

The Parish Newsletter, April 2018

It feels very odd to be putting together the April edition of this magazine with a significant amount of snow falling outside. The daffodils and crocuses must be cowering under the chilly white blanket and Spring suddenly seems many days away.

It also comes as a shock to realize that April is less than a fortnight away! The fact that the festival bridges the change from March to April also means that there is a curious feeling that those events happening after Easter are still a long way off when in fact they are just around the corner...

Village Spring Clean

I'm trying to remember just how long the twice a year clean up of the village has been going on? I know it began as just a spring-clean and the autumn version began a year or two later, and I suspect it must be getting on for ten or fifteen years or so. Maybe someone can tell me? In fact I have a feeling that the main 'ringleaders', Tim and Peter, have been organizing it for all those years, so maybe they can enlighten us? Anyway, it is very encouraging to think that the enthusiasm for the clean up remains strong and, indeed, seems to strengthen each year. If you would like to do your bit for the spring-clean please see page 4.

Embroidery Fair

Another long-standing annual event returns again this April, beginning on the same Saturday as the spring-clean. This is the two-day Spring Embroidery Fair, which is put on each year in the Village Hall by the Cheriton Bishop branch of the West Country Embroiderers. This year they are commemorating World War I with a special exhibition within the fair so it should be of interest to anyone with a mother, granny or great granny who was a needlewoman in the early part of the 20th Century. For all the details and times see page 13.

Talking of long-standing Village Institutions...

I feel the Newsletter team and its readership should record their thanks and acknowledgment to the redoubtable PGR who this month reaches a milestone number of editions of his "Snippets". This column originally started purely as an account of current news from the Primary School, but quickly became much more than that with very often news of the Dartmoor Railway, a local sea shanty group, and of course, many a non-PC personal opinion or two on new houses, parking in Church Lane, and even (on one notorious occasion) female as opposed to male choristers! To see just how long Snippets has been running and catch up on all the school news please see page 16.

Walking Group

Hooray! The sun *will* soon shine again and the countryside is set to look beautiful after the dormancy of winter. It's definitely time to look out those old walking boots and a pair of thick socks. This month the evening walks resume – a sure sign that the days are lengthening and the weather is at least *expected* to improve.

To find out when and where the walks are in April see page 14.

Plants for Plant Sale

The Parish Church are again hosting a plant sale this year, which is still quite a few weeks off in May. However, it is very much the right time to be putting aside any surplus plants or seedlings you might have and wish to pass on to a good home. (See page 6). There is also another plant sale over the border in those foreign lands of Drewsteignton for those who like to venture further afield! (See News from Elsewhere on page 20). The truly charitably minded gardener may also like to help out a fellow horticulturist who is apparently currently being engulfed in a mysterious plant she bravely experimented with last year. Please see page 14 to find out how you can come to her aid (you may need secateurs).

Fun Day!

This event sounds, well, *fun*! It seems like a while since we had anything like this going on, well not since the super Pre-School fete last summer with all those memorable scarecrows. It looks as if this day is under the management of the same team from the surgery that brought us the Macmillan Day a couple of years ago so it's bound to be a huge success and will get everyone involved. Have a look at page 10 and mark the date in your diary!

With best wishes for April from Jenny and the Newsletter team.

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Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council

Contact: Diane Shepherd 01363 85051

every second Monday evening in the month

Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell

Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446

every second Saturday in the month

Preschool

Contact: Christine Grist 281205

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

Beavers (6-8yrs)

Contact: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575

every Thursday during term time

Cubs (8-10yrs)

Contact: James Morris 01647 252375

every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)

Scouts (10-14yrs)

Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928)

every Monday evening during term time

Explorers (14-18yrs)

Contact: Phil Morris 01647 252375

every Thursday during term time (after Cubs)

West Down Bible Study & Prayer

Contact: Derek Coren 24264

every Monday evening from Oct – May

Gardening Club

Contact: Janet Jeffery 24414

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

West Country Embroiderers

Contact: Nicky Westcott 01835 82517
westcottnick@gmail.com

every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

Short Mat Bowling

Contact: David Tripp 24582 or Pat Hill 24201

every Wednesday, Sept – May

Baby Clinic

Contact: The Surgery 24272

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

Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group

Contact: Find us on Facebook

*in the School Hall every Friday 9-10.30 am
Term time only*

Young Farmers

Contact: Louise Putt 07792 518439

every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton

Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

usually every last Friday of month 9.30–12.30

Spiritual Discussion Group

Contact: Penny Gare 24639

Monthly

Walking Group

Contact: Dennis Milton 01647 272844
or Jon Whitehead 01647 281454

*usually 1st Sunday in month 10.00 am [and in Summer
3rd Wednesday evening in month 6.15 pm]
(see posters and CB Walking Group Facebook page)*

Pilates (paid advert)

Contact: Adele 07976 427941

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

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?

[Updated February 2018]

Diary Dates for April

Sunday 1 st	Easter Day Service and Easter Egg Hunt	Parish Church	11 am
Sunday 1 st	Easter Celebration	West Down	
Tuesday 3 rd	West Country Embroiderers	Village Hall	2 – 4 pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Tedburn St Mary WI	T St M VH	7.30 pm
Wednesday 4 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 5 th	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Sunday 8 th	Walking Group	YFC Centre	10.00 am
Monday 9 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 14 th	Village Spring Clean	Stone Cross	9.30 am
Saturday 14 th	Spring Embroidery Fair	Village Hall	10am – 4 pm
Sunday 15 th	" " "	" " "	" "
Monday 16 th	Start of School Summer Term		
Monday 16 th	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Tuesday 17 th	Church Annual Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 18 th	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Wednesday 18 th	Walking Group	YFC Centre	6.15 pm
Saturday 21 st	Local Produce Market	Village Hall	10 – 12 noon
Saturday 21 st	YFC Dinner	Fingle Bridge	
Friday 27 th	Citizens Advice Bureau	The Surgery	See page 12
Sunday 29 th	WI "Women Walk the World Day"		

Diary Dates for May

Saturday 12 th	Plant Sale and Coffee Morning	Churchyard	
Sunday 13 th	Combined service for Christian Aid (with cream tea)	Village Hall	4 pm
Monday 14 th	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 25 th	Citizens Advice Bureau	CB Surgery	

The Mobile Library: Monthly on Tuesdays

Remaining 2018 dates: Apr 17, May 15, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, 30, Nov 27.

Crockernwell:

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 14.35	Departs:	14.55
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Cheriton Bishop:

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.05	Departs:	15.35
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Hescane Park	15.40		16.10
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Forthcoming Events

Saturday 23rd June

FUN DAY

Friday 29th June

YFC Grand Summer Ball

Saturday 11th August

Village Show

Village Hall

Saturday 10th November

Gardening Club Annual Dinner

If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2018, why not let us know in advance, by putting the dates in this box, so that dates don't clash?

Cheriton Bishop Website

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

Village Clean Poster

Mid Devon District Council supporting homeowners with essential home repairs

Mid Devon District Council is taking the opportunity to remind homeowners about their loan scheme to enable homeowners to fund essential home repairs. The scheme has been developed to keep people warm, safe and dry in their homes.

A variety of works can be considered such as roof and thatch repairs, boiler and other heating system replacement or installation, replacing rotten or draughty windows, structural repairs or electrical or plumbing work to name a few. The scheme has been set up to enable eligible homeowners to choose their own contractor and there are a variety of loan products available to suit individual needs and means.

The scheme is delivered through Wessex Resolutions CIC, a not-for-profit Responsible Finance provider in close partnership with the council. The partnership has been running for over ten years across West Dorset and has helped a huge variety of homeowners. A recent client said "For all my adult life I have not had central heating and, now I'm getting a bit older, it will be nice to feel warm in the winter."

Through providing loans, the council are ensuring funds for homeowners are sustainable meaning that every repayment goes back into the council pot to lend to homeowners into the future. A loan funded by the council could help spread the cost of home repairs but let you enjoy the benefit right away.

For more information, call Wessex Resolutions direct on 01823 461099, visit www.wrcic.org.uk or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk.

Loans have a fixed interest rate and typical 4.2% APR and are subject to status. Missing future payments could affect your credit rating and ability to obtain credit in the future. Wessex Resolutions CIC may insist on loans being protected at the Land Registry by a Title Restriction.

Wessex Resolutions C.I.C.: a community interest company limited by guarantee, registered in England, company number 4512225. Registered address: Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton TA4 1EU. Wessex Loans and Wessex Home Improvement Loans are trading names used by this company. Wessex Resolutions C.I.C is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (675263) for credit and debt-related regulated activities.

Home Library Service

The Home Library Service is a free service delivered by DBS checked volunteers who will deliver books, large print, audio and CDs to people's homes if they are unable to get to the library due to ill health, mobility issues, or caring responsibilities. We are happy to come out to any group that wants us to give a 10 minute talk or needs more information as we remain convinced there are people out there who we are not reaching that could use the service.

Catherine Saunders cathy.saunders@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

A Huge Thanks to all at Our Surgery

In the past few weeks we have had to call on our doctors more than once on behalf of our Holiday Guests. Of course we are more than proud of the response, nothing being too much trouble. Special appointments and emergency meds, when the snow arrived!

We in the village know how special our doctors and staff are at Cheriton, and visitors to the area are treated no differently. Many thanks to you all. The 111 service was amazing too.

Anne & John Welham

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

In the Village Hall
SATURDAY 21st April
10 – 12 Noon

We will have all the usuals: meat-pies and cakes, plus bread
and a selection of gifts and crafts.



Pop in at the **Spalding Hall**
for a chat and a drink
and be together for a while

on **Monday 16th April 2018**
between **2pm and 4pm**



Everyone is very welcome !

Choice of hot and cold drinks, and biscuits

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

Need a lift from your home?
Ring Jean on 01647 24586 beforehand

Churchwarden's Ramblings

Easter falls on the 1st April; there will be a Communion Service at St Mary's at 11am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Please read the list of services carefully as there are changes in the established pattern across the month.

Please remember the Coffee Morning and Churchyard Plant Sale on Saturday 12th May. If you are planting seeds or taking cuttings could you please add a few extra to donate to the sale and we look forward to seeing you on the morning.

The Christmas Day collection came to £238.57 and has been donated to the Children's Society. There is a letter of receipt at the back of the church; the letter also outlines the work of the Children's Society.

Our Annual Meeting will be in the Spalding Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April.
Light refreshments are usually served and the whole meeting normally ends before 9.30 pm.

Alan Greenslade
01647 24002

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

APRIL 2018

Sunday 1st

9.30	Whitestone	<i>Easter</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
3pm	Oldridge	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 5th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 8th

10.30	Holcombe Burnell	<i>Easter 2</i> Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Thursday 12th

10.30	Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Sunday 15th

9am	Tedburn St Mary	<i>Easter 3</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led

Thursday 19th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 22nd

8am	Cheriton Bishop	<i>Easter 4</i> Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30	Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
6pm	Whitestone	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayer	

Thursday 26th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 29th

10.30	Tedburn St Mary	<i>Easter 5</i> Team Communion	Revd Martin Wood/ Revd Prof Tim Gorringer to preach
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***We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services.
Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.***

April Fools' Day and Easter Day



April starts with Easter Day. When I was growing up we had a pinch and a punch for the first day of the month. Only the white rabbit saved you before noon!

I never really questioned it, I did not welcome the pinch or the punch. Sadly, I could not resist rising above it and I have inflicted the same misery on other poor people. April the first is unique for playing pranks on other people so they become the April Fool. Many of us have been victims of being April Fools or else our elaborate plans to fool someone have landed us in trouble we had not anticipated. April Fools' Day appears in Canterbury Tales, there is a very long tradition. Again, I have no idea why this happens or what it signifies. I hope it is just a bit of fun. There is something about a new month, a new season that is very important and exciting. It marks a new beginning, a fresh start. It allows us to have fresh hope or draw a line under a difficult phase of our lives.

Easter Day starts early in the morning when the women return to the tomb to complete the burial process for Jesus. They come to the tomb to confront death and the scars of execution by crucifixion. They show great courage to return and bear witness to the horror inflicted on Jesus. To their amazement they do not reencounter death, they stumble on emptiness. Everything is there as they left it except the stone has been rolled away, the guards have disappeared and there is no dead body. It must have been both baffling and upsetting. It might have felt like an April fools trick. They are not left alone for long. They meet angels, God's messengers, who redirect the women from death to life, burial to resurrection and from despair to hope.

Easter Sunday presents us with two gifts, those of hope and new life through the resurrection. The hope has always been part of the promise of a relationship with God. The new life through resurrection is a change in the way we view our lives and heaven. Jesus gives both proof of this new life and the grace to receive it. Yet this is outside of our own experience and this makes this new order so much more difficult to believe. It requires faith rather than proof; this is quite a stumbling block for many.

Many people regarded Jesus as foolish for not saving himself. If he was all-powerful like God why go through the pain of betrayal, arrest, humiliation and death? This is not greatness it is weakness, yet through this weakness God works to bring greatness. Surely, the foolishness is to think that we know better than God and we continue to be foolish if we ignore what Easter hope brings to all of us.

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

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

Services for April 2018

EASTER SUNDAY 1st

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service and
Easter Celebrations with
Mr Denis Hayes

Sunday 8th April

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Mr John Allen

Sunday 15th April

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Lauren and Rob from CONNECT

Sunday 22nd April

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Rev David Cole

Sunday 29th April

11.am Morning Worship
3.pm Family Service with
Rev Maurice Harrison

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm 9 th Home Prayer Fellowship ,16 th Prayer Meeting, 23 rd Mr Reg Cade 30 th Mission Focus
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Holy Trinity Yeoford

We will be celebrating Easter with our Service at 9.30am on Easter Sunday so therefore we will not be having our usual service on the second Sunday of the month.

Cafe Company is back in the church from 9.30 till 11am on Monday morning. We have a Bring and Buy stall on the first Monday of the month and all money raised goes to a charity chosen by everyone who attends the cafe. This year so far we have supported Open The Book, RNLI and Bibles for Children.

Messy Church will be on May 12th in the Yeoford Village Hall.

April Services

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sunday 22nd April
Holy Communion 9.30am

Carol Price
01647 24468

CHERITON BISHOP & TEIGN VALLEY PRACTICE

FUN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2018
12PM ONWARDS**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE for our Grand Draw with lots of Fabulous Prizes

**STALLS – HOG ROAST – BAR – LIVE MUSIC
LOADS OF ATTRACTIONS FOR THE CHILDREN
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING DAY OUT
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO LOCAL CHARITIES**



What's on in April 2018

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be 5th April 2018. If you would like to come along and meet new people please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are Wednesdays 4th & 18th April. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. We will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £5 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café – This month it will be Thursdays April 12th & 26th. 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 and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. This month it will be Tuesdays 3rd & 17th April.

What else do we do? – We have a fantastic group of volunteers who help to provide transport to medical social and wellbeing appointments, we can deliver prescriptions, we can also loan equipment to assist you in the home. **Who should you contact?** Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered, equipment hire and any other Acorn service, please telephone the Acorn office 01647 252701 – answering machine available 24 hours.

Acorn Office: 01647 252701 for further information.

Visit our website at www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

ACORN LUNCH
THURSDAY 5th April 12.30pm

THE COACH HOUSE
Chicken and Ham Pie, Roast Potato and Vegetables
Rice Pudding

Tea or Coffee

£7.50

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY Monday 2nd April
With Jean 01647 24586
Tell her if you need a lift

IS THERE A CRITERIA TO COME TO AN ACORN LUNCH?

YES

THAT YOU ARE HUNGRY.
OTHER THAN THAT, NO, EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

**Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice
Patient Participation Group**

PPG April Blog

The Easter Break

The surgery will only be closed for 2 days over Easter. They close at 6pm on Thursday 29th March and reopen at 8am on Tuesday 3rd April. So there is no need for any panic or extra ordering of medication, as long as you have allowed 2 full working days for your request to be filled. Please just keep to your usual date for reordering your repeat prescriptions.

Our FUN DAY Draw Tickets are now on sale! We have some really good prizes!

Helpful Tips from our Dispensary

- The cost of a Prescription is going up to £8.80 on 1st April 2018.
- A Prescription Prepayment Certificate, which works like a season ticket, could save you money if you need 4 or more medicines in a 3-month period. The cost of a 3-month one is £29.10, and for a year it is £104.00. It is very easy to apply either online, by phone or post. Payment can be made by postal order, cheque or card, or you can set up a direct debit. Application forms are readily available at the surgery. If you think this could help you do come and get one.
- Did you know that **each day** our dispensary deals with 1000 requests? These include the number of items dispensed; the number of patient collections; requests from clinicians, etc.

- If you have any difficulty with ordering or supply of your medication we are here to help – just send an email to cheritonprescriptions@nhs.net and either Julia, the Practice Manager or Sarah, the Senior Dispenser will respond to you.
- Please don't leave ordering your repeat prescriptions to the last minute we may not have the medication in stock. Two Full Working Days is the **minimum** time that you should allow for a repeat prescription request but it is always better to order in good time [say a week before you need your prescription] and then collect promptly just in case there is any unforeseen problem. For example, occasionally we may have to give you a paper prescription to take to a chemist if we are unable to get a supply of your particular medication.
- A gentle reminder for anyone who is entitled to exemptions or is claiming benefits. As an individual when you sign your prescription form **you** [and not the surgery] are taking responsibility for the accuracy of the information. The counter-fraud department is much more proactive than it used to be and there are penalty charges for anyone found to be giving inaccurate information.

I do hope these articles help you to understand a little of the working day in the life of our practice.

Use your Patient Participation Group; we will endeavour to support you in any way we can. We'll try to bring you some news from the practice on a regular basis. If there is a subject you think we can help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or any of the group members, whose contact details can be found below.

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CAB @ Cheriton Bishop Surgery

Citizens Advice Bureau

On the **4th Friday** in each month

we now have a number of **time slots that you can book**
with a senior fully trained professional CAB adviser
on site at Cheriton Bishop Surgery

They can deal with many issues such as advice about
Money, Benefits, Housing, Employment, Family, Health, Law or
a Crisis where you might need an impartial ear to help you see a way forward.

To book a session, phone the Surgery:
Cheriton Bishop 01647 24272

West Country Embroiderers

April 3rd - Cheriton Bishop Village Hall 2pm-4pm

Unfortunately Tracey Curtis was unable to attend our March meeting so we welcome her this month instead. She is the queen of textile manipulation and will put us straight about the plethora of Vilenes. To the uninitiated, this may not seem an exciting topic, but for any sewer reading this, using the correct Vilene can make all the difference to your final outcome. Shall we use iron-on, glue on, sew-in, thick or thin?

Our new website is live, check us out on wcecheritonbishop. New members are always welcome, pop in and see if WCE is for you. Some members are very experienced embroiderers, others are complete novices but we all have a common interest in Textile Art and embroidery. Please contact Nicky Westcott - westcottnicky@gmail.com or complete the Enquiry Form on line.

DIARY DATE - April 14th and 15th 10am - 4pm, **Annual Spring Embroidery Fair**. Come along, enjoy a delicious lunch or tea and see what we get up too. Part of our exhibition this year focuses on WWI. A plethora of exhibits has been promised which will appeal to all age groups. This event coincides with our Village Spring Clean, why not come along and enjoy a delicious lunch after expending so much energy making our village spick and span or come early and start the day with a bacon butty?

Elaine Clark

Spring Embroidery Fair

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

On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Exhibition of hand & machine embroidery

With demonstrations of techniques

Trade stalls with fabrics, threads and books

Home-made lunches and refreshments

Free admission – Tombola

Contact Details: Felicity Dudbridge on 01392 811647

email: felicitydudbridge@gmail.com

Website: wcecheritonbishop

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

April Walks

As the better weather and lighter evenings are hopefully arriving soon, we will venture further afield and also start the evening walks that were popular last year.

The next Sunday walk will be on the 8th April and will be a continuation of the walk of 2 years ago at Haytor. We will continue along the old stone railway and around the disused quarries and visit several Tors. This is quite an easy walk, but with superb views (on a clear day) over Teignmouth and the sea.

Meet at YFC at 10.00 for 10.15 departure.

The first evening walk of the year will be on Wednesday 18th April, Meet at YFC at 6.15pm. The walk will be fairly local, in the Teign Valley.

Suggestions for walks will be gratefully received!

For details of all our walks and reports and photos of past walks, please see our Facebook page, Cheriton Bishop Walking Group.

Looking forward to seeing old faces and new.

Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

By April we are all getting busy in the garden and the winter lectures are over until the autumn. We will have held the first of the flower shows, the Spring Show, despite the bad weather that upset the season.

The next thing to look forward to is the Summer Show. We have revised parts of the Show Schedule, and anybody interested in entering their vegetables, flowers, fruit, cooking, photography, art, floral art, handicrafts or encouraging their children to enter can look on the village website to check the schedule.

We hope this is a bumper year for entries, especially from those who are new to the show. The Novice Cup was not awarded last year because of a lack of novices – this really needs to be rectified!

Janet Jeffery 24414

Yacon, to grow and to eat!

This time last year, the gardeners of Cheriton Bishop were given an inspirational talk by Incredible Vegetables and several of us purchased some tubers, corms, cuttings etc to grow on. My perennial kale is vast despite constant picking; the pheasants do not like it as much as Brussel sprouts. And my Yacon produced vast tubers to eat and the right sort of tubers to provide a crop for another year. BUT... there is no way I have enough room to grow on all that have survived the winter.

Would anyone like a tuber of Yacon to grow on, free?

You grow it like a dahlia tuber and lift once it has been frosted. The flower is quite pretty to decorate your garden. If there are no takers, the tubers will end up in the compost bin!!!

Persis Bower persis@rmbower.plus.com

TEDBURN ST MARY WI NEWSLETTER – April 2018

Well.....here we are in April..... and 'April Showers' are upon us!! But, haven't we had enough rain this Winter?

On a more cheerful note, may we just mention that we Ladies in the WI have donated, very happily, from our funds, £200.00 towards the purchase of a **DEFIBRILLATOR** to be erected at The Tedburn Village Stores in due course. (NOT an easy word to say, or spell!)

We have had a bit of a busy time since our last Newsletter.

At our Meeting on 6th March our Speaker was Award-winning **John Greenslade** whose talk on "**Conservation on the Farm**" was high-lighted by slides and his informing us of the transformation of his family-owned farm – "Byway Farm", Thorverton, near Bickleigh Castle, from primarily Dairy and Sheep farming into what is now an outstandingly beautiful Woodland and Wildlife Farm. We were gripped by his talk and knowledge and we are definitely arranging with John Greenslade one of our 'walks' in the Summer to ramble and roam along some of his trails and tracks, taking in the beauty of the thousands of trees that have been lovingly planted over the past few years, and to visit the re-instated ponds/lakes too.

Our Competition at the Meeting of "The Prettiest Brolly" was won by Elaine Windsor.

Our **Monthly Walk**, on 22nd February, took 7 of us (we NEED more to join us!) through and around the Village of Ide, which was chilly but exhilarating, and we again, found many little places of interest that we didn't know existed! We see just SO much more by walking and NOT driving. We then, of course, had to refresh ourselves at "The Twisted Oak"!

Di Awcott is organising our 'Tedburn St. Mary WI Members' to participate in the annual, global, sponsored "**Women Walk the World Day**" on **Sunday 29th April in aid of Associated Country Women of the World**. We are hoping to join up with other WI Groups, for more impact, and maybe walk around The Quay area in Exeter. Anyone who would like to walk with us, please contact Di Awcott. You will ALL be MOST welcome – children, dogs and husbands/partners too!

Our **Spring Group Meeting** on the 13th March was most delightful as it was held in the newly refurbished 'Alphington Village Hall' and 15 of us enjoyed the company of the ladies from Alphington, Bramford Speke and St. Thomas WIs. The Hall is lovely and fresh and welcoming now. The original rafters and flooring have been kept but it now has a wonderful new kitchen and other necessary amenities. Our Speaker on the evening was **John Walters** and WHAT a knowledgeable and interesting speaker was he! We were all fixated! His know-how about all things naturalistic – "From Shore to Moor" was truly inspiring about the wildlife on Dartmoor from Barnacles, 'Portuguese-Men-of-War', to Glow-Worms, Spiders, Beetles, Moths and Butterflies, Plants and Trees, leaping Salmon up the River Teign, to 'Birds and Bees' and 'yes' a lot of information about the mating habits of many of them! Excellent talk indeed! He was followed by a most delicious supper prepared by the Members of Alphington WI. The Competition was: "A Basket made up to include various craft items to illustrate John Walter's Talk" and was between all 4 Groups. We were 'over the moon' to win again, as we did last year too.

Our **Knitting Group** is clicking away merrily and will be meeting again on the 28th March.

We enjoy welcoming new Members to our WI and, if you would like to join us, our Meetings are held @ 7.30pm every **FIRST TUESDAY of the Month**, in The Tedburn St. Mary Village Hall.

For further information about us, please contact: Jean Wise (President) on: 01647 61101 or Jane Burrow (Secretary) on: 07814 659526 or Di Awcott, in Venny Tedburn, on 01363 773512.....or just come along!

Di Awcott



After I've amended the heading of the next Snippets, I look at the otherwise blank sheet of paper (computer screen) and wonder what on earth I am going to burble on about this month!! I was just about to sit back and scratch my head in an effort to think of something when I looked at the issue number of this month's musings – No 200. At eleven editions per year that works out at over 18 years of scribblings! Working back on that figure, I must have started writing in the year 2000, almost in the last century. I *must* be getting old. David Edwards was the Headmaster, Diane Hanson was the Chairman of Governors, there were only two classroom buildings on the Spalding hall side of the road, the school admin was run from offices on the old school building side and computers by the score seemed to arrive for the children to operate, etc. The list of changes seems never-ending and has been for the good, generally, allowing our school to keep up with progress in general. We have seen a fair staff turnover as teachers have reached retirement or taken postings elsewhere. Our commitment to the training of new young teachers has continued apace with a steady throughput of students passing through and experiencing all the facets of a rural primary school. Throughout all this, we have seen a school that has maintained a good reputation across the board with the bonus of being a 'friendly' school. I believe that we should all recognise our school for what it has achieved and congratulate staff, both past and present, for all that they have done to maintain these standards. Don't forget, also, this has been achieved in a climate of continual educational change with many village schools closing throughout the countryside. If I had one handy at this moment, I would lift a glass to you all in thanks for all you have done.

Right, I'd better get back on course. What has been happening in the school since last month's newsletter? We left the school enjoying half term at the time of writing Snippets so that gives a good reference date for activities since! The first major happening of the second half of term was Book Week which was due to incorporate World Book Day on 1st March. This event had to be postponed until the 8th March because of the horrendous weather. For World Book Day, the children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. The assorted costumes produced were really a sight to behold. Well done to all who participated and produced some wonderful costumes. The Book Week also involved a book swap which was utilised to the full.

Those of you who listen to Radio 2 will have heard of the 500 Words competition where children are invited to write a story in 500 words with all the stories being read and judged by a panel of 'worthies' in the literary world. Well, Class 4 took part in this and, according to the staff, have submitted some superb stories '*full of action, adventure, time travel and lots more!*' I'm sure that we would all wish the children good luck in the competition.

Next on the calendar of activities was the Great Hall Music Concert. I can report that Class 4 were noted as 'fabulous' and really produced the goods. Well done to all concerned. It takes a lot of time and practice to get things right!

The Forest School marches on with Class 3 split into 2 groups to cope with the numbers. The first group have certainly had some bad weather to contend with but they have all completed their time and next week sees Class 3 Group 2 start their sessions.

8th and 9th March saw the parentage going in to school in time for breakfast. Yes, it was National School's Breakfast Week and quite a number of you joined the children at breakfast in the school.

Hmm.....I wonder if Elaine Clark would come in and organise my breakfast for me? Thanks, Elaine, for all the work you put in to organising the breakfast!



Next up was Years 5 and 6 experiencing the pleasures of Grenville House for their residential course. This must be one of the best activities going. Very rarely is there any problem with the children or the course. I am now going to quote verbatim from the latest school newsletter and this is the report:



Through a mix of weather types from glorious sunshine to torrential rain, the Year 5 and 6 children had a fabulous time at Grenville House this week. They learnt lots of new skills from canoeing to bed making and from climbing to washing up. Their behaviour, manners and teamwork were exemplary throughout. Well done all of you! A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to make this event work. More photos will be added to the website soon.

I've also taken the liberty of trying to reproduce two of the photographs as you see.

On more routine matters, Years 2 and 5 had a talk by the Fire Service and learnt about fire safety, smoke alarms and the like. They certainly seemed to absorb the topic.

You will note that 26th March is noted as Purple Day on the calendar. This is Epilepsy Action Day and the Student Council have planned for the children to wear purple for £1.00, and for sausage baps to be available for £1.00.

The school formally joined the 'Link Academy Trust' on 1st March so that we are part of a bigger organisation which will allow sharing of staff/facilities etc. As to our own staff, the school has been joined by Miss Lyndsy Harvey, a student teacher, who will be working with Miss Denford. In addition, Annie Rising will be joining the school for work experience. Take advantage of our school and learn all you can from it.

So, to the Calendar:

19th Mar – Class 3 – QE Climbing and Orienteering – Group 1
21st Mar – Class 2 – Visit Aquarium
21st Mar – Class 3 – QE Orienteering – late return 1630
23rd Mar – PTFA Bad Taste Disco (over 18s)
26th Mar – Purple Day
26th Mar – Class 3 – QE Climbing and Orienteering – Group 2
28th Mar – Easter Assembly – 0930
29th March – NSPCC Assembly and Workshops
29th Mar – Last Day of Term – Break Up
16th Apr – Start of Summer Term

What's happening on the singing front? By the time you get to read this, Mariners Away and the Gittisham Hall Jazz Band will have performed in the Village Hall for you. There will be a production on Saturday 24th March, in the church, marking 100 years since the end of World War I. Details are elsewhere in this magazine. Railways-wise, Easter sees the start of Heritage services from Okehampton. Details are available on Facebook and on the Dartmoor Railway website as well as on the relevant DRSA sites.

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Cycle our way in aid of



Join us on
Sunday 29th April 2018
between
10.30am – 12.30pm
at
The Devon Federation Young Farmers Club,
Amory Building, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JH

£5 for home-made soup, cake and a drink

ALL WELCOME

All proceeds raised will go to Cheriton Bishop Pre-school

Registered charity no. 1022802

News from Elsewhere

Don't Miss Out!
Drewsteignton Garden Club
SPRING PLANT SALE
May 5th, 10am until sold out!
Village Hall
Come early – Lots of Plants for sale
at BARGAIN PRICES!



Refreshments / Raffle

CHAGFORD SINGERS – New Members Invited

Summer concert rehearsals start on April 18th on Wednesdays from 7.30 – 9.30pm in Endecott House, Chagford. (Endecott House is opposite the churchyard and next to The Three Crowns). The concert on June 30th is likely to include: Lauridsen, Gjeilo and Britten as well as pieces from *Miss Saigon* and *Les Miserables*. This will be our second concert under the brilliant musical direction of Tim Pithers.

New singers are always welcome and there will be an open rehearsal on 9th May for anybody wanting a 'taster' session. Find out more from www.thechagfordsingers.co.uk or ring our secretary, Jan Baker on 01647 221363, or Janet Jeffery 01647 24414

2018 Crediton Parish Church Flower Festival

"In Our Element"

from Saturday 2nd June 10.30am to Thursday 7th June 5pm
Free Admission, Free Parking, Disabled Access and Refreshments

News from the Castle

The new season at Castle Drogo is underway with some exciting changes to the presentation of the castle. Lots of the protection work has been taken down in the rooms along the green corridor so we can once again see the views from those windows. It's been a few years! We are especially excited about the new art installation in the Library. It has been created by artist Edward Crookes and is inspired by the wonderful architecture Lutyens designed in Castle Drogo. It is very striking and quite wonderful – I hope you enjoy it. Also, we will finally be able to open the chapel again this year. The access route is a long way (via the rhododendron garden and around the south end of the building) but it does make for an interesting explore and quite an adventure. It definitely feels like we are on the home stretch now.

We have just completed a lovely community project. As part of a Heritage Lottery Fund project called 'Away From the Western Front', we have worked with music and drama students at Okehampton College to create performance pieces inspired by the story of a young man from Drewsteignton called William George Arscott. William was a labourer at Castle Drogo at the start of the First World War. He enlisted immediately and ended up fighting in the campaign is Salonika in Greece. The students from the college explored and researched his story to inform the music and drama they created before performing it in the Chapel at Castle Drogo. It was truly beautiful.

As many of you know, we introduced car park charging last summer to help fund the amazing work the ranger team do in the Teign Valley. So far, the income raised has enabled us to invest in our woodland track and path networks to make it easier for us all to get about. We have also employed contractors to undertake scrub clearance works on Piddledown common, which is vital for the continued health of the heathland and the habitat of Fritillary butterflies. Thank you to everyone for your support of this and helping us to care for this wonderful landscape.

Best wishes to you all,

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