORD COURTENAY	0944	1142	1544	1743
OKEHAMPTON	0952	1149	1551	1750
ENQUIRIES: 08457 484950				

May. During it's period of operation, the Granite Line trains are limited to the Okehampton-Meldon section of the line. I have attached the timetable for both trains.

PGR

The CB walking group – Number 4

Our next walk, on Sunday 18th May, is to Kennick, Tottiford and Trenchford Reservoirs. This one will be led by Elaine and Gordon Clarke. At the time of writing we have yet to do our third walk (Sticklepath to Belstone) but hope that we keep our record (for the first two walks) of dry weather for both!

The coming walk will be our fourth and we have had a great turn out for the first two. Dogs (and children, of course) are very welcome and it has been fun for us all to have the opportunity to explore the area and meet other walkers.

We are of all walking abilities. We aim to select a place to walk that allows people to undertake as much or as little as they feel inclined to do. Although we call ourselves a walking group we also qualify as a nattering, countryside loving, keeping healthy-while-enjoying-ourselves sort of a group too! It is an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours, meet new people, possibly visit places we are unfamiliar with and share a pleasant afternoon. We end with a cuppa and a sit down. Why not come along and join us?

We gather at The Mulberry car park ,CB at 1.45. We try to share vehicles where possible and start our walk by 2.30.

If you would like to receive an email with more info or put your contact details on the walking group circulation list please call me on 24092, or email me on jane@dudshall.co.uk

Jane Hancock

Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley Surgery Patient Participation Group.

The results of our recent survey showed that some of you do not know who we are or what we do. Therefore I am going to try and not only remedy that, but also to keep you informed of anything that we consider you may like to know about.

WHO ARE WE? We are a committee of 10 patients, of all ages and gender, covering the whole practice area. We are committed to keep complete confidentiality about anything or anyone at our meetings. One of our members is attending all meetings about Mortonhampstead Hospital, and reporting back. Two other members attend Mid Devon Patient Group Meetings every 2 months and report back.

WHAT DO WE DO? We meet approximately every 2 months. The purpose of the group is to establish a system of communication with all registered patients, so that their views and constructive comments are fed back to the practice.

To provide feedback on patients needs, concerns and interests and challenge the practice whenever necessary.

WHAT YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW. 5 Million Pounds is wasted every year in the U.K. on drugs not being used. We have been asked why they cannot be returned to surgery for reuse. The answer is many reasons but the main ones are, once they have left the surgery, it would not be known how they have been stored, i.e. have they been left in a hot car for days? Should they have been kept in a fridge? Have they been tampered with?

Not only do some not take the prescribed prescription, but much to my amazement some, do not even bother to collect from the dispensary. Our practice manager, Julia Mercer tells me that once a month the team check the shelves and what can be relabelled is, as it has not left the dispensary. I feel confident that all of us would not want this waste so let us in our practice do all we can to prevent it.

Jean Martin (Chair)



pop in for a chat and a drink



on Monday 19th May 2014

at

The Spalding Hall

any time between 2pm and 4pm

Open to absolutely everyone!

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

Good choice of drinks, plus biscuits.

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

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesday 7th, 21st May and 4th June. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be 8th, 29th May and 12th June. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 6th, 20th May and 3rd June. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

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

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

**ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 1st May 12.30 P.M. at
THE COACH HOUSE**

Sausage and mash, vegetables with Onion Gravy; Dessert and tea or coffee,
as chosen by one of our diners. Come this time and see if it will be your turn to choose for next month.
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 31st April.
With Jean 01647 24586.
Tell her if you need transport.

**Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell
Neighbourhood Watch**

THE THIN BLUE LINE..... IS GETTING THINNER!

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary has announced a further cut in bobbies of 100 over the next 4 years! – resulting in a force of 3010- down from 3529 in recent years. Never has there been a more urgent need to enlist the help of the public to in part, “self police” their neighbourhood.

By joining Cheriton Bishop Neighbourhood Watch, you are doing just that! You are not expected to confront law-breakers of any kind, simply report any suspicious activity, however trivial. Time and time again, this public input has helped to prevent and solve crimes. As a Neighbourhood Watch Member, you are the “eyes and ears” of the Police Service – you don’t have to patrol the village – just observe when you are out and about. There are no regular Meetings to attend and in return you will receive forewarning of crime waves – information about incidents in and around the Village, and help in protecting you and your family. Almost half the households in Cheriton Bishop are members, but the more people in the group, the safer the Village will be – and it is a fact that crime rates are lower in areas with a strong Neighbourhood Watch! So, if you are keen to help keep our Village and outlying areas secure, whether you are a long term resident or just here for a short time, fill in the form with this article and join up! All the information you give is kept under the Data Protection Act and we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 a year to finance our admin. costs – we are completely self supporting and independent.

Once you have filled it in, pop it in the letter box of the co-ordinator nearest to you;

Jean Martin, 1, Woodpecker Way.

Brian Bryon-Edmond, Oak House, Dunsford Road.

John Tutton, 1 Hescane Park

Janet Davison, 3 Hescane Park

Lisa Marshall, Blackaday

Sylvia Tripp, 32 Glebelands

Maureen Barber, Church Lane

Thank you! And for the record...

Neighbourhood Watch celebrated its 50th Birthday this year – must be doing something right!
It is the BIGGEST voluntary organisation in the UK

It has 168000 household membership in Devon and Cornwall alone– that’s almost 6 households to every one bobby on the beat!

“Proof of the Pudding”.... most Insurance Companies will give you a discount on your home insurance if you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

Brian W Bryon-Edmond Deputy Co-ordinator NWH ‘phone 01647 24696.

News from Elsewhere

Castle Drogo – Inside Out

As I write, summer has officially begun, the sun is shining and we have had a brilliant start to the new season. Feedback from visitors has been hugely positive and the viewing tower is definitely the hot ticket. Building work is racing along and we have been media starlets over the past month with features on BBC Spotlight, ITV Westcountry and the starring role in the Time Team Lutyens special. Autographs available on request.

I am delighted to tell you that we have just re-opened the room dedicated to Adrian Drewe, the son who was killed during the First World War. The window in there has been refurbished, everything fully cleaned and it looks lovely. We have also put a recently conserved photograph of Cedric Drewe in his uniform outside Adrian’s room and we hope to display a photo of Basil there too so all three brothers will be together.

We have some new artwork on display across the property. The lovely people from Get Changed Theatre Company have created poppy windmills in memory of all the Drogo men who fought in the First World war. The group have also made wind-chimes from cutlery and table ware and re-created images of the 11 ages of man cabinet which is in Mr Drewe’s room. Don’t forget to check out our website or pick up one of our events leaflets as Get Changed are doing a series of appearances at Drogo performing ‘glimpse theatre’. Not to be missed!

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo

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LONGDOWN VILLAGE FETE

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

Stone Lane Gardens

Join us at Stone Lane Gardens for an art workshop at 10.30am – 4.00pm on Tuesday June 17th 2014 (includes tea/coffee and optional picnic)

How to create an illustrated nature diary: a session on how to produce artistic nature diaries with artist Jennie Hale: this will introduce the skills of the art of nature recording and will establish a Stone Lane Gardens Nature Journal to which participants can continue to contribute. For more information, see the diary tab on Jennie’s website www.jenniehale.co.uk

Advance Booking Required: (we need a minimum of 7 participants to run the course. If we cancel the course, your money will be returned)

Please book and pay via our website www.stonelanegardens.com or email: paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com or phone Paul on 01647 231311

Price: workshop and tea/coffee £40 picnic £5

Local people working together to develop future services for Moretonhampstead

People from Moretonhampstead and surrounding areas have been working closely with the NHS to come up with ideas of services they would like to see run from the town's community hospital.

Local residents, patient representatives, GPs, voluntary sector representatives, elected representatives and other organisations have formed a group and signed a 'statement of intent' for the future of health in the town. They agreed that the community hospital should be adapted and developed as a community health and wellbeing hub offering a wide range of health and social care services from one site. It will mean that some services currently available only in Exeter, Okehampton and Newton Abbot will be accessible from a single local centre better able to support the wider needs of the local community and, in particular, to cope with the increasingly elderly population. The move also reflects the present national financial environment and, coupled with the difficulty of recruiting professional staff at the hospital, means the temporary closure of the inpatient beds will become permanent.

Local GP Dr Tim Dudgeon said: "I am pleased we are progressing with the formation of the 'hub'. "I hope that in the next few weeks services will be up and running and will be available for patients to use."

Philip Fowler, chair of the Moretonhampstead Hospital League of Friends, said: "Moretonhampstead Hospital has been a key part of the health care provision in North East Dartmoor and while it may not now have inpatient beds, it will provide a new range of care that previously might only have been accessible by going out of the area. The League of Friends looks forward to being involved in this exciting, ground breaking new health hub in North East Dartmoor."

Richard Foxwell, of Moretonhampstead parish council, and Mike Elleston, from the Moretonhampstead and Chagford patient group, said:

"Moretonhampstead, Chagford and the surrounding area is rural and remote so often health care for residents means travelling to Exeter or beyond. Overwhelmingly, the community supported converting the hospital to a Health and social care hub. Already, it is the base for the Community Nurses, and many regular clinics plus extra health services planned for introduction in the next few months. Converting the time-honoured Moretonhampstead Hospital into a health and social care hub is fundamental for the future. The parish councils see the increasing number of services opening here enabling many of the health treatments currently provided at Exeter or Okehampton becoming localised. It is the NHS moving to provide daily care in or closer to the patient's home. The group will also look at how services could be designed in the local community, how to overcome transport issues, financial planning and how best to communicate the plans to local people."

The statement of intent was agreed following a series of public meetings and engagement events where the Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (NDHT) invited people to get involved in securing the future of health services in the area. It was also agreed by the respective Boards of the CCG's Eastern Locality Board and NDHT, which owns the hospital building and provides community health and social care services to local residents.

To see the full statement in intent or for more information, or to get involved, go to : www.healthypeoplemoreton.co.uk

Energy Fair

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

It's at Moretonhampstead Energy Fair, at Moreton Parish Hall on Saturday 28th June from 10 am – 1 pm & is free.
For further details contact Moretonhampstead Development Trust 01647 440775 or Chrissy 07952 935 235

Cheriton Bishop
Spring Village Clean Up
On Saturday 3rd May
Meet at the Stone Cross
At 9.30 am

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

Please come, and bring your own hand tools.
Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and
Tim Vooght 24593

A BIG BREAKFAST



Tedburn St Mary Village Hall
Saturday 31st May 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Start your weekend with a traditional English Breakfast:
includes toast, tea or coffee.

Only £5.00

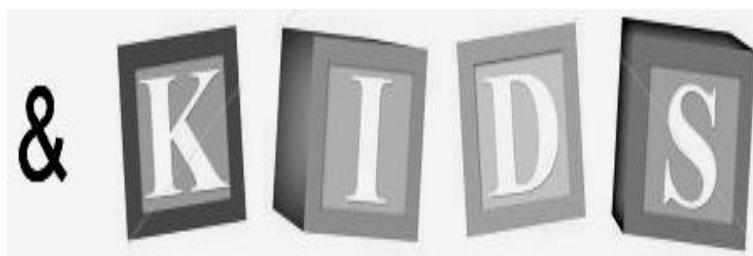
*A fundraising effort for two local Scouts selected to represent Devon at the
23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015
in J A P A N*



Contact A or H Squires 61953



SALE



clothes, nursery and general stuff!!

PLUS tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes

***Hire a table for £5 and sell your own
OR
Please donate to Tedburn Toddlers*****

**Saturday 7th June 9am - 12pm
Tedburn St Mary Village Hall**

Please come and support us

- ✓ **To HIRE a table**, please call Carolyn on 07743360795
- ✓ **Look out for the Sale Donation Box**
- **Tedburn Toddlers:** Tedburn St Mary village hall Monday (9:30am – 12:00pm)
- **Sara's School (Pre-School):** Tedburn St Mary village hall Tuesday to Friday (9:30am – 3:00pm)
- **Carolyn Jordan:** 3 Fulford Close, TSM, EX6 6RW or call 07743360795 to arrange collection

****** proceeds will support Tedburn Toddlers, a small community group aimed at providing preschool children and babies with a safe and fun weekly play session, and their parents and carers with a strong support group and a good cup of tea!

