

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell

Newsletter

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Useful Information

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Welcome to the Newsletter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

This year has seriously flown by.

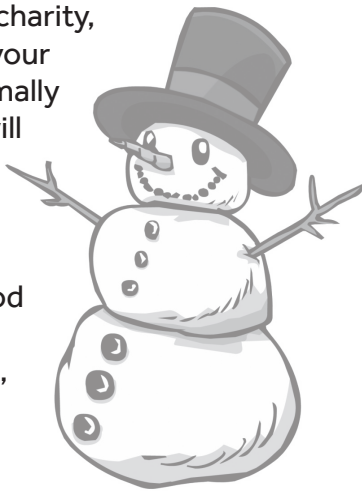
The weather is just about to start getting colder, but we've enjoyed some lovely warm days amongst the downpours. I've already started on the mince pies and mulled wine, but it's only to keep warm.

This issue is as full as Santa's stockings, so take your time over it in case you miss an important date or event. I'm sure there are more pantos and Christmas markets going on out there that I could have included, but there really is no more room at the inn.

Don't forget to use *Smile Amazon* when you're shopping online for Xmas presents. You can support your chosen charity by logging into smile.amazon.co.uk, nominating your charity, and then buying your items as you normally would. Amazon will donate 0.5 % of the price of your purchases.

I have made a good start to my Xmas preparations, but, still lots to do...

Lucy x



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Dates for your Diary

December 2022

3rd	Christmas Tree Lights	Hescane Park	6pm
4th	Christmas Tree Sale	Crofters	9am - 1pm
6th	West Country Embroiderers	YFC Hub	12pm - 4pm
6th	Acorn Christmas Lunch	The Kings Arms	(page 3)
9th	Acorn Social Afternoon	YFC Hub	2-4pm
9th	Open Mic Night	Higher Eggbeer	7pm
10th	Christmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30am
11th	Christmas Tree Sale	Crofters	9am - 1pm
11th	PTFA Quiz Night	Tedburn Hall	7pm
12th	Acorn Minibus trip	Sainsbury's	(page 7)
13th	Acorn Minibus Outing	Garden Centre	(page 7)
13th	Gardening Club Wreaths	Scout Hut	7.30pm
15th	YFC Christmas Meat Bingo!	Tedburn Hall	7pm

January 2023

3rd	Acorn Lunch	The Kings Arms	(page 3)
8th	YFC Xmas Tree Collection	(booking info on page 13)	
6th & 20th:	Acorn Social Afternoon	YFC Hub	2-4pm
10th	West Country Embroiderers	YFC Hub	12pm - 4pm
14th	Scouts Big Breakfast	Tedburn Hall	9am - noon
14th	Acorn Outing: Dunsford Panto Matinee	(page 7)	
22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th:	TADS Pantomime	Tedburn (page 6)	



Copy Deadline

All articles and information for the February 2023 newsletter, needs to be received before:

Friday 20th January

Please email your copy to cheritonnews@gmail.com or call if you can only supply a paper copy.

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Mobile Library

Tuesdays 13th December & 24th January

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

Future visits: 21st February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 5th September, 3rd & 31st October, 28th November

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What's On?

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On!

Saturday 3rd December, Starts at 6pm, Hescane Park

Christmas songs & carols with **Tedburn Community Choir.**

There will be a draw and all donations will go to Devon Air Ambulance.

Mulled wine & hot chocolate (please bring your own cup!)



With grateful thanks to all of the companies and individuals who have already generously donated to this event.

Enjoy Folk Music?

How about joining us?

The Cheriton Bishop Folk Group, 'Folkus', has been getting together now for about 18 years. We meet **every Friday evening** at around 8pm and have a bit of an old 'sing-around'. Just come along with an idea of what you would like to sing or play, or join in with whatever comes up. If you are interested in the Folk Group and would like to know more, please give me a call on **01647 281110** or email jennyjanegrist@outlook.com

Jenny Grist

Christmas Tree Sale

Sundays 4th & 11th December, 9am and 1pm, Crofters Mead



Acorn Lunches

Please call me 5 days before the date of the lunch to give me your preferred choice. I will then pass this on to the pub with your name and choice of menu, to try and avoid confusion at serving on the day.

Should you want to take food home, please bring your own container to avoid extra work for the staff. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 6th December, 12.30pm, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary

- Turkey, pigs in blankets, crispy roast potatoes with winter vegetables
- or
- Home baked mushroom & leek pie, creamy butter beans & herbs, with new potatoes and green beans.

Followed by:

- Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
- or
- Profiteroles

£15.00 per person.



January Lunch

Tuesday 3rd January 12.30pm, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary

- Casserole of the day with herb dumplings
- Fish, chips & peas
- Penne Arrabbiata in tomato onion chilli sauce with garlic slice

Followed by:

- Arctic roll sundae
- Ice cream

£11.00 per person.

Book Your Place

Call Jean on **01647 24586** with your order 5 days before and to request a lift if required.

What's On?

West Country Embroiderers

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on a year where we managed to hold almost all of our meetings, only cancelling one due to Covid and hosted amazing tutors who have inspired us with new techniques relating to textiles, embroidery and mixed media.

From 'slow stitched' scrolls to dissolvable fabric bowls, embellishing and painting on denim to learning more complex stitches, we have had a fulfilling year. Social chit chat is also an important element alongside the monthly cake and tea.

Health & Wellbeing Talk

**Tuesday 6th December, 12pm - 4pm,
Young Farmers Hub**

We will welcome a speaker on behalf of an African charity supporting girls health and well being.

Colour Transfer with Doug Anderson

**Tuesday 10th January, 12pm - 4pm,
Young Farmers Hub**

This will be a hands on workshop using dyes and materials from the environment to create fabrics.

2023 Programme

We have a varied programme for next year including speakers coming from Hampshire and Cornwall.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me or just drop in during the session.

Elaine Clark
01647 24218
elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk

'Men's Shed' December

**Teign Valley Men's Shed, Wednesdays 7th & 14th
December, 9:30am to 12:30pm, Embercombe in
Higher Ashton, EX6 7QQ**

What would I be coming along to?

'Sheds' are kitted-out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills - and for a bit of banter over a cup of coffee or tea. The initial focus will be on woodwork, but this could broaden depending on the available skills. This might include:

- continuing to set up and improve our workshop
- small-scale set projects with the potential to generate some income to cover running costs
- individuals to undertake their own projects

We have almost finished the new 'rest area' and are beginning to introduce 'skills sharing' sessions, which include an introduction to using particular machines and techniques and then practising these skills on small projects - more of this next year! If you have skills to share, or you have very little or no experience and want to learn, then you will be very welcome! Alternatively, if you have your own project that you would like to work on and just need space, tools, advice or moral support, bring it along. Later on we also hope to introduce a regular programme of visiting speakers who can share skills and interests.

Everyone is welcome - don't miss an opportunity to meet new friends and learn/share some practical skills. There is an annual membership fee of £10, and a fee of £5 for each session. For further details, to register an interest, or to arrange transport, please email teignvalleyshed@gmail.com. The 'Shed' is located at Embercombe - on the first floor of the large building just beyond the main car park.

If you have some good quality, unwanted wood that we could use - then please also contact us (details above) - we'll arrange for someone to call and see if we could take them off your hands!

Steve Cook

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

The Teign Valley Men's Shed has received funding from the Lottery Fund, the Devon Communities Fund and the Mid-Devon Healthcare Trust, and donations in kind from Wickes.

What's On? *Save the Date...*

Open Mic Night

Friday 9th December, Higher Eggbeer Bar opens from 7pm, music starts 8pm

A great night of music and fun and to see how talented our local musicians are, with the opportunity to dust off your guitar and have a go.

There is no Open Mic for January, so the first 2023 event will be in February.

Steve Colderick
colderick@btinternet.com



Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th December, 10.30am - 12 noon, The Spalding Hall



Entry is £2 per person, and includes first drink! There will be mulled wine and mince pies, as well as cake, a raffle and bric-a-brac. It would be great to see you there. Any raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ruth Unsworth, 01647 24773

Save the Date...

We are planning a family board games evening on **Saturday 25th February**. There will be cheese and wine, soft drinks and snacks available. More details to follow in the February newsletter.

Christmas QUIZ NIGHT

Cheriton Bishop School PTFA

Sunday 11th December, 7pm for 7.30pm start, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary

£2 per person - maximum 6 per team. Food will be available to order from the bar on the evening if required.

Please email us to book yourself / your team to: ptfacheritonbishop@gmail.com

Gardening Club

Christmas Meeting

Tues 13th December, 7.30pm, Scout Hut

We shall be making Christmas wreaths. Non-members and older children are welcome to join in, so please make a note of the change from the printed programme.

Janet Jeffery, 01647 24414

Charity Kindling Sale

Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

£5 a bag. All proceeds donated to our chosen charity! Collection and delivery.

Contact: cheritonandtedburnyfc@gmail.com

Peter (Chairman), **07570 135371**

Becca (Secretary), **07841 591772**

What's On?



Cheriton & Tedburn YFC

**Thursday 15th December,
7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm,
Tedburn St Mary Village Hall**

Meat prizes to be won!

Raffle and refreshments on the night.

£1 a book

No need to book just arrive on the day.

Scout Group Events

Big Breakfast!

**Saturday 14th
January 2023,
9am – 12noon,
Tedburn Village Hall**



Tedburn Pantomime

At the end of January a few of our Cubs and Scouts will be appearing in pantomime.

CB Walking Group

As we approach the year end, it would be good to look back at the last twelve months. The group has continued to thrive with new people coming along and some old faces reappearing.

By carefully following the weather forecasts, we have been able to enjoy many walks on the open moor last winter and spring before the ever popular evening walks started during the long evenings of April to September.

In June we did a Jubilee walk from the village around Medland manor area which was very popular.

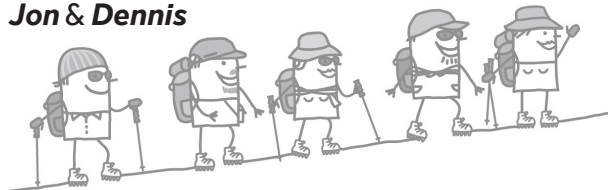
Last Walk of 2022

The last walk of the year is the traditional visit to Fingle Bridge for a walk along the Teign followed by lunch in the pub.

As ever, everyone is very welcome to join us, and if you have your favourite walk, then please feel free to lead us on it!

Please see reports and photos from previous walks on our Facebook page.

Jon & Dennis



January Pantomime – Dick Whittington

TADS presents Dick Whittington by Ben Crocker

Tedburn St Mary Village Hall

Sunday 22nd - 2.30pm

Thursday 26th - 7.30pm

Friday 27th - 7.30pm

Saturday 28th - 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Refreshments available during all performances.
Bar available during evening performances.

Adults: £9, Children: £5, Group discount (10+)

Box Office: tadstickets@hotmail.com

or call **07917 794589**

Update from Acorn



And then it was December! What happened to the year? At Acorn we have had so many activities this year it's all passed in a blur. And now here we are in that festive season of family, friends and neighbours and perhaps the odd mince pie!

“The crisp path through the field in this December snow, in the deep dark, where we trod the buried grass like ghosts on dry toast.” Dylan Thomas

December & January

From Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 6th December, The Kings Arms, Tedburn St Mary - contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** to book 5 days in advance please. Tuesday 3rd January will be the first Lunch Club of 2023.
- **Shopping at Sainsburys:** this has not been happening due to lack of passengers but could be arranged for 12th December 2022 if people would like. Please call the office if you would like to go. We would love to see more of you on the bus.
- **Outing:** Tuesday 13th December - garden centre visit. Saturday 14th January - Dunsford Pantomime Matinee.
- **NEW Social Afternoon - fortnightly:** Friday 9th December from 2-4pm (due to the season may only be one this month). Young Farmers Hub (what was the Mulberry Inn), in the Centre of Cheriton Bishop. Join us for tea, talk, coffee and cake and a mingle with friends old and new. January dates: Fridays 6th and 20th to start the New Year.

From the Teign Valley

- **Shopping at ASDA/Sainsburys:** Friday 9th and possibly Wednesday 21st December. Fridays 6th and 20th January 2023.
- **Outings:** 5th December - Fermoys Garden Centre and 19th December 2022

– Postbridge & Warren House Inn. Please phone to book. The first one in January 2023 will be 16th followed by 30th January – destinations to be decided.

- **Lunch Club:** Tuesday 13th December, The Union Moretonhampstead. 10th and 24th January 2023 – destinations to be decided.
- **Coffee Morning:** Tuesdays 6th and 20th December at the Teign Valley Community Hall. Activities such as Bingo, Quizzes and much more with plenty of chatter to go with your coffee and cake! Dates for January 2023 will be 3rd, 17th and 31st.
- **Memory Lane Café:** Thursdays 8th December. Please contact us if you know of someone who would benefit. We have a great time. Resuming again in January 2023 on the 12th and 26th.

If you would like to book a seat on the minibus for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, then please contact Mandy or Fran at the Office on **01647 252701**.

One kind word can warm three winter months. Japanese Proverb

Remember, Acorn continues with all its usual services so please do call us and if you just want a chat then you know where we are.

If you are interested in finding out more about Acorn and what we do, then please visit **www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved** or contact Mandy or Fran on **01647 252701**

The next time we 'speak' via this Newsletter it will be a New Year so we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy December and a wonderful start to 2023.

Best wishes,

The A(corn) Team

Please Note: Our Office will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 until 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Letters to the Editor

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Outbreak

An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone has been declared by the Government across the whole of England. This is because of the increased number of cases of the disease across the country. All bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard) are now required by law to take a range of precautions to protect their flocks. (Jeyes fluid is a Defra approved disinfectant for Avian Influenza).

There are minimum requirements for all bird keepers to follow. If your birds are not housed, they must be kept in fenced / enclosed outdoor areas. Precautions include (amongst others): feeding birds under cover where wild birds cannot access, preventing access by captive birds to ponds and watercourses, and effectively cleansing and disinfecting any hardstanding surfaces in areas where birds are kept. Enhanced measures apply for premises with over 500 poultry or other captive birds.

Full details of what is required can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#AIPZ. You can find a self-assessment checklist at the above link to help you put the measures in place, as well as more information about the virus.

You can keep up to date by regularly visiting the avian influenza section on the government website, and by registering for email or text alerts at www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service

Remember that if you have poultry/captive birds it is your responsibility to keep updated on any outbreaks and an easy way to do this is by signing up for text notifications – register with the APHA alerts service at www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service.

If you have any concerns about the health of your birds, you should speak to your vet.

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds. You can report

finding dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as birds of prey, to the DEFRA helpline on **03459 335577**.

Nicola L J Pearce

Trading Standards Officer

www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk

Requirements for All Poultry and Captive Bird Keepers

Non-compliance with these biosecurity measures may be an offence.

- Keep free-ranging birds in fenced areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry or captive birds.
- Inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers and wild bird carcasses.
- Fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds.
- Provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it.
- Make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- Keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- Store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination.
- Clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing Government approved disinfectant at entry and exit points.
- Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- Keep records of poultry, captive bird and egg movements.
- Maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water ingress.
- Ensure pest control is effective.

Letters to the Editor

Village Hall Update

The insurers have accepted our claim and the hall is now the responsibility of the surveyors, Brawdria, with no access for anybody else. The draft survey of work to be done was about a new roof and refurbishment, not a rebuild. The surveyor is now drawing up the definitive list of works ready to send out to contractors, which he hopes to get done before Christmas, and to get replies within 3 weeks. The start date will hopefully be in the early New Year, with completion by the summer.

There may be some scope for the committee to negotiate with the contractor if there are things we would like changed. The insurance is on a 'like for like' basis, which means the induction loop, audio-visual system and PV panels will all be replaced. If the stage needs to be replaced, do we actually want that done or should we negotiate for a flat floor to give the hall greater space? The stage is small, and the only access is up steps from the front, so there is limited opportunity for amateur dramatics. Temporary stages can be hired, or we could buy blocks which provide a raised area for a band, disco etc.

Is there any desire for new sporting clubs in the hall? The ceiling will not be of Olympic height but would that stop a small village badminton club being able to play? Table tennis club?

Let Us Know: The committee would like to see the hall used more, so if there is anything you think could make it more useful please let me know and we will do our best.

Janet Jeffery, janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made the Gardening Club dinner on Saturday 12th November such a fun evening! The food was delicious as always and everything was well planned. Many thanks again.

Anne Loosemore & Graham Lock

Thank You from the Spalding Hall

Thank you to all those who attended our coffee morning in November. It was lovely to see people chatting together and enjoying cake & croissants.

We raised an amazing £91 towards the Spalding Hall funds.

Hiring

The Spalding Hall is available for hire. The hall has capacity for 30-40 people, a kitchen area and toilets. Please contact Jean Martin on **01647 24586** for information and to book your event.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Ruth Unsworth



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Letters to the Editor

Surgery Information

Christmas Opening Times

We are only closed for three days over the Christmas and New Year Period and will be running a full Medical and Dispensary Service throughout the rest of the time so please note there is no need to double order any medication requests. We will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 26th December

Tuesday 27th December

Monday 2nd January 2023

Car Park

Due to the fire in the Village Hall, we still do not have full access to the car park. We therefore ask that patients find alternative parking arrangements when visiting the surgery and collecting prescriptions.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Surgery Team

Scout Events

This time of year is all about events isn't it? In the last few weeks, we have had our Bonfire Night - which this year also doubled as our 50th anniversary, where a few of our old leaders joined us and there was cake, enough cake for (just about) everyone.

Remembrance Sunday, a beautiful day as it happened, where we had a great turnout from all our sections. We hosted the Mid-Devon district Beaver event where they made Christmas decorations to decorate the District Scout's tree for the CREDITON Christmas Tree festival.

We have Christmas trees for sale (page 3) and a Big Breakfast event (page 6), so lots to look forward to. Happy Christmas.

Andrew Smith

Chairman, 1st Tedburn & Cheriton Scout Group

News & Events from the Moor

As I write there is a rare bit of sunshine outside which is lovely to see after several days of heavy rain. In the garden at Castle Drogo, there is some winter colour from a late flowering bulb called *Nerine bowdenii* 'Isabel'. You can find it growing at the base of the sunny wall in the spring borders. Nerines are native to South Africa and enjoy sharp drainage and fairly poor, dry growing conditions so the base of a wall is perfect!

Christmas

Christmas preparations are well underway and we are looking forward to celebrating the Drewe family's love of 'Music and Magic' at Drogo. The Castle will be open on Fridays and weekends from 2nd December and then everyday between the 19th - 23rd December. There will be a trail in the garden throughout December too. For any last minute changes to opening times due to high winds, please check out the website.

Annual Closures

One important update for our regulars is that the Castle Drogo visitor centre will be completely

closed for 2 weeks in January for the annual deep clean and refresh. This means that the shop, toilets and café will be closed from Monday 9th until Sunday 22nd January inclusive.

Volunteers

Finally, a reminder that we are planning a few volunteer drop in days at Castle Drogo for those of you who might be thinking about a new years resolution. These days are for you to pop along for a cuppa, have a chat and hear from current volunteers what it is like to be a volunteer for the National Trust on Dartmoor. The open days are 11am - 3pm on Monday 30th January, Saturday 11th March and Sunday 7th May.

All that is left for me to say is that I hope that you all have a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year. Best wishes all,

Paula Clarke

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk



**National
Trust**

Seasonal Scam Alert!

Scammers' tactics are increasingly sophisticated and sometimes hard to recognise. However, there are things to look out for.

- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. For example, tickets to an event that are much cheaper than being sold elsewhere or a holiday that's a lot less than you would expect to pay.
- Be wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media, telephone or via text and email offering items for sale or a deal on something.
- If you're buying from a website you haven't used before do a bit of research. Look at the terms and conditions and check that the address is a proper address not just a PO box number. This information can usually be found in the 'contact us' section. Registered UK companies lodge their details on the Companies House website.
- Check what people have said about the company – don't just rely on the reviews on the website itself, have a look at other review sites.
- Scammers often ask you to pay in an unusual way or to pay very quickly.
- Never give away personal information such as a password or PIN and never click on or download anything you don't trust.

To find out about scams across the country, you can sign up to the Trading Standards

email alert on their website www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/work-areas/scams-team/.

If you have transferred money speak to your bank and to the police. If you feel the scammer is in your area and you feel unsafe you should also inform the police. You can also report the scam to Citizens Advice Report a scam www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/ and Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk/.

Don't feel embarrassed reporting a scam – it can happen to any one of us and scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated. If you want to talk to someone locally you can contact CA TNMWD on our free, local AdviceLine **0808 27 87 999** or visit www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'Get Advice'.

Volunteers Needed

Demand for our services is increasing all the time not just at this time of year. If you would like to join us as a volunteer contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk to find out more. We are a friendly bunch and you will receive ongoing training and support to enable you to help people in our community resolve their problems.

Rosanna Tealea

Administrator

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

Cheriton Bishop Village Website

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

If you have anything you would like to add to our website, (information, village life images etc), please contact the newsletter or visit cheritonbishop.org.uk/contact/

Take a look at this link to a postcards of the village: cheritonbishop.org.uk/photos-and-postcards/

Neighbourhood Watch

A number of you have confirmed that Neighbourhood Watch should continue and you enjoy reading the articles. We look forward to responses from people to questions we may ask in future copies of the Newsletter.

The Old Thatch: There's been some movement in the building and an opening will be very much welcomed by many. A village without its pub is not complete and when the village hall is back in use, Cheriton Bishop will be complete.

Safety: Apparently, 77% of us think about our safety when out and about, and we're four times more likely to be concerned at night. Be vigilant and try not to put yourself in a dangerous situation.

Devon & Cornwall is a Safe Place:

According to National Statistics, we have the third lowest crime rate in the country. Having said that, overall crime rose by 9.5% in Devon & Cornwall in the twelve months to 30th June 2022, which is lower than the national average rise of 12.5%. These statistics were compared with years 2020/21 when there was lockdown and crime fell. But it is still a good indication how good this area is to live in.

Try to reduce burglary: Close and lock windows and doors; put interior lights on a timer; double lock or deadlock exterior doors; have exterior lights on a sensor; always keep an eye out for neighbours and each other; note strangers that are in the area or visiting properties. If you have a burglar alarm make sure it is working and serviced.

Driving Licence: The DVLA have said that there are nearly a million people in the UK with driving licences that are more than 12 months out of date. Driving licence photocard must be renewed every 10 years up to the age of 70 and then renewed every 3 years to legally be allowed to drive. The DVLA usually contacts drivers 56 days before the licence is due to expire. It is then the

responsibility of the driver to renew their licence. (Section 4b on the card shows the expiry date.)

Scams: If you receive an unexpected phone call or email that starts to ask for information, put the phone down and delete the email. You can check the legitimacy by using a different phone and dial a number that you know and can trust. The reason for using a different phone is that the scam caller may not have disconnected. Remember, if it does not sound right it is highly likely to be a scam.

Energy Bill Discount Scam: This money is intended to reduce your energy bill. You don't have to apply for the scheme and will not be asked for bank or building society details. Scam messages are being put out asking you to apply for this, to share personal or financial information. Do not do this.

Fuel Theft: Police are reminding people to remain vigilant by following their advice.

Vehicles: secure vehicles and keys; don't leave keys in vehicles; consider security lighting & CCTV; install alarms and anti siphoning measures; park vehicles in busy, well lit, overlooked areas if possible - ideally covered by CCTV; park with the filler cap facing the road if possible.

Tanks & heating oil: Position the tank close to the house where it can be overseen; when the tank is not in use, turn off switches that control the flow and isolate electricity supplies; install locks and an oil level gauge that sets off an alarm if oil level suddenly drops; protect tanks and lock gates.

That's all for this edition. We hope that you will enjoy the Christmas break. Keep safe and well.

Always be observant & vigilant and keep your eyes open when out and about.

Contacts:

Jean Martin: **01647 24586**

Police: **101** or **999** for an emergency

Help Keep Our Community Safe

Re-starting the Cheriton Bishop Community Speedwatch Group

If you can spare an occasional hour or two (flexible to suit you), we'd be very happy to welcome your help in monitoring and reporting speeds. Speedwatch isn't just about 'catching people speeding', it's about reminding everyone about speed limits and keeping all road users (including pedestrians) safe.

For more information, call Peter O'Neill on **07932 660550**, or email poneil@cheritonbishop.pc.org.uk or check the Speedwatch website at www.communityspeedwatch.org/. Volunteers can also register with the Cheriton Bishop group on the website.

In the Garden

The Winter Garden

This is the darkest time of year and many plants will be having a well earned rest.

With the extreme heat of the summer, some plants tried to flower again in the autumn. We have yet to see how this will affect them next year. Some autumn flowering plants started later and might well still be flowering at Christmas! Generally however, the garden looks fairly bleak in winter and it is an ideal time to plan how to improve it. Most shrubs, trees and hardy herbaceous plants will enjoy being planted now. It gives them time to establish before any more water shortages.

Prunus autumnalis is a delightful winter flowering tree with delicate white or pink blossom. Dogwood (Cornus sanguinea) has bright stems with red, yellow or lime green bark. Salix alba 'Britzensis' has wonderful flame coloured stems (which can all be cut back in Spring). Prunus Serrula has attractive polished brown bark.

Then for scent there is Sarcococca (to be planted near a path) and Hamamelis. Underneath, there is a wealth of Hellebores you can plant to give you months of subtle flowers. By January, snowdrops and aconites will be peeping through with a promise of Spring.

Hedges and shrubs can be pruned now to improve their shape and remove dead or crossing wood. January is a good time to get out and prune apple trees. Try to create an open space through the centre of the tree and stand back to see what you're doing.

Don't forget the birds in the winter. They will appreciate some seeds when there are few to find in the hedges and gardens. Do give them some water too, especially if the weather is freezing.



Sally Rix



Allotments Available

No experience necessary!

We expect to have plots available for the 2023 season. Plots are open to people from Tedburn, Cheriton Bishop & surrounding areas. Don't delay, contact us immediately and be first on the waiting list as plots are allocated on a first come basis. Have a go at growing your own, tastes much better, you won't regret it!

Email tedburnallotments@gmail.com, or call **07979597458**.

Nigel Cause

Secretary, Tedburn SM Allotment Assoc.

Christmas Tree Collection

YFC will recycle your Christmas Tree for a £5 collection fee.

Money to go to chosen charities: FCN & The Fire Fighters Charity.

To book your tree collection, please call either: **07570 135371** or **07841 591772**. Please leave tree your outside. We will be collecting on **8th January** from:

Cheriton Bishop	Whiddon Down
Tedburn	Drewsteington
Whitestone	Hittisleigh
South Zeal	Dunsford
Sticklepath	Pathfinder
Yeoford	

Health & Lifestyle

Solstice & Gratitude

On 21st December, the Winter solstice marks the end of the solar year, and the beginning of the next.

The solstice has been celebrated by various cultures around the world, for millennia, as a time to reflect on the past whilst embracing what change is to come. Looking back on the past year, we have all had a wide spectrum of experiences. Some may have been joyful, and some may have been painful. All of which we can learn, grow, or adapt from.

As the Sun rises again to mark the lightening of days and hearts, we can take the opportunity to feel gratitude for all that has passed and all that is yet to come. Knowing that if we take this stance most situations can be seen as an opportunity for growth and personal development. Plus, you never feel worse for expressing gratitude!

Whatever this means to you, we wish you seasons greetings, a happy solstice, and a glorious new year!

With love and appreciation,

Joe Arnold

Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro
Dartmoor Chiropractic

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Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice

Surgery Timetable

Cheriton Bishop appointments: morning

Dr Hayter	Tuesday	9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hayter	Friday (alternate)	9.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hamilton	Mon, Weds, Thurs	8.30am to 11.35am
Dr Vaile	Monday & Thursday	8.30am to 11am
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	10am to 10.50am
Dr Abeywardena	Thursday & Friday	9.30am to 11am
Practice Nurse	Monday	9am to 12.50pm
Practice Nurse	Wednesday	9am to 12.10pm
Practice Nurse	Thursday	9am to 12.20pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	9am to 12 noon
Health Care Assistant	Mon, Tues & Weds	8.30am to 12.30pm
Health Care Assistant	Thursday & Friday	8.30am to 11.30am

Cheriton Bishop appointments: afternoon

Dr Clunie	Monday	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Clunie	Tuesday (alternate)	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Hayter	Monday	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Clunie / Dr Hayter	Tuesday (alternate)	2.50pm to 5.10pm
Dr Hayter	Thursday	2.50pm to 5pm
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	2.30pm to 4.45pm
Dr Vaile	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Abeywardena	Friday	3pm to 4.20pm
Practice Nurse	Monday	2pm to 4.50pm
Nurse Clinic	Thursday	1pm to 3.50pm

Christow Branch – by appointment only

Dr Hayter	Monday	8.30am to 10.30am
Dr Hamilton	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.35am
Dr Clunie	Wednesday	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Dr Abeywardena	Thursday	2.50pm to 4.50pm
Dr Clunie / Dr Hayter	Friday (alternate)	3pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am
Practice Nurse	Wednesday	2pm to 4.30pm
Practice Nurse	Friday	2pm to 5pm
Health Care Assistant	Monday & Tuesday	8.30am to 11.30am

[Timetable updated December 2022]

Message from St Mary's

Getting Ready

December is the time to get ready for that which comes much later in the month. There are three and a half weeks of preparation before the celebration.

I always remember the fun of opening the Advent calendar each day, finding the correct day and seeing what was hidden behind the door. As a child, I do not recall it having anything to do with chocolate! My first encounter with chocolate was the selection pack from Cadbury's in my Christmas stocking, it was always gone before breakfast!

I remember the days of Advent being impossibly long and Christmas Eve very slow in coming. I think it is important to dwell a little on Advent. Advent comes from two words Ad which means 'to' and Venio which means 'to come'. So when we put them together it means 'to come to'.

For Christians, it is the time when we come to reflect on God's promises.

The focus of Advent starts with Abraham and Sarah, and a new relationship with God.

It moves on to remember the prophets who called the people to repentance and back to God's way for the world.

The midpoint of Advent refines the focus on the birth of Jesus.

The third week of advent focuses on John the Baptist, the greatest man that ever lived, the messenger that prepared the way for Jesus.

The last Sunday of Advent focuses on Mary, the mother of Jesus.

These people all look forward to the fulfilment of God's promise of hope in the life and death of Jesus Christ.

So in Advent, we stand alongside these biblical characters who long for God to break into the darkness of this passing world.

Advent rightly is associated with bringing light into darkness, promising hope where there appears to be none. Advent, viewed in the light of the resurrection and ascension, also looks forward to Jesus' return to earth. It incorporates the idea that we have to be ready to meet Jesus.

Are there things that we need to put right? Are we still in step with God in our lives?

Inevitably Advent also grapples with our readiness to face the end of our lives. Advent can allow us the time to reflect on our mortality. There is a lot to think about in Advent and the opportunity to make changes for good. We are not called to be morbid but to rejoice in God's promise of transforming us and the world to conform to his perfect rule.

If we have prepared well, we can be truly ready to celebrate Christmas.

It is not just about food, drink and presents. It is the idea of a gift that has the potential to change our world. It is about love and generosity. It is about working to make our world a better place.

Christmas runs deeply into the whole of our lives and our relationship with God. It would be a shame to only scratch the surface when there is so much more to discover.

Rev. Martin Wood

The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop
01647 24119 (Tuesday to Sunday)
revwood163@gmail.com

Church Messages

Churchwarden's Ramblings

Many thanks to those who came along to the Annual Lunch and Churchyard Working Party, we managed some of the work but there is plenty more to do, so we may need a Spring spruce-up.

There are significant changes in the Service Rota, so please take careful note of the times and service types; there will always be a Communion Service somewhere in the Team on each Sunday.

Our Christmas services are a little different this year: Martin will lead our Candle Lit Carol Service at 7pm on Tuesday 20th December with mince pies and mulled wine after, and on Christmas Eve the Christingle Communion Service is at 5pm.

We invite households to make a decoration to hang on the church Christmas tree, if you would like to take part on Saturday 10th December, please contact Caryn on **01647 24582**.

Looking well to 2023, there will be a churchyard plant sale at the beginning of May and we would be grateful if you could plant a few extra seeds and grow on a few plants and cuttings to donate on the day.

We wish all parishioners a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Greenslade, 01647 24002

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

I am very happy to report that the work on the toilet has begun. It is making good progress. There will be no Café Company or Community Lunch during December because of the work.

The School Fair will be held on 10th December, 10am till 1pm at Yeoford Village Hall.

Antonia, Lewis and Jenny will be taking services while I am away in December and January.

Carol Price, 01647 24468

Services for December

11th December, 5pm: Candle lit Carol Service

24th December, 4pm: Crib Service
9pm: Holy Communion for Christmas

Services for January 2023

8th January, 9.30am: Holy Communion

22nd January, 9.30am: Christingle

West Down Evangelical Chapel

Yeoford Road,
Cheriton Bishop,
EX6 6HG

Telephone:
01647 24264 or
01647 24660

December 2022

Sunday 4th, 11am: Communion & Service with Ken Harris

Sunday 11th, 11am: Communion & Service with John Allen

Sunday 18th, 11am: Communion & Service with sermon from the internet

Sunday 18th, 3pm: Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 25th, 10.30am: Family Service

No Friends & Neighbours meeting this month

January 2023

Sunday 1st, 11am: Communion & Service with sermon from the internet

Sunday 8th, 11am: Communion & Service with John Allen

Sunday 15th, 11am: Communion & Service with sermon from the internet

Sunday 22nd, 11am: Communion & Service with Rev Godfrey Bell

Sunday 29th, 11am: Communion & Service with Gerald Downs

Thursday 19th, 2-4pm: Friends & Neighbours meet. Everyone welcome

Services at St Mary's

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

Welcome to St Mary's

We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services.
Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during *highlighted* service times.

December 2022

Sunday 4th: Advent 2

9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 8th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 11th: Advent 3

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Oldridge	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Revd Martin Wood

Saturday 17th

7pm	Whitestone	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 18th: Advent 4

3pm	Pathfinder	United Carol Service	
4pm	Tedburn St Mary	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood

Tuesday 20th

7pm	Cheriton Bishop	Carol Service	Revd Martin Wood
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Thursday 22nd

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Saturday 24th: Christmas Eve

3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Crib Service	Revd Martin Wood
5pm	Cheriton Bishop	Christingle Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9pm	Tedburn St Mary	Christmas Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11.15pm	Whitestone	Christmas Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorrington

Sunday 25th: Christmas Day

10am	Holcombe Burnell	Christmas Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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January 2023

Sunday 1st: Naming of Jesus

9.30am	Whitestone	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Holy Communion	Rev'd V Lee
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Friday 6th: Epiphany

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev'd M Greig
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Sunday 8th: Baptism of Christ

9.30am	Holcombe Burnell	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Preb P Sourbut
11am	Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
3pm	Tedburn St Mary	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Sunday 15th: Epiphany 2

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Canon M Hall
11am	Whitestone	Family Service	Lay Led
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Thursday 19th

10.30am	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Rev'd M Greig
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Sunday 22nd: Epiphany 3

9.30am	Cheriton Bishop	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30am	Tedburn St Mary	Holy Communion	Rev'd P Rapsey
11am	Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Lay Led
3pm	Pathfinder	United Service	
3pm	Whitestone	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Sunday 29th: Candlemas

10.30am	Whitestone	Team Communion	Archdeacon Andrew
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Please note:

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CB Parish Council

Boundary Anomaly: Next Steps – Task Group, Petition and Governance Review?

Your parish council is currently attempting to find ways of reducing the unreasonable effects of an anomaly in the boundary between district councils. Some areas of Cheriton Bishop are treated as being part of Tedburn St Mary within Teignbridge district. One effect of this is to reduce our ability to influence the location, size and housing design of a development area currently part of Teignbridge's Local Plan review (see marked area on the map).

We should clarify that we are not against new development in principle, as some types of housing are in short supply - affordable rentals, homes in the price range of first time buyers and accessible homes for elderly or disabled residents as examples. What we are asking for is the right of the Cheriton Bishop community to have a full say in development applications, both in house numbers and types and to ensure careful consideration of the effects on local services such as the surgery, school and village amenities.

Both Teignbridge and our own Mid Devon district councils seem to want to ignore the issue. One of our representative district councillors raised it at a district boundary review and was told it would be dealt with at an upcoming parish boundary review. At that review, he was told it could only be dealt with at a district review! A Teignbridge district councillor has recently told us that it's unlikely they would address the issue as it might affect their ability to meet their quota for new housing.

So What Next?

The parish council is setting up a task group to move the matter forward. Our likely next step – for which we will need your support as community members – is to organise a petition for a Community Governance Review (CGR). Based on the size of our parish, we will need 190 signatures to force the district councils to take our concerns seriously. A CGR requires the district(s) to review the way decisions are made in the affected area so that it: Reflects the identity and interests of the community, is effective and convenient, and takes into account arrangements for community representation and engagement.

If you would like further information, have suggestions for the task group or would be willing to help with distributing a petition, please contact one of our parish councillors. You will find their details and contact information on our website www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk, or you can contact Rachel Hodder, our clerk, by email to: clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk, or via postal address at Higher Penstone Farm, Colebrooke, Crediton EX17 5JR.



CB Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop on Monday 14th November 2022

Present: Cllr Ball (Chair), Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Jackson, Cllr O'Neill and Cllr Coren (MDDC)

In attendance: The Clerk and two members of the public

- 1. To receive and accept apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr Marshall, Cllr Salmon and Cllr Letch (DCC).
- 2. To receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda:** Cllr O'Neill declared a personal (non-registrable) interest in Planning Application 22/02051/FULL
- 3. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda:** One member of the public spoke regarding item 11 (road safety) expressing concerns about speeding by cars, buses and motorbikes at the western end of the village on the C50 which raises safety concerns for pedestrians (including school children) and for drivers entering onto the road from driveways. One member of the public spoke about item 10 (Moor Park).
- 4. Cheriton District Parish Council Meeting Minutes 10th October 2022 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:** The minutes were approved as a correct record.
- 5. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors – for information only:** Cllr Coren reported that MDDC is expecting a funding gap in its budget for 2023/24 and beyond. The Council will have to focus on the service provision it is required to supply by law. This is expected to result in a cut in non-statutory service provision throughout the district. MDDC has therefore written to all Parish Councils asking them to consider assisting in some way with the provision of non-statutory services.
- 6. To receive a report from Councillor Letch (DCC) – for information only:** The Clerk read out a written report. DCC has received an additional five million pounds for the Household Support Fund which is open to help households struggling most with the increase in the cost of living. The support is being allocated by MDDC. For more information visit the MDDC website middevon.gov.uk/residents. DCC is running a Train4Tomorrow Skills Bootcamp for adults aged 19 or over. This offers fully funded digital and technical courses for those looking to move into a new career. DCC's Corporate Infrastructure and Resources Services Scrutiny Committee will be looking at speeding and road safety.
- 7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to consider the following applications upon which the Council has been asked to comment:** [Cllr O'Neill left the meeting]

Reference: 22/02051/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 277871 94436 Mounson Farm Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Reynolds

It was noted that the applicant had obtained pre-application advice and that the application is for a one bedroom dwelling of which there are very few in the parish. A government report "Housing Our Ageing Population" published in 2022 and government planning guidance document "Housing for Older and Disabled People" encourage the development of smaller and accessible dwellings to support a wider demographic in communities. It was resolved to support this application which appears to meet the criteria of MDDC Local Plan Policy DM9, with the recommendation that if the application is approved conditions be imposed that: 1) the property should not be used for holiday lets; and 2) that the biodiversity mitigation measures identified in the Wildlife Survey be implemented. [Cllr O'Neill re-joined the meeting].

Reference: 22/01924/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extensions to include indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness suite, sunroom, kitchen and dining space with first floor terraces and associated works

Location: Drummers Well Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr A Cock

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Cllrs noted that under planning application 17/01282 the applicant already has consent for most of the alterations referred to in this application. Bearing that in mind and after consideration of MDDC Local Plan Policy DM11 it was resolved to be neutral with regard to this application but to recommend that if the application is approved conditions be imposed that 1) natural screening along the roadside boundary in keeping with the rural location should be provided; and 2) the biodiversity mitigation measures identified in the Ecology Report be implemented.

Reference: 22/01993/FULL

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling to include annexe

Location: Pipistrelles Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr Jeffery & Ms Wells

Cllrs noted that this proposal is to replace an existing property with a new dwelling with an improved carbon footprint. The application, which will include PV panels, appears to meet the criteria of MDDC Local Plan Policies S14 and DM10. The application includes an annex to facilitate multi-generational living (see government documents mentioned above). It was resolved to support the application.

8. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to note that consent has been granted for the following application with conditions as filed:

Reference: 22/01472/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated landscaping

Location: Land at NGR 277448 0994055 (North of Venbridge Cottage) Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: D & H Partridge

9. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications - to note that consent has not been granted for the following application for reasons as filed:

Reference: 22/01711/PNCOU

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to dwelling under Class Q

Location: Land & buildings at NGR 276430 93972 (Crossways Farm) Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Chatfield

10. Moor Park – to consider further action on inclusion of Moor Park within the Parish:

The Clerk reported that she had been informed that, because Moor Park lies outside Mid Devon, any boundary change to bring Moor Park into the Parish would be the responsibility of the Local Government Boundary Commission of England (LGBCE). Information about the LGBCE had been provided to councillors prior to the meeting. The boundary change would be between principal area authorities (MDDC and Teignbridge DC) and would require the support of both authorities. Councillors considered that a request for a Community Governance Review might be more likely to succeed as that request can be supported by a petition of local residents. However, it is not clear whether, even after submission of a petition, a CGR would be allowed because Moor Park is in Teignbridge DC. Cllr O'Neill will submit an update and explanation to the next Newsletter.

11. Road Safety - to receive an update on road safety issues in the village and agree associated actions:

Cllr O'Neill reported that there are now 7 volunteers for Community Speedwatch, some of whom have been trained. It is hoped that Speedwatch will be in action this year. It is also hoped that the group will become independent of the PC but for now Cllr O'Neill will continue to co-ordinate. Councillors discussed potential Speedwatch sites and the following were agreed: the Yeoford Road; by the pub; past the shop going towards Crockernwell and in the 20 mph zone in the village. However, sites have to be approved by the police and meet safety and other criteria. Realistically not all of these sites are expected to be agreed.

The Village Hall repairs are expected to start in the New Year and last for up to 4 months. Cllr O'Neil has had no response to his emails to DCC Highways requesting temporary signage for the road outside the Hall. Councillors discussed a Facebook post from a parishioner which highlights lack of co-ordination of roadworks in the area, with lane restrictions on the A30, the C50 being closed just past Tedburn from 21 – 25 November and Whitestone Road being closed on the 22nd and 23rd of November. Cllr Ball has emailed National Highways to enquire whether DCC had informed them of the DCC road closures and for confirmation that emergency vehicles would be able to get through but not had a reply. Cllr Jackson had submitted a request for information to DCC Highways and been informed he would receive a reply by 5th December! The Clerk explained that no progress has been made with the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign, as DCC Highways have still not responded to the request for a SCARF assessment. Clerk to try again.

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- 12. Planning – to agree a standard comment on applications for submission to MDDC:** Councillors agreed the following standard comment should be made when commenting upon planning applications:

“Cheriton Bishop Parish Council strongly recommends that all development complies with the National Planning Policy Framework and Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033, with particular reference to sustainable development including: use of renewable energy (eg car charging points, air and ground source heating); climate change resilience (eg water saving measures); and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity (eg bird and bat boxes). The Parish Council also strongly recommends that all dwellings comply with Building Regulations 2010 M4(2) Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwellings.”

- 13. Future provision of services by MDDC - to discuss letter from MDDC dated 26th October 2022 and agree associated actions:** Councillors agreed that it is difficult to identify any services provided by MDDC that the PC could realistically take on. Cllr Coren explained that MDDC should have more information on how services will be affected later in November.

- 14. Defibrillator – to receive an update on the second defibrillator:** The defibrillator was ordered in September. The Clerk will chase installation. The Clerk reported that she had contacted the PTFA so ask whether they would be prepared to use the £400 (which had been collected for a second defibrillator some time ago) to pay for annual support for the defibrillator. The PTFA had not agreed this because they had previously been told that the PC had no intention of installing a second defibrillator. The PTFA had removed the ringfencing and put the money into use within the remit of their constitution.

- 15. Budget 2023/24 – to discuss the draft budget and agree associated actions:** After discussion various amendments to the draft were agreed. To go on the December agenda. Councillors discussed potential projects. Clerk to contact the Church Commissioners to see if some play equipment can be added to the Village Green. No response has been received from DAA to a request for an update on a night landing site.

- 16. Repairs & Maintenance - to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets:** Cllr Jackson reported that the wooden bollards at the entrances to the village are all rotten. Councillors discussed how best to replace them, bearing in mind that oak is very expensive. Cllr Jackson to progress. A licence for the work may be required as it is on the public highway. Cllr Ball has set up a shared rota for Councillors to record monthly inspections of Glebelands Play Area. Clerk to arrange for the hedge on the boundary between the Village Green and Chestnut Close to be trimmed. Some blocks have fallen onto the Village Green. These are a potential hazard for children and should be removed.

- 16. Accounts & Budget – the following payments were approved:**

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary (October)	Salary	£326.58
HMRC	Salary	£2.00
20's Plenty for Us (refund to clerk)	New Assets	£60.00
Poppy Shop UK (refund to clerk)	Grants/S137	£23.98
Clarity (Invoice 297421)	Newsletter	£59.27
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Lawrence Wilson (October)	Playground	£100.00
Graham Dicker (Invoice 3,032)	Village Green	£680.00
Graham Dicker (Invoice 3,032)	Verges	£410.00

- 17. To receive a report from the Chair (for information only):** None

- 18. To receive reports from Councillors (for information only):** Cllr Benjamin reported that the 500 Allies Mid Devon daffodil bulbs have been planted in the Village Green, with some wildflower plugs. Cllr Ball laid a wreath on behalf of the PC at the Remembrance Service, which was well attended.

- 19. Correspondence/Clerk's Report (for information only):** None

- 20. Dates of Next Meetings (all commencing at 7 pm at the Spalding Hall unless otherwise notified):**
12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 13th March.

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County Councillor's Report

As winter approaches we are all very fearful of what our energy bills, our food bills and other expenditure will be. It is no different for the three levels of councils town/parish, district or county. You may have seen in the press a plea from councillor John Hart the leader of Devon County Council asking Central Government for better funding for counties. Funding cascades from central government to county then district and then your parish or town council. County and district council tax demands are capped which means that if those councils are to balance the books one of two things needs to happen an increase to the limit or the probable withdrawal of non-mandatory services. Although parish and town councils are not capped they have fairly limited powers.

With all this doom and gloom I am pleased to announce that this morning I received an e-mail from the leader of Devon County Council to say that we can now start

spending what remains of our locality fund. I have just under £6000 left! So I advise those community groups in my division who are looking to plan things for the community that they have a word with me and also check on the Devon County Council website to see what the criteria for a locality fund grant are.

I have been able to carry out my surgeries most Saturdays, only missing when I was away from the area. So far the weather has not stopped me but I do have to say that with the advent of colder wetter weather it may be difficult for me to carry out my surgeries that are in the open so to speak. Here I am speaking of Cheriton Bishop and Coplestone. All I can say is if I don't appear and you have a problem do please e-mail me or give me a call. Everybody has my details by now I am sure.

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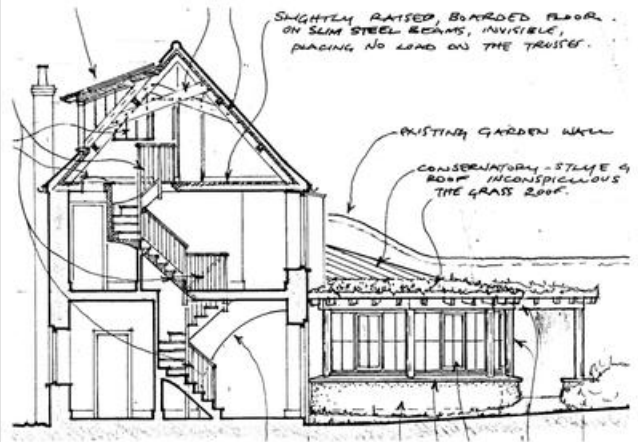
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