

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Newsletter

May 2019



In this edition:

Heartwarming words from our resident vicar, articles on the Parish Council and 'You and the Taxman' as well as invitations to cream teas, plant sales and an outing to Sidmouth.

Useful Information

DOCTORS

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 01647 24586, Steve Colderick 24818

Surgery (No Appointment Necessary) 8 – 9.30 am Monday to Friday.

Out of Hours: Ring 111

IN EMERGENCY RING 999

MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Medical Centre, open Mon – Fri, 8.15 am – 6.00 pm

POLICE

For all *non emergency* contact please ring **101**

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin 01647 24586

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Electricity	0800 365 900
Gas	0800 111 999
Water	0344 346 2020
Highways Agency	0300 123 5000
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SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cheriton Bishop Primary School 01647 24817 (termtime only)

Head Teacher: Mrs Alex Waterman

Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken

Cheriton Bishop Pre-school

Play Leader: Christine Grist 01647 281205

Young Farmers: Louise Putt 07792 518439

Walking Group: Dennis Milton 01647 272844

Jon Whitehead 01647 281454

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

Federation Head:

Fed. Chair of Governors: Alexis Saffin

PTFA Chairman: Emma Benjamin

Beavers: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575

Cubs: James Morris 01647 252375

Scouts: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

Group Scout Leader: Kevin Unsworth 01647 24773

LOCAL CHURCHES

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Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 01647 24446

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 01647 24264

HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Tim Gorringe 01647 24789

SPALDING HALL

Bookings: Jean Martin 01647 24586

If no reply after 24hours ring Paul Mitchell on 01647 24405

Acorn Community Support Office: 01647 252701

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Chairman Tim Vooght 01647 24593

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Crockernwell

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LOCAL SERVICES (Paid advert)

CHIROPODY HOME SERVICES Mrs Julie Chatfield NMChs SRCh 01647 24382

[Updated May 2019]

Welcome to the May edition of our parish newsletter.

Dear Reader

Regular readers of this column will know that I have spent most of my married life living abroad. In 30 years I have lived in some of the most hostile and God forsaken places on Earth. Just recently I was asked which was my favourite posting. Thinking about the answer made me realise that our best postings were in the most hostile locations and that forced me to wonder why. The answer is that these locations offered the strongest sense of community. When illness struck, you could rely on your neighbours to look out for you and when it was time to say farewell to departing friends, the community laid on the most extraordinary parties. Everyone had a strength to offer whether they were musically gifted, great cooks, good organisers, superb tailors or simply financially generous. And that is one of the things we can also celebrate here in Cheriton - there is a great sense of community. We are not anonymous modules living separately from each other, we are known to each other and this is something to celebrate.

In order to retain this community spirit we need more shoulders to bear the burden of organising. Many of our annual activities, enjoyed by so many, are organised by a few dwindling volunteers so if you have the occasional few hours to spare, please do think about volunteering, we'd love to have you on board!

Cream teas and elections

We have another exciting month ahead, you can learn how to make a plant support out of willow, or enjoy a cream tea courtesy of the Parish church. Of course there are the local Elections on May 2nd where we will have the opportunity to elect our District Councillors. Please note that there will not be an election for the Parish Council as there were not enough candidates to force a contest!

A big thank you to the Spring Cleaners

I have been asked to pass on thanks to the parish council for organising the Spring Clean and to all the volunteers who contributed. Ditches have been cleared and litter has been dispatched and the whole village looks clean and tidy.

Missing! presumed forgotten

Also has anyone seen the red, gingham tablecloths from the Village Hall? They have probably been taken home to be washed by some kind soul but if they could be returned ASAP, the committee would be very grateful!

Articles of interest

If you have a hobby, area of interest or expertise in a specialist area that you would like to share with the community via the newsletter we would love to hear from you. I am always on the look out for information that may be of interest to our readers so do please get in touch.

Newsletter print run

Finally, we have had a number of comments regarding availability of the newsletter. Please can you let us know if the supplies ran out before you could get your copy? If so please can you ring anyone on the production team so that we can consider printing a few more copies?

Until next time,

Andrea Wood, Editor

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Cheriton Bishop Website

For more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Website:
www.cheritonbishop.org.uk

Regular Meeting Dates	
Art @ Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840	usually every last Friday of the month 9.30 - 12.30
Baby Clinic Contact: The Surgery	Clinic held every 4th Wednesday of the month 2- 3pm @ CB surgery
Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) Contact: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575	Every Thursday during term time
Camera Club Contact: Andrea Wood 01647 272786	Monthly in the Spalding Hall
Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group Contact: Find us on Facebook	
Cubs (8 -10 yrs) Contact: James Morris 01647 252375	Every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)
Gardening Club Contact: Janet Jeffery 24414	usually the third Monday evening in the month during Autumn and Winter
Parish Council Contact Diane Shepherd 01363 85051	every second Monday evening in the month
Pilates (paid advert) Contact: Adele 07976 427941	every Friday morning, 8.55am and 10.00 am during term time
Preschool Contact: Christine Grist 281205	Mon, 8.45 - 3.15; Tues, 8.45 - 11.30pm with optional lunch - 12.45; Wed, Thurs, 8.45 - 3.15pm
Scouts (10 - 14 yrs) Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	Every Monday evening during term time
Short Mat Bowling Contact: David Tripp 24582 or Pat Hill 24201	Every Wednesday evening 7.30 - 9.30pm, Sept - May
Spiritual Discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 24639	Monthly
Walking Group Contact: Dennis Milton 01647 272844 or Jon Whitehead 01647 281454	For daytime walks see the CB Walking Group Facebook page
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Elaine Clark at elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk website: wcecheritonbishop	Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month
West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	Every Monday evening Oct - May
Young Farmers Contact: Louise Putt 07792 518439	Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings



Diary Dates for May

May	Activity	Location	Time
1	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys	Exeter	
2	District Council Elections	Village Hall	7am - 10pm
2	Acorn Lunch	Red Lion, Tedburn	12.30pm
7	WCE Embroidery Group	Village Hall	1.45 - 4pm
11	Parish Church coffee morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 - 12
13	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
14	Cheriton Bishop Acorn Outing	Sidmouth	9-2
15	Gardening Club Willow Workshop	Village Hall	2pm
15	Walking Group	YFC Car Park	18.15
15	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys	Exeter	
16,17,18	Devon County Show		
20	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 - 4pm
21	Mobile Library	Stanbury's Orchard, Glebelands, Hescane Park	14.35/15.05/15.40
23	Camera Club	Spalding Hall	7 - 8.30pm
25	Gardening Club Cream Tea	Spalding Hall	2.30 - 4.30
29	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys	Exeter	

Please note: The vintage afternoon tea scheduled for the 19th May 2019 has unfortunately had to be cancelled. We hope to try again next year. Sorry for any disappointment caused.

Forthcoming Events in 2019:

12th May at 3pm in Dunsford Church **Isca Voices** are a female vocal ensemble, all members previously having been choristers in the Exeter Cathedral Choir. They are directed by Stephen Tanner and perform choral music in close harmony. Entry £5 to include Tea and Cakes

2nd June Songs of Praise, 3pm Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

11th July The Acorn Community Support AGM will be held in the Cheriton Bishop Village Hall at 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

21st Sept Health And Wellbeing Open Day Cheriton Bishop Village Hall 10 - 12.30pm

8th/9th Nov Book Sale

9th Nov Gardening Club Dinner

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Information

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop

Present: Cllrs C Carter (Vice Chair), T Vooght (Chair), D Milton, D Tripp (Vice Chair), O Chung, P Dicker, P Endacott, D Coren (MDDC) and P Heal (MDDC)

In Attendance: D Shepherd (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

To receive and accept apologies

It was resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Bastyan and Cllr Nick Way (DCC)

To receive Declarations of Interest: To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest

Public Participation: To receive public comment on items on the agenda. A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item

One member of the public raised two issues: bus access on Tuesdays and youths with drones in a field with livestock. Cllr Tripp agreed to keep watch in relation to the second matter and the Clerk was asked to write to the School and the Playgroup urging consideration about the first matter

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting held on the 11th March 2019: It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th March 2019:

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

Devon Air Ambulance: To discuss a night landing site in the parish. The DAA representative was unable to be present and the matter was deferred

Report from Cllr Way (DCC): Cllr Way was unable to be present

Report from the Chair:

The Chair circulated correspondence relating to a planning matter. It was agreed that the Council would not respond as it was outside the area. The Chair referred to the need to refurbish the noticeboards and said he would consult a local handyman for a quote. It was agreed that this and paint for the bus stops would be on the May agenda. The Chair referred to the "Twenty is Plenty" signs and the proposed sitings on private land. It was agreed that 6 posts were required and would be on the May agenda. The Chair thanked those who took part in the Village Tidy.

Report from Councillors:

Cllr Tripp reported on his Planning Training and the Clerk was asked to circulate the material. Cllrs reported on the tree planting progress and it was agreed to increase the budget to £70

Report from Cllr Heal (MDDC):

Cllr Heal reported that the Crediton Garden Centre application had been approved and the Anaerobic Digester had been deferred. He said that this would be his last meeting at Cheriton Bishop and he thanked the Council for their support. Cllr Vooght thanked Cllr Heal for listening and being a good point of contact with MDDC and wished him luck

Report from Cllr Coren (MDDC):

Cllr Coren spoke very positively about the Parish Council and said that he was standing for re-election on MDDC. He reported that the MDDC Village Walkabout was soon to take place. He also reported that the Post Office Van now operated from Chudleigh

Mid Devon District Council: Planning Applications: MDDC has asked for observations on the following planning applications:

Reference:	19/00295
Proposal:	Erection of replacement dwelling
Location:	Forder Cottage
Applicant:	Mr G Hayden

It was **noted** that this application had been withdrawn

Reference: 19/00204
Proposal: **Erection of a two storey extension**
 Location: 8 Glebelands
 Applicant: Mr C Frankum

It was **resolved** to support this application but the Council would ask that the builders show due consideration to the neighbours when completing the work (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

MDDC Planning Decisions: Mid Devon District Council had refused the following application:

Reference: 19/00261
Proposal: **PIP for the erection of 1 dwelling**
 Location: Fairview
 Applicant: Mr P Benjamin

MDDC Planning Decisions: Mid Devon District Council had approved the following applications with conditions as filed:

Reference: 19/00143
Proposal: **Erection of 2 storey and single storey extension**
 Location: Rydon Cottage
 Applicant: Mr M Scott Tucker

Reference: 19/00253
Proposal: **Prior Notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 2 dwellings under Class Q**
 Location: Coxland Farm
 Applicant: Mrs T Physick

The Old School Building:

It was **resolved** to re-register the Old School Building as a Community Asset (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

Section 106 Monies:

The Clerk reported on the request from Hittisleigh PC and the request from MDDC re use of the money for the Play Area. The Clerk will meet MDDC to learn more in May.

It was **resolved** to approve the request to allocate £3000 of the monies to the Hittisleigh open space project (Proposed Cllr Endacott)

Roads and Footpaths in the Parish: To consider issues relating to roads and Footpaths in the parish including verge cutting by MDDC. It was noted that the pothole at the Rectory had been filled. Cllr Vooght said that they had been able to clear many drains during the Village Tidy up

Correspondence: To consider the report circulated by the Clerk

It was noted that the Election notices had been received and the Clerk had posted these on the noticeboard

Budget and Accounts:

The following receipts were noted:

Newsletter	£74
Precept (first half)	£6305.58

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

Diane Shepherd (Salary April salary)	£321.13
HMRC (PAYE April)	£80.28
Diane Shepherd (Travelling)	£17.55
Phone rental (March)	£6.53
Clarity	£93.68
SLCC (additional payment)	£10
DALC (Training)	£48
Printer cartridges	£63.48
P Mitchell (Tree plus travel)	£39.95
ICO registration	£40

It was resolved that the Clerk's pay should rise in accordance with the National Pay Award and the Clerks Contract to £401.41 (Upper point 25) (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

Gardening Club

Many thanks to all who supported the Spring Show. There was a moment of panic on Friday afternoon when we had no entries and feared that, with many daffodils having bloomed and died back already, there would be no show. However by the 7pm deadline we had 90 entries from 17 people, the moral being that in Cheriton we leave it to the last minute! While smaller than usual it was a respectable show with a good atmosphere and a lot of people came to see it and enjoy the refreshments. The cup for most points was won by Kath Eley.

Many people enjoyed making willow Christmas decorations at our November meeting, so the same couple are returning on Weds 15th May to teach us how to make willow plant supports. More details in the notice elsewhere, but places are limited so book early.

On May 25th there will be a Cream Tea and mini show in the Spalding Hall 2.30 – 4.30pm. You are invited to enter one stem of each type of flowering plant in your garden on that day. Please supply your own vase. There will be a table-top sale of any spare plants, gardening books etc brought along on the day.

The special class in the Summer Show is for a red dianthus. The plants will be available at the cream tea for you to purchase at cost and grow on at home.

Janet Jeffery 24414

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West Country Embroiderers, Textiles & Mixed Media

Tuesday 7th May - 13.45 - Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

OK - STUMPWORK - no this is not the Horticultural Society but the Textile Group's topic for May. We welcome Wendy Major to our group for an afternoon demonstration and 'have a go' at Stumpwork. The term Stumpwork is used to describe a style of raised embroidery which was popular in England between 1650 and 1700. Before this period the use of such raised embroidery techniques was mostly confined to ecclesiastical garments. In the seventeenth century this embroidery technique was simply called raised or embossed work. It has been called Stumpwork since the end of the nineteenth century. It's a very effective decorative technique which gives a three dimensional appearance to embroidery and is frequently used in embellishment.



The winning entry of this year's Spring Fair WCE group competition by Jenny Bone

If you are interested in joining, our annual membership is only £25. Please contact me if you are interested, elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk or telephone me at home on 0164724218.

Hello darkness my old friend.....

May is the month that we traditionally welcome back our beautiful and amazing Swifts (Apodidae). These highly aerial birds, weighing only 38g, have the most incredible story.



They arrive in Britain for just three months of the year where they spend their time building nests and reproducing. Almost as soon as their young have fledged, the parent birds return to their Winter home in Central and Western Africa where they spend the rest of the year. We still don't know the exact routes they use to and from their wintering grounds despite modern technology, however the round trip is thought to be around 6,000 miles!



Swifts resemble swallows in size and shape. They have arrow shaped wings and incredibly dark brown feathers so they look almost black while moving. They have almost no legs and tiny feet, their wings are dark, blue, glossy and they are known for their aerial acrobatics. They also do everything on the wing from mating to feeding. They almost never set foot on the ground.

Their nests are made using wet mud, feathers, paper, straw and seeds which they bond to solid structures such as the eaves of houses, barns, and caves. They have just a few weeks to collect together all the materials and using their saliva, they bond them to their chosen nest site. Unfortunately swifts are now finding it very difficult to find nesting places because the eaves of most modern houses are made from materials that the nests won't stick to.

Swift chicks are one of the most inspirational of newly hatched birds. They usually fledge at 6 weeks old and, very soon afterwards, they have to fly all the way to Central Africa without even the guidance of

their parents! They are incredibly cute and must be very strong to fly all that way at such a young age.

If you would like to help in the survival of the swift, there are several things you can do:

- Build a pond in your garden because swifts need water to build their nests. Also water is a breeding ground for insects which are the main food source of the swift.
- Increase the number of insect feeding stations in your garden to increase the supply of insects
- Do not use pesticides such as ant or wasp killer



You could even consider adding to their nesting sites by installing a ready made nest such as the one in the photograph above on the eave of your property

Researched and written by May Brittain

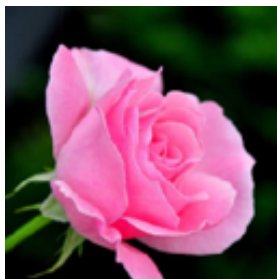
Jobs for the Garden in May

What a busy month May is in the garden! Even those least inclined to do any gardening will find themselves planting and pruning.

All the promising summer bedding plants are exploding with growth and getting closer to the point where they can go out and blossom. If the nights are still cold, ideally they should be gradually accustomed to outdoor temperatures before being planted.

There are some Spring flowering plants which can be trimmed back now. Lavender benefits from a short prune now. If you trim your Choisya after it has finished flowering, it should reward you with more flowers in September. Aubretia and alyssum can be tidied up when they finish flowering too.

Plants that are sending out long shoots, like sweet peas, can be tied in to where you want



them. Rambling roses should be persuaded to grow sideways so that more flowering side shoots grow and bloom.

This is the time to take softwood cuttings. You can use the growing tips of fuchsias and pelargoniums to make new plants and at the same time you will be creating bushier parent plants. It is a good time to take sage and lemon verbena cuttings too and keep your herbs neat and productive.

You can still divide herbaceous perennials in May, especially if they appear relatively late, like hostas.

Towards the end of the month, tender exotics such as dahlias and canna will be safe from cold and frost and ready to go outdoors for the summer season.

Enjoy this most beautiful and exciting time of year in the garden!

By Sally Rix

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

April saw two walks, the first was to Foggintor Quarry near Princetown, and the first evening walk in Dunsford woods was very well attended with 12 people and seven dogs!

The date for the May walk will be announced nearer the time on Facebook and by email, but the evening walk will be the 3rd Wed of the Month, 15th May. Again details will be circulated nearer the time.

We would welcome anyone to join us, most walks can be adapted to make them longer or shorter according to people's wishes and dogs are welcome, of course.

Please see our Facebook page for photos and details of our past walks.

Look forward to seeing you on the next walk.



JON AND DENNIS

You and the Tax Man!



A few years ago my daughter took a gap year and worked for a well known department store in Exeter. After 8 months of full time employment she complained to me about the amount of income tax she was paying. I was astonished to hear this because her gross salary was so

low that her tax contribution should have been close to zero!

I asked her to print off her wage slips and spotted the problem straightway. Her employers had put her on an emergency tax code which had **never been updated**. After a few calls to HMRC we soon had the error rectified and a cheque for over £1000 was winging its way to my daughter. I then sat down and explained how the income tax system works. I showed her how to calculate her take home pay and explained to her about tax allowances. She was delighted with this information and took it in to share with her co-workers. Would you believe that every single one of her co-workers in that department was also on an emergency tax code despite some of them having worked there for two years?!

You may wonder why I am sharing this story with you? The reason is that our youngsters receive very little financial education these days. For many young people, particularly those in low paid work, their pay cheque is a total mystery. The numbers are meaningless and they have no idea how to establish whether their net pay is actually correct. Hence I would like to share with you the route to calculating net pay and would urge you to share this information with all the young people in your extended family. Why? Because HMRC is poorly managed and mistakes are not quickly or automatically corrected and many payroll departments leave a lot to be desired!

Deciphering your payslip

Nearly every employer has a different form of payslip but there is some information that a payslip must contain by law which are:

- Your Gross Pay
- the deductions made on your gross pay
- the net amount of pay and how it is paid to you

Your Gross Pay

This is the total amount of money you have earned over a pay period. Your contract of employment will have set out your rate of pay and your pay period which may be daily, weekly or monthly.

To arrive at your gross pay, keep a note of the number of hours you work over the pay period, be that a week or a month, and multiply it by the hourly rate as per your contract of employment, i.e. if you are paid weekly and your hourly rate is £7.70 per hour and you have worked 40 hours during the week then your gross pay for the week is $£7.70 \times 40 = £308$.

Compulsory Deductions ...

These are set by the Government and are compulsory. They are deducted by your employer and include:

- Income Tax (Pay as you Earn or PAYE)
- National Insurance (NI employees' contributions)
- Pension Contributions (Personal Pension employees' contributions)
- Student Loan Repayments

and Voluntary Deductions

These are deductions you have given your employer permission to deduct such as

- Union Subs; Uniform; Savings schemes; and other

Additions

You may be entitled to certain additions to your pay such as Tax Credits or Statutory Benefits: Sick Pay, Maternity Pay, child maintenance allowance, etc.

So the formula for calculating net pay (i.e. the actual amount you will receive) is

$$\text{Gross pay} - \text{Deductions} + \text{Additions} = \text{Net Pay}$$

It is not unknown for payroll to make mistakes so make sure you keep a record of your working hours and carefully check your payslip.

Here is a list of what you should be checking:

- Is your name and NI number correct?
- Was the gross pay calculated correctly (Agreed rate x number of hours worked)
- What tax code is being applied? (Is this the correct code for you?)
- What deduction have been paid other than tax and NIC and were they authorised by you?

Income Tax explained

Income tax was first introduced in Britain in 1799 as a levy on annual income by William Pitt the Younger, to pay for weapons and equipment in preparation for the Napoleonic Wars and it has never been repealed!

Because income tax is an annual tax, we have to define a tax year. In the UK the tax year runs from 6th April to the following 5th April.

Today income tax is used to pay for our services and infrastructure. It is collected by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, otherwise known as HMRC to finance such items as universal free education, highways, defence, culture, overseas aid, debt interest, the civil service, etc.

Good news and Bad news!

Personal Tax Allowances

The good news is that most people in the UK are allowed to earn a certain amount per year free of tax. So very low income earners are exempt from income tax. This tax free allowance is adjusted annually by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Budget and is called the Personal Tax Allowance.

The table below shows you what the rates are for the current tax year. So what does this mean in practice?

Income Tax rates and bands 2019 - 20		
Personal Allowance	£12,500	0%
Basic Rate	£12,501 to £50,000	20%
Higher Rate	£50,001 to £150,000	40%
Additional Rate	over £150,000	45%

Tax Calculation

Let us assume you get a job which pays you £20,000 per tax year paid monthly. You will receive the first £12,500 free of tax, so we deduct £12,500 from £20,000 which leaves us with £7,500 which we call taxable income. As this figure is less than £50,000 the tax rate applied is 20%. So the income tax due on £20,000 is £1,500 for that tax year.

This figure is apportioned over your weekly or monthly earnings so, in this case, the figure is divided by 12 to give a monthly deduction of £125. So your employer will deduct £125 per month in income tax from your gross pay.

Annual Salary	20,000
Personal tax allowance	-12,500
Taxable income	= £7,500
Basic rate tax due	x 20% = £1,500
Monthly tax due	£1500 / 12 = £125

So how does your employer know how much income tax to take off your pay?

Well they use a tax code. How do you check if you are on the right tax code? You will find your tax code on your payslip. It is made up of a series of numbers followed by a letter. For example 1250L.

The L denotes that you receive the basic personal allowance and a K would denote that you get no tax free pay or you owe HMRC money for previous years. My daughter had been allocated a K code which meant that she did not receive her personal allowance and therefore paid 20p in tax on every pound she earned!

To fully understand tax codes, may I suggest you check out the tax code section on moneysavingsexpert.com. There is much more detail than I can cram into this space but it is well worth taking the time to understand them.

The other compulsory deduction you will see on your pay slip is for NI or National Insurance. This tax was introduced after WW2 to fund the Welfare State. Today employees, known as Class 1 employees, are asked to contribute 12% on all earnings over £166 per week. Your employer pays an additional 13.8% of the same figure!

NI is a bit more complicated than this and I recommend you read up about it online to fully understand how much you should be paying.

I hope this article will give you an overview as to how your payslip is calculated and the inspiration to look further afield to gain a thorough understanding.

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Upcoming local events

ACORN LUNCH

on 2nd May at 12.30pm at
The Red Lion, Tedburn St Mary



Your choice of Main course and Dessert is:

1. Fish & Chips 2. Ham Salad 3. Pasta Carbonara
4. Ice Cream 5. Apple Pie 6. Trifle

£8.95 per person or £9.95 to include Tea or Coffee

Please telephone Jean with the numbers corresponding with your choice before 29th April on 01647 24586 and let her know if you need a lift.



Willow workshop

Come and make a plant support on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm in the Village Hall. Cost £22. Materials, tea and coffee provided.

Limited number of places available. End result may not look exactly like picture! To book your place please contact Janet Jeffery on 24414

A cuppa and a chat at the Spalding Hall!

on **Monday 20th May 2019** between 2pm and 4pm

Everyone is welcome!

Choice of hot and cold drinks and biscuits

Need a lift from your home?

Ring Paul on 01647 24405 beforehand

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



Cream Tea and Mini Show

Sat. 25th May in the Spalding Hall, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Pick one stem of each flowering plant in your garden in the morning, supply your own vase and bring it along. The public judges!

Bring-and-buy stall for spare plants, gardening books etc





What's on in May 2019

www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club - Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be May 2nd at the Red Lion. If you would like to come along and meet new people please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton - Dates are Weds May 1st, 15th & 29th. Help is provided in store. We will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £5 return.

NEW! Acorn monthly Cheriton Bishop Outing - Tues 14th May to Sidmouth. £5.00 per person for a return trip. Call the office to reserve your place.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be Thurs May 9th & 30th. Meetings are held 10.30 - 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 - look out for the sign.

Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall - The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. Please drop in for a tea or coffee, a slice of homemade cake & meet up with friends, everyone welcome. This month it will be Tuesdays May 14th & 28th.

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

Finally a date for your diaries. The Acorn Community Group AGM will be held on 11th July at the Cheriton Bishop Village Hall, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Acorn Office: 01647 252701 for further information.

Cheriton Bishop Outing to Sidmouth

on Tuesday May 14th 2019



Leaving at around 9.00am and returning back to Cheriton at about 2.00pm

Please phone the Acorn Office to book your seat on 01647 252701 [leave a message on the answerphone if necessary and they will ring you back]. Once they know who is coming Donna will draw up a plan for times and places for picking up and let you know.



It's first come first served and there are only 11 seats on the minibus!

So do book as soon as possible! The cost will be £5.

We look forward to seeing you if you fancy a day out



Cheriton Bishop Pre-school

For children (unaccompanied) from ages 2 - 5 years

We provide pre-school education with fun and exciting activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All in a spacious setting with a wide variety of equipment and secure outside play area. Up to 15 hours free for over 3 years olds using Early Years Funding, 22.5 hours of the extended entitlement for those who qualify, or just £4.25 per hour. We accept two-year-old funding for free places for 2-year olds, call in for details.

Please call Play leader Christine Grist: (01647) 281205 or 07977 777318

Email: enquiries@cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk **Or visit our website for more information:** www.cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk

Session times

Mondays; 8.45 - 3.15pm; Tues. 8.45 – 11.30pm with optional lunch club -12.45pm. (To include our weekly Scout field visits.); Wed. & Thurs. 8.45 – 3.15pm.
We currently have limited spaces available for all sessions.

Last half term we were learning about ‘Animals and their babies.’ We had visits from kittens, chicks, tortoises and a pony! Alongside this the children have been observing frog spawn and developing tadpoles.

Next half term we will be learning about and exploring ‘Planting and Growing.’ We will be growing our own sunflowers, runner beans and a variety of salad plants which we will be hopefully eating at snack times, as long as the slugs don’t get there first! We are planning a visit to the new education centre at Drake’s Farm, which will also link in nicely with this half term’s theme; developing the children’s awareness of where our food comes from.

We are also continuing with our very popular children’s yoga sessions, which we are holding every Monday afternoon. We are very grateful to Vicky Palfrey for running these great sessions.

Over £300 of new books!

We have recently purchased just over £300 worth of new books with the proceeds from the children’s ‘Sponsored Listen’ event. We intend to develop our lending library for the children which will be great.

Following the book theme, we also had lots of fun dressing up for World Book Day along with the school children!

Please call or email to book your place now.

The latest News and Events

BUNNIES TAKE OVER CHERITON BISHOP!

The children had a wonderful time taking part in the Sponsored Bunny Hop held last week. Many thanks to the PTFA for hosting this. The children completed an activity course as many times as possible to gather sponsor money. There were also games and refreshments, all planned and organised by our marvellous PTFA. They raised over £900.

SCIENCE DAY

Miss Harry organised a wonderful Science Day for the whole school this week. This involved making Bubble Slime, blowing up balloons with a chemical reaction and making a disappearing Easter Egg! The children thoroughly enjoyed being scientist for the day.

The Great Hall

The Year 5 and 6 children from Cheriton Bishop and Yeoford performed together at The Great Hall music event on Wednesday. This was led by our musical duo, Mr and Mrs Miners. It was a magnificent performance

with great singing backed by steel pans. The schools also contributed to the finale alongside hundreds of children. Thank you to all parents and friends who supported this fabulous event.

TODDLER GROUP

After Easter, the Toddler group will be running every Friday morning starting on Friday 26th April from 9 -10.30am in the school hall. All welcome.



King's and Queen Concert

3pm Saturday 22nd June in the Jubilee Hall, Chagford.

A bright summer concert with cream tea and music for all tastes including songs from the King's Singers, feisty Oklahoma and the rhapsodic Queen.

Let the Chagford Singers entertain you! Reserve the date. Tickets from Sallys Newsagent, on the door and online. thechagfordsingers.co.uk





Finding our way despite feeling lost

May is blessed with two bank holidays, early and late spring bank holidays. It gives many people a few days off work. This can lead to a holiday week being taken. Holidays are important in breaking our usual routine. This allows us to set what we want to do at a time of our choosing. For me not looking at the diary and clock, worrying what and where I should be is important to me. Holidays were originally connected to religious festivals. As you may be very aware, Easter was celebrated much later than usual this year. This means that Ascension Day is also very late this year, Thursday 30th May. It only just makes it into the month of May and sits at a time when you might expect Whitsun. You will have to wait a couple of weeks for Whitsun. If you can wait till 2038 Easter will be at its latest date. Then both Ascension Day and Whitsun will both slide into June.

Ascension Day is a mixed blessing. Having thought that Jesus was dead he suddenly returns from the dead on Easter Day. It was a moment of great joy and celebration although there was still plenty of confusion and doubt. Then for him to leave again forty days later and not return again, you might think that people would be really upset again, it might feel like a second bereavement. Yet what is recorded in the Bible, is quite the opposite. We are told that the disciples are going to the temple praising God each day. We need to ask what has changed for the disciples from being completely lost and dejected. You have to believe that the big change was what Jesus did to restore the disciples. The most obvious thing to realise is that Jesus meets the disciples in their greatest point of need. It is often the same experience for people when they have almost nowhere else to go they find they can find strength and support from God. After Jesus' death, it seems that people wanted to go back to their old life. Jesus finds them and brings them back together. He is not critical of them for lack of faith and understanding. It is very clear that he told them many times what would happen to him. Yet the disciples chose not to listen or not to believe. You might think that this would be held against them and exclude them. Jesus offers restoration and new hope. This is not often our experience as we are often easily condemned and rarely feel forgiven. Jesus also gives the disciples a purpose, to go and tell people about Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

We sometimes lose direction and feel alone and forgotten. Jesus reminds us that God never gives up on any of us. God can help restore and redirect us to where and what we should be doing. The hardest part is to admit we need help and ask for it.

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

COFFEE MORNING and PLANT SALE

11th MAY from 10.30am – 12md

in the Spalding Hall and churchyard, if fine.

Cake stall, raffle, bedding and vegetable plants.

In aid of St. Mary's Church funds



SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

May 2019

Thursday 2nd

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 5th

Easter 3

9.30 Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Thursday 9th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 12th

Easter 4

9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
11am Tedburn St Mary	Donkey Day	
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	

Thursday 16th

10.30am Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 19th

9.30 Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am Tedburn Methodist	Christian Aid Service	
11am Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Evensong	Lay Led
3pm Holcombe Burnell	Rogation Walk	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 23rd

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 26th

8am Cheriton Bishop	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
9.30 Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	United Service	
6pm Whitestone	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayer	

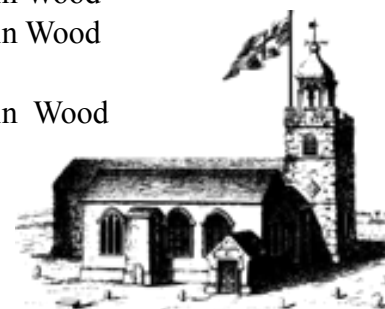
Thursday 30th

Ascension Day

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services.

The Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during times of the highlighted services.



Churchwarden's Ramblings

The next date for the diary is the Church Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday 11th May starting at 10:30; coffee, tea and cake will be in the Spalding Hall combined with plant sales in the churchyard. If you have plants to donate could you please bring them along on the morning or give me a call to arrange picking up on the Friday; any cakes can be taken to the Spalding Hall on the morning.



Looking towards the summer we are planning a late afternoon performance by the Occasional Choir combined with an open tower and tea, but not all happening at the same time. Please look out for dates and times in future Newsletters.

Alan Greenslade Tel: 01647 24002

SPRING PLANT SALE Drewsteignton Garden Club



Saturday 4th May 10am until sold out! Village Hall, Drewsteignton

All sorts of plants for sale at BARGAIN PRICES!!

Refreshments / Raffle

Don't Miss Out!!!



Calling All Crafters



Doddiscombsleigh Art Show will be taking place in October. We are looking for original, local craftwork to sell in our gift shop which runs alongside the main exhibition. Any good quality items we can sell from 50p to £50 would be considered. If you are interested in contributing please contact us at shop@doddiscombsleighartshow.co.uk to find out more.

“ Marvellous Music for a Summer's Evening”

Under the leadership of our dynamic young conductor, **Tim Pithers**, the **Dunsford Singers** is now established as one of the best local choirs. We hope we can tempt you to come along to one of our very special summer events. There's nothing better than an evening out listening to live music, especially when you have only to stroll up the road or drive a few minutes to the venue!

Chudleigh Church, Saturday 8 June 7.30pm or Dunsford Church, Saturday 15 June 7.30pm

Our programme is diverse, with something to suit all tastes and ages. We'll be singing a selection of very beautiful sacred songs by European composers, including Monteverdi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Bruckner, Bach, Brahms, Arensky, and Franck. In the second half we'll be turning our attention to modern music: a fabulous, foot-tapping Abba medley from Mamma Mia; a rousing chorus from The Greatest Showman and Carly Simon's uplifting Let the River Run. Added to the mix will be Africa by Toto! Accompaniment will be by Harry George, a talented and exciting young professional musician from Exeter, who will also entertain us with classical and jazzy solos.

Please do join us for what promises to be an evening of really enjoyable music-making.

Tickets: **£10** (£5 under 16s) **available on the door** Or from **Dandelion, Fore St Chudleigh or Dunsford Post Office** or reserve seats by phoning Jan 01647 252368 or Jane 01647 252519 Includes programme/refreshments.

Brief history of the Parish Council in Cheriton Bishop (1894-1994) Part 3....

Prepared by Oswald R. Chung

'Past history of the parish councillors'

Mr Thomas Ching, as Clerk to the Council, recorded that the keys of the houses were handed to Mrs J. Hill of 'The Cottage' who presented them to the tenants. She wished them all happiness and said that she hoped they would make them real houses. After the ceremony, tea was served in the Village Hall. By now we are in the 1950s a wave of patriotism swept over Cheriton Bishop. It was a time for optimism and progress.

Plans were made for a new War Memorial and the work was undertaken by Messrs. Lake & Saffin at a cost of 69 pounds fourteen shillings & sixpence. The memorial was finally dedicated at a service held on 11th November 1952 and still stands today at Cheriton Cross and services have been held there every Remembrance Day since.

In September 1952 a special meeting of the parish council was held regarding the 'North Devon Flood Disaster'. And it was agreed to make a collection house by house; a total of sixty-six pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence was given to the Disaster Fund.

A constant source of concern to the parish council during its long history was the main road through the village of Cheriton Cross (the old A30 road), and in 1917 it was reported that the 'road was in a bad state' owing to heavy vehicles. Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell were always regarded as a farming community and heavy moving farming vehicles had finally taken their toll on the road. The parish council put in its first request for a 30mph speed limit through the village in 1936, and it was a start of a controversy ever since, you can still see the 30mph speed sign as you enter the village.

By early 1970s this road became the subject of intense debate. The proposal of a by-pass to the villages of Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell was received with mixed feelings. It would make the village quieter with less traffic, safer and generally more beneficial to the village. There was also an issue of farmers having their land cut in half by the creation of the by-pass. This subject was the most concerning to the parish council who were tasked with trying to please everyone in the village. However, once it was apparent that the new road was to go ahead, other unforeseen problems came to light. After several years passed the proposed intersection at Woodleigh Junction was giving

great cause for concern. In 1975, on inspecting the plans for the junction it was commented by the council that 'the prime consideration in building a new road should be safety'. At a public meeting held some years later a member of the public was very concerned that many fatalities had occurred at Woodleigh Junction and something had to be done to enhance safety. The parish council played a huge part in raising awareness and worked with the Highways Agency for years to get this black spot sorted out. Sadly there were several deaths and many serious road accidents at the junction before a bridge was finally built over the dual carriageway.

The other change to parish council life in the 1970s was the local government re-organisation. Mid Devon District took over from the Rural District Council, and Tiverton became their administrative base instead of Crediton. For the first time parish councils were given notice of planning applications and asked to 'comment'. They still have a say on any planning matters and these have now become one of the most time consuming (and frustrating) aspects of parish council work.

On record the longest serving parish councillor for Cheriton Bishop (up to 1994) was a Mr Samuel Shilstone, who was one of the original councillors back in 1894 and remained with the council for forty three years until 1937. Other long serving councillors were Arthur Lambert-Gorwyn who served on the parish council for 42 years, William Saffin (40 years), James Small (37 years), Thomas Ching (33 years) and Frank Norrish (30 years). The longest serving member of the parish council in more recent years up to 1994 was Mr George Butterworth who notched up 21 years. I will try and update to the present (from 1994-2018) in future articles.

The Ching family from Crockernwell has shown remarkable service to this council, beginning with Mr Thomas Ching's arrival as councillor back in 1907. He was later joined by his son who, also named Thomas Ching, twenty four years later was appointed clerk to the council. Thomas Ching Snr retired from the council in 1940, but his son remained clerk until 1966. Then *his* son Gordon Ching served as a councillor from 1946 to 1973. In all the Ching family was involved for 66 years.

There were a total of sixty-five parish councillors from its inception in 1894 to 1994; out of these there were only seven women.

Another event from the parish record reports that tap water was installed in the village in 1950.

The oak tree near The Old Thatch also had a mention in the parish minutes. This well known tree stood there for at least 350 years (according to Ms. Vera Scanes' 'Memories of Cheriton Bishop' published in 1995). It suffered various unfortunate accidents; being struck by lightning and hit by a truck. Several times its survival has come under threat. In December 1939 the Devon Council almost condemned it as dangerous, but today it still stands majestically as a testament to time.

The same thing can be said for our parish council after all those years in existence, it is a voice for the local residents and continues to serve well into the 21st century.

In concluding perhaps my future article would be from 1990s to 2020. The parish council today nothing has changed since the early days, except the population has grown, pastures and some of the green spaces around Cheriton Cross have been developed into residential use. The parish council continues to do its work they have their monthly council meeting at the Spalding Hall and still continue to do their job taking care of our village. Today many of the older generation you meet in the

village can tell you some wonderful stories about when they were children growing up in the village. It is interesting to note that the population in the 2011 census was 652, and by the 2017 census it had increased to 684. See the chart below for gender breakdown:

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Males	327
Females	357

The census also indicates that the village is predominantly Christian followed by Buddhism!

Christian = 442 / Muslim = 1
Buddhist = 4 / other religion = 3

0-17 years 16.1%

18-64 years 27.8%

65+ years 56.1%

*Special acknowledgement to Mrs Jane Guscott, who kindly loaned me some research materials for this article, and Ms Jenny Grist's article published called '100 years of Cheriton Bishop Parish Council 1894-1994', who made this article possible, thank you.

Latest update from Castle Drogo

Hi everyone.

It definitely feels like Spring is here with lots of wonderful sunshine bringing out the spring flowers in the garden. The Easter holidays have been going really well so far with lots of happy families wandering around taking in the beauty of Dartmoor.

The highlight for me has to have been the locals open day which took place last week. We welcomed roughly 150 additional people that day and it was so lovely to meet so many of you face to face. It was very important for us to say thank you for all the help and support we have received from our local community whilst this major building project has been underway. Thank you all again.

Speaking of the project, we are still moving forward, although we have taken a few steps backward along the way. It looks like we are still a few months away from the main scaffolding coming down but we are really getting there. After such a long time, it is difficult to remember to look at how far we have come but we are so close to the end. We just need to keep on going!

Best wishes all,

Paula, Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo Tel: 01647 434130
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Holy Trinity, Yeoford

At Messy Church in March we celebrated Mothering Sunday a day early. We decorated cakes and made cards for Mum and crafted other gifts with beads and stickers. We then had a time of worship where we learned about Jesus' mother, Mary. We ended with tea and it was wonderful to have Matthew and Antonia join us.

On Palm Sunday we heard about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and re-enacted the moment with a donkey and Jesus (two of the children) processing through the church with the rest of us waving palms and singing Hosannah.

Messy Church

18th May 3-30 till 5pm in the village hall.

Cafe Company on Mondays from 9-30 till 11am at the Church. (not Bank Holidays)

May Services

Sunday 12th May

Family Service 10 am

Sunday 26th May

Holy Communion 9-30am

Carol Price 01647 24468

West Down Evangelical Chapel Services

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

May 2019	11.00am	3.00pm
5th	Family Communion Service	No afternoon service
12th	Morning Worship	Family Service Illustrated talk by Chrissie Mulindabigwi on the ongoing missionary work in Rwanda
19th	Morning Worship	Family Service with Rev David Cole
26th	Family Communion Service	No afternoon service

Prayer and Bible Study meeting on following Monday evenings at 7.30pm; 13th Home Prayer Fellowship, 20th Prayer Focus

Friends and Neighbours meeting May 16th 2-4pm. Everyone welcome at the Chapel

"You are warmly invited to a Cream Tea"

to be followed by a short

Songs of Praise to celebrate Pentecost

**Sunday 2nd June at 5.00pm
in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

Organised by West Down Chapel in association with St Mary's and Crockernwell Methodist.

