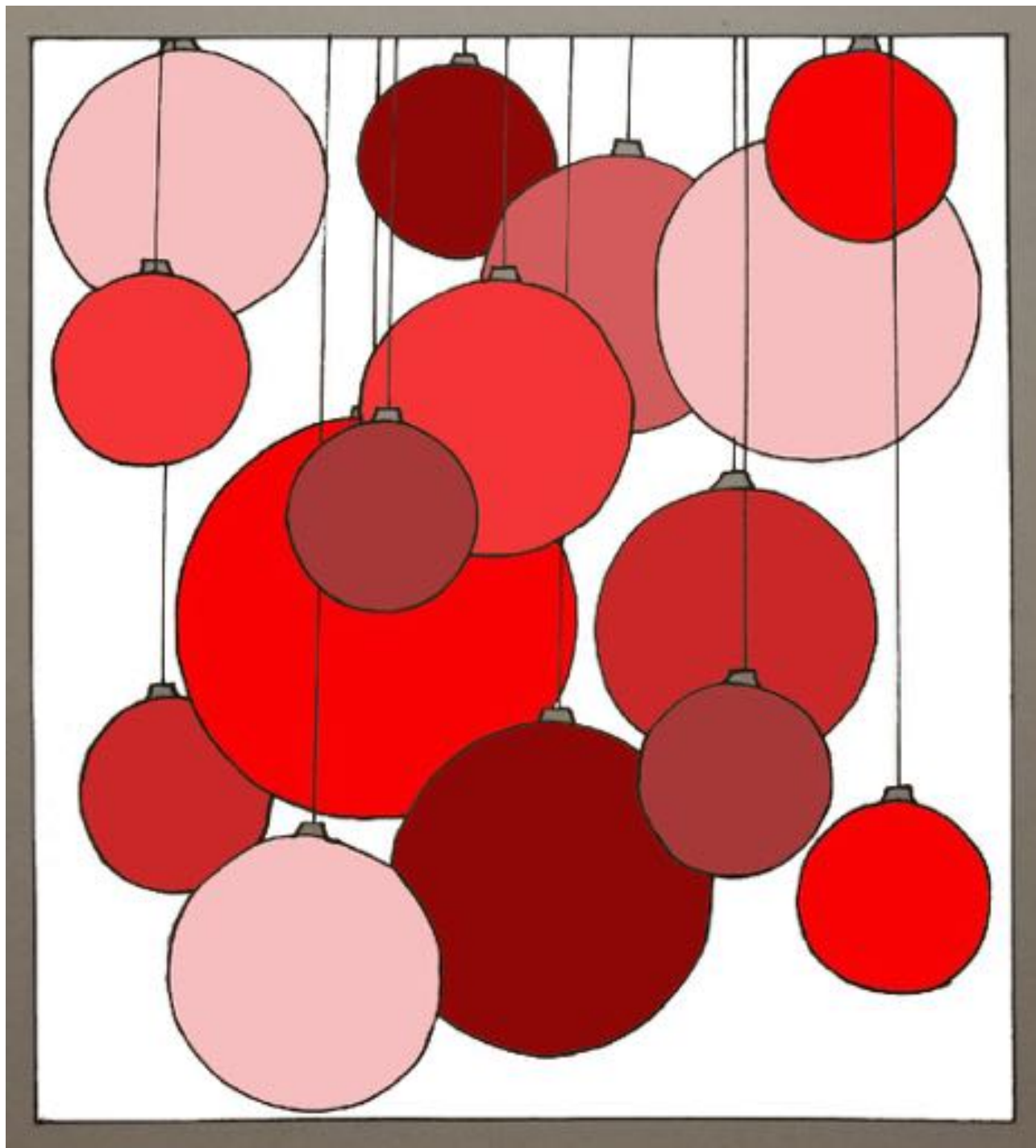




Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Newsletter



December Edition

**“Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year”**

Useful Information

DOCTORS

Doctors Surgery: 01647 24272 or 01647 24025

Patient Participation Group, Contacts: Jean Martin 01647 24586, Caryn Tripp 01647 24582

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

Out of Hours: Ring 111

IN EMERGENCY RING 999

MINOR INJURIES UNIT

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

POLICE

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

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Neighbourhood Watch: Jean Martin 01647 24586

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Electricity	0800 365 900
Gas	0800 111 999
Water	0344 346 2020
Highways Agency	0300 123 5000
Streetlights, potholes etc:	0345 155 1004 csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL, YOUTH and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cheriton Bishop Primary School 01647 24817 (termtime only)

Head Teacher: Mrs Alex Waterman

Secretary: Mrs Linda McCracken

Cheriton Bishop Pre-school

Play Leader: Christine Grist 01647 281205

Young Farmers: Louise Putt 07792 518439

Walking Group: Dennis Milton 01647 272844

Jon Whitehead 01647 281454

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

Federation Head:

Fed. Chair of Governors: Alexis Saffin

PTFA Chairman: Emma Benjamin

Beavers: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575

Cubs: James Morris 01647 252375

Scouts: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

Group Scout Leader: Kevin Unsworth 01647 24773

LOCAL CHURCHES

Anglican Team Ministry: Rev. Martin Wood, The Rectory, Church Lane, Cheriton Bishop 01647 24119 (Tues-Sun)

Church Wardens: Alan Greenslade 01647 24002, + 1 Vacancy

Crockernwell Methodist Minister: Rev. David Easton, 21 Dunsford Road, Exeter, EX4 1LG. 01392 255791

Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald 01647 24446

West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 01647 24264

HALLS & MEETING ROOMS

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: Tim Gorringe 01647 24789

SPALDING HALL

Bookings: Jean Martin 01647 24586

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

Acorn Community Support Office: 01647 252701

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Parish Councillors

Chairman	Tim Vooght	01647 24593
Vice Chairmen	Chris Carter	01647 24774
	David Tripp	01647 24582
Councillors	Kim Bastyan	07966 478054
	Phil Dicker	01647 24450
	Peter Endacott	01647 24580
	Dennis Milton	01647 272844
	Oswald Chung	
Parish Clerk	Mrs Diane Shepherd	
	01363 85051	Mob: 07903171897
	clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk	
	Squirrel Lodge, Colebrooke, EX17 5JH	
	www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk	

Mid Devon District Councillors

Derek Coren	01647 24264
Peter Heal	01363 884277

County Councillors

Nick Way (CheritonBishop)	01363 777903
James McInnes (Crockernwell)	01837 861364

Member of Parliament

Mel Stride MP (Central Devon)

Write to: House of Commons, London, SW1 1AA

Crockernwell

Crockernwell Ward Parish Councillors:

Bill Savage, email: bill.savage@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk Ysanne James, email: ysanne.james@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk

Clerk to Drewsteignton PC: Lucy Bruckner 01647 252306, 2 New Park, Bridford, Exeter EX6 7LJ, email: clerk@drewsteigntonparish.co.uk

West Devon Borough Councillor: Paul Ridgers 01822 813600, email: cllr.paul.ridgers@westdevon.gov.uk

LOCAL SERVICES (Paid advert)

CHIROPODY HOME SERVICES Mrs Julie Chatfield NMChs SRCh **01647 24382**

[Updated November 2018]

Welcome to the December edition of our parish newsletter.

To say my festive season started with a bang would be an understatement! Last Friday (24th), I was just about to cook myself a fine risotto, when an almighty bang went off followed by a huge flash of light. I seriously thought a bomb had detonated in the street. I felt a whoosh of furry body fly past me as my cat scrambled to safety and I fumbled around for some candles!

I later discovered that lightning had struck the telegraph pole outside the school and shattered the BT box. To date my repair bill amounts to a new washing machine, a new phone, a new BT main switch and a new aerial. And I've got off lightly compared to some. So I'd like to impart a piece of festive advice to everyone - remember to unplug all your electronic goods before you go to bed and definitely before the onset of a storm!

Acorn Outing to Bernaville Nursery

Anyway not to put a dampener on our festive spirits, I'd like to draw your attention to the Acorn outing to Bernaville Nursery on 4th December. For the uninitiated Bernaville becomes a veritable Santa's Grotto at Christmas and is full of gifts for all the family. So well worth the £5 return ticket. To book your place see page 9.

Didn't they do well?...

We have received a notice from the Playgroup that an astonishing £340 was raised from the Book Sale. To find out how the proceeds will be spent, please turn to page 21.

Also there's a lovely piece from the Children's Hospice about a little lad from Cheriton Bishop who raised £125 by painting pebbles. To see his lovely artwork and read all about it turn to page 6.

A joyous occasion for all of the community

Also don't forget the Christmas Carol Service at St Marys Church on Sunday 23rd

December at 6pm. This is a real crowd pleaser of a service - a gentle reminder of the Christmas story interspersed with verses from our favourite Christmas Carols. The service is usually followed by mince pies and mulled wine! I hope to see many of our readers there.

Well all that remains is for me to say from all of the Newsletter team:

*"We wish you a Merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas,
we wish you a merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year".*

Deadline for the Feb issue: 18th January at 6pm.

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

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Cheriton Bishop Website

For more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Website:

www.cheritonbishop.org.uk

Regular Meeting Dates

Art @ Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840	usually every last Friday of the month 9.30 - 12.30
Baby Clinic Contact: The Surgery	Clinic held every 4th Wednesday of the month 2- 3pm @ CB surgery
Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) Contact: Rachel Barclay 01647 24575	Every Thursday during term time
Camera Club Contact: Andrea Wood 01647 272786	Monthly in the Spalding Hall
Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group Contact: Find us on Facebook	
Coffee Mornings at Crockernwell Contact: Mrs A MacDonald 24446	Every second Saturday in the month
Cubs (8 -10 yrs) Contact: James Morris 01647 252375	Every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)
Gardening Club Contact: Janet Jeffery 24414	usually the third Monday evening in the month during Autumn and Winter
Parish Council Contact Diane Shepherd 01363 85051	every second Monday evening in the month
Pilates (paid advert) Contact: Adele 07976 427941	every Friday morning, 8.55am and 10.00 am during term time
Preschool Contact: Christine Grist 281205	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9-3, Tue 9 -11.30, also "Lunch Club" until 12.45pm on Tues. All during term time only
Scouts (10 - 14 yrs) Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	Every Monday evening during term time
Short Mat Bowling Contact: David Tripp 24582 or Pat Hill 24201	Every Wednesday evening 7.30 - 9.30pm, Sept - May
Spiritual discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 24639	Monthly
Walking Group Contact: Dennis Milton 01647 272844 or Jon Whitehead 01647 281454	For daytime walks see the CB Walking Group Facebook page
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Elaine Clark at elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk website: wcecheritonbishop	Every first Tuesday afternoon in the month
West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	Every Monday evening Oct - May
Young Farmers Contact: Louise Putt 07792 518439	Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

Diary Dates for December

December	Activity	Location	Time
1	Xmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 - 12.00
4	Acorn Outing	Bernaville Nurseries	
6	Acorn Xmas Lunch	Red Lion, Tedburn	12.30
9	Pre school Nativity Play	Parish Church	11
10	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
10	Gardening Club	Village Hall	7.30pm
11	WCE Embroidery Group	Village Hall	2 - 4
12	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys		
13	Camera Club	Spalding Hall	7 - 8.30pm
17	Christmas Bingo	Whiddon Down Village Hall	8.00pm
17	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 - 4
21	Community Carol Service	Memorial Cross, CB	6pm
January			
3	Acorn lunch	Red Lion, Tedburn	12.30
8	WCE Embroidery Group	Village Hall	1.45 - 4.00pm
9	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys		
17	Camera Club	Spalding Hall	7 - 8.30pm
12 - 19	Dunsford Panto	Dunsford Village Hall	times vary
21	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 - 4
21	Gardening Club	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
23	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys		
29	Mobile Library	Stanbury's Orchard, Glebelands, Hescane Park	14.35/15.05/15.40

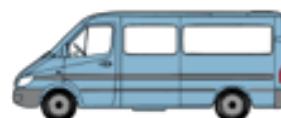
Forthcoming Events

16th February 2019 Race Night at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall from 6.00pm onwards

The Mobile Library

Dates for 2019: Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23. Please let your councillor know if you would like to see this service continue after the next financial year.

	Arrives	Departs
Crockernwell		
Stanbury's Orchard	14.35	14.55
Cheriton Bishop		
Glebelands	15.05	15.35
Hescane Park	15.40	16.10



Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Summary of the Minutes

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council met on the 15th October and November 12th

Planning Applications:-

18/01460 Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of building as a single dwelling house not built in accordance with planning permission at **The Annexe, Polford Cottage**. The Council resolved to object to this application.

18/01680 Erection of 2 storey extension to existing detached garage at Crooked Chimneys Cottage. The Council resolved to support this application with conditions.

18/01633 Outline for the erection of 2 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access at Little Mounson. The Council, who had heard from one member of the public who had spoken in objection to the application, resolved to object on several grounds.

18/01685 Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 3 safari tents, formation of car park and formulation of the site on Land adjacent to **Crooked Chimneys Cottage**. The Council resolved to undertake a site visit and to consider the application at their next meeting on December 10th.

18/01725 Removal of condition relating to agricultural tie at Thorne Cross Farm. The Council resolved to object to this application.

Planning Decisions: the Council noted that the following applications had been approved with conditions as filed:

18/00934/5 Erection of single storey extension, replacement of glazed frame and roof over courtyard, alteration to internal doors, renewal of rainwater goods and porch to east elevation at **Coxland Farm**.

DCC Traffic Regulation Amendment Order: The Council has been advised that a site visit will now take place. Once notified to the Clerk some Cllrs will hope to attend to discuss the proposal with DCC.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor: The Council has co-opted Oswald Chung to the Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gill Westcott.

Defibrillator: Cllr Vooght reported that 40+ people and 12 children had attended the session which was very comprehensive. A further session will be planned for the new year. Cllr Vooght hopes to recruit several volunteers to manage the defibrillator.

Autumn Tidy Up 6th October: Cllrs Vooght and Endacott reported that 18/20 people had attended and they were pleased to welcome some new faces to the Tidy Up. Thanks were given to the local farmer who provided a hedge trimmer. All the support, including teas and coffees, was appreciated.

Storing Parish Council Equipment: The Council has been advised by MDDC that they can not rent the vacant garage as there is a waiting list of tenants wishing to rent it.

Salt Spreader for the Parish: Cllr Endacott proposed that the Council should buy a salt spreader. The Clerk will apply for a grant and look into insurance issues. DCC will advise on choice of spreaders.

Citizens Advice Bureau: The CAB had applied for a grant from the Parish Council but the Council resolved not to support the CAB.

Checkers Store: A notice re the disposal of this community asset has been posted in the village. The Deadline is the 20th December.

Roads and Footpaths: Cllrs expressed continuing concerns that the gullies had not been cleared. Cllr Way and Steve Tucker DCC do a regular tour of the roads in the parish and a Cllr is welcome to tour with them to identify issues for the parish.

MDDC Grass Cutting Charges: These will rise in 2019/20 but the Council resolved to continue to use MDDC for grass cutting.

Snow Warden: Cllr Dicker has been appointed the snow warden and will assist the Teign Valley Practice with their severe weather plan.

Community Land Trust Affordable Housing: Cllr Endacott wished to be assured that the houses were being allocated to those with a local connection, as agreed. Cllr Heal said that he would look into this.

Cllr Coren reported on his work on MDDC Committees including the New Deal for Social Housing. He reported that he had now placed the requested road sign.

Cllr Heal reported on the progress of the Local Plan and the MDDC budget shortfall.

Cllr Way reported on residential homes in Devon for those with Learning Disabilities and the issues facing families that are disqualified from school transport because they lived just inside the qualifying distance.

Agendas and Minutes for Cheriton Bishop Parish Council are posted on the Council noticeboard and on the Council website www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk. You can contact the Clerk on 01363 85051/07903 171897 or by email at clerk@cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk. The Council is keen to hear from the parish about what concerns them and how they would like the parish to develop. **Comments, concerns, ideas please let the Council know!** The next meeting of Cheriton Bishop Parish Council is on **Monday December 10th at 7.30 pm.**

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOTICE (INTENTION TO DISPOSE)

LOCALISM ACT 2011

THE ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

LISTED ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

NAME / ADDRESS OF ASSET: Central Convenience Stores (Checkers Stores), Cheriton Bishop

REFERENCE:
14/00002/ACV

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the owner of this listed Asset of Community Value has submitted to Mid Devon District Council written confirmation under section 95(2) of their intention to dispose of (sell) this asset.

Community interest groups must now consider whether they wish to be treated as a potential bidder in relation to this property / land.

Written confirmation of any wish to be a potential bidder must be sent in writing to Land Charges, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, EX16 6PP or by email to landchar@middevon.gov.uk by **20th December 2018**

If no written confirmation of potential bidders is received by that date, the owner may continue to dispose of the Asset of Community Value.

If written confirmation of potential bidders is received by that date, the owner may not dispose of the asset (unless to a community group) until [ADD DATE]. This is to allow community groups who wish to bid to purchase the asset the chance to raise funds to do so.

More information on Assets of Community Value may be found on the Council's website here <http://www.middevon.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9635>

The Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, requires that any correspondence must be available for inspection either by Councillors or members of the public (which includes the Press). Any observations received must be dealt with on this basis.

Please quote the reference number on all correspondence.

John Bodley Scott
Community Dev. & Regeneration Manager

DATE NOTICE POSTED: 12th November 2018

Important Notice...

A Statement regarding the "Notice to Dispose of Assets of Community Value".

CENTRAL CONVENIENCE STORES [Checkers Stores] CHERITON BISHOP

Since the Notice to dispose / sell this asset was put up at the store, there have been a number of confusing assumptions going around the village, that the shop run by Central Convenience Stores was to close.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE. Central Convenience Stores have a long lease on the property and have no intention of closing the shop.

It is the Freeholder [Owner] who is selling the property.

Community Interest Groups have up to 20th December 2018 to confirm a potential bid for the property by informing Mid Devon District Council. Therefore our **asset of village shop will continue** when a new owner of the property is found.

Cllr Dennis Milton

Messages of thanks.....

A huge thank you must go to Finley Stanbury. Finley, aged 7, from Cheriton Bishop spent 3 weeks drawing and painting pebbles ready to sell at CREDITON Farmers Market on Saturday 17th November. All the money raised went to Children's Hospice South West- a charity he chose to support. The people of CREDITON supported him well and he raised £125 on the day. Thank you to everyone who bought a pebble.



If you would be interested in putting on your own event in support of CHSW or having a free talk from them or a tour of the

Children's Hospice then please contact me, Dominic Scotting, Community Fundraiser, on 01271 325270 or email dominic.scotting@chsw.org.uk



Children's Hospice South West

Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington,
Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 2PZ

Dear Editor

Invisible heroes!

Now we're coming to the end of another year, I'd like to say a thank you to all our *invisible heroes* who do the jobs that seem to the rest of us just to happen by magic.

We have the Flagpole Operatives; the Grass-Cutting Operatives; the Putting-up-Posters [and taking them down again!] Operatives; the Tidying the Village and Churchyard Executives; the Opening and Locking the Church Technicians, and so on. I'm sure I've missed some but, You Know Who You Are! And we are very grateful to you for going out in all weathers to make sure all these things get done.

Jan Mitchell

Dear Editor

That World War I Experience...

I will admit to having had some deep reservations about going along to this event, especially having toured the trenches and war graves in Belgium as a teenager shortly after the end of World War 2. Would it be too sombre and depressing? But I am so glad that I did when Chris and Marilyn Brook decided to put on a

second performance in our church on November 3rd due to popular requests. Their detailed research into this subject provided the basis for a wonderfully entertaining and thought provoking commemoration.

The following is an apt description of the evening by a visitor to Cheriton Bishop who was present.

"The production was excellent in every respect and it was immediately obvious that a great effort had gone into researching the history of the families who had lost sons in that terrible conflict. It took us all back to those days and gave the audience an understanding of life a century ago.

A key feature in promoting that better understanding was the brilliant idea of reading out in chronological order all the official telegrams sent to the next of kin. Each one was a poignant moment, thrown into even sharper relief by the addition of further information about the fallen soldier and his family. As the production covered the whole of the 1914 - 1918 period, the telegrams were spread throughout the play and this heightened the tension. We can

Messages of thanks.....

only imagine what it must have been like for villagers a century ago when they saw the postman clutching a little yellow envelope. Who will it be today? Will he stop at my door?

Another powerful moment was the reading of Dulce et Decorum Est by Wilfred Owen. It was made all the more special by being read just a few hours before the centenary of the death of Owen. It was received as Owen must have intended, expressing his anger and disgust at the pointless and shocking loss of life. Such a contrast to the jingoistic pronouncements from government that led so many men to enlist in the armed forces.

The whole evening was a profound experience for the audience and one that differed from the usual Remembrance Day activities in that it was all about the people. That made it a very special evening, one that everyone present enjoyed and our thanks and congratulations go to all who took part in it."

In my humble opinion, Cheriton Bishop excelled themselves in paying this sincere tribute to the memory of those locally who made their final sacrifice for our nation. Lest we forget
Betty Shepherd

Dear Editor,

I have just got home after a most moving evening in the church at a performance of 'That World War I Experience'. I was unable to go to the previous one back in March and I have to say a very big thank you to everyone involved for doing a re-visiting of this amazing production. It was most professional, and it always amazes me that we have such a wealth of gifted people in our village who are brave enough to let us have a glimpse of their creative abilities. Bagpipes, mouth organ, voices, keyboard, drum - all featured. And the sound and lighting was most effective as well as being atmospheric.

Thank you!

Jan Mitchell

Dear Editor,

The collection from the remembrance services was £211.93 (£257.93 in 2017). A little lower than last year. I will be sending this off to the Royal British Legion.

Regards

Rev Martin Wood

Toilet Talk!

When Cheriton Bishop is graced with a lot of rain, it would appear that our sewerage system doesn't cope very well and some villagers, who have the misfortune of residing near the sewage collection tank, suffer from blow back! In other words, the sewage flows back along the pipe and resurfaces from the manhole covers.

The resultant mess reveals all sorts of detritus, much of which should NOT be flushed down the toilet. So for the avoidance of doubt, sanitary products, nappies, wet wipes and wet toilet tissues, tights, and litter is best disposed of in the dustbin NOT the toilet!



Thank you for your consideration!

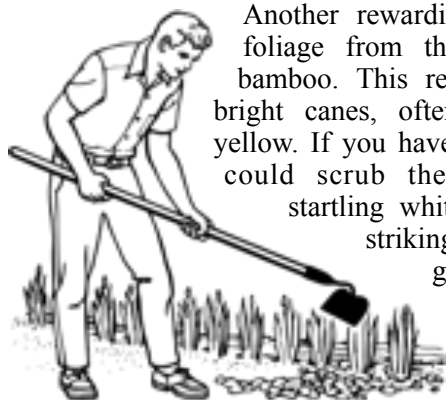
South West Water have been informed of this matter (and are studiously ignoring it)!



Flushable!

Jobs for the Garden in December

This might not be the most appealing time of year to venture into the garden but there are always jobs to do! If you feel like some fresh air and exercise, leaves can be collected to make valuable leaf mould. Even if you don't have a dedicated compost bin, you can rake them under a large bush or tree and anchor them with some soil.



Another rewarding job is to clear foliage from the lower stems of bamboo. This reveals the beautiful bright canes, often green or bright yellow. If you have a silver birch you could scrub the trunk to reveal startling white bark which is a striking feature of winter gardens.

You might however rather stay indoors, so don't forget how valuable plants are in the home. NASA spent millions of dollars experimenting with plants for spaceships so we know that certain plants are particularly good at purifying the air. Our homes are full of air pollutants which plants can absorb. Chrysanthemums are colourful and effective air cleansers, as well as the good old Spider Plant. Ficus are often seen in offices for good reason. The Peace Lily is an excellent and beautiful cleanser, as is Dracaena, the Dragon Plant. Incidentally, the red juice of this plant was traditionally used to colour violins!

By Sally Rix

Book Sale 2018 Cheriton Bishop style!

Every book, whether crammed full of information or flights of fancy, begins life on a blank piece of paper. The writer may have received an advance payment before starting the book or just hoped that a publisher would snap it up on completion of a synopsis. With luck the author may receive some royalties once the book is sold retail. To be bought by a library may mean a small annual payment depending on how often the book is borrowed.

But once that book is sold, it becomes 'secondhand' and takes on a completely new lease of life benefiting not the publisher or the author but Good Causes! And note the plural because that book may change hands many times and each time it is recycled into a charity sale, another charity benefits. And just how many times can a book become secondhand and sold on? No-one knows!!!!!!!!!!

Some 90 Sainsbury boxes crammed full of 'secondhand' books were on sale in Cheriton Bishop Village Hall. The books may have already put in an appearance for a charity; in June some were donated to the Surgery Fun Day adding to that grand total. The proceeds from the Book Sale found their way into the coffers of Playgroup, another charity. The unsold books are now on the shelves of FORCE, and their charity shop in Heavitree.



So please keep buying new books because their 'secondhand life' provides a steady stream of income for charities, big and small.

The Book Sale has, over the years, had a few dramas. Remember the time when Jim Thomas put his foot through the rotten floorboard in the chapel when the book sale was held there? Friday 9th November 2018 was Book Sale evening by torchlight and mobile phone light due to a power cut. For all those who thought that such an event would stop a Book Sale, and did not venture out, you missed an experience! Shame on you! You must have known that nothing stops a Cheriton Bishop Book Sale. (the one exemption, Foot and Mouth)

Many thanks for all your books and donations, Playgroup had hoped to buy some 'big' vehicles with any proceeds.

by Persis Bower



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ACORN OUTING ON 4TH DECEMBER

You are invited to join us on our Outing to Bernaville Nurseries near Exeter on 4th December, Cost £5.

And then on January 8th we hope to go somewhere else. We can gather your ideas and suggestions of places to visit on the December 4th outing!

Please phone the Acorn Office to book your seat on [01647 252701](tel:01647252701)

[do leave a message on the ansaphone if necessary and they will ring you back]. Once they know who is coming they will draw up a plan for times and places for picking up and let you know. So, if you are free between 10am and 2pm on 4th December why not give it a try!!!!

BE QUICK! We need to know final numbers by the morning of Monday 3rd.



An important note to our Yellow Page Advertisers

The Newsletter Team has asked me to remind our yellow page advertisers to make sure that, as well as paying their invoice by the deadline of 4 December, it is very important to inform Patience of any amendments to existing advertisements and/or send new ones as soon as possible and definitely by the 4 December - so if you want to be sure your advert will appear in the first Newsletter of the New Year you will need to get your skates on!!! Also a **big thank you** to all our advertisers - it's you that enables us to continue to be able to offer the Newsletter free of charge to everyone in the area. Please send your copy for adverts in a word .doc or .docx format or a .pdf, as an attachment, to : netherway@talktalk.net

Neighbourhood Watch News.....

Now it's almost Christmas and where has this year gone. It seems only a short while ago we were doing this very same thing to put an article in the 2017 December Newsletter.

REMINDERS TO START OFF WITH

It is assumed that by now all interested people who want to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch have registered. See October Newsletter. If by chance you have not and would like to be a member please contact **Jean - [01647 24586](tel:0164724586)**.

Devon and Cornwall Police are encouraging all members of our community to sign up to their Alert system. To do this type into your Internet search bar the following <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/Join> This is a two way messaging community system operated by the police and helps them to connect with the communities, tells people what is happening in their area and allows them to respond directly with any information forwarded.

Scams continue on relentlessly with new ones being invented, the aim being to try to take money off us. So do not give them the chance by remembering these rules: Your bank or the police will never

- Phone or contact you out of the blue and ask for your pin or banking password, even by tapping them into your phone keypad.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over for safe keeping. Ask you to transfer money to a safe account for fraud reasons even if they say it is in your name.
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, pin, cards or cheque books.
- Ask you to purchase goods using your card and hand it over for safe keeping.

Be on your utmost guard to these types of requests.

Thefts of power tools from vans is taking place. Owners should remain vigilant, secure their property and report any suspicious activity to the police. Better still is not to

leave any equipment in the van over night with a sign saying just that.

Unexpected fake TV Licensing refund emails are about. Do not click on links provided in the email as these lead to phishing websites designed to steal personal and financial details.

CLOSER TO HOME

With the nights drawing in and the dark early mornings, please take extra care when out walking or jogging in our unlit or poorly lit lanes. Help drivers to see you by wearing high visibility reflective clothing and reflective attachments to bags and back packs.

A burglary over the Christmas period is not what any of us want or at any time for that matter. Lock your home external doors and windows at all times even if only going out for a short while and the same goes for outbuildings and sheds. Don't advertise presents in the home where they can be seen from outside. Set the alarm if you are out for a long while or are away. Always put purchases out of sight in the locked car boot and not on the seats. This also applies when delivering or collecting anything. Hide your pin number when withdrawing money from cash machines, note that no one is watching or is close and if you think the machine has been interfered with do not use but report it to the store or bank.

We all need to be vigilant, observant and keep our eyes open to what's going on.

It's Christmas so Neighbourhood Watch wish all in Cheriton Bishop and the surrounding area a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and for a happy, safe and secure **2019**.

Contact Jean Martin - [01647 24586](tel:0164724586)

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

As we approach the end of the year, it is always useful to reflect on the walks we have done so far.

During the summer months we explored deep into the Moor as far as Duck's Pool, one of the remote letterboxes on the South part.

Also in the summer we did the mid-week evening walks mostly around the Teign valley. We explored all through the newly opened tracks in the woods and these walks were very popular. Some of the better attended walks seemed to be mid-week short notice ones when there was a fine weather window!

In October we had a well attended evening talk from Dr Peter Whitehead who gave us useful safety information and advice on the dangers of walking in remote locations.

Over the winter and into next year we will continue the system where the dates will be varied and we will try to programme the dates to suit the weather where possible. All dates will be circulated by email and posted on our FaceBook page.

This is available for anyone to read and to post on, and also has reports and photos of past walks.

We hope everyone enjoys the festive season and hopefully we may see some new faces joining us to walk off the excesses!

As always, everyone is welcome to join us and suggest their own favourite walks for us to enjoy.

Jon and Dennis

Jon Whitehead (j.whitehead53@btinternet.com)



Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation

We're publishing a draft new Local Plan for Dartmoor, and consulting on it between **3rd December 2018 and 4th February 2019**.

The Local Plan sets out what type of development is and isn't acceptable in the National Park, it is what we use to decide planning applications, and sets out where future development may take place.

Help us plan for Dartmoor's future by commenting on it – it's important to tell us what you like, as well as anything you'd like to see change. View and comment on the plan online or at libraries, parish councils and information centres during the consultation period.

dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview

Have a chat with us about the Plan and how it might affect you at our public drop-in event in your area:

13 December 3pm - 6pm **North Dartmoor**
18 December 3pm - 6pm **East Dartmoor**

Whiddon Down Village Hall
Moretonhampstead Community Club

A list of other drop-in events happening throughout December is available on our website.

Join the discussion:

Twitter: @DartmoorPlanFacebook: /DartmoorPlan

dartmoor.gov.uk/localplanreview

forwardplanning@dartmoor.gov.uk

Tel: 01626 832093

Upcoming local events

Please come and join us at.....

The Spalding Hall

on Saturday 1st December 10.30 - 12 noon

Christmas Coffee Morning

Seasonal fayre to enjoy and buy
Mince pies, mulled wine, raffle and more
Proceeds to go towards funding the Hall



A cuppa and a chat at the Spalding Hall!

on Monday 17th **December** 2018 and
on Monday 21st **January** 2019 between **2pm and 4pm**

Everyone is welcome!

Choice of hot and cold drinks and biscuits

Need a lift from your home?

Ring Jean on 01647 24586 or Paul on 01647 24405 beforehand

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



Community Christmas Carol Singing

Friday 21st December

Meet 6pm at the Memorial Cross in Cheriton Bishop

Hymn sheets provided, bring your own torch
and wrap up warm! This year we hope to
have homemade lanterns to brighten the
event so feel free to make your own and
bring along.





What's on in December 2018

Visit our NEW website at

www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club - Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be Dec 6th 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 Sainsburys from Cheriton - Wednesdays December 12th, January 9th and 23rd. Help is provided in store. We will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £5 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - This month it will be Thursday 13th December. Meetings are held 10.30 - 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 - look out for the sign.

Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall - The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. Please drop in for a tea or coffee, a slice of homemade cake & meet up with friends, everyone welcome. This month it will be Tuesday December 11th.

Dunsford coffee morning- Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212. This month it is Wednesdays December 5th & 19th. 10.30 - 12.00. All very welcome.

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

Please note: Acorn Community Support will be closed from 21st December until 2nd January 2019

Acorn wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Acorn Office: 01647 252701 for further information.

A Call for Trustees



We hope you are well aware of Acorn Community Support and its activities in your community and are asking you if you are interested in becoming a Trustee of this very worthwhile and very local charity?

If so, we would very much like to hear from you!!

Our purpose is the advancement of health and wellbeing with elderly, frail and disabled people in our community. We help our adult community in a variety of ways, delivering medicines, transport to medical and dental appointments, running a Memory Café and other social events including regular lunches and coffee mornings.

The users of Acorn tell us how much they value it. By joining us you could help us maintain and develop this beneficial local service.

To register your interest please call Donna at the Acorn office on 01647 252701 or email office@acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

***'Acorn Community Support -
Lending a local helping hand since 1989'***

Acorn Christmas Lunch

If you enjoy good food served in a warm and friendly setting then come and join us for lunch Acorn style!



Thursday 6th December 12.30pm

At Red Lion Pub, Tedburn St. Mary.

Traditional Turkey Christmas Lunch

Christmas Pudding or Trifle

Mince Pie Tea or Coffee

£11.95 per person



Please place your orders with Jean before 3rd December on 01647 24586.



Acorn January Lunch

Thursday 3rd January 12.30pm at The Red Lion Pub, Tedburn St Mary.

Mains choice –

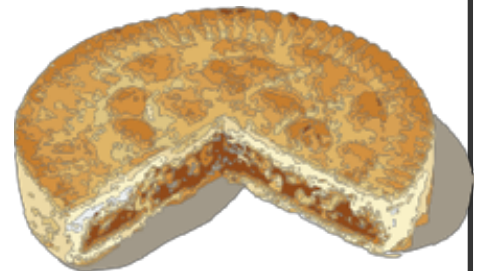
Fish, Chips & peas OR Steak & kidney pie with potatoes & veg OR Ham

Salad with new potatoes

Dessert choice –

Apple crumble & custard OR Ice cream OR Fruit cocktail

£8.95 per person



Please let me know your choice when reserving your place. Reservations must be made before 31st December to Jean on 01647 24586. All ages welcome. Lifts can be arranged.

CHRISTMAS BINGO at Whiddon Down Village Hall

Monday 17th December at 8.00pm

Prizes for one and two lines, fresh meat dinners for a full house.

(Meat/poultry prizes supplied by OINKERS AT DRAKES FARM).

Upcoming: AN EVENING OF PIG RACING!!

This promises to be a fun and hilarious evening!

Saturday 9th February at Whiddon Down Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Tickets £5.00 to include a pasty. Betting on the TOTE & a raffle.

Each race sponsored by local businesses with a prize given for the lucky owner or the winning pig

(No animals will be harmed during this event!) To book your tickets and to buy a pig

@ £3.00 each. Contact JENNY on 01647 231179 or CLARE on 01647 231643

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY



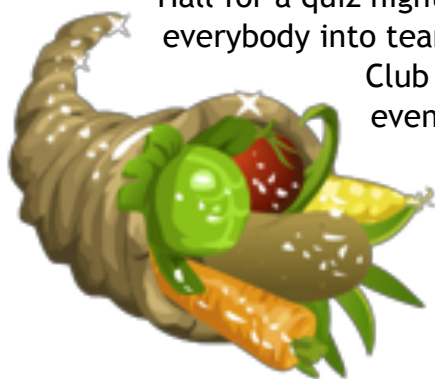
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Gardening Club

First a thank you to all who helped with the Annual Dinner in any way and thank you to those who came. It was a jolly, friendly evening with a fantastic choice of puddings!

Our December meeting is again in the Village Hall because of the need for space. On Dec. 10th we meet at 7.30pm to make Christmas Wreaths. Masses of greenery of various types will be available and help if needed. Seasonal refreshments will be provided - a glass or two of mulled wine gets everybody chatting. There is no charge for the evening and older children will be welcome as well.

In January the Seed Distribution morning takes place from 10.30 - 12 at 1, Woodpecker Way, courtesy of Jean Martin. If you have ordered seeds but cannot get there give me a ring to make alternative arrangements. The January meeting is back in the Spalding Hall for a quiz night on 21st January, 7.30pm. Just turn up and a draw will sort everybody into teams of four. We invite members of Drewsteignton Gardening Club to come as well, and cake and coffee are served during the evening.

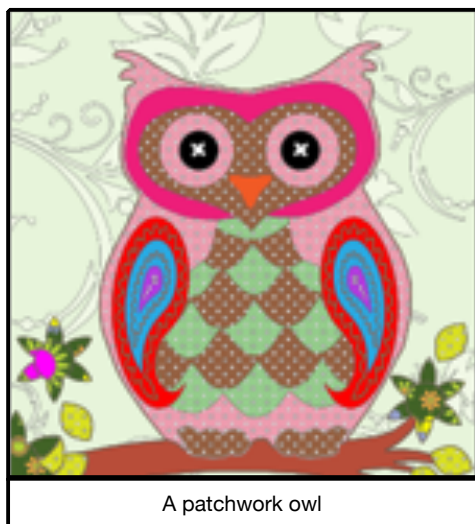


I wish our members a Happy Christmas, and remind them that traditionally prize onion seed is sown on Boxing Day, the first job for next year's gardening year.

Janet Jeffery 24414

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West Country Embroiderers, Textiles & Mixed Media



A patchwork owl

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday 11th December from 12pm to 4pm

STARTING A SKETCH BOOK

8th January from 1.45 to 4pm

Time to celebrate following a very successful year. Our membership has grown with new members coming from Moretonhampstead and Tedburn St Mary. In January, Alan will be illustrating the value of a sketch book and how to develop our ideas. The forthcoming year's programme covers a vast array of techniques from lino cut printing to modern embroidery. Annual membership

is only £25, so please contact me if you are interested in joining.

Contact: elainejclark@hotmail.co.uk or telephone me at home on 0164724218.

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The Nativity Play

The part of the preparations for Christmas. Yet, we come to the nativity with mixed feelings. Perhaps, we have been involved in the production of the nativity play, all the children are off sick and we are not sure how we are going to manage! Maybe we look back with fondness and remember a time when we were playing an important part like Mary, Gabriel or a King, and it made a great impression of us. On the other hand, we may be emotionally scarred by not being given a leading role and had to settle for a minor role like a donkey or a sheep and still resent the person who got a better character. I guess many of us might have missed out on the whole thing and it is either a source of relief or a great sadness.

Putting aside personal involvement, I guess most of us have seen several nativity plays and have different memories of them. They often range from very simple with very young children to very accomplished with both adults and children. They can be set in a traditional way or a more contemporary way, yet we recognize the same underlying story. It is often a personal connection that makes one play stick in our minds. I always think of my father in law, as one of the kings in splendid robes bringing gold as a gift. The story often has amusing dimensions, some intentional and some unexpected. There must be a huge catalogue, characters dashing off to the loo, or really not getting on with their fellow actors, or spotting a parent and being completely absent in the middle of the play. The grumpy innkeeper, who has no room at the inn and would rather be safely tucked up in bed usually makes for a colourful character.

Yet, behind the happy outward story, there are some quite painful truths that are easily forgotten. Mary and Joseph were travelling home yet there is no welcome or mention of the family to help out. It was Mary's first child, she would have been very afraid of what was about



to happen to her. There is no mention of a midwife to help with the birth. Complications with births were life-threatening events for both mum and baby. When you understand some of the dangers involved and social isolation, the celebrations of the safe arrival of the baby and mother doing well resound from heaven to earth. The shepherds witness it first hand and are moved to find out more. The people of the East see a star and travel to find out more of what has happened.

If you see a nativity play this year, will it be just like a Christmas decoration that is got out every year and put away for the rest of the year? Or like the shepherds and wisemen will we be drawn into the story and be able to give thanks to God for Jesus Christ, who lived like us?

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

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday 2nd Advent 1

9am Whitestone Holy Communion
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
 9.30 Holcombe Burnell Parish Communion
Revd Martin Wood
 11am Tedburn St Mary Informal Worship
Revd Martin Wood
 3pm Pathfinder Holy Communion
Revd Martin Wood
 6pm Cheriton Bishop Evening Prayer
Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 6th

10.30 Pathfinder Holy Communion
Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 9th Advent 2

9am Holcombe Burnell Morning Prayer
Lay Led
 9.30 Whitestone Parish Communion
Revd Martin Wood
 11am Cheriton Bishop PreSchool Nativity
 3pm Pathfinder Prayer and Fellowship
 Evening Prayer
 3pm Tedburn St Mary
Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 13th

10.30 Pathfinder Holy Communion.
Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 16th Advent 3

9am Tedburn St Mary Holy Communion
Revd Martin Wood
 9.30 Cheriton Bishop Parish Communion
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
 11am Whitestone Family Service
Revd Martin Wood
 3pm Oldridge Carols
Revd Martin Wood
 3pm Pathfinder Evensong
Lay Led
 6pm Holcombe Burnell Holy Communion
Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 20th

10.30 Pathfinder Holy Communion.
Revd Martin Wood

Sunday 23rd Advent 4

3pm Pathfinder United Service
 3pm Whitestone Carols and Crib
Revd Martin Wood
 3pm Tedburn St Mary Carols
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
 6pm Cheriton Bishop Carols
Revd Martin Wood
 6pm Holcombe Burnell Carols
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Monday 24th

Christmas Eve
 4pm Tedburn St Mary Crib Service
Revd Martin Wood
 11pm Tedburn St Mary Midnight
Revd Graham Stone
 11pm Whitestone Midnight
Revd Martin Wood

Tuesday 25th

Christmas
 10am Cheriton Bishop Christingle
 Communion
Revd Martin Wood
 10am Holcombe Burnell Family
 Communion
Revd Prof Tim Gorringe

Sunday 30th

10.30 Pathfinder Team Communion.
Revd Martin Wood

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.



SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2019

Thursday 3rd

10.30 Pathfinder	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
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Sunday 6th

9.30 Whitestone	<i>Epiphany</i> Morning Prayer	Lay Led
9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am Tedburn Methodist	United Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Cheriton Bishop	Evening Prayer	Lay Led

Thursday 10th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 13th

9.30 Holcombe Burnell	<i>Baptism of Christ</i> BCP Communion	Revd Martin Wood
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringer
11am Cheriton Bishop	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
11am Tedburn Methodist	Covenant Service	
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 17th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 20th

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

Thursday 24th

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 27th

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

Thursday 31st

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Church News from the district

Churchwarden's Ramblings

If you have made a recent visit to St Mary's you may have noticed parts being whiter and less peeling paint, many thanks to those who turned out and ventured up ladders on the 26th and 27th of October. There will be more decoration to look at in the New Year, I will keep you posted.

And another thank you, this time for those who helped at the churchyard working party, including the catering squad. We completed most of the tasks that we set ourselves in tidying the churchyard for the winter.

Looking forward, we have our usual run of Christmas services, starting with the PreSchool Nativity on 9th December,

followed by our carol service on Sunday 23rd and then a Christingle Communion service at 10am on Christmas Day where the collection will be in aid of the Children's Society. Please see the published list for full details of the service times.

Then I have my annual plea, it's the time of year to make new lists, for help with cleaning of the interior of St Mary's. We have a band of volunteers, not all of whom are regular worshippers at the church, who help to keep everything spick and span by taking turns in pairs, for a fortnight, every 4 months or so. Please contact me if you would be prepared to join the rota.

Alan Greenslade Tel: 01647 24002

Holy Trinity Yeoford

The first of our new Family Services was held in November. The December Family Service will be the Crib Service and from January the Family Service will continue on the second Sunday of each month. We have been busy preparing for St. Nicolas Fair in Crediton and the Yeoford Village Fair on 1st December, do please come and have a bacon buttie and cup of tea at our stall. This year we have decided to have a candle lit carol service in church rather than the village hall. Please join us for this service and all of our Christmas Services. Craft Morning **December 3rd**, come and make some Christmas decorations.

Cafe Company on Mondays from 9.30 till 11am

December Services

Sunday 9th December
Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sunday 16th December
Candlelit Carol Service 5pm

Christmas Eve 24th December
Crib Service 4pm

First Holy Communion of Christmas 9pm

January 2019 Services

13th January
10am Family Service

19th January
Messy Church 3.30pm
in the village Hall.

27 January
9.30 Holy Communion

Carol Price Tel: 01647 24468

WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL SERVICES

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. EX6 6HG Telephone [01647 24264/24660](tel:01647 24264/24660)

December	10.30 - 11.15am	11am	3pm
2nd		Morning Worship	Family Service with Mr Danny Chipps
9th		Morning Worship	Family service with Mr Mathew Pitts
16th		Morning Worship	Carol Choice
23rd		Morning Worship	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Day	Family Service		
30th		Morning service only	

No Friends and Neighbours meeting in December

Prayer meeting and Bible Study Monday evenings at 7.30pm

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

January 2019	11am	3pm
6th	Morning Worship	Family Service with Mr John Hawkins
13th	Morning Worship	Family Service with Rev Rob Williams
20th	Morning Worship	Family Service with Rev David Cole
27th	Morning Worship	Family Service with a Presentation by Gideons International

Friends and Neighbours meeting 17th January 2019 2 - 4pm

Prayer meeting and Bible Study Monday evenings 7.30pm,

Dunsford Singers: A Teign Valley Choir - Christmas Concert

It's that time of year again! We would like to invite you along to one of our lovely musical events on either Sunday 2nd December 4pm in Dunsford Village Hall, or Saturday 8th December 7.30pm in the Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow. Both concerts will feature a performance of the fabulous **Gloria** by **Vivaldi**, one of the most popular, tuneful and uplifting pieces of classical music.

In the second half we will be singing a wide range of lighter, seasonal music, and there will an opportunity for you to sing along, too. Our talented young conductor Tim Pithers will be steering us through the programme in his inimitable, energetic style, and this year we welcome our new accompanist Harry George. So why not hang your Christmas garland on the door and then come and join us in kicking off the community spirit of the festive season?

Tickets are £10 (£5 under 16s), to include seasonal refreshments, are available from choir members or on the door. To reserve a ticket please ring Jane Inwood (01647 252519) or Jan Middleton (01647 252368).



Cheriton Bishop Pre-school News

Booksale thank you!

An absolute massive thank you must go to Persis and her team of helpers and of course all of those who attended the book sale. A fantastic total of almost £340 was raised, for which we are all really grateful. We will be looking into purchasing a couple of new ride-on tractors, and as it was such a great total, we will also be able to replace our broken play tunnel and pop-up tent too!



Cycle refreshment pit-stop

Join us on Sunday 2nd December for some festive refreshments between 10am – 12pm at The YFC Building, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JH £5 for a cup of home-made soup, mince pie/cake and drink. All welcome

Nativity Performance

'A Miracle in Town'

Come along and join us for our traditional annual nativity on SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 11AM **ST. MARYS CHURCH, CHERITON BISHOP.** And afterwards in the school hall for sales of: 'A Miracle in Town' DVD, Tea & Coffee, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine, Preschool Children's Christmas Crafts, Cake stall and much more!

"Everyone at Cheriton Bishop Pre-school would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last 12 months and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year!"

For more information about spaces and session times please call Play Leader Christine Grist on (01647) 281205 or 07977 777318
email: enquiries@cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk

STONE LANE GARDENS

WINTER WONDER AMONG THE BEAUTIFUL BIRCH TREES AND VOLUNTEER WITH US

- Open every day all year round, Stone Lane Gardens, a small friendly conservation charity near Chagford, is **urgently seeking volunteers** to help in the office.
- Our mission is to conserve birch and alder trees by promoting, researching, propagating and displaying our National Collection in a beautiful arboretum to educate and inform the public, alongside an educational display of high quality art in a natural setting. The charity is run by volunteer Trustees and we have regular volunteer groups working in the garden
- Currently, we have two office posts that need filling as soon as possible. One is for a **Book-keeper/ administrator**, which would suit a retired book-keeper, a knowledge of the software 'VT transactions' and PAYE would be helpful. Half a day a week would be ideal for the book-keeping and optionally an additional half-day or more for administration. If you are interested, please contact Tim Imrie admin@stonelane gardens.com 01647 433771
- Also, we have need of a **Social Media and Website Volunteer**. We need to keep our website up to date and promote the work of the charity on our facebook page and any other social media that you would like to use. There is also the potential to be creative with photography. You can work from home or from our office on a half a day per week basis. If this appeals to you, please contact Pru Barnes pru.barnes@stonelane gardens.com 01822 841686
- Stone Lane Gardens, Stone Lane, Chagford, TQ13 8JU. (Charity number 1141252)

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice Patient Participation Group

Repeat prescriptions

The run-up to Christmas is a busy time for the dispensary. It would help them greatly if those who need repeat prescriptions could put in their requests in good time, not leaving them until the last minute before the holiday. There is no need to order extra or to double up on orders – the surgery and dispensary will only be closed for the 2 days of Tues 25th and Wed 26th Dec 2018, plus Tues 1st January 2019. Your help with this can make a huge difference to the staff who are also having to deal with an increase in acute medication requests from the doctors for patients with colds, flu, etc., during the winter months. Thank you!

Some News from the Surgery

The Surgery would like to remind you that they host a toenail cutting service provided by Amber Bennett on the last Tuesday in the month at Cheriton [and the last Thursday in the month at Christow] at a cost of £15. This is a private arrangement for people who are not eligible for the free NHS service.

Would you be willing to be called upon in the event of bad weather to act as a drop-off point for medication in your local area so that other patients could then collect from your home in your locality?
Please phone Julia on 01647 24272 to offer or find out more.

Also, in the event of snow/ice, the village hall car park and paths need to be cleared so that patients can safely get into the surgery. If you are able-bodied and you'd be willing to put your name and contact phone number on the list please phone Julia on 01647 24272.

And finally, don't forget ... CAB @ Cheriton Bishop Surgery

Citizens Advice Bureau on the 4th Friday in each month

There are 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 at Cheriton Bishop 01647 24272

“A truly magical, traditional pantomime for all the family (and of course, a good excuse for a pasty)”.

Dunsford Amateur Dramatics Society proudly presents 'The Snow Queen' written by Judy Harrison and based on the classic wintry fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson.

With over 100 lavish costumes, prepare to be dazzled by a sumptuous performance which takes the audience all the way to the North Pole (but, ahem...via Tarzan in the jungle). Follow young Gerda in her search for Kay, her long lost childhood friend, kidnapped by the evil Snow Queen in her ice palace.

Dunsford Village Hall, Saturday 12th - 19th January 2019

Matinees 2.30pm Sat 12th and Sat 19th with NEW matinee performance on Sun 13th.
Evenings 7.45pm Tues 15th - Sat 19th.

Tickets on sale 1st December 2018

Box Office: Townsend Farmhouse Dunsford 01647 252924

Well, I do believe that our editor has more power at hand than we give credit for. The official deadline for copy for this edition was 1800 today. Just as the clock approached that time there came a tremendous clap of thunder and all the power went off. The BBC news was just starting on the television at the time. No, I hadn't got my copy ready so perhaps it was a good reminder especially as I am supposed to be down at the St Ives Shanty Festival this weekend with Mariners Away but I am not fit enough at the moment. I'm sure that they will get along perfectly well without me!!!!

Before I go on to other things, I would just like to recap a bit on this month. I am attaching a photo of the cast of our little production in church 'That World War 1 Experience'. No matter that the photo was taken at the March performance, it was the same cast on 3rd November. For me, it was a great privilege to take part and bring home to the audience an impression of what it must have been like trying to run a normal life, all the while half expecting that telegram to arrive without warning. I hope all who came to see us left with a greater realisation of the horrors of war.



Mariners Away were invited down to Princetown to add some backing voices to Chris Hoban, a well known folk singer and composer who had created an impressive account of the Great War in song and verse. It was a very moving piece of work and, again, a privilege to participate in. Whilst still on the subject and talking about participation, the number of people now appearing at our Remembrance Services has been growing over the years. As this year was also Armistice Day it was doubly poignant. The usual wreaths and crosses were augmented by wreaths laid by relatives of some of the names on the memorial cross.

On the railway front, the Christmas season is just about upon us and we will soon be starting up the 'Trains to Christmas Town' from Okehampton. I'm told that bookings have been doing well for this activity. The Train to Christmas Town replaced the old Polar Express. Why not make a visit to the station and see what's happening. The Christmas trains are fun for all the family from Grandparents through to the very young!

We'll move on to the school now. A major initiative recently has been National Anti-bullying Week and the school has been actively pursuing the promotion of a comprehensive set of guidelines aimed at the prevention of bullying in all its forms. The slogan is:-

BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY

For some time, the school has had a 'Buddy Bench' and 13th November saw a PTFA initiative raise £110 towards refurbishment of the Buddy Bench when they held an anti-bullying breakfast at the school. Well done the PTFA!

You will notice from the calendar that there are a number of ‘performances’ referred to over the Christmas period. Let me enlighten you a little. Classes 1 and 2 will be performing a nativity play called ‘The Landlord’s Cat’ followed by Classes 3 and 4 performing a Carol Concert – an interesting combination methinks!

Boxes for the Annual Shoe Box Appeal have all now been taken to the collection point.

Although it didn’t appear in the calendar, there was a Rugby Tournament on 9th November for Year 5/6 children of the Crediton Area. Didn’t Cheriton Bishop do well ? All the children in Class 4 participated ‘ and, with 24 other teams and over 250 participating in the event, one of the Cheriton Teams made it through to the semi-final!!!! Well done to everyone concerned.

Children in Need found the school raising £150.60 through the sale of sausage baps and non-uniform access. The Student Council organised the event – well done to them all and a big thank you to Oinkers for supplying the sausages.

On to the calendar that now looks something like this:-

December	18th	Pantomime
4th Y3 Forest School	19th	Christingle Service – 0930
7th Christmas Fayre – from 1400	20th	Christmas Lunch
12th Dress Rehearsal – Pre school to watch	21	Christmas Jumper Day
13th Performance 0930	21st	1400 - End of Autumn Term
14th Performances 1400 & 1800	January	
17th PTFA Christmas Party Lunch	8th 2019 – Start of Spring Term	

I’m afraid that I don’t have anything further from the school calendar except that the ever-popular Forest School for Year 4 will start on 15th January.

Mariners Away kick off the New Year with their Christmas Dinner on 12th January. Yes, I know, that is after Christmas but it gives the opportunity for all the other family activities to happen in good time – and we’re still getting the Christmas menu!!!! Then we will be looking forward to the usual programme of festivals and the like. In the planning stage at the moment are the following :

May	Gloucester Sea Shanty Festival and Tall Ships	August	Lyme Regis Folk Weekend
June	Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival	September	Widecombe Fair
		September	Teignmouth Sea Shanty Festival
August	Dartmoor Folk Festival	November	St Ives Sea Shanty festival

Of course, all the festivals are interspersed with single gigs around Devon and Cornwall. It makes for a busy old life if you don’t weaken.

It only remains for me to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don’t forget that the main reason for the Christmas celebrations is the birth of that baby some two thousand years ago. Here’s to a good 2019 for one and all.

PGR

Latest update from Castle Drogo

Hi everyone.

Another year has flown by and this one feels quite exciting as we are on the final lap when it comes to the building conservation project at Castle Drogo. It has been an exciting 6 years with many challenges but even more exciting opportunities. Thank you to everyone who has shown their support and love of Castle Drogo during this time.

There is a huge amount of work to do as the building project draws to an end so 2019 will be the year we put the castle back together ready for the 'reintroduction' of the property as a family home in 2020.

We will continue to celebrate the conservation work of the National Trust during 2019 and the focus across the property will be on the work that we do to look after our places and landscapes such as Castle Drogo. At the same time we will tell a parallel story of the Drewe Family moving into the castle for the first time and continue to engage visitors with Drogo's architecture. The end result will be the reinstatement of the house to a family home.

The whole journey will take place in front of the public, allowing the opportunity to see work normally done behind the scenes. Things will change on a regular basis day-to-day, week-to-week, as rooms are repaired and redecorated, carpets laid, curtains rehung and the collection unpacked.

I very much hope that you will join us as we start to transform the building site back to a family home and celebrate the incredible work that has taken place over the past 6 years. We would love to welcome new people to the Castle Drogo team with many volunteer opportunities and different stories for us to tell. If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

Thanks again everyone, merry Christmas, and we hope to see you soon.

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Tedburn St Marys Women's Institute

Our **NEXT MEETING**, on 4th December, is 'Members' Night', when our Members are 'in charge', bringing with them delicious delicacies for us to taste and enjoy and of course, there will be some wine too!! There will also be an opportunity to make some Christmas decorations. And the Committee will be sharing the programme, which we have prepared for next year, with our Members.

We always welcome new Members to our W.I. and, if you would like to join us, our Meetings are held at 7.30pm – every FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, in the Tedburn St. Mary Village Hall – so please, just come along and join us.

Or, 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



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NEDCare Gears Up for Winter.....

NEDCare, the community company offering home care services in North East Dartmoor, is making special preparations for harsh winter conditions.

“Last year, we launched our 4x4 Volunteer Force, with local 4x4 drivers helping our carers to get to their clients in atrocious weather. This year, we’re looking for more volunteer drivers who are prepared to be on call if the weather turns bad,” says Executive Director Julia Darby.

NEDCare is also advising anyone who needs care – or knows someone who may need care – to get in touch as soon as possible to make sure they’re ready for Winter.

“There’s always an increase in the number of people who need care at this time of year,” says Julia. “Cold weather can have a huge impact on people who previously thought they were caring for themselves quite well. Requests for information about care services also often come from families returning for seasonal visits home to find that their relatives aren’t coping quite as well as they used to.”

To volunteer for the **NEDCare 4x4 Volunteer Force**, to find out more about care, or to talk about working with NEDCare, call 01647 279211 or visit www.nedcare.org

