

Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell Newsletter

November 2019



In this edition:

An introduction to our new Editor, an illustrated talk on climate change, a day trip to Otter Nurseries and much more!

Useful Information

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LOCAL SERVICES (Paid advert)

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[Updated September 2019]

Welcome to the November edition of our parish newsletter

Dear Readers,

A warm welcome to our new Editor!

I am delighted to announce that we have a new editor for our village newsletter. Lucy Cooper moved to Cheriton Bishop last year with her husband and two sons. She has settled into village life and can often be spotted around Church Lane walking her two adorable, little dogs! We are doubly blessed in finding Lucy because she is also a professional graphic designer and is full of brilliant ideas to inject new life into the newsletter. I am sure you will all wish Lucy a very warm welcome and give her as much encouragement as you gave me.

A plea from Persis!

“Do you have any unwanted children’s books or teenage reading material that you would you like to donate to the children’s section of the Book Sale?”

This year we have received very few children’s books suitable for all ages and would be grateful for more donations. Please see page 11 for details of where you can make your donations.

Draft Minutes

The newsletter provides a vital link between the parish council and the parishioners of the village. To ensure you are reading the latest minutes, I usually include the draft version. Please note that the final minutes have to be signed off at the consecutive parish council meeting and these can be viewed on the village noticeboard, by the war memorial.

New opening hours for Drakes Farm & Café

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to local dining out options and Drakes Farm have further extended that choice by lengthening their opening hours! You are

warmly invited to pop in and sample their delicious fayre from

Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am till 5pm and Sunday 9.00am till 4pm. Closed Mondays. Please see their revised advert in the yellow pages for more details

Worried about climate Change?

Later this month, there is an illustrated talk on the science of climate change and how to respond taking place at the Spalding Hall, please see page 2 for details.

November is a double edition

A reminder to all our regular contributors that the next edition is for both December and January so please remember to include the notices for your January activities.

Andrea Wood

Deadline for the November issue: 22nd November at 6pm.

Please email your copy to cheritonnews@gmail.com or call 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

Diary Dates for November

November	Activity	Location	Time
5	WCE Embroidery Group	Village Hall	1.45 - 4pm
7	Acorn Lunch	Red Lion, Tedburn	12.30pm
8/9	Book Sale	Village Hall	See page 10
9	Gardening Club dinner	Village Hall	
10	Act of Remembrance	Cheriton Cross	10.55am
11	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
13	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys	Exeter	
16	Churchyard clean up	St Mary's Church	10am
18	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 pm - 4pm
18	Gardening Club	Spalding Hall	7.30pm
19	Cheriton Bishop Acorn Outing	Otter Nurseries	9am - 2pm
23	Craft Day and Brunch	Longdown Village Hall	11am - 4pm
27	Acorn Trip to Sainsburys	Exeter	
27	Climate Change Talk	Spalding Hall	7pm
30	Pop up pottery shop	Spalding Hall	10am - 12pm
30	Christmas market	Christow	11am - 3pm
December			
5	Acorn Lunch	Red Lion, Tedburn	12.30pm
8	Nativity Performance	St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop	11am
14	Christmas coffee morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 to 12pm

Heading For Extinction And What To Do About It

At Spalding Hall on Wednesday 27th November 7 pm



"What does the future hold for my children and grandchildren?"

"Is climate change as bad as the media says?"

Join us for an illustrated talk on the science of climate change and how we can respond.

Contact: 01647 24789

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
Cheriton Bishop Baby and Toddler Group Contact: Find us on Facebook	
Cubs (8 - 10 yrs) Contact: James Morris 01647 252375	Every Thursday during term time (after Beavers)
Gardening Club Contact: Janet Jeffery 24414	usually the third Monday evening in the month during Autumn and Winter
Parish Council Contact Diane Shepherd 01363 85051	every second Monday evening in the month
Pilates (paid advert) Contact: Adele 07976 427941	every Thursday morning, 8.55am and 10.00 am during term time [from 1st Nov 2019]
Preschool Contact: Christine Grist 281205	Mon, 8.45 - 3.15; Tues, 8.45 - 11.30pm with optional lunch - 12.45; Wed, Thurs, 8.45 - 3.15pm
Scouts (10 - 14 yrs) Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928	Every Monday evening during term time
Short Mat Bowling Contact: David Tripp 24582	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: Laura Putt 07718 090249	Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings

STOP PRESS: Village Hall News.

The Village Hall Committee are currently getting estimates for renewing the kitchen in the Village Hall. To raise funds for this project there will be a dinner for Burns Night on Sat. 25th Jan. 2020. Please make a note of this date and keep it free for a traditional Scottish supper, more details next month.

Janet Jeffery 24414

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop

Present: Cllrs D Milton (Vice Chair), D Tripp (Chair), P Dicker, K Bastyan, P Endacott, A Wood, D Coren (MDDC) and S Penny (MDDC) **In Attendance:** D Shepherd (Clerk) and 8 members of the public

To receive and accept apologies. It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Carter

To receive Declarations of Interest: To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on this agenda. Cllr D Coren declared a DPI in 19/01188. Cllr Coren left the meeting

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

One parishioner spoke to object to 19/01188. One parishioner spoke of concerns in relation to Hooperton Lane Haulage Route. Cllr Coren returned to the meeting

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting held on the September 9th 2019: To approve and sign as a correct record. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record (Proposed Cllr Tripp)

Report from Cllr Way (DCC): For Information Only

Cllr Way reported on the Fire Authority consultation which has been extended and updated Cllrs on road improvements within the parish. He referred to GP Sessions that he had arranged and to a meeting he was setting up at DCC re roads in the parish. Cllrs Wood and Milton asked about progress with specific road issues in the parish which Cllr Way said he would look into and report back

Report from the Chair: To consider a report from the Chair. For information only. The Chair updated the Council on actions he had taken since the last meeting

Report from Councillors: To consider reports from Councillors. For information only Cllr Bastyan referred to parishioners who had spoken to her re the use of the Sec 106 monies. Cllr Milton reported on a CPRE event in Crediton

Report from Cllr Penny (MDDC): For Information Only Cllr Penny referred to the process re affordable housing. He reported on a tour of the MDDC housing stock which takes place twice a year. He reported on his attendance at the Whiddon Down meeting re Planning App 2530/19

Report from Cllr Coren (MDDC): For Information Only. Cllr Coren reported on progress with Climate Change and referred to his email re enforcement. Cllr Coren left the meeting

Applications: MDDC had asked for comments on the following applications:

Reference: 19/01188 **Proposal:** Change of Use of agricultural land to allow 1 pitch for the siting of 1 static caravan, 2 touring caravans and associated works for the use of gypsy and traveller family

Location: Land north of Shortacombe Farm

Applicant: Mrs A Tyrer

It was **resolved** to object to this application for the following reasons: highways access; removal of ancient hedge; unsuitable site that does not meet government criteria and is in an isolated situation; MDDC already had identified sufficient sites to meet targets; there are no services on site; and there are no transport links or services within reasonable distance (Proposed Cllr Tripp) Cllr Coren returned to the meeting

Reference: 19/01569 **Proposal:** CLU for the existing siting and use of caravan for ancillary residential purposes in excess of 10 years

Location: Little Mounson

Applicant: Mr D Powell

It was **resolved** to object to this application as no one has lived on the site for over 20 years and so there is no existing use (Proposed Cllr Tripp) The Council was concerned that two new caravans had recently been moved on the site to replace the remains of caravans that had been there for many years and were falling apart

West Devon Planning Application: To consider a response to the following application

Reference: 2530/1 **Proposal:** Development of new farm shop and ancillary café

Location: Land north of Whiddon Down A 30 Junction **Applicant:** S Mann

It was **resolved** to submit the previous objection to this application and to ask that the Planners visit the site to ensure they can see for themselves how unsuitable the site is (Proposed Cllr Tripp)

MDDC Planning Decisions: Mid Devon District Council had approved the following applications:

Reference: 19/01324
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing porches and conservatory
Location: Elmfield **Applicants:** Mr and Mrs Coleridge

Reference: 19/01149 **Proposal:** Erection of Single Storey Extension
Location: Bramley Cottage, Horselake Farm **Applicant:** Ms A Barradine

Reference: 19/00850 **Proposal:** LBC for alternations to fenestration to barn
Location: Wolfgar Farm **Applicant:** Mrs R Salmon

Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Sites: Cllr Dicker to report

Cllr Dicker reported that the landowner had not heard anything further from DAA. Cllr Dicker reported that DAA would make contact this week

Ward Boundary Review: To consider a response to the review

Cllr Coren reported that Cheriton Bishop Parish Council would be unaffected by this review

Section 106 Monies: To discuss proposals

The Clerk reported on the suggestions made by the parish for the use of this money. Cllr Vooght said enquiries had been started re the purchase of some land in the parish. Cllr Penny reported on an email from MDDC re the Play Area and refurbishment using the 106 monies. A decision re the use of the money will be discussed at the November Council meeting

Climate Change: Cllr Wood to report on the setting up of the Task and Finish Group

Cllr Wood said she had been unable to progress this. It was agreed that she would seek a parishioner to take this forward via the newsletter

Autumn Tidy Up: Cllrs Vooght and Endacott to report

Cllr Endacott thanked the 30 people who attended the Tidy Up and said that much had been achieved in the parish. Ideas for the Spring Tidy Up are now welcomed

Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust: Cllr Vooght to present a proposal

Cllr Vooght reported on a proposal from the CLT to bring 2 Parish Councillors on to the Trust to ensure its long term survival. Cllr Tripp will meet with the Chair of the Trust to discuss further and will request a letter be sent to the Council with details of the Trust and the Trustees role

Repairs and Maintenance in the Parish: To discuss progress and to identify any further works required

It was noted that works on the Noticeboard were outstanding and Cllr Tripp will follow this up

Citizens Advice Bureau: To consider request for support

It was **resolved** to award a £25 grant to the CAB (Proposed Cllr Tripp: For Cllrs Bastyan, Dicker, Milton, Tripp and Wood; Against: Cllrs Vooght and Endacott)

Hooperton Lane Haulage Route: The Clerk to report

The Clerk and Cllr Penny reported that the route was not an enforceable condition and could at best be described as a gentlemen's agreement. Cllr Way referred to a meeting at DCC which would seek to discuss this matter further; representatives from the parish and the Parish Council would be invited to attend. All agreed that the repairs to the road must be expedited

Roads and Footpaths in the Parish: To consider issues relating to roads and Footpaths in the parish. There were no further issues raised

Correspondence: To consider the report circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Coren explained in detail the enforcement email that he had sent re issues raised by the Council

Items for the Next Agenda: To identify items for the next agenda. There were no further items identified

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Public Open Session. For Information Only

Four members of the public spoke further of their concerns re Hooperton Lane Haulage Route and the Parish Council's role in supporting the concerns raised.

It was agreed that in future the public open session would be combined with the agenda item for identifying items for the next agenda

Date and Time of Next Meeting: November 11th at 7.30 pm

Update on S106 Funding

In the previous issue we asked for your suggestions on how best to proceed with the S106 funding. The suggestions we received are:

- Improvements to the village hall acoustics (not applicable to Sec 106 as it has to be open space)
- A contribution to the Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site
- A new Path at Glebelands
- New benches around the parish
- Improvements to the Play Area (6 votes)

Since our request there have been some developments which we are working on and hope to give you more information in the next newsletter. However, it is important to note that this funding is not automatically allocated to the Parish Council. It has to be applied for and each application is assessed on its merits. As you will see from the minutes, Mid Devon District Council have made an application for this funding in order to upgrade the children's play park so our application will be reviewed alongside all the other submissions.

Can you help Devon be Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Devon County Council has set a target to make Devon carbon neutral by 2050.

Many parish councils are keen to assist Devon to achieve this ambitious target. Working groups are being formed to identify what is possible in their locality and put in place workable plans. Some of the activities that other parishes are conducting are:-

- celebrating and promoting local food producers and encouraging local retailers to stock local produce
- Setting up restore /refurbish workshops to repair or update belongings
- Investing in community electric bikes to encourage parishioners to leave their car at home
- Planting herbs and edible planters for locals to help themselves to
- Putting up bird boxes.

Would you like to join a working group here in Cheriton Bishop to help reduce our carbon footprint?

There are many local people who are keen to be involved in this movement and would like to form a working party. If you would like to join, please email the clerk at the parish council and we will co-ordinate the details and set up the initial meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Parish Council

West Country Embroiderers, Textiles & Mixed Media, Multi-media Textiles

5th November - Shadow quilting with Sue Chapman
13.45 - 16.00 - Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

This month we welcome Sue to our meeting to share her expertise of shadow quilting. There will be an opportunity to 'have a go' and try out different fabric combinations and colour ways. Thank you everyone who joined our trip to Alexandra Palace last month. The Knitting and Stitch show was a crafters paradise and the coach returned with many exhausted members and an extensive range of fabrics, dyes, threads and materials which will soon be enhancing our creations! Our program for 2020 will soon be uploaded onto our website, have a look and maybe come along. Our group is almost full with nearly 40 members, contact me if you wish to join in the New Year.



Cheriton Bishop Gardening Club

At the recent A.G.M. Maureen Barber stood down as President after several years' service. We thanked her for her commitment to the club, and in her place welcomed Sarah O'Neill who was elected as the new President.



It is not too late to book a place for the Annual Dinner on Saturday 9th November, at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The main course choices are beef carbonnade, chicken surprise, baked ham, salmon or nut roast. Book by ringing Sally Burton on 24724, and state your choice of main course. Donations of pudding are welcome, and fruit cup will be provided but please bring anything else you would like to drink. Cost remains at £10 per head.

D.T. Brown Seed Catalogues are now available for members, please ring me if you haven't received one yet. Orders need to be returned to me by November 25th. The next meeting is on Monday 18th November, 7.30pm in the Spalding Hall, for a talk on Birches and Alders by Paul Bartlett from Stone Lane Gardens in Drewsteignton. All welcome.

Janet Jeffery Tel: 24414 or email janetejeffery@yahoo.co.uk

Fun Skittles Challenge

on 23rd November at 7.30pm, Dunsford Village Hall

Teams of four are required with an entry fee of £10.00 per team. There will be a bar with snacks available and hot pasties can be preordered and paid for on entry.



We hope for an evening of fun filled, good natured rivalry. All welcome. (Teams can be arranged on the night)

If you are interested please contact Ilona on 07919805372 or ilona3833@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from or seeing you on the night !

Cash prizes for the winning team and runners up.

Pre booking will help with the organisation of the evening.

Neighbourhood Watch

How time flies! It doesn't seem so long ago that I was wishing you all an enjoyable Summer and now it's already half term and the clocks are going back! So here are a few helpful tips, some warnings and some information for the months ahead.

CLOSE TO HOME

Please be on the alert: One of our Neighbourhood Watch members has received a dodgy email purporting to have come from our own Jean Martin. It asked them to click on the link which was not done. On closer inspection, the sender address was clearly not from Jean at all and the 'W' part of 'Jean N W' was in lower case.

This may have been a one off but please keep a careful check on the sender email addresses before opening up. Try to get into the habit of doing this so we all remain safe and are not entering into something very unexpected and certainly unwanted.

DOOR STEP SELLING

Near to CB, reports have been made of a door step seller offering cleaning materials and claiming to be on a young offender rehabilitation scheme. Obviously we strongly recommend you do not open the door or if you do, don't buy anything. This could be a rogue trader and if you feel at risk or uncomfortable with the situation, call the Police on 101.

Citizens Advice have window stickers - 'NO COLD CALLERS' which can be obtained by phoning 03454 040506.

POLICE NUMBERS

It is claimed by the Office for National Statistics that for the 12 months to June 2019 Devon & Cornwall was the fifth safest of police force areas in England and Wales. Of the extra 20,000 police officers promised by the government over the next three years, Devon & Cornwall will get an additional 141 officers starting in year one. Obviously these have to be recruited and trained before we see signs of more police about, but it is very good news for us all.

This will greatly help with the seasonal increase in our population during the holiday season when the rate of crime rises.

CARDS

If your contactless credit or debit card is lost or stolen, there are two options available to you.

1. Cancel the card and be sent a new one with a new number or

2. Freeze your card which puts a block on payments. This is very helpful if you are not sure whether the card is actually lost or stolen or you have simply misplaced it!

However some transactions can still take place due to offline payments. These are where the bank has not checked the stage of payment. Therefore the card machine is not told that the card is not authorised and allows payment. Smaller companies and transport companies mainly use these offline payments and transactions are then calculated at the end of the day.

To help with this anomaly, banks are now requiring pin number to be input after several contactless payments are made exceeding £130.00 or after 5 consecutive contactless payments have been made.

LAUNDERING SCAM - MONEY MULES

This is affecting young people between the ages of 14 and 18 and is on the increase with 5,800 cases to date. Criminals convince their victims to reveal their bank account details so that stolen money can be deposited or they are asked to deposit it there themselves. The victims are well paid for this service and the criminal receives 'clean money' in return. This type of transaction is illegal and the young people are known as 'money mules'



According to the police, young people generally do not understand bank accounts, where the money has come from and what their account is being used for. Devon & Cornwall police are contacting schools to warn parents and guardians of the risks of their children becoming a 'money mule'. Further information can be obtained from www.moneymules.co.uk

That's about it for this issue but please remember always to be observant, vigilant and keep your eyes open when out and about. Keep safe. Contact Jean Martin : 01647 24586

WAYS TO REPORT CRIME

Call 101, 999 if very serious, email 101@dc.police.uk, use the police's online reporting form or using web chat at devon-cornwall.police.uk. Information can be passed anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or crimestoppers-uk.org. If you have been a victim of crime you can receive help and advice via victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk or on 01392 475900

Stress and health!

Joe Arnold (MChiro, Doctor of Chiropractic), Dartmoor Chiropractic

As a Chiropractor, I meet many people who discuss or begin care because of an unpleasant incident or a situation that has left them in discomfort or suffering. I would like to share with you a quick break-down of the complicated processes that you and your body take when you move from suffering into health; prepare to be excited because these are processes that we are *all* capable of to some degree!

The factors which cause change

There are broadly 3 main environmental factors which cause change (positive or negative) in our body – these are physical, chemical and emotional/mental stresses.

Physical: knocks, bumps, accidents, repetitive actions, sitting down a lot etc.

Chemical: food, drink, drugs (pharmaceutical and recreational).

Emotional/mental: work, relationships, money, anxiety.

Our body navigates this complex cocktail of environmental stresses on a second-to-second basis and depending on whether the tide is crushing or uplifting will depend a lot on what the stresses are!

Our lifestyle is far more influential than our genes

Our wonderful body, through thick or thin, is never out to get us and is always attempting to elevate us towards a state of health. It does this through many complex chemical and nervous system reactions, but it is always operating within the framework that we give it, which is to a large degree the environment that we expose ourselves to. Of course, we must consider genetic factors

within this supposition, but increasingly research is suggesting our lifestyle is far more influential than our genes.

Pain..like a warning light in a car

The symptoms we experience, that usually encourage people to talk with me in the first place, are nearly always our body's way of protecting us and adapting to the stresses (mentioned above) in our environment. For example, pain is not something our body creates just to be annoying. Pain is our body being intelligent and alerting us that something is not quite right; like a warning light in a car.

Our body is a self-healing work of genius

In conclusion, our body is a self-healing work of genius, but if we don't pay attention to our internal and external environment, we can limit the healing potential. Take a look at the list of types of stresses above and work out if perhaps one/two could be changed in your lifestyle to benefit your health.

If you would like any more information on stresses, health or how Chiropractic could support you, please feel free to get in touch.

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Gardening Tips for the month ahead



It is time by November to get the garden ready for winter. The greenhouse should be empty of tomatoes and filling up with tender perennials.

Anything that doesn't like frost will prefer to overwinter in the greenhouse or conservatory. Pots of olive trees or agapanthus can be wheeled inside. If they are too big, then wrap them up with fleece or hessian bags.

Buddleia and roses can be cut down to half their height to tidy them up and to reduce damage from strong winds. Any perennials that look untidy can be cleared away but do leave seed heads for the birds if possible. Fennel and Teazels still have architectural value as well as being a food supply for wildlife. The advantage of clearing away dead stems is that you see opportunities for planting more plants! If it is structure that your garden needs, November is a good time to plant bare root trees and shrubs. Hydrangeas do particularly well in our relatively warm, damp climate in Devon, flowering for months and thriving. Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight' for example, is a wonderful plant. The flowers start a

bright acid green, then turn creamy white during the summer before becoming tinged pink in the autumn.

November is the perfect time to plant tulips. It sometimes seems a long way off until next April/May but so rewarding when tulips bloom in all their elegant splendour. Now is also a good time to plant bare root roses. You can enjoy perusing the David Austin rose catalogue with its enticing pictures of sumptuous roses in bloom. The bare root plants are less expensive than potted bushes and you are not adding another plastic pot to the environment. These plants will establish well and be ready to flower next summer. Most of us expect a rose bush to carry on unflinching for years (decades even) but for maximum impact, they should be replaced every five years. Well, that makes it easier to justify buying new, more disease resistant, longer flowering varieties! Anyway, I would far rather be planting promising new plants than clearing up fallen leaves at this time of year. That said, those autumn leaves will make excellent compost for the roses in years to come when they are well rotted.



Good luck!

Sally Rix

Book Sale 2019

Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

**Friday 8th November from 5pm to 7pm and
on Saturday 9th November from 10am to 12 noon**



Books, Videos, CDs may be left at South Orchard. Force Cancer Charity will be collecting any remaining books from South Orchard on Monday 11th November. If you have any other items you would like to donate to the charity shop, please deliver them to South Orchard by 9am on that Monday

All books are acceptable. Purchasers of the books at the book sale are always surprised at the range of books provided. Proceeds to stay within the Parish

To arrange collection of books, if necessary, please call 01647 24303.

Cheriton Bishop Pre-school Taking children (unaccompanied) from ages 2 - 5 years



We provide **pre-school education** with fun and exciting activities linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All in a spacious setting with a wide variety of equipment and secure outside play area. Up to 15 hours free for over 3 years olds using Early Years Funding, 25 hours of the extended entitlement for those who qualify, or just £4.25 per hour. We accept two-year-old funding for free places for 2-year olds, call in for details.

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

Email: enquiries@cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk

Or visit our website for more information: www.cheritonbishoppreschool.co.uk

Please call or email to book your place now.

Session times

Mondays; 9 - 3.15pm, plus free yoga session in the afternoon run by qualified children's yoga tutor, Vicky Palfrey.

Tuesdays; 9 – 3.15pm, which includes our morning Scout field visit with the Reception class.

Wednesdays & Thursdays; 9 – 3.15pm.

We currently have spaces available for all sessions.

Please note that we have a free 15-minute drop-off period from 8.45 – 9am for each session.

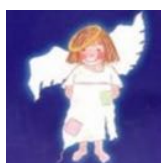
We now offer the option of ordering a school dinner each day.

Pre-school update

Our first half term being run by school has been an extremely positive one! There have been extended opportunities to get more involved in school life; the children have been welcomed into the 'big' playground at playtimes and it has certainly been lovely to see the caring attitudes of the older children towards our little ones. We now share yoga sessions with the Reception class on Monday afternoons and visit the scout field together on Tuesday mornings. This will all ensure a totally smooth transition to the Reception class for our leavers each September. From the staff's point of view, we have been welcomed into the school team by all and have already benefited from in-school training. All this combined just ensures the security of our Pre-school for years to come!

So far this term we have been developing the children's awareness of the world around us; bug hunts, observing the weather and noticing changes to the natural world – basically lots of spiders, slugs and snails, muddy puddles, paint and natural materials.

Looking forward to the second half term we will be learning about different celebrations, including birthdays, the Hindu festival Diwali, Remembrance Day, bonfire night and of course Christmas!



Important date for your diary!

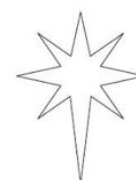
Nativity Performance **'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'**

Come along and join us for our traditional annual nativity on

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 11AM

ST. MARYS CHURCH, CHERITON BISHOP

And afterwards in the school hall for sales of: 'Whoops-A-Daisy' DVDs, Tea & Coffee, Mince Pies, Preschool Children's Christmas Crafts, Cake stall and much more!





Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School Newsletter 20th September 2019



FAREWELL MRS MADGE There wasn't a dry eye in the house on the last day of term! Mrs Madge is officially leaving Cheriton Bishop school after more than 25 years of service. As you all know, Mrs Madge is marvellous and will be really missed. She has helped hundreds of children over the years showing endless patience, kindness and warmth. Mrs Madge has assured us she will be back, she still plans to do occasional cover and help on lots of trips. Good luck Jane, we hope you really enjoy spending more time with friends and family!

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE VISIT We were fortunate to have a visit from The Air Ambulance who brought along Ambrose, their mascot bear. The children learnt about what the Air Ambulance do and interesting facts such as 'we can fly to anyone who needs us in Devon in 15 minutes'.

CLASS 4 SCIENTISTS Class 4's science block is about materials and they have been imagining they are working in the British Film Industry making special effects. So far they have made different types of mud and vanishing potions! All very exciting.

STUDENT COUNCIL Our recently elected Student Council have been busy in their new roles, preparing for the Macmillan coffee afternoon! A great start Student Council!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON Many thanks to everyone who joined the coffee afternoon. Due to the heavy showers, we had to hold the event indoors, but we still had a wonderful time! Our newly formed Student Council were

fabulous and did a tremendous job of ensuring people were served. The event raised £210.84 - a super amount to support this valuable charity. Many thanks for all the cakes and donations!

HARVEST FESTIVAL We enjoyed a lovely Harvest assembly in the church where the children performed to a huge audience of parents, grandparents, friends and our pre-school children. It was lovely to see how confident they all are. Well done everyone!

Our Harvest collection this year was for the Foodbank. Many thanks to everyone who donated tins, packages and jars for this important charity.

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE RESCUE SERVICE The Devon & Somerset Fire Service came into school to talk to the children in Classes 2 and 4. The children learnt about: Hot and cold items, how to make an emergency 999 call, the value and importance of smoke alarms and the Stop, Drop and Roll method.

RUGBY AT QE Class 4 took part in a rugby tournament organised by QE Sports Partnership. They played in two teams against other local schools including Tedburn and Yeoford. Well done to all the children for great team work and supporting and encouraging each other.

ROMAN PRESENTATIONS Class 3 have been learning about The Romans this term. They enjoyed sharing their learning with Class 2 by delivering mini presentations to them. Great work Class 3!

Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who came, who contributed gifts for the auction, and wonderful puddings. This was the 10th year of this particular incarnation of the Harvest Supper and we had more families and children than ever. Wonderful!

The auction raised £46, and altogether we were able to send £160 to this year's charity - a Kenyan village which protects girls from female genital mutilation. They need £1500 to sink a new well, and our donation takes them to £500. Well done everybody, and thank you!!

Tim Gorrington



Upcoming local events

ACORN LUNCHES

At Red Lion Pub, Tedburn St Mary

Thursday 7th November 12.30pm



Your choice of Main Course and Dessert is

1. Spaghetti Bolognese 2. Fish & Chips 3. Veg Stir Fry with Rice or Noodles
4. Bread & Butter Pudding 5. Ice Cream 6. Orchard Tart

£9.00 per person or £10.00 to include Tea or Coffee.

Please telephone Jean with the numbers corresponding with your choice before 4th November on 01647 24586 and let her know if you need a lift.



JUST TO TEMPT YOU! Christmas Lunch, 5th December

Main Course: Turkey and all that goes with it or Vegetarian Mediterranean Wellington.

Dessert: Yule Log or Christmas Pudding accompanied by a glass of Wine or soft drink followed by tea or coffee along with a mince pie **£15.00**



A cuppa and a chat at the Spalding Hall!

on Monday 18th November. 2pm - 4pm

Everyone is welcome! Choice of hot and cold drinks and biscuits

Need a lift from your home? Ring Paul on 01647 24405 beforehand

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

Cheriton Bishop Walking Group

- Somehow we dodged the rain on the October walk along the East Okement river and out on to the open Moor. Welcome to Charlie who at 9 years old, proved that anyone can enjoy walking whatever the age.
- As usual the November walk will be notified by email and on our FaceBook page.
- It was good to meet so many interested people at the wellbeing day in the village hall. We signed up twelve new people for the circulation list and for anyone else who was unable to find us, please let us know if you would like to be added to the email list.
- Remember that walking is proven to help keep you fit and is free! Maybe you will even lose a few pounds and not from your pocket!
- Look forward to seeing some new faces.



Jon and Dennis



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Thank You

Macmillan Coffee morning at Caribarn,
Pitton Barton, Cheriton Bishop
On Friday 27th September 2019

In spite of bad weather, road closure and Allen's accident, we were pleased to raise £404.50 towards Macmillan Nurses. Allen and Sue would like to thank the friends, helpers and neighbours who made this possible.

Tea-Time Concert

St. Mary's Church Dunsford



"Les nuits d'été" - Berlioz
Christine Marsden - Soprano
Andrew Daldorph - Piano

Sunday 3rd November at 3pm

Tickets: £5 to include Tea and Cakes. Please purchase on the door.

Proceeds 50/50 Church & North Dartmoor
Search & Rescue Team



FLU VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS

It's that time of year again when we will be starting our flu vaccine campaign. From 1st October, please telephone the surgery on 01647 24272 to book your flu jab if you fall into any of the following categories:

Aged 65 or over;

Pregnant;

A person with Diabetes;

A Person with a BMI over 40

Or you have a long term condition: Lungs (eg Asthma or COPD); Heart; Brain or nervous system; Kidneys, Liver, Immune System, Spleen

**CHERITON BISHOP & TEIGN VALLEY
PRACTICE**

Paid Advertisement

CARER/PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT (NO JOB TOO SMALL) DBS checked

Covering all areas from Okehampton through to Pathfinder (Sticklepath, Tedburn, Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and surrounding area)

Friendly and Professional Service:-

- Personal Care
- Assisting with jobs in the home
- Cooking
- Hospital visits
- Company
- Shopping and much more!
- Pet Care
- Cleaning



Please call Sonia
France on 07896 226 546

References available on request



What's on in October 2019

www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be November 7th at the Red Lion. Come along and meet new people, please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are November 13th & 27th.

Help is provided in store & we will also help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £5 return.

Acorn monthly Cheriton Bishop Outing - Otter Nurseries, Tuesday 19th November. Call the office for more information.

Teign Valley Memory Café - November 14th & 28th.

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 – This month it will be Tuesday November 12th & 26th .

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.

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.

Acorn Office: 01647 252701 for further information or to join our wonderful team of volunteers

STOP PRESS++++Dr Clunie's Half everest Challenge update+++STOP PRESS

Dr Clunie's half Everest Challenge raised a staggering £11028.23p for Acorn Community Support.

A huge thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations, the support on the day and all of the lovely messages. What a wonderful community we live in! Funds will be held by Acorn community support until it is time to replace the Christow minibus.

Very well done Dr Clunie



Cheriton Bishop Acorn Outing for November

Otter Nurseries on Tuesday 19th November

We will be under cover so it won't matter what the weather is like. And it will be an opportunity to get a bit of Christmas shopping done. They have a large choice in addition to plants and flowers, including a section for cards, books, gifts, toys, cookshop, clothing and of course a cafe.

The cost will be £5. Leaving around 9.00am and returning around 2.00pm.

Please phone the Acorn Office to book your seat on 01647 252701 [leave a message on the answerphone if necessary and they will ring you back]. Once they know who is coming Donna will draw up a plan for times and places for picking up and let you know. It's first come first served and there are only 11 seats on the minibus! So do book as soon as possible!

A note regarding Acorn Outing prices for 2020

The Acorn Trustees have been juggling with the income and expenditure over the past year and trying to make sure that all services continue to be provided but also that the travel charges to clients do cover the actual costs. So it has been decided that from now on, there will be some changes to the price of our monthly outings. For the remainder of 2019, the price will be £5 per month. From January to May 2020, the price will be £6 per month. And from June onwards, £7.50. We hope that this will be acceptable. We think that it will still be very good value for a day out.





Pop Up Pottery Shop

“Individually made, great unique presents for Christmas”

On Saturday 30th November from 10am – 12pm
at the Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop



Hand thrown pots made by Martin Wood, Mugs from £5 to great pots £50. Also Craftwork by Laura Wood. Sorry no card payments please bring cash to avoid disappointment



Christmas Coffee Morning

on Saturday 14th December from 10.30am to 12 noon at the Spalding Hall

Seasonable fayre to enjoy and buy. Mince Pies, mulled wine, raffle and more

Proceeds to go towards funding the hall

Christmas Market

on Saturday 30th November, 11am - 3pm
in the Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

In aid of the Children's Country Club and Devon Air Ambulance.
Do please join us - bring your Christmas list as there will be an array
of beautiful crafts and gifts available for purchase.. Our cafe will be
selling hot food, snacks and delicious homemade cakes. Entry is
free!

Sharon



*Donations of bottles for the bottle stall (exclusively benefiting the Air Ambulance) are welcome
and collection can be arranged. A few tables are still available to hire at £6.*

Please phone Sue on 01647 252731 for more details.

Craft Day and Brunch

at Longdown Village Hall on Saturday 23rd November from 11am til 4pm

Free entry, lots of stalls. Brunch will be served in the lounge.
For further details please ring Sharon on 811364.



Looking forward in November

I think we are all used to viewing a year in a variety of ways. There is the calendar year or solar year, which runs January to December. There is the financial year, which runs April to March. There is the academic year, which runs September to July. Then we have the church year, which runs from the first Sunday of Advent to the Sunday before Advent. The last Sunday in the Church's year is called Christ the King. This month of November marks the end of the church's year on Sunday 24th November.,

The beginning of the next church year starts on Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent means coming to, we remember Christ's first coming and his promise to come again. Advent marks the preparation time for Christmas and Christ's return, it represents a time for watching and waiting. It is important to remember that Advent is not just a count down to Christmas, it also looks beyond Christmas. The promise of the return of Christ heralds a new and exciting relationship with God and all his people. So, let's leave next year for the time being and focus on the end of this year.

The climax of the Church's year is started by the celebration of All Saints Day on the 1st November. At this point we move into a season called 'The Kingdom Season' and our attention is drawn to God's Kingdom which is often referred to as Heaven. We remember people who influenced our journey in life who have died and now are in heaven. We focus on Jesus Christ who by his death and resurrection gave us hope in life after death. It is through God's grace and forgiveness that we are able to stand with the Saints in Heaven. However undeserving we may feel that we are, God is always willing to give us another chance to make amends and put our life back on track. It is for this reason that we proclaim that Jesus is victorious and is Christ the King. So before we all get absorbed in preparations for Advent and Christmas let us round off the Christian year with a celebration of Christ's Kingship on Sunday 24th November and the gift of life that he brings to the whole world.

As we look around us we see so many conflicts and divisions which appear almost impossible to solve. The Christian message is all about hope in the most improbable situations. An all-conquering powerful hero that overcomes all by might does not mark Christ's Kingship. Rather Christ's example of serving the needs of the lost and the lonely mark God's rule. This rule requires reconciliation and forgiveness. How much more could the world benefit from this gift that Jesus Christ brings into being?

*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

November 2019

Sunday 3rd

All Saints

9.30	Whitestone	Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30	Cheriton Bishop	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am	Tedburn St Mary	Informal Worship	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm	Holcombe Burnell	Service of Light	Revd Martin Wood

Thursday 7th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 10th

Remembrance

9.30	Whitestone	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
10.55	Holcombe Burnell	Remembrance service	Revd Graham Stones
10.55	Tedburn St Mary	Remembrance Service	Methodist
10.55	Cheriton Cross	Act of Remembrance	Revd Martin Wood
11.10	Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	United Remembrance Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm	Pathfinder	Remembrance Service	

Thursday 14th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 17th

2nd Before Advent

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

Thursday 21st

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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Sunday 24th

Christ the King

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

Thursday 28th

10.30	Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood
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We invite everyone, including children, to attend all of our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

Churchwarden's Ramblings

Profits from the Moor to Moor motorbike ride and Village BBQ on 28th September, have been split equally between the Air Ambulance and St Mary's Church with £117 going to each. Many thanks to all who attended, and to Chris Brook and David Tripp for running the event.

Please read the Services List carefully, there are changes in the types of Service and the times, the Parish Communion service this month is at 9.30 on the first Sunday. The Act of Remembrance will be at Cheriton Cross at 10.55 followed by a United Remembrance Service at the Village Hall.



The Occasional Choir, with our new leader, Phil Sansom, have begun practicing for the Carol Service. The choir has plans to meet on Friday evenings over the next 8 weeks, usually between 7 and 8pm. If you would like to join the Occasional Choir please contact me on 24002 to check on meeting times.

The Churchyard clean up will take place on Saturday 16th November starting at 10am. Please can you bring your own tools?

The Christmas Tree Festival will be postponed until next year but our Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 22nd. We will also have the usual Christmas Morning Christingle Communion.

Alan Greenslade Tel: 01647 240

Act of Remembrance

at Cheriton Cross

on 10th November 2019 at 10.55am

Followed by a Service of Remembrance at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall 11.10am.

Collection for Help for Heroes



Volunteering with Marie Curie

We're looking for friendly and reliable Helper volunteers to visit people with a terminal diagnosis, their families and carers, to offer practical and emotional support. As a Helper volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently.

To apply visit our website: mariecurie.org.uk/volunteer If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact us on the below details. Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk or **Tel: 0800 3047 400**

West Down Evangelical Chapel Services

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

November 2019	11.00am	3.00pm
3rd	Morning Worship	Family Service with Mark Stanbury
10th		Family Service with Communion
17th	Morning Worship	Family Service with Bob Werrett
24th	Morning Worship	Family Service with June Redfern (International Aid Trust)

Friends and Neighbours meeting 21st November, 2pm - 4pm. Everyone welcome.

Prayer and Bible Study Monday evenings 7.30pm

Holy Trinity, Yeoford

Messy Church celebrated at the end of September was an afternoon full of fun. We celebrated God wanting us to be cheerful givers. Six different crafts were enjoyed followed by a great talk by Helen and a very good tea.

Yeoford Primary school held their Harvest Service at the beginning of October when the children treated us to songs and talks about producing food in world war 2 and the problems of waste in today's world. Matthew gave thanks to the children and ended with a short talk and prayer.

Helen also led our wonderful harvest service which involved the many of the congregation and blessed gifts for the Crediton Food Bank. The service was followed by a Harvest Lunch enjoyed by all.

Yeoford Church will have a hamper of home produced Christmas food as a prize in a competition for St. Nicolas Fair on 23rd November.

Cafe Company on Mondays from 9-30 till 11 all welcome

Messy Church in on November 23rd at the Village Hall 3-30 till 5pm.

November Services

Sunday 10th November **Remembrance Sunday**
Holy Communion 9-30am

Sunday 24th November
Family Service 10am

Carol Price 01647 24468

News from Castle Drogo

Hi everyone

I cannot believe that we are already heading towards the end of the main season here at Castle Drogo. This year seems to have flown by! It has been wonderful to welcome visitors in to the newly presented Drawing and Dining rooms and we have had so many collection items back out on display, including the incredible tapestries which wrap the Billiards room.

The difference outside is striking too with the main scaffolding down and the builders working hard to get the waterproofing work completed on the Kitchen and Scullery roof. The granite store area is looking pretty empty too. It is mainly the new granite slabs in there now, all cut and ready to lay across the final sections of the roof.

The estate is gearing up for autumn splendor with a hint of red and gold starting to appear on the trees in the gorge. Thank you to everyone who has supported our work to improve butterfly habitats by buying a raffle ticket this year. Numbers are improving and many people were treated to sightings or some rare and unusual species over the summer.

We are getting ready to open the castle for Christmas. We will re-open on Saturday 30 November right through to Monday 23 December with the castle dressed in 1920s style to celebrate when the Drewe family moved in to a not quite completed castle just for Christmas. We will be having a visit from a certain gentleman wearing a big red coat and a white beard on the 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 December. Tickets to see Father

Christmas are bookable on the Castle Drogo website.

Do you belong to a choir or quartet and fancy being part of Drogo Christmas? We're looking for musicians to play in the house this December. Unfortunately we don't have any budget to be able to pay choirs or quartets, however, donations could be asked for and mince pies would be supplied. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please get in touch with April on April.braund@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01647 434114.

Best wishes,

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo
01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk



Classified Adverts:

Braco Travel Cot suitable for up to 18 months. We have an extra mattress which is in a very clean condition. - £10

Plain cream musical vibrating baby seat for babies up to 9kg. Safety harness and canopy in case its sunny! - £7.50

Contact Elaine on 01647 24218