## **Useful Information**

DOCTORS

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#### MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Okehampton Hospital, open 7 days a week, 8 am - 10 pm

#### POLICE

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

Crimestoppers Neighbourhood Watch:

**Cheriton Bishop Primary School** 

0800 555 111 Jean Martin Brian Bryon-Edmond

24817

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 EMERGENCY SERVICES

 Electricity
 0800 365 900

 Gas
 0800 111 999

 Water
 0844 3462020

 Highways Agency
 0845 955 657

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 0845 105 100

0800 111 999 0844 3462020 0845 955 6575 0845 155 1004 csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

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Walking Group: Jane Hancock	24092			
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Church Secretary: Mrs A MacDonald	24446			
West Down Chapel: Derek Coren 24264				

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VILLAGE HALL Bookings: Tim Gorringe 24789 SPALDING HALL Bookings: Les Gare 24639 Key: Jan Mitchell, Underhill, Church Lane.

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[Updated November 2014]

#### The News Letter, November 2014

There is a distinctly autumnal flavour to this month's edition, leaving us in no doubt that the year has turned towards darker days and less clement weather. What is also evident, though, is the warmth of our community's spirit and this is referred to many times and also apparent by the various little messages of "thank you" to friends and neighbours throughout the following pages.

#### Just in time...

Before you read any further, please don't forget to check the diary dates (page 4) for two important ones that missed the October issue but are happening right at the end of October and you might just catch them. The full details of these are on pages 8 and 18. The first offers "surprises" and the second brings "promises" – what more could you wish for on a gloomy evening after the clocks have gone back?

#### Remember, remember....

...not just the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, though this date features on both page 9 and 16, but also of course, the service of Remembrance on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Each year more people make the effort to stand at the Stone Cross in memory of those who have fought for their country and this will, no doubt, be an even more poignant occasion in this 1914 anniversary year.

Regarding the 5<sup>th</sup>, you may notice both Guy Fawkes Night and Bonfire Night referred to. Which came first, Bonfire or Guy Fawkes, I wonder? Did an effigy of Guy Fawkes get sat upon a more ancient bonfire ritual at this time of year? A quick look at Wikipedia informs that the day has always had a number of different names since the gunpowder plot in 1605 and both Guy Fawkes Night and Bonfire Night have been variously used throughout its 400 year history. So there we are, both names are perfectly correct to use and no-one knows for sure whether the bonfires were there before the plot!

#### Mobile library

What a blessing this highly practical and useful service is and many thanks to the kind gentleman who passed me an up to date list of the new times and days. By coincidence the Devon Library Service have also sent details of everything they provide. See pages 3 & 9 and enjoy making good use of it.

#### Winter Craft Market

The Village Hall will no doubt be full to the brim with good things at the very beginning of the coming month (page 10), so be sure to go along early and enjoy the choice of locally made crafts and produce. Later in the month there is a change of venue for the "Christmas Farmer's Market" advertised in last month's newsletter – see where it is now setting up shop on page 14.

#### Putting that hoe down

After the productive summer it's time for weary gardeners, farmers, (and cowboys!) to put that old hoe down and do a bit of socialising. For gardeners and anyone else who enjoys a jolly good meal there's that Annual Feast with more puddings than can be sampled in a week (let alone an evening) on page 17, while for those cattle-wranglers and their partners there is a more active alternative on page 8.

#### Keeping safe this winter

With winter weather and winter road conditions approaching in the next few months it sounds as though the Parish Council have come up with a very community-friendly idea to help us help ourselves in our rural village. Read page 6 and see whether you could help.

#### Appreciative Teddies

Now there's a funny phenomenon, we often get one letter written by humans in appreciation of an event that is organised for humans, but when it comes to one created especially to give our domestic bears a thrill it seems there is no shortage of ursine spokesmen to offer their gratitude. See pages 10 and 20 and be thankful that all made soft landings, though not always in expected places.

#### Stop press...

I'm just about to finish and wondering what to put in the last remaining gap when I receive an email from PGR to say that he intended to say in Snippets what a fine job Tim Gorringe made of organising the Harvest Supper. Indeed he did, despite what he modestly says in his report on page 9 – Thanks Tim!

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

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6PM. Copy should be left in the newsletter box at South Orchard, Woodbrooke Rd, or sent by email (word .doc please) to: <u>jennygrist@talktalk.net</u> Enquiries: Editorial – Jenny 281110 Advertising – Patience 24350

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## **Regular Meeting dates**

Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969

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Scouts Contact: Ollie Milverton 07706 695928

Cubs Contact: Karen Morris 01647 252375

Pilates Contact Adele 07976 427941

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Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303

West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637

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Baby Clinic The Surgery 24272

Young Farmers Contact: Emily Sizmur 07792 518439

Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 24840

Spiritual Discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 24639

Walking Group Contact: Jane Hancock 24092 every second Monday evening in the month

every second Saturday in the month

Mon, Tue, 9.00 – 11.30, Wed, Thurs 9 – 3.20 "Lunch Club" until 12.50 pm on Mon/Tues. All during term time only

every Monday evening during term time

every Thursday during term time

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

every Monday evening from Oct - May

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

every first Tuesday afternoon in the month

every Wednesday, Sept – May (Membership full at present)

every Thursday 2 – 3 pm (Clinics held in Tedburn Methodist Chapel)

every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings

usually every last Friday of month 9.30-12.30

Monthly

usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month 1.45 pm (see posters and CB Website for details)

Has your organisation been left out? Please let us know so that it can be included on this regular page. Has someone just moved in next door? Why not pop round with this newsletter and let them know what goes on in Cheriton Bishop and Crockernwell?

The Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays (Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> , Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> )				
Crockernwell:				
Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 14.35	Departs:	14.55	
Cheriton Bishop:				
Glebelands	Arrives: 15.05	Departs:	15.35	
Hescane Park	15.40	·	16.10	

[amended November 2014]

## Late October Dates

Just in time?!...

...Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Grand Opening of Village Shop YFC Promise Auction at Fingle Bridge

between 5 and 8 pm 7.30 pm

## Diary Dates for November

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Craft market Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's	Village Hall	10 – 4 pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	YFC Bonfire & Fireworks	Bowbeer Farm	6.30 pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	The Coach House	12.30 pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Churchyard clear up party	Parish Churchyard	from 10 am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	7 for 7.30 pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts "Ultimate Hoedown"	Oak Barn, Hittisleigh	7.30 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a Chat	Spalding Hall	2 - 4 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society meeting	Spalding Hall	8 pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sp. Hall Christmas Coffee Morning	Spalding Hall	10.30 - 12
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Farmer's Market & Craft Fair	King's Arms TSM	12 – 4 pm

## Diary Dates for December

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Christmas Lunch	The Coach House	12.30 pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc: "Seasonal Decorations"	Village Hall	8 pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pre School Christmas Nativity	Parish Church	-

## Forthcoming Events 2015

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Hort. Soc. Spring Show Hort. Soc. Spring Plant Sale YFC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Hort. Soc. Mid Summer Show Hort. Soc. Village Show Macmillan Coffee Morning Hort. Soc. Annual Supper Village Hall Village Hall

Village Hall Village Hall Caribarn Studio Village Hall

If your organisation has a one-off event planned for 2015, why not let other organisations know in advance so that dates don't clash?

For much more information about Cheriton Bishop, Crockernwell and the surrounding area please visit the Cheriton Bishop Web Site: <a href="http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk">www.cheritonbishop.org.uk</a> Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: <a href="http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk">anthonydbott@aol.com</a>

#### CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting on Monday 13th October 2014

#### Discussed at the Public Open Session

Member of public reported noxious and nauseous odours over the last 5 months, which appeared to be coming from the area around Tellams. Others reported unknown material is being burnt locally, which may be causing an odour and the spreading of Bio-waste on local farm-land may also cause odours. A representative from Tellams confirmed there is no odour coming from the site, which is monitored by various agencies. MDDC. Environmental Protection Officer had confirmed to the M.O.P. that no incineration had taken place at Tellams for some time and no odours are coming from the site.

Member of public asked if any progress had been made regarding the road drainage problem at Four Cross Ways that he had raised at a previous meeting. Councillor Coren was still waiting for a reply from the Highways Officer. Tim Gorringe presented an update on the Community Land Trust project. He confirmed 45 people visited the open day and the development of social housing will be built and managed by Teign Housing. There are currently 17 people registered on Devon Home Choice, who may be considered for these properties.

M.O.P. reported large potholes from Four Crossways to the A30 Bridge, Councillor Coren to follow up with Devon Highways.

#### Discussed by the Parish Council and District Councillors

Vice-Chairman thanked everybody who helped at the village tidy up.

Councillor Coren reported flooding at properties in Glebelands had been sorted out.

He has contacted the Young Farmers and they have agreed to help with the printing of the Village Plan. Police have said they have no legal powers to deal with the parking opposite the Yeoford Road junction.

MDDC are looking at charging £50 per annum to empty brown bins from October 2015. The dumped tyres at Honeyford have been removed. Councillor Heal reported the Leader of MDDC Council will be retiring at the end of October. There is a petition at MDDC from Councillors wanting to return to the committee system.

There will be planning training coming up in the autumn.

#### Parish Clerks report

Clerk reported the newsletter group had met. The advertising was going well, so there was no need to increase charges. MDDC. had notified all Parish Councils that there will be reductions in council tax grant for the year 2015/16. The final figure will be circulated later this year. It will mean the Parish Council will need to increase our precept request, just to cover the shortfall.

#### Planning applications received

•Land East of Hill View, Cheriton Bishop: outline application for 10 dwellings.

The Council supports, in principal, developments of this size.

•Venbridge Grange, Cheriton Bishop: Erection of general purpose building to include a wash room and retention of existing storage container. Councillors raised a number of concerns. Is there a proven need for the development? The site is not large enough, and the applicant has already failed to comply with an enforcement order. If considered for approval, request that the building is not erected until the orchards are planted, and that the building is not occupied as a dwelling.

•Land South East Of Moor Park, Cheriton Bishop: Approval of reserved matters for eighteen dwellings. (Approval sought for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) Agreed to make no further comment as planning approval already exists for a similar sized development.

•Land at Rydon, Cheriton Bishop: erection of an agricultural livestock building. Council supports the application.

#### Planning decisions received

Land at Medland Lane Cheriton Bishop: Erection of a Farm Manager's dwelling. Grant permission with conditions.

#### **Remembrance Service**

Clerk would order the wreath. Vice-Chairman would agree with Chairman who would lay it.

#### **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Notice**

If members of the public would like to receive electronic copies of the meeting agendas please get in touch with the Clerk: Derek Madge: cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com 01392 833969

#### The Autumn 2014 Village Tidy and Litter Pick

On behalf of Peter Endacott and myself, I would like to thank all those who gave up their time to help with the clean up and tidy on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We have yet again surprised ourselves with the amount of work we achieved and area we were able to make an impact on, before the winter sets in. Special thanks once again to our District Councillors (Peter Heal and Derek Coren) for the help with disposal of the waste and collection of all of the equipment.

Sincere thanks yet again.

Tim Vooght, Vice Chairman. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council

#### Helpful contacts in the event of an emergency

The Parish Council has been discussing the possibility of creating a local emergency list. The idea is to compile a list of people who are willing, able or have suitable equipment to help in the event of any emergency that may occur.

#### For example:

- A prolonged power cut: Do you have alternative water heating/cooking equipment?
- A large Snowfall: Would you be willing to help clear snow, do you own a 4x4?
  - Or would you be willing to visit vulnerable neighbours?
- A fallen tree: Do you own a chainsaw?

There are many examples. We would just ask you to kindly forward your contact details to the Parish clerk or to Tim Vooght for compilation into a list. Our contact details are available within the newsletter.

(Your details would stay within the Parish Council only. For emergency use only.)

#### **Open Mic at The Old Thatch Inn**

Thanks to everyone who has come along and played or just listened at the Open Mic evenings at the Old Thatch Inn in 2014. This has proved to be a great forum for local musicians to meet one another, play music together, or just have a good natter over a pint. We will be taking a winter break in November and December, but will be back with a bang in 2015 on the last Sunday evening of January.

Come and join us at.....

## **Spalding Hall**

on

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 – 12 noon

## **Christmas Coffee Morning**

Seasonal fayre to enjoy and buy Mince pies, mulled wine, raffle and more

Proceeds to Spalding Hall

#### John Shepherd 1928-2014

On behalf of our family, it is nigh on impossible to say a big enough Thank You to every one in the village who has done so much to make the past couple of months easier to bear.

Some of you have been close friends over a long period of time, others we have known little and perhaps only recently. Either way, prior to John's passing on the 21<sup>st</sup> September and to me since, the support of so many people in the village and hereabouts, has been quite wonderful. The beautiful cards and kind words have been such a comfort during these sad days.

To all of you who attended John's Thanksgiving Service, to those who volunteered to provide such a splendid Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall, all of you who invited me out, to those of you who have just known what to say and when to say it, and those who have just nodded and smiled your support and sympathy, thank you.

Many of you will have contributed to the Marie Curie Cancer Care and Hospiscare, Devon, Charities, and I am absolutely delighted to tell you that the magnificent total raised in John's memory amounted to  $\pounds 1,450$  – so more heartfelt thanks!

My two dear sisters, one of whom was widowed two weeks after me, made the comment that they felt I was surrounded by affection here in Cheriton Bishop, and that is exactly how I do feel. We have truly been blessed to live in such a caring community. Thank you all!

Betty Shepherd

#### Thank you!

I would like to thank all my many friends for the lovely 'Get Well' cards (54 in all), sent to me in hospital; also for the good friends and relatives who came to visit, which I enjoyed so much.

However, most of all, '<u>thank you</u>' to my two wonderful nieces, Alison Drew and Joanna Tripp, who came each day and gave me such support when I needed it most.

Thank you all again

Joan M. Ley

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning at Caribarn Studio

Allen and Sue Bloomfield would like to thank all those who attended, and those who helped, raise the magnificent sum of £604.24 for Macmillan Cancer Research. The International Classical Guitarist, Stephen Yates, added charm to the occasion by rendering some of his own compositions. The sun shone and the outside stall of plants and vegetables added to the attractions of cakes, tombola, raffle, bring and buy plus coffee and refreshments inside the studio. Some of the art group, who meet regularly on the last Friday of every month, donated paintings to the fund. A thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable morning was had by all. We look forward to repeating this annual event next year on the last Friday of September.

#### IT'S OUR TURN, NOW!

In the August Parish Newsletter, we welcomed Jan and Jeff Hicks into the Village to take over Checkers Store. Now, with the **Central Convenience Store of Cheriton Bishop** totally revamped, it is their turn to welcome the Village to the **Grand Opening** of the completed Village Store!

Jan asked the writer, in an "off the cuff interview" to tell readers that the **BIG DAY** is Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, anytime between 5.00 p.m and 8.00 p.m. She's got a fair few surprises in store, including sampling wines, beer, hot food and more.... And we can all enter a prize draw – the winner gets a TV! By the time you read this, full details of "bargains galore" will be available on "flyers" in store.

Even better news, not only will the store open from 6.00 a.m. until 9.00 p.m. seven days a week, but the Post Office will be open for exactly the same hours! (scheduled to open on the 21<sup>st</sup> October).

Remember, too, what was said at the August Interview – Jan and Co. welcome constructive "feedback" from us, their customers.

Finally, on a personal note – at that first interview Jan was totally stressed out by trying to keep the business going on a "building site" – with staff equally stressed trying to get to grips with new systems and products. What a pleasure it was this time to find a relaxed, smiling Jan – and that applies equally to her staff.

Jan said in August she was really looking forward to the launch of the Store so she could get to know her customers  $-29^{\text{th}}$  October is that day - don't miss the opportunity!

**PS:** For anyone who has had difficulty finding the Parish Newsletters in the shop at the beginning of each month – They now have a new 'home' near the back on the right hand wall as you go in to the shop.

Brian Bryon-Edmond, Roving Reporter

#### ULTIMATE HOEDOWN COWBOY THROWDOWN

Put on your best Cowboy boots and hat for the Tedburn & Cheriton Scouts Fundraising Hoedown on Saturday 15th November. The Shindig starts at 7.30PM and your entry ticket includes a 2 course Good Ole Fashioned Cowboy Cookout as well as Line Dancing to Walter Shortage and the Hosepipe Band. There will be a cash bar selling a selection of Ales, Ciders and Wines as well as Soft Drinks.

The event will take place at the Oak Barn, Hittisleigh.

Tickets are £20 each and are available from Ian Parsons on 01647 24070 or John Milverton on 01647 24641. Last year's event was a sellout - so get your tickets early. Funds raised will go towards the erection of the new Scout building at Crofters Mead.

#### Paid Advert

#### LOGS FOR SALE

Seasoned Hardwood logs for sale.

Any quantity available for delivery within Cheriton Bishop / Dunsford areas.

Please call 07980 975002

#### Cheriton & Tedburn YFC's

## BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

@ Bowbeer Farm, Drewsteignton, Exeter, EX6 6PD

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 with Fireworks from 7.

#### Harvest Supper

84 people sat down to the Harvest Supper – including 14 children, a record! The children behaved as children should – not 40 children behaving as one, but each child as forty, as Charles Dickens says. We embraced virtually a ninety year age range – from 4 to 93. The one gap is our teenagers – Seth was the only representative. Jenny and Joyce put stunning decorations on the main table and on the stage – the hall could have been the set for a BBC costume drama. There was an abundance of food, and this was due in large measure to the generosity of all the people who help in this event, and contribute not only delicious puddings but savoury dishes as well. For the first time the children contributed to the entertainment – thank you Amanda, or whoever was responsible for that. There are some lovely voices there. Great contributions from Brenda and Archibald Wurzel, Peter Ritchie, Alan Greenslade, and Uncle Tom Cobley and all... A number of people have said, 'the best Harvest Supper ever!' Let's hope we can keep that up. Thank you to all the people who gave gifts for the auction (and to all the people shelling out for things) – we raised just under £50, and were able to give £150 to our charity, Farm Africa, which supports smallholders on that continent. Brian felt there should be a 'thank you' to the organisers, but we feel (that's a royal 'we' in case you're in doubt) that everybody who comes contributes to it. The Supper is only as good as the community, and that says a lot for the community we are part of.

Tim Gorringe

#### The Mobile Library Service

We have something for everyone! From Aveton Gifford to Zeal Monachorum, our fleet of 4 Mobile Libraries visits over 450 locations in communities across Devon giving access to books, audio books, large print and DVDs to people who cannot easily reach one of our static libraries.

Membership is FREE, no ID needed. Join at any age – babies too! There is no charge for borrowing books, and there's a great choice.

Non-Fiction books, Large Print, and children's books can be reserved FREE. You can even reserve books online, and collect them from the Mobile Library. Children have extra fun joining the Book Track and Summer Reading Challenge.

There is something to offer everyone on board so why not hop on and take a look? For more information phone 0345 155 1001 Or email <u>devlibs@devon.gov.uk</u> Please see the local times and dates at the bottom of our regular meetings on page 3.

#### The Home Library Service

Love reading but you can't get to your library? The Home Library Service can bring books and CDs to your door for FREE. If you're not able to come to the library, or not able to carry your books, the Home Library Service can deliver books to you! The service provides:

Free delivery and collection at flexible times A wide choice of titles Large print books, audio books and CDs Free reservations No fines The books are delivered by trained and security-checked volunteers from the Royal Voluntary Service who will treat your confidentiality as a priority. For more information phone 0345 155 1001 Or email <u>devlibs@devon.gov.uk</u>

## WINTER CRAFT MARKET

#### Cheriton Bishop Branch of West Country Embroiderers are holding a Winter Craft Market from 10.00 – 4.00

## **Saturday 1st November**

## **Cheriton Bishop Village Hall**

There will be a variety of individually handcrafted goods for sale as well as trade stands, raffle, produce stall and the usual yummy refreshments.

Do come for Christmas presents or even to just treat yourself!

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who arranged the teddy parachute day. I had a wonderful time soaring through the air followed by a lovely tea in the Church.

Well done to all the furry creatures and their brave owners, (here is a photograph of one of my friends). A huge thank you to Uncle Bill and Uncle Alan for their launching skills and daring rescues!

From Snowy.

#### **Churchwarden's Notes**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, as well as a morning service in Cheriton Bishop, there is the Service of Light at Whitestone at 6pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> of November is All Saints Day (also known as All Hallows, hence the day before being Hallowe'en) when we remember the Saints who have gone before us. However the 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Souls Day, when we remember those we have loved who didn't quite get to Sainthood. The Service of Light is a chance to think about them, thank God for their lives and light a candle in memory, and all are welcome to attend and participate. If you need transport please let one of us know.

The annual churchyard tidy up is on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10am. If you can join us for mowing, strimming, hedge trimming, weeding, pruning or any other job you think needs doing please come along, and you will be rewarded with a free lunch! Please bring any tools you have to help with the work.

Alan Greenslade 24002 Janet Jeffery 24414

#### SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

#### November 2014

9.30 <b>9.30</b>	AY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Holcombe Burnell Cheriton Bishop Tedburn St Mary Pathfinder Whitestone	All Saints Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Service of Light	Revd Martin Wood <b>Canon John Tutton</b> Revd Martin Wood Canon Geoffrey Moore Revd Martin Wood
	<b>SDAY 6<sup>th</sup></b> Pathfinder	Communion with Prayer for Healing	Canon Geoffrey Moore
9.30 10.50 10.55 <b>10.55</b>	AY 9 <sup>th</sup> Whitestone Holcombe Burnell Tedburn St Mary Cheriton Cross Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	Remembrance Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Utd Remembrance Service Act of Remembrance Remembrance Service	Revd Martin Wood Canon Geoffrey Moore Revd Martin Wood Canon John Tutton Canon John Tutton
3pm	Pathfinder	Remembrance Service	Revd Martin Wood
9am <b>9.30</b>	AY 16 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> be Tedburn St Mary Cheriton Bishop Whitestone Pathfinder Holcombe Burnell	fore Advent Holy Communion <b>Parish Communion</b> Family Service Evensong Evensong	Canon John Tutton Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood Revd Martin Wood Lay Led
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	AY 30 <sup>th</sup> Adver Tedburn St Mary	nt 1 Team Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe Revd Martin Wood to preach
	THURSDAY Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood or Canon Geoffrey Moore

# A warm welcome to all who attend our services. Please note that the Spalding Hall is open for the use of the toilets during service times.

## From the Rector

### Remembering both World Wars

The annual act of remembrance often focuses on an anniversary that occurred that year. Last year there was a focus on the  $70^{th}$  anniversary of the Dambusters or 617 squadron. Unusually, this year there are two anniversaries from different wars that are to be remembered. The first is the  $100^{th}$  anniversary of the beginning of World War One.

The 4th of August 1914 marked the day Britain entered one of the costliest conflicts in history the First World War - with fighting continuing until the 11th of November 1918, Armistice Day. The national annual remembrance coincides with the end of the war at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. A hundred years ago at the start of war everyone thought or hoped it might be over by Christmas! Although, there was an unofficial truce and game of football on Christmas day 1914 the war carried on for four years.

The second anniversary is Friday 6 June 2014, the 70th anniversary of D-Day was commemorated on both sides of the English Channel. Winston Churchill's famous speech was about D Day:

"We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender......."

It is interesting to note that he is often misquoted as saying "we shall fight *them* on the beaches", there is no "*them*" in his speech. It is also sobering to reflect that there was almost another year of fighting between D Day and the end of the war in Europe on the 8th May 1945, and the 15th August 1945 marked the end of war in Japan and the world. Returning to the First World War it had another four years until that anticipated end was accomplished. So often conflicts stretch on much longer than anyone could imagine or hoped they would.

As I write, new battle lines are still being drawn between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Kurds and Turks and I.S. and the Western World. There is the same question of how long will these conflicts continue and what will be the human cost of dead, injured and displaced people. The First World War was said to be "the war to end all wars". One hundred years later people are still waging war. Sometimes all that remains is more bitterness and further conflicts. We need to draw inspiration from Nelson Mandela who rejected recrimination in favour of reconciliation. There always needs to be reconciliation for peace to transform these difficult situations.

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

## WEST DOWN EVANGELICAL CHAPEL

Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop. Telephone 01647 24660/24264

#### Services for November 2014

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 11.am Morning Worship 3.pm Family Service with **Rev Ray Murden** 

Sunday 9th Nov 10.55am <u>Act of Remembrance</u> at <u>Cheriton Cross followed by Service of</u> <u>Remembrance in Village Hall at 11.15am</u> 3.pm Family Service with Communion **Rev David Cole** 

Sunday 16th Nov 11.am Morning Worship 3.pm Family Service with **Rev David Ursell**  Sunday 23rd Nov 11.am Morning Worship 3.pm Family Service Mr Reg Cade

Sunday 30th November 11.am Morning Worship 3.pm Family Service Mr Bob Werrett

> Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> Home prayer Fellowship Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Werrett

If there are any families in the village who need transport or more information regarding the meetings, please contact one of the above telephone numbers.

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#### **Holy Trinity Yeoford**

November and early December are looking very busy at Yeoford. Holy Trinity Yeoford is going to have a table at St. Nicolas Fair again this year and various members of the congregation will make Christmas goods and man the stall on the day. Café Company will have a craft morning on 1<sup>st</sup> December when we will make Christmas wreaths; all materials will be provided.

Holy Trinity was reopened again, after being closed for several years, 30 years ago this December. We plan to have a celebration on December  $7^{th}$  at 4pm. We will have a candlelit procession from the school to the church followed by a short service and refreshments. We hope as many people from Yeoford village, past and present, will take part and join us for this occasion.

Messy church is on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3-30 in the village hall. All families are warmly welcome.

Services for November Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 9-30 Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-30 Holy Communion by extension

Carol Price 01647 24468

#### CHANGE OF VENUE: NOW BEING HELD AT THE KINGS ARMS TEDBURN ST MARY "CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET AND CRAFT FAYRE" SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2014 - 12 – 4pm Amber Cuming: 07738 247092 Evenings: 01647 441381 Email: amberjayne3@btinternet.com

#### Walking Group News

Our group meets to walk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month which coincides with the date copy needs to be in for the newsletter. This means I am reporting on the previous month's walk....when the weather was much better! Dennis Milton planned the last walk and this was his feedback:

Sunday 21 September was ideal for walking with sunshine and a blue sky all of the day with just a little breeze. Some 9 turned up to do the Belstone walk and all accomplished it, no one wanted to climb up on to the Tor but preferred to head back for a cup of tea. Belstone village hall was open right opposite the car park for tea and cakes. From remarks whilst we all sat around every one enjoyed the walk and the views.

Our group has recently purchased the Ordnance Survey on-line facility. This allows us to produce custom made areas of maps showing the routes we are taking, to work out distances and approximate times to cover the walks and to see the elevation etc. It also enables us to email the map so people can print it out themselves. We are still learning all the things the program can do but it beats taking a huge map out on a walk.

This month (October) Jan Mitchell has cleverly planned a route that takes us from Cheriton south towards Woodbrook, through Crockernwell, and then on a circular path back to tea at The Spalding Hall. We will be very eco-friendly, needing no transport to reach our starting point. We will hope the recent downpours hold off on Sunday!

We welcome anyone who fancies a walk and a chat, and possibly discovering some new walks (I certainly have), to come and join us.

Jane (24092)



#### ACORN LUNCH THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 12.30 P.M. at

#### THE COACH HOUSE

Fish and chips , Dessert and tea or coffee Come and join us for a very chatty lunch.  $\pounds 7.00$ 

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 3<sup>rd</sup> November. With Jean 01647 24586. Tell her if you need transport.

#### ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club** – Are now having 1 lunch a month, which will be the first Thursday of each month. If you would to come along please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 for more details.

**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

**Teign Valley Memory Café -** This month it will be 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

**Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall** – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. This month it will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 01647 252701 if you need a lift.

**Acorn Services -** Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the Acorn office 01647 252701.

Feeling Bored? Have you skills you're not using? Looking for a more fulfilling way to spend your time? Want to make friends with some fascinating people? Want to work at the heart of your community? Want to wake up your life? Then become an Acorn Community Support Volunteer! Join Acorn Community Support and make someone's day so much better. For more information contact Jackie on 01647 252701.

Please check out our website www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

4<sup>th</sup> December 12.30p.m.

Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast Turkey and Gammon Ham, Pigs in Blankets, Roast potatoes Honey Roast Parsnip, Carrots, Buttered Sprouts, Garden Peas, Stuffing, Gravy.

Vegetarian alternative: Nut Roast

Christmas Pudding served with Cream Christmas Pudding Ice cream, Profiteroles & chocolate sauce

A glass of Red or White wine, lager, beer or fruit juice. Tea or Coffee  $\pounds 15.00$  per person.

> PLEASE BOOK BY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER Jean 01647 24586

## **BE SAFE, HAVE FUN!**

We make no apology for repeating the Police and Fire Service annual advice to "revellers" at **HALLOWEEN (Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October) - to youngsters...** 

- 1. In the dark, watch out for traffic drivers might not see you so wear something bright!
- 2. If you wear a mask, make sure you can see where you are going!
- 3. Carry a torch (that works!) and if possible a fully charged mobile 'phone.
- 4. Only go to houses of people you know and are happy for you to call at.
- 5. Remember, some people, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, might be distressed by you knocking on their door. If you see a sign "Sorry, No trick or Treat, this Halloween", then don't call.

#### **GUY FAWKES NIGHT**

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November (so "activity" could take place anytime during the whole of that week) - everyone!

**BONFIRES** – remember the "Good Neighbour Code" which of course applies to bonfires throughout the year:

- 1. Warn your neighbours before you fire up they are less likely to complain.
- 2. Check the wind direction who will the smoke affect? If you are near a road and the smoke reduces visibility, you can be fined. (Remember the Taunton firework display tragedy)
- 3. Only burn dry materials, not wet or damp which causes excessive smoke.
- 4. Don't use petrol or paraffin to ignite or keep the fire going it can get out of control.
- 5. Build your fire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- 6. Don't leave the fire unattended.
- 7. Keep children and pets away from the fire. If you have built the fire well before you burn it, check creatures like hedgehogs haven't hibernated underneath.

8. Don't burn aerosols, tyres or anything containing foam or paint – which can produce toxic fumes or cause explosions.

9. Make sure the fire is well out before leaving it.

#### **FIREWORKS**

- 1. Only buy and use fireworks marked BS7114.
- 2. Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- 3. Closely follow the instructions on each firework.
- 4. Light them at arms length using a taper.
- 5. Stand well back!
- 6. Never go near a firework that has been lit it might seem dead but it could still explode.
- 7. Always supervise children closely.
- 8. Use a glove when handling sparklers and never give one to a child under five years old.
- 9. Keep pets indoors turn up the radio or TV to drown the noise if necessary!
- 10. Don't let fireworks off after 11.00 p.m. it's the Law.

Watch this space next month to see if a "not fit for purpose" Government Agency will actually do something to get us our Community Speed Watch!

Brian W Bryon-Edmond, Deputy Co-ordinator Neighbourhood Watch 01647 24696

## **Cheriton Bishop Horticultural Society**

(Your local gardener's club - not as posh as we sound...)

This month, the eagerly awaited:

#### **Annual Supper**

Our 'open to all' annual feast is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**. Cost is again £8 this year, but please bring your own alcoholic drinks (fruit cup provided). Please pay on the door, but we need to know who is coming and what you would like to eat beforehand! Choose from:

> Hearty Beef Cobbler Country Chicken casserole Sumptuous Salmon Ham with parsley sauce Vegetable Moussaka

...and place your order with Persis (24303) or Sally (24724) as soon as possible (all orders need to be in by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November).

By tradition, many diners bring *puddings to share* and all contributions are hugely appreciated. We will also be selling Daffodils to grow for the Spring Show (5 bulbs for £1) and there will be a draw with specially-bought prizes by the Hort Soc Committee.

**This Month's meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 8 pm in The Spalding Hall:** "What I grew and what would you suggest?". An evening for trouble-shooting your problems and sharing advice and experiences. *Everyone welcome!* For those who were at the AGM in October and have one of the new seed catalogues from DT Brown, please remember to bring your completed order forms to this meeting in order to receive an astonishing 50% off your seed purchase.

**Your thoughts and ideas please:** Looking ahead to 2015 the Committee are planning some summertime activities for gardeners (after all, we can't be gardening *all the time!*). So far we have thought perhaps to have a series of informal and friendly evenings visiting each other's gardens, and it would be good to know if you would like us to visit yours? We are also thinking about further afield trips and would very much like to have suggestions of where might be popular places to go? And looking even further ahead to Autumn 2015 – it's a while since we considered whether our meeting times are still the best time for our members: would you prefer a 7.30 pm start to winter meetings or rather stay with 8 pm as at present?

**Coming soon:** Our last meeting before Christmas will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, 8 pm in THE VILLAGE HALL, for a meeting where we will need a lot of space to make "Seasonal Decorations". Practical demonstrations and 'have a go yourself'. Materials provided. Any additional demonstrators will be very welcome too.

Next month we will update you on changes to the Committee following the AGM and any new contact details, but if you would like further information on any of the above please contact either Persis Bower on 24303 or Sally Burton on 24724.

#### Happy Gardening!

### SOME REMINDERS TO CONTRIBUTORS

Please don't forget to let us know when anything changes in your group or organization, such as changes to contact details, meeting times or venues etc.

Please remember our Web Site and keep information updated by letting Tony know when things no longer need to be there (e.g. Minutes of past meetings, show schedules for long-past shows etc.).

The easiest way for your Newsletter article or notice to be included is in a basic Word doc or docx. Paragraph indents are best inserted using the indent key on your keyboard (usually to the left of the "Q"!), rather than using tab stops (Tab stops for indents, boxes, etc cause no end of problems when they are transferred to within the Newsletter document because they sometimes put the whole thing out of 'sinc' and take ages to put right.

Here are some common alterations we spend a long time each month making: Full-stops should be followed by two spaces and commas by one. For best readability and impact, too many words written in capitals should be avoided because they are difficult to read by those with sight problems or dyslexia (because the shape of the word is lost). Headings generally look better in bold type instead of underlined (personal opinion!) and shouldn't be followed by a full stop. One exclamation mark at a time generally conveys enough surprise and stimulation to readers to make the point!

NB: These notes are intended to be *helpful* rather than to criticize – your contributions are always welcome however they arrive.

## Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has helped to look after me during my recent illness and for all the kind messages, cards and flowers that I have received. Whilst I am still not back to full health, I am doing well and look forward to being back to normal soon.

Kind regards

Sylvia Tripp

## Thank you from the Teddies of Cheriton Bishop and around

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved with the wonderful teddy bears' parachuting afternoon at St Mary's. Everyone, adults and children, thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, which, at times, was quite dramatic.

Thank you also for the superb tea and cakes laid on afterwards and apologies for the crumbs left behind!

## **Operation Christmas Child - 2014**

Once again we will be collecting the Christmas shoeboxes to send off to underprivileged children via the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

If you would like a ready-made shoebox, they will be available from Jo Carter (Glebe View, Cheriton Bishop) or Adele Stickland (Friday morning Pilates Classes at the Village Hall) or from the school reception area (suggested donation of 50p to cover costs). You can, of course, use your own, wrapped shoebox (the lid must be wrapped separately as the box will need to be checked by the charity).

We will also provide a leaflet on what could be packed and how to pay the charity's £3 donation/admin charge, plus the girl/boy and age group sticker to go on the finished box.

Please leave your finished shoebox with Jo, Adele or back in the school reception area by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will then take it to the collection point.

This is a fantastic way of spreading the joy of Christmas. Since 1990, more than 113 million children in over 130 countries have received these boxes full of presents. It really warms your heart and gets you in the Christmas spirit! Plus it might give you something to do over half term...

Kind regards,

Jo Carter and Adele Stickland

#### New season at Chagford Art Group

Following their successful annual art exhibition, members of the Chagford Art Group have now started their Autumn Term in the Chagford Cricket Club pavilion on Thursday afternoons 2.00 – 4.00p.m. Members of this friendly, happy group meet each week throughout the year producing paintings of their own preference including landscapes, seascapes, abstract, portraits, pets, fantasy, aeroplanes, and naive art etc. and occasionally they have a demonstration by a professional artist. The group has celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and in looking to a continuing and successful future will also continue to welcome others who would like to join them. For more information on the group, please contact Maureen Dady, Chairman, on 01626 821237 or Ursula Radford 01837 840547.

Pilates classes in Whitestone Parish Hall every Thursday 6 45p.m. Expert tuition. Call 01392 811878 for details or just turn up

On Wednesday 19th November 2014 Longdown Garden Club are having a talk on **NEW TECHNIQUES IN VEGETABLE GROWING**. The meeting is in the Village Hall and starts at 7.30. All are welcome and the hall has a large car park. The talk is being given by Tom Sharples of Suttons Seeds. After the talk tea and coffee (and biscuits) are being served.

## STONE LANE GARDENS

VACANCY FOR PART TIME EDUCATION OFFICER (2 days per week)

STONE FARM, CHAGFORD, DEVON, TQ13 8JU OCTOBER 2014

Further details from: paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com Website: www.stonelanegardens.com

## **Barn Dance**

Monday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 30pm. Whitestone Parish Hall EX4 2JS Caller Eileen Nightingale

Everyone welcome

Bring your own drinks etc. £3 on the door Social Club members free

### **Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School**

#### Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond

No 164 November 2014



Goodness, doesn't time fly? We are now on the run up to half term which begins on  $27^{th}$  October. What has happened in the school since October's Snippets. I am told that the School's Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's Church went off well with accolades for the singing, the spoken word and refreshments after the service. A big Well Done is due to all who took part. Also, I understand that there has been a Great Cherry B Bake Off held at the school with each class being judged and a list of winners prepared. The occasion was used as a fund raiser and, indeed, raised some £102.00 in a very short space of time. The whole thing was sponsored by the PTFA. You'll notice from the calendar that each class has got a Baking Day allocated after the New Year. Again, this will be arranged by the PTFA.

Continuing with the fund raising theme, the Macmillan Coffee Break generated the princely sum of  $\pounds 44.00$ . The school made this up to  $\pounds 50.00$ . This is a very creditable sum for such an event.

I regret that I have no feedback of results from the Swimming Gala held on 15<sup>th</sup> October and I'm not sure what sports have been taking place this half of term. Whatever has taken place, I'm sure that the children have acquitted themselves well.

Not on last month's calendar of events, the 20<sup>th</sup> October will see a Themed Day when each class will have its own theme allied to their class topic. Hence Class 1 will have a family theme and will be learning to bake. They have to come to school dressed as waiters or waitresses ready to serve up their resultant goodies to the parentage.

Class 2 will be following a Tudor theme and will be spending the day dressed as rich or poor Tudor people. They will have to produce their own quill so that they can practise Tudor writing! The children will also be making their own 'Tudor Rose' clay pot.

Class 3 are going to be having a food themed day during which they will be learning all about foods from around the world. The idea will be that they will be split into groups with each group studying the food and culture of their allocated country. The children will be expected to arrive at school dressed in clothes that represent the country they are studying.

This all sounds marvellous and it will be very interesting to see the outcome of each class's efforts. Somehow, with all the various baking activities both this term and next, I feel that the Great British Bake Off television programme has a lot to answer for! That doesn't mean I'm against teaching the children culinary skills, I'm very 'for' it. In my day I believe it was called Domestic Science. Wheels and rotation come to mind.

The Calendar:

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 2 Baking Day 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Autumn Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non-Uniform day 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre (in School) 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas School Jumper Day – in aid of *Save The Children* 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Services – 1400 and 1800 – St Mary's Church 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of Autumn Term

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Carol Singing around the Village 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 – Class 1 Baking Day 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Non-Uniform Day 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Class 3 Baking Day

As must be obvious, the Christmas season is upon us.

On then to more mundane topics and the first to raise its head is the subject of parking, an old favourite. There are three black spots in Cheriton Bishop and all are up at Cheriton Cross. Once again I have heard complaints about all the cars and vans that have taken to parking at the 'throat' of Church Lane. The line of cars seems to extend almost up to the white lines. With no places to draw in to the left, the driver up the hill has to remain in the right hand lane up to the junction all the way from the entrance to Hescane Park. I don't know whether the vehicles are owned by residents or by car sharing pool drivers but they need to show some consideration for others. The next black spot is vehicles parked opposite the throat of the Yeoford Road. This causes access difficulties both into and out of the Yeoford Road. The situation there is exacerbated by the parking outside the shop. Traffic on the main road in both directions is frequently forced across to the wrong side of the road. The line of sight for many drivers is blocked by many of these vehicles. It's a case of taking one's life into one's hands when attempting to clear the area. I have no solution to the latter problem. All I can say is 'Please be careful'. The shop needs the trade and customers need to park. Oh for the Halcyon days of Checkers Filling Station and the big car park!!!

Last month I praised the dispensary for the efforts they have made to ensure that we can all get the requisite pills and potions prescribed by the doctors. Somehow they always seem to remain so cheerful. Well, now I want to say a great big thank you to the Surgery and the doctors, nurses and everybody else who helps to create the surgery that we are lucky to have. I have always found everyone I've dealt with to be unfailingly polite, cheerful, understanding and patient (sic). When put together with the dispensary we have got a first class facility which is the envy of many other areas. Long may it remain so. Once again, a big thank you is due to you all.

On, then, to the subject of the railway. The normal weekend heritage services have stopped, First Great Western have done their skid-pan training and the stage is now being cleared for the Polar Express, details of which can be found on the internet. The Polar Express coaches have been brought down to platform 2.

The station Buffet will still be opening at the weekends, though neither this weekend nor the next because Mary is taking a very well earned holiday. Normal service will be resumed the following weekend. As some of you will be aware, Westcountry Models have moved out of the shop on the station and I believe they will be relocating to the Arcade in Okehampton. The Class 47 which has been the subject of considerable dispute, has been bought by Nemesis Rail from its owners and was taken away on Wednesday to its new owners' works where it will be restored to main line standards I believe.

West Devon Folk Choir will be taking part in a WREN concert in St Stephen's church in Exeter in December.

Don't forget the clocks, they go back an hour overnight on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October!! PGR