

## The News Letter, September 2014

What are your plans for the Autumn? September is a lovely month because the days are still long enough and often warm enough to let us think that summer will continue for a bit longer, but there's also that slight tingle in the air that spurs us on to remember that the year is turning and all the activities of the 'new term' will soon be starting up again.

### Things to do

Looking through this month's edition I am struck by just how much variety there is on offer in Cheriton and locally to keep us busy. You might, for instance, like to join the Horticultural Society in their visit to Drewsteignton for a late afternoon/early evening pruning demonstration (page 12). If you are handy with a shotgun you might also like to spend a day with the YFC, raising money for three local charities (page 21). For the creative types there is the chance to be inspired by a floristry demonstration, or to start a new hobby by keeping a nature diary (page 23). Looking further ahead, why not spend an enjoyable day exercising your voice at the annual Singing Day in October (page 6)? Or if this all sounds much too energetic and you'd rather sit down with a nice cup of tea or meal with good company, you will be sure to find exactly what you are looking for on page 15.

### Looking after the village... and residents

As usual the very practical, anyone-can-join-in village clean up is taking place again during September (details on page 19). You can also help out tidying up later on in the Autumn in the parish churchyard (page 6). For both of these days 'many hands' really do make light work and a warm welcome and refreshments are always in generous supply.

In order to keep the village and community together by having housing opportunities for those who want to live here but might not otherwise be able to afford it, the promising plans that are being put forward by the Community Land Trust are going to be on display this month. Read page 4 and share your thoughts at the public consultation.

On page 14 you can read the latest attempt by villagers to make the roads through Cheriton Bishop safer and, if you are wondering why on

the 13<sup>th</sup> September those same roads are becoming peopled by rather more walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, (and maybe even roller skaters), than usual, you will find the answer on page 8 – it's all in a good cause!

### Harvest

It has been a lovely summer and all that rain we endured last winter has combined with the warmth of recent months to provide an abundance of everything. In usual tradition there are Harvest thanksgivings to look forward to with West Down Chapel celebrating harvest at the end of the month (page 9) and the service at the Parish Church taking place at the beginning of October. There is also an opportunity to actually eat the food produced at the Harvest Supper, and as usual Tim is advising you to book early to be sure you can join this highly enjoyable occasion (page 13).

### News extra!

Many thanks are due to our 'roving reporter' for his sequel to last month's changes at the shop. Jan and Jeff are welcomed in to the parish on page 4 where you can read the latest news on the changes going on at the shop.

We also have all the latest news regarding the recent village show, so please see page 12 to see the full report and cup-winners.

*With best wishes for September from Jenny and the News-letter team.*

**DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE!: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6PM.**  
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## Regular Meeting dates

Parish Council Contact: Derek Madge 01392 833969	<i>every second Monday evening in the month</i>
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Playgroup Contact: Christine Grist 281205	<i>Mon, Tue, Wed, 9.00 – 11.30, Thurs 9 – 3.20 “Lunch Club” until 12.50 pm on Wednesdays. All during term time only</i>
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West Down Bible Study & Prayer Contact: Derek Coren 24264	<i>every Monday evening from Oct – May</i>
Horticultural Society Contact: Persis Bower 24303	<i>usually the third Monday evening in the month during the Autumn and Winter</i>
West Country Embroiderers Contact: Janet Grist 281637	<i>every first Tuesday afternoon in the month</i>
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Art at Caribarn Studio, Pitton Barton Contact: Sue Bloomfield 01647 24840	<i>usually every last Friday of month 9.30 – 12.30</i>
Spiritual Discussion Group Contact: Penny Gare 01647 24639	<i>Monthly</i>

***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

#### **Crockernwell: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays**

Stanbury's Orchard	Arrives 15.05	Departs:	15.25
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#### **Cheriton Bishop: Fortnightly, on Tuesdays**

Glebelands	Arrives: 15.35	Departs:	16.05
Hescane Park	16.10		16.40

[amended August 2014]

## Diary Dates for September

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Lunch	Woodleigh CH	12.30 pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Swanage		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc Pruning at Drewsteignton church car park		5 pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Historic Churches Day	Parish Church	All day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cuppa and a chat	Spalding Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Spalding Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Parish Church	3 – 4.30 pm
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	YFC Clay Shoot	Bowbeer Farm	10 – 4 pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Caribarn	10.30 – 12noon
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cheriton Bishop Clean Up Day	Stone Cross	9.30 am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Thanksgiving	West Down Chapel	3 pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Mic Night	Old Thatch Inn	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	CLT Public Consultation	Spalding Hall	3 - 8 pm

### *Diary Dates for October*

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7 pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts Quiz Night	TstM VH	7 pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Songs of Praise	Parish Church	6 pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Trip to Sainsbury's		
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Singing Day	Parish Church	All day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc "Woodlands & Hedgerows"	Spalding Hall	8 pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Save The Children Craft Fair	Village Hall	10 – 3.30

### Forthcoming Events for 2014

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Winter Craft market (Contact: 01837 82790)	Village Hall	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Churchyard clear up party	Parish Churchyard	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual Hort Soc Dinner	Village Hall	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Farmer's Market & Craft Fair	Village Hall	12 – 4 pm

And for 2015....

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June YFC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

*If your organisation has a one-off event planned for later this year 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: [www.cheritonbishop.org.uk](http://www.cheritonbishop.org.uk)  
Contact for Website: Tony Bott email: [anthonydbott@aol.com](mailto:anthonydbott@aol.com)

### **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](mailto:cheritonbishop.pc@btinternet.com) 01392833969

# Cheriton Bishop Community Land Trust

Many thanks to David and Caryn Tripp for hosting our Coffee Morning and for all the people who baked cakes and gave prizes for the raffle. £225.55 was raised for the work of the Trust.

## Public Consultation

**Spalding hall, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 3pm – 8 pm**

Plans for a small affordable housing development are now being drawn up in preparation for making a planning application. Draft plans will be on display at the drop in session at the Spalding Hall. Please call in, have a look at initial plans, and put questions or observations to our architect Keith Newton, who will be present from 3 – 5pm and 6 – 8 pm. The plans will be available for viewing throughout.

## WELCOME!

In last month's Newsletter, we said a fond farewell to Maria and John from Checkers Store. This month, we can give a really big Cheriton Bishop warm WELCOME to Jan and husband Jeff Hicks, together with their two cats, Mill and Kim, their successors.

Well it is not quite like that – Jan is Manageress of the revamped store, whilst Jeff is actually Area Manager of a group of the Company's stores in Devon. The writer managed to sit down with Jan for half an hour of her valuable time, to get the "low down" on her and the future of the store, whilst all around us building work was going on – nearly got run down by a barrow load of concrete!

Firstly, Jan, born in Hertfordshire but has spent the last twenty plus years living and working in West Sussex - Chichester, to be precise. She has managed a Budgens' Supermarket for much of that time (they have 180 branches) and her background before that was in catering. A good combination for working in Devon! This is her first appointment with the Central Convenience Store group (they have 18 stores now), though Jeff has been with them for a couple of years. They are going to be living "over the shop" initially and maybe buy a house locally when they have sold theirs in Chichester.

But now, Jan is immersing herself in the massive "refit".

Secondly then, the Store. Some might say, "why not close the place down whilst this is going on", but others would find it difficult to live without their village shop for three to four weeks. Central Convenience Stores (incidentally the new name of the shop) support the latter. So Jan apologises for the chaos in Store, but bearing in mind £60,000 is being spent on the revamp, the "inconvenience" should be well worth enduring! Walls to pull down, new floors to be put in, new fixtures and totally new equipment, and in this respect, bear with the staff who are coming to terms with this new equipment involving new systems too.

How will this all end up? There will be some 1300 additional lines in store – many chilled – more competitive prices - we will still be able to buy locally produced food as before – the Post Office will open for longer hours and the shop hours will be virtually the same as before. In a brief chat with one of the owners, Tony Start, the writer was told that he believes every village shop has different "needs" and that some "tweaking" might be necessary after the shop is properly opened and to that end they welcome "customer feedback". They are quite happy, for example, to stock other products if the demand is there.

Meanwhile, Jan, together with her staff, is trying to cope with setting up a virtual new store on a "building site". She says she is looking forward to the launch of Central Convenience Store so she can concentrate on getting to know her customers.

We wish Jan and Jeff every success and happiness in Cheriton Bishop.

*Brian W Bryon-Edmond (Roving Reporter!)*



# **Cheriton Bishop Autumn Village Clean Up**

**On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Meet at the stone cross at 9.30am**

Your help and support is needed. 'Please!'  
Most of the work is done in the morning  
and elevenses are provided.

**Please come along!!!!**

**Bring your own hand tools**

*Contacts: Peter Endacott 24580 and Tim Vooght 24593*

*Poster designed by Cameron Vooght.*

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

Sunday 28th Sept, time tbc

### **Churchwarden's Notes**

The summer holiday is over and life speeds up again.

#### **Ride and Stride for Devon Historic Churches Day Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

This annual event is an opportunity for anybody to find sponsors and then cycle, drive, bus, ride a horse or walk to see how many churches they can visit in one day. The money raised is split between the Devon Historic Churches Trust and their nominated church. More than 200 churches in Devon will be opened, many of them manned and ready to supply drinks. For more details look at the website, [www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk](http://www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk) or the forms at the back of church.

#### **Teddy Bears Picnic and Parachute Jump 3 – 4.30pm Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

A chance for adventurous teddy bears, dolls, dinosaurs or other toys, to parachute down from the church tower for £1 per jump, while their owners fortify themselves with drinks and party food.

#### **October 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Songs of Praise 6pm.**

Those who enjoy flower arranging are welcome to join us in church at 10.30am on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> to help decorate it, or call in during the preceding week to collect a tray with oasis to do an arrangement at home. Those who like to sing can join the Occasional Choir from 7-8pm on Fridays to learn an anthem for the service. Rehearsals start in church on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **Advance Notice. November 8<sup>th</sup>. Churchyard clear-up party with lunch provided.**

More details next month.

*Alan Greenslade 24002 and Janet Jeffery 24414*

## **Cheriton Bishop's Singing Day**

It is time to post a reminder that we are taking bookings for singers to join our next **Singing Day** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. The venue will be St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop and work will be Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace' led by Christopher Fletcher, one of the South West's top choral conductors. Full details and an application form are available now from Bill Jeffery by email ([billjeffery@talktalk.net](mailto:billjeffery@talktalk.net)) or by phone (01647 24414) or by post (6, Stonelands, Crockernwell EX6 6NB). Please apply sooner rather than later as the workshop is proving popular and we shall have to limit numbers because we are only a little village!

*Bill Jeffery*

# SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHERITON BISHOP

## AND OTHER CHURCHES IN THE NORTH KENN MISSION COMMUNITY

### September 2014

#### **THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Pathfinder	Communion with Prayer for Healing	Canon Geoffrey Moore
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#### **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Cheriton Bishop	Trinity 12 <b>Team Communion</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
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#### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 Holcombe Burnell	Trinity 13 Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30 Whitestone	Parish Communion	Canon John Tutton
11am Cheriton Bishop	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Revd Martin Wood</b>
3pm Pathfinder	Prayer and Fellowship	
6pm Tedburn St Mary	Tent Service	Revd Martin Wood

#### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

9am Tedburn St Mary	St Matthew Holy Communion	Revd Prof Tim Gorringe
9.30 Cheriton Bishop	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Canon John Tutton</b>
11am Whitestone	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Evensong	Revd Martin Wood
6pm Holcombe Burnell	Evensong	Lay Led

#### **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

8pm Cheriton Bishop	Taize Prayers
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#### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

8am Cheriton Bishop	Trinity 15 <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Prof Tim Gorringe</b>
9.30 Tedburn St Mary	Parish Communion	Revd Martin Wood
11am Holcombe Burnell	Family Service	Revd Martin Wood
3pm Pathfinder	Harvest Service	
6pm Whitestone	Harvest Praise	Revd Martin Wood

#### **EACH THURSDAY**

10.30 Pathfinder	Holy Communion	Revd Martin Wood or Canon Geoffrey Moore
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*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*

### **The Church of England to include women Bishops**

The General Synod of the Church of England has given its final approval for women to become bishops in the Church of England. The vote in the General Synod on the measure was carried by the required two-thirds majority in the three constituent parts of the Synod: the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

*"Today is the completion of what was begun over 20 years ago with the ordination of women as priests. I am delighted with today's result. Today marks the start of a great adventure of seeking mutual flourishing while still, in some cases disagreeing. The challenge for us will be for the church to model good disagreement and to continue to demonstrate love for those who disagree on theological grounds. Very few institutions achieve this, but if we manage this we will be living out more fully the call of Jesus Christ to love one another."*

The Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, said:

*"To those who ask 'what took you so long?' my answer is that every decision has a cost and there will be those within our body who will be hurting as a result of this decision. Our answer to the hurting should not be 'get over it' but rather 'we will not let go until you have blessed us.'"*

Subject to Parliamentary approval the measure will return to the General Synod in November of this year where it will come into force after its promulgation (legal formal announcement). This means the first woman bishop could potentially be appointed by the end of the year.

As you can see it has been a long and slow process. It is hard to hold two differing interpretations in tension. The struggle is not to convert everyone to one ideology but to find a way in which the two can be maintained in harmony. There is a second dimension to this process, that of majority and minority. There is a clear majority of people in favour of women bishops. Often a majority is enough to ignore the views and wishes of the other minority. Yet Jesus makes it clear how we treat the marginalized will affect how God views our actions. So often it is the vulnerable who are left to cope by themselves. It is part of discipleship to look out for and to offer practical help in these situations. The Christian faith has a long history of getting involved with forgotten and neglected people and transforming these situations. We can reflect on successes in medicine, education and human rights. The issues of equality in gender still have a long way to go around the world.

**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 September 2014

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Dr John Wibberley**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Steve Aplin**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Family Service with  
**Mr Robert Blake**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

11.am Morning Worship

3.pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service  
with **Rev David Cole**

All Welcome - (refreshments at close)

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the congregation at West Down Chapel

In October this year West Down Chapel celebrates the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Christian witness. In October 1839 the first meetings took place in West Down Cottage next to the present Chapel. Such was the increase in numbers attending the services that it was decided to remove a ceiling and floor above and turn the remaining upper storey into a balcony. In 1887 the present chapel was built and a few years later the little burial ground was purchased. Over the last 40 years a new Sunday School room and toilet have been built, the entrance lobby extended, the kitchen up-dated and a baptistry was installed.

The service times on Sundays have remained unaltered over the years and are at 11am for morning worship and communion, followed by the afternoon service at 3pm. Invited local preachers come to lead the service and speak. These times were chosen, it is said, originally to suit the mainly farming congregation who walked to the service at 11 am. They brought a packed lunch, which they ate on site before participating in the 3pm service. Following this service they walked home in time to do the afternoon milking and other farm tasks. Although only a few of the current congregation are involved in farming, and few people walk to West Down now, the service times still seem to suit.

During the period from October to May there is a regular Prayer meeting and Bible Study each Monday evening. Throughout the 175 years one thing has remained of paramount importance and that is the public reading and teaching of the Scriptures and the encouragement of Christians in their faith. The church has had a strong interest in outreach and supports various Christian missionary organisations such as Compassion, Mercy Ships, the London City Mission, etc and individuals such as Chrissie Mulindabigbe (nee Hayman) a missionary from Bow working in Rwanda.

To celebrate their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there will be a special Thanksgiving meeting at West Down Chapel on the afternoon of Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> followed by a fellowship dinner. These two meetings are by invitation only. However, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall at Cheriton Bishop everyone is invited when Exeter Male Voice Praise Choir will be bringing a programme of song and music. The Rev David Cole will chair the service. Please put this date in your diaries and come!

Community Coach Outing to  
SWANAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

COST £10.50 PER SEAT

TO BOOK PHONE EVELYN COREN on 01647 24264

Pick up at COPPLESTONE.....8:30am  
CREDITON (The Green).....8:45am  
YEOFORD (Village Hall).....9:00am  
CHERITON BISHOP (Village Hall).....9:20am

**Holy Trinity Church Yeoford**

Songs of Praise conducted by Revd. Nigel Guthrie was a very happy occasion. There were five wedding dresses on show and many people bought their wedding photographs to display. We all enjoyed the service very much. Thanks to John and Eileen Stevens who played the music. We now have a new organ thanks very much to Jean Yuen who donated it and John Stevens who found it for us.

From the 31<sup>st</sup> August we will no longer be collecting news papers at the church because this was considered too much of a fire hazard. Thank you to all who have bought papers over the years we have collected some very useful funds.

Café Company will start again on 1<sup>st</sup> September and we look forward to seeing our old friends as well as some new friends this autumn.

Services for September

Sunday 14th Holy Communion by Extension 9-30

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 9-30

*Carol Price*

01647 24468

**THANK YOU**

A **BIG** Thank You to all who supported the recent coffee morning held at Stoneycroft in aid of the CB Community Land Trust. Special thanks to all who helped out, baked cakes, supplied draw prizes, provided bunting and those who gave donations.

Despite the odd spot of rain all who came (about 40 in total) enjoyed sitting in the garden catching up with friends/neighbours and fellow villagers over coffee & cake.

*David & Caryn Tripp*

**The Passing of Roy Steadman**

Rita Steadman and family would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and support during this difficult time at the passing of Roy Steadman, with special thanks to Canon John Tutton and Bill Jeffery.

## **Emmy and Linda Shearer Race For Life 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

Would like to say a huge thank you to all the residents in Cheriton Bishop who sponsored us.

Our aim was to raise £500.00 for cancer research. Well, through your generosity and gift aid, we raised £900.00 - not bad for two non runners!

Our time was 1 hour 24minutes for 10K. Thank you for all your support, interest and words of encouragement over the last few months.

Many Thanks

*Emmy and Linda Shearer*

## **CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET AND CRAFT FAYRE SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2014 12 – 4PM**

**SELL YOUR CHRISTMAS GOODIES & CRAFTS BY  
RENTING A TABLE FOR £5**

**TO BE HELD IN THE CHERITON BISHOP VILLAGE HALL**

(Set up your stand from 10am)

Further information and booking please contact:

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Email: [amberjayne3@btinternet.com](mailto:amberjayne3@btinternet.com)

Or Sue Bennett: 01647 24479

**The wonderful thing about the Village Show is that every year it is Different!**

And 2014 lived up to expectations. Following a plea from the committee a gang of happy helpful heavens turned up on Thursday evening to set up tables and the marquee. And some of the same gang plus a few more, obliged again after the Show, dismantling and stowing away. A Big thank you to everyone. The Hall was cleared and locked up by 5pm, a record. Committee and exhibitors were able to go home to enjoy yet another cup of tea and maybe eat some of their exhibits!

And one exhibitor excelled himself, setting himself the challenge to win several cups, and he did so convincingly; congratulations. But luckily for the rest of us mere mortals, his wife said he would not be repeating the challenge as it was quite exhausting preparing all the exhibits across several sections, and required a small army of 'assistants' to transport the exhibits. So next year, there may be different names on the cups as someone else takes up the challenge.

Each year the committee mulls over the wording of the exhibit wondering if it is exact or descriptive enough. In the vegetable section, there were queries about whether the peppers, were capsicums, peppers like you buy in the shops, or were hot peppers/ chillis included. The cookery section was well supported and again there was some confusion as to the wording of Tea for Two. Next year the committee will try to be more accurate in their titles and descriptions.

If you have any comments about the items in the schedule please let the committee know. Over the years the schedule has changed from several classes of potatoes and carrots, to include garlic and salad leaves. Gone are the days when gardens were large and there were yards of everything, and the show must reflect the changes in what is grown in our gardens and what we cook in our kitchens. Walking around the village there are wonderful gardens full of flowers with a few vegetable plants tucked in amongst it all. And some good enough to win a class at the show, if only they had been entered. But thank you to all who entered, without the exhibits there would be no show.

The first meeting of the programme for 2014/15 is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September when we are guests of Drewsteignton Gardening Club. The meeting will start at **5pm in the Church Car Park at Drewsteignton**, where there will be instruction and a practical demonstration on the pruning of apple trees. For those who have not been to the car park, there are several apple trees planted on the verges. Please let Persis 24303 or Sally 24724 know if you are interested in going so we can give the Gardening Club some idea of numbers.

The next meeting in the Spalding Hall will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm when the topic will be woodlands and hedgerows with special reference to the current appeal to restore Fingle woods. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. If you have not already paid your subscription of £5 per household, you could do so at that meeting.

And do not forget the Annual Dinner on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, full details in October newsletter.

*Persis Bower*

#### VILLAGE SHOW CUP WINNERS

The Challenge Cup, Flower Cup, Vegetable Cup, Wilf Rice Fruit Bowl, Banksian Medal, Pett Cup, and Handicraft Trophy were all won by Stephen Reed. Sally Burton won the Ladies' Cup, and the Checker's Cup for the best exhibit in the cookery section (a delicious Victoria sandwich cake). Sally was also tied first with Sarah O'Neill for most points for the Joker's Cup. Jennie Cornwall Walker won the Floral Art Cup and Holly Hamlyn won the Novice Cup. In the Children's Section, William Barclay won the Senior Cup, his younger brother Matthew Barclay won the Junior Cup, Joshua Taylor won the Charlotte Cup (5 – 7 year olds), and William Jeffery won the Pre School Mug!

This year's Harvest Supper will  
take place at:

## **The Village Hall on October 4th at 7pm**

Tickets are, for the sixth year running,  
only £5!

*For sumptuous locally  
Produced or home-cooked food  
And equally local  
Entertainment*

There are just 80 tickets,  
so do please book early.

the Charity this year will be  
Farm Africa

*For tickets please ring:*

*Tim Gorringer on 24789*

**CAN WE? CAN'T WE ... have a COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH?**

We have been in negotiations since November 2013 to set up our own Speed Watch – to meet the overwhelming desires of Villagers to try and reduce speeding in the Village. As you can see from the letter below, we have been fobbed off with excuses such as “our speed gun is in for service”, then “our speed gun is out of action”, not to mention one agency telling us one thing, the other the opposite!

So why not go to the top guy to try and get a resolution and probably, our last resort? Hence this letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner. To those who have already volunteered to “man the gun”, don’t despair! And to those who have not yet, we are optimistic, “WE WILL NEED YOU”!!

Watch this space for a response.

*Brian W Bryon-Edmond for Parish Plan & Neighbourhood Watch*

To: Tony Hogg Esq., Police & Crime Commissioner, Endeavour House, Woodwater Park, Pynes Hill, Exeter EX2 5WH

Dear Tony Hogg,

We note that your latest Quarterly Report highlights the use of volunteers to assist the Police – a theme of your tenure as Police & Crime Commissioner. When you kindly addressed our Villagers in May 2013 we were inspired by what you said to us. We were just receiving the results of our Parish Plan Survey, in which “community safety” was the paramount “requirement” and within that, road safety was the top priority. 164 respondents (population 600), wanted more Police Speed checks in the Village.

We knew this was not going to happen – it is a very considerable time since we last had checks - so it was agreed by the Parish Council, the Parish Plan Steering Committee and Neighbourhood Watch to set up our own Community Speed Watch. Our first point of contact was with our Neighbourhood Police team who met us and explained what was required and an approximate time span.

In November 2013, at a meeting with Highways, who were supposed to be doing exploratory speed check, we were told that actually the Police should be doing the checks! We advised the Police who agreed to do them, but subsequently sent us the attached two e-mails, which are self-explanatory.

We thought “cost” might be a problem and in November, 2013, sent off for your “Small Grants Scheme” application, but were then told by the Police, this was not the issue. The Police then asked us to get the Highways to do the SDT checks and at this point, in May 2014, we asked our Devon County Councillor, Nick Way, for help as he is our point of contact with Highways.

He has not been successful in moving the project forward! So we have come to you!

We wonder how this apparent lack of enthusiasm from the agencies concerned, fit in with your objectives vis a vis volunteer support. We are frustrated at having had no definitive decision, ten months after our first approach. Are we wasting our time? With statistics showing an increase in rural crime, not only could our speed checks prevent accidents in our Village, but surely, the resulting vehicle identification just might reveal more information in the fight against crime. We have a good relationship with our local PC and PCSO and feel sure the buck does not stop with them.

Your comments would be appreciated.

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Brian W Bryon-Edmond, For Parish Plan Steering Group, Deputy Area Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Watch.*



**pop in for a chat and a drink**



**on Monday 15th September 2014**

**at The Spalding Hall**

**any time between 2pm and 4pm**

***We'd really like to see some new faces in addition to our regulars! If you are new to the village, or just plain curious, do come and join us for a while on the day, or if you'd like more information just phone one of the numbers below***

There is no charge but we do put out a pot for any donations towards costs

***Choice of hot and cold drinks, plus biscuits***

**Need a lift** from your home? Ring Paul on 24405 or Jean on 24586 beforehand and we'll arrange to come and drive you whenever you are ready to come and go.

**ACORN LUNCH  
THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> September 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.  
£7.00

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 31st August.  
With Jean 01647 24586.  
Tell her if you need transport.

ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> October. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please do pop in for a coffee and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 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.

**Please check out our website** [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

**Advance Notice of Acorn Annual General Meeting** – This is to take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at The Walled Garden, Dunsford. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Jackie on 252701.

## Letter to the Editor

### TEA, BISCUITS AND GOLD RINGS

For some time now on the third Monday each month there has been a 'Cuppa and a Chat' held in the Spalding Hall. If you have ever wondered what goes on behind those (sometimes) closed doors why don't you come and find out?

Often, mystery objects have been brought along. These have varied from an automatic turning bread toasting fork; lobster crackers and picks; to a penny lick. This month a gold ring with an inscription both inside and outside. It caused a lot of head scratching, what could it all mean? Investigations had included suffragettes and even the secret service MI3! However, on Monday 18th everything was solved. It was identified as a Russian MIZPAH ring from before the revolution (1917) and it would have been given to a loved one. Thank you to everyone who helped solve the mystery.

There is no guarantee there will always be gold rings, but there are always friendly faces, good company and laughter and, of course, a drink and a chat. Why don't you come along on Monday 15th September – it will be good to see you.

*Sally Burton*

**Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School**

**Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond**





A hiccough occurred at the end of July when Snippets managed to avoid publication in the August Parish Magazine. I believe that all that I wrote still applies. In addition, on 8<sup>th</sup> September the Autumn Term is upon us. So I hope you have all had an enjoyable break and everyone is ready for the new term.

So, another term passes at our village school. Hooray, say some, relieved that they no longer have to avoid the scrummage of cars at the start and finish of each school day. Others are saddened by the 'passing on' of year six pupils to their secondary education at either Okehampton or Crediton. Yet others are totally indifferent to the existence of the school. I believe that Cheriton Bishop has done well in keeping its school not just in existence, but as a thriving part of the community. As the lead school in the Woodleigh Federation, it has successfully teamed up with both Yeoford and Tedburn schools, the better to provide a strong front to those who would wish upon us large urban primary schools. What is more, Cheriton Bishop has retained its reputation as a very friendly school. This is so dependent on the support it gets from parents, staff and the community as a whole. Laura Berry, Head of School, sums it up in the final school letter of the summer term:-

*"As we draw to the end of yet another wonderful and action packed year, we have to say goodbye to our small but fabulous Year 6. All staff and governors wish them all the very best in their new schools and look forward to hearing of their achievements!"*

*There are many people to thank this term. Firstly to parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year; for attending events, transporting children and hearing readers. We really appreciate all of your help which makes a huge difference to the children's learning experience. Thank you to the PTFA for their continued efforts in raising substantial amounts of funding for the school, old and new members are greatly appreciated for the time they have given up across the year- THANK YOU*

*Finally, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. We are a very happy team and enjoying working in such a friendly and supportive community."*

I think everyone would join me in adding our best wishes to those youngsters making that great leap forward into their secondary education. For many it is a somewhat daunting prospect.

Let's now hope that the weather holds up for the summer holidays and that both parents and children can enjoy a really relaxing and energy recharging time so that the children can restart school in September in good spirits. I also hope that the staff can get away, relax and unwind the better to enable them to take up the challenge of teaching for the next term.

Does your child have a smart phone, or perhaps an ipad? I am occasionally horrified by the stories that come out of some schools where pupils disrupt lessons by using these during classes. In my eyes, they destroy the art of one-to-one communication, are disruptive in some cases and destroy discipline in the worst cases. There is certainly a strong case for banning their use in the classroom. No, I don't know what CB school policy is on this topic – I'm just having a little rant!

And another little (education) rant. Schools can only do an effective job with the support of the parents, especially since there are so few sanctions available to a teacher if a pupil is disruptive. No, I wouldn't like to see a return to Dickensian times, but a teacher should be able to discipline a child effectively without suffering the wrath of over-protective or ill-informed parents. From the tone of Laura Berry's thank you letter, it doesn't happen in our school. Right, that's it, second rant over!

As might be expected, the calendar for next term is skeletal at the moment but you can be sure that events at the end of next term will be following a familiar pattern at Christmas time. Am I the first to mention Christmas this year? – probably! The calendar below does not mention non-pupil days when the staff sort out the arrangements for the term.

The calendar:-

**8<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Term starts**  
**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October – Autumn Half Term**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Autumn term**

A quick question – do you know any Grade 1 Listed Buildings in the village? This is a building which is considered of such historical importance that it has to be maintained as much as possible in its historical state and that can be an extremely expensive business.

Interestingly, our village church is one such building. Have you visited it and felt the sense of the history of our community within it. The font in the church is of Norman origins – 1066 and all that! There is an Elizabethan coat of arms up there and no, that is not a coat of arms from the present Elizabeth but of Elizabeth I's reign in the days of Drake and Raleigh. What is more, entry in to the building is free and you don't have to be a church-goer! One of the delights for me is to see the coloured patterns on the walls thrown by the stained glass windows in the morning sun. It surely is a treasure in the fabric of our community.

Staying on the subject of the church and its surroundings, were you aware that all parishioners are entitled to be buried in the churchyard. This facility is overseen by the church, normally with a grant from the District Council to enable payment to those who cut the grass through the year. With the cutbacks in recent years, this grant has not been forthcoming and some of you will have noticed that, at times, the grass has been fairly untidy up there and the frequency of mowing has decreased. If you feel that something ought to be done about it, why not volunteer to help keep it tidy. It is, after all, a whole-village facility!

The Festival season is well and truly upon us. We've just had Chagstock and the Sidmouth Festival takes over next week ( Wren choirs/orchestras performed at the Manor Pavilion on Sunday August 3rd). Dartmouth Folk Festival follows in South Zeal and Mariners Away sang in the King's Arms before lunch on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August. There was even the International Blacksmith's Festival which took place at Westpoint and Mariners Away sang there on 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Lyme Regis follows two weeks later with Widemouth Bay then Ashburton following at weekly intervals. Certainly it's a busy time for all.

On the Dartmoor Railway there will be train services on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the school holiday period. Why not visit Okehampton railway station and pick up a leaflet. This Friday just past, the Dartmoor Railway held a second very successful 'Real Ale and BBQ' evening which included a round trip on the train covering the whole line from Coleford Junction to Meldon Viaduct, some thirty miles in all. By the way, it's lovely to see residents of CB visiting the Bulleid Buffet on Sundays. Quite a number of you sneak in at times.

Have a super holiday break.

PGR

*Many apologies to Peter, from the Newsletter Team, for mistakenly omitting to incorporate this piece, which was supposed to be in the Newsletter last month. Hopefully it will be read before the new term starts!*

## **News from Elsewhere**

**Can you or your organisation provide a health or social care service from Moretonhampstead?**

The local NHS has invited organisations to submit expressions of interest if they feel they could provide a service from the Moretonhampstead Hospital Health and Social Care Hub. Over the past six months the NHS has been working in partnership with members of the local community to create a task group to develop a new model of care for the people of Moretonhampstead and surrounding area, including a health and social care hub at the hospital. The group is now calling on local people and organisations to get in touch by 10 October 2014 if they would like to run a service from the hub.

Dr Alex Degan, a GP from Mid Devon and vice chair of the Mid Devon Sub-Locality of Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, said: *"We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in running a health or social care service from the hub that benefits the local community and surrounding area. We have listened to local clinicians, organisations and members of the public and have thought of some ideas for services from the NHS and from other partners, including the voluntary and private sector, which could be run from the hub. Some examples of services that could be included are respite for carers, support for people to maintain their independence and dignity, counselling and drug/alcohol awareness, informal social network cafes for peer support, dental services, eye care, end of life support, mother and toddler groups, and voluntary sector services. But we are open to suggestions and if you feel you are able to provide a service, please let us know."*

To express an interest in providing a service at the Moretonhampstead Hospital Health and Social Care Hub, email [d-ccg.easternlocality@nhs.net](mailto:d-ccg.easternlocality@nhs.net) or call 01392 356 129. Alternatively you could write to: Nicola Webber, NEW Devon CCG Eastern Locality, Newcourt House, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7JU.

The deadline for submissions is 10 October 2014.

**For more information contact Paul Hopkins on 01769 575 153 or 01392 267 647**

### **FABULOUS FLORAL DESIGNS – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

After last year's highly enjoyable event, Stone Lane Gardens is once again holding a Floristry demonstration day.

Taking place at Stone Lane Gardens and Whiddon Down village hall, the day starts with refreshments and a tour of the garden followed by lunch and a 2 hour demonstration by a Devon-based international Master Florist. The day finishes with tea and homemade cakes. Tickets £45

### **How to make an illustrated Nature Diary – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

A follow-up to the successful day held on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Established wildlife artist Jennie Hale will be demonstrating how to record and celebrate the wildlife in your garden and the local countryside. An inspirational event that is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced artists. Tickets £40

To book tickets for either event, please contact Paul on 01647 231311 or email [paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com](mailto:paul.bartlett@stonelanegardens.com)

Tickets can also be bought on-line at [www.stonelanegardens.com](http://www.stonelanegardens.com)

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

*Please phone to book your  
place now.*



*Learning through play and making new friends*

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. Free for over 3 years olds using Early Years Funding or just £3.62 per hour. We accept 2together funding for free places for 2 year olds, call in for more details.

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We will have **SPACES AVAILABLE for 2-5 year olds**, so drop in for a session. Following several requests, we are trialling an extension of our session times – Mon. & Tues. 9 – 11.30pm with optional new lunch club -12.50pm, Wed. & Thurs. 9 – 3.20pm. These extended hours will run for the next two terms. Fees are just £3.62 per hour, or FREE for over 3 year olds, as all children receive Government funding for Early Years education from the term after their third birthday. Come and meet some new friends, we'd love to see you!

We start back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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

[www.cbplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.cbplaygroup.co.uk)

### **Walking Group news – August**

Our most recent walk was very local and in a place well known to many of you I'm sure - Mardon Down.

The weather forecast was rather 'ifly' and the 17<sup>th</sup> right in the middle of holiday time, so there could have been many or few of us. In fact there were 8 people at The Mulberry by 1.45pm so we set off in two cars to park at the Headless Cross on Mardon and take our walks. As it happened we had a lovely walk and stayed dry.

For those of you who don't know the Down it is a little bit of moor rising above Moretonhampstead and Docombe and is set in the middle of farmland. It is a great place to walk as there are many different routes through the ferns and gorse and you can make your walk as long or short and more or less strenuous as you choose. Although we all set off together we took our chosen routes and ended up back at the cars for refreshments at pretty much the same time. Pretty good since we hadn't agreed what that time should be before we set out!! When we can arrange it we end at a cafe or pub for refreshments, but twice now we have 'picnicked' and this works very well too. The distance you walk is up to you and if you just want a gentle saunter and then decide to wait for the rest of us in the pub, that too is an option.

***Our next walk will be at Belstone on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Tors pub features in the plan I understand. Would you like join us? We'd love to see you. It's a fun way to spend an afternoon. Please watch out for village posters and notices on the website nearer the time.***

For more information on the walking group please call Jane on 24092



Again it has been a very busy couple of months for our club; the biggest event being our group rally which was held at Okehampton show. (Our group, 'Haldon Group' consists of 6 clubs; Cheriton & Tedburn, Chagford, Newton St Cyres, Okehampton, Bow & Kenn.) We had 22 of our members entering cookery, crafts, photos and more into the YFC tent which resulted in the club winning the most points overall. Laura Grist won the senior girls cup as well as Louise Putt winning the junior cup (who actually got more points than all the seniors too!) Well done to all of the members who took part and worked hard on all their entries and thank you to all of you that came and visited us on the day in the YFC tent.

Earlier on in the summer we held a UV foam party at Greystones Farm to raise money for club funds. A big thank you must go to the Strong family for letting us use their barn and for all of their hard work helping us to set up.

Also this summer, Holly Gilbert went on a junior scholarship to Norway. She had an amazing time experiencing a different culture and meeting new people – yet another example of one of our members making the most of all the things YFC has to offer.

It is now the start of the public speaking season which was kicked off by the senior Brainstrust competition. Our team which consisted of Becky Grist, Emily Sizmur, Vicki Gilbert and Dan Grist won the group round, with Becky, Vicki and Dan being chosen to be a part of the Haldon team that ended up coming fourth at the county final. Preparation is currently underway for the 'Call My Bluff' competition.

Our AGM is fast approaching and we are starting to look towards the new YFC year – this will be our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with lots of exciting events being planned. If you want to find out any more information about what our club is up to or you're aged between 10 and 26 and want to become a member, then don't hesitate to contact me on 07792518439. Remember you don't need to be a farmer to join!

Dan Grist – Secretary

## **CHARITY CLAY SHOOT**

@ Bowbeer Farm, Drewsteignton, Exeter, EX6 6PD

*In Aid of the Farming Community Network, Devon Air Ambulance & The New YFC Centre*

***Sunday 21st September 10am –4 pm***

*Entry Fee: Team of 4 - £50.00 Individual - £15.00*

**For more info please contact  
Adrian Bowden 07747 023178 or Alison Gould 07977 126553**